# The Iterated Random Function Problem <br> ASK 2016, Nagoya, Japan 

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$$
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$$

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Let cycle be the event that at least one of the walks (corresponding to $x_{i}$ and $x_{j}$ ) has a cycle.

$$
\text { coll }_{i, j \mid \neg \text { cycle }}=\frac{\ell}{N} \quad \operatorname{Pr}[\text { cycle }] \leq \frac{2 \ell^{2}}{N} .
$$

$$
\operatorname{coll}_{i, j} \geq \frac{\ell}{N}\left(1-\frac{2 \ell^{2}}{N}\right)
$$

## Main Result on Lower Bound

## Lower Bound Theorem

Let $x:=\left(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{q}\right) \in\left(\{0,1\}^{n}\right)^{q}$ be a $q$ tuple of distinct inputs.
For $\ell, q \geq 3, \frac{q^{2} \ell}{N}<1$ and $\ell<\min \left(\frac{N}{5184}, \frac{N^{\frac{1}{2}}}{4 \sqrt{3}}, \frac{N^{\frac{1}{3}}}{\sqrt[3]{36}}\right)$, we have

$$
\operatorname{Pr}\left[\operatorname{coll}_{f}(x)\right] \geq \frac{q^{2} \ell}{12 N}
$$

## Example

Collision for $N=2^{64}$. Hence taking $q=\sqrt{20} \cdot 2^{\frac{64}{3}}, \ell=0.1 \times 2^{\frac{64}{3}}$, we get $\delta=0.499$.

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