Rump Session Presentation: Recent Progress on SHA-1

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Outline

- Current status: attack of SHA-1 with complexity 2⁶⁹
- Obstacles for further improvement
- New collision path for SHA-1
- Comparing new collision path with previous path
- Strategies for message modification
- The complexity for searching collision of SHA-1

Obstacles for Further Improvement

- 2⁶⁹ complexity comes from 68 conditions in the 2-iteration attack
- Can we eliminate even more conditions by applying message modification in steps 10-16 ?
- Difficult, because message space available is tight:
 - -- 50 message conditions in steps 17-80
 - -- hence 50 message conditions in steps 12-16
 - -- resulting in 50 message bit equations
 - -- most message bits are involved
 - -- in addition, 51 chaining variable conditions in steps 10-16
 - -- extra chaining variable conditions and message conditions coming from the message modification

New Collision Path for SHA-1

• We give a new collision differential path for SHA-1.

Comparison:	Old	New
1. Message conditions	50	43
2. Chaining variable conditions	51	30
3. Message space in steps 10-16 available for direct modification	247	2 ⁵⁵
4. Message space in steps 10-16 available for searching collision <u>before advanced message modification</u>	2 ¹²³	2 ¹⁵¹

Strategies for Message Modification

- Determine which message bits are *possible candidates* for modification.
- The message modification process *must respect* all chaining variable conditions and message conditions.
 --may require adding *extra chaining variable* conditions in steps 1-16 and message conditions.
 - -- message modification follow certain *topological order* coming from correlations among chaining variable conditions.

Complexity Estimation for New Collision Search of SHA-1

- There are 83 conditions in steps 17-80
- Message modification can correct about 18 chaining variable conditions in steps 17-26
- Searching for three conditions in steps 26-27 by one computation
- Relax one condition in the final step
- 61 conditions left
- Factor of 4 from 2 iterations and error correction

