

Collision Resistance:

$$\text{Let } H: \{0,1\}^{2n} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$$

- Compression function

First attempt:

$$\forall A, \Pr \left[ \begin{array}{l} x, x' \in \mathcal{A}(1^n) \\ x \neq x' \quad H(x) = H(x') \end{array} \right] \leq \text{negl}(n)$$

Problem. For any fixed function,

$\exists A$  s.t. a collision is hardwired.

Second: Idea: choose  $H$  from some family.

$$H: \{0,1\}^n \times \{0,1\}^{2n} \rightarrow \{0,1\}^n$$

$$\forall A, \Pr \left[ \begin{array}{l} k \in \{0,1\}^{2n} \\ x, x' \in \mathcal{A}(1^n, k) \\ x \neq x' \quad H_k(x) = H_k(x') \end{array} \right] \leq \text{negl}(n)$$

" $H$  is parameterized by a key  $k$ "  $2^{2n}$  possible choices

Q. Can we have a PRF that is NOT collision resistant? Salt

Let  $f$  be a PRF.

$$\text{Construct } g(k, m) = f(k \parallel m) \\ \text{if } m \stackrel{?}{=} k \text{ return } 0$$

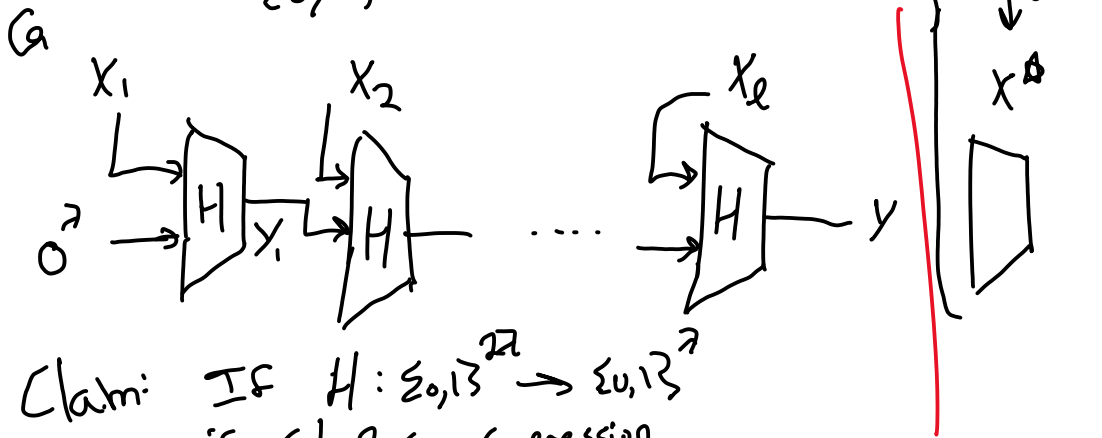
else  $f(k, m)$ .

This is PRF.

Here Adv sees "k"?  
Not in PRF game.

Merkle-Damgard.

given  $\{0, 1\}^{2\ell} \rightarrow$  digest  
 we'll show how to construct  $\{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow$  digest  
 $\{0, 1\}^{\ell \cdot 2} \rightarrow$  digest



Claim: If  $H: \{0, 1\}^{2\ell} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^{\ell}$   
 is Col. Res. Compression

then  $G_k(x_1 \dots x_\ell)$  is collision resistant.  
 (parts of message)

Proof:

By reduction:

Assume  $A$  breaks  $G_k$

we construct  $A'$  that breaks  $H$ .

$A'(1^\ell, k)$ :

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_\ell \leftarrow A(1^\ell, k)$$

$$\underline{x'_1, x'_2, \dots, x'_\ell} \quad \vec{x} \neq \vec{x}' \text{ but } G_k(\vec{x}) = G_k(\vec{x}')$$

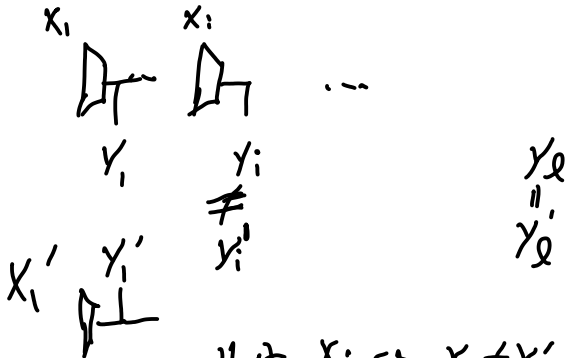
Goal: Find some  $x \neq x'$   
 $x, y, x', y' \quad H(x) = H(x')$

How: Try  $x = G_k(x_1 \dots x_{\ell-1}) \parallel x_\ell$ .

$$X' = \overline{G(x_1 \dots x_{l-1})} \mid x_l$$

Some  $x_i \neq x'_i$ .

Either  $G(x_1 \dots x_i) = G(x'_1 \dots x'_i)$ .



Let  $i$  be smallest  $x_i$  st.  $x_i \neq x'_i$

Must be some  $k, j \leq l$

$$y_j = y'_j$$

$$x_j y_{j-1} \neq x'_j y'_{j-1}$$

Could clean up... main idea  
is some step in sequence  
is collision for  $H$ .

Condition

$$g^x \mid h^y$$

$$g^{x-1} \mid g^y h^y$$

$$g^{x-1} \mid h^{y + \log_x g}$$