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# Compression Functions Suitable for the Multi-Property-Preserving Transform\*

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**SUMMARY** Since Bellare and Ristenpart showed a multi-property preserving domain extension transform, the problem of the construction for multi-property hash functions has been reduced to that of the construction for multi-property compression functions. However, the Davies-Meyer compression function that is commonly used for standard hash functions is not a multi-property compression function. That is, in the ideal cipher model, the Davies-Meyer compression function is collision resistant, but it is not indistinguishable from a random oracle. In this paper, we show that the compression function proposed by Lai and Massey is a multi-property compression function. In addition, we show that the simplified version of the Lai-Massey compression function is also a multi-property compression function. The use of these compression functions enables us to construct multi-property hash functions by the multi-property preserving domain extension transform.

**key words:** compression function, hash function, multi-property preserving

## 1. Introduction

Cryptographic hash functions play a fundamental role in modern cryptographic protocols. Hash functions are used for data integrity in conjunction with digital signatures and message authentication codes. These applications require that hash functions satisfy the following properties: preimage resistance, second-preimage resistance, and collision resistance. Another application of hash functions is an alternative to a random oracle. For example, hash functions are used in instantiating random oracles in public-key schemes such as RSA-OAEP [2] and RSA-PSS [3]. This application requires that hash functions are indistinguishable from random oracles.

Coron, Dodis, Malinaud, and Puniya [4] have formally discussed the *indistinguishability* of hash functions. The notion of indistinguishability was first introduced by Maurer, Renner, and Holenstein [5], and is a stronger notion than just indistinguishability. Coron et al. have shown that the Merkle-Damgård construction [6], [7] is not indistinguishable from the random oracle, and have proposed hash-function constructions that are indistinguishable from the random oracle. Chang, Lee, Nandi, and Yung [8] have given the formal proof of indistinguishability to the constructions of Coron et al. The indistinguishability from the random oracle is regarded as a formal definition of behaving like a random oracle. If a hash function is proved to be indistinguishable from a random

oracle, then we can justify that the hash function is used in instantiating the random oracle. Namely, any scheme proved secure in the random oracle model (e.g., RSA-OAEP and RSA-PSS) is still secure even if such an instantiation is done. Thus, the indistinguishability of the hash function is useful in instantiating the random oracle. In [4] and [8], the collision resistance of the indistinguishable constructions was not explicitly studied.

Bellare and Ristenpart [9] have shown that the indistinguishability from the random oracle does not guarantee the collision resistance, and have proposed a multi-property preserving domain extension transform (called the *MPP transform*) where “multi-property” means indistinguishability and collision resistance. The MPP transform enables a constructed hash function to inherit these properties of an underlying compression function. Due to their works, the problem of the construction for multi-property hash functions was reduced to that of the construction for multi-property compression functions. For example, let us consider the random-oracle property, which is one of important properties. When a compression function that is indistinguishable from a random oracle is given, a hash function that is indistinguishable from a random oracle can be constructed from the compression function by using the MPP transform. The indistinguishability of the compression function itself is useful in constructing the random-oracle-like hash function. This paper concentrates on the construction of multi-property compression functions. The domain extension such as the MPP transform and the Merkle-Damgård construction is outside of scope of this paper.

It should be noted that the Davies-Meyer compression function, which is used for popular hash functions, is not a multi-property compression function in the ideal cipher model. Namely, the Davies-Meyer compression function is collision resistant [10], but it is not indistinguishable from a random oracle [4], [8]. Indeed, all the single-block, rate-1 compression functions (called PGV compression functions) are not indistinguishable from the random oracle [11]. Therefore, it is important to construct a multi-property compression function.

In this paper, we show that the compression function proposed by Lai and Massey (called the *LM compression function*) [12] is a multi-property compression function in the ideal cipher model. We first quantify the indistinguishability between the LM compression function and the random oracle using the game-playing framework, which was developed by Bellare and Rogaway [13]. We will prove

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that the LM compression function is indifferentiable from the random oracle in the ideal cipher model. Notice that the PGV compression functions including the Davies-Meyer compression function are not indifferentiable from it in the ideal cipher model. We next quantify the collision resistance of the LM compression function because Lai and Massey did not give the formal proof of collision resistance. We will prove that the LM compression function as well as the PGV function is collision resistant.

We also discuss the simplified version of the LM compression function, called the *CP compression function* where “CP” is an abbreviation of “Constant Plaintext.” The CP compression function might be more efficient than the LM compression function when these compression functions are implemented with a real block cipher. For example, since the CP compression function requires only to encrypt the fixed plaintext, some steps in the real block cipher might be precomputable. Although we do not think that the CP compression function is novel, the CP compression function has not been studied in terms of indifferentiability and collision resistance. We show that the CP compression function as well as the LM compression function is a multi-property compression function. Therefore, these compression functions are promising compression function for building multi-property hash functions.

### (1) Related Works

Since the Merkle-Damgård construction is a collision-resistant preserving domain extension transform, the construction of collision-resistant compression functions have attracted interest. Since the advent of Coron et al.’s paper [4], the indifferentiability has been focused. We here summarize related works from the viewpoint of the construction for rate-1 and single-length compression functions.

Lai and Massey [12] proposed a compression function, which is studied in this paper because they did not provide any security observation. The LM compression function is based on the block cipher such that the key length is longer than the block length. Since the LM compression function requires one invocation of the block cipher and the output length is equal to the block length of the block cipher, the LM compression function is a rate-1 and single-length compression function. Parenthetically, they also proposed the different type of compression functions in [12], but the different type of compression functions are out of the scope of this paper.

Preneel, Govaerts, and Vandewalle [15] analyzed the security of 64 compression functions (*PGV compression functions*) in context of attacks, but did not provide any formal proof. The PGV compression functions include popular compression functions such as the Davies-Meyer compression function, the Matyas-Meyer-Oseas compression function, and the Miyaguchi-Preneel compression function. Notice that the PGV compression functions do not include the LM compression function.

Black, Rogaway, and Shrimpton [10] provided a formal and quantitative treatment of all the PGV compression

functions. Their proof is based on the ideal cipher model. They studied the collision resistance and the inversion resistance of the PGV compression functions, but did not study indifferentiability from a random oracle, which this paper will discuss as an important property.

The indifferentiability of the PGV compression functions was studied in [4], [8] and [11]. The article [4] showed that the Davies-Meyer compression function, which was the most popular PGV compression function, was not indifferentiable from a random oracle in the ideal cipher model. The articles [8], [11] described that all the PGV compression functions were not indifferentiable from a random oracle in the ideal cipher model. These facts are motivation for this paper. In [11], a compression function such that many block ciphers are used selectively was proposed, and it was stated that the proposed compression function was implemented by the LM compression function. However, the difference between the proposed compression function and the LM compression function was not discussed.

The above related works are based on the ideal-cipher model. Black [16] pointed out suspicion as to the wisdom of blindly using the ideal cipher model in proofs of security. Black showed that, given a collision-resistant hash function in the ideal cipher model, there exists a block cipher that makes the hash function collision-easy. However, it should be noted that the hash function shown by Black has an unusual structure. Since the compression functions that this paper will discuss do not have such a structure, a question such as Black’s hash function does not arise as far as domain extensions such as [9] are used. On the other hand, a pseudorandom-permutation model that is weaker than the ideal cipher model is insufficient for building a collision-resistant hash function [16]. In fact, it is easy to prove that the LM compression function is not collision resistant under the pseudorandom-permutation model. As works in other models, Shrimpton and Stam [17] have studied the construction of a collision-resistant compression function based on small random functions. When this compression function is implemented, it is necessary to instantiate all the random functions. In contrast, when the LM compression function is implemented, it is sufficient to instantiate only one ideal cipher. Therefore, it is worthy to analyze the LM compression function and the CP compression function in the ideal cipher model because of the natural structure and the number of instantiation.

### (2) Organization

In Sect. 2, we describe notation, primitives, and definitions of the LM compression function and the CP compression function. Our discussion is based on the ideal cipher model. In Sect. 3, we first quantitatively argue the indifferentiability between the LM compression function and a random oracle. We next discuss the collision resistance of the LM compression function in a similar way to that of Black et al. [10] In Sect. 4, we quantify the indifferentiability and the collision resistance of the CP compression function in a similar way to Sect. 3. In Sect. 5, we summarize remarks.

## 2. Preliminaries

### 2.1 Notation and Primitives

We will write  $a \leftarrow b$  to mean that  $a$  is to be set to the result of evaluating expression  $b$ , and write  $a \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{A}$  to mean that  $a$  is uniformly chosen at random from a finite set  $\mathcal{A}$ . For algorithms  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $A^B$  means that  $A$  uses  $B$  as an oracle. We denote by  $\Pr[A \Rightarrow a]$  the probability that an algorithm  $A$  outputs  $a$ . In addition, we denote by  $\Pr[a : b]$  the probability that a predicate  $b$  is true after  $a$  was performed. We denote by  $\Pr[b | a]$  the probability that  $b$  is true when  $a$  occurred. We let  $\|$  denote the concatenation operator on strings.

Let  $R$  be a function from a finite set  $\mathcal{X}$  to a finite set  $\mathcal{Y}$ . The function  $R$  is said to be a *random oracle*<sup>†</sup> if  $R$  satisfies the following equation for  $x \notin \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_q\}$  and  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ .

$$\Pr[R(x) = y \mid x \neq x_i \wedge R(x_i) = y_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, q] = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}|}$$

where  $|\mathcal{Y}|$  is the number of elements in  $\mathcal{Y}$ . Notice that  $R$  returns the same response for the same query.

When  $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1\}^n$ , the random oracle  $R$  can be emulated by the algorithm of Fig. 1. In Fig. 1, the table  $R[x]$  is initialized to the special symbol  $\perp$ , and is used for storing responses to previous queries. Note that  $R[x]$  is the input-output table of the function  $R(x)$ . Initializing  $R[x]$  to  $\perp$  means that all the values of  $R(x)$  are undefined. As a query  $x$  is made, the symbol  $\perp$  in  $R[x]$  is replaced with an  $n$ -bit random string, which is used as the value of  $R(x)$  after the query.

A block cipher is a function  $E'$  from  $\{0, 1\}^\ell \times \{0, 1\}^n$  to  $\{0, 1\}^n$  where, for each  $k \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$ ,  $E'(k, \cdot)$  is a permutation on  $\{0, 1\}^n$ . When  $E'$  is a block cipher,  $E'^{-1}$  denotes its inverse, i.e.,  $E'^{-1}(k, y)$  gives the string  $x$  such that  $E'(k, x) = y$ . Let  $\text{Bloc}(\ell, n)$  be the set of all block ciphers from  $\{0, 1\}^\ell \times \{0, 1\}^n$  to  $\{0, 1\}^n$ . Choosing a random element of  $\text{Bloc}(\ell, n)$  means that for each  $k \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$  one chooses a random permutation  $E'(k, \cdot)$  [10]. An *ideal cipher* is defined as a random element of  $\text{Bloc}(\ell, n)$ . Accordingly, the ideal cipher  $E'$  satisfies the following equation for each  $k$ .

$$\Pr[E'(k, x) = y \mid E'(k, x_i) = y_i \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, q] = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{Y}| - q},$$

where each  $x_i$  is distinct,  $x \notin \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_q\}$ , and  $y \notin \{y_1, y_2, \dots, y_q\}$ . Since the ideal cipher model allows an adversary to have access to both of  $E'$  and  $E'^{-1}$ , combining them simplifies description of discussion. For example, we will discuss the total number of queries to  $E'$  and  $E'^{-1}$  in later sections. We will use  $E(1, \cdot, \cdot)$  and  $E(-1, \cdot, \cdot)$  instead of  $E'$  and  $E'^{-1}$  here.

The ideal cipher  $E$  of  $\text{Bloc}(\ell, n)$  can be emulated by the algorithm of Fig. 2. In Fig. 2,  $E$  takes three inputs;  $\alpha \in \{1, -1\}$  specifies encryption or decryption,  $k$  is an  $\ell$ -bit key, and if  $\alpha = 1$   $w$  is an  $n$ -bit plaintext, otherwise  $w$  is

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Random oracle  $R(x)$ 
100   if  $R[x] = \perp$  then
101      $R[x] \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$ 
102   return  $R[x]$ 

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Fig. 1 Random oracle  $R$ .

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Ideal cipher  $E(\alpha, k, w)$ 
200   if  $\alpha = 1$  then // encryption
201      $x \leftarrow w$ 
202     if  $E[k][x] = \perp$  then
203        $E[k][x] \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{Y}(E[k])}$ 
204     return  $E[k][x]$ 
205   if  $\alpha = -1$  then // decryption
206      $y \leftarrow w$ 
207     Find  $x$  s.t.  $E[k][x] = y$ .
208     if no such an  $x$  then
209        $x \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{X}(E[k])}$ 
210      $E[k][x] \leftarrow y$ 
211   return  $x$ 

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Fig. 2 Ideal cipher  $E$ .

an  $n$ -bit ciphertext. The double dash,  $//$ , begins a comment that extends to the end of the line. The table  $E[k][x]$  is initialized with the special symbol  $\perp$ , and stores a ciphertext  $y$  obtained by encrypting the plaintext  $x$  with the key  $k$ . The symbol  $\mathcal{Y}(E[k])$  denotes a current set of all ciphertexts  $y$  defined with the key  $k$ , and  $\overline{\mathcal{Y}(E[k])}$  denotes the complement of  $\mathcal{Y}(E[k])$  relative to  $\{0, 1\}^n$ . Similarly,  $\mathcal{X}(E[k])$  denotes a current set of all plaintexts  $x$  defined with the key  $k$ , and  $\overline{\mathcal{X}(E[k])}$  denotes its complement set. As queries are made, each  $E[k][x]$  is filled with an  $n$ -bit random string. Thus, the ideal cipher  $E$  is considered as a manager of the table  $E[k][x]$  for an encryption query and a decryption query<sup>†</sup>.

### 2.2 Definition of Compression Functions

In this paper, we first analyze security of the compression function that was proposed by Lai and Massey [12] (called the *LM compression function*). Although they proposed it, they did not discuss its security. Our purpose is to show that the LM compression function has multi-properties (exactly, indifferenciability and collision resistance). If the LM compression function has the multi-properties, then the MPP transform [9] allows us to construct a hash function with the multi-properties.

Let  $E$  be an ideal cipher in  $\text{Bloc}(\ell, n)$  where  $\ell > n$ . For  $z \in \{0, 1\}^{\ell-n}$  and  $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ , the LM compression function is defined as

$$H_{LM}(z, x) = E(1, x \parallel z, x). \quad (1)$$

In addition, we call the following function a *CP compression function* where CP stands for a Constant Plaintext.

$$H_{CP}(z, x) = E(1, x \parallel z, c), \quad (2)$$

<sup>†</sup>In [9], this is the definition of a random function, and a random oracle is defined as a public random function. In this paper we treat only a public random function.

where  $c$  is an  $n$ -bit public constant string, say  $0^n$ . Since the CP compression function requires only to encrypt the constant plaintext, the CP compression function might be more efficient than the LM compression function when  $E$  is instantiated by a real block cipher. Although we do not think that the CP compression function is novel, the security of the CP compression function has not been studied formally. Our purpose is to show that the CP compression function has good properties.

Compression functions are usually classified as *rate* and *length*. A compression function  $H$  is called a rate- $1/r$  compression function if  $r$  invocations of block cipher  $E(1, \cdot, \cdot)$  is necessary to compute  $H$ . A compression function  $H$  is called a single-length compression function if the output length of  $H$  is equal to the block length of  $E$ . Accordingly, the LM compression function and the CP compression function are rate-1 and single-length. Although Black et al. [10] cyclopaedically analyzed collision resistance of rate-1 and single-length compression functions, the LM compression function and the CP compression function were not included in them because Black et al. analyzed compression functions based on the block cipher such that the key length was equal to the block length.

### 3. The LM Compression Function

Let  $E$  be the ideal cipher of Fig. 2, i.e., the function from  $\{1, -1\} \times \{0, 1\}^\ell \times \{0, 1\}^n$  to  $\{0, 1\}^n$  where an element of  $\{1, -1\}$  stands for encryption or decryption,  $\ell$  is key length, and  $n$  is block length. The LM compression function is defined as

$$H(z, x) = E(1, x \parallel z, x), \quad (3)$$

which is a function from  $\{0, 1\}^{\ell-n} \times \{0, 1\}^n$  to  $\{0, 1\}^n$ . In this section, we omit the subscript *LM* of Eq. (1) for simplification. In hash-function contractions such as the MPP transform,  $z$  is a message block to be compressed and  $x$  is output of the preceding compression function.

#### 3.1 Indifferentiability

There are two proof methodologies for quantifying the indistinguishability. One is a methodology by Bellare and Rogaway (a game-playing proof) [13], the other is a methodology by Chang, Lee, Nandi, and Yung [8]. To see the difference between the two methodologies, let us consider the indistinguishability of two oracles. In the methodology by Chang et al., an event must be carefully defined so that the adversary views of two oracles are identically distributed when the event does not occur. However, how to define the event is not necessarily obvious. On the other hand, the game-playing proof provides how to define an event for distinguishing the two oracles, which is called *identical-until-bad*. Since the notion of identical-until-bad is easy to use, we quantitatively evaluate the indistinguishability using the game-playing framework.

To evaluate the indistinguishability from a random oracle, we introduce the advantage of an adversary against the

The LM compression function  $H_0(z, x)$   
 100 return  $E_0(1, x \parallel z, x)$

Ideal cipher  $E_0(\alpha, k, w)$   
 200 if  $\alpha = 1$  then  
 201  $x \leftarrow w$ ; Parse  $k$  into  $a \parallel z$ . //  $a$ :  $\ell - n$  bit,  $z$ :  $n$  bits  
 202 if  $E_0[k][x] = \perp$  then  
 203 if  $a = x$  then // Lines 203–206: just  $y \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$   
 204  $y \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$   
 205 else  
 206  $y \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$   
 207 if  $y \in \mathcal{Y}(E_0[k])$  then  
 208  $bad \leftarrow \text{true}$  //  $bad_e$   
 209  $y \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{Y}(E_0[k])}$   
 210  $E_0[k][x] \leftarrow y$   
 211 return  $E_0[k][x]$   
 212 if  $\alpha = -1$  then  
 213  $y \leftarrow w$ ; Parse  $k$  into  $a \parallel z$ .  
 214 Find  $x$  s.t.  $E_0[k][x] = y$ .  
 215 if no such an  $x$  then  
 216  $x \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{X}(E_0[k])}$   
 217 if  $a = x$  then  
 218  $bad \leftarrow \text{true}$  //  $bad_d$   
 219  $E_0[k][x] \leftarrow y$   
 220 return  $x$

Fig. 3 Game  $G_0 = (H_0, E_0)$ .

LM compression function, which is called a *pro-advantage*. The pro-advantage indicates how much the LM compression function behaves like a random oracle. The pro-advantage of an adversary  $A$  is defined as

$$\text{Adv}_{H,S}^{\text{pro}}(A) = \Pr[A^{H^E, E} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[A^{R, S^E} \Rightarrow 1], \quad (4)$$

where  $H$  is the LM compression function,  $E$  is the ideal cipher,  $R$  is the random oracle, and  $S$  is a simulator. The random oracle  $R$  exposes the same interface as  $H$ , i.e.,  $R$  is a function from  $\{0, 1\}^{\ell-n} \times \{0, 1\}^n$  to  $\{0, 1\}^n$ . It is easy to implement  $R$  using a random oracle from  $\{0, 1\}^\ell$  to  $\{0, 1\}^n$ . The simulator  $S$  exposes the same interface as  $E$ , and emulates  $E$  as possible. If the value of  $\text{Adv}_{H,S}^{\text{pro}}(A)$  is negligibly small, then it means that the adversary  $A$  cannot distinguish between the LM compression function  $H$  and the random oracle  $R$ .

We quantify the indistinguishability of the LM compression function using the game-playing framework [13]. We assume that  $A$  is an infinitely powerful adversary and  $A$  makes no pointless query such as the same query to oracles.

We start with a game  $G_0$  as shown in Fig. 3. In Fig. 3,  $H_0$  is a function from  $\{0, 1\}^{\ell-n} \times \{0, 1\}^n$  to  $\{0, 1\}^n$ , and  $E_0$  is a function from  $\{1, -1\} \times \{0, 1\}^\ell \times \{0, 1\}^n$  to  $\{0, 1\}^n$ . We can verify that  $H_0$  and  $E_0$  in the game  $G_0$  exactly emulate the LM compression function of Eq. (3) and the ideal cipher of Fig. 2, respectively. Hence, we have, for any adversary  $A$ ,

$$\Pr[A^{H^E, E} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[A^{G_0} \Rightarrow 1].$$

Compared with  $E$  in Fig. 2,  $E_0$  in Fig. 3 seems to involve redundancy. For example, statements from line 202 to line 210 in Fig. 3 can be written as statements from line 202

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Random oracle  $R_1(z, x)$ 
100   if  $R_1[x \parallel z] = \perp$  then
101      $R_1[x \parallel z] \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$ 
102   return  $R_1[x \parallel z]$ 

Simulator  $S_1(\alpha, k, w)$ 
200   if  $\alpha = 1$  then
201      $x \leftarrow w$ ; Parse  $k$  into  $a \parallel z$ .
202     if  $S_1[k][x] = \perp$  then
203       if  $a = x$  then
204          $y \leftarrow R_1(z, x)$ 
205       else
206          $y \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$ 
207       if  $y \in \mathcal{Y}(S_1[k])$  then
208          $bad \leftarrow \text{true}$ 
209       if  $a \neq x$  then
210          $y \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{Y}(S_1[k])}$ 
211        $S_1[k][x] \leftarrow y$ 
212     return  $S_1[k][x]$ 
213   if  $\alpha = -1$  then
214      $y \leftarrow w$ ; Parse  $k$  into  $a \parallel z$ .
215     Find  $x$  s.t.  $S_1[k][x] = y$ .
216     if no such an  $x$  then
217        $x \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{X}(S_1[k])}$ 
218     if  $a = x$  then
219        $bad \leftarrow \text{true}$ 
220      $S_1[k][x] \leftarrow R_1(z, x)$ 
221      $x \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{X}(S_1[k])}$ 
222      $S_1[k][x] \leftarrow y$ 
223   return  $x$ 

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Fig. 4 Game  $G_1 = (R_1, S_1)$ .

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Function  $R_2(z, x)$ 
100   return  $S_2(1, x \parallel z, x)$ 

Simulator  $S_2(\alpha, k, w)$ 
200   if  $\alpha = 1$  then
201      $x \leftarrow w$ ; Parse  $k$  into  $a \parallel z$ .
202     if  $S_2[k][x] = \perp$  then
203       if  $a = x$  then
204          $y \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$ 
205       else
206          $y \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$ 
207       if  $y \in \mathcal{Y}(S_2[k])$  then
208          $bad \leftarrow \text{true}$ 
209       if  $a \neq x$  then
210          $y \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{Y}(S_2[k])}$ 
211        $S_2[k][x] \leftarrow y$ 
212     return  $S_2[k][x]$ 
213   if  $\alpha = -1$  then
214      $y \leftarrow w$ ; Parse  $k$  into  $a \parallel z$ .
215     Find  $x$  s.t.  $S_2[k][x] = y$ .
216     if no such an  $x$  then
217        $x \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{X}(S_2[k])}$ 
218     if  $a = x$  then
219        $bad \leftarrow \text{true}$ 
220      $S_2[k][x] \leftarrow (0, 1)^n$ 
221      $x \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{X}(S_2[k])}$ 
222      $S_2[k][x] \leftarrow y$ 
223   return  $x$ 

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Fig. 5 Game  $G_2 = (R_2, S_2)$ .

to line 203 in Fig. 2. Notice that the redundant description in Fig. 3 will be useful in later discussion. The flag *bad* in line 208 and line 218 does not have any effect on the output of  $E_0$ . However, the flag will play an important role for calculating the pro-advantage of  $A$ . In addition, the “if” statement in line 203 is pointless because the statements from line 203 to line 206 can be replaced with just  $y \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$ . This redundancy will be useful in comparing with other games.

We next consider a game  $G_1$  as shown in Fig. 4. In Fig. 4,  $R_1$  exposes the same interface as  $H_0$ , but  $R_1$  is algorithmically equivalent to the random oracle  $R$  of Fig. 1. The function  $S_1$  is a simulator that we here study as  $S$ . Since  $R$  and  $S$  in Eq. (4) correspond to  $R_1$  and  $S_1$ , respectively, we have

$$\Pr[A^{R, S^R} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[A^{G_1} \Rightarrow 1]$$

for any adversary  $A$ . Hence, the pro-advantage of Eq. (4) is rewritten as

$$\text{Adv}_{H, S}^{\text{pro}}(A) = \Pr[A^{G_0} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[A^{G_1} \Rightarrow 1]. \quad (5)$$

For some adversary  $A$ ,  $\text{Adv}_{H, S}^{\text{pro}}(A)$  might be not zero because  $S_1$  cannot fully emulate the ideal cipher  $E$  (i.e., line 209 and line 220).

We compare the game  $G_1$  and a game  $G_2$  of Fig. 5. As explained below, these games are equivalent. The game  $G_1$  uses two tables  $R_1[x \parallel z]$  and  $S_1[k][x]$  that are used for the random oracle  $R_1(z, x)$  and the simulator  $S_1(\alpha, k, w)$ , respectively. However, since these tables are dependent (e.g., line

204 in Fig. 4), it is possible to combine them to make one table. Indeed, a table  $S_2[k][x]$  in the game  $G_2$  works as these tables.

The function  $R_2$  exposes the same interface as  $R_1$ , but the algorithm of  $R_2$  differs from that of  $R_1$ . However, if a query is fresh<sup>†</sup>, then  $R_2$  returns an  $n$ -bit random string due to line 204, line 209, and line 220 in Fig. 5. Hence,  $R_2$  as well as  $R_1$  is the random oracle. Comparing  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , we see that the difference is line 204 and line 220, i.e.,  $y \leftarrow R_1(z, x)$  in  $S_1$  and  $y \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^n$  in  $S_2$ . Both of them return a random string if a query is fresh. It follows that  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are functionally equivalent. Hence, we have

$$\Pr[A^{G_1} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[A^{G_2} \Rightarrow 1] \quad (6)$$

for any adversary  $A$ . Substituting Eq. (6) into Eq. (5) yields the following equation.

$$\text{Adv}_{H, S}^{\text{pro}}(A) = \Pr[A^{G_0} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[A^{G_2} \Rightarrow 1]. \quad (7)$$

We compare the game  $G_0$  and the game  $G_2$ . Since  $H_0$  and  $R_2$  are algorithmically the same, we focus on the difference between  $E_0$  and  $S_2$ . We easily see that the difference appears after the statement  $bad \leftarrow \text{true}$ . Namely,  $E_0$  and  $S_2$  are identical until the flag *bad* sets. This is called *identical-until-bad*. Before the flag *bad* becomes true, no algorithm can distinguish between  $E_0$  and  $S_2$ , that is, for any algorithm  $A$ , the output of  $A^{G_0}$  is equal to that of  $A^{G_2}$ . Hence, if

<sup>†</sup>“fresh” means that the query is not made to the oracle until then.

the output of  $A^{G_0}$  is different from that of  $A^{G_2}$ , then the flag *bad* is **true**. Notice that even if *bad* becomes **true**, the output of  $A^{G_0}$  is not always different from that of  $A^{G_2}$  because  $A$  cannot see the value of *bad*. Using the fundamental lemma ([13] or Appendix), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Adv}_{H,S}^{\text{pro}}(A) &= \Pr[A^{G_0} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[A^{G_2} \Rightarrow 1] \\ &\leq \Pr[G_0 \text{ sets } \textit{bad}], \end{aligned} \quad (8)$$

where  $\Pr[G_0 \text{ sets } \textit{bad}]$  denotes the probability that the flag *bad* in Fig. 3 is set to **true** in the execution of  $A$  with the game  $G_0$ . We calculate the probability  $\Pr[G_0 \text{ sets } \textit{bad}]$ . Since the query to  $H_0$  turns out to be the query to  $E_0$ , we consider only the query to  $E_0$ . Since the flag *bad* appears in line 208 and line 218, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[G_0 \text{ sets } \textit{bad}] & \\ &\leq \Pr[G_0 \text{ sets } \textit{bad}_e] + \Pr[G_0 \text{ sets } \textit{bad}_d], \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

where  $\Pr[G_0 \text{ sets } \textit{bad}_e]$  and  $\Pr[G_0 \text{ sets } \textit{bad}_d]$  are probabilities that *bad* is set to **true** in line 208 and line 218, respectively. These probabilities are calculated as follows. At the  $i$ -th query to  $E_0$ , the number of defined elements in the table  $E_0[k][x]$  is at most  $i - 1$ , namely,  $|X(E_0[k])|$  and  $|Y(E_0[k])|$  are at most  $i - 1$ . The probability that *bad<sub>e</sub>* is set at the  $i$ -th query is not greater than  $(i - 1)/2^n$ , and the probability that *bad<sub>d</sub>* is set at the  $i$ -th query is not greater than  $1/(2^n - (i - 1))$ . Assuming that  $q$  queries are made in the execution of  $A$  with the game  $G_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[G_0 \text{ sets } \textit{bad}_e] &\leq \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{2}{2^n} + \dots + \frac{q-1}{2^n} \\ &= \frac{q(q-1)}{2^{n+1}}, \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[G_0 \text{ sets } \textit{bad}_d] & \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^n - 1} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^n - (q-1)} \\ &\leq \frac{q}{2^{n-1}}, \end{aligned}$$

where we assumed that  $q \leq 2^{n-1} + 1$ . Substituting the above inequalities into Eq. (9), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Adv}_{H,S}^{\text{pro}}(A) &\leq \Pr[G_0 \text{ sets } \textit{bad}] \\ &\leq \frac{q(q+3)}{2^{n+1}}. \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

### 3.2 Collision Resistance

In this section, we analyze the collision resistance of the LM compression function. Although Lai and Massey proposed this function, they did not evaluate its collision resistance. To quantify the difficulty of finding a collision in  $H$ , we consider the following probability, called a *col-advantage* of adversary  $B$  [10].

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Adv}_H^{\text{col}}(B) & \\ &= \Pr[B^{H^E} \Rightarrow ((z, x), (z', x')) : \text{ocol}], \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where **ocol** means that one of the following events occurs.

- $(z, x) \neq (z', x') \wedge H(z, x) = H(z', x')$
- For a constant  $y_0$  given in advance,  $H(z, x) = y_0$ .

Since the game  $G_0 (= (H_0, E_0))$  in Fig. 3 exactly emulates  $H$  and  $E$ , the col-advantage is given by

$$\text{Adv}_H^{\text{col}}(B) = \Pr[B^{G_0} \Rightarrow ((z, x), (z', x')) : \text{ocol}].$$

Let  $C_i$  be the event that there exists  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, i-1\}$  such that  $(z_i, x_i) \neq (z_j, x_j) \wedge H_0(z_i, x_i) = H_0(z_j, x_j)$  or  $H_0(z_i, x_i) = y_0$ . In the game  $G_0$ , an oracle's answer is randomly selected from a set of at least  $2^n - (i-1)$  because the adversary makes no pointless query. Noticing that  $y_0$  was given in advance, we have  $\Pr[C_i] \leq i/(2^n - (i-1))$ . Notice that this inequality is vacuous if  $i \geq 2^{n-1} + 1$ . Hence, assuming that  $q \leq 2^{n-1}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Adv}_H^{\text{col}}(B) &\leq \Pr[C_1 \vee C_2 \vee \dots \vee C_q] \\ &\leq \sum_{i=1}^q \Pr[C_i] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^n - (q-1)} \sum_{i=1}^q i \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^n - (2^{n-1} - 1)} \sum_{i=1}^q i \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2^n - 2^{n-1}} \sum_{i=1}^q i \\ &= \frac{q(q+1)}{2^n}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

### 4. The CP Compression Function

Let  $E$  be the ideal cipher of Fig. 2, which is the function from  $\{1, -1\} \times \{0, 1\}^\ell \times \{0, 1\}^n$  to  $\{0, 1\}^n$ . For  $z \in \{0, 1\}^{\ell-n}$  and  $x \in \{0, 1\}^n$ , the CP compression function is defined as

$$H(z, x) = E(1, x \parallel z, c), \quad (13)$$

where  $c$  is a public constant string, say  $0^n$ . In this section, we omit the subscript *CP* of Eq. (2). In hash-function constructions,  $z$  is a message block to be compressed and  $x$  is output of the preceding compression function.

In this section, we quantify the indistinguishability and the collision resistance of the CP compression function. We will observe that these properties of the CP compression function and those of the LM compression function are the same level in terms of adversary's advantage. What is important in achieving these properties is that the selection of a permutation depends on both of  $x$  and  $z$ , that is, a permutation for  $x$  and  $z$  is selected as  $E(1, x \parallel z, \cdot)$ . For example, lines 203, 209, 218 in Fig. 5 check whether the selected permutations are used. In contrast, it is not so important what  $E$  encrypt. Hence, the analysis of the CP compression function will be similar to that of the LM compression function.

#### 4.1 Indifferentiability

We quantify the indifferentiability of the CP compression function in a similar way to Sect. 3.1. We define the pro-advantage of an adversary  $A$  as

$$\text{Adv}_{H,S}^{\text{pro}}(A) = \Pr[A^{H^E, E} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[A^{R, S^R} \Rightarrow 1], \quad (14)$$

where  $H$  is the CP compression function,  $E$  is the ideal cipher,  $R$  is the random oracle, and  $S$  is a simulator that we study here. We assume that  $A$  is an infinitely powerful adversary and  $A$  makes no pointless query.

We start with a game  $G_3$  as shown in Fig. 6. In Fig. 6,  $H_3$  and  $E_3$  exactly emulate the CP compression function of Eq. (13) and the ideal cipher of Fig. 2, respectively. Thus, for any adversary  $A$ , we have

$$\Pr[A^{H^E, E} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[A^{G_3} \Rightarrow 1].$$

Note that the redundant description of  $E_3$  is helpful in discussing games. We next consider a game  $G_4$  as shown in Fig. 7. In Fig. 7,  $R_4$  exposes the same interface as  $H_3$ , but  $R_4$  is algorithmically equivalent to the random oracle  $R$  of Fig. 1. The function  $S_4$  is a simulator that we here study. It follows that

$$\Pr[A^{R, S^R} \Rightarrow 1] = \Pr[A^{G_4} \Rightarrow 1]$$

for any adversary  $A$ . Therefore, the pro-advantage of Eq. (14) is rewritten as

$$\text{Adv}_{H,S}^{\text{pro}}(A) = \Pr[A^{G_3} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[A^{G_4} \Rightarrow 1]. \quad (15)$$

We compare the game  $G_4$  and a game  $G_5$  of Fig. 8. The function  $R_5$  exposes the same interface as  $R_4$ , and  $R_5$  always returns an  $n$ -bit random string due to line 204, line 209, and line 220 in Fig. 7. Hence,  $R_4$  as well as  $R_3$  is the random oracle. Comparing  $S_4$  and  $S_5$ , we see that line 204 and line 220 are different, but both of them return a random string if the query is fresh. Hence,  $S_4$  and  $S_5$  are functionally equivalent. Since  $G_4$  and  $G_5$  are the same for the adversary, Eq. (15) is rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Adv}_{H,S}^{\text{pro}}(A) &= \Pr[A^{G_3} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[A^{G_5} \Rightarrow 1] \\ &\leq \Pr[G_3 \text{ sets } \text{bad}]. \end{aligned}$$

The above inequality is based on the fact that  $E_3$  and  $S_5$  are identical until the flag  $\text{bad}$  sets. We can calculate the probability  $\Pr[G_3 \text{ sets } \text{bad}]$  in a similar way to Sect. 3.1.

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[G_3 \text{ sets } \text{bad}] &\leq \Pr[G_3 \text{ sets } \text{bad}_e] + \Pr[G_3 \text{ sets } \text{bad}_d] \\ &\leq \frac{q(q+3)}{2^{n+1}}. \end{aligned}$$

The above bound is the same as Eq. (10). Comparing Eq. (3) and Eq. (13), we observe that encrypting variable  $x$  in the LM compression function does not improve the upper bound of the advantage.

The CP compression function  $H_3(z, x)$   
100 return  $E_3(1, x \parallel z, c)$

Ideal cipher  $E_3(\alpha, k, w)$   
200 if  $\alpha = 1$  then  
201  $x \leftarrow w$   
202 if  $E_3[k][x] = \perp$  then  
203 if  $x = c$  then  
204  $y \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$   
205 else  
206  $y \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$   
207 if  $y \in \mathcal{Y}(E_3[k])$  then  
208  $\text{bad} \leftarrow \text{true} \quad // \text{bad}_e$   
209  $y \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{Y}(E_3[k])}$   
210  $E_3[k][x] \leftarrow y$   
211 return  $E_3[k][x]$   
212 if  $\alpha = -1$  then  
213  $y \leftarrow w$   
214 Find  $x$  s.t.  $E_3[k][x] = y$ .  
215 if no such an  $x$  then  
216  $x \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{X}(E_3[k])}$   
217 if  $x = c$  then  
218  $\text{bad} \leftarrow \text{true} \quad // \text{bad}_d$   
219  $E_3[k][x] \leftarrow y$   
220 return  $x$

Fig. 6 Game  $G_3 = (H_3, E_3)$ .

Random oracle  $R_4(z, x)$   
100 if  $R_4[x \parallel z] = \perp$  then  
101  $R_4[x \parallel z] \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$   
102 return  $R_4[x \parallel z]$

Simulator  $S_4(\alpha, k, w)$   
200 if  $\alpha = 1$  then  
201  $x \leftarrow w$   
202 if  $S_4[k][x] = \perp$  then  
203 if  $x = c$  then  
204  $y \leftarrow R_4(z, x)$   
205 else  
206  $y \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$   
207 if  $y \in \mathcal{Y}(S_4[k])$  then  
208  $\text{bad} \leftarrow \text{true}$   
209 if  $x \neq c$  then  
210  $y \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{Y}(S_4[k])}$   
211  $S_4[k][x] \leftarrow y$   
212 return  $S_4[k][x]$   
213 if  $\alpha = -1$  then  
214  $y \leftarrow w$   
215 Find  $x$  s.t.  $S_4[k][x] = y$ .  
216 if no such an  $x$  then  
217  $x \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{X}(S_4[k])}$   
218 if  $x = c$  then  
219  $\text{bad} \leftarrow \text{true}$   
220  $S_4[k][x] \leftarrow R_4(z, x)$   
221  $x \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{X}(S_4[k])}$   
222  $S_4[k][x] \leftarrow y$   
223 return  $x$

Fig. 7 Game  $G_4 = (R_4, S_4)$ .

#### 4.2 Collision Resistance

To quantify the difficulty of finding a collision in the CP

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Function  $R_5(z, x)$ 
100  return  $S_5(1, x \parallel z, c)$ 

Simulator  $S_5(\alpha, k, w)$ 
200  if  $\alpha = 1$  then
201     $x \leftarrow w$ 
202    if  $S_5[k][x] = \perp$  then
203      if  $x = c$  then
204         $y \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$ 
205      else
206         $y \xleftarrow{\$} \{0, 1\}^n$ 
207      if  $y \in \mathcal{Y}(S_5[k])$  then
208         $bad \leftarrow \text{true}$ 
209      if  $x \neq c$  then
210         $y \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{Y}(S_5[k])}$ 
211       $S_5[k][x] \leftarrow y$ 
212    return  $S_5[k][x]$ 
213  if  $\alpha = -1$  then
214     $y \leftarrow w$ 
215    Find  $x$  s.t.  $S_5[k][x] = y$ .
216    if no such an  $x$  then
217       $x \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{X}(S_5[k])}$ 
218      if  $x = c$  then
219         $bad \leftarrow \text{true}$ 
220       $S_5[k][x] \leftarrow (0, 1)^n$ 
221       $x \xleftarrow{\$} \overline{\mathcal{X}(S_5[k])}$ 
222       $S_5[k][x] \leftarrow y$ 
223  return  $x$ 

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Fig. 8 Game  $G_5 = (R_5, S_5)$ .

compression function  $H$ , we define the col-advantage of adversary  $B$  as

$$\text{Adv}_H^{\text{col}}(B) = \Pr \left[ B^{H^E, E} \Rightarrow ((z, x), (z', x')) : \text{ocol} \right]. \quad (16)$$

In a similar way to Sect. 3.2, we obtain the following bound on  $\text{Adv}_H^{\text{col}}(B)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Adv}_H^{\text{col}}(B) &= \Pr \left[ B^{G_3} \Rightarrow ((z, x), (z', x')) : \text{ocol} \right] \\ &\leq \frac{q(q+1)}{2^n}, \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

where we assumed that  $q \leq 2^{n-1}$ . The above bound is the same as Eq. (12).

## 5. Concluding Remarks

The problem of building a multi-property hash function was reduced to that of building a multi-property compression function due to [9]. Hence, it is significant to build a multi-property compression function.

We have first quantified the indistinguishability and the collision resistance of the LM compression function in the ideal cipher model. In order to distinguish between the LM compression function and the random oracle, or in order to find a collision in the LM compression function, an adversary needs about  $\sqrt{2^n}$  queries to oracles where  $n$  is output length. Next, we have analyzed the indistinguishability and the collision resistance of the CP compression function, which is a variant of the LM compression function. We have

shown that the CP compression function has the same properties as the LM compression function in terms of adversary's advantage.

Although the Davies-Meyer compression function is used for popular hash functions such as the SHA family [18], the Davies-Meyer compression function is not a multi-property compression function, that is, it is distinguishable from the random oracle in the ideal cipher model. In contrast, the LM compression function and the CP compression function are multi-property compression functions. Therefore, the use of these compression functions enables us to build hash functions with the same properties by the MPP transform.

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## Appendix: Proof of Eq. (8)

The adversary  $A$  may make random coin tosses, and the game  $G_0$  (or  $G_2$ ) makes random coin tosses (e.g., line 204 in Fig. 3). Consider a sequence  $c$  of random coin tosses. The sequence  $c$  represents results of all the random coin tosses needed by both of  $A$  and  $G_0$  (or  $G_2$ ). There is a finite set  $C$  that includes all such possible sequences. Each sequence  $c \in C$  will result in a particular behavior of  $A$  as  $A$  plays the game  $G_0$ , or a particular behavior of  $A$  as  $A$  plays the game  $G_2$ .

Suppose that the output  $b$  of  $A$  is 0 or 1. Consider a sequence  $c \in C$  that causes  $A$  to output  $b$  if  $A$  plays  $G_0$ . Let  $C_{G_0}^b$  be the set of all such sequences. The set  $C_{G_0}^b$  is divided into two disjoint subsets as

$$C_{G_0}^b = C_{G_0}^{b,\text{true}} \cup C_{G_0}^{b,\text{false}}, \quad C_{G_0}^{b,\text{true}} \cap C_{G_0}^{b,\text{false}} = \emptyset, \quad (\text{A} \cdot 1)$$

where  $C_{G_0}^{b,\text{true}} (\subseteq C_{G_0}^b)$  is the set of sequences such that the flag *bad* becomes **true** and  $C_{G_0}^{b,\text{false}} (\subseteq C_{G_0}^b)$  is the set of sequences such that *bad* does not become **true**. For the game  $G_2$ , sets  $C_{G_2}^b$ ,  $C_{G_2}^{b,\text{true}}$ , and  $C_{G_2}^{b,\text{false}}$  are defined in a similar way. Since  $G_0$  and  $G_2$  are identical-until-bad,  $c \in C_{G_0}^{b,\text{false}}$  if and only if  $c \in C_{G_2}^{b,\text{false}}$ , that is,

$$C_{G_0}^{b,\text{false}} = C_{G_2}^{b,\text{false}}. \quad (\text{A} \cdot 2)$$

In addition, consider a sequence  $c \in C$  such that *bad* becomes **true** if  $A$  plays  $G_0$ . Let  $C_{G_0}^{\text{true}}$  be the set of all such sequences. Note that

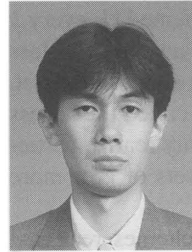
$$C_{G_0}^{\text{true}} = C_{G_0}^{0,\text{true}} \cup C_{G_0}^{1,\text{true}}. \quad (\text{A} \cdot 3)$$

Now, we have

$$\Pr[A^{G_0} \Rightarrow 1] = \frac{|C_{G_0}^{1,\text{true}}|}{|C|}, \quad \Pr[A^{G_2} \Rightarrow 1] = \frac{|C_{G_2}^{1,\text{true}}|}{|C|},$$

where  $|C_{G_0}^{1,\text{true}}|$ ,  $|C_{G_2}^{1,\text{true}}|$ , and  $|C|$  denote the numbers of elements in  $C_{G_0}^{1,\text{true}}$ ,  $C_{G_2}^{1,\text{true}}$ , and  $C$ , respectively. Hence, the pro-advantage of  $A$  is calculated as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Adv}_{HS}^{\text{pro}}(A) &= \Pr[A^{G_0} \Rightarrow 1] - \Pr[A^{G_2} \Rightarrow 1] \\ &= \frac{|C_{G_0}^{1,\text{true}}|}{|C|} - \frac{|C_{G_2}^{1,\text{true}}|}{|C|} \\ &= \frac{|C_{G_0}^{1,\text{true}}| + |C_{G_0}^{1,\text{false}}|}{|C|} - \frac{|C_{G_2}^{1,\text{true}}| + |C_{G_2}^{1,\text{false}}|}{|C|} \quad (\text{by Eq. (A} \cdot 1)) \\ &= \frac{|C_{G_0}^{1,\text{true}}| - |C_{G_2}^{1,\text{true}}|}{|C|} \quad (\text{by Eq. (A} \cdot 2)) \\ &\leq \frac{|C_{G_0}^{1,\text{true}}|}{|C|} \\ &\leq \frac{|C_{G_0}^{\text{true}}|}{|C|} \quad (\text{by Eq. (A} \cdot 3)) \\ &= \Pr[G_0 \text{ sets } \textit{bad}]. \end{aligned}$$



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