Rump Session Presentation: Recent Progress on SHA-1

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# Outline

- Current status: attack of SHA-1 with complexity 2<sup>69</sup>
- 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**

- 2<sup>69</sup> 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<br>available for direct modification  | 247              | 2 <sup>55</sup>  |
| 4. Message space in steps 10-16<br>available for searching collision<br><u>before advanced message modification</u> | 2 <sup>123</sup> | 2 <sup>151</sup> |

#### **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

