

## Chapter 4

# Cryptographic hash functions

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## Hash function

- Hash functions take a variable-length message and reduce it to a shorter *message digest* with fixed size (k bits)  
$$h: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^k$$
- Many applications: “Swiss army knives” of cryptography:
  - Digital signatures (with public key algorithms)
  - Random number generation
  - Key update and derivation
  - One way function
  - Message authentication codes (with a secret key)
  - Integrity protection
  - code recognition (lists of the hashes of known good programs or malware)
  - User authentication (with a secret key)
  - Commitment schemes
- Cryptanalysis changing our understanding of hash functions
  - [eg Wang’s analysis of MD5, SHA-0 and SHA-1 & others]

# Hash Function Properties

- *Preimage resistant*
  - Given only a message digest, can't find any message (or *preimage*) that generates that digest. Roughly speaking, the hash function must be one-way.
- *Second preimage resistant*
  - Given one message, can't find another message that has the same message digest. An attack that finds a second message with the same message digest is a *second pre-image* attack.
    - It would be easy to forge new digital signatures from old signatures if the hash function used weren't second preimage resistant
- *Collision resistant*
  - Can't find any two different messages with the same message digest
    - Collision resistance implies second preimage resistance
    - Collisions, if we could find them, would give signatories a way to repudiate their signatures
  - Due to birthday paradox,  $k$  should be large enough !

- $\text{Collision\_attack} \leq_p 2^{\text{nd}}\text{-Preimage\_attack}$
- Careful:  $\text{Collision\_resistance} \text{ NOT } \leq_p \text{Preimage\_resistance}$ 
  - Let  $g : \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$  be collision-resistant and preimage-resistant.
  - Let  $f: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^{n+1}$  defined by  $f(x) := \text{if } (|x|=n) \text{ then "0||x" else "1||g(x)"}$ .
  - Then  $f$  is collision resistant but not pre-image resistant.
- But :  
(Collision\_resistance and one way)  $\Rightarrow_p$  Preimage\_resistance

# Building hash functions: *compression + extension*



- Let  $F$  be a basic “**compression function**” that takes in input a block of fixed size ( $k+r$  bits) and delivers in output a digest of size  $k$  bits :
  - For some fixed  $k$  and  $n$ ,  $F$  “compresses” a block of  $n$  bits to one of  $k=n-r$  bits  
 $F: \{0,1\}^{k+r} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^k$  (eg. for SHA2-384  $k=384$  bits and  $r=640$  bits)
- One-to-one padding:**  $M \rightarrow M \parallel \text{pad}(M)$  to have a bit length multiple of  $r$  :
  - $M \parallel \text{pad}(M) = M_1, M_2, M_3, \dots, M_l$  [one-to-one padding:  $M \neq M' \Leftrightarrow M \parallel \text{pad}(M) \neq M' \parallel \text{pad}(M')$ ]
    - Ex.1:  $\text{pad}(M) = “0\dots 0” \parallel s$ , where  $s=64$  bits that encode the bitlength of  $M$
    - Ex.2:  $\text{pad}(M) = “0\dots 0” \parallel u \parallel 1 \parallel v$ , where  $u = \text{bitlength}(M)$  and  $v = “0”^{\lceil \log(u) \rceil}$
- $F$  is extended to build  $h: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^k$   
 based on a provable secure **extension scheme**.
  - Eg: Merkle scheme: last output of compression function is the  $h$ -bit digest.



## Provable **compression** functions

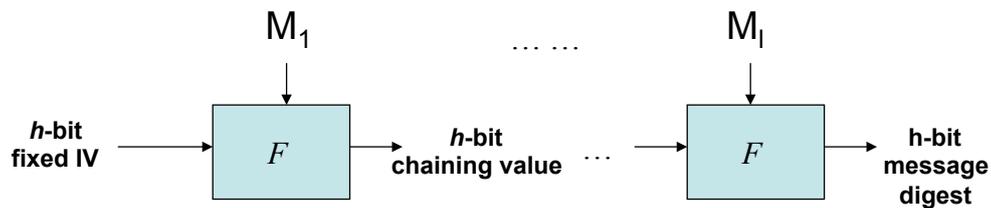
- Example:** Chaum-van Heijst - Pfitzmann
  - two prime numbers  $q$  and  $p=2q+1$ .
  - $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  to primitive elements in  $F_p$ .
  - Compression function  $h_1$ 

$$h_1 : \mathbb{F}_q \times \mathbb{F}_q \rightarrow F_p$$

$$(x_1, x_2) \mapsto \alpha^{x_1} \cdot \beta^{x_2} \pmod p$$
- Theorem:** If  $\text{LOG}_\alpha(\beta) \pmod p$  is impossible to compute (i.e. to find  $x$  such that  $\alpha^x = \beta \pmod p$ ), then  $h_1$  is resistant to collision.
  - Proof ?
  - > Training exercises (Form 4 : on the web): building a provable secure compression function  $F$  and a provable secure parallel extension scheme.

# Provable Extension schemes

- Example: Merkle-Damgard scheme:
  - Preprocessing step: add padding to injectively make that the size of the input is a multiple of  $r$ : Compute the hash of  $x \parallel \text{Pad}(x)$ .

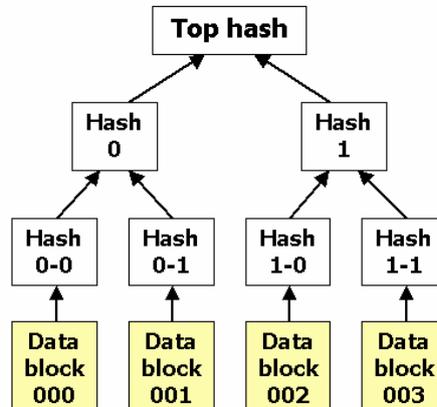


$$h_i = F ( h_{i-1} \parallel x_i )$$

- **Theorem:** If the compression function  $F$  is collision resistant then the hash function  $h$  is collision resistant .
  - Proof: by contradiction (reduction) and induction.
- Note: Drawback of Merkle-Damgard: pre-image and second preimage
  - There exist  $O(2^{k-t})$  second-preimage attacks for  $2^t$ -blocks messages [Biham&al. 2006]

## Other extension schemes

- Merkle tree:



- Variants: Truncated Merkle-tree, IV at each leaf
- HAIFA :  $h_i = F ( h_{i-1} \parallel x_i \parallel i_{\text{encoded on 64 bits}} )$ 
  - where compression  $F: \{0,1\}^{k+r+64} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^k$
  - Lower bound  $W(2^k)$  for 2nd-preimage[Bouillaguet&al2010]
- ...

# NIST recommendations

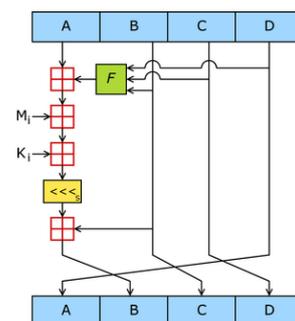
[april 2006, Bill Burr]

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MD4	512	128	384				
MD5	512	128	384				
SHA1	512	160	352	✓			
SHA2-224	512	224	288	✓	✓		
SHA2-256	512	256	256	✓	✓	✓	
SHA2-384	1024	384	640	✓	✓	✓	✓
SHA2-512	1024	512	512	✓	✓		

## MD5

- The message is divided into blocks of  $n = 512$  bits
  - Padding: to obtain a message of length multiple of 512 bits
    - $[B_1..B_k] \Rightarrow [B_1..B_k10..0k_0..k_{63}]$   
where  $[k_0..k_{63}]$  is the length  $k$  of the source (in 32 bits words)

- One step: 4 rounds of 16 operations of this type:
  - $M_i$  plaintext (32 bits):  $16 \cdot 32 = 512$  bits
  - A, B, C, D: current hash -or IV-:  $4 \cdot 32 = 128$  bits
  - $K_i$ : constants
  - F: non linear box,  $\begin{bmatrix} \square & \square \\ \square & \square \end{bmatrix} + \text{mod } 2^{32}$

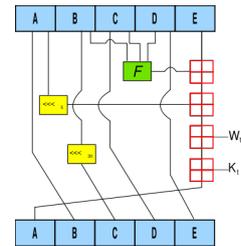


- First collisions found in 2004 [Wang, Fei, Lai, Hu]
  - No more security guarantees
  - Easy to generate two texts with the same MD5 hash

# Secure Hash Algorithms SHA

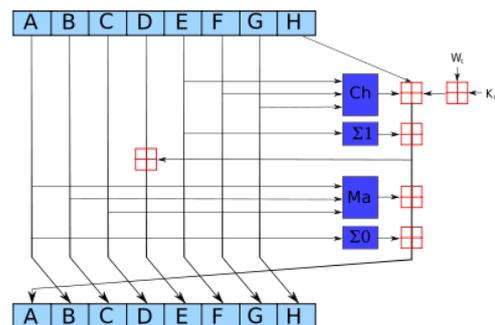
- SHA1:  $n=512$ ,  $k=160$ ; 80 rounds with 32 bits words:

- $W_t$  plaintext (32 bits;  $16 \cdot 32 = 512$  bits)
- A,B,C,D,E: current hash -or IV-:  $5 \cdot 32 = 160$  bits
- $K_t$ : constants
- F: non linear box,  $+ \text{mod } 2^{32}$
- Weaknesses found from 2005
  - $2^{35}$  computations [BOINC...]



- SHA2: 4 variants:  $k=224/384/256/512$

- $k$  = Size of the digest
- SHA-256:  $n=512$ ,  $k=256$ 
  - 64 rounds with 32 bits words
  - Message length  $< 2^{64} - 1$
  - SHA-224: truncated version
- SHA-512:  $n=1024$ ,  $k=512$ 
  - 80 rounds with 64 bits words
  - Message length  $< 2^{128} - 1$
  - SHA-384: truncated version



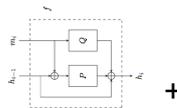
## SHA-3 initial timeline (the Secure Hash Standard)

- **April 1995** FIPS 180-1: SHA-1 (revision of SHA, design similar to MD4)
- **August 2002** FIPS 180-2 specifies 4 algorithms for 160 to 512 bits digest  
message size  $< 2^{64}$ : SHA-1, SHA-256 ;  $< 2^{128}$  : SHA-384, and SHA-512.
- **2007** FIPS 180-2 scheduled for review
  - **Q2- 2009** First Hash Function Candidate Conference
  - **Q2- 2010** Second Hash Function Candidate Conference
- **Oct 2008** FIPS 180-3 [http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/fips/fips180-3/fips180-3\\_final.pdf](http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/fips/fips180-3/fips180-3_final.pdf)  
specifies 5 algorithms for SHA-1, SHA-224, SHA-256, SHA-384, SHA-512.
- **2012**: Final Hash Function Candidate Conference
- **2 October 2012** : SHA-3 is **Keccak** (pronounced “catch-ack”).
  - Creators: Bertoni, Daemen, Van Assche (STMicroelectronics) & Peeters (NXP Semiconductors)

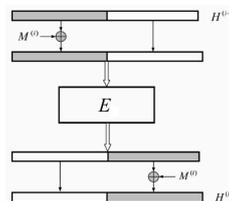
# The five SHA3 finalists

- BLAKE
  - New extension scheme (HAIFA) + stream cipher (Chacha)

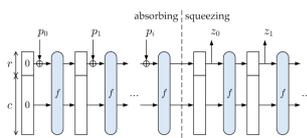
- Grøstl
  - Compression function (two permutations) Merkle-Damgard extension + output transformation (Matyas-Meyer-Oseas)



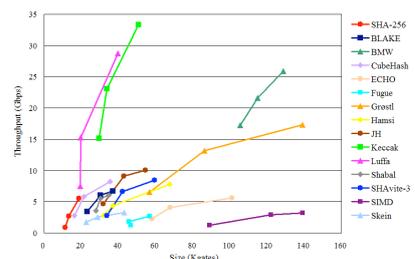
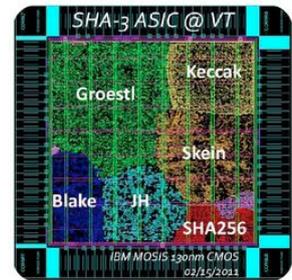
- JH
  - New extension scheme + AES/Serpent cipher



- Keccak
  - Extension « sponge construction » + compression



- Skein
  - Extension « sponge construction » + Threefish block cipher



## SHA-3 : Keccak

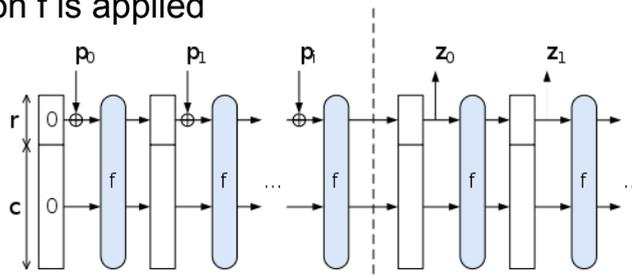
- Alternate, non similar hash function to MD5, SHA-0 and SHA-1:
  - Design : block permutation + Sponge construction
- But not meant to replace SHA-2
- Performance 12.5 cycles per byte on Intel Core-2 cpu; efficient hardware implementation.
- Principle (sponge construction):
  - message blocks XORed with the state which is then permuted (one-way one-to-one mapping)
  - State = 5x5 matrix with 64 bits words = 1600 bits
  - Reduced versions with words of 32, 16, 8,4,2 or 1 bit

# Keccak block permutation

- Defined for  $w = 2^\ell$  bit ( $w=64, \ell = 6$  for SHA-3)
- State =  $5 \times 5 \times w$  bits array : notation:  $a[i, j, k]$  is the bit with index  $(i \times 5 + j) \times w + k$  (arithmetic on  $i, j$  and  $k$  is performed mod 5, 5 and  $w$ )
- block permutation function =  $12+2\ell$  iterations of 5 subrounds :
  - $\theta$ : xor each of the  $5 \times w$  columns of 5 bits parity of its two neighbours :  
 $a[i][j][k] \oplus = \text{parity}(a[0..4][j-1][k]) \oplus \text{parity}(a[0..4][j+1][k-1])$
  - $\rho$ : bitwise rotate each of the 25 words by a different number, except  $a[0][0]$  for all  $0 \leq t \leq 24, a[i][j][k] = a[i][j][k - (t+1)(t+2)/2]$  with
 
$$\begin{pmatrix} i \\ j \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
  - $\pi$ : Permute the 25 words in a fixed pattern:  $a[3i+2j][i] = a[i][j]$
  - $\chi$ : Bitwise combine along rows:  $a[i][j][k] \oplus = \neg a[i][j+1][k] \& a[i][j+2][k]$
  - $\iota$ : xor a round constant into one word of the state. In round  $n$ , for  $0 \leq m \leq \ell$ ,  $a[0][0][2^m-1] \oplus = b[m+7n]$  where  $b$  is output of a degree-8 LFSR.

## Sponge construction = absorption+squeeze

- To hash variable-length messages by  $r$  bits blocks ( $c = 25w - r$ )
- Absorption:
  - The  $r$  input bits are XORed with the  $r$  leading bits of the state
  - Block function  $f$  is applied



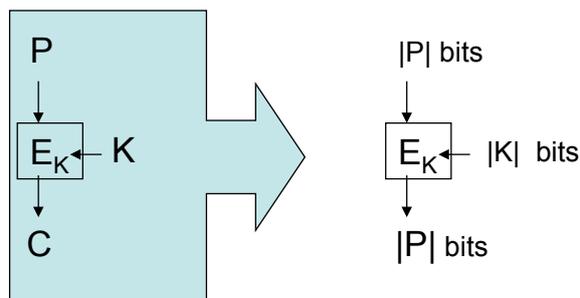
- Squeeze:
  - $r$  first bits of the states produced as outputs
  - Block permutation applied if additional output required
- « Capacity » :  $c = 25w - r$  bits not touched by input/output
  - SHA-3 sets  $c=2n$  where  $n =$  size of output hash (1 step squeeze only)
- Initial state = 0. Input padding =  $10^*1$

# Provable secure hash functions

- Due to birthday paradox, the expected number of k-bit hashes that can be generated before getting a collision is  $2^{k/2}$ 
  - Security of a hash function with 128 bits digest cannot be more than  $2^{64}$
- Choose a provable secure compression function  $F : \{0,1\}^{k+r} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^k$ 
  - eg Chaum-van Heijst-Pfitzmann (discrete logarithm, cf exercise)
  - Or based on a (provably secure) symmetric block cipher  $E_K$   
eg Matyas-Meyer-Oseas; Davies-Meyer; Miyaguchi-Preneel; Meyer-Shilling (MDC2)
  - Or ...
- Choose a provable secure extension scheme to build  $h_F$  from  $F$ 
  - Eg: Merkle scheme:  $h_F(x || b_1..b_r) = F( h(x) || b_1..b_r )$  [cf course]
  - Or (usually when  $k=r$ ) :  $h_F(x || y) = F( h_F(x) || h_F(y) )$  [cf exercise]
  - And use an initial value IV of k bits to initialize the scheme  
 $h_F(b_1..b_r) = F( IV || b_1..b_r )$

## Building a compression function from a symmetric block cipher (1/3)

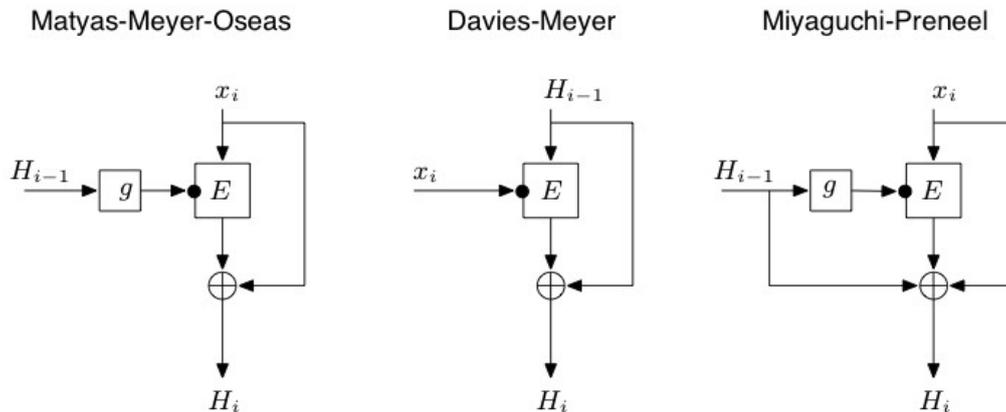
- Block cipher : [key  $K$ , plaintext  $P$ ]  $\rightarrow$  ciphertext  $C$  with  $|C| = |P| < |C| + |P|$   
 $\rightarrow$  Can be used as a compression function



- Expected number of operations to find a collision by brute force less than  $2^{|P|/2}$
- But: a hash function is public, so is IV  $\Rightarrow$  cannot be used as is !

# Building a compression function from a symmetric block cipher (2/3)

- Examples with a block cipher  $E$  with block size  $k$  and Merkle extension scheme :
  - $g$  is a function that extends the hash to match the key size (might be identity)

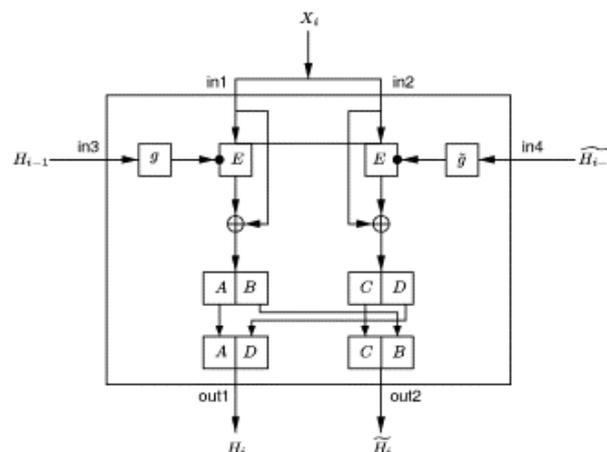


- Theorem: Under the black-box model for the underlying block cipher, the 3 schemes are proved secure.
  - Expected number of operations to find
    - a collision =  $2^{k/2}$
    - a pre-image:  $2^k$

# Building a compression function from a symmetric block cipher (3/3)

- Use of a block cipher with block size  $k$  to built a compression function with  $2k$  digest
  - Examples: MDC-2 and MDC-4, based on Merkle extension scheme

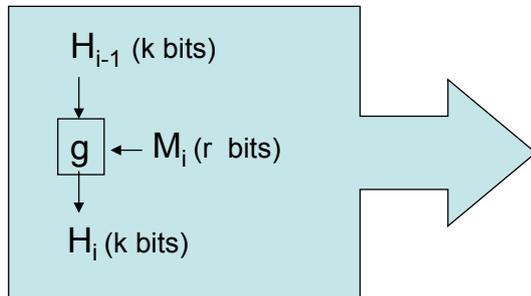
- MDC2 :



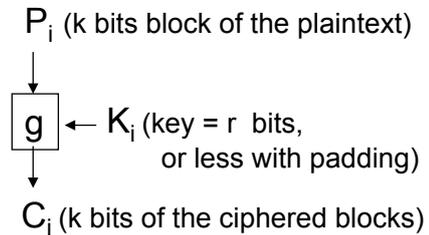
- Theorem [Steinberger 2007]: Under the black-box model for the underlying block cipher, expected number of operations to find a collision  $\geq 2^{3k/5}$ 
  - Better than 2 pre-image:  $2^{k/2}$  , even if far from the upper bound  $2^k$

# Building a Block-cipher from hash function

- Building:  
Basic compression function



Block cipher



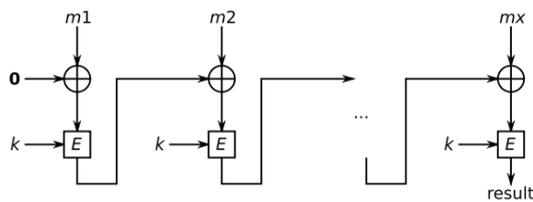
- Examples: SHACAL-1 (from SHA-1) SHACAL-2 (from SHA-256)

## Other hash functions

- Based on modular arithmetic:
  - Eg MASH [Modular Arithmetic Secure Hash] based on RSA [MASH1: 1025 bits modulus -> 1024 bits digest]
- Keyed hash functions :
  - Use a private key to build a hash
  - MAC (Message Authentication Code)
    - Based on a block cipher function
    - HMAC Based on a hash function

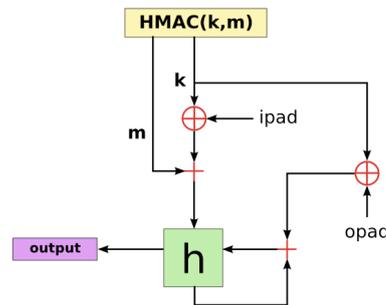
# Keyed hash functions

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- Examples:
  - Based on a block cipher
  - HMAC: based on a hash fn



CBC-MAC: based on CBC

$$C_{i+1} = E_k(C_i \oplus M_i)$$



$$\text{HMAC}_K(m) = h\left((K \oplus \text{opad}) \| h((K \oplus \text{ipad}) \| m)\right)$$

## What we have seen today

- Importance of hash function
- Hash function by compression + extension
  - Provable security
  - SHA1, SHA2
- SHA 3 : sponge construction
- Other hash functions :
  - Hash function built from sym. Cipher (and reverse)
  - Keyed hash function / HMAC  
[detailed construction at next lecture]

# Hash functions :

## Security of MAC / HMAC

### Outline

- Message Authentication Codes (MAC) and Keyed-hash Message Authentication Codes (HMAC)
  - Keyed hash family
  - Unconditionally Secure MACs
- Ref: D Stinson: Cryptography – Theory and Practice (3<sup>rd</sup> ed), Chap 4.

## Universal hash family

- **Notations:**
  - $\mathcal{X}$  is a set of possible messages
  - $\mathcal{Y}$  is a finite set of possible message digests or authentication tags
  - $\mathcal{F}^{\mathcal{X},\mathcal{Y}}$  is the set of all functions from  $\mathcal{X}$  to  $\mathcal{Y}$
- **Definition 4.1:**

A **keyed** hash family is a four-tuple  $\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$ , where the following condition are satisfied:

  - $\mathcal{K}$ , the **keyspace**, is a finite set of possible keys
  - $\mathcal{H}$ , the **hash family**, a finite set of at most  $|\mathcal{K}|$  hash functions.  
For each  $K \in \mathcal{K}$ , there is a hash function  $h_K \in \mathcal{H}$ . Each  $h_K: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$
- **Compression function:**
  - $\mathcal{X}$  is a finite set,  $N = |\mathcal{X}|$ . Eg  $\mathcal{X} = \{0,1\}^{k+r}$   $N = 2^{k+r}$
  - $\mathcal{Y}$  is a finite set  $M = |\mathcal{Y}|$ . Eg  $\mathcal{Y} = \{0,1\}^r$   $M = 2^r$
  - $|\mathcal{F}^{\mathcal{X},\mathcal{Y}}| = M^N$
  - $\mathcal{F}$  is denoted  $(N,M)$ -hash family

# Random Oracle Model

- Model to analyze the probability of computing preimage, second pre-image or collisions:
- In this model,
  - a hash function  $h_k: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is chosen randomly from  $\mathcal{F}$
  - The only way to compute a value  $h_k(x)$  is to query the oracle.

## – THEOREM 4.1

Suppose that  $h \in \mathcal{F}^{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}}$  is chosen randomly, and let  $\mathcal{X}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ . Suppose that the values  $h(x)$  have been determined (by querying an oracle for  $h$ ) if and only if  $x \in \mathcal{X}_0$ .

Then, for all  $x \in \mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{X}_0$  and all  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ ,  
$$\Pr[h(x)=y] = 1/M$$

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# Algorithms in the Random Oracle Model

- **Randomized algorithms** make random choices during their execution.
- A **Las Vegas algorithm** is a randomized algorithm
  - may fail to give an answer
  - if the algorithm returns an answer, then the answer must be correct.
- A **randomized algorithm** has **average-case success** probability  $\epsilon$  if the probability that the algorithm returns a correct answer, averaged over all problem instances of a specified size  $s$ , is at least  $\epsilon$  ( $0 \leq \epsilon < 1$ ).

For all  $x$  (randomly chosen among all inputs of size  $s$ ):  
$$\Pr(\text{Algo}(x) \text{ is correct}) \geq \epsilon$$

- **( $\epsilon, q$ )-algorithm** : terminology to design a Las Vegas algorithm such that:
  - the average-case success probability  $\epsilon$
  - the number of oracle queries made by algorithms is at most  $q$ .

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# Example of $(\epsilon, q)$ -algorithm

- **Algorithm 4.1:** FIND PREIMAGE  $(h, y, q)$ 
    - choose any  $X_0 \subseteq X, |X_0| = q$
    - **for each**  $x \in X_0$  **do** { **if**  $h(x) = y$  **then return**  $(x)$  ; }
    - **return** (failure)
  - **THEOREM 4.2** For any  $X_0 \subseteq X$  with  $|X_0| = q$ , the average-case success probability of Algorithm 4.1 is  $\epsilon = 1 - (1 - 1/M)^q$ . Algorithm 4.1 is a  $(1 - (1 - 1/M)^q ; q)$  – algorithm
  - **Proof** Let  $y \in Y$  be fixed. Let  $X_0 = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_q\}$ . The Algo is successful iff there exists  $i$  such that  $h(x_i) = y$ .
  - For  $1 \leq i \leq q$ , let  $E_i$  denote the event “ $h(x_i) = y$ ”. The  $E_i$ 's are independent events; from Theo. 4.1,  $\Pr[E_i] = 1/M$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq q$ . Therefore,  $\Pr[E_1 \vee E_2 \vee \dots \vee E_q] = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{M}\right)^q$
- The success probability of Algorithm 4.1, for any fixed  $y$ , is constant. Therefore, the success probability averaged over all  $y \in Y$  is identical, too.

# Message Authentication Codes

- One common way of constructing a MAC is to incorporate a secret key into an unkeyed hash function.
- Suppose we construct a keyed hash function  $h_K$  from an unkeyed iterated hash function  $h$ , by defining  $IV=K$  and keeping this initial value secret.
- **Attack:** the adversary can easily compute hash without knowing  $K$  (so  $IV$ ) with a  $(1-1)$ -algorithm:
  - Let  $r$  = size of the blocks in the iterated scheme
  - Choose  $x$  and compute  $y = h(x)$  (one oracle call)
  - Let  $x' = x \parallel \text{pad}(x) \parallel w$ , where  $w$  is any bitstring of length  $r$
  - Let  $x' \parallel \text{pad}(x') = x \parallel \text{pad}(x) \parallel w \parallel \text{pad}(x')$  (since padding is known)
  - Compute  $y' = \text{IteratedScheme}(y, w \parallel \text{pad}(x'))$  (iterated scheme is known)
  - Return  $(x', y')$  which is a valid pair ; (we have  $y' = h(x')$ )

# Message Authentication Codes ( $\epsilon, q$ )-forger

- Assume MD iterated scheme is used, let  $z_r = h_K(x)$   
The adversary computes  $z_{r+1} \leftarrow \text{compress}(h_K(x) || y_{r+1})$   
 $z_{r+2} \leftarrow \text{compress}(z_{r+1} || y_{r+2})$   
...  
 $z_{r'} \leftarrow \text{compress}(z_{r'-1} || y_{r'})$   
and returns  $z_{r'}$  that verifies  $z_{r'} = h_K(x')$ .

- **Def:** an ( $\epsilon, q$ )-forger is an adversary who
  - queries message  $x_1, \dots, x_q$ ,
  - gets a valid  $(x, y)$ ,  $x \notin \{x_1, \dots, x_q\}$
  - with a probability at least  $\epsilon$  that the adversary outputs a **forgery** (ie a correct couple  $(x, h(x))$ )

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## Hash functions : Security of MAC / HMAC

### Outline

- *Message Authentication Codes*
  - *Intoduction. Choosing  $K=IV$  isn't a good idea.*
- **Keyed hash family**
  - **Security proof for nested HMAC**
- Unconditionally Secure MACs

# Nested MACs and HMAC

- A nested MAC builds a MAC algorithm from the composition of two hash families
  - $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{G}), (\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{H})$
  - composition:  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{G} \circ \mathcal{H})$
  - $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{L}$
  - $\mathcal{G} \circ \mathcal{H} = \{ g \circ h : g \in \mathcal{G}, h \in \mathcal{H} \}$
  - $(g \circ h)_{(K,L)}(x) = g_K( h_L(x) )$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$
- **Theorem: the nested MAC is secure if**
  - $(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{H})$  is secure as a MAC, given a fixed key
  - $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{G})$  is collision-resistant, given a fixed key

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# Nested MACs and HMAC

## Security proof with 3 adversaries

- (1) a forger for the nested MAC (**big MAC attack**)
  - $(K,L)$  is chosen and kept secret
  - The adversary chooses  $x$  and query a big (nested) MAC oracle for values of  $g_K( h_L(x) )$
  - **output  $(x',z)$  such that  $z = g_K( h_L(x'))$**  ( $x'$  was not query)
- (2) a forger for the little MAC (**little MAC attack**)  $(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{Z}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{H})$ 
  - $L$  is chosen and kept secret
  - The adversary chooses  $y$  and query a little MAC oracle for values of  $h_L(y)$
  - **output  $(y',z)$  such that  $z = h_L(y')$**  ( $y'$  was not query)

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# Nested MACs and HMAC

## Security proof with 3 adversaries

- (3) a collision-finder for the hash function  $(X, Y, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{G})$ , when the key is secret (unknown-key collision attack) i.e. a collision finder for the hash function  $g_K$ 
  - K is secret
  - The adversary chooses  $x$  and query a hash oracle for values of  $g_K(x)$
  - output  $x', x''$  such that  $x' \neq x''$  and  $g_K(x') = g_K(x'')$

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# Nested MACs and HMAC

## Security proof

- **THEOREM 4.9** Suppose  $(X, Z, \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{G} \circ \mathcal{H})$  is a nested MAC.
  - (3) Suppose there does not exist an  $(\epsilon_1, q+1)$ -collision attack for a randomly chosen function  $g_K \in \mathcal{G}$ , when the key  $K$  is secret.
  - (2) Further, suppose that there does not exist an  $(\epsilon_2, q)$ -forger for a randomly chosen function  $h_L \in \mathcal{H}$ , where  $L$  is secret.
  - (1) Finally, suppose there exists an  $(\epsilon, q)$ -forger for the nested MAC, for a randomly chosen function  $(g \circ h)_{(K,L)} \in \mathcal{G} \circ \mathcal{H}$ .

Then  $\epsilon \leq \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2$

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# Proof

- From (1) Adversary queries  $x_1, \dots, x_q$  to a big MAC oracle and get  $(x_1, z_1) \dots (x_q, z_q)$ .  
It outputs a [possibly] valid  $(x, z)$  with  $\text{Prob} [ z = (g \circ h)_{(K,L)}(x) ] = \varepsilon$
- With previous  $x, x_1, \dots, x_q$  make  $q+1$  queries to a hash oracle  $g_K$  :  
 $y = g_K(x), y_1 = g_K(x_1), \dots, y_q = g_K(x_q)$
- if  $y \in \{y_1, \dots, y_q\}$ , say  $y = y_i$ , then  $x, x_i$  is solution to Collision;  
from (3), the probability of forging such a collision is  $\varepsilon_1$ .
- else, output  $(y, z)$  which is a [possibly] forgery for  $h_L$  with probability  $\geq \varepsilon - \varepsilon_1$ .
- Besides,  $q$  (indirect) little MAC queries have been performed for  $(y_1, z_1), \dots, (y_q, z_q)$ . From (2),  $(y, z)$  is a [possibly] forgery for  $h_L$  with probability  $\leq \varepsilon_2$ .
- Finally, little MAC attack probability is  $\geq \varepsilon - \varepsilon_1$  and  $\leq \varepsilon_2$  :  $\square$   
thus  $\varepsilon - \varepsilon_1 \leq \varepsilon_2 \Rightarrow \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_1 + \varepsilon_2$ . 37

## Nested MACs and HMAC

- **HMAC** is a nested MAC algorithm that is proposed by FIPS standard
  - for MD5 and SHA1 : [RFC 2202]
- $\text{HMAC}_K(x) = \text{SHA-1}( (K \oplus \text{opad}) \parallel \text{SHA-1}( (K \oplus \text{ipad}) \parallel x ) )$ 
  - $x$  is a message
  - $K$  is a 512-bit key
  - $\text{ipad} = 3636 \dots 36$  (512 bit)
  - $\text{opad} = 5C5C \dots 5C$  (512 bit)

# CBC-MAC(x, K)

A popular way to construct a MAC using a block cipher  $E_K$  with secret key  $K$  :

## Cryptosystem 4.2: CBC-MAC (x, K)

- denote  $x = x_1 || \dots || x_n$ ,  $x_i$  is a bitstring of length  $t$
- $IV \leftarrow 00\dots 0$  ( $t$  zeroes)
- $y_0 \leftarrow IV$
- **for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n$ 
  - **do**  $y_i \leftarrow E_K(y_{i-1} \oplus x_i)$
- **return** ( $y_n$ )

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# CBC-MAC(x, K)

## Birthday collision attack

- **(1/2,  $O(2^{t/2})$ )-forger attack**
  - $n \geq 3$ ,  $q \approx 1.17 \times 2^{t/2}$
  - $x_3, \dots, x_n$  are fixed bitstrings of length  $t$ .
  - choose any  $q$  distinct bitstrings of length  $t$ ,  
 $x_1^1, \dots, x_1^q$ , and randomly choose  $x_2^1, \dots, x_2^q$
  - define  $x_l^i = x_l$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq q$  and  $3 \leq l \leq n$
  - define  $x^i = x_1^i || \dots || x_n^i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq q$
  - $x^i \neq x^j$  if  $i \neq j$ , because  $x_1^i \neq x_1^j$ .
  - The adversary requests the MACs of  $x^1, x^2, \dots, x^q$

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# CBC-MAC(x, K)

- In the computation of MAC of each  $x^i$ , values  $y_0^i \dots y_n^i$  are computed, and  $y_n^i$  is the resulting MAC. Now suppose that  $x^i$  and  $x^j$  have identical MACs.
- $h_K(x^i) = h_K(x^j)$  if and only if  $y_2^i = y_2^j$ , which happens if and only if  $y_1^i \oplus x_2^i = y_1^j \oplus x_2^j$ .
- Let  $x_\delta$  be any bitstring of length  $t$ 
  - $v = x_1^i \parallel (x_2^i \oplus x_\delta) \parallel \dots \parallel x_n^i$
  - $w = x_1^j \parallel (x_2^j \oplus x_\delta) \parallel \dots \parallel x_n^j$
- The adversary requests the MAC of  $v$
- It is not difficult to see that  $v$  and  $w$  have identical MACs, so the adversary is successfully able to construct the MAC of  $w$ , i.e.  $h_K(w) = h_K(v)$ !!!

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# Unconditionally Secure MACs

- **Unconditionally secure MACs**

- a key is used to produce only one authentication tag
- Thus, an adversary makes at most one query.

- **Deception probability  $Pd_q$**

- maximum value of  $\epsilon$  such that  $(\epsilon, q)$ -forger for  $q = 0, 1$

- **payoff**  $(x, y) =$  probability of a valid pair  $(x, y = h_{k_0}(x))$  :

$$\Pr[y = h_{k_0}(x)] = \frac{|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x) = y\}|}{|\mathcal{K}|}$$

- **Impersonation attack**  $((\epsilon, 0)$ -forger)

- $Pd_0 = \max\{\text{payoff}(x, y) : x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}\}$  (4.1)

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# Unconditionally Secure MACs

- **Substitution attack**  $((\epsilon, 1)$ -forger)

- query  $x$  and  $y$  is reply,  $x \in \mathcal{X}, y \in \mathcal{Y}$
- Probability  $(x', y')$  is valid =  $\text{payoff}(x', y'; x, y)$ ,  $x' \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $x \neq x'$
- $\text{payoff}(x', y'; x, y) = \Pr[y' = h_{k_0}(x')] \mid y = h_{k_0}(x) =$

$$\frac{\Pr[y' = h_{k_0}(x') \wedge y = h_{k_0}(x)]}{\Pr[y = h_{k_0}(x)]} = \frac{|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x') = y', h_K(x) = y\}|}{|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : y = h_K(x)\}|}$$

- Let  $\mathcal{V} = \{(x, y) : |\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x) = y\}| \geq 1\}$

- $Pd_1 = \max\{\text{payoff}(x', y'; x, y) : x, x' \in \mathcal{X}, y, y' \in \mathcal{Y}, (x, y) \in \mathcal{V}, x \neq x'\}$  (4.2)

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# Unconditionally Secure MACs

- Example 4.1**  $\mathcal{X} = \mathcal{Y} = \mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $\mathcal{K} = \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$   
 for each  $K = (a,b) \in \mathcal{K}$  and each  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ ,  
 $h_{(a,b)}(x) = ax + b \pmod 3$   
 $\mathcal{H} = \{h_{(a,b)} : (a,b) \in \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3\}$ 
  - $\text{Pd}_0 = 1/3$
  - query  $x = 0$  and answer  $y = 0$   
 possible key  $K_0 \in \{(0,0), (1,0), (2,0)\}$ .  
 The probability that  $K_0$  is key is  $1/3$   
 $\text{Pd}_1 = 1/3$

But if (1,1) is valid then  $K_0 = (1,0)$

Key / x	0	1	2
(0,0)	0	0	0
(0,1)	1	1	1
(0,2)	2	2	2
(1,0)	0	1	2
(1,1)	1	2	0
(1,2)	2	0	1
(2,0)	0	2	1
(2,1)	1	0	2
(2,2)	2	1	0

Authentication matrix

## Strongly Universal Hash Families

- **Definition 4.2:** Suppose that  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  is an  $(N, M)$  hash family.  
 This hash family is **strongly universal** provided that the following condition is satisfied :

for every  $x, x' \in \mathcal{X}$  such that  $x \neq x'$ , and for every  $y, y' \in \mathcal{Y}$ :

$$|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x) = y, h_K(x') = y'\}| = |\mathcal{K}|/M^2$$

- Example 4.1 is a strongly universal (3,3)-hash family.

# Unconditionally Secure MACs

- **LEMMA 4.10** Suppose that  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  is a strongly universal  $(N, M)$ -hash family.

Then for every  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  and for every  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$

$$|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x) = y\}| = |\mathcal{K}|/M.$$

- **Proof**  $x, x' \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ , where  $x \neq x'$

$$\begin{aligned} |\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x) = y\}| &= \sum_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}} |\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x) = y, h_K(x') = y'\}| \quad \square \\ &= \sum_{y' \in \mathcal{Y}} \frac{|\mathcal{K}|}{M^2} = \frac{|\mathcal{K}|}{M} \end{aligned}$$

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# Unconditionally Secure MACs

- **THEOREM 4.11** Suppose that  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  is a strongly universal  $(N, M)$ -hash family. Then  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  is an authentication code with  $\text{Pd}_0 = \text{Pd}_1 = 1/M$

- **Proof** From Lemma 4.10

payoff $(x, y) = 1/M$  for every  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  and  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ , and  $\text{Pd}_0 = 1/M$

$x, x' \in \mathcal{X}$  such that  $x \neq x'$  and  $y, y' \in \mathcal{Y}$ , where  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{V}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{payoff}(x', y'; x, y) &= \frac{|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x') = y', h_K(x) = y\}|}{|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x) = y\}|} \\ &= \frac{|\mathcal{K}|/M^2}{|\mathcal{K}|/M} = \frac{1}{M} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\text{Pd}_1 = 1/M$

## Unconditionally Secure MACs

- THEOREM 4.12** Let  $p$  be prime.  
 For  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , let  $f_{a,b}: \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$  with  $f_{(a,b)}(x) = ax + b \pmod p$ .  
 Then  $(\mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_p, \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_p, \{f_{a,b}: \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p\})$  is a strongly universal  $(p,p)$ -hash family.
- Proof**  $x, x', y, y' \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ , where  $x \neq x'$ .  
 $ax + b \equiv y \pmod p$ , and  $ax' + b \equiv y' \pmod p$   
 $a = (y - y')(x' - x)^{-1} \pmod p$ , and  
 $b = y - x(y' - y)(x' - x)^{-1} \pmod p$   
 (note that  $(x' - x)^{-1} \pmod p$  exists because  $x \not\equiv x' \pmod p$   
 and  $p$  is prime) □

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## Unconditionally Secure MACs

- THEOREM 4.13** Let  $l$  be a positive integer and let  $p$  be prime. Define  $\mathcal{X} = \{0,1\}^l \setminus \{(0,\dots,0)\}$   
 For every  $r \in (\mathbb{Z}_p)^l$ , define  $f_r: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$  by :  

$$f_r(x) = \langle r, x \rangle = \sum_{i=1,\dots,l} r_i \cdot X_i \pmod p$$
- Then  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathbb{Z}_p, (\mathbb{Z}_p)^l, \{f_r : r \in (\mathbb{Z}_p)^l\})$  is a strongly universal  $(2^l - 1, p)$ -hash family.

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## Unconditionally Secure MACs

- Proof** Let  $x, x' \in X$ ,  $x \neq x'$ , and let  $y, y' \in Z_p$ .  
 Show that the number of vectors  $\vec{r} \in (Z_p)^l$  such that  $\vec{r} \cdot x \equiv y \pmod{p}$  and  $\vec{r} \cdot x' \equiv y' \pmod{p}$  is  $p^{l-2}$ .  
 The desired vectors  $\vec{r}$  are the solutions of two linear equations in  $l$  unknowns over  $Z_p$ .  
 The two equations are linearly independent, and so the number of solutions to the linear system is  $p^{l-2}$ .  
 Then  $|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x) = y, h_K(x') = y'\}| = p^{l-2} = |\mathcal{K}|/M^2$ .

□  
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## Unconditionally Secure MACs

- 4.5.2 Optimality of Deception Probabilities**
  - THEOREM 4.14** Suppose  $(X, Y, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  is an  $(N, M)$ -hash family. Then  $Pd_0 \geq 1/M$ . Further,  $Pd_0 = 1/M$  if and only if
 
$$|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x) = y\}| = |\mathcal{K}|/M \quad (4.3)$$
 for every  $x \in X, y \in Y$ .

$$\sum_{y \in Y} \text{payoff}(x, y) = \sum_{y \in Y} \frac{|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x) = y\}|}{|\mathcal{K}|} = \frac{|\mathcal{K}|}{|\mathcal{K}|} = 1$$

# Unconditionally Secure MACs

- **THEOREM 4.15** Suppose  $(X, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  is an  $(N, M)$ -hash family. Then  $\text{Pd}_1 \geq 1/M$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \text{payoff}(x', y'; x, y) &= \sum_{y \in \mathcal{Y}} \frac{|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x') = y', h_K(x) = y\}|}{|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x) = y\}|} \\ &= \frac{|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x) = y\}|}{|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x) = y\}|} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

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# Unconditionally Secure MACs

- **THEOREM 4.16** Suppose  $(X, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  is an  $(N, M)$ -hash family. Then  $\text{Pd}_1 \geq 1/M$  if and only if the hash family is strongly universal.
- **proof**  $\Rightarrow$  has already proved in Theorem 4.11.

First show  $\mathcal{V} = X \times \mathcal{Y}$

Let  $(x, y') \in X \times \mathcal{Y}$ ; We will show  $(x', y') \in \mathcal{V}$

Let  $x \in X, x \neq x'$ . Choose  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$  such that  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{V}$

From Theorem 4.15

$$\frac{|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x') = y', h_K(x) = y\}|}{|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x) = y\}|} = \frac{1}{M} \quad (4.4)$$

for every  $x, x' \in X, y, y' \in \mathcal{Y}$  such that  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{V}$ .

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## Unconditionally Secure MACs

$$|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x') = y', h_K(x) = y\}| > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x') = y'\}| > 0$$

This prove that  $(x', y') \in \mathcal{V}$ , and hence  $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ .

From (4.4) we know that  $(x, y) \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $(x', y') \in \mathcal{V}$ , so we can interchange the roles of  $(x, y)$  and  $(x', y')$ .

$$|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x) = y\}| = |\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x') = y'\}|$$

for all  $x, x', y, y'$ .

$|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x) = y\}|$  is a constant.

$|\{K \in \mathcal{K} : h_K(x') = y', h_K(x) = y\}|$  is a constant

□

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## Unconditionally Secure MACs

- **COROLLARY 4.17** Suppose  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  is an  $(N, M)$ -hash family such that  $\text{Pd}_1 = 1/M$ . Then  $\text{Pd}_0 = 1/M$ .
- **Proof** Under the stated hypotheses, Theorem 4.16 says that  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{H})$  is strongly universal. Then  $\text{Pd}_0 = 1/M$  from Theorem 4.11. □

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# Conclusion

- Hash function :
  - Compression + extension
  - Provably secure compression (ex.) + extension
  - Examples of hash functions (SHA-3)
- MAC and HMAC
  - Hash family and oracle model (forger adversary)
  - Security conditions
  - Unconditionally secure MAC (key used once)
    - Strongly universal hash families

## ANNEX / Back slides

- Slides à réviser pour integration

## 4.2 Security of Hash Functions

- If a hash function is to be considered secure, these three problems are difficult to solve
  - **Problem 4.1: Preimage**
    - **Instance:** A hash function  $h: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  and an element  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ .
    - **Find:**  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  such that  $f(x) = y$
  - **Problem 4.2: Second Preimage**
    - **Instance:** A hash function  $h: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  and an element  $x \in \mathcal{X}$
    - **Find:**  $x' \in \mathcal{X}$  such that  $x' \neq x$  and  $h(x') = h(x)$
  - **Problem 4.3: Collision**
    - **Instance:** A hash function  $h: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ .
    - **Find:**  $x, x' \in \mathcal{X}$  such that  $x' \neq x$  and  $h(x') = h(x)$  59

## Security of Hash Functions

- A hash function for which **Preimage** cannot be efficiently solved is often said to be **one-way** or **preimage resistant**.
- A hash function for which **Second Preimage** cannot be efficiently solved is often said to be **second preimage resistant**.
- A hash function for which **Collision** cannot be efficiently solved is often said to be **collision resistant**.

# Security of Hash Functions

- 4.2.1 The Random Oracle Model
  - The random oracle model provides a mathematical model of an “ideal” hash function.
  - In this model, a hash function  $h: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is chosen randomly from  $\mathcal{F}^{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}}$ 
    - The only way to compute a value  $h(x)$  is to query the oracle.
  - **THEOREM 4.1** Suppose that  $h \in \mathcal{F}^{\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{Y}}$  is chosen randomly, and let  $\mathcal{X}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ . Suppose that the values  $h(x)$  have been determined (by querying an oracle for  $h$ ) if and only if  $x \in \mathcal{X}_0$ . Then  $\Pr[h(x)=y] = 1/M$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{X} \setminus \mathcal{X}_0$  and all  $y \in \mathcal{Y}$ .

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# Security of Hash Functions

- 4.2.2 Algorithms in the Random Oracle Model
  - **Randomized algorithms** make random choices during their execution.
  - A **Las Vegas algorithm** is a randomized algorithm
    - may fail to give an answer
    - if the algorithm does return an answer, then the answer must be correct.
  - A **randomized algorithm** has **average-case** success probability  $\epsilon$  if the probability that the algorithm returns a correct answer, averaged over all problem instances of a specified size, is at least  $\epsilon$  ( $0 \leq \epsilon < 1$ ).

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# Security of Hash Functions

- We use the terminology  $(\epsilon, q)$ -algorithm to denote a Las Vegas algorithm with average-case success probability  $\epsilon$ 
  - the number of oracle queries made by algorithms is at most  $q$ .
- **Algorithm 4.1: FIND PREIMAGE** ( $h, y, q$ )
  - choose any  $X_0 \subseteq X, |X_0| = q$
  - **for each**  $x \in X_0$ 
    - do if**  $h(x) = y$ 
      - then return** ( $x$ )
  - **return** (failure)

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# Security of Hash Functions

- **THEOREM 4.2** For any  $X_0 \subseteq X$  with  $|X_0| = q$ , the average-case success probability of Algorithm 4.1 is  $\epsilon = 1 - (1 - 1/M)^q$ .
  - **proof** Let  $y \in Y$  be fixed. Let  $X_0 = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_q\}$ . For  $1 \leq i \leq q$ , let  $E_i$  denote the event “ $h(x_i) = y$ ”. From Theorem 4.1 that the  $E_i$ 's are independent events, and  $\Pr[E_i] = 1/M$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq q$ . Therefore  $\Pr[E_1 \vee E_2 \vee \dots \vee E_q] = 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{M}\right)^q$ . The success probability of Algorithm 4.1, for any fixed  $y$ , is constant. Therefore, the success probability averaged over all  $y \in Y$  is identical, too.

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- **Algorithm 4.2:** FIND SECOND PREIMAGE (h,x,q)
  - $y \rightarrow h(x)$
  - choose  $X_0 \subseteq X \setminus \{x\}$ ,  $|X_0| = q - 1$
  - **for each**  $x_0 \in X_0$ 
    - do if**  $h(x_0) = y$ 
      - then return**  $(x_0)$
  - **return** (failure)
- **THEOREM 4.3** For any  $X_0 \subseteq X \setminus \{x\}$  with  $|X_0| = q - 1$ , the success probability of Algorithm 4.2 is  $\epsilon = 1 - (1 - 1/M)^{q-1}$ .

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- **Algorithm 4.3:** FIND COLLISION (h,q)
  - choose  $X_0 \subseteq X$ ,  $|X_0| = q$
  - **for each**  $x \in X_0$ 
    - do**  $y_x \leftarrow h(x)$
  - **if**  $y_x = y_{x'}$  for some  $x' \neq x$ 
    - then return**  $(x, x')$
  - **else return** (failure)

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- **Birthday paradox**
  - In a group of 23 randomly chosen people, at least two will share a birthday with probability at least  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
  - Finding two people with the same birthday is the same thing as finding a collision for this particular hash function.
  - ex: Algorithm 4.3 has success probability at least  $\frac{1}{2}$  when  $q = 23$  and  $M = 365$
- Algorithm 4.3 is analogous to throwing  $q$  balls randomly into  $M$  bins and then checking to see if some bin contains at least two balls.

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- **THEOREM 4.4** For any  $X_0 \subseteq X$  with  $|X_0| = q$ , the success probability of Algorithm 4.3 is

$$\varepsilon = 1 - \left(\frac{M-1}{M}\right)\left(\frac{M-2}{M}\right)\dots\left(\frac{M-q+1}{M}\right)$$

– **proof** Let  $X_0 = \{x_1, \dots, x_q\}$ .

$E_i$  : the event " $h(x_i) \notin \{h(x_1), \dots, h(x_{i-1})\}$ ." ,  $2 \leq i \leq q$

Using induction, from Theorem 4.1 that  $\Pr[E_1] = 1$

and

$$\Pr[E_i | E_1 \wedge E_2 \wedge \dots \wedge E_{i-1}] = \frac{M-i+1}{M} \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq q.$$

$$\Pr[E_1 \wedge E_2 \wedge \dots \wedge E_q] = \left(\frac{M-1}{M}\right)\left(\frac{M-2}{M}\right)\dots\left(\frac{M-q+1}{M}\right)$$

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x is small  
 $1-x \approx e^{-x}$

The probability of finding no collision is

$$\prod_{i=1}^{q-1} \left(1 - \frac{i}{M}\right) \approx \prod_{i=1}^{q-1} e^{-\frac{i}{M}} \approx e^{-\sum_{i=1}^{q-1} \frac{i}{M}} = e^{-\frac{q(q-1)}{2M}}$$

- $\epsilon$  denotes the probability of finding at least one collision

$$e^{-\frac{q(q-1)}{2M}} \approx 1 - \epsilon \quad \frac{-q(q-1)}{2M} \approx \ln(1 - \epsilon) \quad q^2 - q \approx 2M \ln \frac{1}{1 - \epsilon}$$

- Ignore  $-q$ ,  $q \approx \sqrt{2M \ln \frac{1}{1 - \epsilon}}$
- $\epsilon = 0.5$ ,  $q \approx 1.17 \sqrt{M}$
- Take  $M = 365$ , we get  $q \approx 22.3$

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- This says that hashing just over  $\sqrt{M}$  random elements of  $X$  yields a collision with a prob. of 50%.
- A different choice of  $\epsilon$  leads to a different constant factor, but  $q$  will still be proportional to  $\sqrt{M}$ . So this algorithm is a  $(1/2, O(\sqrt{M}))$ -algorithm.

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- The birthday attack imposes a lower bound on the size of secure message digests. A 40-bit message digest would be very insecure, since a collision could be found with prob.  $\frac{1}{2}$  with just over  $2^{20}$  (about a million) random hashes.
- It is usually suggested that the minimum acceptable size of a message digest is 128 bits (the birthday attack will require over  $2^{64}$  hashes in this case). In fact, a 160-bit message digest (or larger) is usually recommended.

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- **4.2.3 Comparison of Security Criteria**
  - In the random oracle model, solving Collision is easier than solving Preimage of Second Preimage.
  - Whether there exist reductions among these three problems which could be applied to arbitrary hash functions? (Yes.)
  - Reduce Collision to Second Preimage using Algorithm 4.4.
  - Reduce Collision to Preimage using Algorithm 4.5.

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– Algorithm 4.4: COLLISION TO SECOND PREIMAGE (h)

- **external** ORACLE2NDPREIMAGE
- choose  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  uniformly at random
- **if** (ORACLE2NDPREIMAGE(h,x) = x') (!error here in the text)  
    **then return** (x, x')
- **else return** (failure)

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- Suppose that ORACLE2NDPREIMAGE is an  $(\epsilon, q)$ -algorithm that solves Second Preimage for a particular, fixed hash function  $h$ .  
Then COLLISIONTOSECONDPREIMAGE is an  $(\epsilon, q)$ -algorithm(!error here in text) that solves Collision for the same hash function  $h$ .
- As a consequence of this reduction, collision resistance implies second preimage resistance.

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- **Algorithm 4.5: COLLISION TO PREIMAGE**  
(h)
  - **external** ORACLEPREIMAGE
  - choose  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  uniformly at random
  - $y \leftarrow h(x)$
  - **if** (ORACLEPREIMAGE(h,y) =  $x'$ ) **and** ( $x' \neq x$ )
    - then return** ( $x, x'$ )
  - **else return** (failure)

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# Security of Hash Functions

- **THEOREM 4.5** Suppose  $h: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is a hash function where  $|\mathcal{X}|$  and  $|\mathcal{Y}|$  are finite and  $|\mathcal{X}| \geq 2|\mathcal{Y}|$ . Suppose ORACLEPREIMAGE is a  $(1, q)$  algorithm for Preimage, for the fixed hash function  $h$ . (and so  $h$  is surjective(onto)) Then COLLISION TO PREIMAGE is a  $(1/2, q+1)$  algorithm for **Collision**, for the fixed hash function  $h$ .

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- **proof** For any  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , define equivalence class  $C$ :  
 $[x] = \{x_1 \in \mathcal{X} : h(x) = h(x_1)\}$   
 (see text for detailed notation)

Given the element  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ , the probability of success is  $(|[x]| - 1) / |[x]|$  in ORACLEPREIMAGE.

The probability of success of algorithm COLLISION TO PREIMAGE is (average)

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[\text{success}] &= \frac{1}{|\mathcal{X}|} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \frac{|[x]| - 1}{|[x]|} = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{X}|} \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}} \sum_{x \in C} \frac{|C| - 1}{|C|} \\ &= \frac{1}{|\mathcal{X}|} \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}} (|C| - 1) = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{X}|} \left( \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}} |C| - \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}} 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{|\mathcal{X}| - |\mathcal{Y}|}{|\mathcal{X}|} \geq \frac{|\mathcal{X}| - |\mathcal{X}|/2}{|\mathcal{X}|} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

□

## 4.3 Iterated Hash Function

- Compression function: hash function with a finite domain
- A hash function with an infinite domain can be constructed by the mapping method of a compression function is called an iterated hash function.
- We restrict our attention to hash functions whose inputs and outputs are bitstrings (i.e., strings formed of 0s and 1s).

## 4.3 Iterated Hash Function

- **Iterated hash function**  $h: \bigcup_{i=m+t+1}^{\infty} \{0,1\}^i \rightarrow \{0,1\}^l$

Suppose that  $\text{compress}: \{0,1\}^{m+t} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$  is a compression function ( where  $t \geq 1$ ).

### – Preprocessing

- given  $x$  ( $|x| \geq m + t + 1$ )
- construct  $y = x \parallel \text{pad}(x)$   
such that  $|y| \equiv 0 \pmod{t}$   
 $y = y_1 \parallel y_2 \parallel \dots \parallel y_r$ , where  $|y_i| = t$  for  $1 \leq i \leq r$
- $\text{pad}(x)$  is constructed from  $x$  using a padding function.
- the mapping  $x \rightarrow y$  must be an injection (1 to  $_{79}1$ )

## Iterated Hash Function

### – Processing

- IV is a public initial value which is a bitstring of length  $m$ .
- $z_0 \leftarrow \text{IV}$
- $z_1 \leftarrow \text{compress}(z_0 \parallel y_1)$
- .....
- $z_r \leftarrow \text{compress}(z_{r-1} \parallel y_r)$

compress function:  
 $\{0,1\}^{m+t} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$  ( $t \geq 1$ )

### – Optional output transformation

- $g: \{0,1\}^m \rightarrow \{0,1\}^l$
- $h(x) = g(z_r)$

# Iterated Hash Function

- 4.3.1 The Merkle-Damgard Construction

- Algorithm 4.6: MERKLE-DAMGARD(x)

- **external** compress
    - **comment:** compress:  $\{0,1\}^{m+t} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$ , where  $t \geq 2$
    - $n \leftarrow |x|$
    - $k \leftarrow \lceil n/(t-1) \rceil$
    - $d \leftarrow n - k(t-1)$
    - **for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $k-1$ 
      - do**  $y_i \leftarrow x_i$

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# Iterated Hash Function

- $y_k \leftarrow x_k \parallel 0^d$
- $y_{k+1} \leftarrow$  the binary representation of  $d$
- $z_1 \leftarrow 0^{m+1} \parallel y_1$
- $g_1 \leftarrow \text{compress}(z_1)$
- **for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $k$ 
  - do**  $z_{i+1} \leftarrow g_i \parallel 1 \parallel y_{i+1}$
  - $g_{i+1} \leftarrow \text{compress}(z_{i+1})$
- $h(x) \leftarrow g_{k+1}$
- **return**  $(h(x))$

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# Iterated Hash Function

- **THEOREM 4.6** Suppose  $\text{compress} : \{0,1\}^{m+t} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$  is a collision resistant compression function, where  $t \geq 2$ . Then the function
 
$$h : \bigcup_{i=m+t+1}^{\infty} \{0,1\}^i \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$$

as constructed in Algorithm 4.6, is a collision resistant hash function.

- **proof**

Suppose that we can find  $x \neq x'$  such that  $h(x) = h(x')$ .

$y(x) = y_1 \parallel y_2 \parallel \dots \parallel y_{k+1}$ ,  $x$  is padded with  $d$  0's

$y(x') = y'_1 \parallel y'_2 \parallel \dots \parallel y'_{l+1}$ ,  $x'$  is padded with  $d'$  0's

$g$ -values :  $g_1, \dots, g_{k+1}$  or  $g'_1, \dots, g'_{l+1}$

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# Iterated Hash Function

- **case 1:**  $|x| \not\equiv |x'| \pmod{t-1}$

$d \neq d'$  and  $y_{k+1} \neq y'_{l+1}$

$\text{compress}(g_k \parallel 1 \parallel y_{k+1}) = g_{k+1} = h(x) = h(x') = g'_{l+1}$   
 $= \text{compress}(g'_l \parallel 1 \parallel y'_{l+1})$ ,

which is a collision for  $\text{compress}$  because  $y_{k+1} \neq y'_{l+1}$

- **case2:**  $|x| \equiv |x'| \pmod{t-1}$

- **case2.a:**  $|x| = |x'|$

$k = l$  and  $y_{k+1} = y'_{k+1}$

$\text{compress}(g_k \parallel 1 \parallel y_{k+1}) = g_{k+1} = h(x) = h(x') = g'_{k+1}$   
 $= \text{compress}(g'_k \parallel 1 \parallel y'_{k+1})$

If  $g_k \neq g'_k$ , then we find a collision for  $\text{compress}$ , so assume  $g_k = g'_k$ .

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# Iterated Hash Function

$$\begin{aligned} \text{compress}(g_{k-1} \parallel 1 \parallel y_k) &= g_k = g'_k \\ &= \text{compress}(g'_{k-1} \parallel 1 \parallel y'_k) \end{aligned}$$

Either we find a collision for compress, or  $g_{k-1} = g'_{k-1}$   
and  $y_k = y'_k$ .

Assuming we do not find a collision, we continue  
work backwards, until finally we obtain

$$\text{compress}(0^{m+1} \parallel y_1) = g_1 = g'_1 = \text{compress}(0^{m+1} \parallel y'_1)$$

If  $y_k \neq y'_k$ , then we find a collision for compress, so we  
assume  $y_1 = y'_1$ .

But then  $y_i = y'_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k+1$ , so  $y(x) = y(x')$ .

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- This implies  $x = x'$ , because the mapping  $x \rightarrow y(x)$  is an injection.

We assume  $x \neq x'$ , so we have a contradiction.

- **case 2b:**  $|x| \neq |x'|$

Assume  $|x'| > |x|$ , so  $l > k$

Assuming we find no collisions for compress, we reach the situation where

$$\begin{aligned} \text{compress}(0^{m+1} \parallel y_1) &= g_1 = g'_{l-k+1} = \\ &= \text{compress}(g'_{l-k} \parallel 1 \parallel y'_{l-k+1}). \end{aligned}$$

But the  $(m+1)$ st bit of  $0^{m+1} \parallel y_1$  is a 0

and the  $(m+1)$ st bit of  $g'_{l-k} \parallel 1 \parallel y'_{l-k+1}$  is a 1.

So we find a collision for compress.

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- **Algorithm 4.7:** MERKLE-DAMGARD2(x) ( $t = 1$ )
  - **external** compress
  - **comment:** compress:  $\{0,1\}^{m+1} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$
  - $n \leftarrow |x|$
  - $y \leftarrow 11 \parallel f(x_1) \parallel f(x_2) \parallel \dots \parallel f(x_n)$   
denote  $y = y_1 \parallel y_2 \parallel \dots \parallel y_k$ , where  $y_i \in \{0,1\}$ ,  
 $1 \leq i \leq k$
  - $g_1 \leftarrow \text{compress}(0^m \parallel y_1)$
  - **for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $k - 1$ 
    - do**  $g_{i+1} \leftarrow \text{compress}(g_i \parallel y_{i+1})$
  - **return** ( $g_k$ )

$f(0)=0$   
 $f(1)=01$

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# Iterated Hash Function

- The encoding  $x \rightarrow y = y(x)$ , as defined algorithm 4.7 satisfies two important properties:
  - If  $x \neq x'$ , then  $y(x) \neq y(x')$  (i.e.  $x \rightarrow y = y(x)$  is an injection)
  - There do not exist two strings  $x \neq x'$  and a string  $z$  such that  $y(x) = z \parallel y(x')$  (i.e. no encoding is a postfix of another encoding)

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# Iterated Hash Function

- **THEOREM 4.7** Suppose  $\text{compress} : \{0,1\}^{m+1} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$  is a collision resistant compression function. Then the function
 
$$h : \bigcup_{i=m+2}^{\infty} \{0,1\}^i \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m,$$

as constructed in Algorithm 4.7, is a collision resistant hash function.

- **proof** Suppose that we can find  $x \neq x'$  such that  $h(x) = h(x')$ .

Denote  $y(x) = y_1 y_2 \dots y_k$  and  $y(x') = y'_1 y'_2 \dots y'_l$

**case 1:**  $k = l$

As in Theorem 4.6, either we find a collision for  $\text{compress}$ , or we obtain  $y = y'$ .

But this implies  $x = x'$ , a contradiction.

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**case 2:**  $k \neq l$

Without loss of generality, assume  $l > k$

Assuming we find no collision for  $\text{compress}$ , we have following sequence of equalities:

$$y_k = y'_l$$

$$y_{k-1} = y'_{l-1}$$

... ..

$$y_1 = y'_{l-k+1}$$

But this contradicts the “postfix-free” property We conclude that  $h$  is collision resistant.

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- **THEOREM 4.8** Suppose compress:  $\{0,1\}^{m+t} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m$  is a collision resistant compression function, where  $t \geq 1$ . Then there exists a collision resistant hash function

$$h : \bigcup_{i=m+t+1}^{\infty} \{0,1\}^i \rightarrow \{0,1\}^m,$$

The number of times compress is computed in the evaluation of  $h$  is at most

$$1 + \left\lceil \frac{n}{t-1} \right\rceil \geq 2$$

$$2n+2 \text{ if } t = 1$$

where  $|x| = n$ .

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# Iterated Hash Function

- **4.3.2 The Secure Hash algorithm**
  - SHA-1(Secure Hash Algorithm)
    - iterated hash function
    - 160-bit message digest
    - word-oriented (32 bit) operation on bitstrings
  - Operations used in SHA-1
    - $X \wedge Y$  bitwise “and” of  $X$  and  $Y$
    - $X \vee Y$  bitwise “or” of  $X$  and  $Y$
    - $X \oplus Y$  bitwise “xor” of  $X$  and  $Y$
    - $\neg X$  bitwise complement of  $X$
    - $X + Y$  integer addition modulo  $2^{32}$
    - $\text{ROTL}^s(X)$  circular left shift of  $X$  by  $s$  position  
( $0 \leq s \leq 31$ )<sup>92</sup>

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- **Algorithm 4.8** SHA-1-PAD( $x$ )
  - **comment:**  $|x| \leq 2^{64} - 1$
  - $d \leftarrow (447 - |x|) \bmod 512$
  - $l \leftarrow$  the binary representation of  $|x|$ , where  $|| = 64$
  - $y \leftarrow x || 1 || 0^d || l$  ( $|y|$  is multiple of 512)
- $f_t(B, C, D) =$ 
  - $(B \wedge C) \vee ((\neg B) \wedge D)$  if  $0 \leq t \leq 19$
  - $B \oplus C \oplus D$  if  $20 \leq t \leq 39$
  - $(B \wedge C) \vee (B \wedge D) \vee (C \wedge D)$  if  $40 \leq t \leq 59$
  - $B \oplus C \oplus D$  if  $60 \leq t \leq 79$

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- $K_t =$ 
  - 5A827999 if  $0 \leq t \leq 19$
  - 6ED9EBA1 if  $20 \leq t \leq 39$
  - 8F1BBCDC if  $40 \leq t \leq 59$
  - CA62C1D6 if  $60 \leq t \leq 79$
- **Cryptosystem 4.1: SHA-1( $x$ )**
  - **extern** SHA-1-PAD
  - **global**  $K_0, \dots, K_{79}$
  - $y \leftarrow$  SHA-1-PAD( $x$ ) denote  $y = M_1 || M_2 || \dots || M_n$ , where each  $M_i$  is a 512 block
  - $H_0 \leftarrow 67452301$ ,  $H_1 \leftarrow \text{EFC DAB89}$ ,  $H_2 \leftarrow 98\text{BADCFE}$ ,  $H_3 \leftarrow 10325476$ ,  $H_4 \leftarrow \text{C3D2E1F0}$

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- **for**  $i \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $n$ 
  - denote  $M_i = W_0 \parallel W_1 \parallel \dots \parallel W_{15}$ , where each  $W_i$  is a word
  - **for**  $t \leftarrow 16$  **to**  $79$ 
    - do**  $W_t \leftarrow \text{ROTL}^1(W_{t-3} \oplus W_{t-8} \oplus W_{t-14} \oplus W_{t-16})$
  - $A \leftarrow H_0, B \leftarrow H_1, C \leftarrow H_2, D \leftarrow H_3, E \leftarrow H_4$
  - **for**  $t \leftarrow 0$  **to**  $79$ 
    - $\text{temp} \leftarrow \text{ROTL}^5(A) + f_t(B, C, D) + E + W_t + K_t$
    - $E \leftarrow D, D \leftarrow C, C \leftarrow \text{ROTL}^{30}(B), B \leftarrow A,$
    - $A \leftarrow \text{temp}$
  - $H_0 \leftarrow H_0 + A, H_1 \leftarrow H_1 + B, H_2 \leftarrow H_2 + C,$
  - $H_3 \leftarrow H_3 + D, H_4 \leftarrow H_4 + E$
- Return**  $H_0 \parallel H_1 \parallel H_2 \parallel H_3 \parallel H_4$

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- **MD4 proposed by Rivest in 1990**
- **MD5 modified in 1992**
- **SHA proposed as a standard by NIST in 1993, and was adopted as FIPS 180**
- **SHA-1 minor variation, FIPS 180-1**
- **SHA-256**
- **SHA-384**
- **SHA-512**

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