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Cryptographic Hash Functions

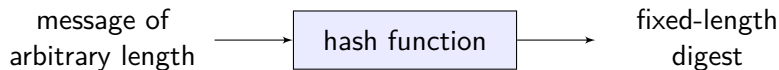
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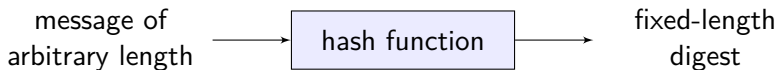
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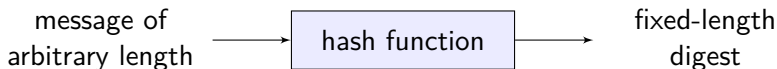
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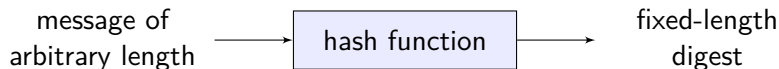
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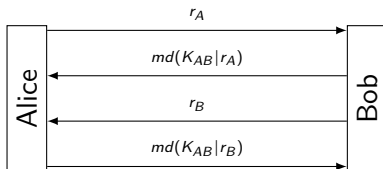
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$$1 - P \geq 0.5 \rightarrow P < 0.5 \rightarrow \frac{(365)_n}{365^n} < 0.5 \rightarrow n = 23$$

Authentication

- Alice and Bob shares a secret key K_{AB} in advance
- Alice challenges Bob by sending a random number r_A
- Bob returns the hash of $K_{AB}|r_A$
 - in authentication with SKC, Bob returns $K_{AB}\{r_A\}$
- Alice also computes its hash, and compares it to Bob's
 - in authentication with SKC, Alice decrypts Bob's message



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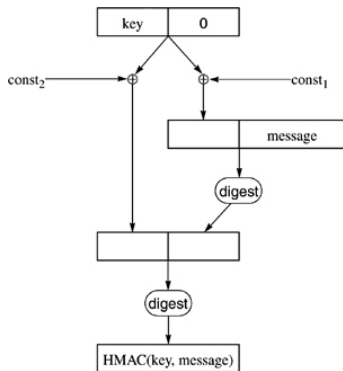
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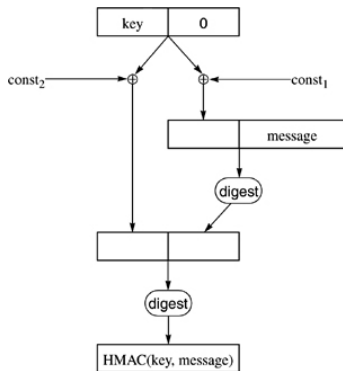
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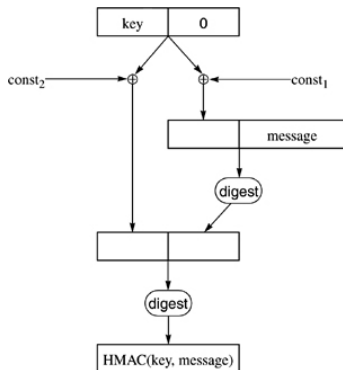
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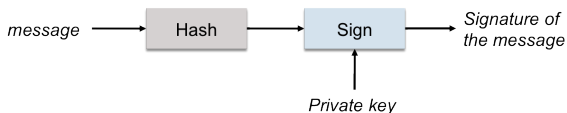
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Digital Signature

- Public key cryptography is too slow to sign large messages
 - ▣ generate and sign the cryptographic hash of the message
 - ▣ rely on the security of the hash function



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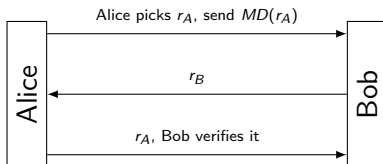
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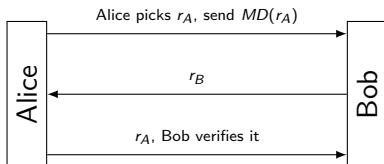
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- Will this protocol work for the **paper-scissors-rock** game? why?



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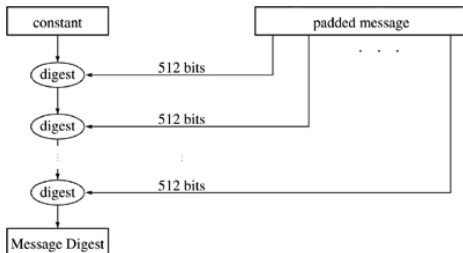
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 - ▣ collision can be found in 2^{69} calculations, 2000 times faster than brute-force (2^{80}) (2005)
 - ▣ “that is just on the far edge of feasibility with current technology.” (http://www.schneier.com/blog/archives/2005/02/cryptanalysis_o.html)

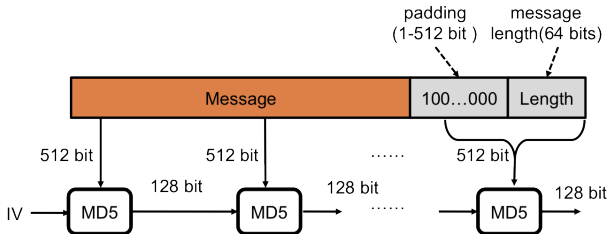
Common Structure

- Initialize message digest to a fixed constant
- Update the current digest with the next block of message
 - ▣ also called the **compression function** (512 bits \rightarrow digest length)
 - ▣ block by block (extension attack)
- Output the final result as the digest for the entire message



MD5: Overview

- Pad message to a multiple of 512 bits
- Digest message block by block (also called stages)



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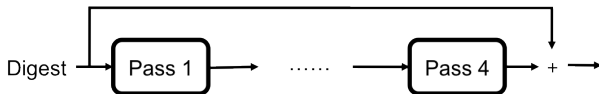
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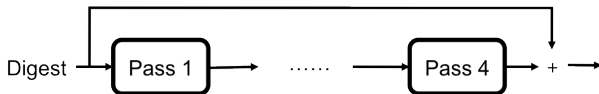
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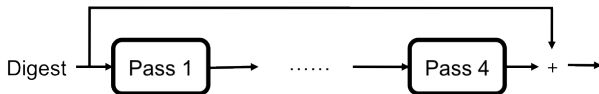
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- The output is the final modified digest + pre-stage digest



MD5: Notation

- $\sim x$: bit-wise complement of x
- $x \vee y$, $x \wedge y$, $x \oplus y$: bit-wise OR, AND, XOR of x and y
- $x \ll n$: left-rotate x by n bits
- T : a table of 64 constants

MD5: Pass 1

- Select function: $F(x, y, z) = (x \wedge y) \vee (\sim x \wedge z)$
 - ▣ Select n -th bit of y if n -th bit of x is 1, otherwise n -th bit of z
- For $i = 0$ to 15:
 - $d_{-i \wedge 3} = d_{(1-i) \wedge 3} + (d_{-i \wedge 3} + F(d_{(1-i) \wedge 3}, d_{(2-i) \wedge 3}, d_{(3-i) \wedge 3}) + m_i + T_{i+1}) \uparrow S_1(i \wedge 3)$
- $d_0 = d_1 + (d_0 + F(d_1, d_2, d_3) + m_0 + T_1) \uparrow 7$
- $d_3 = d_0 + (d_3 + F(d_0, d_1, d_2) + m_1 + T_2) \uparrow 12$
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- Select function: $G(x, y, z) = (x \wedge z) \vee (y \wedge \sim z)$

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- Each SHA-1 stage has 5 passes
 - a pre-process pass to extend the block to 80 words (32 bits), grouped into 4 sets of 20 words
 - four digest passes each updates the digest with its set of words

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 $w_0 - w_{19}, w_{20} - w_{39}, w_{40} - w_{59}, w_{60} - w_{79}$

SHA1: Digest Pass

- Each pass updates the digest using 20 words, w_0 to w_{19}
- Assume p is the pass number (0, 1, 2, 3), then for $i = 0$ to 19:

$$A' = E + (A \ll 5) + w_i + K_p + f_p(B, C, D)$$

$$B' = A$$

$$C' = B \ll 30$$

$$D' = C$$

$$E' = D$$

K_p is a constant, f_p is a function (both vary wrt. p)

SHA1: Digest Pass

- Why MD5 and SHA1 is much faster than DES?

Digest Pass	SHA-1	MD5
1	$(B \wedge C) \vee (\sim B \wedge D)$	$(x \wedge y) \vee (\sim x \wedge z)$
2	$B \oplus C \oplus D$	$(x \wedge z) \vee (y \wedge \sim z)$
3	$(B \wedge C) \vee (B \wedge D) \vee (C \wedge D)$	$x \oplus y \oplus z$
4	$B \oplus C \oplus D$	$y \oplus (x \vee \sim z)$

Conclusion

Bruce Schneier:

“Hash functions are the least-well-understood cryptographic primitive, and hashing techniques are much less developed than encryption techniques.”