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#### A KEYED CAYLEY HASH FUNCTION USING DISCRETE HEISENBERG GROUP

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#### Abstract

We introduce a New Cryptographic Hash functions using Discrete Heisenberg Group by concatenating the key to it, which will give a new hashed values corresponding to the keyed generators. The new Keyed Hash functions using Discrete Heisenberg Group will enhance the security properties of the Cayley Hash Functions.

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#### Introduction:-

Hash functions [3, 11, and 12] are simple and easy-to compute, that takes a variable length input and converts it to a fixed-length output. 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. A cryptographic hash function can provide assurance of data integrity. Hash functions are widely used in numerous cryptographic protocols and a lot of work has already been put into devising adequate hashing schemes. Hash functions are used as compact representations or digital finger prints, of data and to provide message integrity. Some hash functions in current use have been shown to be vulnerable. Early suggestions (particularly SHA family) did not really use any mathematical ideas apart from Merkle- Damgard [3] construction for producing collision resistant hash functions from collision resistant compression functions, the main idea was just to “create a mess” by using complex iterations. We have to admit that a “mess” might be good for hiding purposes, but only to some extent. The basic idea initiated in the paper [14] is of looking for potentially good Hash functions among Cayley Graphs is that girth is a relevant parameter to hashing the group  $G = SL_2(\mathbb{F}_p)$ , the group of matrices of determinant 1 over the integers modulo a prime  $p$

$$\text{and } A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and they analysed the girth of the Cayley graph of the group.

At CRYPTO 94 [12], Tillich and Zemor, proposed a family of hash functions, based on computing a suitable matrix product in groups of the form  $SL_2(\mathbb{F}_{2^n})$ . [14] and [15] In that papers devised the Hash Function as follows: to an arbitrary text of  $\{0, 1\}^*$ , associate the string of  $\{A, B\}$  obtained by substituting 0 for A and 1 for B, then assign to A

and B values of adequately chosen matrices of  $Heis(\mathbb{Z})$ , those could be,  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

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and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  then the Hashed value is the computed product. A multiplication by ‘A’ or ‘B’ in  $\text{Heis}(\mathbb{F}_p)$  requires essentially 9 additions, so hashing an n bit text requires 9n additions of  $\log_p$  bits, which is reasonably fast. In this paper, we propose a new version of hash function which is a modification of a Cayley Hash Function using a Discrete Heisenberg group.

**Preliminaries**

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

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In [8],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).

In [8], 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  $h(x) = h(x')$ ).

Definition:In [5] , the vertices ‘ $x$ ’ of the graph  $G$  and one draws a directed edge from  $x$  to  $y$ , labelled by the group element  $g$  for any  $x, g \in G$  if and only if  $y=xg$ . The group consisting of all such vertices and edges will be denoted by  $\text{Cay}(G, G)$ .

Definition:Let  $G$  be a group and  $S$  be the generating set of  $G$  (i.e)  $S = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{k-1}\} \subset G$ . Write  $m = m_1 m_2 \dots m_N$  with  $m_i = \{0, 1, \dots, k - 1\}$  and define  $H(m) = S^{m_1}, S^{m_2}, \dots, S^{m_N}$ . Computation of the Cayley Hash is walk in the Cayley graph.[5]

The Girth of a graph  $G$ , the largest integer  $g$  such that given any two vertices  $u$  and  $v$ , any pair of distinct paths joining  $u$  to  $v$  will be such that one of those paths has length  $g$  or more. The definition of the girth, immediately leads to the following property of the Hash function, for the associated cayley graph.

Definition:[2,4 and 8]The Heisenberg group is the group of  $3 \times 3$  upper triangular matrices of the

form  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & c \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  under the operation of matrix multiplication. Elements  $a, b$  and  $c$  can be taken from any

commutative ring with identity, often taken to be the ring of real numbers (resulting in the "continuous Heisenberg group") or the ring of integers (resulting in the "discrete Heisenberg group"). From this definition, it is easily seen

that the discrete Heisenberg group is generated by  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ .

Definition:[14] Let  $\square = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\square = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  be a pair of generators of  $\text{Heis}(\mathbb{F}_p)$  and let  $\square = \square_1 \square_2 \dots$

$\square$  be a binary string. Then  $H(m) = \pi(m_1) \pi(m_2) \dots \pi(m_n)$ , where  $\pi(m_i) = \{A \text{ for } i = 0; B \text{ for } i = 1\}; 0 \leq i \leq n$ . This hash function is strongly related to the Cayley Graph associated with  $\text{Heis}(\square)$  and generators  $A, B$  denoted by  $G$ . Properties Of Hash Functions [14]

Concatenation property: If  $x$  and  $y$  are two texts, then their concatenation  $x++y$  is the  $H(xy) = H(x)H(y)$  hashed value. This clearly allows an easy parallelization of the scheme, and pre-computations when parts of the message are known in advance.

Parameters of the associated Cayley Graph: We can associate to this scheme the Cayley graph  $(G, S)$ : its vertex set is  $G$  and there is a directed edge from  $g_1$  to  $g_2$  if and only if  $g_1 g_2 \in S$ . If we replace ‘ $u$ ’ consecutive elements of the product, with ‘ $v$ ’ string of consecutive elements which have the same hashed value, then  $\max(u, v) \geq g$ . In other words, if we can obtain cayley graph with a large girth ‘ $g$ ’, we protect against “Local Modifications of the Text”.

Theorem:The Girth of the Cayley Graph of  $\text{Heis}(\mathbb{F}_p)$  with generators  $A$  and  $B$  is greater than  $\log_2(p)$ . Keyed Form

1.DEFINITION: Let  $K=\{(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_n): k_i = 0 \text{ or } 1\}$  be the key space. Then this key  $K$  holds  $2^n$  elements. Now We describe the new hash function as follows:

$$H_1(m) = \pi(b_1)^{k_1} \pi(b_2)^{k_2} \dots \pi(b_n)^{k_n} \pi(b_{n+1})^{k_1}, \text{ where } \pi(b_i)^{k_i} = \{1 \text{ if } k_i = 0; \pi(b_i) \text{ if } k_i = 1\}$$

If we choose the  $k_i = 1$  for all  $i$ , then our newly defined Hash function and the Hash function using Discrete Heisenberg group.

Security Properties

Theorem: If we know a message  $m$ , such that  $H(m) = h$ , then we can efficiently find a message  $x'$ , for every message  $x$  such that

$$H_1(x) = H(x').$$

Proof: Let  $m$  be a binary string such that  $H(m) = h$ . Let  $x = x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$  and Assume that  $x' = x_1 x_2 \dots x_g m x_{g+1} \dots x_{2g} m x_{2g+1} \dots x_n$ . Then it gives that  $H_1(x) = H(x)$ .

Lemma: Let  $K = \{(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_k): K_i = 0 \text{ (or) } 1\}$  be the key space. Let  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_t \in \{A, B\}$  with

$$M = S_1^{k_1} S_1^{k_2} S_1^{k_3} \dots S_1^{k_k} S_1^{k_1} \dots S_1^{k_i} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } k_i \in (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_k) \text{ then } a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i \leq t.$$

Proof: We Prove this lemma by induction on  $t$ .

Suppose  $t=1$  then  $M = S_1^{k_1}$ , if  $k_1 = 0 \text{ (or) } 1$ . In both cases all the entries of the matrix  $A$  and  $B$  are either 1 or 0 which gives the induction is true for  $t=1$ .

Assume that the lemma holds for  $1 < t$ , then we get  $a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i \leq 1$ . We need to prove that the induction is true for  $t$ .

Let  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_t \in \{A, B\}$ .

$$\text{Define, } M = S_1^{k_1} S_1^{k_2} S_1^{k_3} \dots S_1^{k_k} S_1^{k_1} \dots S_1^{k_i} = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } k_i \in (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_k) \text{ then } a, b, c, d, e, f, g,$$

$h, i \leq t - 1$ .

If we choose,  $S_i$  then the product of  $M \cdot S_i^{k_i} \leq t$  either in both cases  $k_i = 0 \text{ (or) } 1$ . Hence by induction hypothesis, the lemma holds for  $t$ .

Lemma: Let the bit '0' be mapped to the matrix  $A$  and the bit '1' be mapped to the matrix  $B$ . Let  $K = \{(k_1, k_2, \dots, k_k): K_i = 0 \text{ (or) } 1\}$ . If two distinct messages  $k$  and  $l$  hashes to same value then length of either  $k$  or  $l$  is at least

$\log_2(p)$ .

Proof: Let  $M =$

$$S_1^{k_1} S_2^{k_2} S_3^{k_3} \dots S_k^{k_k} S_{k+1}^{k_1} \dots S_t^{k_i}, \text{ where } k_i \in (k_1, k_2, \dots, k_k) \text{ be the given message. Let } S_1^{k_1} S_2^{k_2} S_3^{k_3} \dots S_k^{k_k} \text{ and}$$

$$T_1^{k_1} T_2^{k_2} T_3^{k_3} \dots T_l^{k_l} \text{ be the two different strings of } A \text{ and } B \text{ with } l, k < \log_2(p) \text{ after applying the keys from the key}$$

space. The product of these strings can only have the same form if  $k=l$ . Then  $S_k^{k_k} =$

$$T_l^{k_l}, \text{ by cancelling } S_k^{k_k} \text{ from both sides and iterating this argument, we see that } S_i = T_i$$

, for all  $1 \leq i \leq k$ . Thus the product of  $S_1^{k_1} S_2^{k_2} S_3^{k_3} \dots S_k^{k_k}$  and  $T_1^{k_1} T_2^{k_2} T_3^{k_3} \dots T_l^{k_l}$  must be different.

Hence two distinct messages  $k$  and  $l$  hash to same value then length of either  $k$  or  $l$  is at least  $\log_2(p)$ .

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