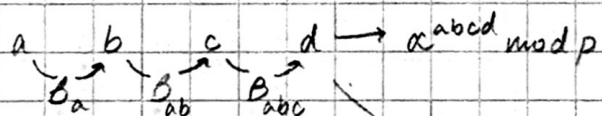


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1. a. h is preimage resistant because it is hard to find x given $h(x) = y$. This is because for most x values, finding the preimage requires solving the discrete logarithm problem.
- b. h is not collision resistant because since n is fixed for all x , there will be multiples of n for different x that result in the same y .
2. a. $0.75 = \epsilon$, $Q = \sqrt{2M \ln(1/(1-\epsilon))} = \sqrt{2(2^{256}) \ln(4)} = \sqrt{2^{257} \ln(4)}$
 $M = 2^{256} = \sqrt{2^{258} \ln(2)} \approx (0.833 \cdot 2^{129})$
- b. This hash function is second preimage resistant because it is collision resistant.
- c. This hash function is also collision resistant, making it second preimage resistant.

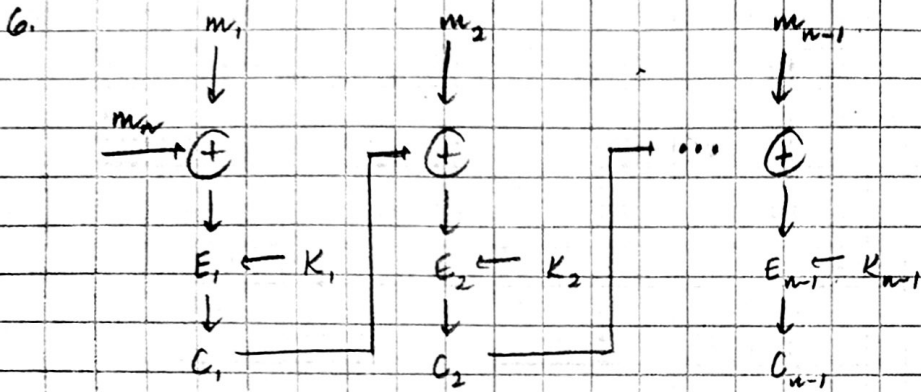
3. $M = 12$, $Q = 4$, $\epsilon = 1 - e^{-4(4-1)/2(12)} = 1 - e^{-12/24} = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} = (0.393)$

4. first, all 4 people calculate α^x where x is the person's prime. each person then transmits B_x to the next person over, and everyone calculates B_{xy} . This process repeats two more times until every person has received a B value 3 times. At the end of this process, everyone will end up with the same secret key $\alpha^{abcd} \bmod p$.



This process also starts from b , c , and d .

5. if h_1 is a collision resistant hash function, $h_1(x_1) || h_2(x_2)$ is already collision resistant on its own. Putting the whole thing through h_1 , it will remain collision resistant. By definition of collision resistance $h_1(x_1) = h_1(x_2)$ implies $x_1 = x_2$.



b. for $m = 101011$ with key $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, block length 2

for original algorithm, $C_1 = 01$, $C_2 = 11$, $C_3 = 00$

for new algorithm, $C_1 = 10$, $C_2 = 00$, $C_3 = 00$

Therefore, the new algorithm gives a different result than the original