Computational Complexity



- Given H and m, computing x is easy (polynomial or linear)
- Given H and x, computing m is hard (exponential)
- → H is not invertible

Preimage Resistance and Collision Resistance



PR - Preimage Resistance (a.k.a One Way)

→ given H and x, hard to find m e.g. password storage

2PR - Second Preimage Resistance (a.k.a Weak Collision Resistance)

 \Rightarrow given H, m and x, hard to find m' such that H(m) = H(m') = x e.g. virus identification

CR - Collision Resistance (a.k.a Strong Collision Resistance)

 \Rightarrow given H, hard to find m and m' such that H(m) = H(m') = x e.g. digital signatures

CR → 2PR and CR → PR