Security of hash functions

Brute-forcing a hash function m — H X

CR - Collision Resistance

 \Rightarrow given H, hard to find m and m' such that H(m) = H(m') = x

Given a hash function H of n bits output

- Reaching all possibilities
- On average, an attacker should try half of them

2ⁿ cases

2ⁿ⁻¹ cases