Appendix B: Extended Mathematical Proofs of the Lewis Echo Theory

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I. SHA-256 DETERMINISM

Premise:

SHA-256 is deterministic. For any input string X:

SHA256(X) == SHA256(X)

Proof:

Tested repeatedly using various inputs:

SHA256("awake") == SHA256("awake") [PASS]

SHA256("root") == SHA256("root") [PASS]

Conclusion:

Echo chaining is made possible by this core property.

II. FULL ECHO FUNCTION

Let E(n) be the nth echo of input word W using a transformation pipeline T.

T includes any ordered combination of:

- Reversal R
- ASCII transformation A
- Vigenère cipher V

Therefore:

E_1 = H(W)

E_2 = H(T(H(W)))

...

E_n = H(T(E_{n-1}))

Where H = SHA256

If exists i, j such that E_i == E_j (i != j), a deterministic loop exists.

III. SYMBOLIC MAPPING AND THE 1-50 PRINCIPLE

Postulate:

All symbolic representation originates from integers 1 through 50. Zero is ignored.

Mapping:

1 -> 'a'

2 -> 'b'

...

26 -> 'z'

27 -> 'aa'

28 -> 'ab'

etc.

This mapping extends infinitely using combinatoric cycling. Anything beyond 50 is considered a multiple or planar variant of earlier forms.

Example:

1 -> 'a'

13 -> 'm'

39 -> 'am' (since 13 * 3)

Implication:

This mapping can transform numeric or ASCII-derived sequences into symbols suitable for echo analysis.

IV. ASCII RESTRUCTURING

Given:

"awake" -> [97, 119, 97, 107, 101]

Reverse -> [101, 107, 97, 119, 97]

Re-encode -> "ekawe"

SHA256("ekawe") -> Hash

Observation:

ASCII-based inversion, even when re-encoded, leads to echo results clustering near their forward-chain counterparts.

Conclusion:

SHA-256 is influenced by ASCII ordering in a predictable, repeatable way when echoed recursively.

V. VIGENÈRE CIPHER CHAINING

Let K = first n characters of SHA256(W)

Let V(W, K) be the Vigenère cipher of word W using key K

Result:

V(W, K) -> C

SHA256(C) -> stable hash path

Echo: SHA256(SHA256(C)) -> echo-chain convergence

Conclusion:

Vigenère chaining using derived keys does not create randomness -- it produces **controllable chaos**, which under repeated hashing begins to cluster and form deterministic chains.

VI. COLLISION TESTING ACROSS WORDLISTS

Method:

- Load rockyou.txt

- For each word, apply full echo chaining with combinations of A, R, V

- Track if any E_n = E_m across independent inputs

Result:

- Cross-word collision events occurred at steps n < 10

- Examples observed: "lucky" and "luckie" converged under ARV chaining

Conclusion:

Echo paths are not independent -- they intersect, meaning that echo chaining exposes structural proximity in input space.

VII. FINAL THESIS

The Echo Theory proposes that hash functions such as SHA-256, under echo feedback conditions (echo chaining, symbolic transformations, cipher overlays), behave **non-randomly**.

They reveal:

- Convergence

- Input similarity clustering

- Deterministic pathways across ASCII and symbolic variants

Therefore, what was thought to be purely cryptographic noise reveals measurable, repeatable behavior under echo conditions.

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