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# SEC595 Encrypted Computing

## Lecture 16: Secure Multiparty Computation

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# Computing on Encrypted Data

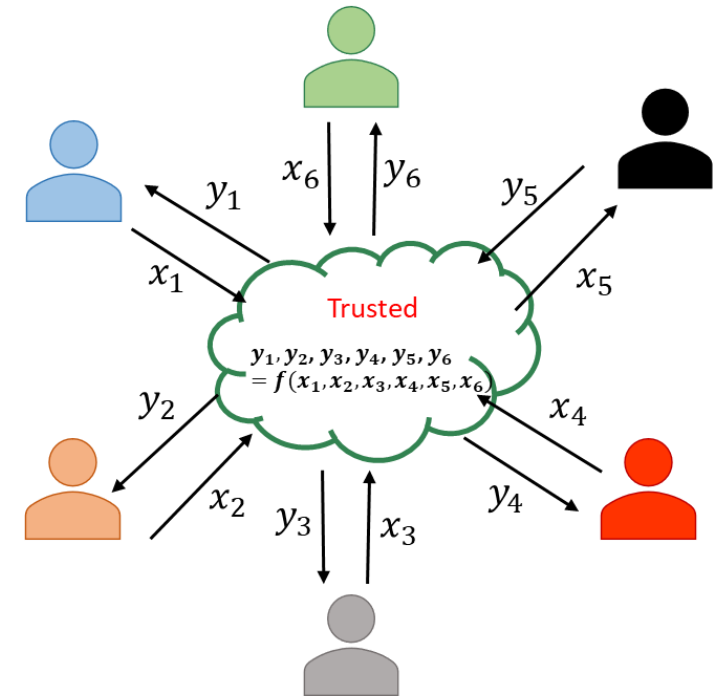
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- Basic idea
  - Client encrypts his data  $x$  and sends encryption  $E(x)$  to the server
  - The server performs some computation (evaluate function  $f$ ) and returns the encrypted result to the client
- The client decrypts the result to find out the answer, but the server learns nothing about the data
  - Homomorphic encryption



# Secure Multiparty Computation (SMC)

- General framework for describing computation between parties who do not trust each other
- A set of parties with private inputs wish to compute some joint function of their inputs
- Parties wish to preserve some security properties. e.g., **privacy** and **correctness**
- Security must be preserved in the face of adversarial behavior by
  - One (or some) of the participants, or
  - An external party



# SMC Examples

- Elections

- N parties, each one has a “Yes” or “No” vote
- **Goal:** determine whether the majority voted “Yes”, but no voter should learn how other people voted

- Auctions

- Each bidder makes an offer
  - Offer should be committing! (can’t change it later)
- **Goal:** determine whose offer won without revealing losing offers

- Business intelligence

- Two companies want to compare their datasets without sharing them
- **Goal:** determine common business interest without revealing too much information

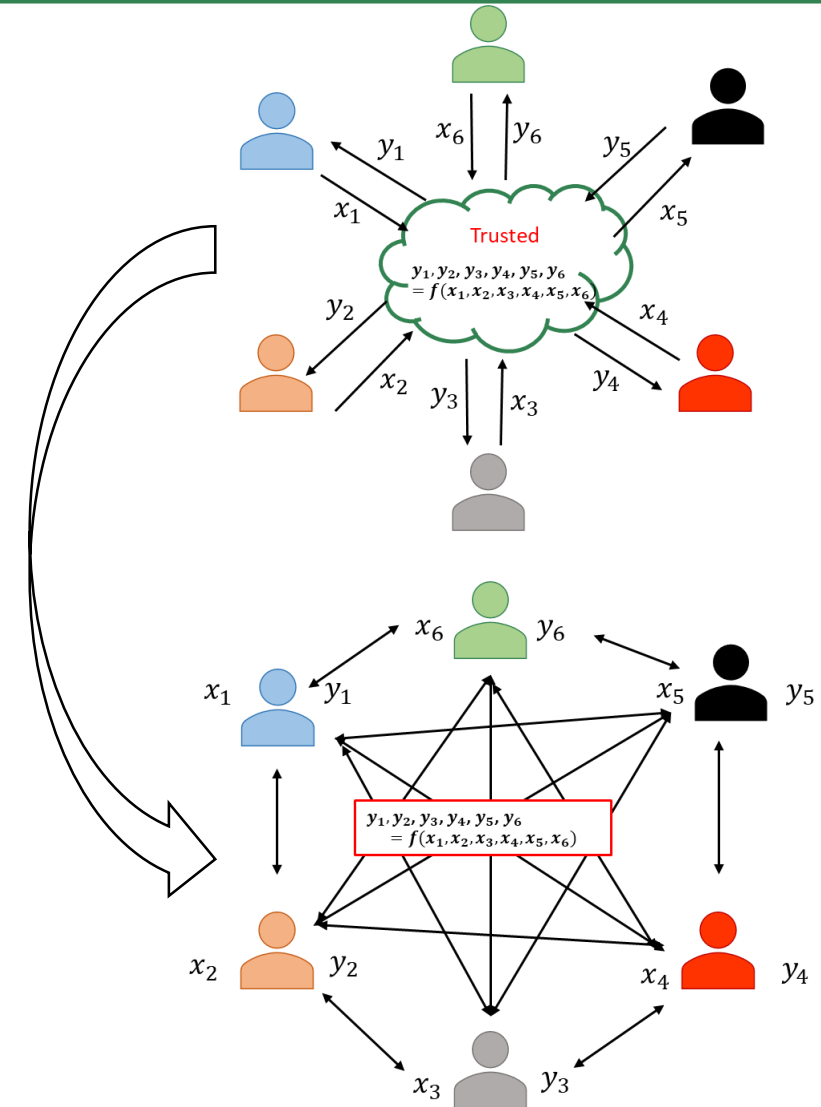
- Database privacy

- Database holder wants to share analytics of data without sharing the data
  - Similar to differential privacy
- Analysts doesn’t want to reveal his query to data base holder!!!
- **Goal:** Evaluate a query on the database without revealing the query to the database owner



# A Couple of Observations

- In all cases, we are dealing with distributed multi-party protocols
  - A protocol describes how parties are supposed to exchange messages on the network
- All these tasks can be easily computed by a **trusted third party**
- The goal of secure multi-party computation is to achieve the same result **without involving a trusted third party**



# Security Requirements

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- **Privacy:** only the relative output is revealed
  - An adversary shouldn't learn the bids of all parties
- **Correctness:** the function is computed correctly
  - An adversary shouldn't win with a lower bid than the highest
- **Independence of inputs:** parties cannot choose inputs based on others' inputs
  - The adversary shouldn't be ensured that he always gives the highest bid
- **Fairness:** if one party receives output, all receive output
  - An adversary shouldn't be able to abort the execution if its bid is not the highest



# How to Define Security?

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- Must be mathematically rigorous
- Must capture all realistic attacks that a malicious participant may try to stage
- Should be "abstract"
  - Based on the desired "functionality" of the protocol, not a specific protocol
  - **Goal:** define security for an entire class of protocols



# Heuristic Approach to Security

## Approach 1

1. Build a protocol
2. Try to break the protocol
3. Fix the break
4. Return to (2)

### •Problems

1. Real adversaries won't tell you that they have broken the protocol
2. You can never be really sure that the protocol is secure

## Approach 2

1. Design a protocol
  2. Provide a list of attacks that (provably) cannot be carried out on the protocol
  3. Reason that the list is complete
- Problem: often, the list of attacks is not complete
    - Zero-day attacks!!





# A Rigorous Approach for Security

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- Provide an exact problem definition
  - Adversarial power
  - Network model
  - Meaning of security
- Prove that the protocol is secure
  - Often by reduction to an assumed hard problem, like factoring large composites



# SMC Functionality

- SMC problem model
  - $K$  mutually distrustful parties want to jointly carry out some task
  - The input to the function is  $K$  (private) input, the output is  $K$  outputs
  - $F$  can be either a probabilistic or a deterministic map function from inputs to outputs
- In general, we can model  $F$  as

$$F: (\{0,1\}^*)^K \rightarrow (\{0,1\}^*)^K$$

K inputs (one per party);  
each input is a bitstring

K outputs

- Assume that  $F$  is computable in polynomial time, for example,

$$F(A, B) = ((A \geq B), (A \geq B))$$



# Defining Security

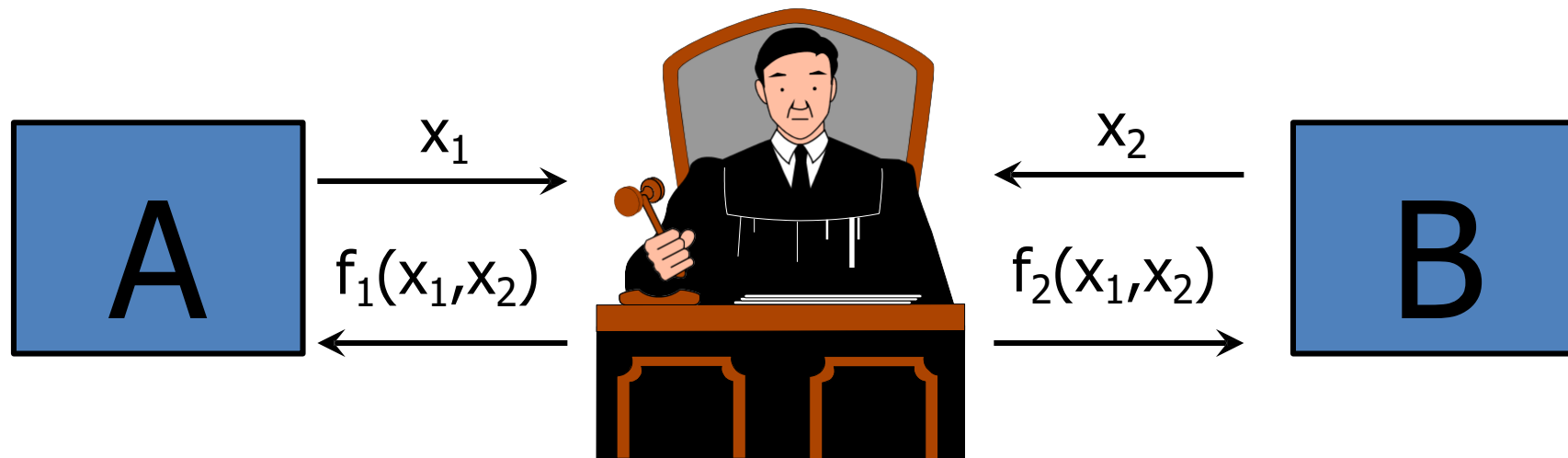
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- The real/ideal (simulation) model paradigm for defining security
  - **Ideal model:** parties send inputs to a trusted party, who computes the function for them
  - **Real model:** parties run a real protocol with no trusted help
- The security of a protocol can be checked by comparing what an adversary can do in a real protocol execution to what it can do in an ideal scenario (simulation)
- A protocol is secure if any adversary in the real model cannot do more harm than if it was involved in the ideal model
- In other words, an adversary should have an indistinguishable view of the protocols



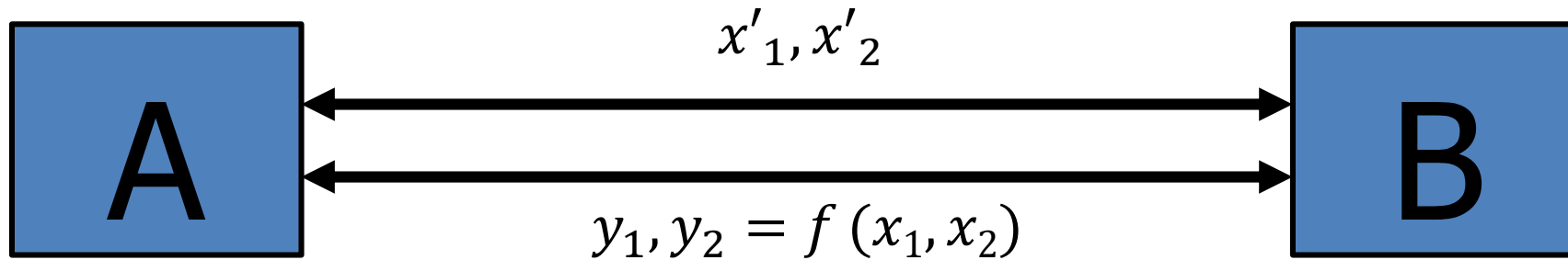
# Ideal Model

- Intuitively, we want the protocol to behave "as if" a trusted third party collected the parties' inputs and computed the desired functionality
- Computation in the ideal model is secure by definition!



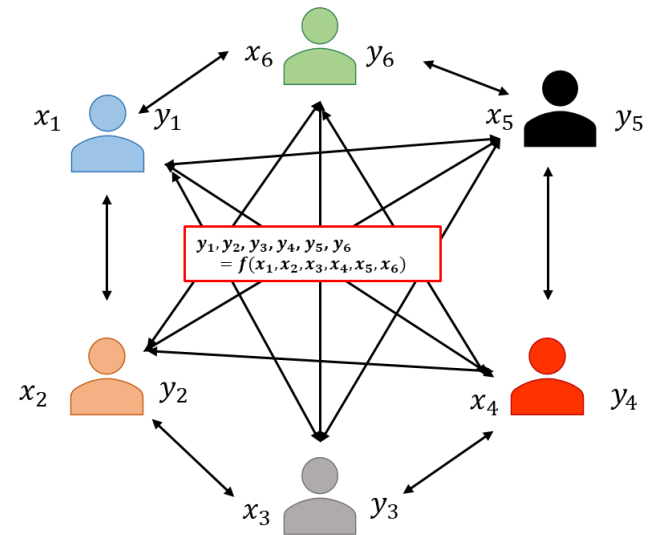
# Real world

- No trusted third party
- Participants run some protocol amongst themselves without any help
- Despite that, secure protocol should emulate an ideal setting



# Adversary Models

- Some participants may be dishonest (corrupt)
  - If all were honest, we would not need secure multi-party computation
- Semi-honest (aka passive; honest-but-curious)
  - Follows protocol, but tries to learn more from received messages than he would learn in the ideal model
- Malicious
  - Deviates from the protocol in arbitrary ways, lies about his inputs, may quit at any point
- For now, focus on semi-honest adversaries and two-party protocols



# Properties of the Definition

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- How do we argue that the real protocol "emulates" the ideal protocol?
- Correctness
  - All honest participants should receive the correct result of evaluating function  $F$ 
    - Because a trusted third party would compute  $f$  correctly
- Privacy
  - All corrupt participants should learn no more from the protocol than what they would learn in ideal model



# Yao's Millionaire Problem

- Two millionaires, Alice and Bob want to know which of them is richer without revealing their actual wealth
- This problem is analogous to a more general problem where there are two numbers  $A$  and  $B$  and the goal is to solve the inequality  $A > B$  without revealing the actual values of  $A$  and  $B$

I am more rich



I am rich





# Binary Numbers and Prefixes

- Given a binary number  $X = x_n x_{n-1} \dots x_1$

- Example,  $X = 110$  and  $Y = 001$

- The set of all prefixes of  $X$  is the set

$$P = \{x_n, x_n x_{n-1}, x_n x_{n-1} x_{n-2}, \dots, x_n x_{n-1} \dots x_1\}$$

- Example

- $X = 110, P = \{1, 11, 110\}$

- $Y = 001, P = \{0, 00, 001\}$



# 0-Encoding and 1-Encoding of Binary Numbers

- We define two types of encoding

1. 0-encoding of  $X$  is a set  $S_X^0 = \{x_n x_{n-1} \dots x_{i+1} 1 \mid x_i = 0 \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n\}$

- Invert the least significant bit of all prefixes of  $X$  tailing 0

- Example,

- $X = 110, P = \{1,11,110\} \rightarrow S_X^0 = \{111\}$

- $Y = 011, P = \{0,01,011\} \rightarrow S_Y^0 = \{1\}$

2. 1-encoding of  $X$  is a set  $S_X^1 = \{x_n x_{n-1} \dots x_{i+1} x_i \mid x_i = 1 \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq n\}$

- All prefix of  $X$  tailing 1

- Example,

- $X = 110, P = \{1,11,110\} \rightarrow S_X^1 = \{1,11\}$

- $Y = 011, P = \{0,01,011\} \rightarrow S_Y^1 = \{01,011\}$



# HE-based Solution: Setup

- Assume Alice has  $X = \$7$  and Bob has  $Y = \$2$
- Represent  $X$  and  $Y$  using binary numbers of length  $n$ 
  - $X=7=111_2$ ,  $Y=2=010_2$
- Find 1-encoding of  $X$  and 0-encoding of  $Y$ 
  - $S_X^1 = \{1,11,111\}$
  - $S_Y^0 = \{1,011\}$
- $X > Y$  if and only if  $S_X^1$  and  $S_Y^0$  has a common element, i.e.,  
 $S_X^1 \cap S_Y^0 \neq \emptyset$ 
  - $\{1,11,111\} \cap \{1,011\} = \{1\}$



# HE-based Solution: Protocol

1. Alice sends a matrix  $T_{2 \times n}$  to Bob, where  
 $T[x_i, i] = E(1)$ ,  $T[\neg x_i, i] = E(r_i)$ ,  $r_i \neq 1$  is random
2. Bob does the following
  - A. Finds  $S_y^0$
  - B. Computes  $c_t = T[t_n, n] \cdot T[t_{n-1}, n-1] \cdot \dots \cdot T[t_i, i]$   
for each  $t = t_n t_{n-1} \dots t_i \in S_y^0$
  - C. Chooses another  $n - |S_y^0|$  random ciphertexts forming a new set  $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n\}$  where  $c_i \neq 1$  and sends them back to Alice after random permutation
3. Alice decrypts all  $c_i$ , check whether some of them are 1 which indicates  $x > y$

# HE-based Solution: Protocol

Alice ( $X=7=(111)_2$ )



	0	1	2
0	$E(r_2)$	$E(r_1)$	$E(r_0)$
1	$E(1)$	$E(1)$	$E(1)$

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

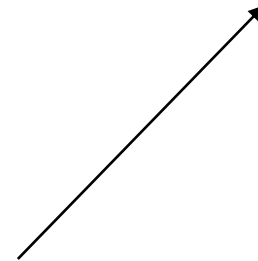
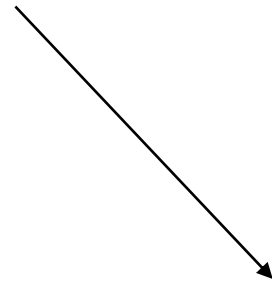
$\{E(r_0)E(1)E(1), E(1), c_1\}$

$$D(E(r_0.1.1)) = r_0$$

$$D(E(1)) = 1$$

$$D(E(c_1)) = c_1$$

Result:  
 $X > Y$



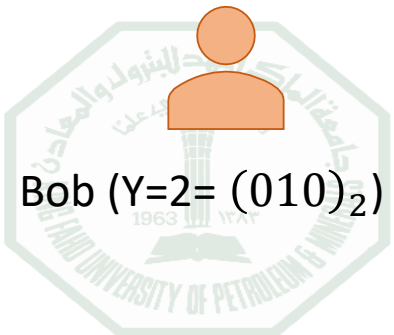
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0	$E(r_2)$	$E(r_1)$	$E(r_0)$
1	$E(1)$	$E(1)$	$E(1)$

$$S_y^0 = \{1,011\}$$

$$c_{\{1\}} = T[1,0] = E(1)$$

$$c_{\{011\}} = T[0,2]T[1,1]T[1,0] = E(r_0)E(1)E(1)$$

$$\{E(r_0)E(1)E(1), E(1), E(c_1)\}$$



Bob ( $Y=2=(010)_2$ )

# HE-based Solution: Another example

Alice ( $X=7=(111)_2$ )



Step 1

	0	1	2
0	$E(r_2)$	$E(r_1)$	$E(r_0)$
1	$E(1)$	$E(1)$	$E(1)$

Step 2

	0	1	2
0	$E(r_2)$	$E(r_1)$	$E(r_0)$
1	$E(1)$	$E(1)$	$E(1)$

$$S_y^0 = \{111\}$$

$$c_{\{111\}} = T[1,2]T[1,1]T[1,0] = E(1)E(1)E(1)$$

$$\{E(1)E(1)E(1), E(c_2), E(c_1)\}$$

Step 3

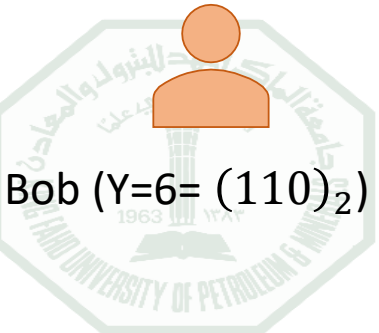
$$\{E(1)E(1)E(1), E(c_2), E(c_1)\}$$

$$D(E(1.1.1)) = 1$$

$$D(E(c_2)) = c_2$$

$$D(E(c_1)) = c_1$$

Result:  
 $X > Y$



Bob ( $Y=6=(110)_2$ )

# HE-based Solution: Another example

Alice ( $X=5=(101)_2$ )



	0	1	2
0	$E(r_2)$	$E(1)$	$E(r_0)$
1	$E(1)$	$E(r_1)$	$E(1)$

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

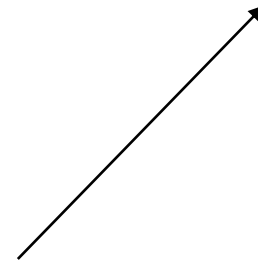
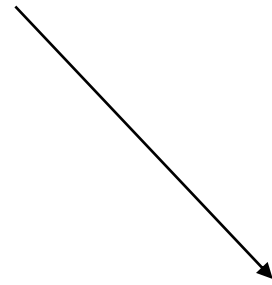
$\{E(1)E(r_1)E(1), E(c_2), E(c_1)\}$

$$D(E(1.r_1.1)) = r_1$$

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$$D(E(c_1)) = c_1$$

Result:  
 $X < Y$

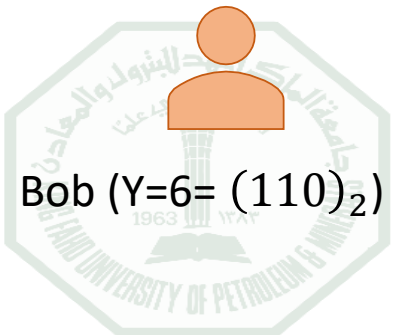


	0	1	2
0	$E(r_2)$	$E(1)$	$E(r_0)$
1	$E(1)$	$E(r_1)$	$E(1)$

$$S_y^0 = \{111\}$$

$$c_{\{111\}} = T[1,2]T[1,1]T[1,0] = E(1)E(r_1)E(1)$$

$\{E(1)E(r_1)E(1), E(c_2), E(c_1)\}$



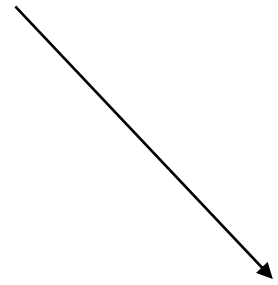
Bob ( $Y=6=(110)_2$ )

# HE-based Solution: Another example

Alice ( $X=10=(1010)_2$ )



	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
0	$E(r_3)$	$E(1)$	$E(r_1)$
1	$E(1)$	$E(r_2)$	$E(1)$



	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
0	$E(r_3)$	$E(1)$	$E(r_1)$
1	$E(1)$	$E(r_2)$	$E(1)$

$$S_y^0 = \{1,01\}$$

$$c_{\{1\}} = T[1,0] = E(1)$$

$$c_{\{01\}} = T[0,0]T[1,1] = E(r_3)E(r_2)$$

$$\{E(1), E(r_3)E(r_2), E(c_1), E(c_2)\}$$

Step 3

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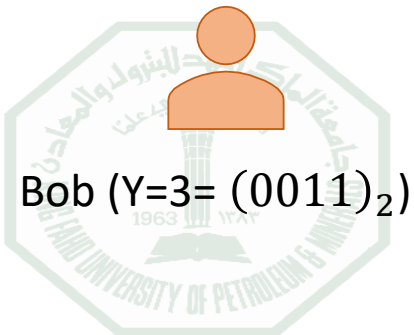
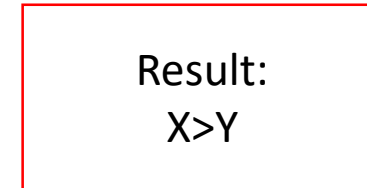
$$D(E(1)) = 1$$

$$D(E(r_3)E(r_2)) = r_3r_2$$

$$D(E(c_1)) = c_1$$

$$D(E(c_2)) = c_2$$

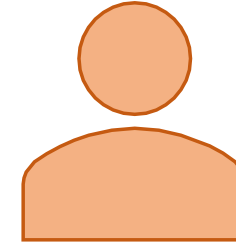
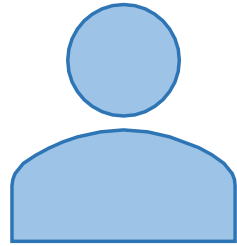
Result:  
 $X > Y$



Bob ( $Y=3=(0011)_2$ )



# Private Set Intersection



Do we have common contacts on our phones?

We could see if we have common friends?

Have you heard of “**secure multiparty computation**” ?

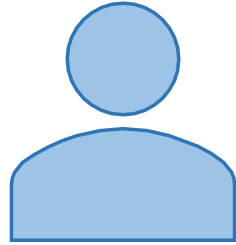
Maybe...

I don't care and I don't really like to give you my personal contacts

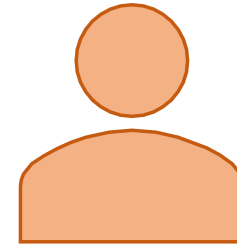
No, I am from KBS...



# Typical Solution



X



Y

Input:

Output:

$F(x, y) = X \cap Y$  set of common friends

As if...

X



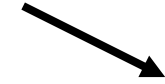
Y



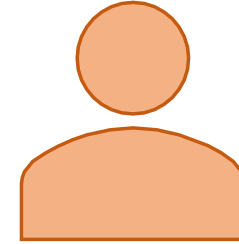
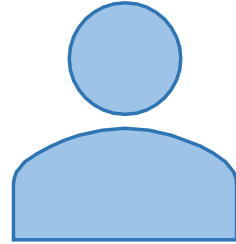
$F(x, y)$



$F(x, y)$



# Our Specific Scenario



Input:

$$X = x_1 \dots x_k$$

$$Y = y_1 \dots y_k$$

Output:

$X \cap Y$  only

nothing



# The Protocol

- Alice defines a polynomial of degree  $k$  whose roots are his inputs  $x_1, \dots, x_k$
- $P(x) = (x_1 - x)(x_2 - x) \dots (x_k - x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_kx^k$
- Alice sends to server (S) homomorphic encryptions of polynomial's coefficients

$$Enc(a_0), \dots, Enc(a_k)$$



# The Protocol

- For each input  $y_i \in y_1, \dots, y_k$ , Bob evaluates the polynomial using Paillier's additive homomorphic properties ( $Enc(X + Y) = Enc(X) \cdot Enc(Y)$ )

$$\begin{aligned} Enc(P(y)) &= Enc(a_0 + a_1 \cdot y^1 + \dots + a_k \cdot y^k) \\ &= Enc(a_0) \cdot Enc(a_1)^y \cdot \dots \cdot Enc(a_k)^{y^k} \end{aligned}$$

- Bob sends  $Enc(r_i \cdot P(y_i) + y_i)$
- S sends (permuted) results back to C



# The Protocol

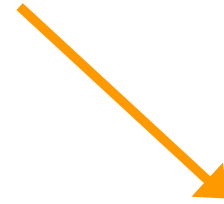
- Alice receives  $Enc( r_i \cdot P(y_i) + y_i )$  and decrypts each one

if  $y \in X \cap Y$



$Enc(y)$

otherwise

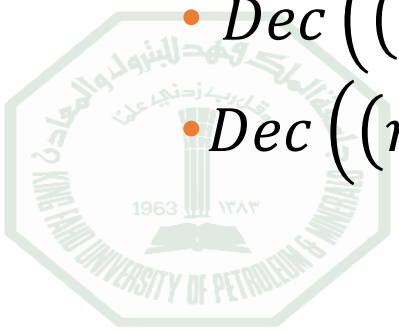


$Enc(\text{random})$



# Example

- Alice {3, 4, 5}, Bob {5, 6}
- Alice creates polynomial
$$P(x) = (3 - x)(4 - x)(5 - x) = 60 - 46x + 12x^2 - x^3$$
- Alice sends:  $Enc(60), Enc(-46), Enc(12), Enc(-1)$
- Bob evaluates
  - $Enc(P(5)) = Enc(60) \cdot Enc(-46)^5 \cdot Enc(12)^{5^2} \cdot Enc(-1)^{5^3}$
  - $Enc(P(6)) = Enc(60) \cdot Enc(-46)^6 \cdot Enc(12)^{6^2} \cdot Enc(-1)^{6^3}$
- Bob sends **permuted** results  $\{(r_2 \cdot Enc(P(6)) + 6), (r_1 \cdot Enc(P(5)) + 5)\}$
- Alice decrypts the items in the list
  - $Dec((r_2 \cdot Enc(P(6)) + 6)) \Rightarrow \text{Random}$
  - $Dec((r_1 \cdot Enc(P(5)) + 5)) \Rightarrow 5$  (i.e.



# Efficiency

- Communication is  $O(k)$ 
  - Alice sends  $k$  coefficients
  - Bob sends  $k$  evaluations on polynomial
- Computation
  - Alice encrypts and decrypts  $k$  values
  - Bob:
    - $\forall y \in Y$ , computes  $Enc(ry \cdot P(y) + y)$ ,
    - Using  $k$  exponentiations
    - Total  $O(k^2)$  exponentiations





# Summary

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- Secure multiparty computation is a framework for secure distributed computing
- If a trusted third-party exists, no need for SMC
- Security and privacy of SMC can be proven using simulation of real/ideal model
- Example of SMC: Yao's Millionaire problem
- Solution to Yao's Millionaire problem using Homomorphic encryption
- Next, a solution for general Yao's millionaire problem
  - K parties
  - Any arbitrary function

