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Ingredient #1:

Cryptography 101

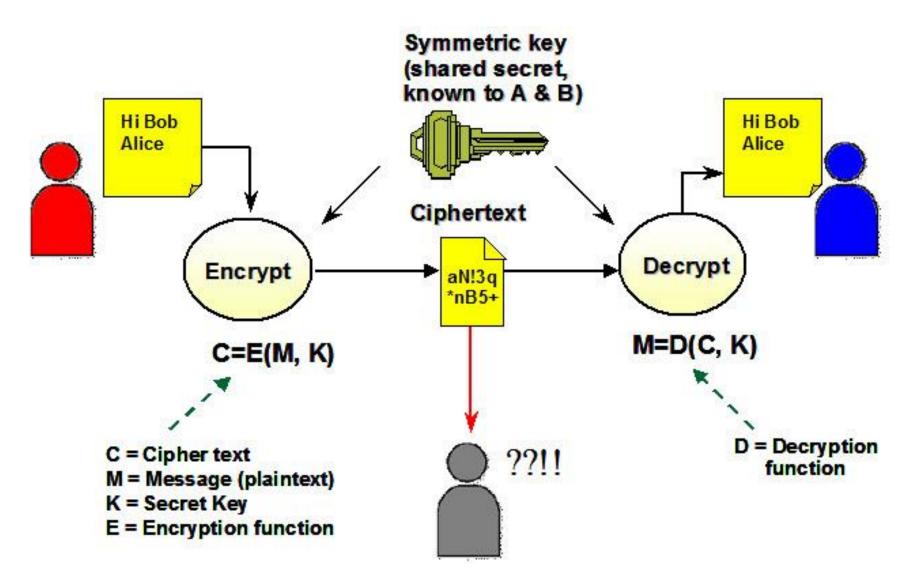
What is Cryptography?

- From Greek, meaning "secret writing"
- Confidentiality: encrypt data to hide content
- Include "signature" or "message authentication code"
 - Integrity: Message has not been modified
 - Authentication: Identify source of message



- Modern encryption:
 - Algorithm public, key secret and provides security
 - Symmetric (shared secret) or asymmetric (public-private key)

Symmetric Cipher Model



Symmetric (Secret Key) Crypto

Sender and recipient share common key

- Provides dual use:
 - Confidentiality (encryption)
 - Message authentication + integrity

- 1000x more computationally efficient than asymmetric
- Main challenge: How to distribute the key?

Public-Key Cryptography

Each party has (public key, private key)

Alice's public key PK

- Known by anybody
- Bob uses PK to encrypt messages to Alice
- Bob uses PK to verify signatures from Alice

Alice's private/secret key: sk

- Known only by Alice
- Alice uses sk to decrypt ciphertexts sent to her
- Alice uses sk to generate new signatures on messages

Public-Key Cryptography

(PK, sk) = generateKey(keysize)

Encryption API

- ciphertext = encrypt (message, PK)
- message = decrypt (ciphertext, sk)

Digital signatures API

- Signature = sign (message, sk)
- isValid = verify (signature, message, PK)

(Simple) RSA Algorithm



(Simple) RSA Algorithm

- Generating a key:
 - Generate composite $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{p} * \mathbf{q}$, where p and q are secret primes
 - Pick public exponent e
 - Solve for secret exponent **d** in $d \cdot e \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$
 - Public key = (e, n), private key = d
- Encrypting message m: c = m^e mod n
- Decrypting ciphertext c: $m = c^d \mod n$
- Security due to cost of factoring large numbers
 - For an b-bit value **n**, finding **(p,q)** takes $O\left(\exp\sqrt[3]{\frac{64}{9}b(\log b)^2}\right)$.
 - We choose n to be 2048 or 4096 bits long.

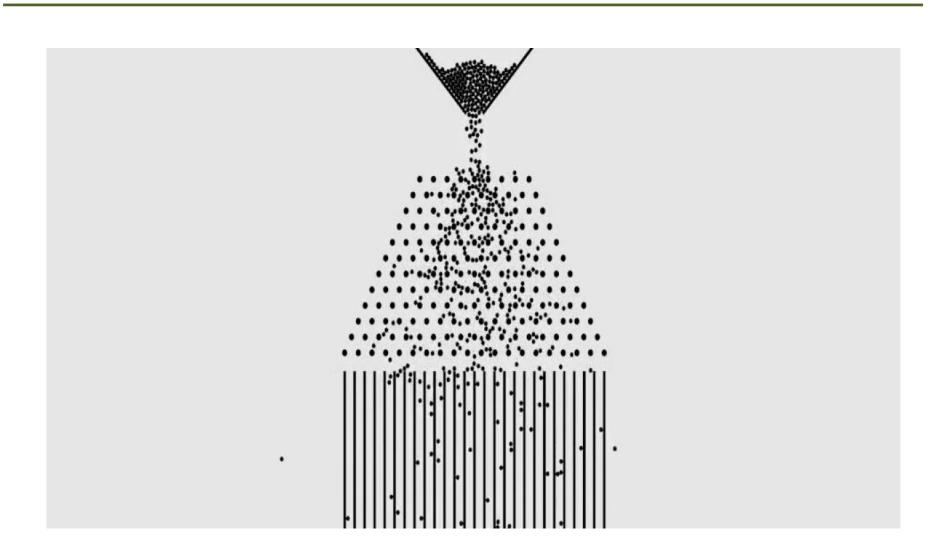
Ingredient #2:

Cryptographic hash function

Cryptography Hash Functions I

- Take message m of arbitrary length and produces fixed-size (short) number H(m)
- One-way function
 - Efficient: Easy to compute H(m)
 - Hiding property: Hard to find an m, given H(m)
 - Assumes "m" has sufficient entropy, not just {"heads", "tails"}
 - Random: Often assumes for output to "look" random

Cryptography Hash Functions I



Cryptography Hash Functions II

Collisions exist: | possible inputs | >> | possible outputs |
 ... but hard to find

- Collision resistance:
 - Find any m != m' such that H(m) == H(m')
 - (harder) Given m, find m' such that H(m) == H(m')
 - For 160-bit hash (SHA-1)
 - Finding any collision is birthday paradox: 2^{\{160/2\}} = 2^{\{80\}}
 - Finding specific collision requires 2^160

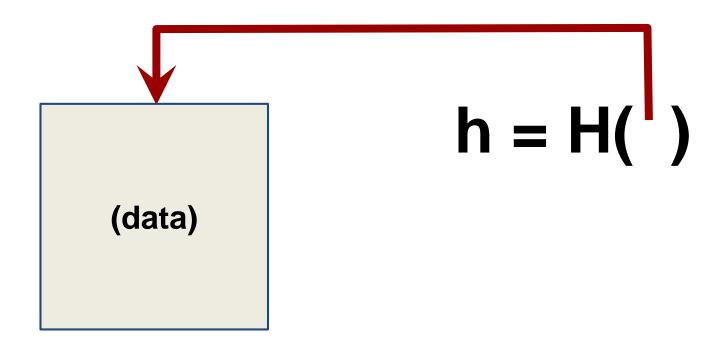
Example use: Passwords

- Can't store passwords in a file that could be read
 - Concerned with insider attacks / break-ins

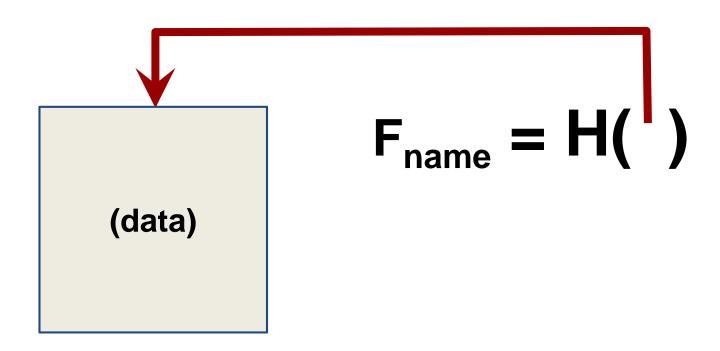
- Must compare typed passwords to stored passwords
 - Does H (input) == H (password) ?

- Memory cheap: build table of all likely password hashes?
 - Use "salt" to compute h = H (password || salt)
 - Store salt as plaintext in password file, not a secret
 - Then check whether H (input, salt) == h

Example use: Hash Pointers

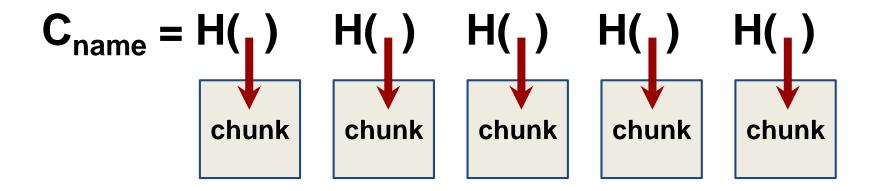


Example Use: Self-certifying names



- P2P file sharing software (e.g., Limewire)
 - File named by $F_{name} = H (data)$
 - Participants verify that H (downloaded) == F_{name}

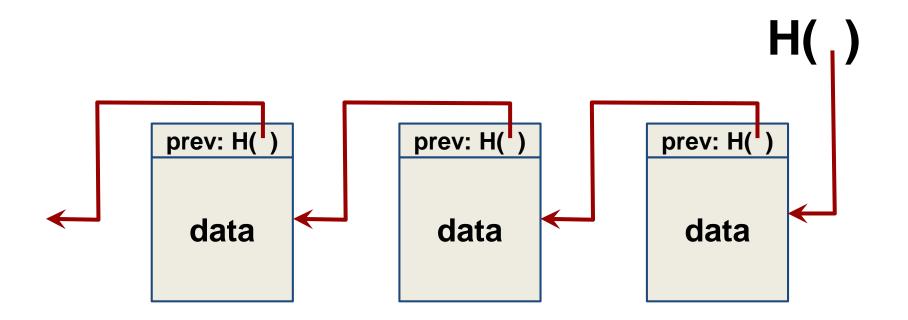
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Another example: BitTorrent

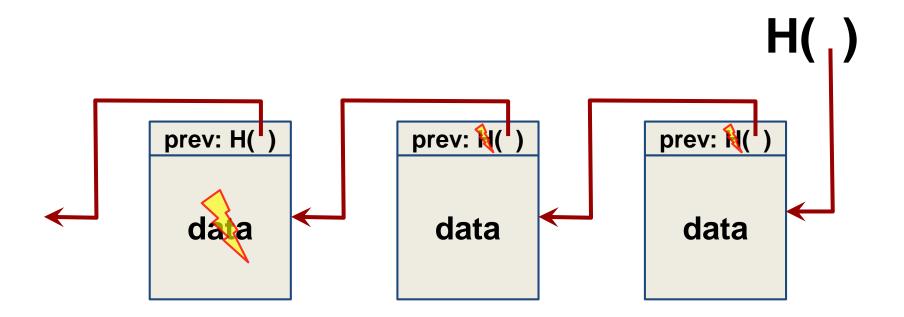
- Large file split into smaller chunks (~256KB each)
- Torrent file specifies the name/hash of each chunk
- Participants verify that H (downloaded) == C_{name}
- Security relies on getting torrent file from trustworthy source

Main Example: Hash chains



Creates a "tamper-evident" log of data

Hash chains



If data changes, all subsequent hash pointers change Otherwise, found a hash collision!

Hash chain application – Blockchain

- New bitcoins are "created" every ~10 min, owned by "miner" (more on this later)
- Thereafter, just keep record of transfers
 - e.g., Alice pays Bob 1 BTC

- Basic protocol:
 - Alice signs transaction: $txn = Sign_{Alice}$ (BTC, PK_{Bob})
 - Alice shows transaction to others...

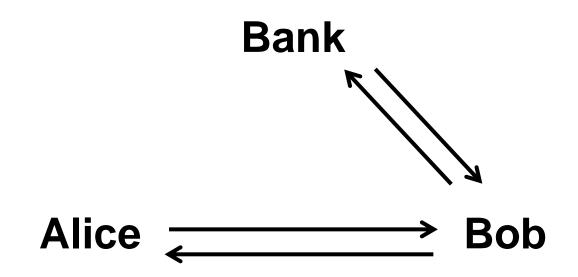
Ingredient #3:

Avoiding Equivocation!

Can Alice "pay" both Bob and Charlie with same bitcoin?

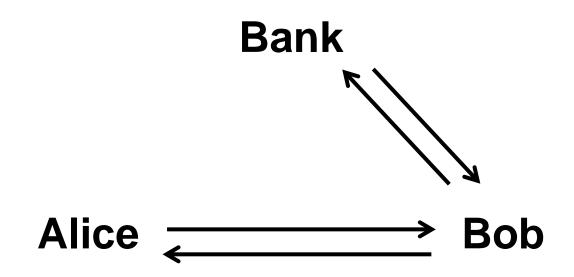
(Known as "double spending")

How traditional e-cash handled problem



- When Alice pays Bob with a coin, Bob validates that coin hasn't been spend with trusted third party
- Introduced "blind signatures" and "zero-knowledge protocols" so bank can't link withdrawals and deposits

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Bank maintains linearizable log of transactions

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Goal: No double-spending in decentralized environment

Main idea: Make transaction log

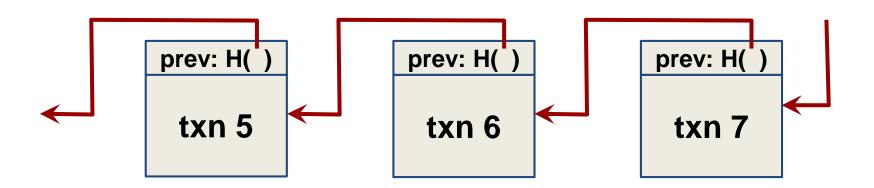
- 1. public
- 2. append-only
- 3. strongly consistent

Bitcoin (10,000 foot view)

- Public
 - Transactions are signed: $txn = Sign_{Alice}$ (BTC, PK_{Bob})
 - All transactions are sent to all network participants

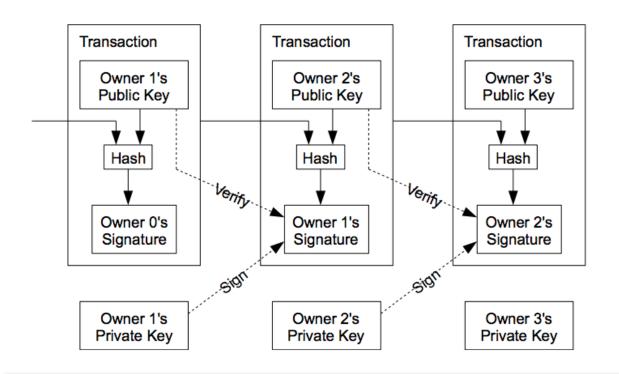
- No equivocation: Log append-only and consistent
 - All transactions part of a hash chain
 - Consensus on set/order of operations in hash chain

Blockchain: Append-only hash chain



- Recall: hash chain creates "tamper-evident" log of txns
- Security based on collision-resistance of hash function
 - Given m and h = hash(m), difficult to find m' such that h = hash(m') and m != m'

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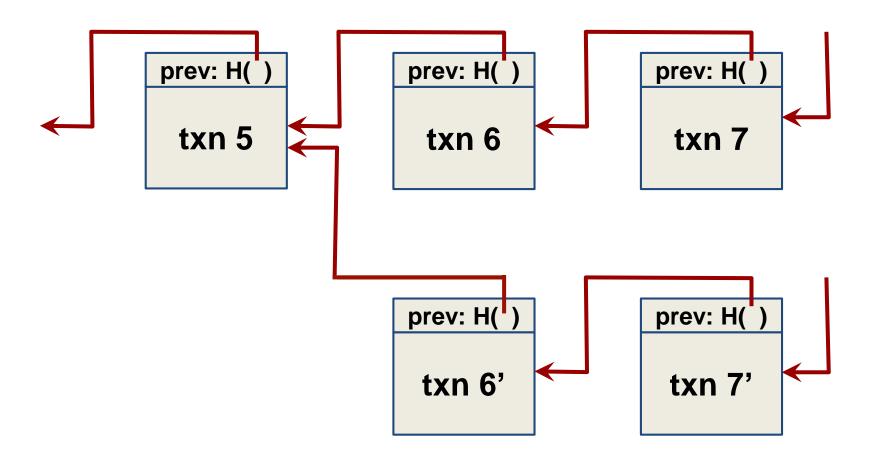


Bitcoin: A Peer-to-Peer Electronic Cash System

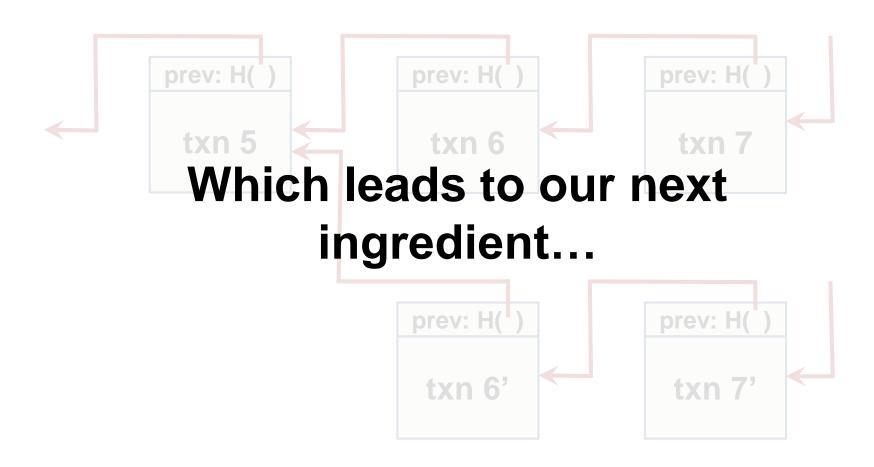
Satoshi Nakamoto satoshin@gmx.com www.bitcoin.org

Abstract. A purely peer-to-peer version of electronic cash would allow online payments to be sent directly from one party to another without going through a financial institution. Digital signatures provide part of the solution, but the main

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Ingredient #4:

The Consensus Problem

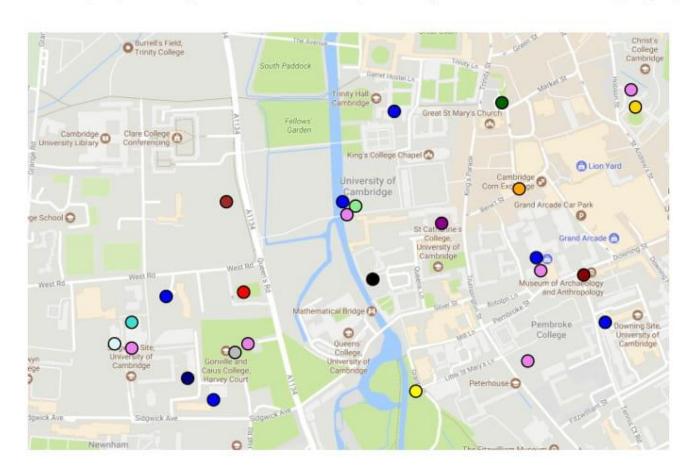
Consensus doesn't happen by magic... You have to drive to it.

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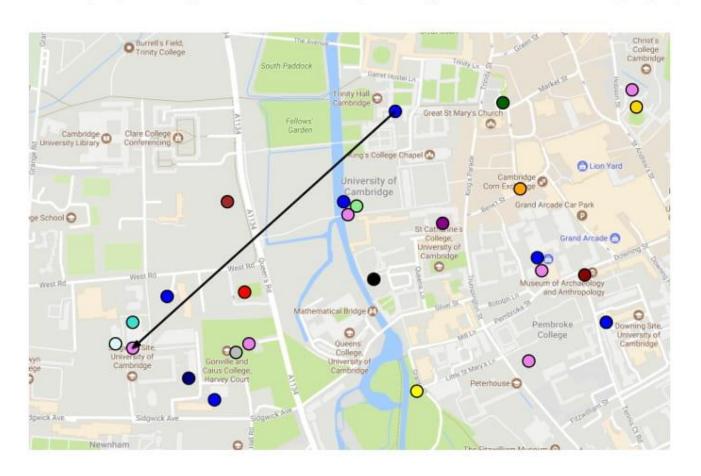
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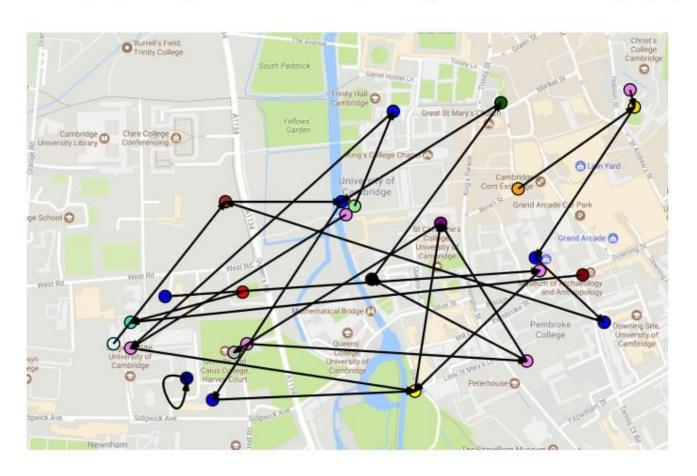
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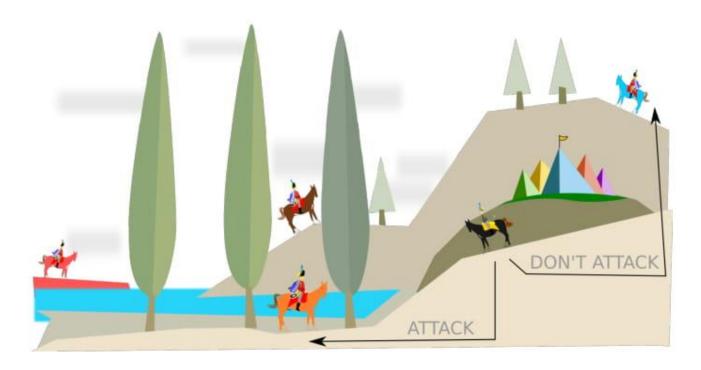
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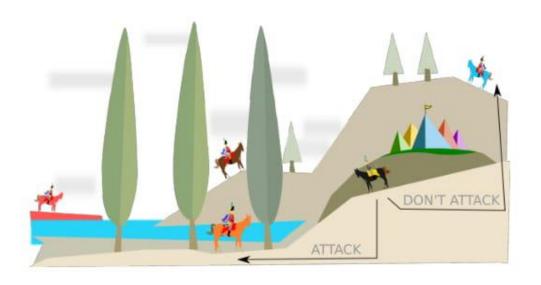
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Asynchronous Model



- Each division of Byzantine army is directed by its own general.
- ▶ There are *n* generals, some of which are traitors.
- All armies are camped outside enemy castle, observing enemy.
- Communicate with each other by messengers.





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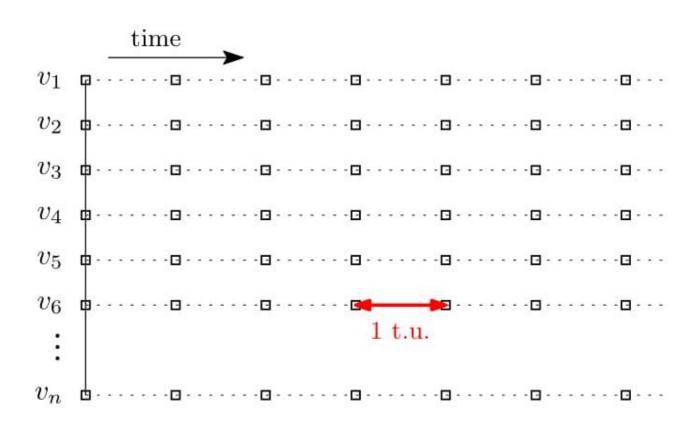
Random Phone-Call Model (Demers et al., 1987; Karp et al., 2000)

- \triangleright Underlying graph K_n of possible communication links,
- algorithms operate in synchronous rounds, in parallel,
- communication with one (or a constant number) of neighbors per round,
- any new communication is established u.a.r.

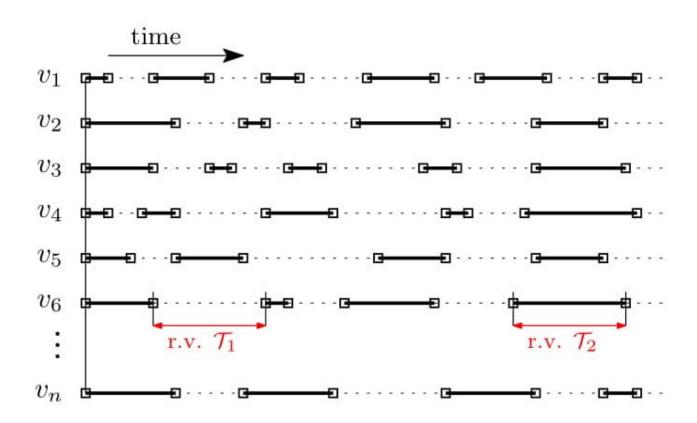
Additional assumptions:

- Nodes are aware of n.
- Nodes have a small memory.
- Nodes are aware of the initial bias.

A Synchronous Model



An Asynchronous Model with Latencies



An Asynchronous Model

- 1. Definitions of \mathcal{T}_1 (delay) and \mathcal{T}_2 (latency), with finite mean and variance (image).
- A communication is established u.a.r, or to one (unique) vertex samples in the past (the address is known).
- 3. Restriction of requests per time unit $-\log n$
- 4. Skill to throw a biased coin.

Single-Voter Approach

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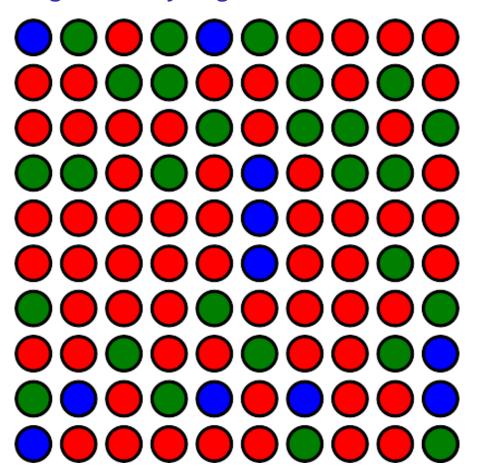
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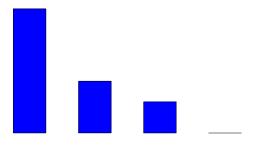
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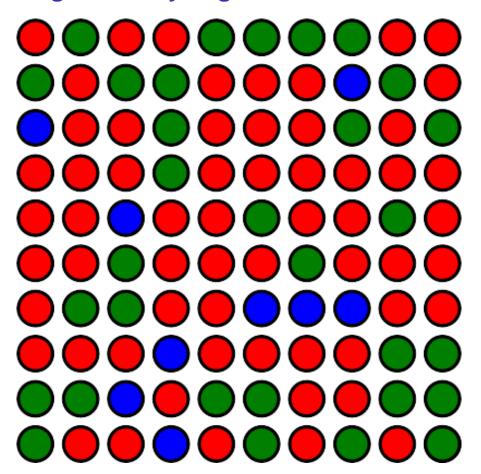
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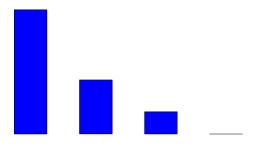




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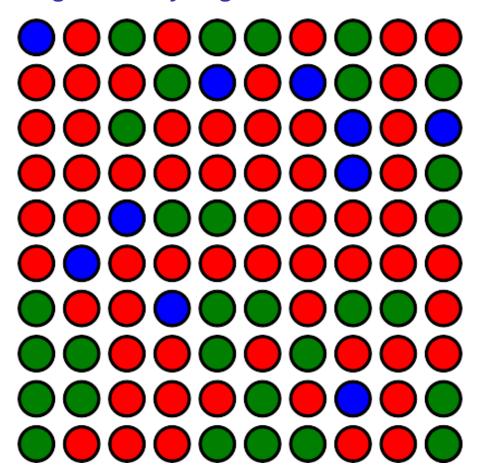
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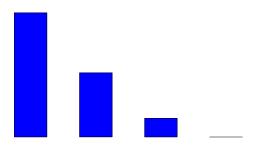




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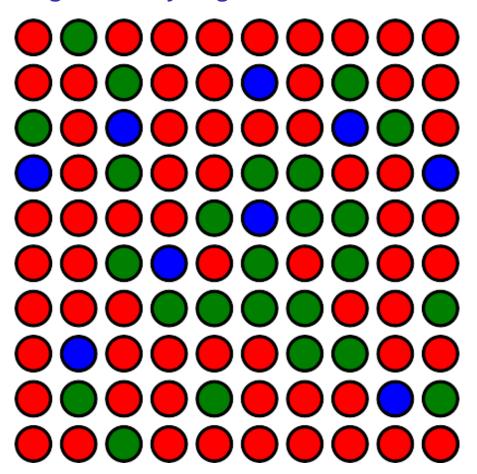
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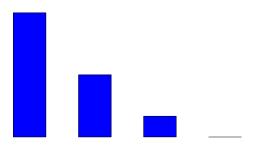




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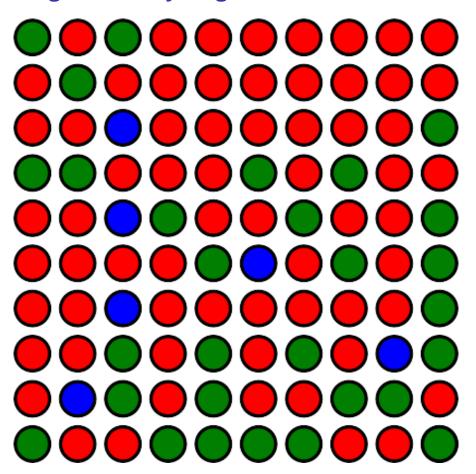
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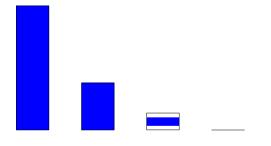




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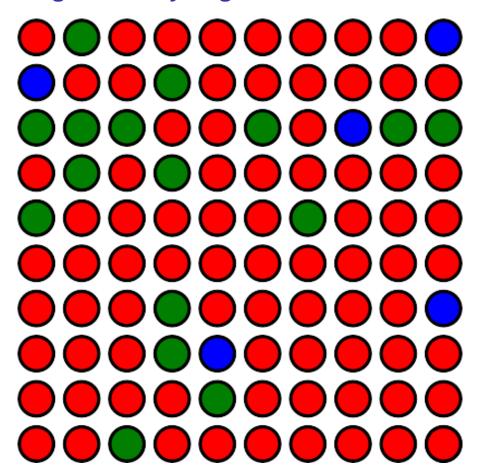
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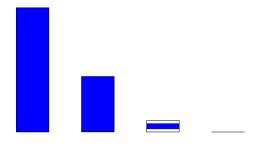




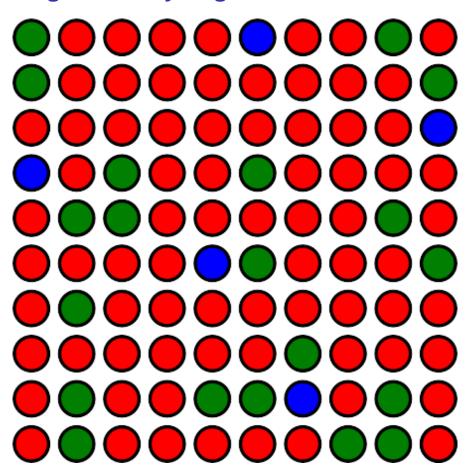
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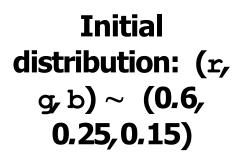
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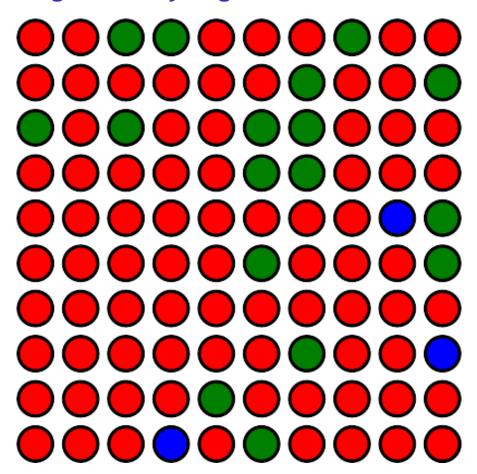


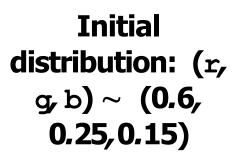
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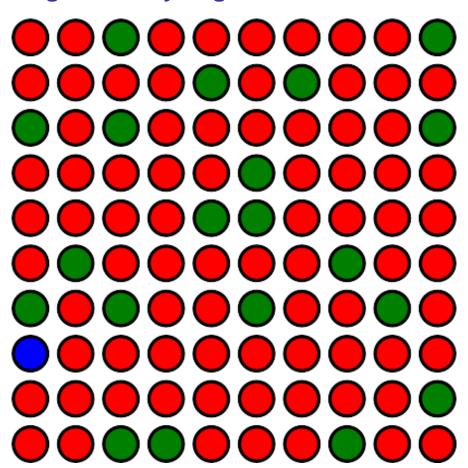


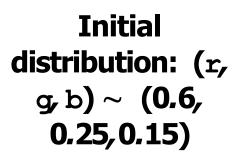
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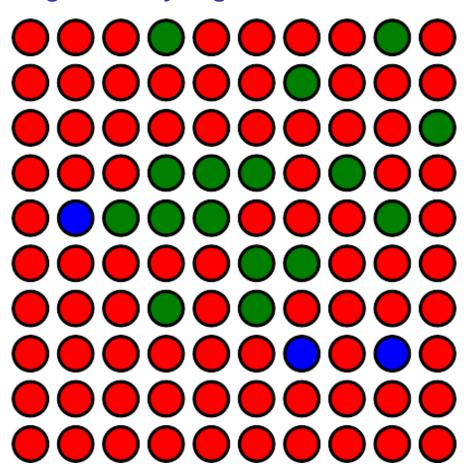


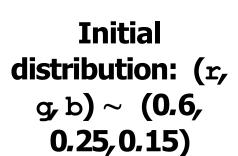
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2-Voter Approach

"If you hear it twice, it must be true"

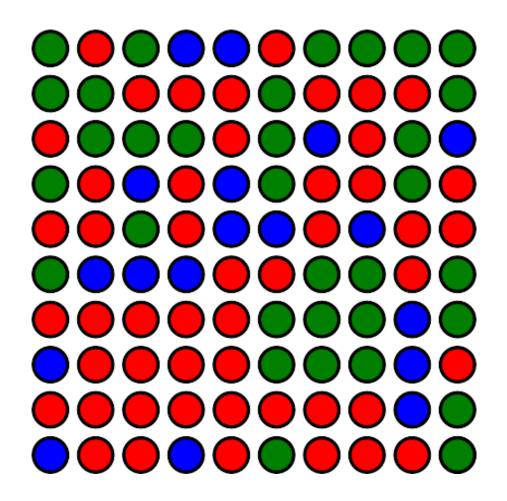
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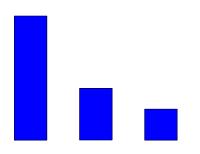
Sample two nodes and if their colors coincide, adopt it.

- We may guarantee the convergence of the initially dominant opinion whip.
- ▶ Requires a bias of $\Omega(\sqrt{n \log n})$ for the initially dominating color to win whip.,
- however, only after Ω(k) rounds.

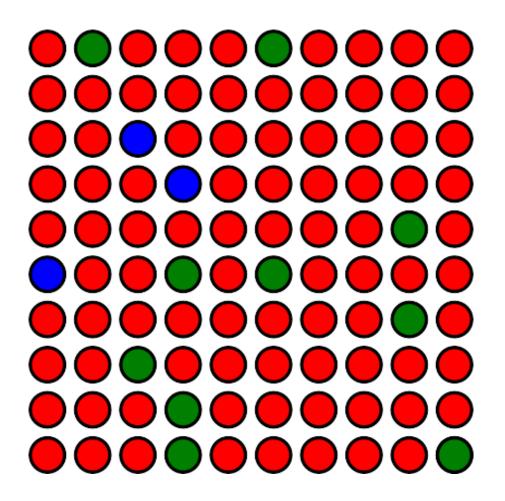
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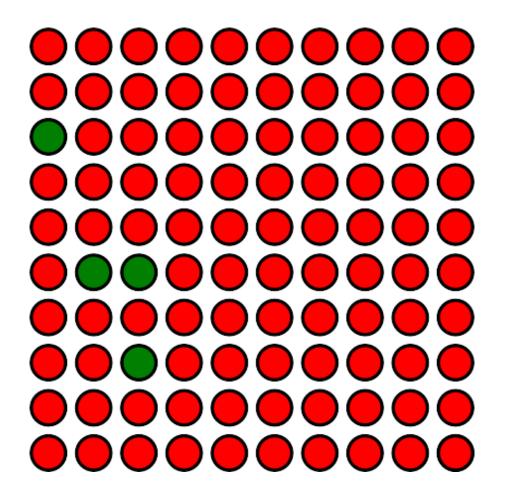




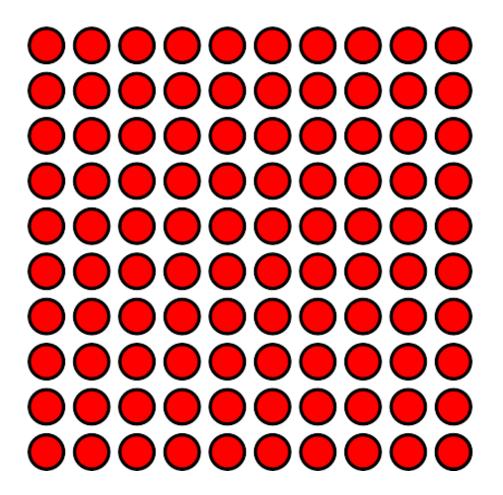
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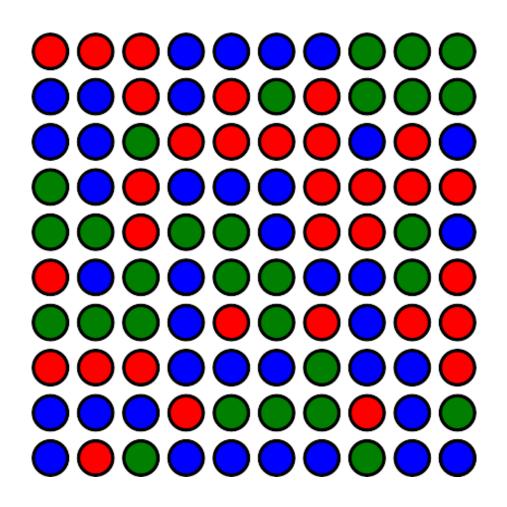


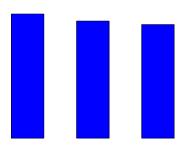
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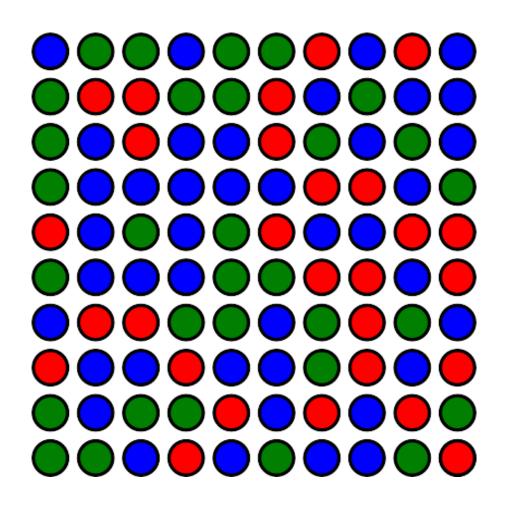
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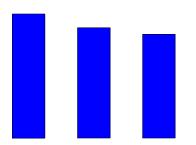




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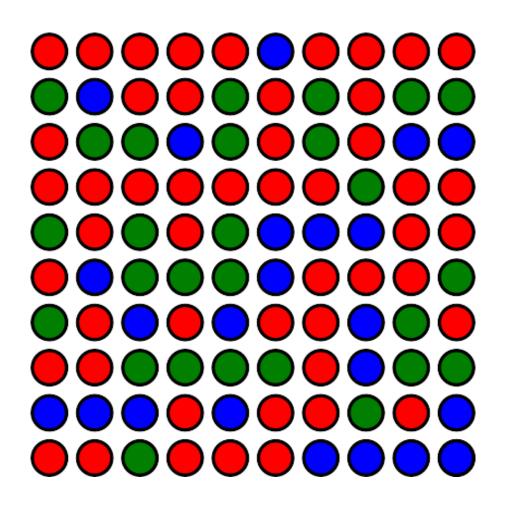
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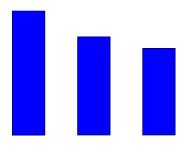




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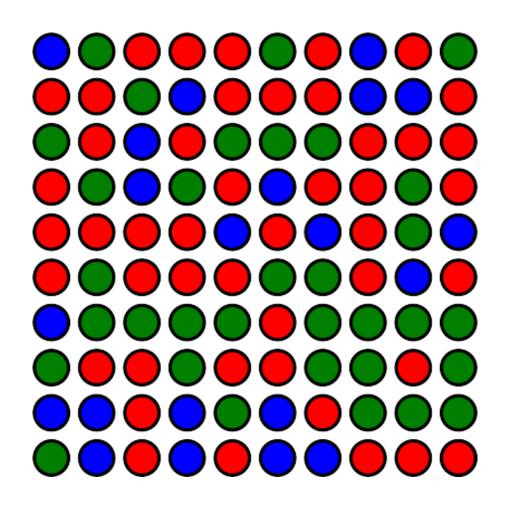
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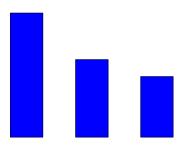




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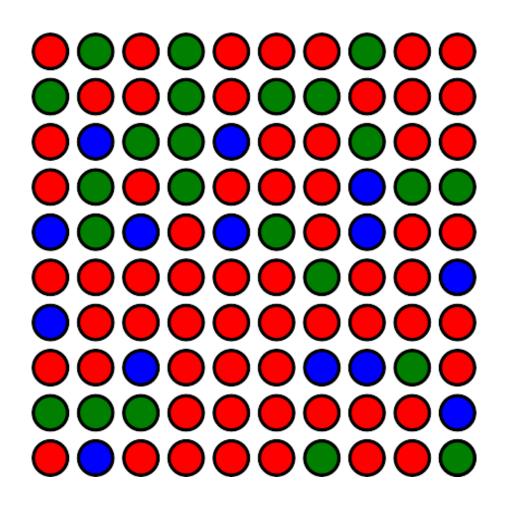
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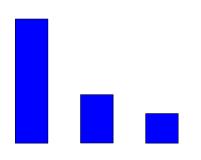




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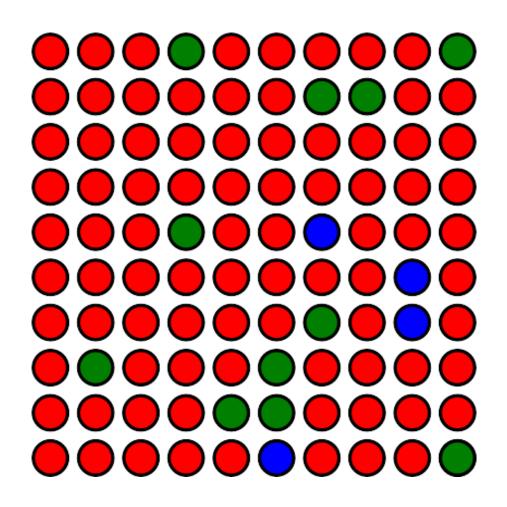
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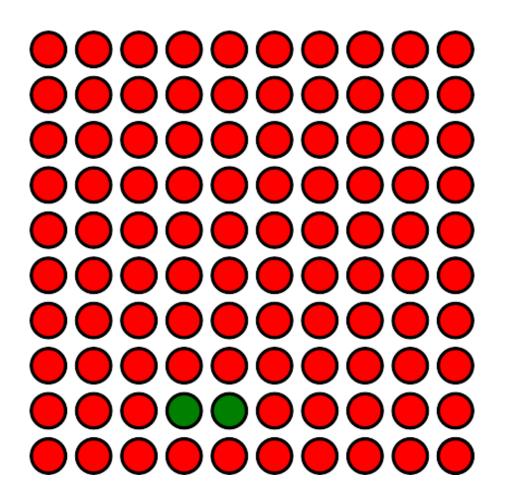
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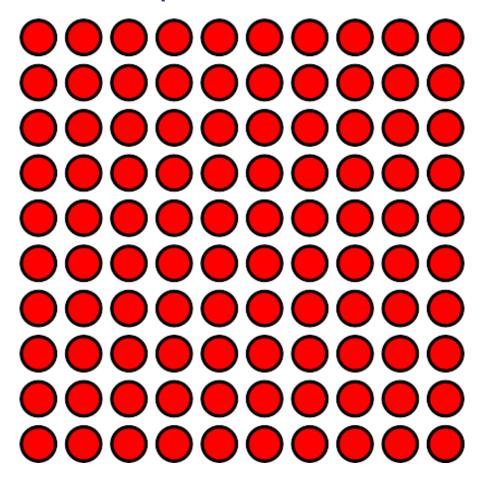


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Example 2: distribution (r, g,b) \sim (0.98, 0.02,0)



2-Voter Approach (7)



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Two-Sample Voting - related work

- Hassin-Peleg, Nakata et al.: general graphs
- Cruise-Ghanesh: complete graph, traditional model
- Doerr et al.: complete graph, median rule
- Mossel et al.: expander, majority consensus
- Abdullah-Draief: random graph, five-sample voting
- Becchetti et al. or Angluin et al.: 3-majority protocol, 3-state protocol
- Two-Party Two-Sample Voting:
 - Cooper, Elsässer and Radzik (2014)
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The speed can be improved by using gossip algorithms.

Random gossiping

short overview

Gossip algorithms

- spread information by vertices repeatedly forwarding information to a few random neighbors
- algorithm is distributed and robust (fault-tolerant)
- can be very fast and message-efficient
- ▶ for K_n , it takes $O(\log n)$ time for the information to spread from O(1) to O(n) vertices
- examples: PULL or PUSH protocols

Our Results

For two specific restrictions on α and k

Bound on k:	Bound on α :	Time Complexity:
/	$\alpha \geq k^{\varepsilon}, \varepsilon > 0$	$O(\log k + \log \log n)$
$k \le \exp\left(\frac{\log\log n}{\log\log\log n}\right)$	$lpha \geq 1 + rac{1}{\log\log\log n - 1}$	$O(\log \log n)$
/	$lpha \geq 1 + rac{1}{polylog(n)}$	$O(\log\log n \cdot \log k)$

Memory overhead is of order $O(\log \log k + \log \log \log n)$. In the asynchronous setting with $(1 - \varepsilon)$ -convergence, the results are the same, and the memory overhead is of order $O(\log \log n)$.

Consensus susceptible to Sybils

- All consensus protocols based on membership...
 - ... assume independent failures ...
 - ... which implies strong notion of identity
- "Sybil attack" (p2p literature ~2002)
 - Idea: one entity can create many "identities" in system
 - Typical defense: 1 IP address = 1 identity
 - Problem: IP addresses aren't difficult / expensive to get, esp. in world of botnets & cloud services

Ingredient #5:

The Proof of Work

Consensus based on "work"

 Rather than "count" IP addresses, bitcoin "counts" the amount of CPU time / electricity that is expended

"The system is secure as long as honest nodes collectively control more CPU power than any cooperating group of attacker nodes."

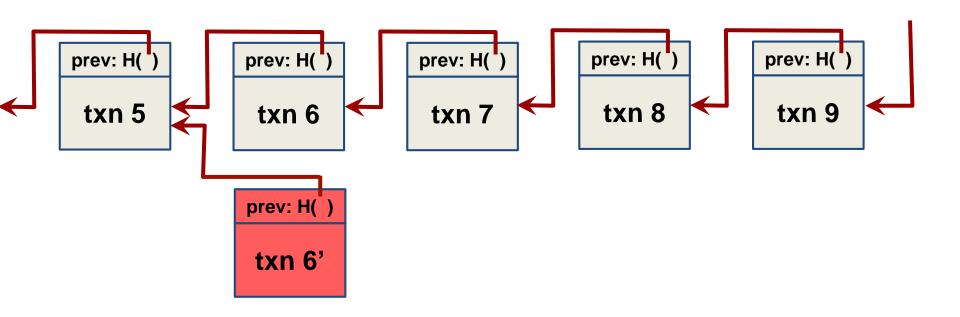
- Satoshi Nakamoto

 Proof-of-work: Cryptographic "proof" that certain amount of CPU work was performed

Form of randomized leader election

- After enough work is performed:
 - New leader elected for past ~10 min
 - Leader elected randomly, probability of selection proportional to leader's % of global hashing power
 - Leader decides which transactions comprise block

Key idea: Chain length requires work



- Generating a new block requires "proof of work"
- "Correct" nodes accept longest chain
- Creating fork requires rate of malicious work >> rate of correct
 - So, the older the block, the "safer" it is from being deleted

Use hashing to determine work!

- Recall hash functions are one-way / collision resistant
 - Given h, hard to find m such that h = hash(m)

- But what about finding partial collision?
 - -m whose hash has most significant bit = 0?
 - -m whose hash has most significant bits = 00?
 - Assuming output is randomly distributed, complexity grows exponentially with # bits to match

The Proof of Work

Find **nonce** such that

hash (nonce | prev_hash | block data) < target

i.e., hash has certain number of leading 0's

Miner's job description:

- Pick a set of transactions for block.
- Build "block header": prevhash, version, timestamp, txns, ...
- Try to find nounce till hash < target OR till another node wins!

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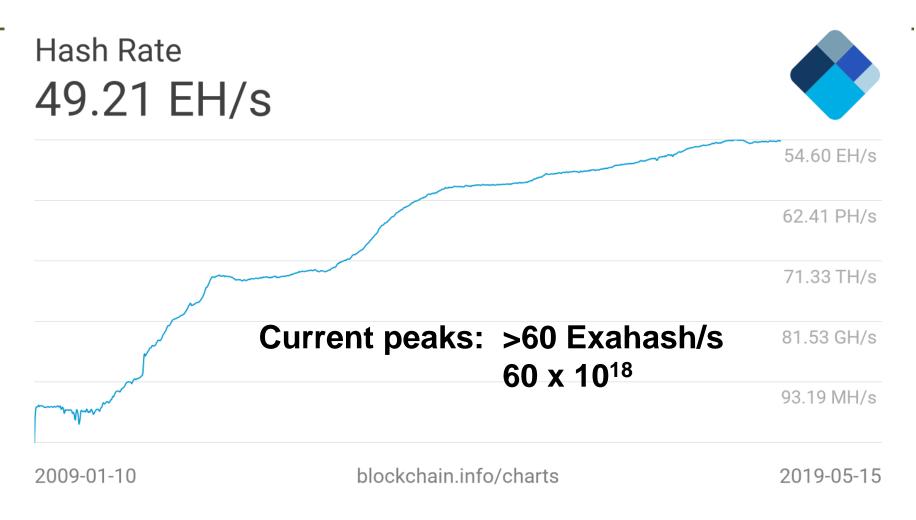
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What about changes in total system hashing rate?

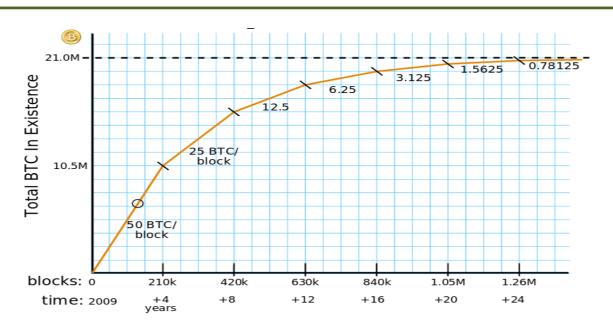
- Target is recalculated every 2 weeks
- Goal: One new block every 10 minutes

Historical hash rate trends of bitcoin



Tech: CPU → GPU → ASICs

Why consume all this energy?



- Creating a new block creates bitcoin!
 - Initially 50 BTC, decreases over time, currently 12.5
 - New bitcoin assigned to party named in new block
 - Called "mining" as you search for gold/coins

Incentivizing correct behavior?

 Race to find nonce and claim block reward, at which time race starts again for next block

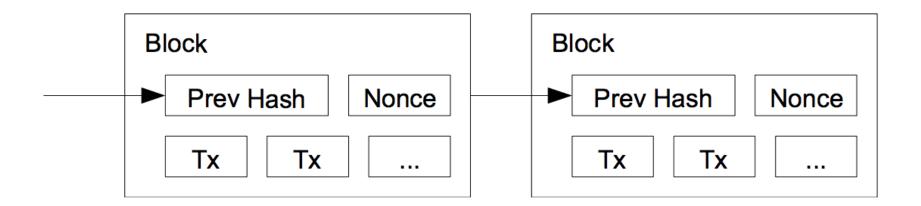
hash (nonce | prev_hash | block data)

- As solution has prev_hash, corresponds to particular chain
- Correct behavior is to accept longest chain
 - "Length" determined by aggregate work, not # blocks
 - So miners incentivized only to work on longest chain, as otherwise solution not accepted
 - Remember blocks on other forks still "create" bitcoin, but only matters if chain in collective conscious (majority)

Ingredient #6:

The Block Structure

One block = many transactions



- Each miner picks a set of transactions for block;
- Builds "block header": prevhash, version, timestamp, txns, ...
- Tries to find nounce s.t. hash < target OR another node wins:
 - Pick nonce for header, compute hash = SHA256(SHA256(header))

Transaction format:

Create 12.5 coins, credit to Alice		
Transfer 3 coins from Alice to Bob	SIGNED(Alice)	
Transfer 8 coins from Bob to Carol	SIGNED(Bob)	
Transfer 1 coins from Carol to Alice	SIGNED(Carol)	

How do you determine if Alice has balance? Scan backwards to time 0?

Transaction format

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Inputs:
             Ø
                             // Coinbase reward
             25.0→PK_Alice
Outputs:
Inputs:
             H(prevtxn, 0) // 25 BTC from Alice
Outputs:
             25.0→PK Bob
                                               SIGNED(Alice)
             H (prevtxn, 0) //25 BTC From Alice
Inputs:
Outputs:
             5.0→PK Bob, 20.0 →PK Alice2
                                                SIGNED(Alice)
Inputs:
             H (prevtxn1, 1), H(prevtxn2, 0) // 10+5 BTC
Outputs:
             14.9→PK Bob
                                               SIGNED(Alice)
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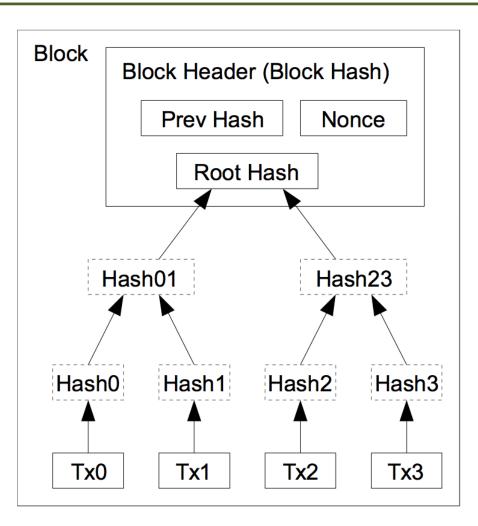
- Transaction typically has 1+ inputs, 1+ outputs
- Making change: 1st output payee, 2nd output self
- Output can appear in single later input (avoids scan back)

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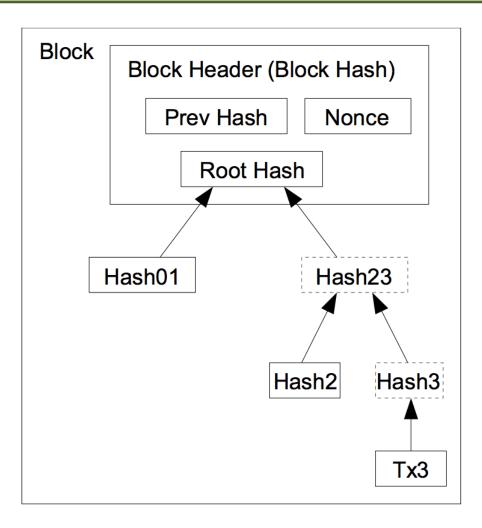
- Unspent portion of inputs is "transaction fee" to miner
- In fact, "outputs" are stack-based scripts
- 1 Block = 1MB max

Storage / verification efficiency



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 - Binary tree of hashes
 - Root hash "binds" leaves given collision resistance
- Using a root hash
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 - Can prune tree to reduce storage needs over time

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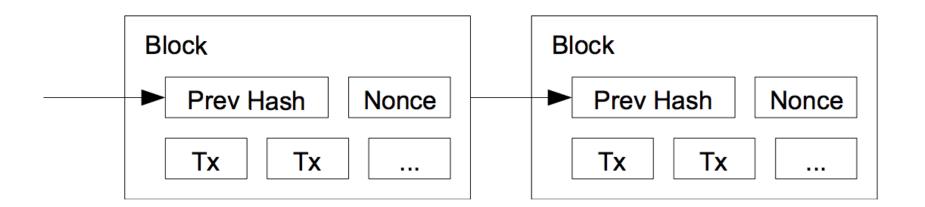
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 - Can prune when all txn outputs are spent
 - Now: 80GB pruned,300GB unpruned

Ingredient ##:

Hard questions?

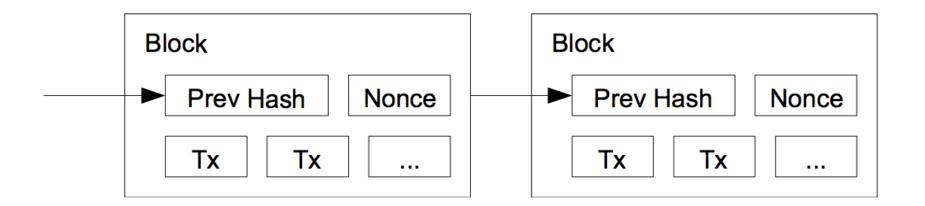
+random details

How long does one transaction take?



- At some time T, block header constructed
- Those transactions had been received [T 10 min, T]
- Block will be generated at time T + 10 min (on average)
- So transactions are from 10 20 min before block creation
- Can be much longer if "backlog" of transactions is long

When do you trust a transaction?

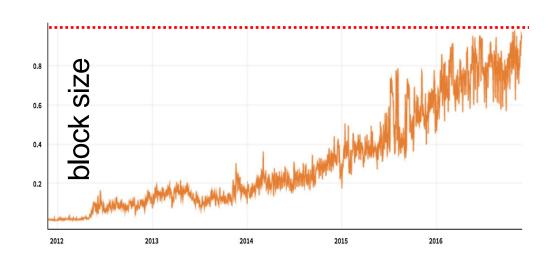


- We trust:
 - After we know it is "stable" on the hash chain
 - Recall that the longer the chain, the hard to "revert"
- Common practice: transaction "committed" when 6 blocks deep
 - i.e., Takes another ~1 hour for txn to become committed

Does it scale?

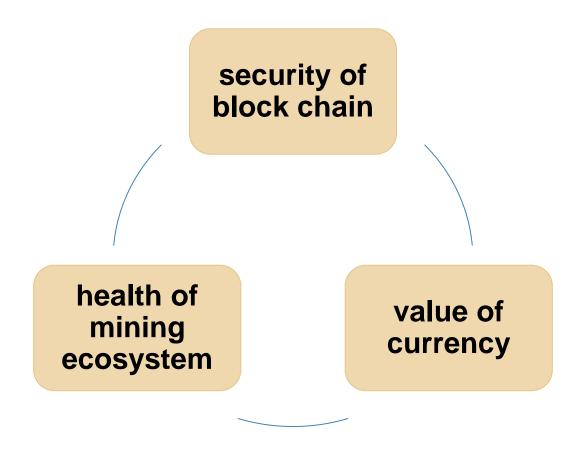
Scaling limitations

- -1 block = 1 MB max
- 1 block ~ 2000 txns
- 1 block ~ 10 min
- So, 3-4 txns / sec



- Log grows linearly, joining requires full dload and verification
- Visa peak load comparison
 - Typically 2,000 txns / sec
 - Peak load in 2013: 47,000 txns / sec

Bitcoin & blockchain intrinsically linked



Rich ecosystem: Mining pools

health of mining ecosystem

- Mining == gambling:
 - Electricity costs \$, huge payout, low probability of winning
- Development of mining pools to amortize risk
 - Pool computational resources, participants "paid" to mine e.g., rewards "split" as a fraction of work, etc
 - Verification? Demonstrate "easier" proofs of work to admins
 - Prevent theft? Block header (coinbase txn) given by pool

More than just a currency...

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