6.857 Rivest
L3.1 2/11/09

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Outline:

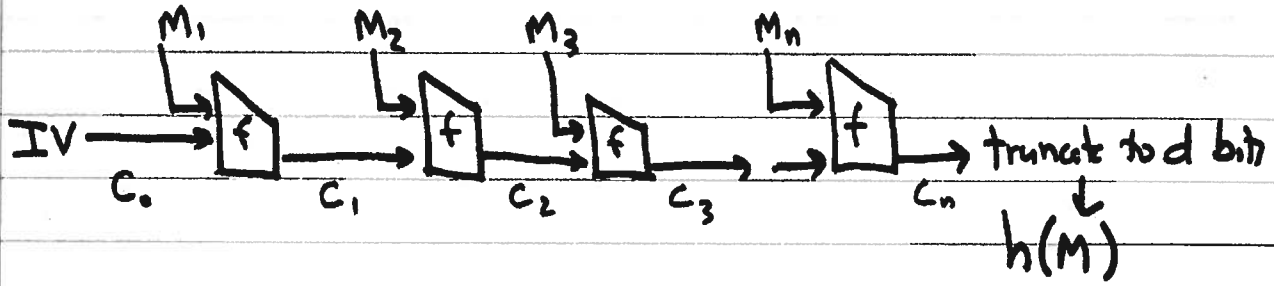
- ☐ Merkle-Damgard } L2.6-L2.7 for 2/9/09
- ☐ MD5 }
- ☐ MD6 (crypto slides)

Construction ("Merkle-Damgard" style)

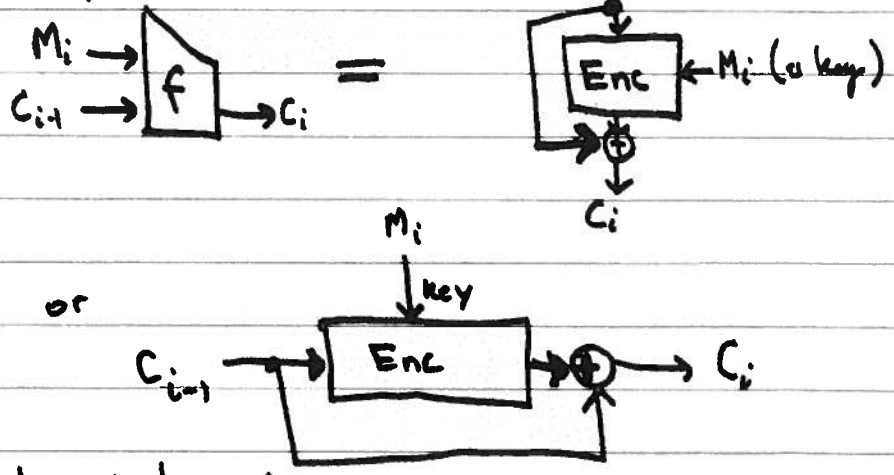
- Choose output size d (e.g. d = 160)
- Choose chaining variable size c (e.g. c = 160) (better if c ≥ 2d !)
- Choose block size b for message
- Design "compression fn" f (OW, CR, PR, NM, TCR, ...)

$$f : \{0,1\}^c \times \{0,1\}^b \to \{0,1\}^c$$

- Choose c-bit IV (initialization vector)
- Given message, add both 10*-bits & "length of m" |m|
  so that m's new length is multiple of b bits
  now $M = M_1 M_2 \cdots M_n$ (n b-bit blocks)



- Like "mode of operation" for encryption algorithm.
- IV is arbitrary, but fixed.
- Thm: If f is CR, then so is h.
  Pf: Work backwards through chain from h-collision to find f-collision.
- Thm: Same for OW.
- Common pattern:



But AES etc. are hard to change keys ...

Typical compression function (MD5):

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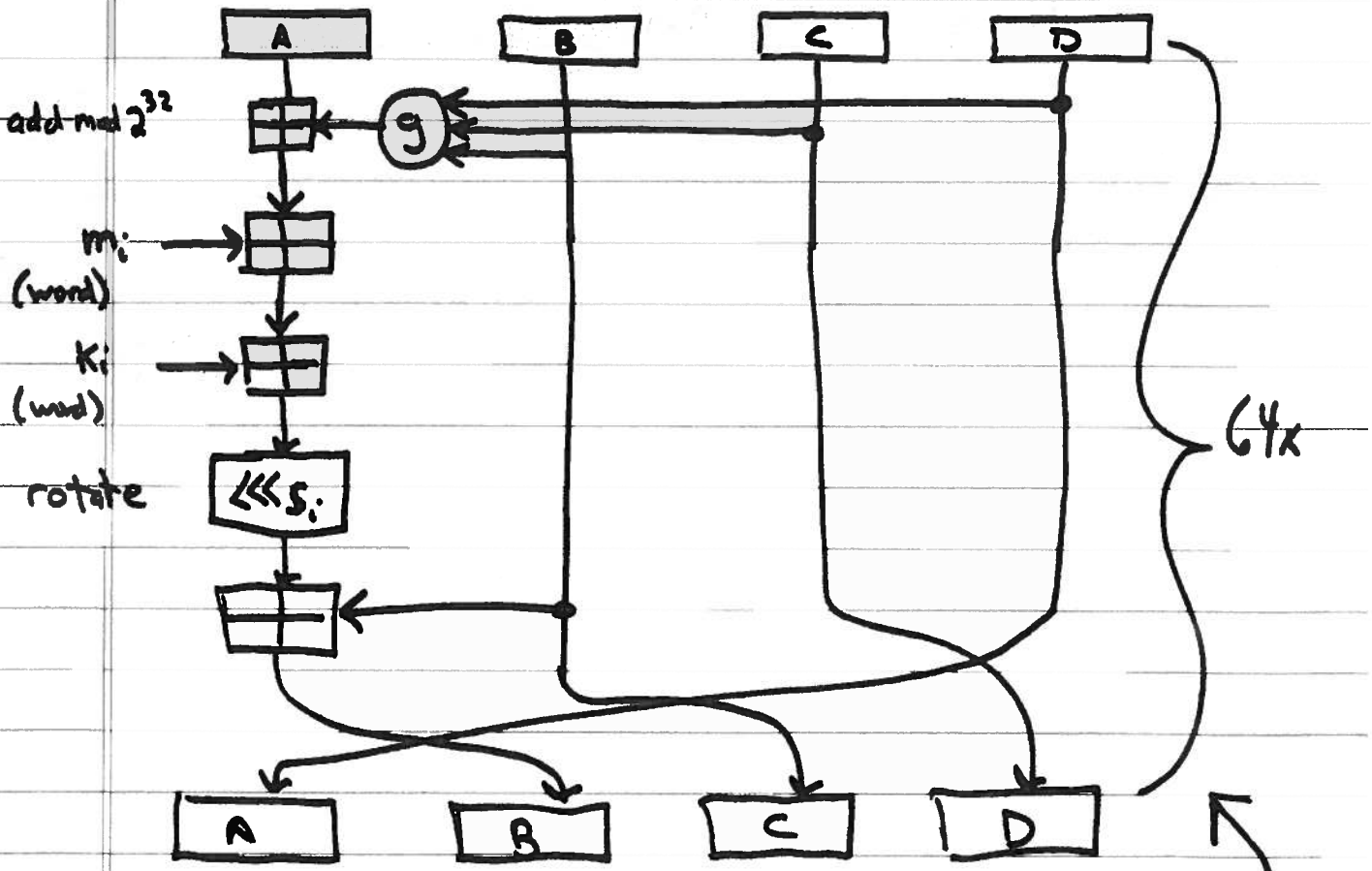
- chaining variable & output are 128 bits = 4 x 32
- IV = fixed value
- 64 rounds; each modifies state (in reversible way) based on selected message block word
- message block b = 512 bits considered as 16 32-bit words
- uses end-around XOR too around entire compression fn (as above)



Xiayun Wang discovered how to make collisions for MD4, MD5, ...
("Differential cryptanalysis")
SHA-3 contest now underway...

$$g(x,y,z) = \begin{cases} xy \vee \bar{x}z \\ xz \vee y\bar{z} \\ x \oplus y \oplus z \\ y \oplus x\bar{z} \end{cases}$$ depending on round