Provable Security of Linux-DRBG in the Seedless Robustness Model

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Abstract. This paper studies the provable security of the deterministic random bit generator (DRBG) utilized in Linux 6.4.8, marking the first analysis of Linux-DRBG from a provable security perspective since its substantial structural changes in Linux 4 and Linux 5.17. Specifically, we prove its security up to $O(\min\{2^{\frac{n}{2}}, 2^{\frac{\lambda}{2}}\})$ queries in the seedless robustness model, where n is the output size of the internal primitives and λ is the min-entropy of the entropy source. Our result implies 128-bit security given n = 256 and $\lambda = 256$ for Linux-DRBG. We also present two distinguishing attacks using $O(2^{\frac{n}{2}})$ and $O(2^{\frac{\lambda}{2}})$ queries, respectively, proving the tightness of our security bound.

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1 Introduction

DETERMINISTIC RANDOM BIT GENERATOR. Producing random numbers plays a crucial role in cryptography, serving for the generation of secret keys, IVs and nonces (for encryption modes), and passwords (for identification protocols), to name a few. In practice, random bits are often generated using a deterministic random bit generator (DRBG), which refers to an algorithm that generates random bits using a seed value obtained from a physical source with a sufficient amount of entropy. The term "deterministic" means that there is no inherent randomness in the algorithm itself. DRBGs find applications in various environments such as simulation, encryption, etc.

PROVABLE SECURITY OF DRBG. The randomness of the bits produced by a DRBG has typically been evaluated by statistical criteria. On the other hand,

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Fig. 1: Overall structure of Linux-DRBG. $\mathsf{refresh}_a$ and $\mathsf{refresh}_f$ are entropy absorbing functions, next and next-user are random bit generating functions.

there have been attempts to prove the security of DRBGs through the provable security method in cryptography [4,19,6,15,21,24] as many constructions are based on cryptographic primitives such as block ciphers and hash functions. As part of this effort, Dodis et al. [11] proposed a security model for DRBGs, demonstrated that a random bit generator used in the Linux operating system is not secure under the proposed model, and suggested its modification. In this paper, the security notions for DRBGs are distinguished as robustness, forward security, backward security, and resilience. The security model incorporates a hardware random bit generator used to generate seeds in DRBGs and a virtual system distribution sampler to model the hardware random bit generator and adversarial manipulation on it. Based on this model, the robustness of the sponge structure has been proved [12], and subsequently, the robustness of HMAC-DRBG and HASH-DRBG, both recommended by NIST.SP.800-90A, was proved [22]. Recently, CTR-DRBG, also recommended by NIST.SP.800-90A, has been proved [16].

SEEDLESS ROBUSTNESS MODEL. Dodis et al. [9] pointed out a limitation of the existing model, which assumes and exploits randomness called a *seed*, unknown to adversaries and kept secret. The assumption is not realistic in a practical scenario, and a DRBG in such a model cannot be considered deterministic since the seed implies the existence of randomness in addition to entropy. They proposed a seedless robustness model and demonstrated that CTR-DRBG is not secure under the new model. They also proposed new DRBGs that are secure under the seedless robustness model.

RESEARCH ON LINUX-DRBG. Linux is one of the widely-used computer operating systems developed as open-source software through collaborative efforts within the community. Linux utilizes DRBGs to generate random bits. The incorporation of DRBGs in Linux dates back to version 1.3.30 in 1994, and since then, modifications and enhancements have been ongoing. Barak et al. [2] suggested the robustness model and discussed the robustness of Linux-DRBG, and Gutterman et al. [14] introduced an attack on Linux 2.6.10 DRBG, and Linux has fixed the DRBG in following versions. Goichon et al. studied on entropy propagation in Linux- DRBG [13] in 2012. Dodis et al. [11] mentioned above, modified the robustness model, demonstrating that Linux-DRBG is not robust exploiting its entropy estimating process with timer randomness. This vulnerability has been fixed in subsequent versions of Linux by modifying the Linux-DRBG to collect and estimate entropy from a variety of entropy sources. The Linux-DRBG has been significantly modified in Linux versions 4.0 and 5.17⁴. However, the security of the updated Linux-DRBG has not yet been proven.

THE STRUCTURE OF LINUX-DRBG. The overall structure of the Linux-DRBG in version 6.4.8 of Linux is shown in Figure 1. Linux-DRBG collects and estimates entropy from a variety of entropy sources such as hardware, timers, interrupts, and bootloaders.

It then updates the base state with collected entropy, through entropy accumulating functions like procedure $\mathsf{refresh}_a$ and $\mathsf{refresh}_f$.

When a user runs random bit generating functions such as $next_k$ and $next_u$, the state utilizes one of the CPU core's states (CPU state) to update and then generate random bits. During this process, the base state is also re-updated.

Linux-DRBG utilizes two cryptographic primitives: for the entropy accumulating functions, $refresh_a$ and $refresh_f$, it uses the hash function BLAKE2s, and for the random bit generating functions, $next_k$ and $next_u$, it employs the stream cipher ChaCha20. The internal structures of BLAKE2s and ChaCha20 have been modeled by Luykx et al.[17] and Degabriele et al.[10], respectively.

1.1 Our Contribution

Since the significant structural changes in Linux 4 and Linux 5.17, there has been no research on the provable security of Linux-DRBG. For the first time (to the best of our knowledge), we formally model the Linux-DRBG in Linux 6.4.8 and prove its security in the seedless robustness model.

According to the source code of Linux 6.4.8, Linux-DRBG has two entropy accumulating functions, $\mathsf{refresh}_a$ and $\mathsf{refresh}_f$, and two random bit generating functions, next_k and next_u . We abstracted Linux-DRBG into the 4 functions and adjusted its structure that does not fit into the existing seedless robustness model. The process of analyzing the source code to abstract Linux-DRBG is detailed in Section 4.

We prove that Linux-DRBG is secure up to $O(\min\{2^{n/2}, 2^{\lambda/2}\})$ where *n* is the output size of the internal primitives and λ is the min-entropy of the entropy source. Since n = 256 and $\lambda = 256$ in Linux-DRBG, our security bound implies the 128-bit security of Linux-DRBG in the seedless robustness model. We also present two distinguishing attacks using $O(2^{\frac{n}{2}})$ and $O(2^{\frac{\lambda}{2}})$ queries, respectively, proving the tightness of our security bound.

Dodis et.al. used the reducing technique (called game hopping) to prove robustness by splitting the security into r individual recovering security and preserving security, where r is the number of random bit generating query [11]. Subsequent papers proving the robustness of DRBGs, except for cases like the direct proof of CTR-DRBG's robustness in 2020 [16], have predominantly utilized this

⁴ The modified Linux-DRBG was primarily designed and developed by Jason A. Donenfeld. See https://github.com/torvalds/linux/blob/master/drivers/ char/random.c

approach [12,22]. This methodology is also applied in the seedless robustness model [9]. However, applying this method directly to Linux-DRBG would only yield n/3-bit security. In this paper, as shown in Lemma 3, we have adopted a different game hopping technique to split Linux-DRBG's robustness. Through this methodology, we could prove that Linux-DRBG is secure up to $O(2^{n/2})$ adversarial queries. We believe that this proof method could be beneficial in proving the robustness of other DRBGs.

2 Preliminaries

We write 0^n to denote the *n*-bit string of all zeros. Given a non-empty finite set $\mathcal{X}, x \leftarrow_{\$} \mathcal{X}$ denotes that *x* is chosen uniformly at random from \mathcal{X} . For a set $\mathcal{X}, |\mathcal{X}|$ denotes the number of elements in \mathcal{X} . The set of all permutations of $\{0, 1\}^n$ is denoted $\mathsf{Perm}(n)$. For a keyed function $F : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ with key space \mathcal{K} and non-empty sets \mathcal{X} and \mathcal{Y} , we will write $F_K(\cdot)$ to denote $F(K, \cdot)$ for $K \in \mathcal{K}$. Let $S = \{a_1, \ldots, a_s\}$. Then, we write $S \oplus x$ to denote $\{a_1 \oplus x, \ldots, a_s \oplus x\}$. Let $\chi = (A, B, C)$ be a list. We write $\chi.append(D)$ to append an element to the χ . Thus, after appending, $\chi = (A, B, C, D)$. We denote | as a bitwise OR operation.

For a (binary) string x, |x| denotes the length of x. The empty string is denoted ε , where $|\varepsilon| = 0$. For an ℓ -bit string x, and m and n such that $0 \le m \le n \le \ell - 1$, x[m:n] denotes an (n-m+1)-bit string from the m-th bit to the n-th bit of x, and x[m:] denotes an $(\ell - m + 1)$ -bit string from the m-th bit to the last bit of x. When $M = M_1 \parallel \cdots \parallel M_w$ where $|M_i| = t$ for $1 \le i \le w - 1$ and $0 < |M_w| \le t$, we write $(M_1, \ldots, M_w) \xleftarrow{t} M$. For an integer $0 \le i < 2^s$, $\langle i \rangle_s$ denotes s-bit representation of i. For a real number t, $\lceil t \rceil$ is the smallest integer that is the same as or bigger than t. For $X \in \{0, 1\}^n$, we define $\mathsf{msb}_m(X)$ (resp. $\mathsf{lsb}_m(X)$) as m most significant bits of X (resp. m least significant bits of X).

For a tuple $S_A = (X, Y, Z)$, we can access X inside S_A as $S_A.X$.

RANDOM PERMUTATION. A random permutation is a bijective mapping from a finite set to itself, selected uniformly at random from all possible permutations of the set. We treat 20 rounds of a ChaCha20 cipher as a random permutation π which is selected from Perm(2n) [3,10].

BLOCK CIPHERS. A block cipher, modeled as an *ideal cipher*, is a keyed function $E : \{0,1\}^k \times \{0,1\}^n \to \{0,1\}^n$ where for a fixed key $K \in \{0,1\}^k$, $E_K(\cdot)$ is a random permutation that is uniformly chosen from Perm(n). For the rest of the paper, we let $\Pi(k,n)$ denote the set of all *n*-bit block ciphers using *k*-bit keys.

If a security proof supposes a block cipher is picked uniformly random from $\Pi(k,n)$ at the beginning of the query and allows the adversary to make queries to the block cipher, we call the proof is modeled under an *ideal cipher model*.

DRBG. From [11,20,9], a DRBG(Deterministic Random Bit Generator) is a triple of algorithms $\mathcal{G} = (\mathsf{setup}, \mathsf{refresh}, \mathsf{next})$ where:

- setup : an algorithm that outputs an initial state S.

- refresh : an entropy accumulating algorithm that, given a state S and an input I, outputs a new state S'.
- next : a random bit generating algorithm that, given a state S, outputs a new state S' and random bits R.

However, Linux-DRBG does not fully fit in the above DRBG model, it has two refresh functions and two next functions. These functions are described in Algorithm 4 and we explained the reason that we modeled Linux-DRBG in this format in Section 4.

DISTINGUISHING GAME. Throughout this paper, we prove the robustness of Linux-DRBG by showing that Linux-DRBG and its subalgorithms are **indis-tinguishable** from an ideal DRBG with a distinguishing game. Generally, let \mathcal{G}_0 and \mathcal{G}_1 be algorithms and \mathcal{A} be an adversary to distinguish them. Then the distinguish game is composed as below.

- 1. $b \leftarrow_{\$} \{0,1\}$, then \mathcal{G}_b make interfaces that \mathcal{A} can access and get response. The interfaces are called oracles.
- 2. Under the prescribed rule, \mathcal{A} makes queries to the oracle and gets responses.
- 3. After querying phase, \mathcal{A} outputs b'. If b' = b, \mathcal{A} wins.

Let the distinguishing game between \mathcal{G}_0 and \mathcal{G}_1 be dist. Then the distinguishing advantage of \mathcal{A} against dist, $\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathsf{dist}}(\mathcal{A})$ is defined as below.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathsf{dist}}(\mathcal{A}) &= |\Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}|b=0] - \Pr[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}|b=1]| \\ &= |\Pr[0 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}|b=0] - \Pr[0 \leftarrow \mathcal{A}|b=1]| \,. \end{aligned}$$

H-COEFFICIENT TECHNIQUE. At the end of the distinguishing game, an adversary obtains a certain transcript, containing all the information obtained during the attack. A transcript is called *attainable* if the probability of obtaining it in the ideal world is non-zero.

Lemma 1 (Patarin's H-coefficient technique). Let \mathcal{T} be the set of all attainable transcripts. Suppose that \mathcal{T} is partitioned as $\mathcal{T} = \mathcal{T}_{good} \sqcup \mathcal{T}_{bad}$ for two subsets \mathcal{T}_{good} and \mathcal{T}_{bad} , where

$$\mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{id}} \left[\tau \in \mathcal{T}_{\mathsf{bad}} \right] \leq \epsilon_1$$

for some $\epsilon_1 \geq 0$, and there exists $\epsilon_2 \geq 0$ such that

$$\frac{\mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{re}}\left[\tau\right]}{\mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{id}}\left[\tau\right]} \geq 1 - \epsilon_2$$

for any $\tau \in \mathcal{T}_{good}$. Then for any distinguisher \mathcal{A} , one has

$$\operatorname{Adv}_{\operatorname{dist}}(\mathcal{A}) \leq \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2.$$

MIN ENTROPY. Let the prediction probability of a random variable X be

$$\operatorname{Pred}(X) := \max \Pr[X = x]$$

Then for another random variable Y, $\operatorname{Pred}(X|y) := \max_x \Pr[X = x|Y = y]$. Then conditional probability of X over Y is

$$\mathsf{Pred}(X|Y) := E(\mathsf{Pred}(X|y)).$$

And (average-case) conditional min-entropy is

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 $H_{\infty}(X|Y) = -\log(\operatorname{\mathsf{Pred}}(X|Y)).$

3 Seedless Robustness Model

The seedless robustness model [9] is a modification of the "seeded" robustness model [11], designed to relax the unrealistic assumption of the original model, namely, the existence of a random seed that should be kept secret to an adversary and independent of the entropy source.

SEEDLESS ROBUSTNESS ORACLE. Let

$$\mathcal{G} = (\mathsf{setup}[P], \mathsf{refresh}[P], \mathsf{next}[P])$$

be a DRBG based on an ideal primitive P (such as a random oracle, an ideal cipher, or a random permutation), where P is chosen uniformly at random from the set of all possible primitives, denoted \mathcal{P} . Then the seedless robustness oracles are defined as described in Algorithm 1, where c denotes the entropy accumulated in the DRBG and λ is a fixed parameter (denoting the minimum required for the accumulated entropy).

SEEDLESS ADVERSARY. In seedless robustness model [9], an adversary \mathcal{A} consists of two algorithms \mathcal{A}_1 and \mathcal{A}_2 . The relationship between \mathcal{A}_1 and \mathcal{A}_2 is as follows:

- \mathcal{A}_1 is allowed to make queries only to the entropy accumulating oracle REF, while \mathcal{A}_2 is allowed to make queries to all the other oracles except REF,
- \mathcal{A}_1 knows all the queries made by \mathcal{A}_2 and the corresponding responses, while \mathcal{A}_2 observes only the responses to the queries made by \mathcal{A}_1 without knowing the queries themselves.

 \mathcal{A}_1 is modeled in a way that the adversary can influence entropy accumulation but cannot ascertain specific values of entropy inputs. In the "seeded" robustness model [11], the distribution sampler \mathcal{D} provides entropy inputs. However, as argued in [9], the security proof using \mathcal{D} is based on an unrealistic assumption that \mathcal{D} is independent of the underlying primitive of the DRBG (In Linux-DRBG, E, and π). Instead, they replaced the distribution sampler with \mathcal{A}_1 that only accumulates entropy in the DRBG.

To model the quality of the entropy source, we define legitimacy for \mathcal{A} . Let \mathcal{I}_i be the random variable for *i*-th input \mathcal{A}_1 makes, and \mathcal{T}_i be the random variable

Algorithm 1 Oracles for Seedless Robustness Game

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Procedure INIT()
1: b \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}
2: P \leftarrow_{\$} \mathcal{P}, c \leftarrow 0
3: S \leftarrow \mathsf{setup}[P]()
4: return P
   Procedure \operatorname{REF}(I, \gamma)
                                                             Procedure ROR(len)
                                                         1: y_0 \leftarrow_{\$} \{0,1\}^{len}
1: S \leftarrow \mathsf{refresh}[P](S, I); c \leftarrow c + \gamma
                                                         2: (S, y_1) \leftarrow \mathsf{next}[P](S, len)
2: return \gamma
                                                         3: if c < \lambda then
                                                                  c \leftarrow 0; return y_1
                                                         4:
                                                         5: return y_b
   Procedure GET();
                                                             Procedure SET(S^*)
1: c \leftarrow 0; return S
                                                         1: S \leftarrow S^*; c \leftarrow 0
                                                             Procedure P^{-1}(x) //If exists
   Procedure P(x)
                                                         1: return P^{-1}(x)
1: return P(x)
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for all input-output list of robustness game, excluding I_i , the *i*-th entropy input. Then \mathcal{A} is γ^* -legitimate if

$$H_{\infty}(\mathcal{I}_i|\mathcal{T}_i) \ge \gamma_i \ge \gamma^*$$

for every *i*. Against a γ^* -legitimate adversary \mathcal{A} , the seedless robust game is defined as follows.

Seedless Robustness Game.

- 1. INIT is executed.
- 2. \mathcal{A}_1 makes queries to REF, while \mathcal{A}_2 makes queries to ROR, GET, SET, P and P^{-1} (if available) in an interleaved manner.
- 3. A_2 outputs $b' \in \{0, 1\}$.
- 4. If b' = b, then \mathcal{A} wins, and \mathcal{A} loses otherwise.

The game begins with the procedure INIT, which chooses a random bit b and a random primitive P. It then runs setup to make the initial state. The other parts of the game are oracles offered to an adversary A:

- REF : state S is updated by calling refresh with input I of entropy at least γ ,
- ROR : state S is updated by calling next, and then y_0 and y_1 are prepared: if $c < \lambda$, then it returns y_1 regardless of b, while if $c \ge \lambda$, then y_b is returned

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 - GET : returns the state S of the DRBG.
 - $SET(S^*)$: sets the state S of the DRBG to S^* .
 - P returns the result of a primitive query. If the primitive allows inverse query (i.e., block cipher), the oracle should also provide P^{-1} .

Now we can distinguish two worlds \mathcal{G}_0 and \mathcal{G}_1 from the seedless robust games according to the bit $b \in \{0, 1\}$, and for any DRBG \mathcal{G} , the seedless robustness security of \mathcal{G} against \mathcal{A} is defined as follows.

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{rob}^{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{A}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathsf{dist}}(\mathcal{A}).$$

4 Modeling the Linux DRBG

In this section, we model the Linux DRBG to fit into the Seedless Robustness security model. In this paper, we studied the Linux version 6.4.8.⁵. We mainly analyzed a random.c file in Linux 6.4.8, a collection of functions related to the Linux DRBG. The Linux DRBG uses the hash function BLAKE2s and the stream cipher ChaCha20 as internal primitives. We first describe the modeling of the two internal primitives and then explain the overall structure of the Linux DRBG.

4.1 Underlying primitives and their modeling

Algorithm 2 A Procedure in the BLAKE2s

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{COMP}: \{0,1\}^{n/4} \times \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^* \to \{0,1\}^n \\ \textbf{Procedure COMP}[E](t,h,I) \\ 1: \ len \leftarrow |I| \\ 2: \ rem \leftarrow len - 2n(\lceil len/2n \rceil - 1) \\ 3: \ (I_1, \ldots, I_\ell) \xleftarrow{2n} I \\ 4: \ I_\ell \leftarrow 0^{2n-rem} \parallel I_\ell \\ 5: \ h_1 \leftarrow h \\ 6: \ \textbf{for} \ i \leftarrow 1 \ \textbf{to} \ \ell - 1 \ \textbf{do} \\ 7: \qquad h_{i+1} \leftarrow B[E](h_i, t + i \cdot 2n, I_i) \\ 8: \ y \leftarrow B'[E](h_\ell, t + len, I_\ell) \\ 9: \ \textbf{return} \ y \end{array}$

⁵ https://github.com/torvalds/linux/blob/master/drivers/char/random.c 🖸



(a) 1 round of BLAKE2s compressing functions. $f = 0^{n/4}$ for B or $f = 0^{n/8} \parallel 1^{n/8}$ for B'.



Fig. 2: BLAKE2s and ChaCha20 internal structure

4.1.1 BLAKE2s The Linux DRBG uses the BLAKE2s hash function to accumulate entropy [1]. Due to the known structure of the BLAKE2s primitive E, it cannot be modeled as an ideal cipher [5,7,17]. In this section, we first introduce an appropriate model for E, the mappable weak block cipher, and then describe the structure of BLAKE2s based on the model.

WEAK BLOCK CIPHER. Consider a partition $\{0,1\}^n = \mathcal{W} \cup (\{0,1\}^n \setminus \mathcal{W})$. Define the set of weakly ideal ciphers $\Pi_w(k, n, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{W})$ with a weak key set \mathcal{K} as the collection of all $E \in \Pi(k, n)$ that satisfies the following properties: For every $K \in \mathcal{K}, W \in \mathcal{W}$, and $X \in \{0,1\}^n \setminus \mathcal{W}$

$$E_K(W) \in \mathcal{W},$$

 $E_K(X) \in \{0,1\}^n \setminus \mathcal{W}.$

Similar to the ideal cipher model, if a security proof assumes a weak block cipher is picked uniformly random from $\Pi_w(k, n, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{W})$ at the beginning of the query, we call the proof is under *weakly ideal cipher model*.

MAPPABLE WEAK BLOCK CIPHER. To model BLAKE2s, we extend the definition of a weak block cipher to a mappable weak block cipher. An example of a mappable block cipher, along with the reasoning behind its definition, is provided in the following subsection. Define a set of mappable weak block ciphers $\Pi_{mw}(k, n, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{W}, f, \mathcal{W}_f)$ with a function f, a set \mathcal{W}_f , and $\Pi_w(k, n, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{W})$ as the collection of all weak block cipher $E \in \Pi_w(k, n, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{W})$ that satisfies the following property: For every $W \in \mathcal{W}$,

$$f(W) \in \mathcal{W}_f.$$

Similar to the weakly ideal cipher model, if a security proof supposes a mappable weak block cipher is picked uniformly random from $\Pi_{mw}(k, n, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{W}, f, \mathcal{W}_f)$ at the beginning of the query, we call the proof is under mappable weakly ideal cipher model.

THE MODELING OF THE PRIMITIVE *E*. We model *E* as a mappable weak block cipher. For the BLAKE2s, a weak key set \mathcal{K} , a weak input set \mathcal{W} , \mathcal{W}_{sum} , and sum : $\mathcal{W} \to \mathcal{W}_{sum}$ are defined as follows:

Consequently, BLAKE2s' primitive E belongs to $\Pi_{mw}(2n, 2n, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{W}, \mathsf{sum}, \mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}})$, and we prove the security of Linux-DRBG under the mappable weakly ideal cipher model for $\Pi_{mw}(2n, 2n, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{W}, \mathsf{sum}, \mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}})$.

To model the properties of E [7], at least the weakly ideal cipher model is required. To prove the security of Linux-DRBG, we need to distinguish the output of E from a random number. Due to the initialization vector (IV) of BLAKE2s, it is impossible for E to receive an input that corresponds to W. Since the compression function of BLAKE2s sums halves of E's output, we need to determine whether the random number falls within W_{sum} , not W. Consequently, to use W_{sum} , we define and employ the *mappable* weakly ideal cipher model. THE MODELING OF THE COMPRESSION FUNCTION. For $x \in \{0, 1\}^{2n}$, let $\mathsf{TRSum}(x) = x[0:n-1] \oplus x[n:]$. Then the 1 round of compression function of the BLAKE2s is defined as follows:

$$\begin{split} B[E](h,t,I) &\leftarrow \mathsf{TRSum}(E(I,h \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel t \parallel 0^{n/4}) \oplus IV)) \oplus h, \\ B'[E](h,t,I) &\leftarrow \mathsf{TRSum}(E(I,h \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel t \parallel 0^{n/8} \parallel 1^{n/8}) \oplus IV)) \oplus h \end{split}$$

where $E \in \Pi_{mw}(2n, 2n, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{W}, \mathsf{sum}, \mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}})$, h is a n-bit value, t is a n/4-bit counter, I is an 2n-bit input, and $IV = IV_1 \parallel \cdots \parallel IV_8$ is n-bit fixed string where $IV_k \in \{0, 1\}^{n/8}$ for all $1 \leq k \leq 8$ and $IV_i \neq IV_j$ for all $1 \leq i \neq j \leq 8$. B[E](h, t, I) and B'[E](h, t, I) are described in Figure 2.(a). Here, B is used when I is not the final input block, and B' is used when I is the final input block. We represent the Linux DRBG function $blake2s_compress$ as COMP in Algorithm 2 and Figure 2.(b).

AVOIDING THE WEAK STATE. In BLAKE2s, the IV is a 256-bit string consisting of a tuple of 32-bit values derived from the square roots of distinct primes starting from 2 and ending at 19. Note that the square roots of primes are all different. Hence, in actual usage, the weak input $w \in W$ of BLAKE2s cannot be accessed due to the distinct elements of IV. Therefore, we assume that the $IV = IV_1 \| \cdots \|$ IV_8 is *n*-bit fixed string where $IV_k \in \{0, 1\}^{n/8}$ for all $1 \le k \le 8$ and $IV_i \ne IV_j$ for all $1 \le i \ne j \le 8$.

Algorithm 3 A Procedure in the ChaCha20

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{CB}: \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^{n/2} \times \{0,1\}^* \to \{0,1\}^* \\ \mathbf{Procedure} \ \mathsf{CB}[\pi](K,CNT,len) \\ 1: \ out \leftarrow \epsilon \\ 2: \ \mathbf{while} \ len > 0 \ \mathbf{do} \\ 3: \quad B \leftarrow \pi(Z \parallel K \parallel CNT) +_{n/8} (Z \parallel K \parallel CNT) \\ 4: \quad CNT \leftarrow CNT + 1 \\ 5: \quad out \leftarrow out \parallel B \\ 6: \quad len \leftarrow len - 2n \\ 7: \ \mathbf{return} \ out \end{array}$

4.1.2 ChaCha20 The Linux DRBG produces pseudorandom outputs using ChaCha20. The stream cipher ChaCha20 is known to be faster than AES when hardware support for AES is not available. The ChaCha20 uses a fixed constant Z, expressed as the hexadecimal representation of "expand 32-byte k".

THE RANDOM PERMUTATION MODEL. The 20 rounds of the ChaCha20 can be modeled as a random permutation $\pi \leftarrow_{\$} \operatorname{Perm}(2n)$ [10]. Using the random permutation π and a fixed constant Z, we model a function chacha_block as CB in 12 Woohyuk Chung, Hwigyeom Kim, Jooyoung Lee, and Yeongmin Lee

the Algorithm 3 and Figure 2.(c). The computation of CB on one 2n bits block is expressed as follows:

$$out \leftarrow \pi(Z \parallel K \parallel CNT) +_{n/8} (Z \parallel K \parallel CNT)$$

where, Z is the fixed n/2-bit constant, K is an n-bit key, and CNT is an n/2-bit counter, and $+_{n/8}$ represents word-by-word modulo $2^{n/8}$ addition.

4.2 The Overall Structure of the Linux DRBG

We divide the Linux DRBG into three parts: Initialization, Entropy Accumulation, and Random Bit Generation. The Linux DRBG is initialized when the Linux kernel boots. Then, the Linux DRBG starts to accumulate entropy from various hardware sources. When accumulated entropy is larger than 256-bit, a character device file /dev/random, a system call getrandom, and a kernel interface get_random_bytes of the Linux DRBG can produce random bits. In this subsection, we describe the three parts of the Linux DRBG. We also describe how we model each part in the Seedless Robustness model which will be described in the Algorithm 4 and Figure 3 later.

4.2.1 Initialization When the Linux kernel boots, the Linux DRBG initializes a state input_pool of the BLAKE2s. Also, the Linux DRBG initializes states base_crng and crng of the ChaCha20. Then the Linux DRBG calls a function random_init_early that accumulates entropy in the input_pool without accessing the timer in Linux. Finally, when the timer becomes available, the Linux DRBG calls a function random_init which accumulates entropy in the input_pool using the timer in Linux.

THE MODELING OF THE INITIALIZATION. We model the three states input_pool, base_crng, and crng in a single state S. Using the state S, we model the initialization as a function setup() in the Algorithm 4. Note that the Linux DRBG accumulates some entropy in the initialization. But we exclude entropy accumulation in the setup. Then, we model an attacker to call entropy accumulation functions with high entropy after entropy-draining events including setup.

4.2.2 Entropy Accumulation The Linux DRBG accumulates entropy from various hardware entropy sources. The Linux DRBG calls functions to access hardware entropy sources. The functions related to entropy accumulation and estimation are listed as follows:

- add_hwgenerator_randomness,
- $\ \texttt{add_bootloader_randomness},$
- $\ \texttt{add_interrupt_randomness},$
- add_timer_randomness.

When the Linux DRBG calls the functions, they return a string that contains entropy which is called "entropy input". Note that these functions also return an estimation of the entropy within their entropy inputs. The Linux DRBG credits the estimation using a function credit_init_bits, enabling it to track how much entropy has been accumulated in the state of the DRBG. An analysis of Linux kernel version 5.18.1 by the German Federal Office for Information Security (BSI) shows that the Linux entropy sources and their entropy estimations satisfy their security criteria [18]. Hence, we assume that all entropy sources and estimations are functioning correctly.

ENTROPY ACCUMULATING FUNCTIONS. The Linux DRBG utilizes the function mix_pool_bytes to use the BLAKE2s for accumulating entropy into its state. Also, the Linux DRBG uses a function crng_reseed to convert the BLAKE2s' state into a key for a random bit generation. Entropy accumulation works as follows:

- 1. The Linux DRBG obtains an entropy input from the entropy sources.
- 2. The Linux DRBG passes the entropy input to the hash function BLAKE2s.
- 3. mix_pool_bytes: BLAKE2s compresses the entropy input to its element *h* of its state.
- 4. **crng_reseed**: If the Linux DRBG needs to generate random bits, then the BLAKE2s uses h to derive keys for the random bit generation.

THE MODELING OF THE ENTROPY ACCUMULATION. We put constants h, t, and key k_{next} of the BLAKE2s in the DRBG state S. Also, we put ChaCha20 key k_{base} in the state S. In the Algorithm 4, the two entropy accumulating functions mix_pool_bytes and $crng_reseed$ are modeled as refresh_a and refresh_f. We depict the two functions in the Figure 3.(a) and (b). In the Figure 3.(a), the refresh_a uses an entropy input I to update h. In the Figure 3.(b), the refresh_f uses h and an entropy input I to generate k_{next} for later BLAKE2s calls and k_{base} for random bit generation.

4.2.3 Random Bit Generation The Linux DRBG uses either a function get_random_bytes or a function get_random_bytes_user to utilize the ChaCha20 for generating random bits. Note that Linux uses two types of the ChaCha20 for a multi-core system. A base_crng obtains the key k_{base} from the BLAKE2s and produces $ckey_{CPU}$. A crng, within each CPU, generates random bits utilizing the CPU with a key $ckey_{CPU}$. Random Bit Generation works as follows:

- 1. The Linux DRBG obtains the ChaCha20 key k_{base} from the BLAKE2s and initializes the base_crng using the k_{base} .
- 2. The Linux DRBG assigns a CPU the random bit generation task.
- (a) If a flag G_flag_{CPU} is set, Linux generates the CPU-specific key ckey_{CPU} from the base_crng.
 - (b) Otherwise, Linux updates ckey_{CPU} by running crng with the old ckey_{CPU} without accessing k_{base}.

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- 4. Using the crng in the CPU, the Linux DRBG uses either the get_random_bytes or the get_random_bytes_user to generate random bits.

TWO TYPES OF RANDOM BIT GENERATORS. In the Linux DRBG, there are two types of random bit generation:

- 1. A first type generator produces random bits only if sufficient entropy is accumulated. The /dev/random is a representative example of the type.
- 2. A second type generator produces random bits at any time. The /dev/urandom is a representative example of the type.

The only difference between /dev/random and /dev/urandom is the fact that/dev/random prohibits premature next and /dev/urandom allows it. There already exists the study that any DRBG that allows premature next is insecure in the seedless model [8]. Therefore in this paper, we only consider the first type. The character device file /dev/random, the system call getrandom, and the kernel interface get_random_bytes are the first type generators. The /dev/random and the getrandom use the function get_random_bytes_user to generate random bits. The get_random_bytes kernel interface uses the function get_random_bytes to generate random bits. These generators can produce random bits only if accumulated entropy is more than 256-bit.

THE MODELING OF THE RANDOM BIT GENERATION. We put keys k_{base} , $ckey_1$, ..., $ckey_C$, and flags $G_{-}flag_1$, ..., $G_{-}flag_C$ in the state S where C is the number of the CPUs. In the Algorithm 4, two random bit generation functions get_random_bytes and get_random_bytes_user are modeled as next_k amd next_u. We depict the two functions in the Figure 3.(c) and (d).

4.3 Syntax of Linux DRBG in Robustness Model

From the previous subsection, we establish the state of the Linux DRBG. Building upon this state, we present the syntax of Linux DRBG, which constitutes our model of the operation of Linux DRBG.

4.3.1 Internal State We define the internal state of the Linux DRBG S as follows:

$$S := (h, t, \mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{next}}, \mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{base}}, \mathsf{ckey}_1, \cdots, \mathsf{ckey}_C, \mathsf{G}_{\mathsf{f}}\mathsf{lag}_1, \cdots, \mathsf{G}_{\mathsf{f}}\mathsf{lag}_C)$$

where C is the number of available CPUs. A description of each element in the state S is as follows:

- $-h \in \{0,1\}^n$: a value that is updated by the compression function of the BLAKE2s,
- $-t \in \{0,1\}^{n/4}$: a counter of the BLAKE2s,
- $\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{next}} \in \{0, 1\}^n$: a key of the BLAKE2s,
- − $k_{base} \in \{0, 1\}^n$: a key of the ChaCha20 that is used to produce CPU-specific keys $ckey_1, \ldots, ckey_C$,



Fig. 3: Components of Linux-DRBG. States are defined in Section 4.3 and B, CB and COMP are defined in Section 4.1

Algorithm 4 Syntax of the Linux DRBG

 $\mathsf{setup}: \epsilon \to \mathcal{S}$ **Procedure** setup() 1: $S.h \leftarrow const; S.t \leftarrow 0$ 2: return S $\mathsf{refresh}_{\mathsf{a}}: \mathcal{S} \times (\{0,1\}^{2n})^* \to \mathcal{S}$ $\mathsf{refresh}_{\mathsf{f}}: \mathcal{S} \times \{0, 1\}^* \times \{0, 1\}^n \to \mathcal{S}$ **Procedure** refresh_a[E](S, I)**Procedure** refresh_f $[E](S, I, I_{cpu})$ 1: if $S.k_{next} \neq \epsilon$ then 1: if $S.k_{next} \neq \epsilon$ then $I \leftarrow 0^n \parallel S.\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{next}} \parallel I$ $I \leftarrow 0^n \parallel S.\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{next}} \parallel I$ 2: 2: $S.\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{next}} \gets \epsilon$ 3: 3: $k \leftarrow \text{COMP}[E](S.t, S.h, I)$ 4: $(I_1,\ldots,I_\ell) \xleftarrow{2n} I$ 4: $I_{cpu} \leftarrow 0^n \parallel k \parallel I_{cpu} \parallel 0^{c-1}$ 5: for $i \leftarrow 1$ to ℓ do 5: $S.k_{next} \leftarrow COMP[E](0, const, I_{cpu} \parallel$ $S.h \leftarrow B(S.h, S.t + i \cdot 2n, I_i)$ 6: (0)7: $S.t \leftarrow S.t + |I|$ 6: $S.k_{base} \leftarrow \text{COMP}[E](0, const, I_{cpu} \parallel$ 1)8: return S7: $S.h \leftarrow const; S.t \leftarrow 2n$ 8: $S.G_{flag_1} \leftarrow 1$; $S.G_{flag_2} \leftarrow 1$; \cdots ; $S.G_{-}flag_C \leftarrow 1$ 9: return S $\mathsf{next}_{\mathsf{k}}: \mathcal{S} \times \{0,1\}^* \times \{0,1\}^{\log(C)} \to$ $\mathsf{next}_{\mathsf{u}}: \mathcal{S} \times \{0,1\}^* \times \{0,1\}^{\log(C)} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ $S \times \{0, 1\}^*$ $\mathcal{S} \times \{0,1\}^*$ **Procedure** next_k[π](S, len, n_{cpu}) **Procedure** next_u[π](S, len, n_{cpu}) 1: if $S.G_{\text{-}} \text{flag}_{n_{cpu}} = 1$ then 2: $tmp \leftarrow \text{CB}[\pi](S.k_{\text{base}}, 0, 2n)$ 1: if $S.G_{-}flag_{n_{cpu}} = 1$ then $tmp \leftarrow \check{\mathsf{CB}}[\pi](S.\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{base}}, 0, 2n)$ 2: $S.\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{base}} \parallel S.\mathsf{ckey}_{n_{cpu}} \leftarrow tmp$ $S.\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{base}} \parallel S.\mathsf{ckey}_{n_{cpu}} \leftarrow tmp$ 3: 3: $S.G_{-}flag_{n_{cpu}} \leftarrow 0$ 4: $S.G_{-}flag_{n_{cpu}} \leftarrow 0$ 4: 5: $k \leftarrow S.\mathsf{ckey}_{n_c}$ 5: $tmp \leftarrow \mathsf{CB}[\pi](S.\mathsf{ckey}_{n_{cpu}}, 0, 2n)$ 6: $tmp \leftarrow \mathsf{CB}[\pi](S.\mathsf{ckey}_{n_{cpu}}, 0, 2n)$ 6: $S.\mathsf{ckey}_{n_{cpu}} \parallel k \leftarrow tmp$ 7: $S.\mathsf{ckey}_{n_{cpu}} \parallel out \leftarrow tmp$ 7: if $len \leq n$ then 8: $B \leftarrow \mathsf{CB}[\pi](k, 1, len - n)$ 8: return (S, k[0:len-1])9: $out \leftarrow (out \parallel B)[0 : len - 1]$ 9: $out \leftarrow (\mathsf{CB}[\pi](k, 1, len))[0: len - 1]$ 10: return (S, out)10: return (S, out)

- − $\mathsf{ckey}_i \in \{0, 1\}^n$: a key of the ChaCha20 that is used to produce random bits in the *i*-th CPU,
- $G_{-}flag_i \in \{0, 1\}$: a flag that indicates whether $ckey_i$ needs to be updated by using k_{base} or not.

We define a set of states as

$$\mathcal{S} = \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^{n/4} \times \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^n \times (\{0,1\}^n)^C \times (\{0,1\})^C.$$

MODELING THE BLAKE2S STATE. The compression function of BLAKE2s updates $S.h \in \{0,1\}^n$, and $S.t \in \{0,1\}^{n/4}$ serves as an input to BLAKE2s, accumulating the bit length of the input compressed. In Linux, BLAKE2s maintains a buffer and finalization flag in its state. The value to be compressed is stored in the buffer, and when Linux DRBG reseeds, it initializes BLAKE2s' state and places a key in the buffer. We eliminated the buffer from S and stored the BLAKE2s key in $S.k_{next}$. By saving $S.k_{next}$, we can simulate BLAKE2s without the buffer. For the finalization flag in Linux, we explicitly incorporate it into the COMP in the Algorithm 2.

MODELING THE CHACHA20 STATE. The final output of the BLAKE2s serves as the key for the ChaCha20, denoted as $S.k_{base} \in \{0, 1\}^n$. To leverage a multi-core system, each CPU has its ChaCha20 states. Their keys are stored in $ckey_1, \ldots, ckey_C \in \{0, 1\}^n$, where C represents the maximum available CPU number. When Linux DRBG is asked to produce pseudorandom outputs, it determines whether the *i*-th CPU ChaCha20's key needs to be updated by using $S.k_{base}$ or not based on $G_{-}flag_1, \ldots, G_{-}flag_C \in \{0, 1\}$. If $G_{-}flag_i = 1$, then it needs to be updated using $S.k_{base}$. Otherwise, it is updated using old $S.ckey_i$.

4.3.2 Linux DRBG Syntax We align the Linux DRBG with the syntax of the PRNG used in the robustness model [11,9]. The syntax of the Linux DRBG is detailed in Algorithm 4. Additionally, we illustrate the operations of each function in Figure 3.

- setup(): This algorithm produces an initial Linux DRBG state S.
- refresh_a[E](S, I): Given a mappable weakly ideal cipher E, the state S and a variable length entropy input I, refresh_a compresses the entropy input I and store it to S.h.
- refresh_f $[E](S, I, I_{cpu})$: Given a mappable weakly ideal cipher E, the state S, a variable length entropy input I, and a fixed n-bit input I_{cpu} , refresh_f compresses I and I_{cpu} to generate two keys $S.k_{next}$ and $S.k_{base}$. Note that refresh_f uses fixed constant *const* for compression. The *const* is defined as follows:

$$const \leftarrow IV$$
:

 $const[0:n/8-1] \leftarrow const[0:n/8-1] \oplus (0^7 || 1 || 0^7 || 1 || 0^{n/8-16} |n << 8|n).$

where the IV is the fixed constant from the BLAKE2s, and | is the bit-wise OR operation. $S.k_{next}$ is used in later calls to refresh_a or refresh_f. $S.k_{base}$ is used to generate random bits through next_k or next_u. The refresh_f also sets flags $S.G_{-}flag_{1}, \ldots, S.G_{-}flag_{C}$.

- $\operatorname{next}_{k}[\pi](S, len, n_{cpu})$: Given a random permutation π , the state S, a required output length len, and a CPU number n_{cpu} , next_{k} generates len-bit random bits using $S.\operatorname{ckey}_{n_{cpu}}$ in the n_{cpu} -th CPU. If a $S.\operatorname{G-flag}_{n_{cpu}}$ is set, then next_{k} updates $S.\operatorname{ckey}_{n_{cpu}}$ by using $S.\operatorname{k}_{\mathsf{base}}$. Otherwise, next_{k} updates $S.\operatorname{ckey}_{n_{cpu}}$ by its old $S.\operatorname{ckey}_{n_{cm}}$.

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 - $\operatorname{next}_{u}[\pi](S, len, n_{cpu})$: This algorithm works similar to the next_{k} . The next_{k} directly uses $S.\operatorname{ckey}_{n_{cpu}}$ to produce random bits. But the next_{u} first produces a temporary key k, then it produces random bits using the k.

5 Robustness Proof

5.1 Linux-DRBG Robustness Game

Algorithm 5 Oracles for Linux-DRBG Seedless Robustness Game Procedure INIT() 1: $b \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}, c \leftarrow 0$ 2: $E \leftarrow_{\$} \Pi_{mw}(2n, 2n, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{W}, \mathsf{sum}, \mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}}), \pi \leftarrow_{\$} \mathsf{Perm}(2n)$ 3: $S \leftarrow \mathsf{setup}()$ 4: return (E, π) **Procedure** $\operatorname{REF}_{a}[E](I,\gamma)$ **Procedure** REF_f[E](I, γ, I_{cpu}) 1: $S \leftarrow \mathsf{refresh}_{\mathsf{a}}[E](S, I); c \leftarrow c + \gamma$ 1: $S \leftarrow \mathsf{refresh}_{\mathsf{f}}[E](S, I, I_{cpu})$ 2: return γ 2: $c \leftarrow c + \gamma$ 3: if $c \ge \lambda$ then 4: $\mathsf{ready} \leftarrow 1$ 5: else 6: $c \leftarrow 0$ 7: return γ **Procedure** ROR_k[π](*len*, n_{cpu}) **Procedure** ROR_u[π](*len*, n_{cpu}) 1: $(S, y_1) \leftarrow \mathsf{next}_k[\pi](S, len, n_{cpu})$ 1: $(S, y_1) \leftarrow \mathsf{next}_{\mathsf{u}}[\pi](S, len, n_{cpu})$ 2: if $c < \lambda$ or ready = 0 then 2: if $c < \lambda$ or ready = 0 then 3: $c \leftarrow 0$; ready $\leftarrow 0$; return y_1 3: $c \leftarrow 0$; ready $\leftarrow 0$; return y_1 4: $y_0 \leftarrow_{\$} \{0,1\}^{len}$ 4: $y_0 \leftarrow_{\$} \{0,1\}^{len}$ 5: return y_b 5: return y_b **Procedure** GET(); **Procedure** $SET(S^*)$ 1: $c \leftarrow 0$; ready $\leftarrow 0$; return S 1: $S \leftarrow S^*$; $c \leftarrow 0$; ready $\leftarrow 0$ **Procedure** $E^{-1}(k, y)$ **Procedure** E(k, x)1: return $E^{-1}(k, y)$ 1: return E(k, x)**Procedure** $\pi^{-1}(y)$ **Procedure** $\pi(x)$ 1: return $\pi^{-1}(y)$ 1: return $\pi(x)$

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DIFFERENCE FROM THE GENERAL DRBG MODEL. From procedures in Algorithm 4, we can define robustness oracles for Linux-DRBG in Algorithm 5. Note that there are several differences from oracles in Algorithm 1 as follows.

- The refresh oracle is divided into REF_a and REF_f since Linux-DRBG accumulates the entropy gradually.
- If REF_f is invoked without sufficient entropy, it sets c to 0. Therefore, it is essential to supply sufficient entropy in a single REF_f call. This assumption is substantiated by the observation that, after system boot, Linux-DRBG invokes crng_reseed (equivalent to REF_f) only if sufficient entropy is accumulated in its state. Also, after sufficient entropy is accumulated, Linux invokes crng_reseed every 60 seconds. After a sufficient amount of time has passed since the Linux system booted, it can be considered that 60 seconds is sufficient for accumulating enough entropy. Considering this behavior of Linux, even when a Seedless adversary attempts to leak the state of the DRBG, Linux DRBG can be assumed to accumulate sufficient entropy with a single invocation of REF_f. Therefore, REF_f can be modeled always to receive inputs with sufficient entropy.
- There are two ROR oracles, ROR_k and ROR_u .
- The ROR oracles do not work correctly if ready = 0, which means at least one REF_f call after entropy drain(will be defined in this section) is required.
- ROR_k and ROR_u requires the number of CPU to generate random bits, and the process varies whether $S.G_{-flag_{n_{cpu}}}$ is 0 or 1.
- Since Linux-DRBG uses two cryptographic primitives, the mappable weakly ideal cipher E and the random permutation π , and they allow inverse query, there exist four primitive query oracles for Linux-DRBG. E. E^{-1} , π , π^{-1} are that.

With the above definition, the procedure for Linux-DRBG Robust Game is described as follows.

Linux-DRBG Robustness Game.

- 1. Oracle runs INIT() procedure.
- 2. Adversary \mathcal{A}_2 queries ROR_k, ROR_u, GET, SET, E, E^{-1}, π and π^{-1} . \mathcal{A}_1 queries REF_a and REF_f. All query orders are free and can be done multiple times.
- 3. \mathcal{A}_2 outputs $b' \in \{0, 1\}$, if b' = b, \mathcal{A} wins.

ENTROPY DRAIN. We define entropy drains, which are events that make the DRBG lose its entropy by giving some information to the adversary. The following events are called **entropy drains**:

- Exactly after INIT,
- Calling oracles to GET or SET,
- Calling an oracle ROR_k or ROR_u when $c < \lambda$ or ready = 0.

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For convenient notation, we denote an entropy drain as ED from now on.

CANONICAL ADVERSARY: An adversary \mathcal{A} is called **canonical** if it follow the conditions below:

- 1. \mathcal{A}_2 queries ROR_k or ROR_u only when $c \geq \lambda$ and ready = 1.
- 2. \mathcal{A}_2 queries ROR_k or ROR_u, only when the last construction query made by \mathcal{A}_1 is REF_f.
- 3. A_1 does not query REF_a consecutively.
- 4. Between the last entropy drain and the first ROR_k or ROR_u query thereafter, \mathcal{A}_2 does not query GET and SET in situations where c > 0.
- 5. Between the last entropy drain and the first ROR_k or ROR_u query thereafter, \mathcal{A}_1 does not query REF_a .

We claim that we can assume the Linux-DRBG Robustness adversary \mathcal{A} is canonical. This assumption comes from the fact that the only difference between b = 0and b = 1 is in ROR_k or ROR_u when $c \geq \lambda$ and ready = 1, and REF_a only accumulate entropy, and REF_f is required to transfer the accumulated entropy to $S.k_{base}$, the state used in ROR_k or ROR_u. Therefore, for any adversary \mathcal{A} that violates the above condition, one can construct canonical adversary \mathcal{A}' using \mathcal{A} holding or simulating queries made by \mathcal{A} appropriately. The strategy of \mathcal{A}' is like below.

- If \mathcal{A} violates condition 1 or 4, \mathcal{A}' can easily simulate the query with primitive queries, because in that case the ideal world and real world behaviors are same.
- If \mathcal{A} violates one of condition 2,3,5, \mathcal{A}' just simply store REF_a queries after the last REF_f query. Then when \mathcal{A} queries GET or REF_f, \mathcal{A}' can concatenate the queries into a REF_a or REF_f.

Therefore it is reasonable to assume the Linux-DRBG Robustness adversary \mathcal{A} is canonical.

5.2 Robustness Proof

The robustness advantage of the Linux DRBG is upper bounded in Theorem 1. In the statement of Theorem 1, REF (resp. ROR) calls mean REF_f and REF_a (resp. ROR_k and ROR_u) calls.

Theorem 1. Let \mathcal{A} be a λ -legitimate robustness game adversary that makes p primitive query, q_1 REF query, q_2 ROR query, ℓ_1 maximum number of entropy input block in a single REF call, ℓ_2 maximum number of output block in a single ROR call, σ_1 total number of entropy input blocks in every REF, and σ_2 total number of output blocks in every ROR. Let $\mathbf{Adv}_{rob}(p, q_1, q_2, \ell_1, \ell_2, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \lambda)$ be the advantage upper bound of all possible adversaries \mathcal{A} . If $p + 3q_1 + 2\sigma_1 \leq 2^{n-1}$,

the following inequality holds.

$$\begin{split} &\operatorname{Adv}_{rob}(p,q_1,q_2,\ell_1,\ell_2,\sigma_1,\sigma_2,\lambda) \\ &\leq \frac{42q_1}{2^{0.5n}} + \frac{8q_2\ell_2(p+2q_2+\ell_2+\sigma_2)}{2^{2n}} + \frac{8q_1(p+3q_1+\sigma_1)}{2^{\lambda}} \\ &+ \frac{2p(p+8q_2+27q_1+2\sigma_1)+2q_1(72q_1+2\ell_1+31\sigma_1+2)+4q_2(8q_2+4\sigma_2+1)+4\sigma_1^2}{2^n} \\ &\leq \frac{42\sigma_1}{2^{0.5n}} + \frac{8\sigma_2^2(p+4\sigma_2)}{2^{2n}} + \frac{8\sigma_1(p+4\sigma_1)}{2^{\lambda}} \\ &+ \frac{2p^2+2\sigma_1(29p+107\sigma_1+2)+4\sigma_2(4p+12\sigma_2+1)}{2^n}. \end{split}$$

Let S_0 (resp. S_1) be a system of ideal (resp. real) world robustness oracles. In the INIT in Algorithm 5, if b = 0 (resp. b = 1), then the system of oracles is S_0 (resp. S_1). Note that the only differences between S_0 and S_1 are the return values of oracles ROR_k and ROR_u. If in S_0 (resp. S_1), they return y_0 (resp. y_1) when $c \ge \lambda$ and ready = 1.

METHODOLOGY OF THE PROOF. Our proof involves dividing the robustness distinguish game into subgames, proving the security of each, and then combining them. The subgames consist of the M-EXT game, which describes the distinguish game for REF calls, the pREF_a game, the pREF_f game, and the distinguish games for ROR calls, which include the bROR_k game, bROR_u, cROR_k game, and cROR_u game. In the text, we first define the hybrid world S_h for convenience of proof, ensuring that the state updates uniformly randomly when accumulated entropy $c \geq \lambda$ [16]. Subsequently, we define each subgame and its adversarial advantages, then claim Lemma 3 through game hopping with intermediate worlds that can apply each subgame, and prove the security of each subgame to prove Theorem 1 ultimately.

Among the subgames, the M-EXT game allows multiple M-EXT calls, differing from other subgames and previous proof methods that divided robustness into recovering security and preserving security [11,12,9,23]. Using the traditional method of splitting into several games with a single M-EXT call would result in each game's advantage having a $p^2/2^n$ term, and when gathering these, a $p^2q_1/2^n$ term would emerge, and we only could prove $O(2^{n/3})$ security for Linux-DRBG. In contrast, the M-EXT game, by allowing multiple M-EXT calls, eliminates the need to gather security bound, leading to $O(2^{n/2})$ security as shown in (2), and ultimately, we could prove that Linux-DRBG is secure up to $O(\min(2^{n/2}, 2^{\lambda/2}))$ adversarial queries. We believe this technique could be applied to other DRBGs as well, potentially helping to raise their security upper bounds.

We denote $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_0, S_1)$ for a seedless robustness distinguishing advantage of S_0 and S_1 for an adversary \mathcal{A} satisfying conditions in Theorem 1. Let S_h be a system of hybrid words that contains oracle REF_a^* , REF_f^* , ROR_k^* and ROR_u^* in Algorithm 6 instead of REF_a , REF_f , ROR_k and ROR_u in Algorithm 5. That means, when $c \geq \lambda$, S_0 outputs bit outputs randomly but updates its state with Linux-DRBG algorithm, and S_1 outputs bit outputs and updates its state with

Algorithm 6 Oracles for the hybrid world

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Procedure \operatorname{REF}_{a}^{*}(I, \gamma)
                                                                                   Procedure \operatorname{REF_f}^*(I, \gamma, I_{cpu})
1: c \leftarrow c + \gamma //Update c first.
                                                                              1: c \leftarrow c + \gamma //Update c first.
2: if c < \lambda then
                                                                              2: if c < \lambda then
3:
           S \leftarrow \mathsf{refresh}_{\mathsf{a}}[E](S, I)
                                                                              3:
                                                                                          S \leftarrow \mathsf{refresh}_{\mathsf{f}}[E](S, I, I_{cpu})
4: else
                                                                              4: else
                                                                                          \mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{next}} \leftarrow_\$ \{0,1\}^n
            S.h \leftarrow_{\$} \{0,1\}^n
5:
                                                                              5:
           S.t \leftarrow S.t + len
                                                                                          S.\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{base}} \leftarrow_{\$} \{0,1\}^n
6:
                                                                              6:
7: return \gamma
                                                                              7:
                                                                                          S.h \gets const
                                                                              8:
                                                                                         S.t \leftarrow 2n
                                                                                         \mathsf{ready} \leftarrow 1
                                                                              9:
                                                                                         S.G_{flag_1} \leftarrow 1; S.G_{flag_2} \leftarrow 1;
                                                                            10:
                                                                                   \cdots; S.G_{\mathsf{flag}_C} \leftarrow 1
                                                                            11: return \gamma
     Procedure \operatorname{ROR}_{k}^{*}[\pi](len, n_{cpu})
                                                                                   Procedure \operatorname{ROR}_{u}^{*}[\pi](len, n_{cpu})
1: if c < \lambda or ready = 0 then
                                                                              1: if c < \lambda or ready = 0 then
           (S, y) \leftarrow \mathsf{next}_{\mathsf{k}}[\pi](S, len, n_{cpu})
                                                                                          (S, y) \leftarrow \mathsf{next}_{\mathsf{u}}[\pi](S, len, n_{cpu})
2:
                                                                              2:
           c \leftarrow 0; ready \leftarrow 0
3:
                                                                              3:
                                                                                         c \leftarrow 0; ready \leftarrow 0
4: else
                                                                              4: else
                                                                                         \mathbf{if} \ S.\mathsf{G\_flag}_{n_{cpu}} = 1 \ \mathbf{then}
5:
           \mathbf{if} \ S.\mathsf{G\_flag}_{n_{cpu}} = 1 \ \mathbf{then}
                                                                              5:
                  S.k_{\mathsf{base}} \leftarrow_{\$}^{\circ_{pu}} \{0,1\}^n
                                                                                                S.k_{\mathsf{base}} \leftarrow_{\$}^{\circ_{pu}} \{0,1\}^n
6:
                                                                              6:
                  S.\mathsf{G\_flag}_{n_{cpu}} \gets 0
                                                                                                S.\mathsf{G\_flag}_{n_{cpu}} \gets 0
7:
                                                                              7:
            S.\mathsf{ckey}_{n_{cpu}} \parallel y \leftarrow_\$ \{0,1\}^{n+len}
                                                                                         S.\mathsf{ckey}_{n_{cpu}} \parallel y \leftarrow_\$ \{0,1\}^{n+len}
8:
                                                                              8:
9: return y
                                                                              9: return y
```

Linux-DRBG algorithm, S_h outputs bit outputs and updates its state randomly. Then, by the triangle inequality, the following holds:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_0, S_1) \le \Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_0, S_h) + \Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, S_1).$$
(1)

With (1), the following lemma holds.

Lemma 2. In a distinguishing game, $b \in \{0, 1\}$ is uniformly randomly chosen to select one of two worlds. For $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, S_0)$, if b = 0 then S_h is selected. Otherwise, S_0 is selected. For $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}'}(S_h, S_1)$, if b = 0 then S_h is selected. Otherwise, S_1 is selected. Then for any robustness adversary \mathcal{A} , there exists \mathcal{A}' that satisfies the following.

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, S_0) \le \Delta_{\mathcal{A}'}(S_h, S_1).$$

Proof. We can construct a distinguishing adversary \mathcal{A}' between S_h and S_1 using an S_0 and S_h distinguishing adversary \mathcal{A} as a subalgorithm. \mathcal{A}' passes oracle queries of \mathcal{A} to its oracles and just returns results to \mathcal{A} except when \mathcal{A} queries ROR_k or ROR_u and conditions $c \geq \lambda$ and ready = 1 hold. If \mathcal{A} queries ROR_k or ROR_u and conditions $c \geq \lambda$ and ready = 1 hold, then \mathcal{A}' randomly picks a bitstring and returns it to \mathcal{A} . If b = 0, then \mathcal{A}' perfectly simulates S_h to \mathcal{A} , and if b = 1, then \mathcal{A}' perfectly simulates S_0 to \mathcal{A} . Finally, \mathcal{A}' outputs b', which is the final output of \mathcal{A} .

Hence, the following holds:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_0, S_1) \le 2\Delta_{\mathcal{A}'}(S_h, S_1).$$

Therefore, we only need to upper bound $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}'}(S_h, S_1)$.

5.2.1 Games for Robustness Proof. To upper bound $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}'}(S_h, S_1)$, we substitute oracles used in S_1 to oracles used in S_h using the game hopping technique. We employ subgames for each substitution. The subgames are M-EXT game, pREF_a game, pREF_f game, bROR_k game, bROR_u game, cROR_k game, cROR_u game. The former 3 sub games are necessary to substitute REF_a or REF_f with REF^{*}_a or REF^{*}_f, the latter 4 sub games are necessary to substitute ROR_k or ROR_u with ROR_k or ROR_u^{*}. One can see how the following subgames are used to prove Theorem 1 via Lemma 3.

With oracles in Algorithm 7, M-EXT game, $pREF_a$ game, $pREF_f$ game processes are defined like below.

M-EXT game.

- 1. Oracle runs INIT() procedure.
- 2. Adversary \mathcal{A}_2 queries E, E^{-1} and \mathcal{A}_1 queries
- M-EXT $[E](inc, h_1, I, I_{cpu})$ multiple times, and gets the output.
- 3. Adversary outputs $b' \in \{0, 1\}$, if b' = b, adversary wins.

$pREF_a$ game.

- 1. Oracle runs INIT() procedure.
- 2. Adversary \mathcal{A}_2 queries E, E^{-1} multiple time and \mathcal{A}_1 queries $\mathrm{pREF}_{\mathrm{a}}[E](I)$
- once, and get returned value. Note that the order of queries is not specified. 3. Adversary outputs $b' \in \{0, 1\}$, if b' = b, adversary wins.

$pREF_{f}$ game.

- 1. Oracle runs INIT() procedure.
- 2. Adversary \mathcal{A}_2 queries E, E^{-1} multiple time and \mathcal{A}_1 queries $\mathrm{pREF}_{\mathrm{f}}[E](I, I_{cpu})$ once, and get returned value. Note that the order of queries is not specified.
- 3. Adversary outputs $b' \in \{0, 1\}$, if b' = b, adversary wins.

Algorithm 7 Oracles for refresh sub Games

Procedure INIT() 1: $b \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}$ 2: $E \leftarrow_{\$} \Pi_{mw}(2n, 2n, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{W}, \mathsf{sum}, \mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}})$ 3: $k \leftarrow \{0,1\}^n //No$ usage in M-EXT game **Procedure** M-EXT $[E](inc, h_1, I, I_{cpu})$ 1: **if** b = 0 **then** 2: $s \leftarrow_{\$} \{0,1\}^{2n}$ 3: else $k \leftarrow \text{COMP}[E](inc, h_1, I)$ 4: $I_{cpu} \leftarrow 0^n \parallel k \parallel I_{cpu} \parallel 0^{c-1}$ 5: $s_L \leftarrow \text{COMP}[E](0, const, I_{cpu} \parallel 0)$ 6: 7: $s_R \leftarrow \text{COMP}[E](0, const, I_{cpu} \parallel 1)$ 8: $s \leftarrow s_L \parallel s_R$ 9: return (inc, h_1, s) **Procedure** pREF_a[E](I)**Procedure** pREF_f $[E](I, I_{cpu})$ 1: **if** b = 0 **then** 1: **if** b = 0 **then** $s \leftarrow_{\$} \{0,1\}^{2n}$ 2: $h \leftarrow_{\$} \{0,1\}^n$ 2: 3: else 3: else $I_0 \gets 0^n \parallel k$ $y \leftarrow k$ 4: 4: $(I_1,\ldots,I_\ell) \xleftarrow{2n} I$ $y \leftarrow \text{COMP}[E](0, const, 0^n || y ||$ 5:5:I) $h \gets const$ 6: $I_{cpu} \leftarrow 0^n \parallel y \parallel I_{cpu} \parallel 0^{c-1}$ 6: 7: for $i \leftarrow 0$ to ℓ do $s_L \leftarrow \text{COMP}[E](0, const, I_{cpu} \parallel$ 7: $h \leftarrow B[E](h, (i+1) \cdot 2n, I_i)$ 8: 0)9: return h $s_R \leftarrow \text{COMP}[E](0, const, I_{cpu} \parallel$ 8: 1)9: $s \leftarrow s_L \parallel s_R$ 10: return s

And define some values like below.

- $\mathbf{Adv}_{M-\text{EXT}}(p, q, \sigma, \lambda)$: The advantage upper bound against any λ -legitimate adversary \mathcal{A} that makes at most p queries to E or E^{-1} , q queries to M-EXT, and the total length of entropy input I is less than $2n\sigma$ bits.
- − $\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{pREF}_{\mathrm{a}}}(p, \ell)$: The advantage upper bound against any adversary \mathcal{A} that makes at most p queries to E or E^{-1} , entropy input I's length for $\mathrm{pREF}_{\mathrm{a}}$ is less than $2n\ell$ bits.
- $\operatorname{Adv}_{\operatorname{pREF}_{\mathrm{f}}}(p,\ell)$: The advantage upper bound against any adversary \mathcal{A} that makes at most p queries to E or E^{-1} , r entropy input blocks to $\operatorname{pREF}_{\mathrm{f}}$, and the input block I and I_{cpu} 's length is less than $2n\ell$ bits.

Algorithm 8 Oracles for Base ROR subgames

Procedure INIT() 1: $\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{base}} \leftarrow_{\$} \{0,1\}^n$ 2: $b \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}$ 3: $\pi \leftarrow_{\$} \mathsf{Perm}(2n)$ **Procedure** bROR_k[π](*len*) **Procedure** bROR_u[π](*len*) 1: **if** b = 0 **then** 1: **if** b = 0 **then** $y_0 \leftarrow_{\$} \{0,1\}^{len+2n}$ $y_0 \leftarrow_\$ \{0,1\}^{len+2n}$ 2: 2: 3: 3: return y_0 return y_0 4: **else** 4: **else** $\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{base}} \| \mathsf{c}_{\mathsf{-}} \mathsf{key} \leftarrow \mathsf{CB}[\pi](\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{base}}, 0, 2n)$ $k_{base} \| c_{key} \leftarrow CB[\pi](k_{base}, 0, 2n)$ 5:5: $c_{key} \parallel k \leftarrow CB[\pi](c_{key}, 0, 2n)$ 6: $k \leftarrow c_{-}key$ 6: $c_{key} \parallel y_1 \leftarrow CB[\pi](c_{key}, 0, 2n)$ 7: 7:if $len \leq n$ then $B \leftarrow \mathsf{CB}[\pi](k, 1, len - n)$ 8: 8: **return** $k_{\text{base}} \parallel c_{\text{key}} \parallel k[0 :$ 9: $y_1 \leftarrow y_1 \parallel B$ len-1 $y_1 \leftarrow y_1[0:len-1]$ 10:9: $y_1 \leftarrow \mathsf{CB}[\pi](k, 1, len)$ 11: **return** $k_{base} \parallel c_{-}key \parallel y_1$ 10: $y_1 \leftarrow y_1[0:len-1]$ **return** $k_{base} \parallel c_{-}key \parallel y_1$ 11:

Algorithm 9 Oracles for CPU ROR subgames

Procedure INIT() 1: c_key $\leftarrow_{\$} \{0,1\}^n$ 2: $b \leftarrow \{0, 1\}$ $3:\ \pi \leftarrow_\$ \mathsf{Perm}(2n)$ **Procedure** cROR_k[π](*len*) **Procedure** cROR_u[π](*len*) 1: **if** b = 0 **then** 1: **if** b = 0 **then** $y_0 \leftarrow_\$ \{0,1\}^{len+2n}$ $y_0 \leftarrow_{\$} \{0,1\}^{len+2n}$ 2: 2: 3: return y_0 3: return y_0 4: **else** 4: **else** $k \leftarrow c_kev$ $c_{key} \parallel k \leftarrow CB[\pi](c_{key}, 0, 2n)$ 5:5: $c_{key} \parallel y_1 \leftarrow CB[\pi](c_{key}, 0, 2n)$ if $len \leq n$ then 6: 6: $B \leftarrow \mathsf{CB}[\pi](k, 1, len - n)$ 7: 7:return $k_{base} \parallel c_{key} \parallel k[0 :$ 8: $y_1 \leftarrow y_1 \parallel B$ len - 1] 9: $y_1 \leftarrow y_1[0:len-1]$ $y_1 \leftarrow \mathsf{CB}[\pi](k, 1, len)$ 8: **return** $k_{\mathsf{base}} \parallel \mathsf{c}_{\mathsf{-}}\mathsf{key} \parallel y_1$ 10: 9: $y_1 \leftarrow y_1[0:len-1]$ 10: **return** $k_{base} \parallel c_{-}key \parallel y_1$

With oracles in Algorithm 8 and in Algorithm 9, we can define $bROR_k$ game, $bROR_u$ and $cROR_k$ game, $cROR_u$ game processes like below.

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 $bROR_x$ game. $(x \in \{k, u\})$

- 1. Oracle runs INIT() procedure.
- 2. Adversary \mathcal{A}_2 queries π, π^{-1} multiple time and queries bROR_x[π](*len*) once, and get returned value. Note that the order of queries is not specified.
- 3. Adversary outputs $b' \in \{0, 1\}$, if b' = b, adversary wins.

 $cROR_x$ game.($x \in \{k, u\}$)

- 1. Oracle runs INIT() procedure.
- 2. Adversary \mathcal{A}_2 queries π, π^{-1} multiple time and queries $\operatorname{cROR}_{\mathbf{x}}[\pi](len)$ once, and get returned value. Note that the order of queries is not specified.
- 3. Adversary outputs $b' \in \{0, 1\}$, if b' = b, adversary wins.

And for all $\mathcal{O} \in \{bROR_k, bROR_u, cROR_k, cROR_u\}$, let $\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathcal{O}}(p, \ell)$ be the advantage upper bound against any adversary \mathcal{A} that makes at most p queries to π or π^{-1} , inputs $2n\ell$ to \mathcal{O} .

After hopping every game, we obtain the upper bound of $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, S_1)$. The result is presented in the Lemma 3.

Lemma 3. For any λ -legitimate robustness adversary \mathcal{A} satisfying conditions in Theorem 1, the following holds.

$$\begin{split} & \Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_0, S_1) \leq 2\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, S_1) \\ & \leq 2\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{M-EXT}}(p + 3q_1 + \sigma_1, q_1, \sigma_1, \lambda) \\ & + 2q_1 \left(\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{pREF}_{\mathrm{a}}}(p + 3q_1 + \sigma_1, \ell_1) + \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{pREF}_{\mathrm{f}}}(p + 3q_1 + \sigma_1, \ell_1)\right) \\ & + 2q_2 \left(\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{bROR}_{\mathrm{k}}}(p + 2q_2 + \sigma_2, \ell_2) + \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{cROR}_{\mathrm{k}}}(p + 2q_2 + \sigma_2, \ell_2)\right) \\ & + 2q_2 \left(\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{bROR}_{\mathrm{n}}}(p + 2q_2 + \sigma_2, \ell_2) + \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{cROR}_{\mathrm{n}}}(p + 2q_2 + \sigma_2, \ell_2)\right) \end{split}$$

The proof of Lemma 3 is deferred to Section 5.3. Now, it remains to calculate the advantage of the subgames introduced in Lemma 3. This is summarized in Lemma 4.

Lemma 4. If $p + \sigma \leq 2^{n-1}$ and $p + \ell \leq 2^{n-1}$, the following inequalities hold:

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{M-EXT}}(p,q,\sigma,\lambda) \le \frac{9pq + 4q\sigma + \sigma^2}{2^n} + \frac{9q}{2^{0.5n}} + \frac{p^2}{2^n} + \frac{4pq}{2^{\lambda}}, \qquad (2)$$

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{pREF}_{a}}(p,\ell) \le \frac{3p}{2^{n}} + \frac{\ell}{2^{n}} + \frac{3}{2^{0.5n}},\tag{3}$$

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{pREF}_{\mathrm{f}}}(p,\ell) \le \frac{9p}{2^{n}} + \frac{\ell+2}{2^{n}} + \frac{9}{2^{0.5n}},\tag{4}$$

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{bROR}_{k}}(p,\ell) \leq \frac{1+2p}{2^{n}} + \frac{\ell^{2} + \ell p}{2^{2n}},\tag{5}$$

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{cROR}_{k}}(p,\ell) \le \frac{p}{2^{n}} + \frac{\ell^{2} + \ell p}{2^{2n}},\tag{6}$$

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{bROR}_{\mathrm{u}}}(p,\ell) \le \frac{1+3p}{2^n} + \frac{\ell^2 + \ell p}{2^{2n}},\tag{7}$$

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{cROR}_{\mathrm{u}}}(p,\ell) \le \frac{2p}{2^n} + \frac{\ell^2 + \ell p}{2^{2n}}.$$
(8)

The proof of Lemma 4 is deferred to Section 5.4.

5.3 Proof of Lemma 3

To upper bound $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, S_1)$, we substitute oracles used in S_1 to oracles used in S_h using the game hopping technique. To substitute the first REF_f query after ED, we define a system R. Define R as a system based on S_1 . The only difference between R and S_1 is that the first REF_f query after ED is REF_f^{*} in R. By the triangle inequality, the following holds:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, S_1) \le \Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, R) + \Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(R, S_1).$$
(9)

To upper bound $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, S_1)$ in (9), we first upper bound $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(R, S_1)$ in Lemma 5.

Lemma 5. $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(R, S_1) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{M-EXT}}(p + 3q_1 + \sigma_1, r, \sigma_1, \lambda).$

Proof. M-EXT game adversary $\mathcal{A}' = (\mathcal{A}'_1, \mathcal{A}'_2)$ can be constructed using R and S_1 distinguishing adversary $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{A}_1, \mathcal{A}_2)$ by answering queries of \mathcal{A} as follows. First \mathcal{A}' get access to oracles for E and E^{-1} from M-EXT game, and then prepares for simulation as follows:

 $-c \leftarrow 0$, ready $\leftarrow 0$, $\pi \leftarrow$ Perm(2n), $S \leftarrow$ setup().

Then, \mathcal{A}' handles queries of \mathcal{A} as follows:

- $\operatorname{REF}_{f}[E](I, \gamma, I_{cpu})$: If this query is the first REF_{f} query after ED, then \mathcal{A}'_{1} first checks $S.\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{next}} \neq \epsilon$. If $S.\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{next}} \neq \epsilon$, then \mathcal{A}'_{1} sets I as follows:

$$I \leftarrow 0^n \parallel S.k_{\mathsf{next}} \parallel I.$$

After considering $S.k_{next}$, \mathcal{A}'_1 queries $(S.t, S.h, I, I_{cpu})$ to the M-EXT. Then \mathcal{A}'_2 gets its return value $(inc, h_1, s = s_L || s_R)$. Then, \mathcal{A}' updates

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- $S.k_{next} \leftarrow s_L, S.h \leftarrow const, S.t \leftarrow 2n, S.k_{base} \leftarrow s_R,$
- $S.G_{-}flag_1 \leftarrow 1, S.G_{-}flag_2 \leftarrow 1, \cdots, S.G_{-}flag_C \leftarrow 1.$
- \mathcal{A}'_2 gives estimated entropy γ to \mathcal{A}_2 . Finally, \mathcal{A}' sets $c \leftarrow c + \gamma$ and sets ready $\leftarrow 1$. Note that \mathcal{A}'_1 does not give more information to \mathcal{A}'_2 than \mathcal{A}_1 gives to \mathcal{A}_2 . Therefore, if \mathcal{A}_1 is legitimate then \mathcal{A}'_1 is legitimate.
- E and E⁻¹: \mathcal{A}' queries to the E and E⁻¹ oracles of the M-EXT game. Then returns the value to \mathcal{A} .
- Other queries: \mathcal{A}' properly simulates the queries. Note that \mathcal{A}' needs to query E or E^{-1} at most $3q_1 + \sigma_1$ times to simulate REF_a and REF_f itself.

Finally, \mathcal{A}' outputs the final output of \mathcal{A} . If a random coin b of the M-EXT game is 0, then \mathcal{A}' simulates R to \mathcal{A} . Otherwise \mathcal{A}' simulates S_1 to \mathcal{A} .

To upper bound $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, R)$ in (9), we define a system T_i for $i = 0, \ldots, q_1$. The system T_0 is equal to R. The system T_{i+1} is defined based on T_i . The only difference between T_i and T_{i+1} is that T_{i+1} uses REF_f^* instead of (i + 1)-th REF_f query. Then the following holds by the triangle inequality:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, R) \le \sum_{i=0}^{q_1-1} \Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(T_i, T_{i+1}) + \Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, T_{q_1}).$$
(10)

To derive an upper bound of $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, R)$ in (10), we first upper bound $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(T_i, T_{i+1})$ for $i = 0, \ldots, q_1 - 1$ in Lemma 6.

Lemma 6. For all $i = 0, \ldots, q_1 - 1$, the following holds:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(T_i, T_{i+1}) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{pREF}_{\mathrm{f}}}(p + 3q_1 + \sigma_1, \ell_1).$$

Proof. We construct pREF_f adversary \mathcal{A}' as follows. First \mathcal{A}' get access to oracles for E and E^{-1} from pREF_f game, and then prepares for simulation as follows:

$$-c \leftarrow 0$$
, ready $\leftarrow 0, \pi \leftarrow_{\$} \mathsf{Perm}(2n), S \leftarrow \mathsf{setup}().$

Then, \mathcal{A}' handles queries of \mathcal{A} as follows:

- $\operatorname{REF}_{f}[E](I, \gamma, I_{cpu})$: If this query is the (i+1)-th REF_{f} , then \mathcal{A}'_{1} first checks $S.\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{next}} \neq \epsilon$. If $S.\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{next}} \neq \epsilon$, then \mathcal{A}'_{1} sets I as follows:

$$I \leftarrow 0^n \parallel S.\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{next}} \parallel I.$$

After considering $S.k_{next}$, \mathcal{A}'_1 queries (I, I_{cpu}) to the pREF_f. Then \mathcal{A}'_2 gets its return value $s = s_L || s_R$. Then, \mathcal{A}' updates

- $S.k_{next} \leftarrow s_L, S.h \leftarrow const, S.t \leftarrow 2n, S.k_{base} \leftarrow s_R,$
- $S.\mathsf{G}_{\mathsf{f}}\mathsf{lag}_1 \leftarrow 1, \, S.\mathsf{G}_{\mathsf{f}}\mathsf{lag}_2 \leftarrow 1, \, \cdots, \, S.\mathsf{G}_{\mathsf{f}}\mathsf{lag}_C \leftarrow 1.$
- \mathcal{A}'_2 gives estimated entropy γ to \mathcal{A}_2 . Finally, \mathcal{A}' sets $c \leftarrow c + \gamma$.
- E and E^{-1} : \mathcal{A}' queries to the E and E^{-1} oracles of the pREF_f game. Then returns the value to \mathcal{A} .
- Other queries: \mathcal{A}' properly simulates the queries. Note that \mathcal{A}' needs to query E or E^{-1} at most $3q_1 + \sigma_1$ times to simulate REF_a and REF_f itself.

Finally, \mathcal{A}' outputs the final output of \mathcal{A} . If a random coin b of the pREF_f game is 0, then \mathcal{A}' simulates T_{i+1} to \mathcal{A} . Otherwise \mathcal{A}' simulates T_i to \mathcal{A} . Hence, the following holds:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(T_i, T_{i+1}) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{pREF}_{\mathrm{f}}}(p + 3q_1 + \sigma_1, \ell_1).$$

To upper bound $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, T_r)$ in (10), we define a system W_i for $i = 0, \ldots, q_1$. The system W_0 is equal to T_r . The system W_{i+1} is defined based on W_i . The only difference between W_i and W_{i+1} is that W_{i+1} uses REF_a^* instead of (i+1)-th REF_a query. Then the following holds by the triangle inequality:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, T_r) \le \sum_{i=0}^{r-1} \Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(W_i, W_{i+1}) + \Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, W_r).$$
(11)

To derive an upper bound of $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, T_r)$ in (11), we upper bound $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(W_i, W_{i+1})$ for $i = 0, ..., q_1 - 1$ in Lemma 7.

Lemma 7. For all $i = 0, \ldots, q_1 - 1$, the following holds:

 $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(W_i, W_{i+1}) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{pREF}_a}(p + 3q_1 + \sigma_1, \ell_1).$

Proof. We construct $pREF_a$ adversary \mathcal{A}' as follows. First \mathcal{A}' gets access to oracles for E and E^{-1} from pREF_a game, and then prepares for simulation as follows:

$$-c \leftarrow 0$$
, ready $\leftarrow 0$, $\pi \leftarrow_{\$} \mathsf{Perm}(2n)$, $S \leftarrow \mathsf{setup}()$.

Then, \mathcal{A}' handles queries of \mathcal{A} as follows:

- $\operatorname{REF}_{\mathbf{a}}[E](I,\gamma)$: If this query is the (i + 1)-th REF, then \mathcal{A}'_1 first checks $S.k_{\mathsf{next}} \neq \epsilon$. If $S.k_{\mathsf{next}} \neq \epsilon$, then \mathcal{A}'_1 sets I as follows:

$$I \leftarrow 0^n \parallel S.k_{\mathsf{next}} \parallel I.$$

After considering $S.k_{next}$, \mathcal{A}'_1 queries I to the pREF_a. Then \mathcal{A}'_2 gets its return value h. \mathcal{A}' calculates ℓ which is block length of I as the following:

$$(I_1,\ldots,I_\ell) \xleftarrow{2n} I.$$

Then, \mathcal{A}' updates

- $S.h \leftarrow h, S.t \leftarrow S.t + (\ell + 2) \cdot 2n.$ \mathcal{A}'_2 gives estimated entropy γ to \mathcal{A}_2 . Finally, \mathcal{A}' sets $c \leftarrow c + \gamma.$ E and E^{-1} : \mathcal{A}' queries to the E and E^{-1} oracles of the pREF_a game. Then returns the value to \mathcal{A} .
- Other queries: \mathcal{A}' properly simulates the queries. Note that \mathcal{A}' needs to query E or E^{-1} at most $3q_1+\sigma_1$ times to simulate ${\rm REF_a}$ and ${\rm REF_f}$ itself.

Finally, \mathcal{A}' outputs the final output of \mathcal{A} . If a random coin b of the pREF_a game is 0, then \mathcal{A}' simulates W_{i+1} to \mathcal{A} . Otherwise \mathcal{A}' simulates W_i to \mathcal{A} . Hence, the following holds:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(W_i, W_{i+1}) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{pREF}_a}(p + 3q_1 + \sigma_1, \ell_1)$$

Now we need to derive an upper bound of $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(W_r, S_h)$ in (11). Note that the differences between the two systems are usage of ROR or ROR^{*}. To substitute ROR to ROR^{*}, we define a system H_i^C for $i = 0, \ldots, q_2$. Let $H_0^C = W_r$. Because Linux DRBG uses a multi-core system, we need to define worlds as follows:

- $-H_i^{Bn}$: if *i*-th ROR is ROR_k[π](len, n_{cpu}) with S.G_flag_{n_{cpu}} = 1, then it runs $\operatorname{ROR}_{\mathbf{k}}^{*}[\pi](len, n_{cpu})$. Otherwise, it works like H_{i-1}^{C} .
- $-H_i^B$: if *i*-th ROR is $\operatorname{ROR}_u[\pi](len, n_{cpu})$ with $S.\mathsf{G}_\mathsf{flag}_{n_{cpu}} = 1$, then it runs $\operatorname{ROR}_{\mathbf{u}}^{*}[\pi](len, n_{cpu})$. Otherwise, it works like H_i^{Bn} .
- $-H_i^{Cn}$: if i-th ROR is ROR_k[π](len, n_{cpu}) with S.G_flag_{n_{cpu}} = 0, then it runs $\operatorname{ROR}_{\mathbf{k}}^{*}[\pi](len, n_{cpu})$. Otherwise, it works like H_{i}^{B} . - H_{i}^{C} : if *i*-th ROR is $\operatorname{ROR}_{\mathbf{u}}[\pi](len, n_{cpu})$ with $S.G_{-}\operatorname{flag}_{n_{cpu}} = 0$, then it runs
- $\operatorname{ROR}_{u}^{*}[\pi](len, n_{cpu})$. Otherwise, it works like H_{i}^{Cn} .

Then the following holds by the triangle inequality:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(S_h, W_r) \le \sum_{i=0}^{q-1} \Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(H_i^C, H_{i+1}^C).$$
(12)

Note that $H_q^C = S_h$.

To bound $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(H_i^C, H_{i+1}^C)$, we use the triangle inequality as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(H_{i}^{C}, H_{i+1}^{C}) &\leq \Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(H_{i}^{C}, H_{i+1}^{Bn}) + \Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(H_{i+1}^{Bn}, H_{i+1}^{B}) \\ &+ \Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(H_{i+1}^{Bn}, H_{i+1}^{Cn}) + \Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(H_{i+1}^{Cn}, H_{i+1}^{C}). \end{aligned}$$

First, we upper bound $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(H_i^C, H_{i+1}^{Bn})$.

Lemma 8. For $i = 0, \ldots, q_2 - 1$, the following holds:

$$\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(H_i^C, H_{i+1}^{Bn}) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{bROR}_{\mathbf{k}}}(p+2q_2+\sigma_2, \ell_2).$$

Proof. H_i^C and H_{i+1}^{Bn} have different behaviors only when the (i + 1)-th ROR is $\operatorname{ROR}_{\mathbf{k}}[\pi](len, n_{cpu})$ with $S.\operatorname{G}_{\mathsf{f}}\operatorname{flag}_{n_{cpu}} = 1$. So we assume (i + 1)-th ROR is $\operatorname{ROR}_{\mathbf{k}}[\pi](len, n_{cpu})$ with $S.\operatorname{G}_{\mathsf{f}}\operatorname{flag}_{n_{cpu}} = 1$. We can construct bROR_k game adversary \mathcal{A}' using H_i^C and H_{i+1}^{Bn} distinguishing adversary \mathcal{A} as follows. First, \mathcal{A}' get access to oracles for π and π^{-1} from bROR_k game, and then prepares for simulation as follows:

 $-c \leftarrow 0$, ready $\leftarrow 0, E \leftarrow_{\$} \Pi_w(2n, 2n, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{W}), S \leftarrow \mathsf{setup}().$

then \mathcal{A}' handles queries of \mathcal{A} as follows:

(i + 1)-th ROR_k $[\pi](len, n_{cpu})$: \mathcal{A}' queries len to bROR_k game and gets its return value y. \mathcal{A}' partitions y as follows.

 $k_{\text{base}} || c_{\text{key}} || y^* \leftarrow y.$

 \mathcal{A}' updates the state S as $S.k_{\mathsf{base}} \leftarrow k_{\mathsf{base}}$ and $S.\mathsf{ckey}_{n_{cpu}} \leftarrow \mathsf{c}_{\mathsf{key}}.$ Then give y^* to \mathcal{A} .

- $-\pi$ and π^{-1} : \mathcal{A}' queries to the π and π^{-1} oracles of the bROR_k game. Then returns the value to \mathcal{A} .
- Other queries: \mathcal{A}' simulates the query to \mathcal{A} . Note that \mathcal{A}' needs to query π or π^{-1} at most $2q_2 + \sigma_2$ times to simulate ROR_k and ROR_u itself.

Finally, \mathcal{A}' outputs the final output of \mathcal{A} . If a random coin b of bROR_k game is 0, then \mathcal{A}' simulates H_{i+1}^{Bn} to \mathcal{A} . Otherwise, \mathcal{A}' simulates H_i^C to \mathcal{A} .

Now we upper bound $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(H_i^{Bn}, H_i^B)$.

Lemma 9. $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(H_i^{Bn}, H_i^B) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{bROR}_u}(p + 2q_2 + \sigma_2, \ell_2).$

Proof. H_i^B and H_i^{Bn} have different behaviors only when the *i*-th ROR is $\operatorname{ROR}_{u}[\pi](len, n_{cpu})$ with S.G.flag_{n_{cpu}} = 1. So we assume *i*-th ROR is the case. Then this lemma can be proved similarly to the Lemma 8. The only difference is for *i*-th ROR_u call, \mathcal{A}' queries to bROR_u instead of bROR_k.

Now we upper bound $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(H_i^B, H_i^{Cn})$.

Lemma 10. $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(H_i^B, H_i^{Cn}) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{cROR_k}(p + 2q_2 + \sigma_2, \ell_2).$

 $\mathit{Proof.}~H^B_i$ and H^{Cn}_i have different behaviors only when i-th ROR call is $\operatorname{ROR}_{k}[\pi](len, n_{cpu})$ with $S.\mathsf{G}_{\mathsf{-}}\mathsf{flag}_{n_{cpu}} = 0$. So we assume *i*-th ROR call is the case. We can construct cROR_{k} game adversary \mathcal{A}' using H_{i}^{B} and H_{i}^{Cn} distinguishing adversary \mathcal{A} as follows. First, \mathcal{A}' get access to oracles for π and π^{-1} from $cROR_k$ game, and then prepares for simulation as follows:

 $-c \leftarrow 0$, ready $\leftarrow 0, E \leftarrow_{\$} \Pi_w(2n, 2n, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{W}), S \leftarrow \mathsf{setup}().$

then \mathcal{A}' handles queries of \mathcal{A} as follows:

-i-th ROR_k $[\pi](len, n_{cpu})$: \mathcal{A}' queries len to cROR_k and gets its return value y. \mathcal{A}' partitions y as follows.

$$c_{key}||y^* \leftarrow y.$$

- \mathcal{A}' updates the state S as $S.\mathsf{ckey}_{n_{cpu}} \leftarrow \mathsf{c}_{\mathsf{-}}\mathsf{key}$. Then give y^* to \mathcal{A} . π and π^{-1} : \mathcal{A}' queries to the π and π^{-1} oracles of the cROR_k game. Then returns the value to \mathcal{A} .
- Other queries: \mathcal{A}' simulates the query to \mathcal{A} . Note that \mathcal{A}' needs to query π or π^{-1} at most $2q_2 + \sigma_2$ times to simulate ROR_k and ROR_u itself.

Finally, \mathcal{A}' outputs the final output of \mathcal{A} . If a random coin b of cROR_k game is 0, then \mathcal{A}' simulates H_i^{Cn} to \mathcal{A} . Otherwise, \mathcal{A}' simulates H_i^B to \mathcal{A} .

Finally, we upper bound $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(H_i^{Cn}, H_i^C)$.

Lemma 11. $\Delta_{\mathcal{A}}(H_i^{Cn}, H_i^C) \leq \operatorname{Adv}_{cROB_n}(p + 2q_2 + \sigma_2, \ell_2).$

Proof. H_i^{Cn} and H_i^C have different behavior only when *i*-th ROR call is $\operatorname{ROR}_{u}[\pi](len, n_{cpu})$ with S.G_flag_{n_{cpu} = 0. So we assume that *i*-th ROR call is} the case. This lemma can be proved similarly to the Lemma 10.

With Lemma 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, we can conclude the proof of Lemma 3.

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5.4 Proof of Lemma 4

5.4.1 Proof of (4) Instead of proving the security of the whole pREF_{f} game, we first prove prf security of COMP function given the initial state $S.k_{next}$ has sufficient entropy, named COMP prf (CPRF) game described in Algorithm 10.

Algorithm 10 Oracles for CPRF Game

Procedure INIT() 1: $b \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}$ 2: $E \leftarrow_{\$} \Pi_{mw}(2n, 2n, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{W}, \mathsf{sum}, \mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}})$ 3: $k \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$ Procedure CPRF[E](I) 1: if b = 0 then 2: $z \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$ 3: else 4: $z \leftarrow \text{COMP}[E](0, const, 0^n || k || I)$ 5: return z

With oracles in Algorithm 10, CPRF game process is defined like below.

CPRF game.

- 1. Oracle runs INIT() procedure.
- 2. Adversary \mathcal{A}_2 queries E, E^{-1} multiple time and \mathcal{A}_1 queries $\operatorname{CPRF}[E](I)$ once, and get returned value. Note that the order of queries is not specified.
- 3. Adversary outputs $b' \in \{0, 1\}$, if b' = b, adversary wins.

In the CPRF game, we can bound the adversary's advantage using the following lemma.

Lemma 12. Let $\operatorname{Adv}_{\operatorname{CPRF}}(p, \ell)$ be the advantage upper bound against any adversary \mathcal{A} that makes at most p queries to E or E^{-1} , entropy input I's length for CPRF is less than $2n\ell$. If $p + \ell \leq 2^{n-1}$ and $|\mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}}| \leq 2^{0.5n}$, the following inequality holds.

$$\operatorname{Adv}_{CPRF}(p,\ell) \le \frac{3p}{2^n} + \frac{\ell}{2^n} + \frac{3}{2^{0.5n}}.$$

Proof. Assume that \mathcal{A}_2 can obtain input *I* for CPRF query and *k* at the end of the game. Note that additional information never degrades adversarial advantage. Then the transcript τ is defined as follows.

- The CPRF call input $(I_1, \ldots, I_\ell, len)$ where

$$len = |I|,$$

(I₁,..., I_{ℓ-1}, I'_ℓ) $\stackrel{2n}{\longleftarrow}$ I

and $I_{\ell} = 0^{2n-rem} \parallel I'_{\ell}$ where

$$rem = len - 2n(\lceil len/2n \rceil - 1).$$

- The CPRF call output z.
- Query results for block cipher E, (k, x, y) and their set, subtranscript τ_p .
- Additionally returned k.

For the notational convenience, let τ_q be $(I_0, I_1, \ldots, I_\ell, z)$ where $I_0 = 0^n \parallel k$. Then, a transcript is the form of

$$\tau = (\tau_p, \tau_q).$$

And let p_i be the number of queries in τ_p such that $(\cdot, \cdot \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel (i+1) \cdot 2n \parallel 0^{n/4}) \oplus IV, \cdot)$ for $0 \le i \le \ell - 1$, p_ℓ be the number of queries in τ_p such that $(\cdot, \cdot \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel 2n + len \parallel 0^{n/8} \parallel 1^{n/8}) \oplus IV, \cdot)$, and T be the size of strong space for E. Note that $T \ge 2^{2n} - 2^n$. We define a bad event like below.

- $\ \mathsf{bad}_1 : (I_0, const \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel 2n \parallel 0^{n/4}) \oplus IV, \cdot) \in \tau_p.$
- $\mathsf{bad}_2: \ell = 0$ and $const \oplus z \in \mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}}$.

Then, we can get the probability that a bad event happens in the ideal world.

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{id}}\left[\mathsf{bad}_{1}\right] &\leq \frac{p_{0}}{2^{n}}, \\ \mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{id}}\left[\mathsf{bad}_{2}\right] &\leq \frac{1}{2^{0.5n}} \end{split}$$

For any good transcript $\tau = (\tau_p, \tau_q)$, we have

$$\begin{split} & \frac{\Pr\left[\left(\tau_p, \tau_q\right)\right]}{\Pr_{\mathsf{id}}\left[\left(\tau_p, \tau_q\right)\right]} \\ &= \frac{\Pr\left[E \vdash \tau_p\right] \Pr\left[E \vdash \tau_q \mid E \vdash \tau_p\right]}{\Pr\left[E \vdash \tau_p\right] \Pr\left[z\right]} \\ &= \frac{\Pr\left[E \vdash \tau_q \mid E \vdash \tau_p\right]}{1/2^n} \end{split}$$

For $0 \leq i \leq \ell$, we recursively define a random variable H_i as

$$H_{i+1} = B[E](h_i, 2(i+1)n, I_i)$$

where $H_0 = const$. We define the following events.

- $\begin{array}{l} \ \mathsf{FRESH}_{\mathsf{i}} : (\cdot, H_i \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel (i+1) \cdot 2n \parallel 0^{n/4}) \oplus IV, \cdot) \not\in \tau_p \ \text{for} \ 1 \leq i \leq \ell 1. \\ \ \mathsf{FRESH}_{\ell} : (\cdot, H_\ell \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel len + 2n \parallel 0^{n/8} \parallel 1^{n/8}) \oplus IV, \cdot) \notin \tau_p. \end{array}$

$$-\mathsf{FREE}_{\ell}: H_{\ell} \oplus z \notin \mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}}.$$

Then, we have two following inequalities.

$$\begin{split} \Pr\left[\neg\mathsf{FRESH}_{\mathsf{i}} \mid E \vdash \tau_p \land \left(\bigwedge_{j=1}^{i-1}\mathsf{FRESH}_{\mathsf{j}}\right)\right] &\leq \frac{p_i 2^n}{T - p - \ell - 1},\\ \Pr\left[\neg\mathsf{FREE}_{\ell} \mid E \vdash \tau_p \land \left(\bigwedge_{j=1}^{\ell-1}\mathsf{FRESH}_{\mathsf{j}}\right)\right] &\leq \frac{|\mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}}| \, 2^n}{T - p - \ell - 1},\\ \Pr\left[B'[E](H_\ell, 2n + len, I_\ell) &= z \mid E \vdash \tau_p \land \left(\bigwedge_{j=0}^{\ell}\mathsf{FRESH}_{\mathsf{j}}\right) \land \mathsf{FREE}_{\ell}\right] \\ &\geq \frac{2^n - p - \ell}{2^{2n}}. \end{split}$$

We can make a lower bound for good transcript probability with these two inequalities.

$$\frac{\Pr_{\mathbf{r}}\left[(\tau_{p},\tau_{q})\right]}{\Pr_{\mathbf{id}}\left[(\tau_{p},\tau_{q})\right]} = \frac{\Pr\left[E \vdash \tau_{q} \mid E \vdash \tau_{p}\right]}{1/2^{n}} \\
\geq 2^{n} \cdot \Pr\left[\mathsf{FREE}_{\ell} \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^{\ell} \mathsf{FRESH}_{j} \middle| E \vdash \tau_{p}\right] \\
\cdot \Pr\left[E \vdash \tau_{q} \middle| E \vdash \tau_{p} \wedge \mathsf{FREE}_{\ell} \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{j=1}^{\ell} \mathsf{FRESH}_{j}\right)\right] \\
\geq 2^{n} \cdot \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\ell-1} \Pr\left[\mathsf{FRESH}_{i} \middle| E \vdash \tau_{p} \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{j=1}^{i-1} \mathsf{FRESH}_{j}\right)\right]\right) \\
\cdot \Pr\left[\mathsf{FREE}_{\ell} \wedge \mathsf{FRESH}_{\ell} \middle| E \vdash \tau_{p} \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^{\ell-1} \mathsf{FRESH}_{j}\right)\right] \\
\cdot \Pr\left[B'[E](H_{\ell}, 2n + len, I_{\ell}) = z \middle| E \vdash \tau_{p} \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^{\ell} \mathsf{FRESH}_{j}\right) \wedge \mathsf{FREE}_{\ell}\right] \\
\geq \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell-1} \frac{p_{i}2^{n}}{T - p - \ell - 1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{p_{\ell}2^{n} + |\mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}}|2^{n}}{T - p - \ell - 1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{p + \ell}{2^{n}}\right) \\
\geq 1 - \left(\frac{3p - 2p_{0} + \ell}{2^{n}} + \frac{2}{2^{0.5n}}\right)$$
(13)

From bad probability and good probability, we can conclude the proof.

And because $|I_{cpu}| = n$, we can show below inequality with triangle inequality.

 $\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{pREF}_{\ell}}(p,\ell) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{CPRF}}(p,\ell) + 2\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{CPRF}}(p,1).$

With this inequality and Lemma 12, we can prove (4).

5.4.2 Proof of (2) Instead of proving the security of the whole M-EXT game, we first prove prf security of COMP function given the input to COMP has sufficient entropy, named multi-entropy (M-ENT) game described in Algorithm 11.

Algorithm 11	. Oracles	for Multi-	-Entropy	Security	Game
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Procedure INIT()

1: b \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}

2: E \leftarrow_{\$} \Pi_{mw}(2n, 2n, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{W}, \mathsf{sum}, \mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}})

Procedure M-ENT[E](inc, h_1, I)

1: if b = 0 then

2: y \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}^n

3: else

4: y \leftarrow \text{COMP}[E](inc, h_1, I)

5: return (inc, h_1, y)
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With oracles in Algorithm 11, M-ENT game process is defined like below.

M-ENT game.

- 1. Oracle runs INIT() procedure.
- 2. Adversary \mathcal{A}_2 queries E, E^{-1} and \mathcal{A}_1 queries
- M-ENT $[E](inc, h_1, I, len)$ multiple time, and get returned value.
- 3. Adversary outputs $b' \in \{0, 1\}$, if b' = b, adversary wins.

The adversarial advantage for the M-ENT game is defined as follows.

- $\mathbf{Adv}_{M-ENT}(p, t, \sigma, \lambda)$: The advantage upper bound against any λ -legitimate adversary \mathcal{A} that makes at most p queries to E or E^{-1} , t queries to M-ENT, and the total length of entropy input I is less than $2n\sigma$.

In the M-ENT game, we can bound the adversarial advantage using the following lemma.

Lemma 13. If $p + \sigma \leq 2^{n-1}$, the following inequality holds:

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{M-ENT}}(p,q,\sigma,\lambda) \le \frac{p^2 + 3pq + 2q\sigma + \sigma^2}{2^n} + \frac{3q}{2^{0.5n}} + \frac{pq}{2^{\lambda}}$$

Proof. Assume that \mathcal{A}_2 can obtain inputs (inc, h_1, I) for all M-ENT queries at the end of the game. Note that additional information never degrades adversarial advantage. Then the transcript τ is defined as follows.

- The M-ENT call results, $Q_j = (inc^j, h_1^j, I_1^j, \cdots, I_{\ell_j}^j, len^j, y^j)$ where y^j is y-th M-ENT call output and

$$len^{j} = \left| I^{j} \right|,$$

$$(I_{1}^{j}, \dots, I_{\ell_{j}-1}^{j}, I_{\ell_{j}}^{\prime j}) \xleftarrow{2n} I^{j}$$

and $I_{\ell_j}^j = 0^{2n-rem} \parallel I_{\ell_j}^{\prime j}$ where

$$rem = len^j - 2n(\lceil len^j/2n \rceil - 1)$$

and ℓ_j is the block length for *j*-th entropy input I^j . We denote $\tau_q = (Q_1, \ldots, Q_q)$. - query result for block cipher E, (k, x, y) and their set, subtranscript τ_p .

The transcript is form of $\tau = (\tau_p, \tau_q)$. Let p_u be the number of queries in τ_p s.t. $(\cdot, \cdot \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel u \parallel 0^{n/4}) \oplus IV, \cdot)$. It is obvious that $\sum_{u=0}^{2^n-1} p_u \leq p$. Let T be the size of strong space for E. Note that $T \geq 2^{2n} - 2^n$. For each Q_j , define ℓ'_j like below.

- The maximum number that satisfies $(I_i^j, h_i^j \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel inc^j + i \cdot 2n \parallel 0^{n/4}) \oplus$
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 where $h_{\ell_i}^j = \mathsf{TRSum}(y_{\ell_i-1}^j) \oplus h_{\ell-1}^j$, we let $\ell'_j = \ell_j$.

Then we define bad events for M-ENT game like below.

- bad₁ : there exist two distinct $(k, x \parallel \cdot, y), (k', x' \parallel \cdot, y') \in \tau_p$ such that $x \oplus$ $\mathsf{TRSum}(y) = x' \oplus \mathsf{TRSum}(y').$
- $\operatorname{\mathsf{bad}}_{2}^{j}: \text{for all } 1 \leq i \leq \ell_{j} 1, \, (I_{i}^{j}, h_{i}^{j} \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel inc^{j} + i \cdot 2n \parallel 0^{n/4}) \oplus IV, y_{i}^{j}) \in \tau_{p}$ and $(I_{\ell_i}^j, h_{\ell_i}^j \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel inc^j + len^j \parallel 0^{n/8} \parallel 1^{n/8}) \oplus IV, \cdot) \in \tau_p$ where $h_{i+1}^j =$ $\mathsf{TRSum}(y_i^j) \oplus h_i^j$ for $1 \le i \le \ell_j - 1$. Namely, $\ell'_j = \ell_j$.
- bad₃: there exists some j that satisfies $\ell_j \ell'_j = 1$ and $h^j_{\ell_j} \oplus y^j \in \mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}}$.

Then we can bound bad_1 probability like below.

$$\mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{id}}\left[\mathsf{bad}_1\right] \leq \frac{p^2}{2} \frac{2^n}{T-1} \leq \frac{p^2}{2^n}$$

To bound $\mathbf{p}_{id} \left[\mathsf{bad}_2^j \land \neg \mathsf{bad}_1 \right]$, define a **potential chain** as the tuple $(inc^j, h_1^j, \cdots, h_\ell^j, t^j)$ for some ℓ , which satisfies for all $1 \leq i \leq \ell - 1$, $(\cdot, h_i^j \parallel 0^{n/2} \parallel inc^j + i \cdot 2n \parallel$ $0^{n/4}, y_i^j) \in \tau_p \text{ and } (\cdot, h_\ell^j \parallel 0^{n/2} \parallel inc^j + (\ell - 1)2n + t^j \parallel 0^{n/8} \parallel 1^{n/8}, \cdot) \in \tau_p \text{ where }$ $h_{i+1}^j = \mathsf{TRSum}(y_i^j) \oplus h_i^j$ for $1 \le i \le \ell_j - 1$ and $1 < t^j \le 2n$. Then assuming bad_1

doesn't happen, which means there is no collision in τ_p , we can bound the number of potential chains as at most p. Therefore by the legitimacy of \mathcal{A} , for any $\tau_j = (\tau_p, \tau_q \setminus Q_j)$ that satisfies τ_p doesn't make bad_1 event and \mathcal{I}^j , the random variable about I^j , we have

$$\mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{id}}\left[\mathsf{bad}_2^j|\tau_j\right] \le p \cdot \mathsf{Pred}(\mathcal{I}^j|\tau_j).$$

Let Γ_j be the set of all possible τ_j and $g\Gamma_j$ be the set of all possible $\tau_j = (\tau_p, \tau_q \setminus Q_j)$ that satisfies τ_p doesn't make bad_1 event. Then with inequality above, we can get below inequality.

$$\begin{split} \mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{id}} \left[\mathsf{bad}_2^j \land \neg \mathsf{bad}_1 \right] &= \sum_{\tau_j \in \varGamma_j} \mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{id}} \left[\tau_j \right] \cdot \mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{id}} \left[\mathsf{bad}_2^j \land \neg \mathsf{bad}_1 | \tau_j \right] \\ &= \sum_{\tau_j \in g\varGamma_j} \mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{id}} \left[\tau_j \right] \cdot \mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{id}} \left[\mathsf{bad}_2^j | \tau_j \right] \\ &\leq \sum_{\tau_j \in g\varGamma_j} \mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{id}} \left[\tau_j \right] p \cdot \mathsf{Pred}(\mathcal{I}^j | \tau_j) \\ &\leq p \cdot \mathsf{Pred}(\mathcal{I}^j | \mathcal{T}_j) \leq \frac{p}{2\lambda} \end{split}$$

where \mathcal{T}_j is random variable about τ_j .

And it is trivial that

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_3\right] \le \frac{q \left|\mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}}\right|}{2^n} = \frac{q}{2^{0.5n}}.$$

Therefore we can bound **bad** event probability.

$$p_{id} [bad] = p_{id} \left[bad_1 \vee \left(\bigvee_{j=1}^q bad_2^j \right) \vee bad_3 \right]$$

$$\leq p_{id} [bad_1] + \sum_{j=1}^q p_{id} \left[bad_2^j \wedge \neg bad_1 \right] + p_{id} [bad_3]$$

$$\leq \frac{p^2}{2^n} + \frac{pq}{2^\lambda} + \frac{q}{2^{0.5n}}.$$
(14)

For good transcript $\tau = (\tau_p, \tau_q)$, we have

$$\begin{split} & \frac{\mathbf{p_{re}}\left[(\tau_p,\tau_q)\right]}{\mathbf{p_{id}}\left[(\tau_p,\tau_q)\right]} \\ &= \frac{\Pr\left[E \vdash \tau_p\right] \Pr\left[E \vdash \tau_q \mid E \vdash \tau_p\right]}{\Pr\left[E \vdash \tau_p\right] \Pr\left[y^1, \cdots, y^q\right]} \\ &= \frac{\Pr\left[E \vdash \tau_q \mid E \vdash \tau_p\right]}{1/2^{qn}} \\ &= 2^{qn} \Pr\left[E \vdash \tau_q \mid E \vdash \tau_p\right]. \end{split}$$

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For $1 \leq j \leq q$, $\ell'_t < i \leq \ell_t$, and any $v_i^j \in \{0,1\}^{2n}$, let V_j be a tuple of intermediate values $(v_{\ell'_1+1}^1, \cdots, v_{\ell_1}^1, v_{\ell'_2+1}^2, \cdots, v_{\ell_j}^j)$ that satisfies

$$y^t = \mathsf{TRSum}(v^t_{\ell_t}) \oplus h^t_{\ell_t}$$

where $h_{i+1}^t = \mathsf{TRSum}(v_i^t) \oplus h_i^t$, with $h_{\ell'_t+1}^t = \mathsf{TRSum}(y_{\ell'_t}^t) \oplus h_{\ell'_t}^t$, for $1 \le t \le j$. For each V_j , we define a set τ_p^j that contains:

- For $1 \leq t \leq j$ and $\ell'_t < i \leq \ell_t 1$, the tuple $(I^t_i, h^t_i \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel inc^t + i \cdot 2n \parallel 0^{n/4}) \oplus IV, v^t_i)$.
- $\text{ For } 1 \leq t \leq j, \text{ the tuple } (I_{\ell_t}^t, h_{\ell_t}^t \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel inc^t + len^t \parallel 0^{n/8} \parallel 1^{n/8}) \oplus IV, v_{\ell_t}^t).$

For the rest of the proof, we assume τ_p^i as a pseudo-transcript, which means $E \vdash \tau_p^i$ means for all $(k, x, y) \in \tau_p^i$, $E_k(x) = y$.

And let Γ'_i be the set of all possible τ^j_p that satisfies the following condition:

 $\begin{array}{l} - \text{ For any } g \in \{0,1\}^{n/4} \text{ and every distinct } (k,h \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel g \parallel 0) \oplus IV, y), (k',h' \parallel \\ (0^{n/2} \parallel g \parallel 0) \oplus IV, y') \in \tau_p \cup \tau_p^j, \ h \oplus \mathsf{TRSum}(y) \neq h' \oplus \mathsf{TRSum}(y'). \end{array}$

By the definition of Γ'_j , we can acknowledge that for any $\tau^j_p \in \Gamma'_j$, $E \vdash \tau_p \cup \tau^j_p$ also means $E \vdash (\tau_p, Q_1, \cdots, Q_j)$. Let $E \vdash \Gamma'_j$ be the event that there exists $\tau \in \Gamma'_j$ that satisfies $E \vdash \tau$ with some abuse of notation. Then with $\Gamma'_0 = \emptyset$, we have

$$\Pr \left[E \vdash \tau_q \mid E \vdash \tau_p \right]$$

$$\geq \Pr \left[E \vdash \Gamma'_q \mid E \vdash \tau_p \right]$$

$$\geq \prod_{j=1}^q \Pr \left[E \vdash \Gamma'_j \mid E \vdash \tau_p \land E \vdash \Gamma'_{j-1} \right]$$

For $1 \leq j \leq q$, $\ell'_j < i \leq \ell_j$, we recursively define a random variable H_i^j as

$$H_{i+1}^{j} = B[E](H_{i}^{j}, inc^{j} + i \cdot 2n, I_{i}^{j}).$$

Where $H_{\ell'_j}^j = h_{\ell'_j}^j$. With any $\tau_p^{j-1} \in \Gamma'_{j-1}$, define following events.

- $\mathsf{FRESH}^{\mathsf{j}}_{\mathsf{i}} : (\cdot, H^{j}_{i} \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel inc^{j} + i \cdot 2n \parallel 0^{n/4}) \oplus IV, \cdot) \not\in \tau_{p} \cup \tau_{p}^{j-1} \text{ for } \ell_{j}' + 1 \leq i \leq \ell_{j} 1.$
- $\ \overline{\mathsf{FRESH}}_{\ell_{\mathrm{i}}}^{\mathrm{j}} : (\cdot, H_{\ell}^{j} \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel inc^{j} + len^{j} \parallel 0^{n/8} \parallel 0^{n/8}) \oplus IV, \cdot) \not\in \tau_{p} \cup \tau_{p}^{j-1}.$
- $\mathsf{FREE}^{\mathsf{j}}_{\ell_{\mathsf{i}}} : H^{j}_{\ell_{j}} \oplus y^{j} \notin \mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}}.$

Then we have three below inequalities.

$$- \operatorname{For} \ell'_{j} + 1 \leq i \leq \ell_{j},$$

$$\operatorname{Pr} \left[\neg \mathsf{FRESH}^{j}_{\mathsf{i}} \mid E \vdash \tau_{p} \cup \tau_{p}^{j-1} \land \left(\bigwedge_{t=\ell'_{j}+1}^{i-1} \mathsf{FRESH}^{j}_{\mathsf{t}} \right) \right] \leq \frac{(p_{inc^{j}+i}+j-1)2^{n}}{T-p-\sigma+1}.$$

$$\Pr\left[\neg\mathsf{FREE}_{\ell_{j}}^{j} \mid E \vdash \tau_{p} \cup \tau_{p}^{j-1} \land \left(\bigwedge_{t=\ell_{j}^{j}+1}^{\ell_{j}-1}\mathsf{FRESH}_{t}^{j}\right)\right] \leq \frac{|\mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}}| \, 2^{n}}{T-p-\sigma+1}.$$

$$- \Pr\left[B'[E](H_{\ell_{j}}^{j}, inc^{j} + len^{j}, I_{\ell_{j}}^{j}) = s_{j} \mid E \vdash \tau_{p} \cup \tau_{p}^{j-1} \land \mathsf{FREE}_{\ell_{j}}^{j} \land \left(\bigwedge_{t=\ell_{j}^{j}+1}^{\ell_{j}}\mathsf{FRESH}_{t}^{j}\right)\right]$$

$$\geq \frac{2^{n}-p-\sigma}{2^{2n}}.$$

Similarly to (13), we have

$$\Pr\left[E \vdash \Gamma'_j \mid E \vdash \tau_p \land E \vdash \tau_p^{j-1}\right] \\ \ge \left(1 - \left(\frac{2p + 2q\ell_j + 2 \cdot 2^{0.5n}}{2^n} + \frac{p + \sigma}{2^n}\right)\right) \cdot 1/2^n$$

for all $\tau_p^{j-1} \in \Gamma'_j$, then it also means

$$\Pr\left[E \vdash \Gamma'_{j} \mid E \vdash \tau_{p} \land E \vdash \Gamma'_{j-1}\right]$$

$$\geq \left(1 - \left(\frac{2p + 2q\ell_{j} + 2 \cdot 2^{0.5n}}{2^{n}} + \frac{p + \sigma}{2^{n}}\right)\right) \cdot 1/2^{n}.$$
 (15)

With (15), we can bound good transcript probability. With that bound and (14), we can conclude the proof.

$$\begin{split} &\frac{\mathbf{p}_{\mathsf{re}}\left[(\tau_p,\tau_q)\right]}{\mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{id}}\left[(\tau_p,\tau_q)\right]} \\ &\geq 2^{qn}\prod_{j=1}^q \Pr\left[E\vdash \Gamma_j'|E\vdash \tau_p\wedge E\vdash \Gamma_{j-1}'\right] \\ &\geq 2^{qn}\prod_{j=1}^q \left(\left(1-\left(\frac{2p+2q\ell_j+2\cdot 2^{0.5n}}{2^n}+\frac{p+\sigma}{2^n}\right)\right)\cdot 1/2^n\right) \\ &\geq 1-\left(\frac{3pq+2q\sigma+\sigma^2}{2^n}+\frac{2q}{2^{0.5n}}\right). \end{split}$$

We can show the below inequality with triangle inequality.

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{M-EXT}}(p,q,\sigma) \leq \mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{M-ENT}}(p,q,\sigma) + 2q\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{CPRF}}(p,\sigma)$$

With this inequality and because M-EXT security means the indistinguishability of 'base key' and 'crng key', we can trivially prove (2) with M-ENT and prf security of BLAKE2s with Lemma 12 and Lemma 13.

5.4.3 Proof of (3) Assume that A_2 can obtain input I for pREF_a query and k at the end of the game. Note that additional information never degrades adversarial advantage. Then the transcript τ is defined as follows.

- The pREF_a call input $(I_1, \ldots, I_\ell, len)$ where

$$len = |I|,$$

(I₁,..., I_{ℓ-1}, I_ℓ) $\stackrel{2n}{\leftarrow}$ I,

– The pREF_a call output h.

- Query results for block cipher E, (k, x, y) and their set, subtranscript τ_p . - Additionally returned k.

For the notational convenience, let τ_q be $(I_0, I_1, \ldots, I_\ell, h)$ where $I_0 = 0^n || k$. Then, a transcript is the form of

$$\tau = (\tau_p, \tau_q).$$

And let p_i be the number of queries in τ_p such that $(\cdot, \cdot \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel (i+1) \cdot 2n \parallel$ $0^{n/4}$) \oplus IV, \cdot) for $0 \leq i \leq \ell$, and T be the size of strong space for E. Note that $T \ge 2^{2n} - 2^n$. We define a bad event like below.

- $\begin{array}{l} \ \mathsf{bad}_1 : (I_0, const \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel 2n \parallel 0^{n/4}) \oplus IV, \cdot) \in \tau_p. \\ \ \mathsf{bad}_2 : \ell = 0 \ \text{and} \ const \oplus h \in \mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}}. \end{array}$

Then, we can get the probability that a bad event happen in the ideal world.

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{p}_{\mathsf{id}} \left[\mathsf{bad}_1 \right] &= \frac{p_0}{2^n}, \\ \mathbf{p}_{\mathsf{id}} \left[\mathsf{bad}_2 \right] &= \frac{|\mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}}|}{2^n} \leq \frac{1}{2^{0.5n}} \\ \mathbf{p}_{\mathsf{id}} \left[\mathsf{bad} \right] &\leq \frac{p_0}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^{0.5n}}. \end{split}$$

For any good transcript $\tau = (\tau_p, \tau_q)$, we have

$$\frac{\Pr[(\tau_p, \tau_q)]}{\Pr[d[(\tau_p, \tau_q)]} = \frac{\Pr[E \vdash \tau_p] \Pr[E \vdash \tau_q \mid E \vdash \tau_p]}{\Pr[E \vdash \tau_p] \Pr[h]} = \frac{\Pr[E \vdash \tau_q \mid E \vdash \tau_p]}{1/2^n}$$

For $0 \leq i \leq \ell$, we recursively define a random variable H_i as

$$H_{i+1} = B[E](h_i, 2(i+1)n, I_i)$$

where $H_0 = const$. We define the following events.

- FRESH_i :
$$(\cdot, H_i \parallel (0^{n/2} \parallel (i+1) \cdot 2n \parallel 0^{n/4}) \oplus IV, \cdot) \notin \tau_p \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \ell.$$

- FREE _{ℓ} : $H_\ell \oplus z \notin \mathcal{W}_{sum}$.

Then, we have two following inequalities.

$$\begin{split} \Pr\left[\neg\mathsf{FRESH}_{\mathsf{i}} \mid E \vdash \tau_p \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{j=1}^{i-1}\mathsf{FRESH}_{\mathsf{j}}\right)\right] &\leq \frac{p_i 2^n}{T - p - \ell + 1},\\ \Pr\left[\neg\mathsf{FREE}_{\ell} \mid E \vdash \tau_p \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{j=1}^{\ell-1}\mathsf{FRESH}_{\mathsf{j}}\right)\right] &\leq \frac{|\mathcal{W}_{\mathsf{sum}}| \, 2^n}{T - p - \ell + 1},\\ \Pr\left[B[E](h_\ell, 2n + len, I_\ell) &= h \mid E \vdash \tau_p \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{j=0}^{\ell}\mathsf{FRESH}_{\mathsf{j}}\right) \wedge \mathsf{FREE}_{\ell}\right]\\ &\geq \frac{2^n - p - \ell}{2^{2n}}. \end{split}$$

We can make a lower bound for good transcript probability with these two inequalities.

$$\frac{\Pr[(\tau_{p}, \tau_{q})]}{\Pr[(\tau_{p}, \tau_{q})]} = \frac{\Pr[E \vdash \tau_{q} \mid E \vdash \tau_{p}]}{1/2^{n}} \\
\geq 2^{n} \cdot \Pr\left[\operatorname{FREE}_{\ell} \wedge \bigwedge_{j=1}^{\ell} \operatorname{FRESH}_{j} \middle| E \vdash \tau_{p}\right] \\
\cdot \Pr\left[E \vdash \tau_{q} \middle| E \vdash \tau_{p} \wedge \operatorname{FREE}_{\ell} \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{j=1}^{\ell} \operatorname{FRESH}_{j}\right)\right] \\
\geq 2^{n} \cdot \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\ell-1} \Pr\left[\operatorname{FRESH}_{i} \middle| E \vdash \tau_{p} \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{j=1}^{i-1} \operatorname{FRESH}_{j}\right)\right]\right) \\
\cdot \Pr\left[\operatorname{FREE}_{\ell} \wedge \operatorname{FRESH}_{\ell} \middle| E \vdash \tau_{p} \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^{\ell-1} \operatorname{FRESH}_{j}\right)\right] \\
\cdot \Pr\left[B[E](H_{\ell}, 2n + len, I_{\ell}) = z \middle| E \vdash \tau_{p} \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{i=1}^{\ell} \operatorname{FRESH}_{j}\right) \wedge \operatorname{FREE}_{\ell}\right] \\
\geq \left(1 - \sum_{i=1}^{\ell-1} \frac{p_{i}2^{n}}{T - p - \ell - 1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{p_{\ell}2^{n} + |W_{\text{sum}}|2^{n}}{T - p - \ell - 1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{p + \ell}{2^{n}}\right) \\
\geq 1 - \left(\frac{3p - 2p_{0} + \ell}{2^{n}} + \frac{2}{2^{0.5n}}\right)$$
(16)

From bad probability and good probability, we can conclude the proof.

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5.4.4 Proof of (5) Define a transcript τ as

$$\tau = \left(\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{base}}^{*}, \{ (X_i, Y_i) \}_{i=1}^{\ell}, \{ (x_j, y_j) \}_{j=1}^{p} \right)$$

where elements of the τ is defined as follows:

- $-\ k_{base}{}^{*}:$ the random key picked in the security game, the key is given to the attacker when the attacker finishes querying,
- $\{(X_i, Y_i)\}_{i=1}^{\ell}: \text{ for every } i = 1, \dots, \ell,$ • In real world, $Y_i = X_i +_{n/8} \pi(X_i)$ • In ideal world, $Y_i \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}^{2n}$, where $X_1 = Z \| \mathbf{k}_{\mathsf{base}}^* \| 0$, and X_i has $Z \| Y_1[n:] \| (i-2)$ format for $i = 2, \dots, \ell$. $Y_1[n:]$ is given to the attacker when the attacker finishes querying, $- \{(x_j, y_j)\}_{j=1}^p$: for every $j = 1, \dots, p$ $y_i = \pi(x_i)$.

Now we define bad cases:

- $\begin{array}{l} \ \mathsf{bad}_1 \Leftrightarrow \mathsf{k_{base}}^* = Y_1[n:].\\ \ \mathsf{bad}_2 \Leftrightarrow \exists i \neq j \in [\ell] \ \mathrm{s.t.} \ Y_i -_{n/8} X_i = Y_j -_{n/8} X_j.\\ \ \mathsf{bad}_3 \Leftrightarrow \exists j \in [p] \ \mathrm{s.t.} \ x_j[n/2:3n/2-1] = \mathsf{k_{base}}^*.\\ \ \mathsf{bad}_4 \Leftrightarrow \exists j \in [p] \ \mathrm{s.t.} \ x_j[n/2:3n/2-1] = Y_1[n:].\\ \ \mathsf{bad}_5 \Leftrightarrow \exists i \in [\ell] \ \mathrm{and} \ j \in [p] \ \mathrm{s.t.} \ Y_i = X_i +_{n/8} y_j. \end{array}$
- Note that we only consider the ideal world when analyzing bad cases. For bad_1 , both keys are uniformly randomly picked from $\{0,1\}^n$. Hence

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_1\right] \le \frac{1}{2^n}.$$

For bad_2 , Y_i and Y_j are uniform randomly picked from $\{0,1\}^{2n}$ and they are independent with X_i and X_j . Hence

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_2\right] \le \binom{\ell}{2} \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \le \frac{\ell^2}{2^{2n}}.$$

For bad_3 and bad_4 , as $\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{base}}^*$ and $Y_1[n:]$ is chosen uniform randomly from $\{0,1\}^n$,

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_3\right] \le \frac{p}{2^n},$$
$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_4\right] \le \frac{p}{2^n}.$$

For bad_5 , in ideal world, Y_i is chosen uniform randomly from $\{0,1\}^{2n}$ independent with X_i .

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_5\right] \le \frac{\ell p}{2^{2n}}.$$

Therefore we have

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}\right] \le \frac{p}{2^n} + \frac{\ell^2 + \ell p}{2^{2n}}.$$

For good case,

$$\frac{\Pr[\tau]}{\Pr[\tau]} = \frac{\frac{1}{(2^{2n})_{\ell+p}}}{\left(\frac{1}{2^{2n}}\right)^{\ell+p}} \ge 1.$$

Therefore, by H-Coefficient technique,

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{bROR}_{k}}(p,\ell) \leq \frac{1+2p}{2^{n}} + \frac{\ell^{2}+\ell p}{2^{2n}}.$$

5.5 **Proof of (6)**

Define a transcript τ as

$$\tau = \left(\mathsf{c}_{\mathsf{key}^*}, \{(X_i, Y_i)\}_{i=1}^{\ell}, \{(x_j, y_j)\}_{j=1}^{p}, r\right)$$

where elements of the τ is defined as follows:

- c_{key}^* : the random key picked in the security game, the key is given to the attacker when the attacker finishes querying,
- $\{(X_i, Y_i)\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$: for every $i = 1, ..., \ell$
 - In real world, $Y_i = X_i +_{n/8} \pi(X_i)$ In ideal world, $Y_i \leftarrow_{\$} \{0,1\}^{2n}$

where

$$X_1 = Z \parallel \mathsf{c}_{-}\mathsf{key}^* \parallel 0,$$

and X_i has $Z \parallel c_{\mathsf{key}^*} \parallel (i-1)$ format for $i = 2, \ldots, \ell$, $- \{(x_j, y_j)\}_{j=1}^p: \text{ for every } j = 1, \dots, p \ y_i = \pi(x_i).$

Now we define bad cases:

- $\begin{array}{l} \ \mathsf{bad}_1 \Leftrightarrow \exists i \neq j \in [\ell] \ \mathrm{s.t.} \ Y_i -_{n/8} X_i = Y_j -_{n/8} X_j. \\ \ \mathsf{bad}_2 \Leftrightarrow \exists j \in [p] \ \mathrm{s.t.} \ x_j [n/2 : 3n/2 1] = \mathsf{c_key}^*. \\ \ \mathsf{bad}_3 \Leftrightarrow \exists i \in [\ell] \ \mathrm{and} \ j \in [p] \ \mathrm{s.t.} \ Y_i = X_i +_{n/8} y_j. \end{array}$

For $\mathsf{bad}_1,\,Y_i$ and Y_j are uniform randomly picked from $\{0,1\}^{2n}$ and they are independent with X_i and X_j . Hence

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_1\right] \le \frac{\ell^2}{2^{2n}}.$$

For bad₂, as c_{key}^* is chosen uniform randomly from $\{0, 1\}^n$,

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_2\right] \le \frac{p}{2^n}.$$

For bad₃, in ideal world, Y_i is chosen uniform randomly from $\{0,1\}^{2n}$ independent with X_i .

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_3\right] \le \frac{\ell p}{2^{2n}}$$

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Therefore we have

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}\right] \le \frac{p}{2^n} + \frac{\ell^2 + \ell p}{2^{2n}}.$$

For good case,

$$\frac{\Pr[\tau]}{\Pr[\tau]} = \frac{\frac{1}{(2^{2n})_{\ell+p}}}{\left(\frac{1}{2^{2n}}\right)^{\ell+p}} \ge 1.$$

Therefore, by H-Coefficient technique,

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{cROR}_{k}}(p,\ell) \leq \frac{p}{2^{n}} + \frac{\ell^{2} + \ell p}{2^{2n}}.$$

5.6 Proof of (7)

Define a transcript τ as

$$\tau = \left(\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{base}}^{*}, \{(X_i, Y_i)\}_{i=1}^{\ell}, \{(x_j, y_j)\}_{j=1}^{p}\right)$$

where elements of the τ is defined as follows:

- $-k_{base}^*$: the random key picked in the security game, the key is given to the attacker when the attacker finishes querying,
- $\{(X_i, Y_i)\}_{i=1}^{\ell}: \text{ for every } i = 1, \dots, \ell$ In real world, $Y_i = X_i + n/8 \pi(X_i)$

• In ideal world, $Y_i \leftarrow_{\$} \{0, 1\}^{2n}$ where $X_1 = Z \parallel k_{\mathsf{base}}^* \parallel 0, X_2 = Z \parallel Y_1[n:] \parallel 0$, and X_i has $Z \parallel Y_2[n:] \parallel (i-2)$ format for $i = 3, ..., \ell$. $Y_1[n :]$ and $Y_2[n :]$ are given to the attacker when the attacker finishes querying,

$$- \{(x_j, y_j)\}_{j=1}^p$$
: for every $j = 1, \dots, p \ y_i = \pi(x_i)$.

Now we define bad cases:

 $- \mathsf{bad}_1 \Leftrightarrow \mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{base}}^* = Y_1[n:].$ $-\operatorname{bad}_2 \Leftrightarrow \exists i \neq j \in [\ell] \text{ s.t. } Y_i - \frac{n}{8} X_i = Y_j - \frac{n}{8} X_j.$ $-\operatorname{bad}_{2} \Leftrightarrow \exists i \neq j \in [r] \text{ s.t. } I_{i} \xrightarrow{n/8} X_{i} = I_{j} \xrightarrow{n/8} X_{j}$ $-\operatorname{bad}_{3} \Leftrightarrow \exists j \in [p] \text{ s.t. } x_{j}[n/2:3n/2-1] = \mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{base}}^{*}.$ $-\operatorname{bad}_{4} \Leftrightarrow \exists j \in [p] \text{ s.t. } x_{j}[n/2:3n/2-1] = Y_{1}[n:].$ $-\operatorname{bad}_{5} \Leftrightarrow \exists j \in [p] \text{ s.t. } x_{j}[n/2:3n/2-1] = Y_{2}[n:].$ $-\operatorname{bad}_{6} \Leftrightarrow \exists i \in [\ell] \text{ and } j \in [p] \text{ s.t. } Y_{i} = X_{i} +_{n/8} y_{j}.$

Note that we only consider the ideal world when analyzing bad cases. For bad_1 , both keys are uniformly randomly picked from $\{0,1\}^n$. Hence

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_1\right] \le \frac{1}{2^n}.$$

For bad_2 , Y_i and Y_j are uniform randomly picked from $\{0,1\}^{2n}$ and they are independent with X_i and X_j . Hence

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_2\right] \le \binom{\ell}{2} \frac{1}{2^{2n}} \le \frac{\ell^2}{2^{2n}}$$

For $\mathsf{bad}_3, \mathsf{bad}_4$ and bad_5 , as $\mathsf{k}_{\mathsf{base}}^*, Y_1[n:]$ and $Y_2[n:]$ is chosen uniform randomly from $\{0,1\}^n$,

$$\begin{split} &\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_3\right] \leq \frac{p}{2^n}, \\ &\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_4\right] \leq \frac{p}{2^n}, \\ &\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_5\right] \leq \frac{p}{2^n}. \end{split}$$

For bad_6 , in ideal world, Y_i is chosen uniform randomly from $\{0,1\}^{2n}$ independent with X_i .

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_6\right] \le \frac{\ell p}{2^{2n}}.$$

Therefore we have

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}\right] \le \frac{1+3p}{2^n} + \frac{\ell^2 + \ell p}{2^{2n}}.$$

For good case,

$$\frac{\Pr[\tau]}{\Pr[\tau]} = \frac{\frac{1}{(2^{2n})_{\ell+p}}}{\left(\frac{1}{2^{2n}}\right)^{\ell+p}} \ge 1.$$

Therefore, by H-Coefficient technique,

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{bROR}_{\mathrm{u}}}(p,\ell) \leq \frac{1+3p}{2^n} + \frac{\ell^2 + \ell p}{2^{2n}}.$$

5.7 **Proof of (8)**

Define a transcript τ as

$$\tau = \left(\mathsf{c}_{-}\mathsf{key}^{*}, \{(X_{i}, Y_{i})\}_{i=1}^{\ell}, \{(x_{j}, y_{j})\}_{j=1}^{p}\right)$$

where elements of the τ is defined as follows:

- c_{key}^* : the random key picked in the security game, the key is given to the attacker when the attacker finishes querying,
- $\{(X_i, Y_i)\}_{i=1}^{\ell}$: for every $i = 1, ..., \ell$
 - In real world, Y_i = X_i +_{n/8} π(X_i)
 In ideal world, Y_i ←_{\$} {0,1}²ⁿ

where

$$X_1 = Z \parallel \mathsf{c}_{\mathsf{key}^*} \parallel 0,$$

and X_i has $Z \parallel Y_1[n:] \parallel (i-1)$ format for $i = 2, \ldots, \ell$. $Y_1[n:]$ is given to the attacker when the attacker finishes querying,

 $- \{(x_j, y_j)\}_{j=1}^p: \text{ for every } j = 1, \dots, p \ y_i = \pi(x_i).$

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Now we define bad cases:

- $\begin{array}{l} \ \mathsf{bad}_1 \Leftrightarrow \exists i \neq j \in [\ell] \ \mathrm{s.t.} \ Y_i -_{n/8} X_i = Y_j -_{n/8} X_j. \\ \ \mathsf{bad}_2 \Leftrightarrow \exists j \in [p] \ \mathrm{s.t.} \ x_j [n/2:3n/2-1] = \mathsf{c_key}^*. \\ \ \mathsf{bad}_3 \Leftrightarrow \exists j \in [p] \ \mathrm{s.t.} \ x_j [n/2:3n/2-1] = Y_1[n:]. \\ \ \mathsf{bad}_4 \Leftrightarrow \exists i \in [\ell] \ \mathrm{and} \ j \in [p] \ \mathrm{s.t.} \ Y_i = X_i +_{n/8} y_j. \end{array}$

For bad_1 , Y_i and Y_j are uniform randomly picked from $\{0,1\}^{2n}$ and they are independent with X_i and X_j . Hence

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_1\right] \le \frac{\ell^2}{2^{2n}}.$$

For bad_2 and bad_3 , as c_{key}^* and $Y_1[n:]$ are chosen uniform randomly from $\{0,1\}^n$,

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_2\right] \le \frac{p}{2^n},$$
$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_3\right] \le \frac{p}{2^n}.$$

For bad₄, in ideal world, Y_i is chosen uniform randomly from $\{0,1\}^{2n}$ independent with X_i .

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}_4\right] \le \frac{\ell p}{2^{2n}}$$

Therefore we have

$$\Pr\left[\mathsf{bad}\right] \le \frac{2p}{2^n} + \frac{\ell^2 + \ell p}{2^{2n}}.$$

For good case,

$$\frac{\mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{re}}\left[\tau\right]}{\mathsf{p}_{\mathsf{id}}\left[\tau\right]} = \frac{\frac{1}{(2^{2n})_{\ell+p}}}{\left(\frac{1}{2^{2n}}\right)^{\ell+p}} \ge 1.$$

Therefore, by H-Coefficient technique,

$$\mathbf{Adv}_{\mathrm{cROR}_{\mathrm{u}}}(p,\ell) \leq \frac{2p}{2^n} + \frac{\ell^2 + \ell p}{2^{2n}}$$

6 Tight attack for Linux-DRBG.

In this section, we briefly explain attacks to demonstrate the tightness of our proof. We will present two attacks: the first attack can be executed when $\lambda < n$ with $O(2^{\lambda/2})$ complexity, and the second attack has $O(2^{n/2})$ complexity.

ATTACK 1: When $\lambda < n$, a λ -legitimate adversary \mathcal{A} can win the robustness game with high probability with the following method.

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- 1. Make \mathcal{A}_1 to pick entropy inputs uniformly random from set \mathcal{T} where $|\mathcal{T}| = 2^{\lambda}$, regardless of query result. Note that \mathcal{A} is still λ -legitimate.
- 2. For any $S^* \in S$, and distinct $I_1 \cdots, I_p \in \mathcal{T}$, \mathcal{A}_2 simulates $S_i \leftarrow \mathsf{refresh}_{\mathsf{f}}[E](S^*, I_i, 0^n)$ by repeatedly querying E and calculate $p S_i$ values.
- 3. For any positive integer c, \mathcal{A}_2 simulates $\mathsf{next}_k[\pi](S_i, 3n, 1)$ by repeatedly querying π and calculates p output random bits. Then save the outputs in \mathcal{X} .
- 4. \mathcal{A}_2 queries $\operatorname{SET}(S^*)$ and \mathcal{A}_1 picks I and queries $\operatorname{REF}_{\mathrm{f}}[E](I,\lambda,0^n)$, then \mathcal{A}_2 makes $\operatorname{ROR}_{\mathrm{u}}[\pi](3n,1)$ to get random bits. Repeat this procedure q times and save the values in \mathcal{Y} .
- 5. If $\mathcal{X} \cap \mathcal{Y} = \emptyset$, \mathcal{A}_2 outputs 0. Else, \mathcal{A}_2 outputs 1.

To make an intersection, in the real world, it is sufficient to make the collision between entropy input and simulated entropy input. However, in the ideal world, the output bits are generated uniformly randomly. Therefore we have

$$\Pr\left[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A} \mid b = 0\right] = \frac{pq}{2^{3n}}$$
$$\Pr\left[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A} \mid b = 1\right] = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{p}{2^{\lambda}}\right)^q \ge \frac{pq}{2^{\lambda}} - \frac{(pq)^2}{2^{2\lambda+1}}$$

Therefore, if $p = q = 2^{\lambda/2}$, the advantage of \mathcal{A} is sufficiently non-negligible.

ATTACK 2: A λ -legitimate adversary \mathcal{A} can win a robustness game with high probability with the following method.

- 1. \mathcal{A} picks key $K \leftarrow_{\$} \{0,1\}^n$ and \mathcal{A} simulates $\mathsf{next}_k[\pi](S,3n,1)$ as if $S.\mathsf{ckey}_1 = K$ and $S.\mathsf{G.flag}_1 = 0$ by repeatedly querying π . Then save the outputs in \mathcal{X} . Repeat this procedure p times.
- 2. \mathcal{A}_1 generates I with min-entropy λ , then queries $\operatorname{REF}_{\mathrm{f}}[E](I,\lambda,0^n)$ and \mathcal{A}_2 queries $\operatorname{ROR}_{\mathrm{k}}[\pi](3n,1)$ and save the outputs in \mathcal{Y} . Repeat this procedure until $|\mathcal{Y}|$ becomes q.
- 3. If $\mathcal{X} \cap \mathcal{Y} = \emptyset$, \mathcal{A} outputs 0. Else, \mathcal{A} outputs 1.

To make an intersection, in the real world, it is sufficient to make the collision on $S.\mathsf{ckey}_1$. However, in the ideal world, the output bits are generated uniformly randomly. Therefore we have

$$\Pr\left[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A} \mid b = 0\right] = \frac{pq}{2^{3n}}$$
$$\Pr\left[1 \leftarrow \mathcal{A} \mid b = 1\right] = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{q}{2^n}\right)^p \ge \frac{pq}{2^n} - \frac{(pq)^2}{2^{2n+1}}.$$

Therefore, if $p = q = 2^{n/2}$, the advantage of \mathcal{A} is sufficiently non-negligible.

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