

## Fixed length Hash Function

A fixed length hash function maps 2 n-bit strings to one n-bit string. This kind of a hash function maps  $2n \rightarrow n$  bits always but can be converted into variable length by using a Merkle-Damgaard like transform.

In our case, we use the Discrete log to again achieve a fixed length hash function.

Using a prime  $q$  & 2 generators  $g$  and  $h$ , we get the hash  $h$  by

$$h = (g^{x_1} h^{x_2}) \bmod q$$

Since finding  $x_1$  &  $x_2$  from  $h$  is hard, breaking the hashing algorithm by finding  $x' = x_1' + x_2'$  with same hash  $h$  is also hard.