

1. [35pts] How many trials will it take you to break the weak collision resistance property using the brute-force method? You should repeat your experiment for multiple times (100 or more depending on how long each trial takes) and report your average number of trials.

I created a for loop to make my program run 10 times. The average trials (out of 10 runs) is 147638761. I couldn't run up to 100 trials because it took so long to run one time. It took me hours to run my program.

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hashGuess: d509c72404e07a3d19a0e19  
input: b'1q4sbt4r7nuctpau'  
guess: b'7400zmk0o0kfwqpb'  
count: 244002774  
Avg Trials: 147638761.1
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2. [35pts] How many trials will it take you to break the collision-free property using the brute-force method? Similarly, you should report the average.

The average trials (out of 100 runs) it took to break the collision-free is 362973.

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Avg Trials: 362973.7
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3. [10pts] Based on your observation, which property is easier to break using the brute-force method?

Based on my observation, the collision free is easier to break using the brute-force method because it took way less time to find 2 random inputs that have a collision in hash values.

4. [10pts] Can you explain the difference in your observations?

I think the difference is that with the weak collision, we had to find the random string that matches the original string; while with the collision free, we only needed to find 2 random strings that matched out of a certain number of random strings which made it easier to find a collision.