

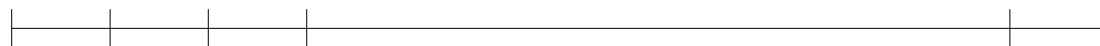
# Test 8 - alternative mining puzzles

# Puzzle Requirements [ID: 498029]

Consider a mining puzzle that requires miners to compute  $n$  consecutive hashes that are greater than a given hash in order to win the next reward. Explain whether this puzzle satisfies the essential puzzle requirements!

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N steps



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- No



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# ASIC Resistant Puzzles [ID: 498026]

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# Block Reward in Tezos Proof of Stake [ID: 498027]

- What is the maximum block reward that a baker can receive?

## Baking reward

Reward = block reward + all fees paid by transactions

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**Block reward\_max =  $32 * \text{BAKING REWARD PER ENDORSEMENT}[0] = 32 * 1.250 = 40$**

# Tezos Baking/Endorsing Deposit [ID: 498031]

- Assuming that BLOCKS PER CYCLE = 2016, how long does it take for a baker/endorser to receive the deposit money back after baking/endorsing?



# Tezos Baking/Endorsing Deposit

## [ID: 498031]

- Blocks are group into cycles of BLOCKS PER CYCLE = 2016 blocks.
- TIME BETWEEN BLOCKS = one minute
- 1 cycle = 2016 minutes (1 day 9 hours 36 minutes)
- PRESERVED CYCLES = 5 cycles =  $2016 * 5 = 10.080$  minutes = 168 hours (7 days)

**Security deposit: frozen for PRESERVED CYCLES = 5 cycles = 7 days**

# Tezos Security Deposits [ID: 498032]

- Assuming that the total amount of staked tokens is 720,000,000 XTZ and  $\text{BLOCKS\_PER\_CYCLE} = 2048$  how many percent of this amount is stored in security deposits?

# Tezos Security Deposits [ID: 498032]

BLOCKS\_PER\_CYCLE =  $2048 * 5 = 10240$

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$$\begin{aligned} & ((\text{BLOCK\_SECURITY\_DEPOSIT} + \\ & \text{ENDORSEMENT\_SECURITY\_DEPOSIT} * \\ & \text{ENDORSERS\_PER\_BLOCK}) * \\ & (\text{PRESERVED\_CYCLES} + 1) * \\ & \text{BLOCKS\_PER\_CYCLE}) \end{aligned}$$

$$= (512 + 64 * 32) * (5 + 1) * 2048$$

$$= 31457280$$

$$\% = 31457280 / 7200000000 = 4,37$$

# Algorand: Pure Proof of Stake [ID: 498024]

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right

wrong

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There is no need for deposits

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