

- m is a message of any length
- x is a message digest of a fixed length
- → H is a lossy compression function necessarily there exists x, m_1 and $m_2 \mid H(m_1)$ = $H(m_2) = x$

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