

Higher order differential MiTM preimages attacks

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Hash Functions

$$F: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow \{0,1\}^k$$

- ❖ Compress a message to a fixed-size hash.
- ❖ Example of applications: *Hash & Sign*.

MD4("Thomas Espitau") = 41567fe4aeaf92f9affa00a7f015d0e7

MD4("Thomas Espitou") = 17280cc68a26f22e2d2ba5da6a23aa

Avalanche effect

Hash Functions

3 notions of security

Collisions

Find M, N such that:

$$F(M) = F(N)$$

$$2^{k/2}$$

(Birthday paradox)

Preimage

For C , find M such that:

$$F(M) = C$$

$$2^k$$

2nd Preimage

For N , if $C = F(N)$, find M such that:

$$F(M) = C$$

$$2^k$$

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Markle-Damgård scheme

One way compression
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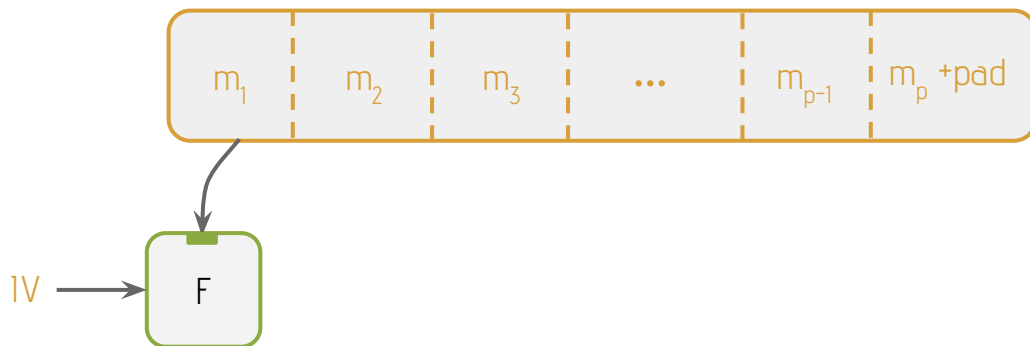
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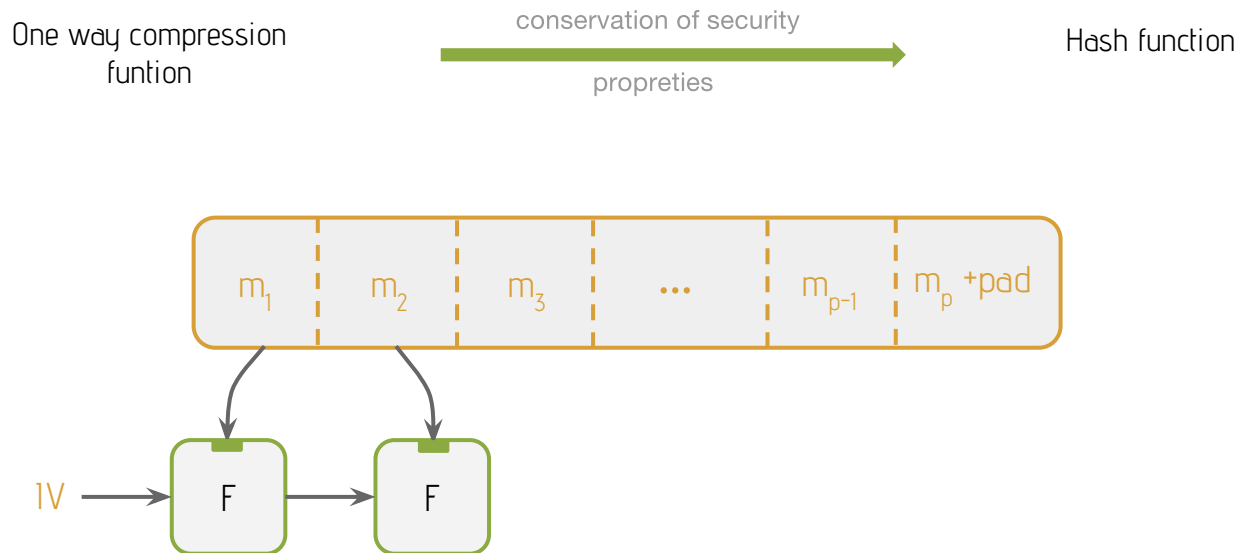
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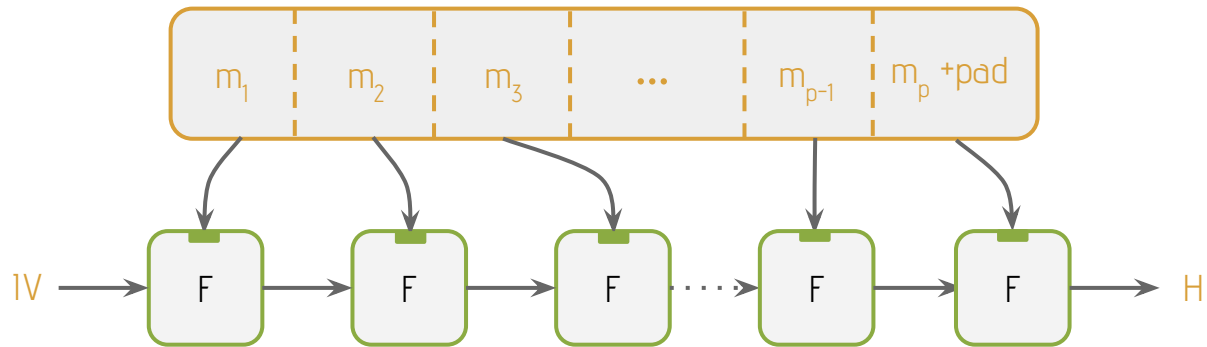
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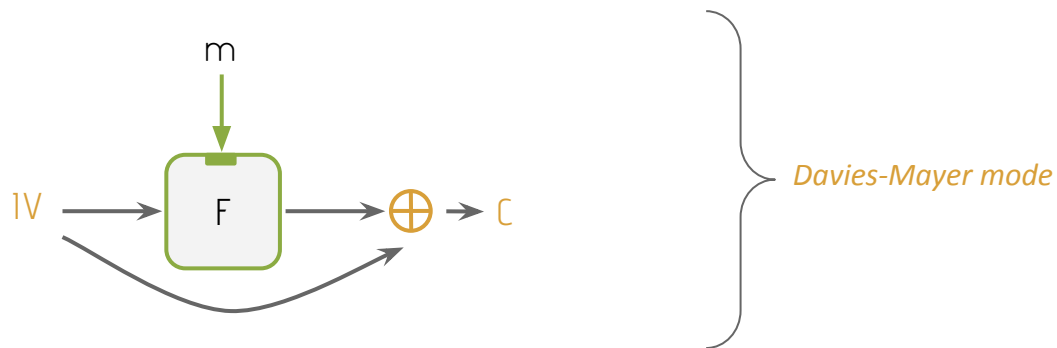


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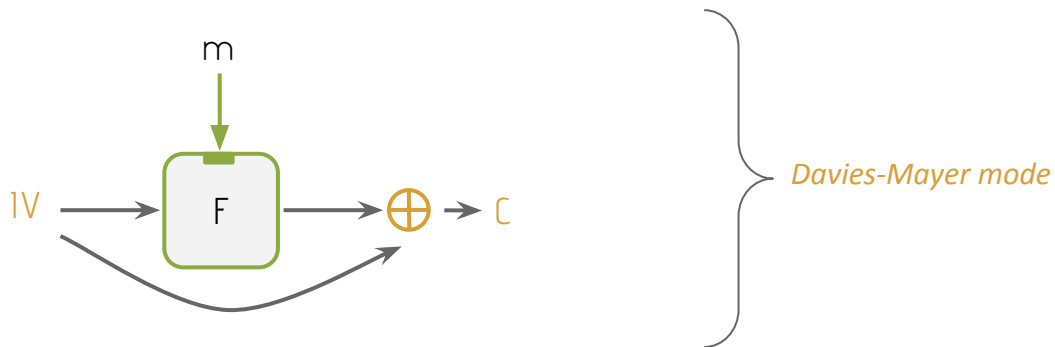
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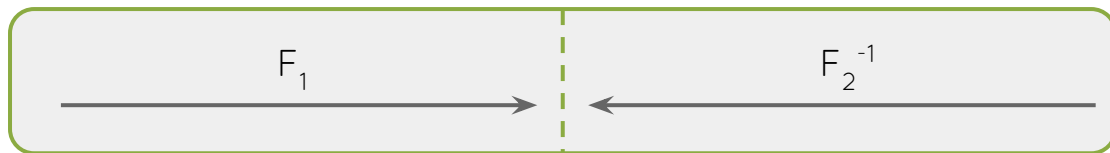
Find **preimage for the compression function** : find a **preimage** of $H = C + IV$ by the function $F(_, IV)$

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Compression function cut in two chunks:

$$F = F_1 \circ F_2$$



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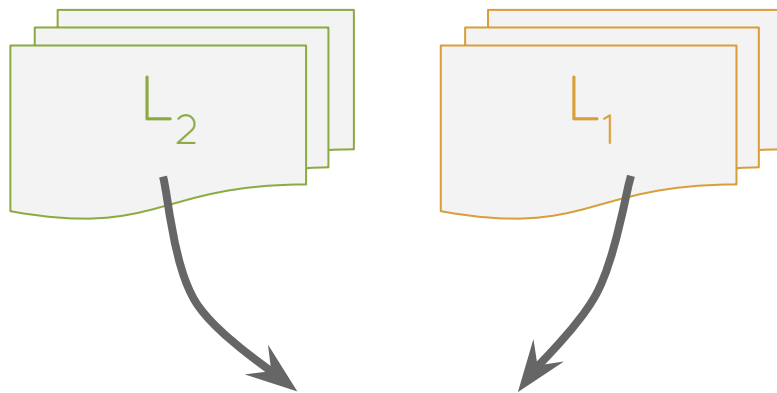
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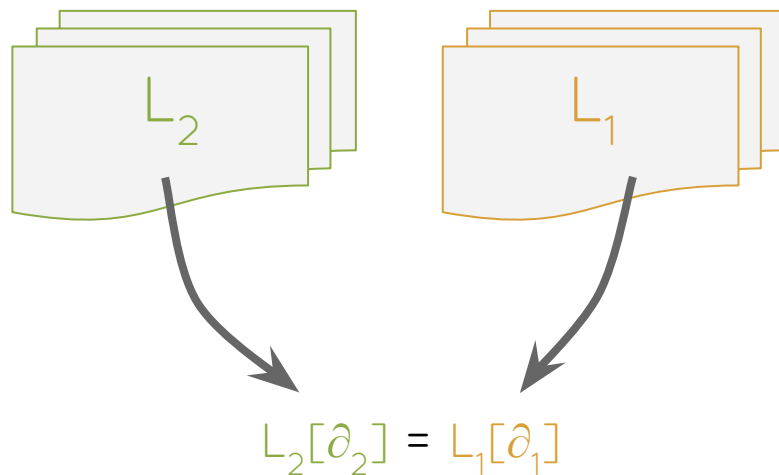
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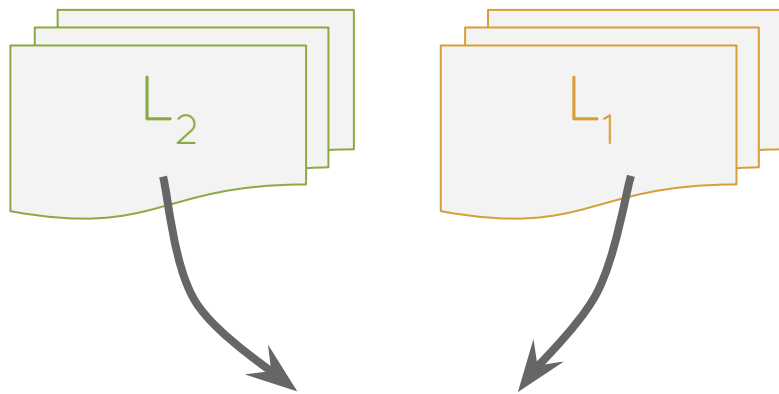
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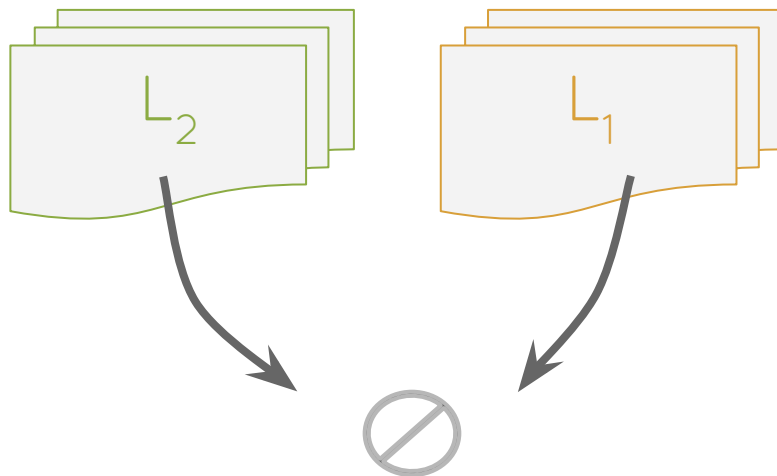
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$$L_2[\partial_2] = L_1[\partial_1]$$

$M + \partial_1 + \partial_2$ is a preimage

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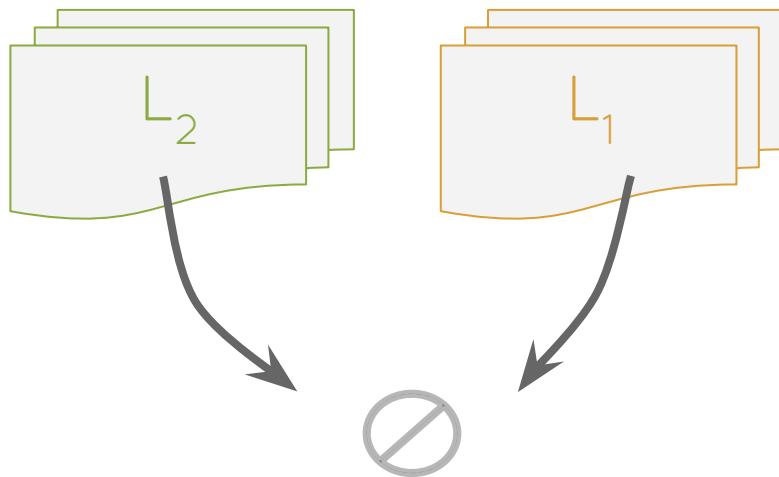
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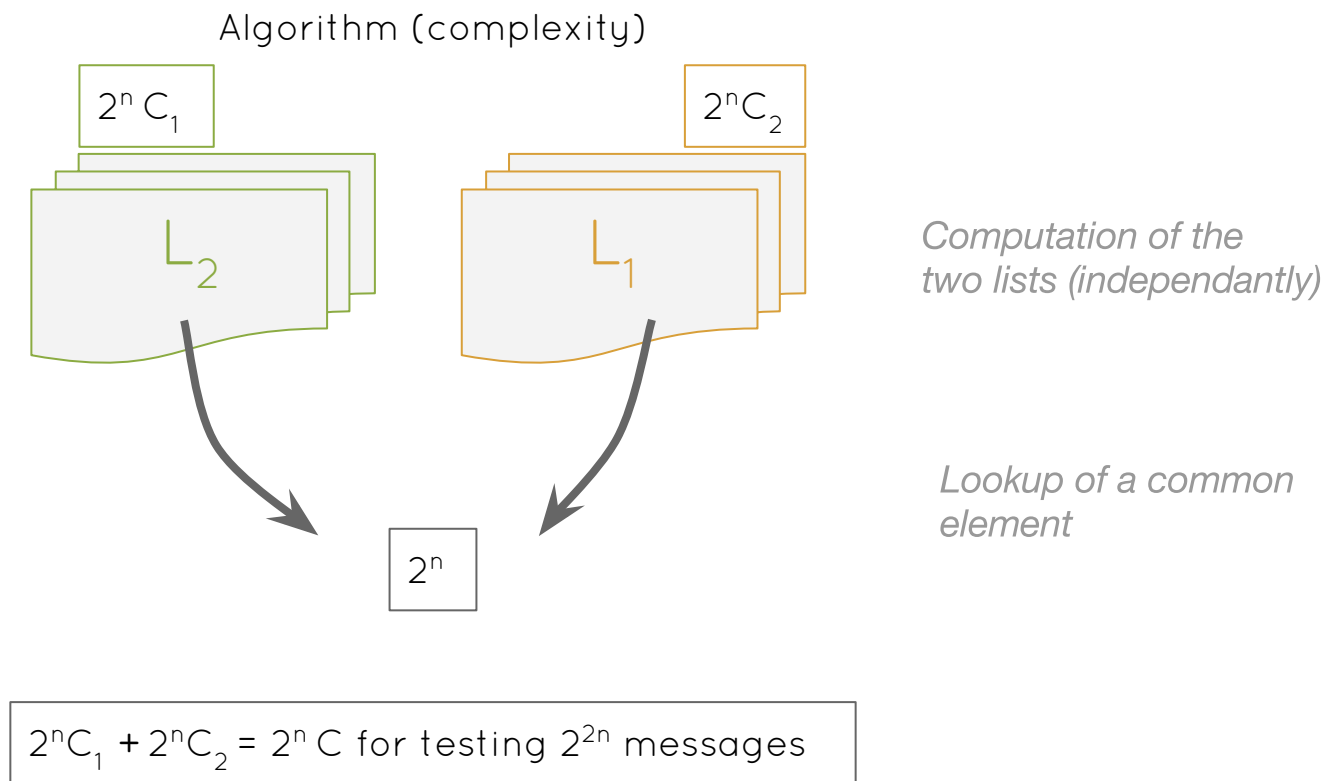
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$M + D_1 + D_2$ *doesn't contain a preimage*

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$$D_{a,b,\dots,n}(F) = D_a(D_{b,\dots,n}(F))$$

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$$D_{a,b}(F)(M) = F(M+a)+F(M+b)+F(M+a+b)+F(M)$$

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$$D_{\delta}(F)(M) = \Delta$$

D_{δ} is a *finite difference operator*

$$\Pr[D_{a,b}(F)(M) = \Delta] = p$$

$a, b \longrightarrow \Delta$ is an order 2 *message differential* of probability p

Higher order differentials MiTM

D_1 , D_2 , D_3 , D_4 four sub spaces in direct sum in the space of messages.

$$F_1(M + \partial_1 + \partial_3, IV) + F_1(M + \partial_3, IV) + F_1(M + \partial_1, IV) = F_1(M, IV)$$

$\partial_1 \partial_3 \longrightarrow 0$ is an order 2 *message differential* of probability 1

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$$F_2^{-1}(M + \partial_2 + \partial_4, H) + F_2^{-1}(M + \partial_2, H) + F_2^{-1}(M + \partial_4, H) = F_2^{-1}(M, H)$$

$\partial_2 \partial_4 \longrightarrow 0$ is an order 2 *message differential* of probability 1

Higher order differentials MiTM

Previously:

$$F_1(M + \partial_1 + \partial_2, IV) = F_2^{-1}(M + \partial_1 + \partial_2, H)$$

Higher order differentials MiTM

With HOD:

$$F_1(M + \partial_1 + \partial_2 + \partial_3 + \partial_4, IV) = F_2^{-1}(M + \partial_1 + \partial_2 + \partial_3 + \partial_4, H)$$

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$A[\partial_3, \partial_2, \partial_4]$

$B[\partial_1, \partial_2, \partial_4]$

$C[\partial_2, \partial_4]$

$$\begin{aligned} & F_1(M + \partial_3 + \partial_2 + \partial_4, IV) + F_1(M + \partial_1 + \partial_2 + \partial_4, IV) + F_1(M + \partial_2 + \partial_4, IV) \\ &= F_2^{-1}(M + \partial_2 + \partial_1 + \partial_3, H) + F_2^{-1}(M + \partial_4 + \partial_1 + \partial_3, H) + F_2^{-1}(M + \partial_1 + \partial_3, H) \end{aligned}$$

$D[\partial_1, \partial_3, \partial_2]$

$E[\partial_1, \partial_3, \partial_4]$

$F[\partial_1, \partial_3]$

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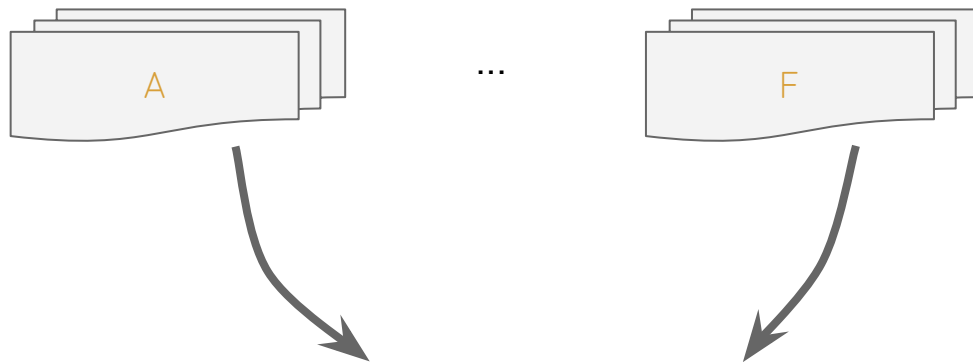
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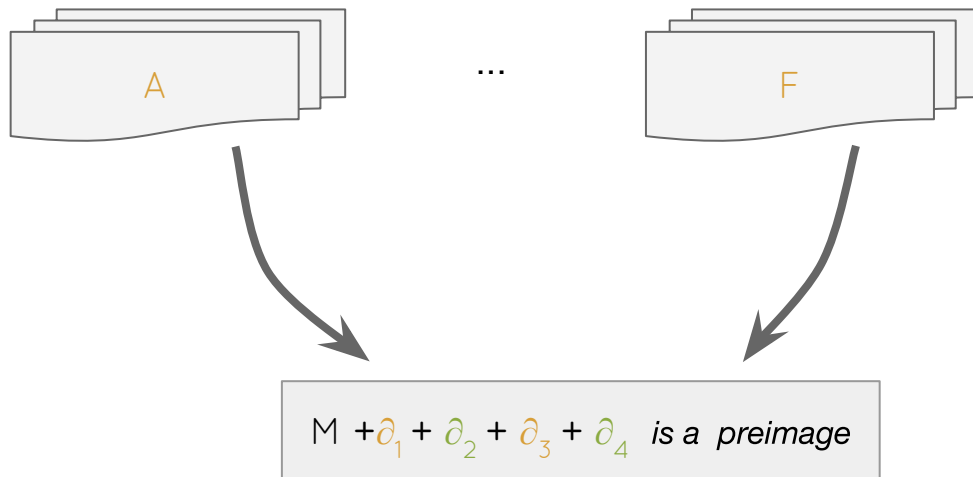
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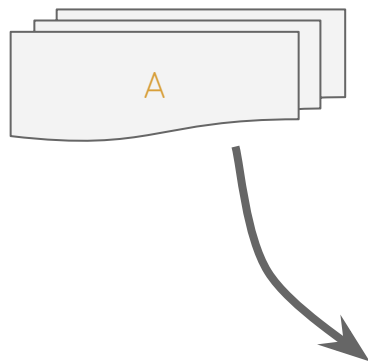
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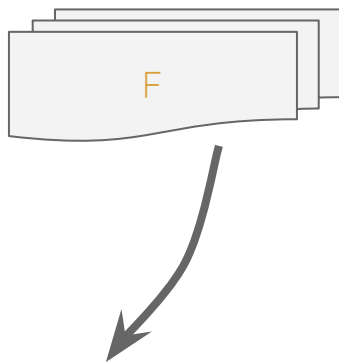


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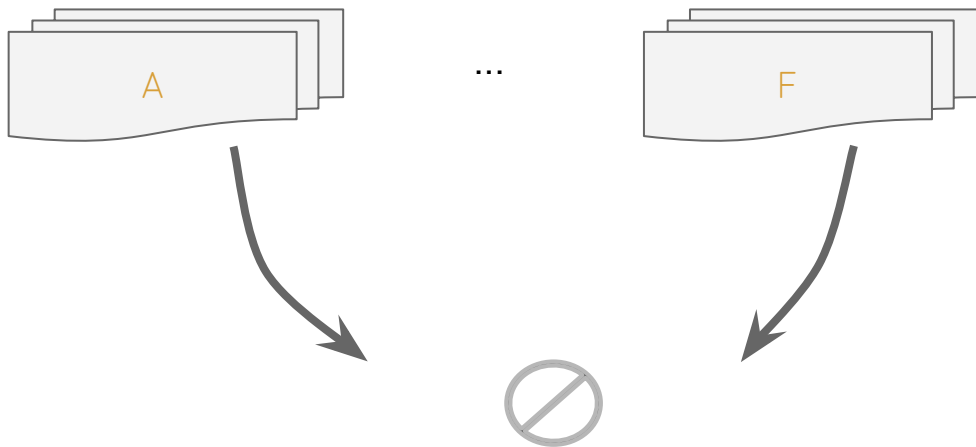


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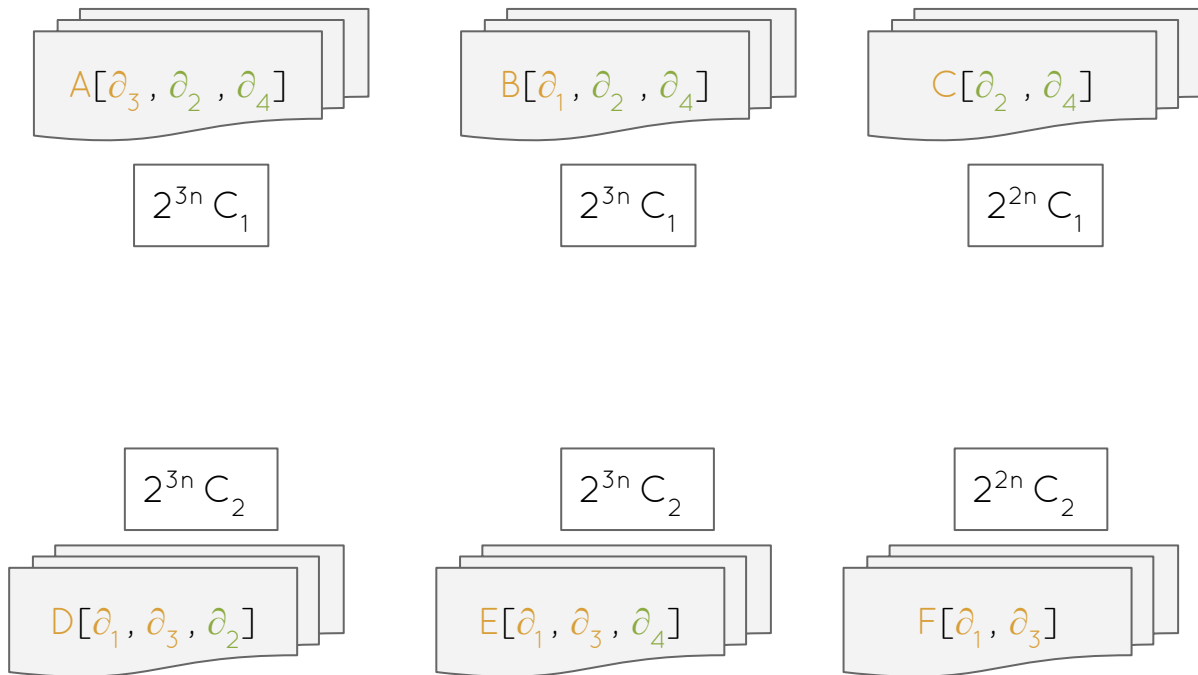
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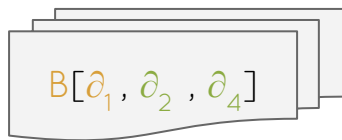


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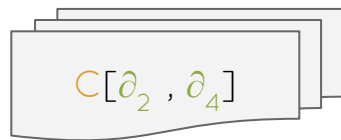
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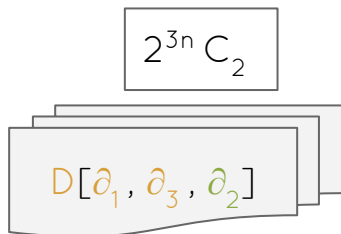


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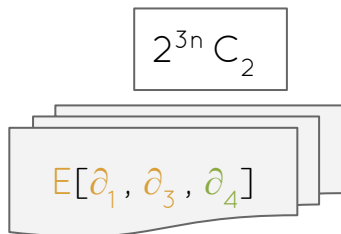


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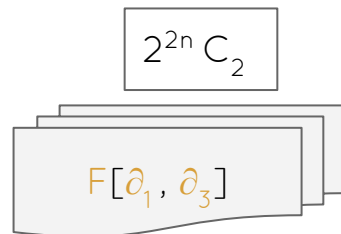
$$2 \cdot 2^{3n} C_1 + 2 \cdot 2^{3n} C_2 + 2^{2n} C_1 + 2^{2n} C_2 = (2^{3n} + 2^{2n}) C \text{ for testing } 2^{4n} \text{ messages}$$



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Applications

Let's break things!



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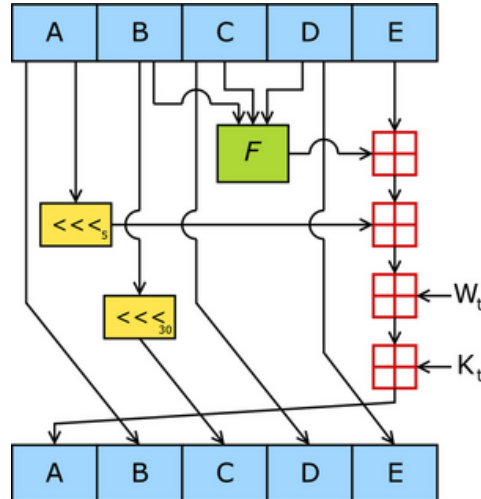
SHA-1

- Part of the MD4 family
- Hash size is 160 bits \Rightarrow Preimage security should be 160 bits
- Message blocks are 512-bit long

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- Block cipher in **Davies-Meyer** mode
- Structure is a 5-branch **ARX Feistel** with a **linear** message expansion



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- 62 rounds attacked (over 80) with two blocks & correct padding $[2^{159.3}]$
Prev. 57 rounds $[2^{158.8}]$, now 57 rounds $[2^{157.9}]$
- 56 rounds attacked with one blocks & correct padding $[2^{156.7}]$
Prev. 52 rounds $[2^{158.4}]$, now 52 rounds $[2^{156.7}]$
- 64 rounds attacked in pseudo-preimage $[2^{156.7}]$
Prev. 60 rounds $[2^{157.4}]$, now 61 rounds $[2^{156.7}]$

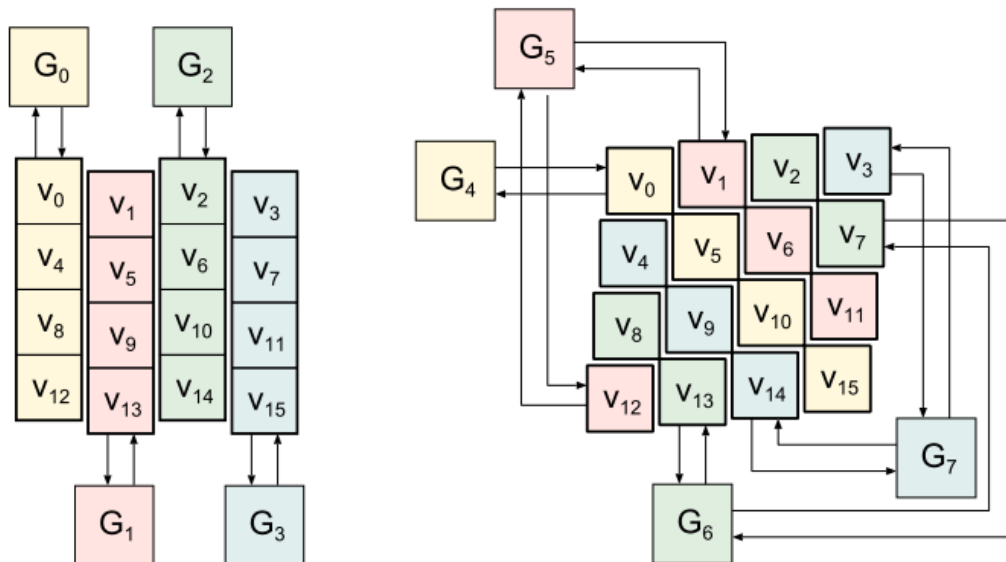
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BLAKE-BLAKE2

- BLAKE is a SHA-3 finalist. BLAKE2 is a faster version.
- Designed for high performances.
- BLAKE-256 (resp. 512) , works with 32 (resp. 64)-bit words, produce 256-(resp 512)-bits digests.

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- 2.75 rounds attacked of BLAKE-512, BLAKE2b. (previously 2.5) $[2^{510.3}] [2^{510.3}]$
- 6.75 rounds attacked in c.f. pseudo-preimage of BLAKE-256, BLAKE2s. $[2^{253.9}] [2^{253.8}]$
- 7.5 rounds attacked in c.f. pseudo-preimage of BLAKE-512, BLAKE2b. $[2^{510.3}] [2^{510.3}]$

The end

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