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# Secure Multi-Party Computation Tutorial

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# Data Privacy

- Why do we talk about protecting data privacy?

# Data Privacy

- Larger and larger volumes of data are being collected about individuals
  - one's shopping behavior, geo location and moving patterns, interests and hobbies, exercise patterns, etc.
- Even intended analysis and use of data is scary, but it is also prone to abuse
  - information about individuals collected by an entity can be legitimately sold to others
  - large datasets with sensitive information are an attractive target for insider abuse
  - data breaches are more common than what we know

# Data Protection

- There are many different ways to protect private, proprietary, classified or otherwise sensitive information
  - this tutorial will cover some of such techniques
- Protection techniques include:
  - computing on private data without revealing the data
  - anonymous communication and authentication
  - applications that provide anonymity (e-cash, voting, etc.)

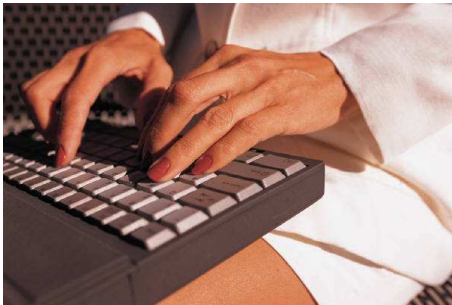
# Secure Multi-Party Computation

- **Secure multi-party computation** allows two or more individuals to jointly evaluate a function on their respective private data
  - security guarantees allow for no unintended information leakage
  - only output of the computation (and any information deduced from the output and individual private input) can be known to a participant

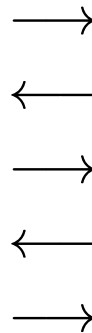
## Example Secure Two-Party Computation

- Two millionaires Alice and Bob would like to determine who is richer without revealing their worth to each other

Alice  
private  $x$



Bob  
private  $y$

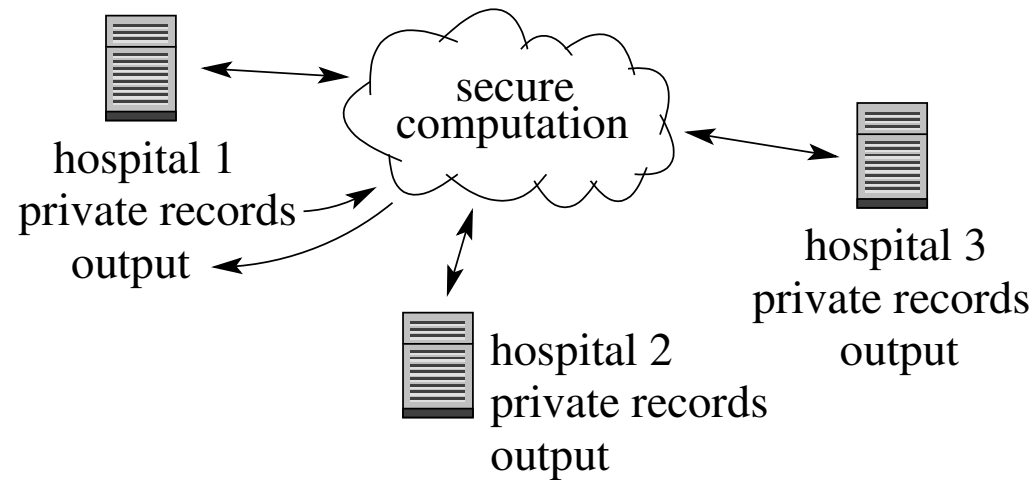


output  
 $x < y$



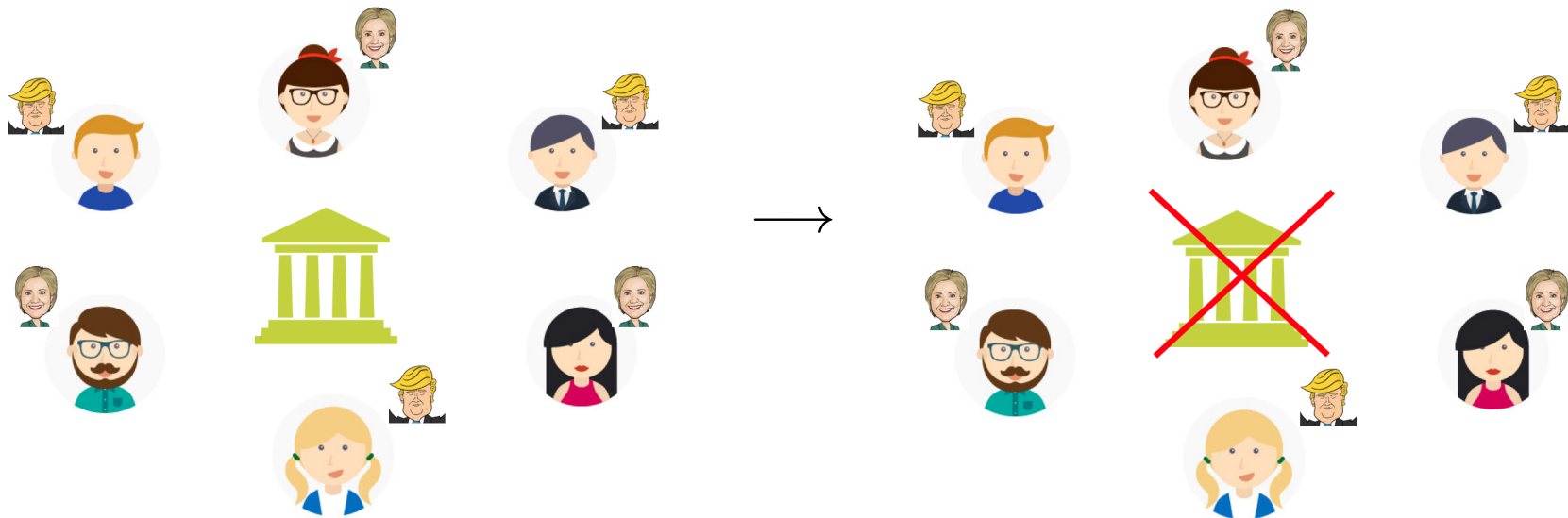
## Example Secure Multi-Party Computation

- A number of local hospitals would like to jointly determine the most effective treatment to a rare disease



# Example Secure Multi-Party Computation

- Many individuals would participate in electronic voting



- Any computation that can be done with a trusted third party (TTP) can be done without TTP

# Secure Multi-Party Computation

- Regardless of the setup, the same **strong security guarantees** are expected:
  - suppose there is an ideal third party that the participants trust with their data
  - they send their data to TTP and receive the output
  - then a multi-party protocol is secure if adversarial participants learn no more information than in the case of ideal TTP
  - this is formalized through a simulation paradigm

# Security of SMC

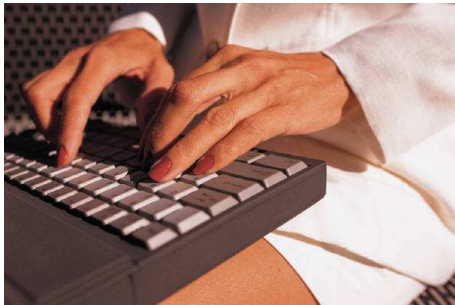
- There are two standard ways of modeling participants in SMC
  - a **semi-honest** participant complies with the prescribed computation, but might attempt to learn additional information about other participants' data from the messages it receives
    - it is also called honest-but-curious or passive
  - a **malicious** participant can arbitrarily deviate from the protocol's execution in the attempt to learn unauthorized information about other participants' data
    - it is also called active
- There is a third type of adversarial model with **covert** participants who can act maliciously, but do not wish to be caught

## Security of SMC in the Semi-Honest Model

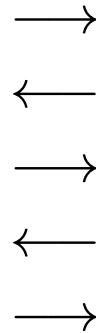
- We start modeling security using the **semi-honest model**
  - Let  $n$  be the number of participants in secure computation
  - An adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  can corrupt and control  $t < n$  of them
  - $\mathcal{A}$  knows all information that the corrupt parties have and receive
  - Security is modeled by building a simulator  $S_{\mathcal{A}}$  with access to the TTP that produces  $\mathcal{A}$ 's view indistinguishable from its view in real protocol execution
    - $S_{\mathcal{A}}$  has  $\mathcal{A}$ 's information and TTP's output
    - it must simulate the view of  $\mathcal{A}$  and form outputs for all parties correctly

# The Real Model

Alice  
private  $x$



protocol output

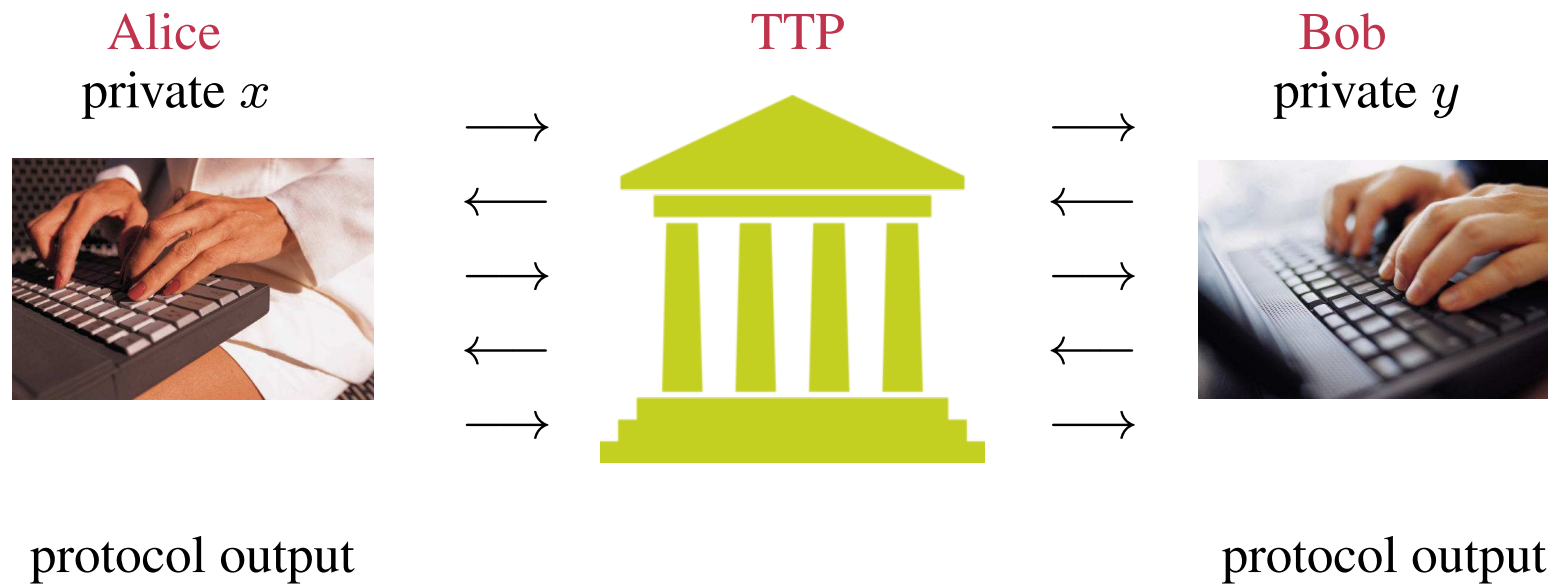


Bob  
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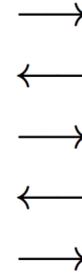
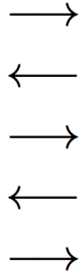
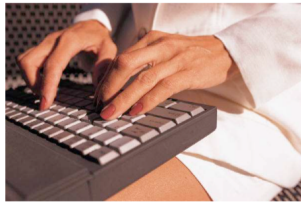


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# The Ideal Model



# The Security Definition

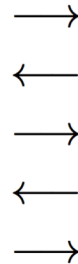
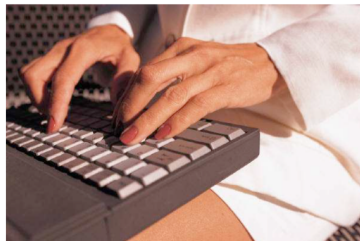


Adversary S



The Ideal Model

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Adversary A



The Real Model



# Security of SMC in the Semi-Honest Model

- **Formal definition:**

- Let parties  $P_1, \dots, P_n$  engage in a protocol  $\Pi$  that computes function  $f(\text{in}_1, \dots, \text{in}_n) \rightarrow (\text{out}_1, \dots, \text{out}_n)$ , where  $\text{in}_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$  and  $\text{out}_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$  denote the input and output of party  $P_i$ , respectively.
- Let  $\text{VIEW}_{\Pi}(P_i)$  denote the view of participant  $P_i$  during the execution of protocol  $\Pi$ . That is,  $P_i$ 's view is formed by its input and internal random coin tosses  $r_i$ , as well as messages  $m_1, \dots, m_k$  passed between the parties during protocol execution:

$$\text{VIEW}_{\Pi}(P_i) = (\text{in}_i, r_i, m_1, \dots, m_k).$$

- Let  $I = \{P_{i_1}, P_{i_2}, \dots, P_{i_t}\}$  denote a subset of the participants for  $t < n$  and  $\text{VIEW}_{\Pi}(I)$  denote the combined view of participants in  $I$  during the execution of protocol  $\Pi$  (i.e., the union of the views of the participants in  $I$ ).

# Security of SMC in the Semi-Honest Model

- **Formal definition** (cont.):

- We say that protocol  $\Pi$  is  $t$ -private in the presence of semi-honest adversaries if for each coalition of size at most  $t$  there exists a probabilistic polynomial time simulator  $S_I$  such that

$$S_I(\text{in}_I, f(\text{in}_1, \dots, \text{in}_n)) \equiv \{\text{VIEW}_{\Pi}(I), \text{out}_I\},$$

where  $\text{in}_I = \bigcup_{P_i \in I} \{\text{in}_i\}$ ,  $\text{out}_I = \bigcup_{P_i \in I} \{\text{out}_i\}$ , and  $\equiv$  denotes computational or statistical indistinguishability.

- **Computational indistinguishability** of two distributions means that the probability that they differ is negligible in the security parameter  $\kappa$ 
  - for **statistical indistinguishability**, the difference must be negligible in the statistical security parameter

## Security of SMC in the Malicious Model

- In the **malicious model** we have the following definition:
  - Let  $\Pi$  be a protocol that computes function  $f(\text{in}_1, \dots, \text{in}_n) \rightarrow (\text{out}_1, \dots, \text{out}_n)$ , with party  $P_i$  contributing input  $\text{in}_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$  and receiving output  $\text{out}_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$
  - Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be an arbitrary algorithm with auxiliary input  $x$  and  $S$  be an adversary/simulator in the ideal model
  - Let  $\text{REAL}_{\Pi, \mathcal{A}(x), I}(\text{in}_1, \dots, \text{in}_n)$  denote the view of adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  controlling parties in  $I$  together with the honest parties' outputs after real protocol  $\Pi$  execution
  - Similarly, let  $\text{IDEAL}_{f, S(x), I}(\text{in}_1, \dots, \text{in}_n)$  denote the view of  $S$  and outputs of honest parties after ideal execution of function  $f$

# Security of SMC in the Malicious Model

- **Formal definition** (cont.):
  - We say that  $\Pi$   $t$ -securely computes  $f$  if for each coalition  $I$  of size at most  $t$ , every probabilistic adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  in the real model, all  $\text{in}_i \in \{0, 1\}^*$  and  $x \in \{0, 1\}^*$ , there is probabilistic  $S$  in the ideal model that runs in time polynomial in  $\mathcal{A}$ 's runtime and

$$\{\text{IDEAL}_{f,S(x),I}(\text{in}_1, \dots, \text{in}_n)\} \equiv \{\text{REAL}_{\Pi,\mathcal{A}(x),I}(\text{in}_1, \dots, \text{in}_n)\}$$

# Secure Multi-Party Computation

- The setting can be further generalized to allow for more general setups
- We can distinguish between three groups of participants
  - **input parties** (data owners) contribute their private input into the computation
  - **computational parties** securely execute the computation on behalf of all participants
  - **output parties** (output recipients) receive output from the computational parties at the end of the computation
- The groups can be arbitrarily overlapping

# Secure Multi-Party Computation

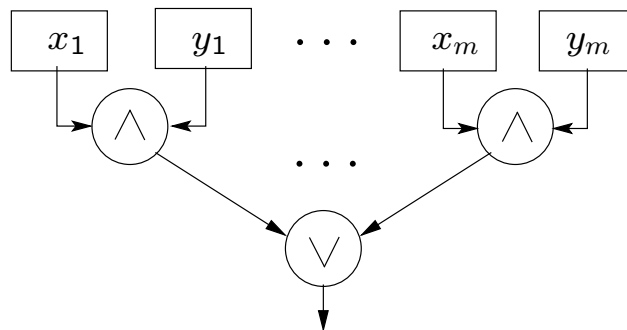
- The above setup allows for many interesting settings
  - e.g., a large number of participating hospitals can choose a subset of them to run the computation on behalf of all of them
  - they can also employ external parties (cloud providers) for running the computation
  - the output can be delivered to a subset of them and/or to other interested parties
- This setup also allows for [secure computation outsourcing](#)
  - one or more clients securely outsource their computation to a number of external cloud computing providers

# Secure Multi-Party Computation Techniques

- Garbled circuit evaluation
  - two-party computation ( $n = 2$ )
- Linear secret sharing
  - multi-party computation ( $n > 2$ )
- Homomorphic encryption
  - two- or multi-party computation ( $n \geq 2$ )

# Garbled Circuit Evaluation

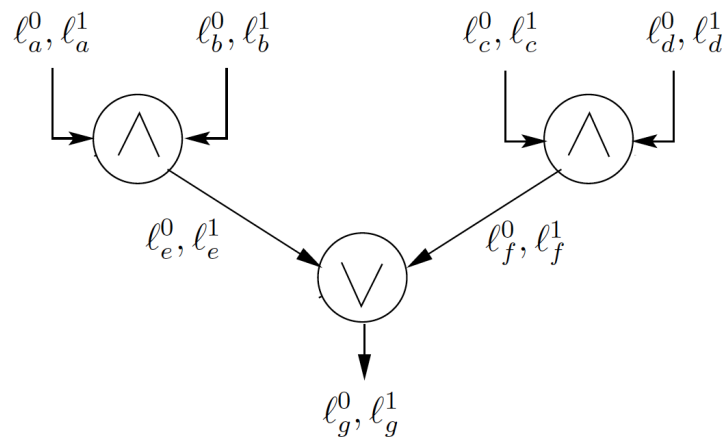
- SMC based on **garbled circuit evaluation** involves two participants: circuit garbler and circuit evaluator
- The function to be computed is represented as a Boolean circuit
  - typically we'll use binary (two input and one output bits) gates and negation gates
  - example:





## Yao's Protocol: Garbled Circuit Evaluation

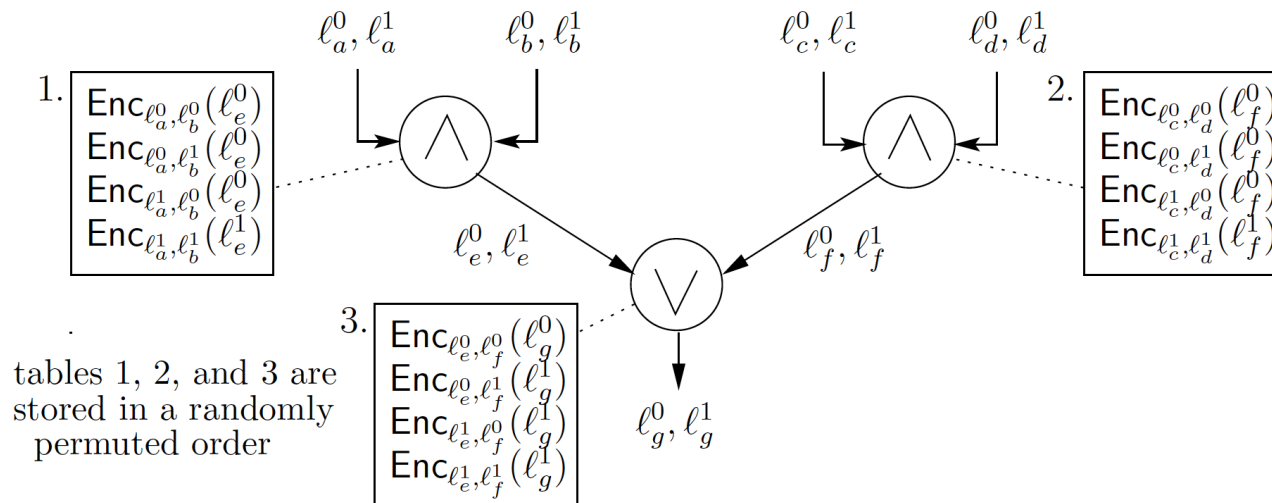
- The garbler takes a Boolean circuit and associates two random labels  $\ell_i^0, \ell_i^1 \in \{0, 1\}^\kappa$  with each circuit's wire  $i$ 
  - $\ell_i^0$  is associated with value 0 of the wire and  $\ell_i^1$  with value 1
  - given  $\ell_i^b$ , it is not possible to determine what  $b$  is



[Y86] A. Yao, "How to generate and exchange secrets," 1986.

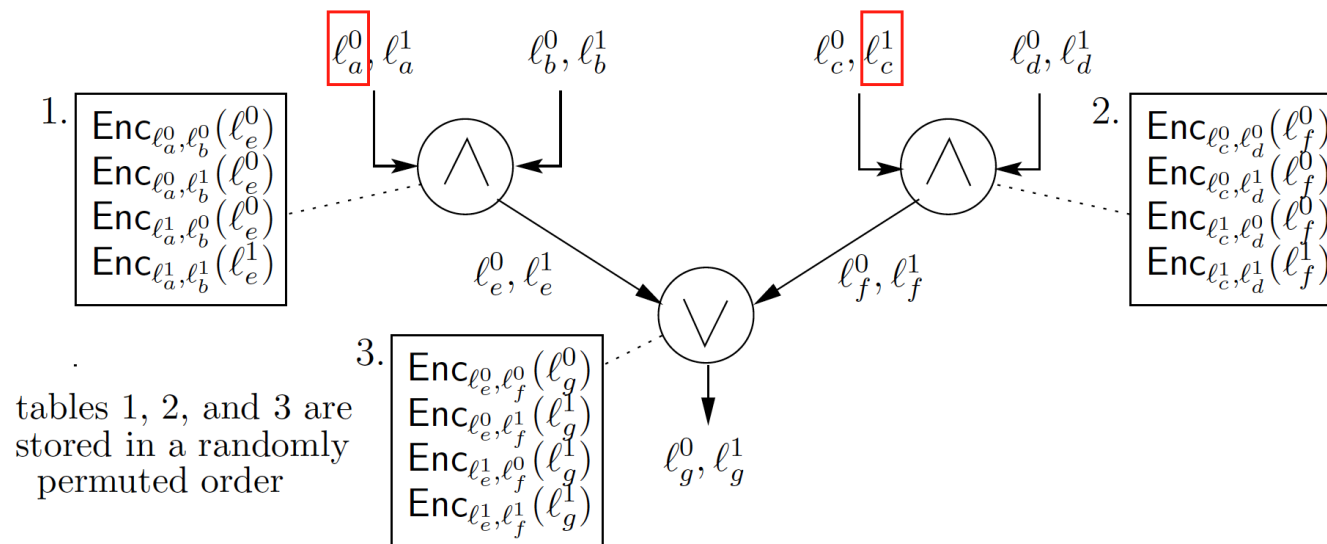
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- The garbler also encodes each gate and sends it to the evaluator
  - suppose a binary gate  $g$  has input wires  $i$  and  $j$  and output wire  $k$
  - the garbler uses encryption to enable recovery of  $\ell_k^{g(b_i, b_j)}$  given  $\ell_i^{b_i}$  and  $\ell_j^{b_j}$



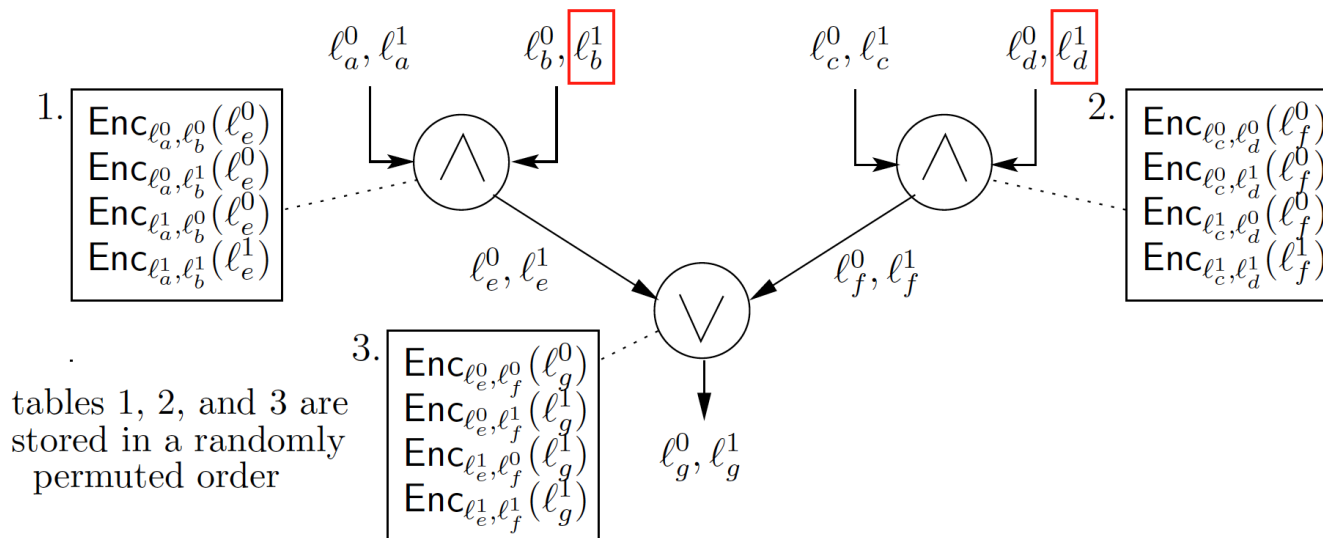
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- The garbler sends the label corresponding to its own input bit
  - the labels are random, so the evaluator does not learn what this bit is



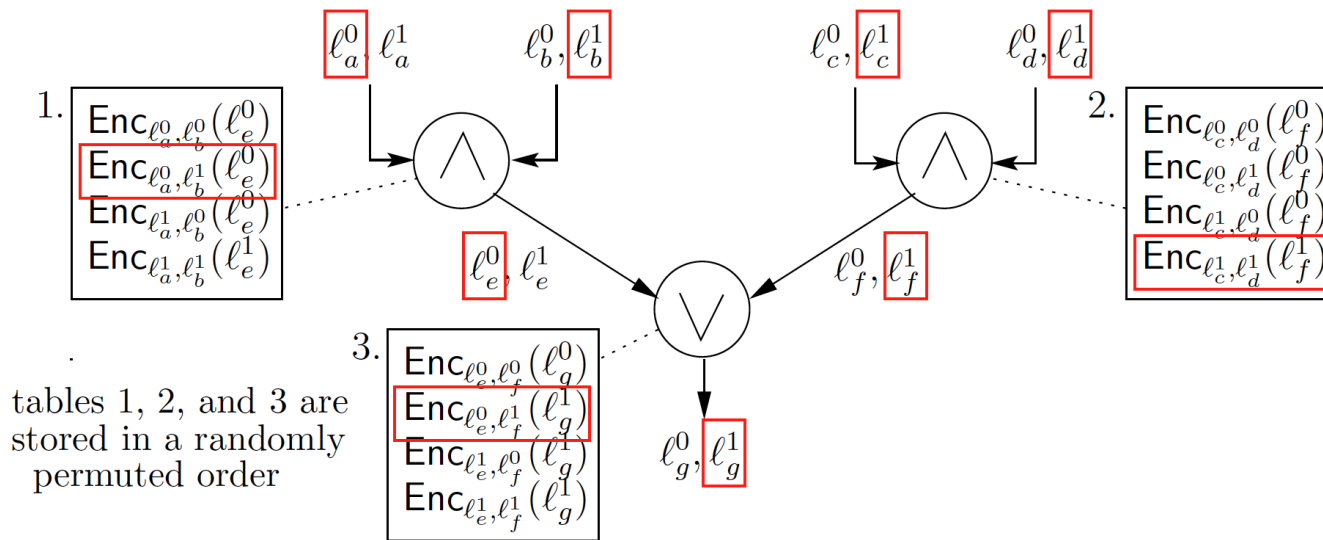
# Yao's Protocol: Garbled Circuit Evaluation

- The evaluator engages in 1-out-of-2 oblivious transfer (OT) with the garbler to obtain labels corresponding to its own input
  - it allows the evaluator to retrieve one out of two labels for each of its input wires, while the garbler learns nothing



# Yao's Protocol: Garbled Circuit Evaluation

- The evaluator obtains appropriate labels for the input wires and evaluates the garbled circuit one gate at a time
  - the evaluator sees labels, but doesn't know their meaning



## Yao's Protocol: Garbled Circuit Evaluation

- At the end of the protocol execution, both parties, one of them, or an external party can learn the output of the protocol execution
- Yao's construction gives a **constant-round protocol** for secure computation of any function in the semi-honest model
  - the number of rounds does not depend on the number of inputs or the size of the circuit
- The basic technique is secure in the presence of **semi-honest garbler** and **malicious evaluator**
  - it can be extended to be secure in the malicious model using additional techniques

# Oblivious Transfer

- **Oblivious Transfer** is a secure two-party protocol, in which the sender holds a number of inputs and the receiver's obtains one of them based on its choice
  - it is used extensively in garbled circuit evaluation
    - at least one OT per input bit, typically an efficiency bottleneck
  - it is also a common tool in other protocols
- Here we are interested in **1-out-of-2 OT**, with the sender holding two inputs  $a_0$  and  $a_1$  and the sender holding a bit  $b$
- **OT extension** allows  $m$  (1-out-of-2) OTs to be realized using a constant number of regular OT protocols with small additional overhead linear in  $m$

# Oblivious Transfer

- The literature contains many realizations of OT and OT extensions including [NP01, IKNP03, ALSZ13, ALSZ15]

[NP01] M. Naor and B. Pinkas, “Efficient oblivious transfer protocols,” 2001.

[IKNP03] Y. Ishai, J. Kilian, K. Nissim, E. Petrank, “Extending oblivious transfers efficiently,” 2003.

[ALSZ13] G. Asharov, Y. Lindell, T. Schneider, and M. Zohner, “More efficient oblivious transfer and extensions for faster secure computation,” 2013.

[ALSZ15] G. Asharov, Y. Lindell, T. Schneider, and M. Zohner, “More efficient oblivious transfer extensions with security for malicious adversaries,” 2015.



# Naor-Pinkas OT

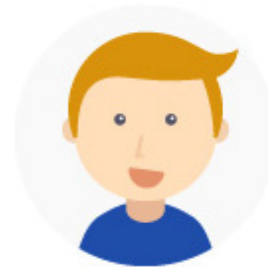
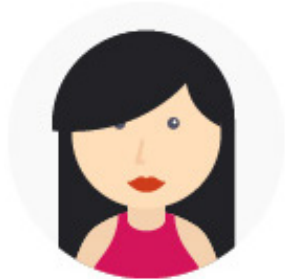
- Naor-Pinkas OT [NP01] is an efficient construction secure in the malicious model
  - sender  $S$  inputs two strings  $\ell_0$  and  $\ell_1$  and receiver  $R$  inputs a bit  $b$
  - common input consists of group  $\mathbb{G}$  of prime order  $q$ , its generator  $g$ , and a random element  $C$  of  $\mathbb{G}$  (chosen by  $S$ )
  - after the protocol,  $R$  learns  $\ell_b$  and  $S$  learns nothing



# Naor-Pinkas OT

- S chooses random  $r \in \mathbb{Z}_q$  and computes  $C^r$  and  $g^r$

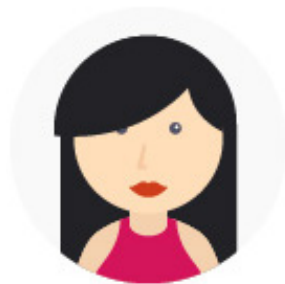
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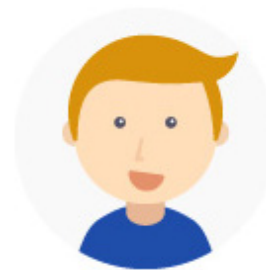
# Naor-Pinkas OT

- Receiver R:
  - chooses random  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_q^*$
  - sets public keys  $PK_b = g^k$  and  $PK_{1-b} = C/PK_b$
  - sends  $PK_0$  to S

$k, PK_b,$  and  $PK_{1-b}$



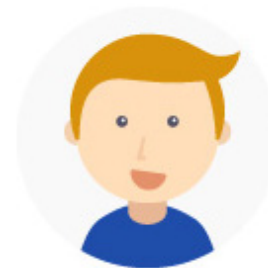
$PK_0$



## Naor-Pinkas OT

- Consequently, sender S
  - computes  $(PK_0)^r$  and  $(PK_1)^r = C^r / (PK_0)^r$
  - sends to R  $g^r$  and two encryptions  $E_0 = H((PK_0)^r, 0) \oplus \ell_0$  and  $E_1 = H((PK_1)^r, 1) \oplus \ell_1$
  - here  $H$  is a hash function (modeled as a random oracle)

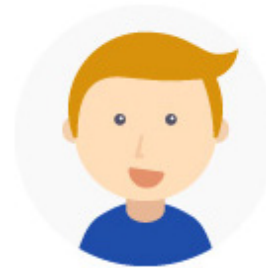
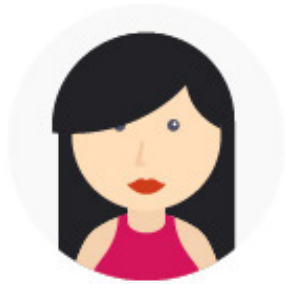
$(PK_0)^r, (PK_1)^r, E_0,$  and  $E_1$



$g^r, E_0,$  and  $E_1$

## Naor-Pinkas OT

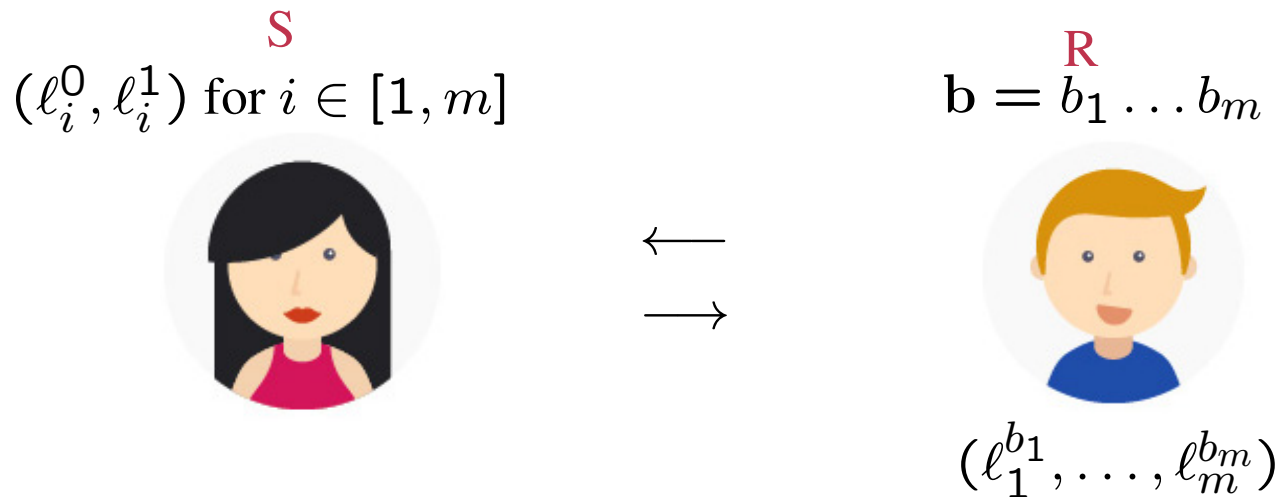
- R computes  $H((g^r)^k) = H((PK_b)^r)$  and uses it to recover  $\ell_b$



$\ell_b$

## ALSZ13 OT Extension (Semi-Honest)

- Asharov-Lindell-Schneider-Zohner OT extension trades public-key operations for symmetric-key operations and communication
- Let sender S hold private binary strings  $(\ell_i^0, \ell_i^1)$  for  $i \in [1, m]$  and receiver R hold  $m$  private bits  $\mathbf{b} = b_1 \dots b_m$
- As output, R receives  $(\ell_1^{b_1}, \dots, \ell_m^{b_m})$  and S learns nothing



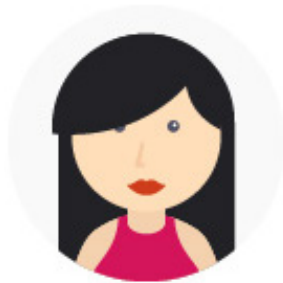
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- S chooses a random string  $s = s_1 \dots s_\kappa \in \{0, 1\}^\kappa$ , where  $\kappa$  is a symmetric-key security parameter

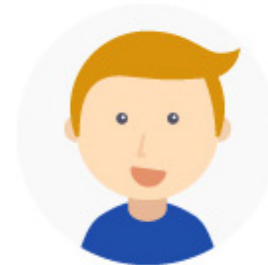


## ALSZ13 OT Extension (Semi-Honest)

- R chooses  $\kappa$  pairs of random  $\kappa$ -bit strings  $(k_i^0, k_i^1)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, \kappa$



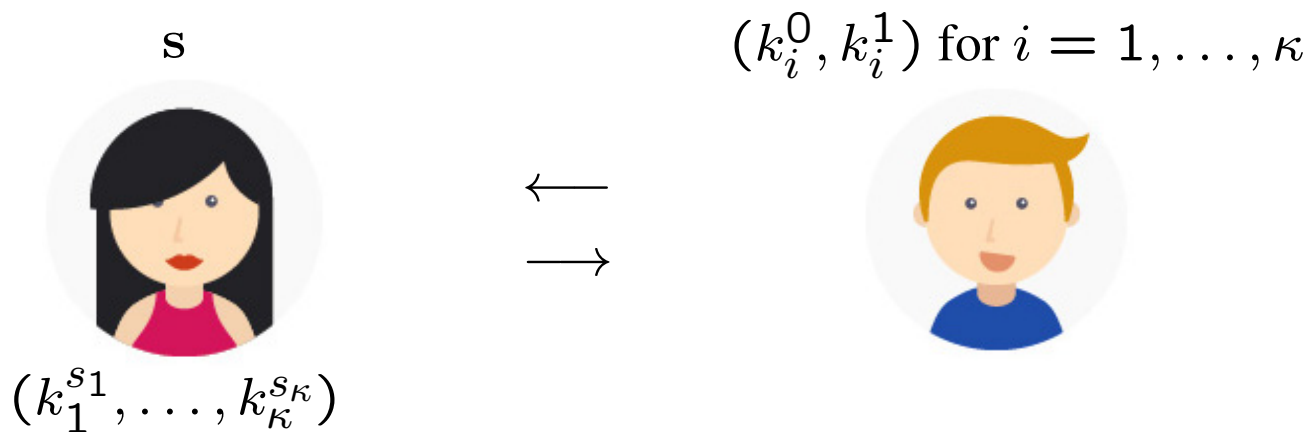
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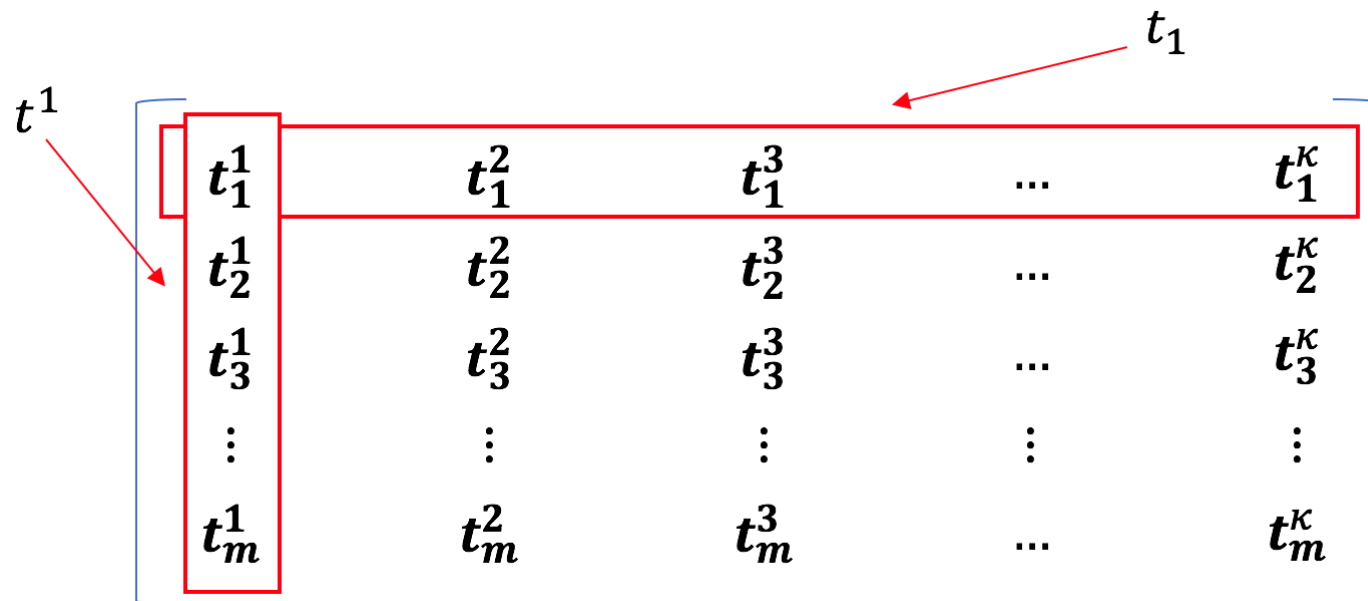
## ALSZ13 OT Extension (Semi-Honest)

- S and R perform  $\kappa$  OTs secure against semi-honest parties, with their roles reversed
  - R enters  $(k_i^0, k_i^1)$  into the  $i$ th OT
  - S inputs  $s_i$
  - S learns  $k_i^{s_i}$



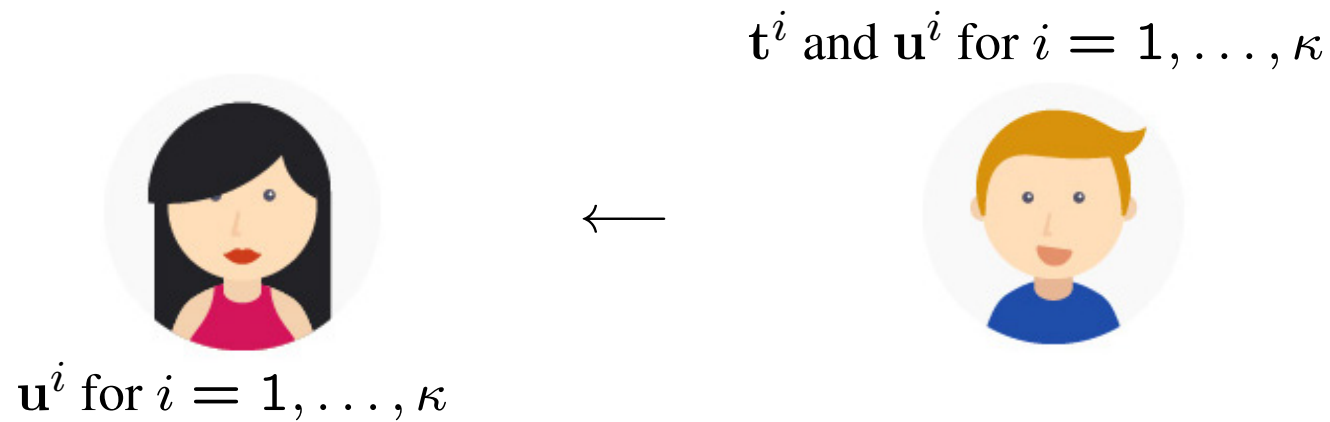
## ALSZ13 OT Extension (Semi-Honest)

- Let  $t^i = \text{PRG}(k_i^0)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, \kappa$  and  $\text{PRG} : \{0, 1\}^\kappa \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^m$
- Let  $T = [t^1 | \dots | t^\kappa]$  denote the  $m \times \kappa$  matrix with its  $i$ th column being  $t^i$  and  $j$ th row being  $t_j$



## ALSZ13 OT Extension (Semi-Honest)

- R computes  $t^i = \text{PRG}(k_i^0)$ ,  $u^i = \text{PRG}(k_i^0) \oplus \text{PRG}(k_i^1) \oplus \mathbf{b}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, \kappa$  and sends each  $u^i$  to S



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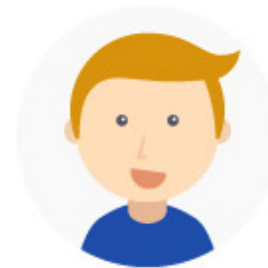
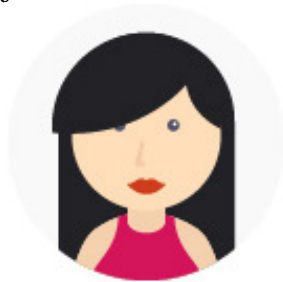
- S defines  $q^i = (s_i \cdot u^i) \oplus \text{PRG}(k_i^{s_i}) = (s_i \cdot \mathbf{b}) \oplus \mathbf{t}^i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, \kappa$
- Let  $Q = [q^1 | \dots | q^\kappa]$  denote the  $m \times \kappa$  matrix with its  $i$ th column being  $q^i$  and  $j$ th row being  $q_j$  where  $i = 1, \dots, \kappa$  and  $j = 1, \dots, m$ 
  - i.e.,  $q^i = (s_i \cdot \mathbf{b}) \oplus \mathbf{t}^i$  and  $q_j = (b_j \cdot \mathbf{s}) \oplus t_j$

$q_1^1$	$q_1^2$	$q_1^3$	...	$q_1^\kappa$
$q_2^1$	$q_2^2$	$q_2^3$	...	$q_2^\kappa$
$q_3^1$	$q_3^2$	$q_3^3$	...	$q_3^\kappa$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$q_m^1$	$q_m^2$	$q_m^3$	...	$q_m^\kappa$

## ALSZ13 OT Extension (Semi-Honest)

- S sends to R  $(w_i^0, w_i^1)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$ , where  $w_i^0 = \ell_i^0 \oplus H(i, \mathbf{q}_i)$  and  $w_i^1 = \ell_i^1 \oplus H(i, \mathbf{q}_i \oplus \mathbf{s})$

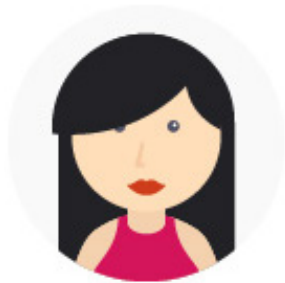
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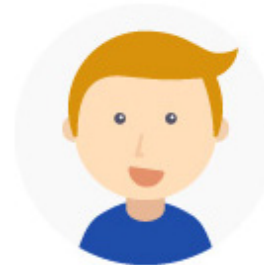
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## ALSZ13 OT Extension (Semi-Honest)

- R computes  $\ell_i^{b_i} = w_i^{b_i} \oplus H(i, \mathbf{t}_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$



$(\ell_1^{b_1}, \dots, \ell_m^{b_m})$



## ALSZ15 OT Extension (Malicious)

- The semi-honest OT extension above can be made secure in the presence of **malicious adversaries** with a few changes:
  - R chooses sets  $\mathbf{b}' = \mathbf{b} \parallel \mathbf{r}$  for a random  $\mathbf{r} \in \{0, 1\}^\kappa$  and uses  $\mathbf{b}'$  in place of  $\mathbf{b}$
  - $\mathbf{s}$  is of size  $\tau = \kappa + \rho$ , where  $\rho$  is a statistical security parameter
  - this changes the number of based OTs from  $\kappa$  to  $\tau$  and matrix dimensions from  $m \times \kappa$  to  $(m + \kappa) \times \tau$
  - consistency check is required to enforce that the same  $\mathbf{b}'$  is used to form each  $\mathbf{u}^i$

## ALSZ15 OT Extension (Malicious)

- **Consistency check** cross-checks information about each  $u^i$  against  $u^j$ 's information for each  $(i, j)$  pair

– for every pair  $(i, j) \in [1, \tau]^2$ , R computes four values:

$$h_{(i,j)}^{(0,0)} = H(\text{PRG}(k_i^0) \oplus \text{PRG}(k_j^0)), \quad h_{(i,j)}^{(0,1)} = H(\text{PRG}(k_i^0) \oplus \text{PRG}(k_j^1))$$

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and sends them to S

– for every pair  $(i, j) \in [1, \tau]^2$ , S checks that

- $h_{(i,j)}^{(s_i, s_j)} = H(\text{PRG}(k_i^{s_i}) \oplus \text{PRG}(k_j^{s_j}))$
- $h_{(i,j)}^{(\bar{s}_i, \bar{s}_j)} = H(\text{PRG}(k_i^{s_i}) \oplus \text{PRG}(k_j^{s_j}) \oplus \mathbf{u}^i \oplus \mathbf{u}^j)$
- $\mathbf{u}^i \neq \mathbf{u}^j$



# Garbled Circuit Evaluation Optimizations

- Multiple **optimizations** that improve performance of garbled circuit evaluation are known
  - the “**free XOR**” technique which allows XOR gates to be evaluated very cheaply
  - the garbled **row reduction** technique which reduces the size of garbled gates
  - the **half-gates** optimization which further reduces the size of garbled gates
  - performing garbling in a way to permit the use of **fixed-key (hardware accelerated) AES** which greatly improves the speed of garbling and evaluation

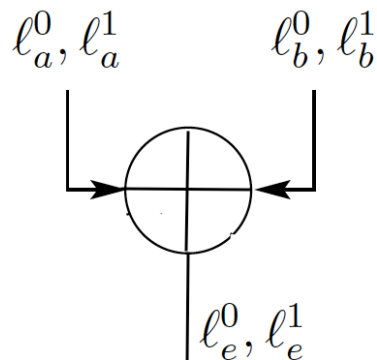
# Free XOR

- Garbler has a global secret  $\mathbf{R}$  and construct labels as follows:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \ell_a^0 & \ell_b^0 & \ell_e^0 = \ell_a^0 \oplus \ell_b^0 \\ \ell_a^1 = \ell_a^0 \oplus \mathbf{R} & \ell_b^1 = \ell_b^0 \oplus \mathbf{R} & \ell_e^1 = \ell_e^0 \oplus \mathbf{R} \end{array}$$

$$\ell_a^0 \oplus \ell_b^0 = \ell_a^0 \oplus \ell_b^0 \oplus \mathbf{R} \oplus \mathbf{R} = \ell_a^1 \oplus \ell_b^1$$

$$\ell_a^1 \oplus \ell_b^0 = \ell_a^0 \oplus \ell_b^0 \oplus \mathbf{R} = \ell_a^0 \oplus \ell_b^1$$



- No ciphertexts, encryption, or communication is needed for XOR gates!**

[KS08] V. Kolesnikov and T. Schneider, “Improved garbled circuit: Free XOR gates and applications,” 2008.

## Garbled Row Reduction (1)

- The first garbled row reduction optimization reduces the size of a garbled gate from 4 to 3 ciphertexts
- The garbler generates the output labels such that the first entry of the garbled table is derived deterministically and no longer needs to be sent

$$\ell_e^0 = \text{Dec}_{\ell_a^0, \ell_b^0}(0)$$

- This lowers communication, but adds more computational to the garbler side
- It is also compatible with free XOR

[NPS99] M. Naor, B. Pinkas, and R. Sumner. "Privacy preserving auctions and mechanism design," 1999.

## Garbled Row Reduction (2)

- The second garbled row reduction optimization reduces the size of a garbled gate from 4 to 2 ciphertexts
- The evaluator uses polynomial interpolation over a quadratic curve
- The output label is encoded as the  $y$  value on the polynomial at point 0
- As an example for AND gate

$$k_1 = \text{Dec}_{\ell_a^0, \ell_b^0}(0), \quad k_2 = \text{Dec}_{\ell_a^0, \ell_b^1}(0)$$

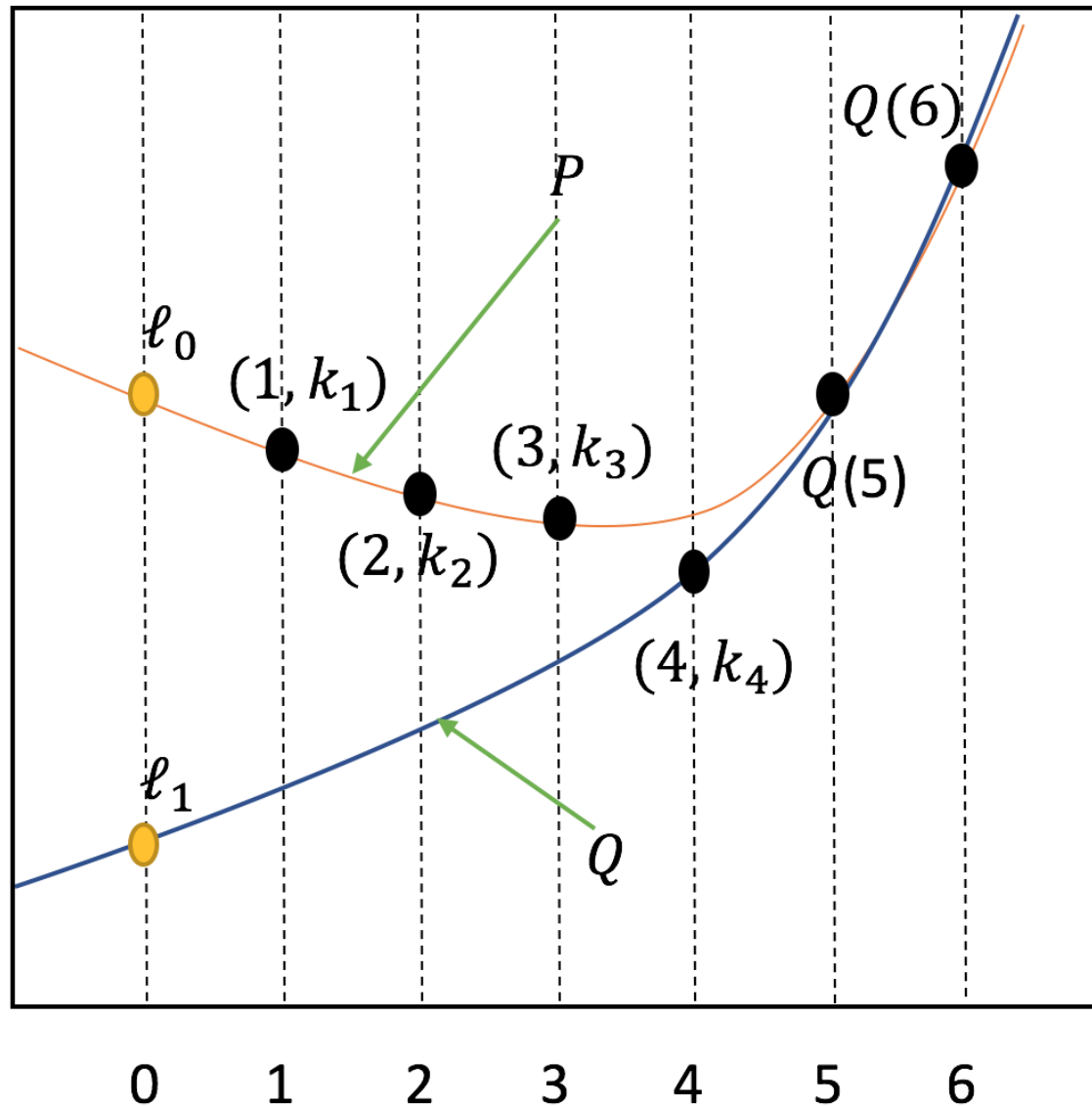
$$k_3 = \text{Dec}_{\ell_a^1, \ell_b^0}(0), \quad k_4 = \text{Dec}_{\ell_a^1, \ell_b^1}(0)$$

[PSSW09] B. Pinkas, T. Schneider, N. Smart, and S. Williams, “Secure two-party computation is practical,” 2009.

## Garbled Row Reduction (2)

- One point on the polynomial is revealed in the usual way and two more (the ones at  $x = 5$  and  $x = 6$ ) are included in the garbled gate
- There are two different quadratic polynomials  $P$  and  $Q$  to consider
  - $P$  and  $Q$  are designed to intersect exactly in the two points included in the garbled gate
  - in the Case of AND gate, three points on  $P$  are  $(\text{Dec}_{\ell_a^0, \ell_b^0}(0), \text{Dec}_{\ell_a^1, \ell_b^0}(0), \text{Dec}_{\ell_a^0, \ell_b^1}(0))$  and three points on  $Q$  are  $(\text{Dec}_{\ell_a^1, \ell_b^1}(0), Q(5), Q(6))$  (with respect to their  $y$ -value)
- **This is not compatible with free XOR!**

## Garbled Row Reduction (2)



## Half Gates Optimization

- Half-gates is the first optimization technique that simultaneously
  - requires only two ciphertexts per garbled AND gate
  - is compatible with the “free XOR” optimization

- It relies on the fact that

$$a \wedge b = (a \wedge (b \oplus r)) \oplus (a \wedge r)$$

where  $r$  is a random value chosen by the garbler

- The value of  $b \oplus r$  is revealed to the evaluator

[ZRE15] S. Zahur, M. Rosulek, and D. Evans, “Two halves make a whole,” 2015.

# Half Gates Optimization

- If the green rows are equal to 0 using garbled row reduction, then there are only two ciphertexts are transmit

Garbler Half Gates

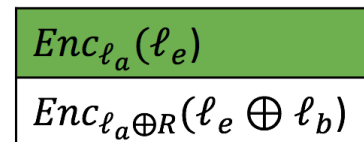
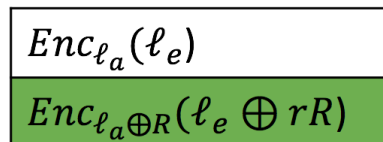
Evaluator Half Gates

Garbler knows  $r$

Evaluator knows  $b \oplus r$

$$a \wedge r$$

$$a \wedge (b \oplus r)$$



↓

$$\ell_b$$

$$\ell_b \oplus R$$

- Half gates and garbled row reduction techniques reduce bandwidth associated with transmitting garbled gates



## Using Fixed-Key Blockcipher

- This optimization modifies how garbled gates are constructed to use fixed-key AES encryption instead of hash functions
- AES hardware implementations are widely available on commodity hardware and allow for significant computation speedup
- This technique is compatible with the “free XOR” and row reduction techniques

[BHKR13] M. Bellare, V. T. Hoang, S. Keelveedhi, and P. Rogaway, “Efficient garbling from a fixed-key blockcipher,” 2013.

## Garbled Circuit Evaluation (Malicious)

- Yao's garbled circuit evaluation is not secure in the presence of a malicious garbler
  - there is the need to enforce correct circuit construction and several solutions exist [GMW91], [GMW87], [LP07], [SS11], [L13]
  - we focus on cut-and-choose approaches [LP07], [SS11], [L13]

[GMW91] O. Goldreich, S. Micali, and A. Wigderson, "Proofs that yield nothing but their validity or all languages in NP have zero-knowledge proof systems," 1991.

[GMW87] O. Goldreich, S. Micali, and A. Wigderson, "How to play any mental game-or-a completeness theorem for protocols with honest majority," 1987.

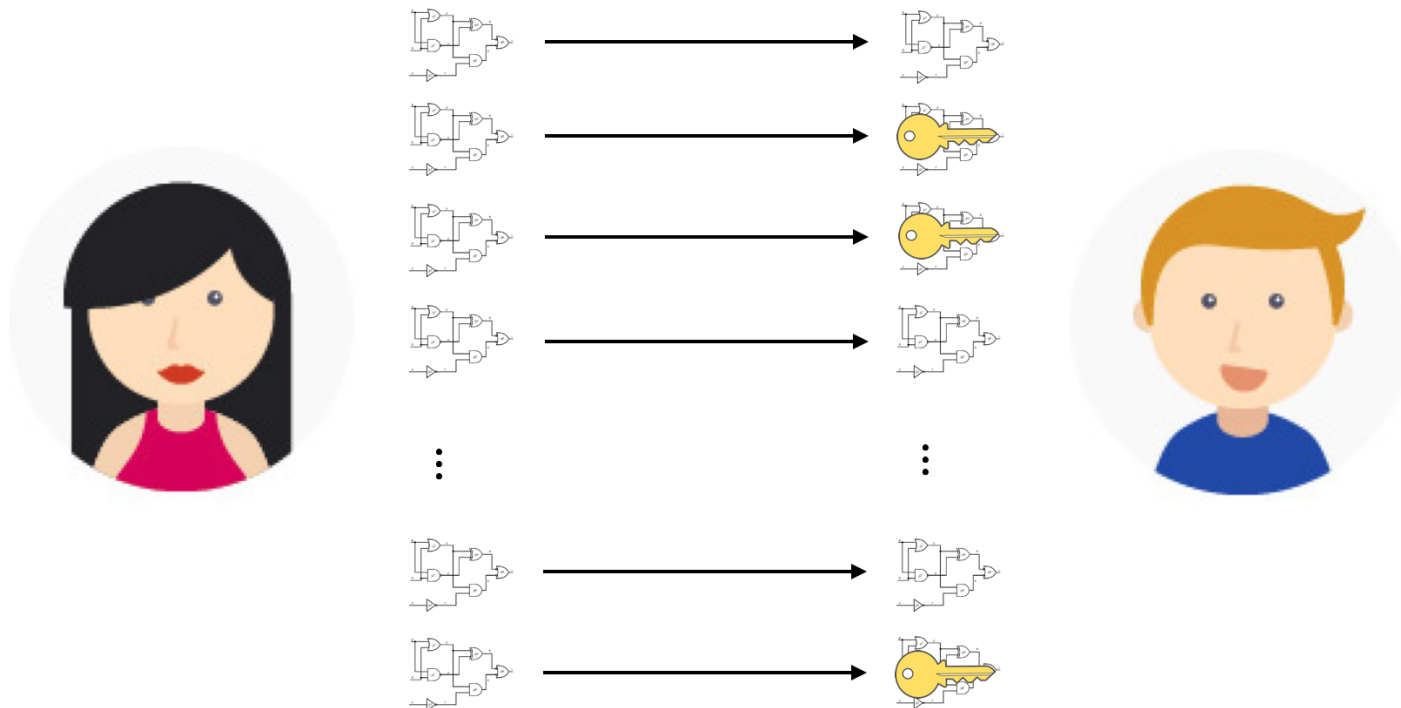
[LP07] Y. Lindell and B. Pinkas, "An efficient protocol for secure two-party computation in the presence of malicious adversaries," 2007.

[SS11] A. Shelat and C. Shen, "Two-output secure computation with malicious adversaries," 2011.

[L13] Y. Lindell, "Fast cut-and-choose-based protocols for malicious and covert adversaries," 2013.

# Cut-and-Choose

- The garbler generates  $s$  independent garblings of a circuit  $C$  and opens the circuits of the evaluator's choice



## Cut-and-Choose

- The garbler generates  $s$  independently garbled versions of circuit  $C$
- The evaluator asks the garbler to open a number of circuits of its choice and garbler reveals the randomness/keys
- The evaluator verifies correctness of the opened circuits
- The parties run OT/OT extension to retrieve the labels corresponding to the evaluator's input for the unopened circuits
- The garbler sends the labels corresponding its own input for the unopened circuits
- The evaluator evaluates the unopened circuits, and returns the majority output

## Garbled Circuit Evaluation (Malicious) [LP07]

- Lindell-Pinkas solution proposed the use of cut-and-choose
- By opening a half of the garbled circuits and evaluating the other half, output is incorrect with probability at most  $2^{-0.311s}$

## Garbled Circuit Evaluation (Malicious) [SS11]

- Shelat-Shen construction used the cut-and-choose approach and proposes novel defence mechanisms for input consistency, selective failure, and output authentication
- It showed that if the garbler opens 60% of the constructed circuits instead 50%, the error decreases from  $2^{-0.311s}$  to  $2^{-0.32s}$ 
  - to achieve the error of  $2^{-40}$ , we need approximately 125 circuits instead of 128

## Garbled Circuit Evaluation (Malicious) [L13]

- How many circuits needed to be garbled to ensure correct output?
  - previously, for error probability of  $2^{-40}$ , 125 circuits were needed
  - this is a heavy computational overhead compared to the semi-honest solution
- Lindell proposed an optimized cut-and-choose solution that required only  $s$  circuits with some small additional overhead to achieve error of  $2^{-s}$

## Garbled Circuit Evaluation (Malicious) [L13]

- Why do we need the majority of the circuits to be correct?
  - an incorrect circuit may compute the desired function if the evaluator's input meets some condition and otherwise compute garbage
  - if the evaluator aborts, it means the garbler knows that the evaluator's input does not meet the condition
  - if the evaluator does not abort, it means the garbler knows that the evaluator's input meets the condition
  - we must enforce that **most** evaluated circuits are correct with overwhelming probability



## Garbled Circuit Evaluation (Malicious) [L13]

- Even if all opened circuits out of  $s$  are correct and all unopened circuits are incorrect, the error probability is still bounded by  $2^{-s}$
- How is it possible?
  - both parties run small additional secure computation
  - if the evaluator receives two different outputs in two different circuits, the additional secure computation allows him to learn the garbler's input
  - in this case, the evaluator can compute the original function  $f$  by himself because it knows both inputs
  - the garbler does not know which case happened

## Garbled Circuit Evaluation (Malicious)

- The cut-and-choose technique alone does not provide full security
- Additional attacks:
  - input consistency
  - selective failure
  - output authentication

# Input Consistency

- When multiple circuits are being evaluated in cut-and-choose, a malicious garbler can provide inconsistent inputs to different evaluation circuits
  - after obtaining the output, the garbler can extract information about the evaluator's input
- Defenses:
  - equality checker [MF06]
  - input commitment [LP07]
  - pseudorandom synthesizer [LP11]
  - malleable claw-free collections [SS11]

[MF06] P. Mohassel and M. Franklin, “Efficiency tradeoffs for malicious two-party computation,” 2006.

[LP11] Y. Lindell and B. Pinkas, “Secure two-party computation via cut-and-choose oblivious transfer,” 2011.

## Selective Failure

- A malicious garbler can also use inconsistent labels during garbling and later during OT
- The evaluator's input can be inferred from whether or not the protocol completes
- Defenses:
  - random input replacement: input bit  $b$  is replaced  $\rho$  random bits  $b_i$  subject to  $b = b_1 \oplus b_2 \oplus \dots \oplus b_\rho$  [LP07]
  - committing OT [K08] [SS11]
  - combining OT and the cut-and-choose steps into one protocol [LP11]

[K08] M. Kiraz, "Secure and fair two-party computation," 2008.

# Output Authentication

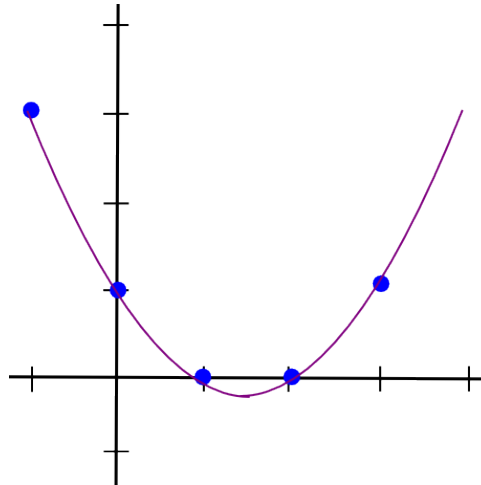
- In many cases, both the garbler and evaluator receive outputs from secure function evaluation, i.e.,  $f(x, y) = (f_1(x, y), f_2(x, y))$
- A malicious evaluator may claim an arbitrary value to be the generator's output coming from circuit evaluation
- Defenses:
  - verifying authenticity of the garbler's output by modifying the function as  $f(x, y) = (f_1(x, y) \oplus c, f_2(x, y))$  and computing its MAC [LP07]
  - using zero knowledge proofs [K08]
  - using a signature-based solution [SS11]

## SMC based on Secret Sharing

- An alternative technique is to use **threshold linear secret sharing** for secure multi-party computation
  - $(n, t)$ -threshold secret sharing allows secret  $v$  to be secret-shared among  $n$  parties such that:
    - no coalition of  $t$  or fewer parties can recover any information about  $v$
    - $t + 1$  or more shares can be used to efficiently reconstruct  $v$
  - information-theoretic security (i.e., independent of security parameters) is achieved

## Shamir's $(n, t)$ -Threshold Scheme

- Given  $n$  points on the plane  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$  where all  $x_i$ s are distinct, there exists an unique polynomial  $f$  of degree  $\leq n - 1$  such that  $f(x_i) = y_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ 
  - $f$  can be determined using Lagrange interpolation
- This also holds in a finite field, e.g., in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  where  $p$  is prime



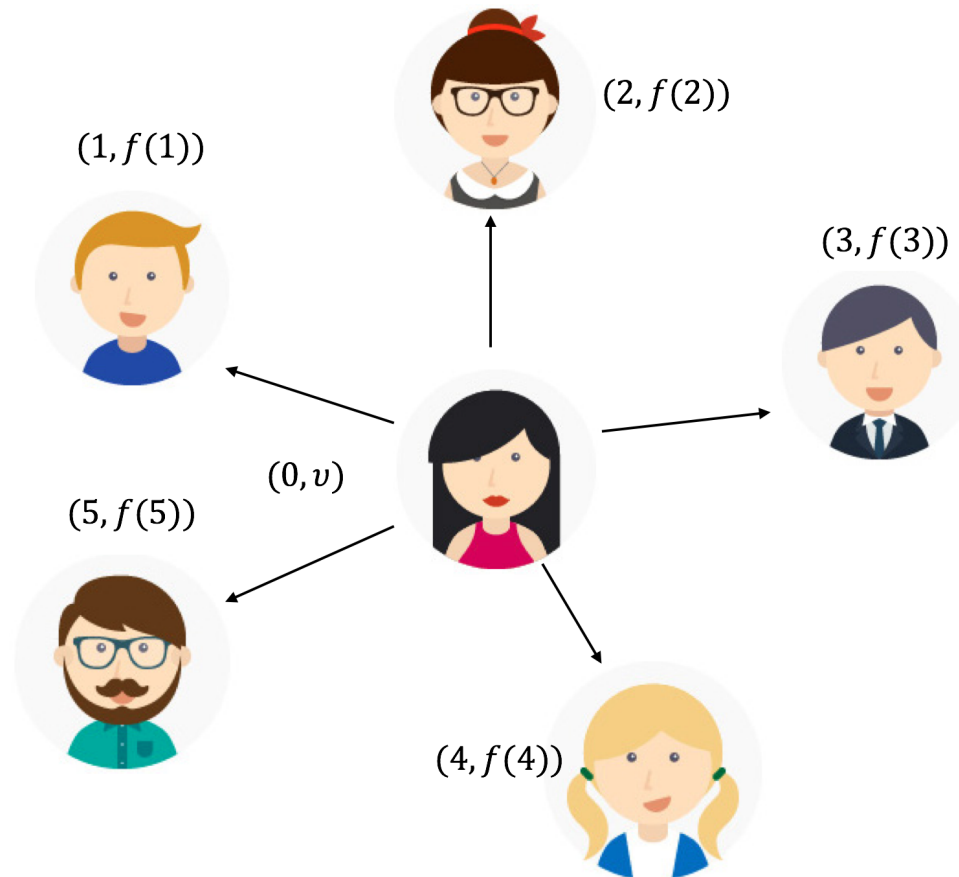
[S79] A. Shamir, “How to share a secret,” 1979.

## Shamir's $(n, t)$ -Threshold Scheme

- Shamir secret sharing works as follows
  - suppose we use finite field  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  for a prime  $p$
  - choose prime  $p$  of sufficient size to represent all values
  - any private value  $v$  is represented as an element in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$
  - to create shares, choose polynomial
$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_tx^t \pmod{p}$$
where  $a_1, \dots, a_t$  are random and  $a_0 = v$
  - let  $[v]$  secret shared  $v$  and  $[v]_i = (i, f(i))$  represent the share distributed to the  $i$ th party for  $i \in [1, n]$



# Shamir's $(n, t)$ -Threshold Scheme



## Shamir's $(n, t)$ -Threshold Scheme

- The secret  $v$  can be reconstructed from every subset of  $t + 1$  or more shares  $(x_i, y_i)$  using Lagrange interpolation

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{t+1} y_i \prod_{j=1, j \neq i}^{t+1} \frac{x - x_j}{x_i - x_j} \pmod{p}$$

$$v = f(0) = \sum_{i=1}^{t+1} y_i \prod_{j=1, j \neq i}^{t+1} \frac{-x_j}{x_i - x_j} \pmod{p}$$

- Any  $t$  or fewer shares do not leak any information about  $v$

## SMC based on Shamir Secret Sharing

- Function evaluation is normally expressed using composition of elementary operations
  - functions represented in terms of additions/subtractions and multiplications are called arithmetic circuits
- Performance of any function in this framework is measured in terms of
  - the number of elementary interactive operations
  - the number of sequential interactive operations or rounds

# Addition and Subtraction Operations

- Shamir's secret sharing is a **linear secret sharing scheme**
  - any linear combination of secret shared values can be computed directly on the shares
- Example: **addition**
  - let  $f_1(x) = v_1 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_tx^t$  and  $f_2(x) = v_2 + a'_1x + a'_2x^2 + \dots + a'_tx^t$
  - then  $g(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x) = v_1 + v_2 + (a_1 + a'_1)x + (a_2 + a'_2)x^2 + \dots + (a_t + a'_t)x^t$
  - this means that any party can compute its share of  $v_1 + v_2$  as  $[v_1]_i + [v_2]_i$  for each  $i$
  - subtraction is performed in a similar way

# Multiplication Operation

- Example: scalar multiplication

- we can multiply secret-shared  $v$  by known integer  $c$  by directly multiplying each share by  $c$

- if  $f(x) = v + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_tx^t$ , then

$$g(x) = c \cdot f(x) = c \cdot v + (c \cdot a_1)x + (c \cdot a_2)x^2 + \dots + (c \cdot a_t)x^t$$

- $[c \cdot v]_i = c[v]_i$  for each  $i$

- What about multiplication of two secret values?

# Multiplication Operation

- To **multiply**  $[v_1]$  and  $[v_2]$ , each party could locally multiply its shares

- the product of their representation as  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(x)$  is

$$g(x) = f_1(x) \cdot f_2(x) = v_1 \cdot v_2 + \lambda_1 x + \lambda_2 x^2 + \dots + \lambda_{2t} x^{2t}$$

- the polynomials are no longer of degree  $t$ , but rather of degree  $2t$
- reduction of the polynomial's degree is needed

## Multiplication Operation

- We can write

$$A \cdot \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \cdot v_2 \\ \lambda_1 \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \lambda_{2t} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} g(0) \\ g(1) \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ g(2t) \end{bmatrix}$$

where  $A$  is  $(2t + 1) \times (2t + 1)$  matrix and is defined as  $a_{ij} = i^{j-1}$

- $A$  is non-singular and has inverse  $A^{-1}$
- let the first row of  $A^{-1}$  be  $[\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{2t}]$

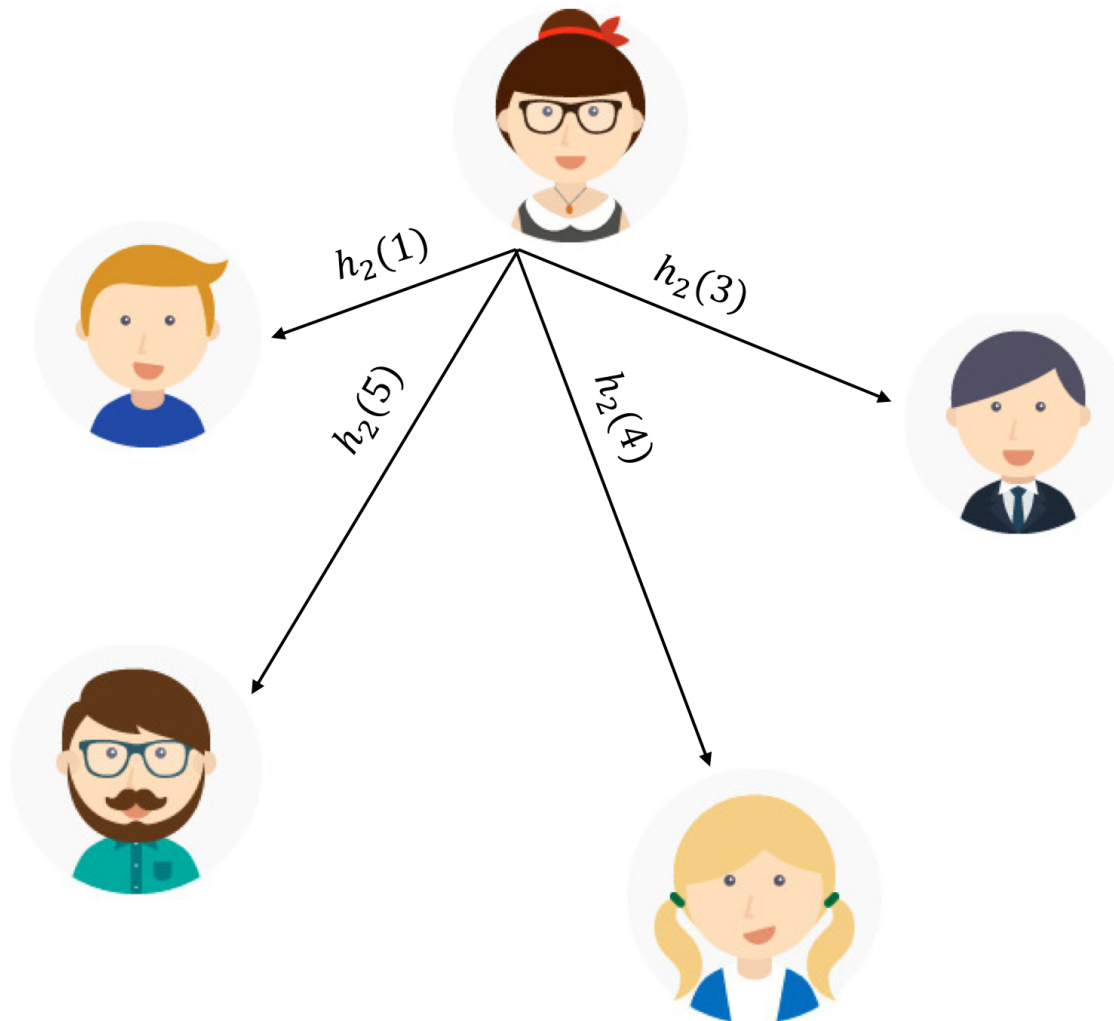
[GRR98] R. Gennaro, M. Rabin, and T. Rabin, “Simplified VSS and fast-track multiparty computations with applications to threshold cryptography,” 1998.

## Multiplication Operation

- The inverse equation implies that
$$v_1 \cdot v_2 = g(0)\gamma_0 + g(1)\gamma_1 + \dots + g(2t)\gamma_{2t}$$
- Every player  $i$  chooses a random polynomial  $h_i(x)$  of degree  $t$  such that
$$h_i(0) = g(i)$$
- Let  $H(x)$  be defined as  $\sum_{i=0}^{2t} \gamma_i h_i(x)$ , where  $H(0) = v_1 \cdot v_2$ 
  - this dictates that  $2t < n$
- Each player  $i$  distributes shares  $(j, h_i(j))$  to other players
  - now each player  $j$  can compute its own share of  $v_1 \cdot v_2$  as  $(j, H(j))$
- Polynomial  $H(x)$  is of degree  $t$  and it is random



# Multiplication Operation



## SMC based on Secret Sharing

- SMC based on secret sharing supports the flexible setup with **three groups** of participants:
  - each **data owner** secret-shares its private input among the computational parties prior to the computation
  - the **computational parties** evaluate the function on secret-shared data
  - the computational parties communicate their shares of the result to **output recipients** who locally reconstruct the output

## SMC based on Secret Sharing

- A number of techniques are available to strengthen the security guarantees to hold in the **malicious model**
  - traditionally security has been guaranteed by using **verifiable secret sharing** techniques
    - each multiplication is followed by a zero-knowledge proof of knowledge that the operation was carried out correctly
    - additional zero-knowledge proofs may be used to prove correct sharing of input or other additional operations
  - more recently computation employs a different structure

## Damgård-Nielsen Construction (Malicious)

- **Damgård-Nielsen construction** works for both semi-honest and malicious models with honest majority
- Multiplication is performed using **multiplication triples**
  - multiplication triples are of the form  $(a, b, c)$  with  $c = ab$
  - each of  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  is represented using uniformly random  $t$ -sharings
  - triples are generated during the preprocessing phase
  - they are consumed during the online phase

[DN07] I. Damgård and J. Nielsen, “Scalable and unconditionally secure multiparty computation,” 2007.

## Damgård-Nielsen Construction (Malicious)

- To generate a triple
  1. the parties compute a random value and its two sharings:  $t$ -sharing  $[r]$  and  $2t$ -sharing  $\langle R \rangle$
  2. all locally parties compute  $\langle D \rangle = [a][b] + \langle R \rangle$  on their own shares where shares of random  $a$  and  $b$  are given
  3. all parties open  $D$  which is a uniformly random  $2t$ -sharing
  4. all parties compute  $[c] = D - [r]$  with known  $D$  and random  $t$ -sharing  $r$  (which equals to  $R$ )
  5. each party has its own share of  $(a, b, c)$

## Damgård-Nielsen Construction (Malicious)

- During online phase, **multiplication** of secret-shared  $[x]$  and  $[y]$  is as follows:
  1. choose a fresh triple  $[a], [b], [c]$
  2. all parties compute  $[\alpha] = [x] + [a]$  and  $[\beta] = [y] + [b]$
  3. all parties open  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$
  4. all parties compute  $[xy] = -\alpha\beta + \alpha[y] + \beta[x] - [c]$

## Damgård-Nielsen Construction (Malicious)

- **Inputs** are entered using pre-computed random  $t$ -sharings  $[r]$  known to one party
  - to enter input  $x$ , the input owner computes  $\delta = x + r$  and broadcasts  $\delta$  to others
  - all players compute  $[x] = \delta - [r]$
- To make it secure in the presence of **malicious parties**
  - small portions of the protocol utilize verifiable secret sharing (VSS) for generating random elements
  - conflict resolution algorithm is used to enforce consistent sharings
    - many values are verified in a batch

## SMC based on Secret Sharing (Malicious)

- **SPDZ** is another construction that works for malicious models with up to  $n - 1$  corrupted parties
  - with no majority, the rules of the game change
  - if at least one party misbehaves or aborts, the computation cannot continue
  - we use  $(n, n - 1)$  secret sharing
    - party  $i$  holds  $a_i$  such that  $a = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$

[DPSZ12] I. Damgård, V. Pastro, N. Smart, and S. Zakarias, “Multiparty computation from somewhat homomorphic encryption,” 2012.



## SPDZ (Malicious)

- **SPDZ** uses the same idea high-level structure as [DN07]
  - computation is divided into the **preprocessing** and **online** phases
  - all the expensive public-key operations are performed during preprocessing
  - the online phase is very efficient
- **Multiplication** also uses precomputed triples
  - this time they are generated using somewhat homomorphic encryption (SHE)
  - zero-knowledge proofs of plaintext knowledge (ZKPoPKs) are used to ensure that the parties encrypt data as they should using SHE

## SPDZ (Malicious)

- Computation proceeds on a **different representation**

- each private  $a$  is secret-shared as

$$\langle a \rangle = (\delta, (a_1, \dots, a_n), (\gamma(a)_1, \dots, \gamma(a)_n))$$

- here  $\gamma(a) = \alpha(a + \delta)$  is a MAC on  $a$
- $\alpha$  is a global private (secret-shared) value (MAC key)
- each  $\delta$  is public
- each party  $i$  holds  $a_i$  and  $\gamma(a)_i$  and each operation updates both values

# SPDZ (Malicious)

- SPDZ online computation
  - inputs are entered using pre-generated random values
  - additions are local
  - multiplications consume multiplication triples and are partially open to verify correctness
  - at the end of the computation, the parties open the MAC key  $\alpha$
  - they verify that the MACs on the output (secret-shared) values match the values
    - compute randomized difference, open it, and check for non-zero values
  - if any issues are detected, abort; otherwise, open the results

## SPDZ Followup Work

- SPDZ is attractive because of the strong security guarantees and fast online computation
- A number of improved results followed
  - improvements to the offline phase
  - reusability of the MAC key
  - lightweight protocol for covert adversaries

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## Compilers for Secure Two-Party Computation

Compiler	PL	AND gate	BW	Adapted by
Fairplay	Java	30 gates/sec	900Bps	
FastGC	Java	96K gates/sec	2.8MBps	CBMC-GC, PCF, SCVM
ObliVM-GC	Java	670K gates/sec	19.6MBps	ObliVM, GraphSc
GraphSC	Java	580K gates/sec per pair of cores	16MBps per pair of cores	
JustGarble	C AES-NI	11M gates/sec	315MBps	TinyGarble

The table is adapted from ObliVM

JustGarble only provides garbling/evaluation (not an end-to-end system)

# Compilers for Secure Multi-Party Computation

Compiler	No. parties	Parallelism	Functionality
Sharemind	3	arrays	non-int arithmetic
VIFF	$\geq 3$	interactive op	varying precision
PICCO	$\geq 3$	loops, arrays, and user-specified	non-int arithmetic, varying precision
SPDZ	$\geq 3$	user-specified	non-int arithmetic, non-arithmetic

- The table is adapted from PICCO

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## Summary of SMC Techniques

- The two types of SMC techniques described so far can be used to evaluate **any function** securely
  - depending on the computation, one might be preferred over the other
- A large number of **custom protocols** for specific functions also exist
  - example: private set intersection
  - these can combine the above techniques or use custom approaches
  - the goal of custom protocols is to outperform general solutions