

Is this scheme secure?

Let  $H(x)$

be a hash function with the following property:

$$H(x+y) = H(x) + H(y)$$

while being collision and preimage resistant.

Define the accumulated hash of a set inputs

as:

$$\text{setHash} = H(\text{sha3}(\text{input\_1}) + \text{sha3}(\text{input\_2}) + \dots)$$

equivalently

$$\text{setHash} = H(\text{sha3}(\text{input\_1})) + H(\text{sha3}(\text{input\_2})) + \dots$$

then the proof of existence of an element  $a$  in inputs

is a pair:  $(a, \text{restSum})$

that satisfies:

$$\text{setHash} = H(\text{sha3}(a)) + H(\text{restSum})$$

Batch proofs are possible with one shared  $\text{restSum}$

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The lost functionality compared to merkle trees is enumeration.

Security:

if  $a \notin \text{inputs}$

but proof for  $a$

's existence is valid, it means that either:

1. collision resistance of  $\text{sha3}$  is broken, it's feasible to find such  $a, a'$

that:

$$\text{sha3}(a) = \text{sha3}(a')$$

for  $a \neq a'$

and  $a' \in \text{inputs}$

1. collision resistance of a composite function  $H \circ \text{sha3}$

is broken:

$$H(\text{sha3}(a)) = H(\text{sha3}(a'))$$

for  $a \neq a'$

and  $a' \in \text{inputs}$

1. preimage resistance of  $H$  is broken, it's feasible to find  $\text{invalidRestSum}$

such that:

$$\text{setHash} = H(\text{sha3}(a)) + H(\text{invalidRestSum})$$

1. it's feasible to generate  $\{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n\} \notin \text{inputs}$

,  $n \geq 2$

,  $d \in \text{inputs}$

such that:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \text{sha3}(b_i) = \text{sha3}(d)$$

which breaks sha3's indistinguishability from random oracle assumption

Is there an attack that doesn't require breaking hash functions?