

Secure multiparty computation-Part 1

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- Survey of criminal justice
- Millionaire's problem
- Private bidding in auctions

What is secure multiparty computation?

MPC:

- Set of parties, each has some secret input
- Function of all their inputs
- How to solve this? Trusted party X MPC protocol

Formally introduced as 2PC in 1982 by Andrew Yao

The word 'secure':

- Computation without revealing inputs
- Providing security properties
- Some parties may be corrupted, malicious

What do we expect?

We want these security properties:

- Privacy
- Correctness
- Independence of inputs
- Fairness
- Guaranteed output delivery

For example secure auction

How do we define security?

This point of view is problematic:

- Auction→a list of concerns, Elections→a list of concerns...
- Every application→a new definition
- Are all concerns covered?

An alternative point of view:

- Defining generally, capturing all security demands:
 - 1 Well-defined adversary model
 - 2 Well-defined execution setting

- Who is adversary?
- How does he behave?
 - Semi-honest
 - Malicious
 - Covert
- What is his power?
 - Polynomial-time
 - Unbounded

Corruption strategy

- Static: easier one
- Adaptive : much harder

Execution setting

- Stand-alone: helpful techniques and tools
- Concurrent general composition: realistic, very important, goal for constructions

- Security parameter n : if large enough, security is ensured for all inputs of arbitrarily length
- $X(a, n)$: random variable, which represents an output of protocol execution with input a and security parameter n
- $\{X(a, n)\}$: infinite series, we will usually index by n implicitly
- We call function μ negligible if: $\forall p$ polynomial
 $\exists N : \forall n > N : \mu(n) < \frac{1}{p(n)}$

- $X = \{X(a, n)\}$ and $Y = \{Y(a, n)\}$ are computationally indistinguishable (denote $X \approx Y$) if for all polynomial-time distinguisher D there exists a negligible function μ such that for all a and for all large enough n is :
$$|Pr[D(X(a, n)) = 1] - Pr[D(Y(a, n)) = 1]| < \mu(n)$$
- If D has unbounded power, X and Y are statistically close
- Let's have m parties, $x = (x_1, \dots, x_m)$ is input vector, $f_1(x), \dots, f_m(x)$ are random variables then we call $f = (f_1, \dots, f_m)$ a (probabilistic) functionality, we denote
 $(x_1, \dots, x_m) \rightarrow (f_1(x_1, \dots, x_m), \dots, f_m(x_1, \dots, x_m)).$
We don't have to compute the same function for all parties.

- If we assume an honest majority any functionality can be securely computed even if an adversary has unbounded power.
- Without an honest majority we can't achieve fairness generally but any functionality can be computed securely without it.

- Prover P , verifier V , language L
- P wants to prove $x \in L$ to V without revealing anything else about x e.g. 26781 ($=113 \times 237$) is not a prime
- The proof has to satisfy 3 properties:
 - Completeness: V accepts if honest P and V interact and $x \in L$
 - Soundness: For any P^* V accepts if $x \notin L$ only with negligible probability
 - Zero-knowledge: For every V^* there exists a simulator S that given x can produce a transcript which 'looks the same' as the interaction between P and V^* .

- Our protocol runs as it should \rightarrow output, transcript of protocol execution
- What does an adversary have?
- Can he learn something more?
- We simulate the adversary's view of a protocol execution from given input and output

An exact definition:

- A protocol is secure for semi-honest adversary if for every semi-honest adversary A there exists a simulator S such that for every set of corrupted parties I and for every input vector x the two following sequences are close:
 - The output of A and the outputs of honest parties
 - The output of S given x_i and $f_i(x)$ for all $i \in I$ and the outputs of honest parties

- What does 'close' mean?
 - Computational security
 - Statistical security
 - Perfect security
- To simulate an adversary it's sufficient to simulate the transcript from communication with adversary
- The joint distribution-example
- Deterministic functionalities
- Didn't we break our security properties?
 - Privacy, correctness, independence of inputs ect.