

COMP9152 Assignment 5

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FHMV: 6.11, 6.12, 6.13, 6.19, plus the following problems:

Consider the semantic model for intransitive noninterference. Let $X \subseteq D$ be a set of security domains, and let $\pi : A^* \times Prop \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ interpret the atomic propositions $Prop$ at sequences of actions of a system M . Given a sequence of actions $\alpha \in A^*$, write $\alpha|X$ for the subsequence of all actions a with $dom(a) \in X$.

Define the variant D_G^* of the notion of distributed knowledge, with semantics given by $M, \pi, \alpha \models D_G^* \phi$ if $M, \pi, \alpha' \models \phi$ for all α' such that $\alpha|G = \alpha'|G$ and $\mathbf{view}_u(\alpha) = \mathbf{view}_u(\alpha')$ for all $u \in G$.

Say that a proposition p *depends only on* X if for all sequences of actions $\alpha, \alpha' \in A^*$, if $\alpha|X = \alpha'|X$ then $M, \pi, \alpha \models p$ iff $M, \pi, \alpha' \models p$.

1. Prove the following generalization of the claim that TA-security correctly solves the problem identified with IP-security.

Suppose that a system M is TA-secure with respect to a noninterference relation $\rightarrow$ that does not have any cycles, let $u \in D$ be a domain, and let p depend only on $D \setminus u$. Let $I = \{v \in D \mid v \neq u, v \rightarrow u\}$ be the set of domains that may interfere with u .

Then for all $\alpha \in A^*$ if $M, \pi, \alpha \models K_u p$ then $M, \pi, \alpha \models D_I^* p$,

2. Does this hold if we use the usual notion of distributed knowledge instead of D_G^* ?