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HASH FUNCTION

1.1 Jack's Birthday Hash

Challenge:

Today is Jack's birthday, so he has designed his own cryptographic hash as a way to celebrate.

Reading up on the key components of hash functions, he's a little worried about the security of the JACK11 hash.

Given any input data, JACK11 has been designed to produce a deterministic bit array of length 11, which is sensitive to small changes using the avalanche effect.

Using JACK11, his secret has the hash value: JACK(secret) = 01011001101.

Given no other data of the JACK11 hash algorithm, how many unique secrets would you expect to hash to have (on average) a 50% chance of a collision with Jack's secret?

Solve:

Hash Value Output (11 bits contains 0 and 1) = $2^{11} = 2048$

So here A is the chance that we have a collision with Jack's secret.

$$A=\frac{1}{2048}$$
 which the opposite is $\bar{A}=\frac{2047}{2048}$

So the chance of not colliding with Jack's secret is A.

With 50% chance of collision, we have:

$$P(A) = 1 - P(\bar{A}) = 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\bar{A}) = 0.5$$

$$P(\bar{A}) = (\bar{A})^n = (\frac{2047}{2048})^n = 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow n * ln(\frac{2047}{2048}) = ln(0.5)$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{ln(0.5)}{ln(\frac{2047}{2048})} \approx 1419.7$$

So we need at least 1420 unique secrets to have a 50% chance of a collision with Jack's secret.

1.2 Jack's Birthday Confusion

Challenge:

The last computation has made Jack a little worried about the safety of his hash, and after doing some more research it seems there's a bigger problem.

Given no other data of the JACK11 hash algorithm, how many unique secrets would you expect to hash to have (on average) a 75% chance of a collision between two distinct secrets? Solve:

$$\begin{array}{l} P(n)=1-\text{ (prob that n hashes are unique)}\\ \Rightarrow P(n)=1-(\frac{H}{H}*\frac{H-1}{H}*\frac{H-2}{H}*\dots*\frac{H-n+1}{H})\Rightarrow \Pi_{k=0}^{n-1}(1-\frac{k}{H})\\ \Rightarrow ln(\Pi_{k=0}^{n-1}(1-\frac{k}{H}))=\sum_{k=0}^{n-1}ln(1-\frac{k}{H})\text{ (1)}\\ \text{Where H is the number of hash value output}=2^{11}=2048\\ \text{Talk about Taylor series, we have: }ln(1-x)=-x-\frac{x^2}{2}-\frac{x^3}{3}-\dots\\ \Rightarrow ln(1-x)\approx -x\text{ when x } \leqslant 1 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - x \approx e^{-x}$$

So with the (1), we have: $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} ln(1 - \frac{k}{H}) \approx -\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{k}{H} = -\frac{n(n-1)}{2H}$ (2)

We take the exponential of both sides of (2) to get: $\Pi_{k=0}^{n-1}(1-\frac{k}{H})\approx e^{-\frac{n(n-1)}{2H}}$ (3) But for the large n but still n « H, we can approximate n(n-1) \approx n².

(3) becomes:
$$e^{-\frac{n^2}{2H}}$$

 $\Rightarrow P(n) \approx 1 - e^{-\frac{n^2}{2H}}$
 $\Rightarrow -\frac{n^2}{2H} = ln(1-p) \Rightarrow n(p) \approx \sqrt{-2H * ln(1-p)}$
 $\Rightarrow n(0.75) \approx \sqrt{-2 * 2048 * ln(1-0.75)} \approx 76$

So there is 76 unique secrets to have a 75% chance of a collision between two distinct secrets.

CHUONG 2

READING BOOK

2.1 Chapter 1

Kerckhoffs's Principle: must not be required to be secret, and it must be able to fall into the enemy's hands without causing inconvenience

Definition: $k \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\lambda}$ means to sample k uniformly from the set of λ -bit strings.

EAVESDROP algorithm: randomized algorithm that takes as input a ciphertext c and outputs a bit b.

2.2 Chapter 2

Encryption syntax: A symmetric key encryption scheme (SKE) is a tuple of three algorithms (Gen, Enc, Dec) such that:

- KeyGen: a randomized algorithm that outputs a key $k \in K$.
- Enc: a (possibly randomized) algorithm that takes a key $k \in K$ and plaintext $m \in M$ as input, and outputs a ciphertext $c \in C$.
- Dec: a deterministic algorithm that takes a key $k \in K$ and ciphertext $c \in C$ as input, and outputs a plaintext $m \in M$.
- With K is the key space, M is the message space, and C is the ciphertext space.

SKE correctness: For every key $k \in K$ and message $m \in M$, if $c \leftarrow Enc(k, m)$, then Dec(k, c) = m.

 \sum means is just a package name for "the encryption scheme," and the dot notation

 $(\sum .KeyGen, \sum .Enc, \sum .Dec)$ means the specific algorithm belonging to that scheme