

6.857 Recitation 04

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Improved Generic Algorithm for 3-Collisions (Joux, Lucks)
Pset 2, Problem 2 (857coin).

Given $D = (\text{previous hash, hash of group member names, timestamp})$

Find distinct nounces n_1, n_2, n_3 s.t.

$$\text{SHA256}(D \parallel n_1) = \text{SHA256}(D \parallel n_2) = \text{SHA256}(D \parallel n_3) \pmod{2^d}$$

Goal:

Given random map $H: [0, N-1] \rightarrow [0, \dots, N-1]$

find distinct x_1, x_2, x_3 s.t.

$$H(x_1) = H(x_2) = H(x_3)$$

Remarks:

(1) random map: random oracle, truly random function from $[0, \dots, N-1] \rightarrow [0, \dots, N-1]$

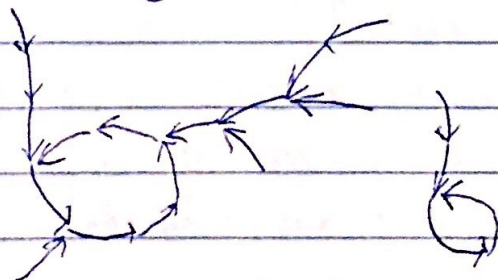
(2) $2^d \ll$ space of nounces, should increase our chance

(3) expected fractions of points with exactly k distinct preimages is $e^{-1}/k!$. So $\approx 8\%$ points has at least 3 distinct preimages. But we need to find the preimages.

(4) functional graph G_H .

① nodes are all values in $[0, \dots, N-1]$.

② direct edge from node x to node y iff $H(x) = y$



Components: $\frac{1}{2} \log N$. Among them, there is one giant component. In addition, this giant component

contains a giant tree.

giant component size: $2N/3$

giant tree size: $N/3$

So Floyd's 2-Finger algorithm outputs the root of the giant tree w.p. $1/3$.

(5) Find r -collision, for small r , needs to evaluate the map $\Omega(N^{(r-1)/r})$.

And you can easily achieve this by evaluating and storing $O(N^{(r-1)/r})$ random points, sorting and sequential scan. use space $O(N^{(r-1)/r})$

For 2 collision, time $O(N^{1/2})$, space $O(1)$.
Space & Parallelizable !!

(6) Motivations: cryptanalysis of SHA-3 candidates.

Alg 1:

Step 1: store N^α random $(x, H(x))$ pairs

Img $H(x)$. . .

Pr1 x . . .

Pr2

Step 2: evaluate N^β random $(y, H(y))$ pairs.

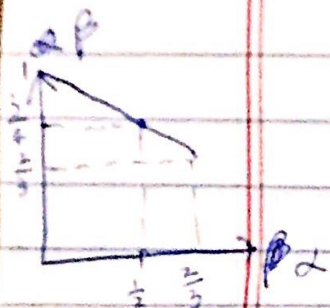
If $H(y)$ appears in Img.

Put y to Pr 2 if Pr 2 is empty

Otherwise we find a 3-collision.

Analysis: (1) $\alpha \leq \beta$ (space $\leq$ time)

(2) in second step, each $H(y)$ hits Img w.p. N^α/N . So $N^{\alpha+\beta+1}$ collisions in Img



By Birthday paradox after $N^{\alpha/2}$ hits, we expect a double hit.

$$\alpha + \beta - 1 = \alpha/2 \Rightarrow \alpha + 2\beta = 2.$$

Alg 3:

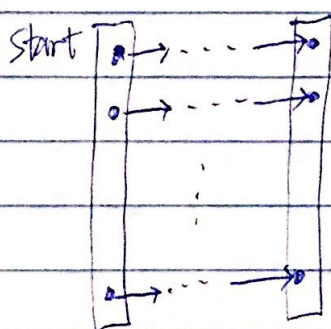
Step 1: Find N^α collisions.

Step 2: Evaluate N^β more points and compare to those from Step 1.

If hit, we have a 3-collision.

Analysis: $\alpha + \beta = 1$

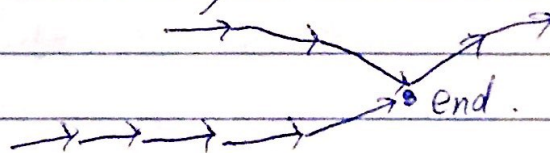
Step 1: (In Alg 2, call F2FA on random reshuffle of A_n (rain bow table)) ① Compute N^α chain, each of length N^α end.

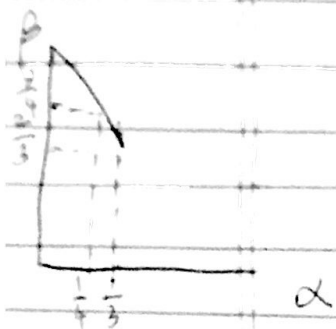


② Find N^α 2-collision.

(1) pick random start. and build N^α chain.

(2) If any part of the chain collide end array we have a 2-collision.





space N^α .

time in step 1: $N^{\alpha+r} \leq N^\beta$

expected number of collisions: $N^{2\alpha+2r-1}$

Let $r = (1-\alpha)/2$

We have $\alpha + \beta = 1$ for any $\alpha \leq \frac{1}{3}$.

What if I have GPU? Parallelizable.

$N^{1/3}$ processor, each $O(1)$ space, $O(N^{1/3})$ time.

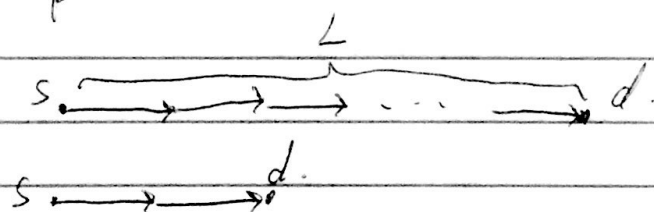
N^θ processor, each $O(N^{1/3-\theta})$ space $O(N^{2/3-\theta})$ time.

Idea (from 2-collision) distinguished points:

set of points which one can easily test membership.

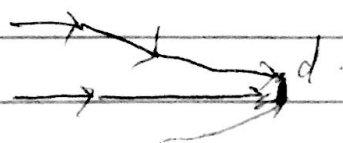
e.g. $[0, \dots, M-1]$.

Step 1: each processor starts from a random point s , iteratively apply H until a distinguished point d .



transmit (s, d, L) to processor $d \pmod{N_p}$.

Step 2: If d appears at least 3 times, recompute the chain and find collisions.



$N^{1/3}$ processors. $\Rightarrow N^{1/3}$ chain, each of length $N^{1/3}$.
 $M = N^{2/3}$

$H(a)$.

$H(b)$.

$H(c)$.

We compute about $N^{2/3}$ points.

It's likely that we have a 3-collision

x_1, x_2, x_3

