



without exchanging all the n bits

$$f: N \rightarrow N$$

$f(A)$ and $f(B)$ are much smaller than A/B

$$A = B \text{ iff } f(A) = f(B)$$

(fingerprints)

If $f(A) \neq f(B)$ then $A \neq B$

If $f(A) = f(B)$ then $A = B$ * with prob. $\frac{1}{2}$

We look at a function f of the form $f(n) = n \bmod p$ where p is prime.

We choose p to be "sufficiently" large but $\ll n$

Clearly $f(A) = f(B)$ if $|A - B| \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

Observation: An n bit number has at most n prime factors.

Let us choose p as a random prime among $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_{2n}$ where p_i is the i th prime

What is the probability that $|A - B|$ is a multiple of p ?

$$\leq \frac{1}{2}$$

What is the size of the $f(A)$?

$$\leq \lceil \frac{n}{p} \rceil$$

no. of bits in p

From prime no density theorem,
there must be $2n$ primes among
the first $2n \ln n$ integers

\Rightarrow the integers have no more
than $\log(2n \ln n)$
 $\leq 2 \log n$ bits

Rabin - Karp pattern Match

$f(i) =$
↑
failure fn

$\max_{j < i}$

$X(j)$ is a suffix
of $X(i)$ \square