

# Meet-in-the-Middle Preimage Attacks Against Reduced SHA-0 and SHA-1

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# Results

		[3]		Ours	
	type	step	comp	step	comp
SHA-0	PPI	50	$2^{158}$	52	$2^{151.2}$
	PI	49	$2^{159}$	52	$2^{156.6}$
SHA-1	PPI	45	$2^{157}$	48	$2^{156.7}$
	PI	44	$2^{157}$	48	$2^{159.3}$

PPI: pseudo-preimage, PI: preimage

- # of SHA-0/1 steps is 80.

# Recent progress for (MitM) PI attack

## Conversion from PPI attack to PI attack:

- *MitM [Fact 9.99@HAC]*
- Tree [Leurent@FSE08]
- P3graph [Cannière&Rechberger@C08]

## Finding a preimage of compression function:

- FORK-256 [Saarinen@I07]
- MD4 [Leurent@FSE08]
- *One-block MD4 and MD5 [Ours@SAC08]*
- ⋮
- Reduced SHA-0/1 [**This talk**]

# SHA- $b$ compression function

**CF:**  $(H_i \text{ (160-bit)}, M_i \text{ (512-bit)}) \mapsto H_{i+1} \text{ (160-bit)}$

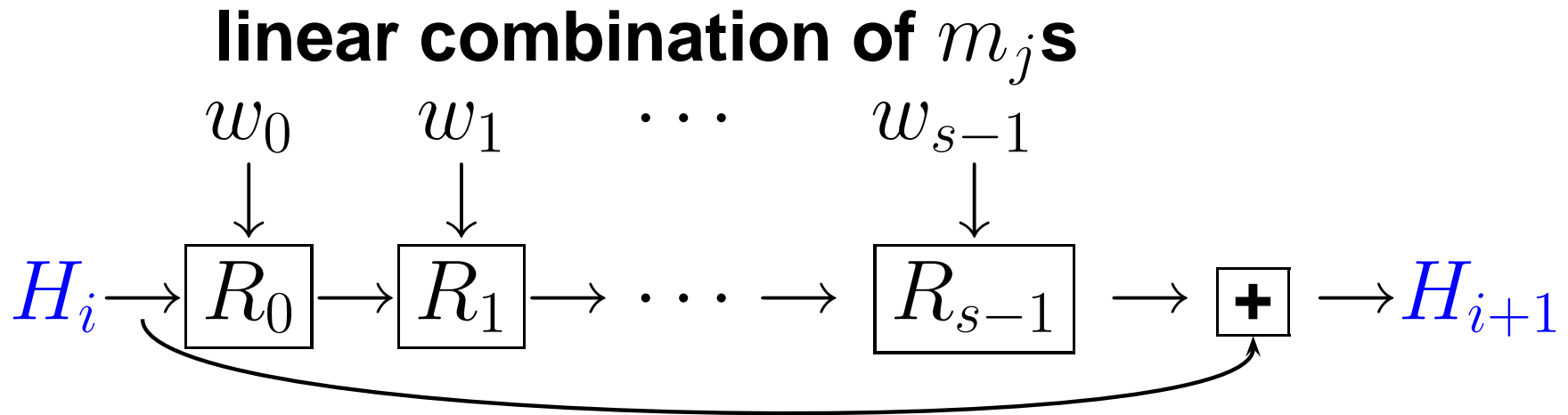
**Message schedule:**

$$\begin{cases} (m_0, m_1, \dots, m_{15}) \leftarrow M_i & (m_j \in \{0, 1\}^{32}) \\ (w_0, w_1, \dots, w_{15}) \leftarrow (m_0, m_1, \dots, m_{15}) \\ w_j \leftarrow \left( \bigoplus_{k \in \{3, 8, 14, 16\}} w_{j-k} \right) \lll b & (j \geq 16) \end{cases}$$

**Iteration of step function ( $s = 80$ )**

$$\begin{cases} p_0 \leftarrow H_i \\ p_{j+1} \leftarrow R_j(p_j, w_j) & j = 0, 1, \dots, s - 1 \\ H_{i+1} \leftarrow H_i + p_s \end{cases}$$

# MitM attack for compression function



$w_0, \dots, w_{t-1}$	$w_t, \dots, w_{s-1}$
$m_v$ <b>independent</b>	<b>may dependent</b>
$m_u$ <b>may dependent</b>	<b>independent</b>
meet between $R_{t-1}$ and $R_t$	

**Q:** How to find  $t$  and neutral words  $m_v$  and  $m_u$ ?

# Difficulties to find $t$ , $m_u$ , and $m_v$

- $w_i$  is **one of  $m_j$ s** for MD{4,5}.  
⇒ Their dependency is **easy** to analyze.
- **Linear message schedule** is adopted for SHA-0 ⇒ How to analyze???

**Presumable condition:**

$$W_1 = [w_0, \dots, w_{t-1}], \quad \text{rank}_M W_1 < 16 \text{ (full)}$$

$$W_2 = [w_t, \dots, w_{s-1}], \quad \text{rank}_M W_2 < 16 \text{ (full)}$$

**(This is the generalization of the case for MD{4,5}.)**

# How to decide neutral words

- For MD{4,5}, **neutral words** are simply chosen from  $m_j$  which is not used. It can be interpreted using the notations from linear

algebra,

$$\langle [0, \dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots, 0]^T \rangle \subseteq \ker W_1$$

- In the example from SHA-0 case,

$$\ker W_1 = \langle [1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T \rangle$$

$$\ker W_2 = \langle [0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T \rangle$$

**1st chunk:**  $m_1 = m_4$

**2nd chunk:**  $m_0 = m_2 = m_3$



# How to decide neutral words (cont'd)

To see the another example of SHA-0, we may encounter

$$\ker W_1 = \langle [0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, \mathbf{1}, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]^T \rangle$$

$$\ker W_2 = \langle [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, \mathbf{1}, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1]^T \rangle$$

**1st chunk:**  $m_6 = m_8 = m_9 = m_{13} = m_{14} = m_{15}$

**2nd chunk:**  $m_3 = m_5 = m_7 = m_9$

**How to choose neutral words?**

# Idea

Apply linear transformation  $R$  to the input of CF:  
 $\text{CF}(H, (RM'^T)^T)$ , where  $M^T = RM'^T$ .

$R$  should satisfy the followings.

$$\bullet \begin{cases} (W_1 R)\mathbf{e}_0 = 0 \\ (W_2 R)\mathbf{e}_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

(Kernel vectors do not share 1 in the same position.)

(Unit vector  $\mathbf{e}_j = [0 \cdots \overset{j}{\underset{\sim}{1}} \cdots 0]^T$ .)

• **Regular.** (Converted message  $M'$  must be computed from the original message  $M$ .)

# Construction of $R$

$$\begin{cases} \ker W_1 = \langle k_1 \rangle \\ \ker W_2 = \langle k_2 \rangle \end{cases}, \quad R = T^{-1}B^{-1}S,$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} H \\ * \end{bmatrix} = T[k_1 \ k_2], \quad B = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} H^{-1} & 0 \\ \hline 0 & E_{14} \end{array} \right],$$

$$S = \left[ \begin{array}{c|c} BT[k_1 \ k_2] & 0 \\ \hline & E_{14} \end{array} \right].$$

# Properties

**Let  $W'_1 = W_1 R$  and  $W'_2 = W_2 R$ , then we have**

$$\begin{cases} W'_1 \mathbf{e}_0 = W_1 R \mathbf{e}_0 = 0 \\ W'_2 \mathbf{e}_1 = W_2 R \mathbf{e}_1 = 0 \end{cases} .$$

**Regard  $M' = [m'_0, m'_1, \dots, m'_{15}]$  as a message with**

$$M^T = R M'^T .$$

$\Rightarrow m'_0$  and  $m'_1$  are **natural words**.

**Hence, we can use MitM as the MD{4,5} attacks.**

# Notes

- The proposed method **can be used** with splice-and-cut, initial structure, partial-matching, and partial-fixing techniques used in the attacks against MD{4,5}.
- The same approach can be applied for SHA-1 using **bit** instead of word (32 bits).

# Application to SHA- $\{0,1\}$

# of internal steps to attack SHA- $\{0,1\}$

	<b>1C</b>	<b>IS</b>	<b>2C</b>	<b>PM+PF</b>	<b>total</b>
<b>SHA-0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>SHA-1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>48</b>

**1C: first chunk**

**2C: second chunk**

**IS: initial structure**

**PM: partial-matching**

**PF: partial-fixing**

# Conclusion

- A similar **MitM attack** for MD{4,5} **can** be established for **SHA-*b***, whose message schedule is **linear** and not simply the permutations of message words.
- **Attackable steps are increased.**  
**SHA-0: 49 → 52, SHA-1: 44 → 48**

**Thank you for *your* attention!**

**Correction (page 72): *Memory complexities in Table 1 for [3] should be corrected to “negligible”.***