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- Hashing (OWF, Collision Resistance)
- AES
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Hash Functions

A Hash Function $H: \{0,1\}^* \to \{0,1\}^\lambda$ maps strings from arbitrary length to strings of length λ

Useful properties for hash functions: collision resistance and one-wayness.

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- Even if an adversary gets the stored hash values, we don't want them to discover the passwords of the users: **Use one-way functions!**

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- In practice, negligible is considered less than a very small constant, like 2^{-128}

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- User can ensure integrity by checking if H(F) = H(F'): Need collision resistance!

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A family of functions $\{H_{\lambda}\}_{\lambda \in \mathbb{N}}$ where $H_{\lambda} : \{0,1\}^* \to \{0,1\}^{\lambda}$ is said to be *collision resistant* if for all polynomial-time adversaries A there exists a negligible function μ such that for every $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\Pr\left[H_{\lambda}(x) = H_{\lambda}(x') \land x \neq x' : (x, x') \leftarrow A(1^{\lambda})\right] \leq \mu(\lambda).$$

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Solution: Yes. Suppose h_2 is not collision resistant, so we are able to find x, y, x', y' such that $(x, y) \neq (x', y')$ and $h_2(x, y) = h_2(x', y')$. Therefore, either it is the case that $x||h_1(y) = x'||h_1(y')$ or $x||h_1(y) \neq x'||h_1(y')$. In the first case, that implies that $h_1(y) \neq h_1(y')$, so we have found a collision for h_1 . In the second case, $x||h_1(y)$ and $x'||h_1(y')$ cause a collision.

AES is a pseudorandom permutation.

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$$|\Pr\left[A^{f(k,\cdot)}(1^{\lambda})=1: \ k \xleftarrow{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{K}\right] - \Pr\left[A^{U}(1^{\lambda})=1: \ U \xleftarrow{\mathbb{R}} \mathsf{Fun}_{\lambda \to \lambda}\right]| \leq \mu(\lambda).$$

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PRP/PRF Switching Lemma

If the adversary queries for T input/output pairs, then the probability that it can distinguish between a PRP and a PRF is at most $\frac{T(T-1)}{2^{\lambda+1}}$

AES(k, x):



 $k_0, ..., k_{10}$ are derived from the key k through an invertible algorithm. π is an invertible function consisting of 3 steps: substitute bytes, shift rows, and mix columns (no mix columns in the last round) AES treats its inputs as a matrix of bytes.

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Substitute bytes: Replaces bytes in the matrix according to a map called the sbox. This adds nonlinearity to the algorithm (the other two steps are linear).



Shift rows: Cyclically shifts the bytes in each row by a certain offset. The first row is left unchanged, the second row is shifted one to the left, the third row is shifted two, and the fourth row is shifted three.



Mix columns: Each column is multiplied with a specific matrix



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- To get the complete solution, we add the nullspace (solutions to $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{0}$): $\mathbf{x} = (-2, 0, 3/2, 0) + c_1(-2, 1, 0, 0) + c_2(2, 0, -2, 1)$

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Given a $m \times n$ matrix A, we have the following cases (where R is the reduced row echelon form of A)

	r = m = n	r = n < m	r = m < n	r < m, r < n
R	Ι	$\left[\begin{array}{c}I\\0\end{array}\right]$	$\begin{bmatrix} I & F \end{bmatrix}$	$\left[\begin{array}{rrr}I&F\\0&0\end{array}\right]$
# solutions to $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$	1	0 or 1	infinitely many	0 or infinitely many

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