

A Keyed Hash Function

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Abstract : We constructed a hash function by using the idea of cayley graph, hash function based on computing a suitable matrix product in groups of the form $SL_2(F_2^n)$. We found collision between palindrome bit strings of length $2n+2$ for the new construction. Here we reinforce the hash function by adding key to it and we claim that it will resist palindrome collision.

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I. Introduction

II Cryptographic Hash Functions and MACs

Hash functions[1] are functions that compress an input of arbitrary length into fixed number of output bits, the hash result. If such a function satisfies additional requirements it can be used for cryptographic applications, for example to protect the authenticity of messages sent over an insecure channel. The basic idea is that the hash result provides a unique imprint of a message, and that the protection of a short imprint is easier than the protection of message itself. Related to hash functions are message authentication codes (MACs). These are also functions that compress an input of arbitrary length into a fixed number of output bits, but the computation depends on a secondary input of fixed length, the key. Therefore MACs are also referred to as keyed hash functions. In practical applications the key on which the computation of a MAC depends is kept secret between two communicating parties. For an (unkeyed) hash function, the requirement that the hash result serves as a unique imprint of a message input implies that it should be infeasible to find colliding pairs of messages. In some applications however it may be sufficient that for any given hash result it is infeasible to find another message hashing to same result. Depending on these requirements Praneel [2] provides the following informal definitions for two different types of hash functions.

A one-way hash function is a function h that satisfies the following conditions:

1. The input x can be of arbitrary length and the result $h(x)$ has a fixed length of n bits.
2. Given h and an input x , the computation of $h(x)$ must be easy.
3. The function must be one-way in the sense that given a y in the image of h , it is hard to find a message x such that $h(x) = y$ (preimage-resistance), and given x and $h(x)$ it is hard to find a message $x' \neq x$ such that $h(x') = h(x)$ (second preimage-resistance).

A collision-resistant hash function is a function h that satisfies the following conditions:

1. The input x can be of arbitrary length and the result $h(x)$ has a fixed length of n bits.
2. Given h and an input x , the computation of $h(x)$ must be easy.
3. The function must be collision-resistant: this means that it is hard to find two distinct messages that hash to the same result (i.e., find x and x' with $x \neq x'$ such that $h(x) = h(x')$).

For a message authentication code, the computation depends on a secondary input, the secret key. The main idea is that an adversary without knowledge of this key should be unable to forge the MAC result for any new message, even when many previous messages and their corresponding MAC results are known. The following informal definition was given by Praneel [2]. A message authentication code or MAC is a function h satisfies the following conditions:

1. The input x can be of arbitrary length and the result $h(K,x)$ has a fixed length of n bits. The function has a secondary input the key K , with a fixed length of k bits.
2. Given h , K and an input x , the computation of $h(K, x)$ must be easy.
3. Given a message x (with unknown K), it must be hard to determine $h(K,x)$.
4. Even when a large set of pairs $\{x_i, h(K, x_i)\}$ is known, it is hard to determine the key K or to compute $h(K, x')$ for any new message $x' \neq x_i$.

Definition 2.1 A hash function $h: D \rightarrow R$ where the domain $D = \{0,1\}^*$, and the range $R = \{0,1\}^n$ for some $n \geq 1$.

Definition 2.2 A MAC is a function $h: K \times M \rightarrow R$ where the key space $K = \{0,1\}^k$, the message space $M = \{0,1\}^*$, and the range $R = \{0,1\}^n$ for $k, n \geq 1$

Since its introduction at CRYPTO'94 the Tillich-Zemor hash function[3] has kept on appealing cryptographers by its originality, its elegance, its simplicity and its security[4],[5]. The function computation can be parallelized and even the serial version is quite efficient as it only requires XOR, SHIFT and TEST operations. Uniform distribution of the outputs follows from a graph theoretical interpretation of the hash computation.

Joju K.T and Lilly P.L[6] had constructed a hash function by using the idea of cayley graph, hash function based on computing a suitable matrix product in groups of the form $SL_2(F_2^n)$. But it is vulnerable. We found collision for the same (palindrome collision). Here we construct a hash function which is collision resistant. In this paper we present the reinforced version of the hash function by adding key to the same. We claim that it is collision resistant. This paper is organized as follows:

The hash function proposed by us is recalled in section 2. In section 3 we present the new keyed hash function and verify that the keyed hash function resists the palindrome collision.

II. Preliminaries

2.1 Tillich-Zemor Hash function with new generators

Let n be a positive integer and let $p(x)$ be an irreducible polynomial of degree n over the field F_2 [4]. Let A_0 and A_1 be the following two matrices :

$A_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & x \end{pmatrix}$, $A_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x+1 \\ 1 & x \end{pmatrix}$, that have determinant 1. We call these matrices the generators of the hash function. Let $v = b_1 \dots b_m \in \{0,1\}^*$, be the bitstring representation of a message . The hash value of v is defined as:

$$H(b_1 \dots b_m) = A_{b_1} \dots A_{b_m} \text{ mod } p(x)$$

Let $K = F_2[x]/(p(x)) \approx F_2^n$ [7]. The image of the hash function are the matrices of the group $SL_2(K)$, that is the group of matrices with elements in K and determinant 1.

Let $h(b_1 \dots b_m) = A_{b_1} \dots A_{b_m}$ be the hash function without modular reduction. i.e $h: \{0,1\}^* \rightarrow SL_2(F_2[x])$.

2.2. Palindrome Collision

If $v = b_1 \dots b_m \in M$ is a bitstring of length m ; we denote $v^r = b_m \dots b_1$, the reversal of v , ie the reflection of v which interchanges b_1 with b_m , b_2 with b_{m-1} , etc. Bitstring $v \in M$ satisfying $v = v^r$ are known as palindrome. In order to have the palindrome collision we will make the following change in the generators[6].

Let $B_0 = A_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & x \end{pmatrix}$ and $B_1 = A_0 A_1 A_0^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & x+1 \end{pmatrix}$. Define the hash functions H' and h' with new generators as follows:

$H'(b_1 \dots b_m) = B_{b_1} \dots B_{b_m} \text{ mod } p(x)$ and $h'(b_1 \dots b_m) = B_{b_1} \dots B_{b_m}$. Then we have the following proposition[6].

Proposition 1. Let $v, v' \in M$. Then $H(v) = H(v')$ iff $H'(v) = H'(v')$.

That is, collision for H and H' are equivalent.

In [4] we observed the following property of palindrome messages.

Proposition 2. Let v be a palindrome of even length say $v = b_m \dots b_1 b_1 \dots b_m$. Let a_0, \dots, a_m be the following polynomials

$$d_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i = 0 \\ x + b_1 + 1, & \text{if } i = 1 \\ (x + b_i)d_{i-1} + d_{i-2} & \text{if } 1 < i \leq m \end{cases}$$

Then $h'(v) = \begin{pmatrix} a^2 & b \\ b & d^2 \end{pmatrix}$ for $d = d_m$, $a = d_{m-1}$ and for some $b \in F_2[x]$

$$\text{Moreover, } h'(0v0) + h'(1v1) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & d^2 \\ d^2 & d^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

From proposition 2 we see that the square root of the lower right entries of $h'(b_1 b_1)$; $h'(b_2 b_1 b_1 b_2)$; $h'(b_3 b_2 b_1 b_1 b_2 b_3)$; etc [8],[9], satisfying a Euclidean algorithm sequence (in reverse order) where each quotient is either x or $x+1$. These sequences are often called maximal length sequences for the Euclidean algorithm or maximal length Euclidean sequences. Mesirov and Sweet[10] showed that, when $d \in F_2[x]$ is an irreducible, there exists exactly two polynomials a such that d, a are the first terms of a maximal length Euclidean sequences. In our collision algorithm[6] we apply Mesirov and Sweet's algorithm to the irreducible polynomial $d = p(x)$.

Proposition 3. (Mesirov and Sweet) Given any irreducible polynomial p of degree n over F_2 , there is a sequence of polynomials p_n, p_{n-1}, \dots, p_0 with $p_n = p$, and $p_0 = 1$ and additionally the degree of p_i is equal to i and

$$p_i \equiv p_{i-2} \text{ mod } p_{i-1}.$$

Note that once we know a polynomial $q = p_{n-1}$ as mentioned in proposition 3 which matches our given polynomial $p_n = p$, the Euclidean algorithm will uniquely compute the sequence

$p_n, p_{n-1}, \dots, p_1, p_0 = 1.$

The quotients $x+\beta_i (i = 1, \dots, n)$ occurring in Euclid's algorithm allow us to derive the bits b_i of the palindrome in proposition 2. We have $p_i = x + b_i + 1$ and therefore $b_1 = \beta_{i+1}$, while $b_i = \beta_i$ for some $i > 1$. That is the bit β_1 has to be inverted. Thus the desired collision will be

$H(0\beta_n \dots \beta_1^{-1} \beta_1^{-1} \dots \beta_n 0) = H(1\beta_n \dots \beta_1^{-1} \beta_1^{-1} \dots \beta_n 1)$ where β_i^{-1} indicates the inversion of β_i .

2.3. To find the maximal length Euclidean sequence:

1. Construct a matrix $A \in F_2^{(n+1) \times n}$ from the $n+1$ polynomials
 $g_0 \equiv x^0 \pmod{p(x)},$

$$g_i \equiv x^{i-1} + x^{2i-1} + x^{2i} \pmod{p(x)} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

Placing in the i^{th} row of A the coefficients

$a_{i,0}, a_{i,1}, \dots, a_{i,n-1}$ of the polynomial

$$g_i = a_{i,0} + a_{i,1}x + \dots + a_{i,n-1}x^{n-1}.$$

2. Solve the linear system $Au^t = (10 \dots 01)$ where $u = (u_1 \dots u_n)$.
3. Compute $q(x)$ by multiplying $p(x)$ by $\sum_{i=1}^n u_i x^{-i}$ and taking only the non negative powers of x .

2.4. To find Collision for specified parameters

For each choice of $F_{2^n} = F_2[x]/(p(x))$ we obtain two bitstrings $v_1, v_2 \in \{0,1\}^* = M$ with $H(0v_i v_i^r 0) = H(1v_i v_i^r 1)$ for $i = 1, 2$. ie, we obtain two collisions of bitstrings of length $2n+2$. v_2 can be obtained by reversing v_1 followed by inverting the first and last bit [10]. By proposition .1 we have $H(0v_i v_i^r 0) = H(1v_i v_i^r 1)$. From [4] we have

Collision for $SL_2(F_2[X]/x^2+x+1)$

By collision algorithm we have

$$H(0v_1 v_1^r 0) = H(011110) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1+x \\ 1 & x \end{pmatrix} = H(111111) = H(1v_1 v_1^r 1) \text{ and}$$

$$H(0v_2 v_2^r 0) = H(000000) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & x \end{pmatrix} = H(100001) = H(1v_2 v_2^r 1)$$

Collision for $SL_2(F_2[X]/x^3+x+1)$

$$H(0v_1 v_1^r 0) = H(00100100) = \begin{pmatrix} x^2 & x \\ 1 & x \end{pmatrix} = H(10100101) = H(1v_1 v_1^r 1) \text{ and}$$

$$H(0v_2 v_2^r 0) = H(01111110) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1+x \\ 1 & x \end{pmatrix} = H(11111111) = H(1v_2 v_2^r 1).$$

Collision for $SL_2(F_2[X]/x^{11}+x^2+1)$ [6]

$$H(0v_1 v_1^r 0) = H(0,0,1,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,1,0,0,0)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x^4 + x^7 + x^9 + x^{10} & x^2 + x^5 + x^8 + x^{10} \\ 1 & x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= H(1,0,1,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,1,0,1,1) = H(1v_1 v_1^r 1)$$

$$H(0v_2 v_2^r 0) = H((0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,1,1,1,1,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0))$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 + x^2 + x^6 + x^7 + x^9 + x^{10} & x + x^2 + x^3 + x^7 + x^8 + x^{10} \\ 1 & x \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= H(1,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,1,1,1,1,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,1) = H(1v_2 v_2^r 1)$$

Similarly we can find collision for the Tillich-Zemor Hash function with new generators by using palindrome bitstrings of length $2n+2$ where n is the degree of irreducible polynomial $p(x)$. Calculations are done by using 'SCILAB' (An open source software for numerical computations). Program is given in appendix 1 or [11]

$$H(0v_1v_1^r0) = H(00100100) = \begin{pmatrix} 1+x+x^2 & x+x^2 \\ 1+x+x^2 & x \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$H(10100101) = H(1v_1v_1^r1) = \begin{pmatrix} x^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1+x+x^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence $H_1(0v_1v_1^r0) \neq H_1(1v_1v_1^r1)$.

$$\text{Also we have } H(0v_2v_2^r0) = H(01111110) = \begin{pmatrix} 1+x+x^2 & x \\ 0 & x^2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$H(1v_2v_2^r1) = H(11111111) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1+x+x^2 \\ x^2 & 1+x+x^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hence $H(0v_2v_2^r0) \neq H(1v_2v_2^r1)$

Verification of Collision resistance in $SL_2(F_2[X]/x^{11}+x^2+1)$

$$H(0v_1v_1^r0) = H(0,0,1,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,1,0,0)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1+x^2+x^5+x^6+x^8+x^9+x^{10} & 1+x^2+x^4+x^6+x^7+x^8+x^{10} \\ x^4+x^6+x^7+x^{10} & x+x^3+x^5+x^6+x^7+x^9+x^{10} \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$H(1v_1v_1^r1) = H(1,0,1,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,1,0,1)$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4+x^5+x^6+x^{10} & 1+x^5+x^6+x^7+x^8+x^9 \\ 1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4+x^7+x^8+x^9 & 1+x^4+x^5+x^6 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence $H(0v_1v_1^r0) \neq H(1v_1v_1^r1)$

$$H(0v_2v_2^r0) = H((0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,1,1,1,1,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0))$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x^2+x^5+x^6+x^7+x^8+x^9+x^{10} & x+x^3+x^4+x^7+x^{10} \\ x+x^2+x^3+x^4+x^7+x^{10} & 1+x^2+x^4+x^5+x^6+x^9+x^{10} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= H(1,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,1,1,1,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,1) = H(1v_2v_2^r1) =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1+x+x^4+x^5+x^7+x^{10} & x^2+x^4+x^5+x^9 \\ x+x^4+x^6+x^7+x^8+x^9 & x^3+x^5+x^6+x^7 \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence $H_1(0v_2v_2^r0) \neq H_1(1v_2v_2^r1)$.

Hence the keyed hash function resists the palindrome collision. Calculations are done using "SCILAB". The program is given in appendix 2.

IV. Conclusion

The advantages of this paper are: 1.The new hash function is not vulnerable for collision. 2. Its execution is easy. 3. It is based on the finite fields .4.Its execution is bitwise. The main limitation of this construction is that it is not up to in use as the SHA-series or such type of hash functions with so much rounds. This keyed hash function can be used in Cloud Computing, Digital Signature and the other relative areas.

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Appendix 1

Program without key

`x= poly (0,'x'); A0=[0,1;1,x] //matrix 1`

`x= poly (0,'x'); A1=[1,x+1;1,x] //matrix 2`

`H=[input]`

`if (H(1,1)==0) then`

`E=A0`

`else`

`E=A1`

`end`

`if (H(1,2)==0) then`

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D=A0
else
  D=A1
end
R=E*D
for i=3:size(H, '*')
  if (H(1,i)==0) then
    R=R*A0
  else
    R=R*A1
  end
  d11=degree(R(1,1))
  c11=coeff(R(1,1))
  for i=1:size(c11, '*')
    c11(1,i)=modulo(c11(1,i),2)
  end
  d12=degree(R(1,2))
  c12=coeff(R(1,2))
  for i=1:size(c12, '*')
    c12(1,i)=modulo(c12(1,i),2)
  end
  d21=degree(R(2,1))
  c21=coeff(R(2,1))
  for i=1:size(c21, '*')
    c21(1,i)=modulo(c21(1,i),2)
  end
  d22=degree(R(2,2))
  c22=coeff(R(2,2))
  for i=1:size(c22, '*')
    c22(1,i)=modulo(c22(1,i),2)
  end
  R(1,1)=inv_coeff(c11,d11)
  R(1,2)=inv_coeff(c12,d12)
  R(2,1)=inv_coeff(c21,d21)
  R(2,2)=inv_coeff(c22,d22)
  p=x^11+x^2+1 //polynomial
  [res,quo]=pdiv(R,p)
  R(1,1)=res(1,1)
  R(1,2)=res(1,2)
  R(2,1)=res(2,1)
  R(2,2)=res(2,2)
  R=abs(R)
  d11=degree(R(1,1))
  c11=coeff(R(1,1))
  for i=1:size(c11, '*')
    c11(1,i)=modulo(c11(1,i),2)
  end
  d12=degree(R(1,2))
  c12=coeff(R(1,2))
  for i=1:size(c12, '*')
    c12(1,i)=modulo(c12(1,i),2)
  end
  d21=degree(R(2,1))
  c21=coeff(R(2,1))
  for i=1:size(c21, '*')
    c21(1,i)=modulo(c21(1,i),2)
  end
  d22=degree(R(2,2))
  c22=coeff(R(2,2))

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for i=1:size(c22, '*')
    c22(1,i)=modulo(c22(1,i),2)
end
R(1,1)=inv_coeff(c11,d11)
R(1,2)=inv_coeff(c12,d12)
R(2,1)=inv_coeff(c21,d21)
R(2,2)=inv_coeff(c22,d22)
end
disp(R)
H=[]
R=[]
Appendix 2
Program with key
x=poly(0,'x');A0=[0,1;1,x]           //matrix 1
x=poly(0,'x');A1=[1,x+1;1,x]       //matrix 2
I=[1,0;0,1]                         //Identity Matrix
H1=[0,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,1,1,1,1,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,0,1,1,1,1,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,0,0]
k0=[1,0,0,0,1]
j=1
m=1
k=k0
hs=size(H1, '*')
ks=size(k0, '*')
i=ks+1
if(ks<hs) then
    while ( m<= hs-ks)
        k(1,i)=k0(1,j)
        i=i+1
        j=j+1
        if (j>ks) then
            j=1
        end
        m=m+1
    end
end
if (k(1,1)==0) then
    E=I
else
    if (H1(1,1)==0) then
        E=A0
    else
        E=A1
    end
end
if (k(1,2)==0)
    D=I
else
    if (H1(1,2)==0) then
        D=A0
    else
        D=A1
    end
end
R=E*D
for i=3:size(H1, '*')
    if (k(1,i)==0) then
        R=R*I
    else

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if (H1(1,i)==0) then
    R=R*A0
else
    R=R*A1
end
end
d11=degree(R(1,1))
c11=coeff(R(1,1))
for i=1:size(c11, '*')
    c11(1,i)=modulo(c11(1,i),2)
end
d12=degree(R(1,2))
c12=coeff(R(1,2))
for i=1:size(c12, '*')
    c12(1,i)=modulo(c12(1,i),2)
end
d21=degree(R(2,1))
c21=coeff(R(2,1))
for i=1:size(c21, '*')
    c21(1,i)=modulo(c21(1,i),2)
end
d22=degree(R(2,2))
c22=coeff(R(2,2))
for i=1:size(c22, '*')
    c22(1,i)=modulo(c22(1,i),2)
end
R(1,1)=inv_coeff(c11,d11)
R(1,2)=inv_coeff(c12,d12)
R(2,1)=inv_coeff(c21,d21)
R(2,2)=inv_coeff(c22,d22)
p= x^11+x^2+1 //polynomial
[res,quo]=pdiv(R,p)
R(1,1)=res(1,1)
R(1,2)=res(1,2)
R(2,1)=res(2,1)
R(2,2)=res(2,2)
R=abs(R)
d11=degree(R(1,1))
c11=coeff(R(1,1))
for i=1:size(c11, '*')
    c11(1,i)=modulo(c11(1,i),2)
end
d12=degree(R(1,2))
c12=coeff(R(1,2))
for i=1:size(c12, '*')
    c12(1,i)=modulo(c12(1,i),2)
end
d21=degree(R(2,1))
c21=coeff(R(2,1))
for i=1:size(c21, '*')
    c21(1,i)=modulo(c21(1,i),2)
end
d22=degree(R(2,2))
c22=coeff(R(2,2))
for i=1:size(c22, '*')
    c22(1,i)=modulo(c22(1,i),2)
end
R(1,1)=inv_coeff(c11,d11)
R(1,2)=inv_coeff(c12,d12)

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R(2,1)=inv_coeff(c21,d21)
R(2,2)=inv_coeff(c22,d22)
end
disp(R)
H1=[]
R=[]
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