

Hash Functions and Proof of Stake

Hieu Nguyen

Fulbright University Vietnam

May 5, 2023

Hash Functions

- Hash functions are used in different areas not just in cryptocurrency
- Even in cryptocurrency, hash functions are used for different purposes

Hash function

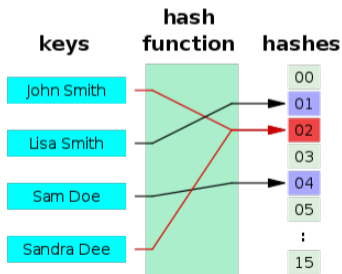
Definition

A **hash function** is any *function* that can be used to map *data* of arbitrary size to fixed-size values.

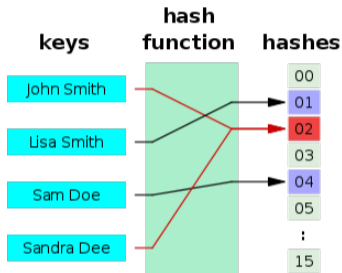
Hash function

Definition

A **hash function** is any *function* that can be used to map *data* of arbitrary size to fixed-size values.



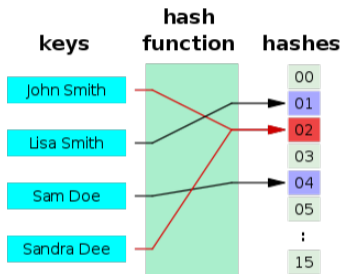
Hash function



- Input: a string, a SMS, a picture, a mp3 file, an application, etc

The hash values are usually used to index a fixed-size table called a [hash table](#).

Hash function



- Input: a string, a SMS, a picture, a mp3 file, an application, etc
- Output: output values are called hash values, hash codes, digests or simply hashes.

The hash values are usually used to index a fixed-size table called a [hash table](#).

Hash Table

▶ [Hash Table](#)

Hash Functions and Some Practical Usages

▶ Hash Functions

Some Popular Hash Functions

- [MD5](#)

Some Popular Hash Functions

- [MD5](#)
- [SHA-2 \(Secure Hash Algorithm 2\)](#) family: SHA-224, [SHA-256](#), SHA-384, SHA-512, SHA-512/224, SHA-512/256

Some Popular Hash Functions

- [MD5](#)
- [SHA-2 \(Secure Hash Algorithm 2\)](#) family: SHA-224, [SHA-256](#), SHA-384, SHA-512, SHA-512/224, SHA-512/256
- [Keccak256](#) (a variant of SHA3-256)

Cryptographic Hash Functions

▶ Cryptographic Hash Functions

How Secure is SHA256?

▶ [How Secure is SHA256?](#)

Hash Functions in a Blockchain

▶ [How does a blockchain work](#)

Hash Functions in Proof of Work

▶ [Hash Functions in Proof of Work](#)

Proof of Stake

▶ [What is Proof of Stake](#)