

Collaborative Evaluation of Arbitrary Functions in
a Constant Number of Rounds with Polynomial
Amount of Communication
Secure Multiparty Computation

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Part I

A short introduction to collaborative secure function evaluation

A motivational problem

- Several firms (numbered 1 to n) want to buy another firm
- Best bid wins!
- Participants only want to know *who* has best bid, *not how high* it was
- Mathematical formulation:

$$\arg \max_{i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}} \{x_i \mid x_i \text{ is bid of firm } i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}\}$$

Problem

- Function accepting some arguments
- Each argument supplied by another party¹
- Goal: Function evaluation, but keep arguments secret
- Possibly dishonest participants

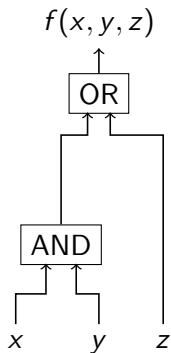
Example

$$f(x, y, z) = (x \wedge y) \vee z \quad (1)$$

¹Also called player, participant.

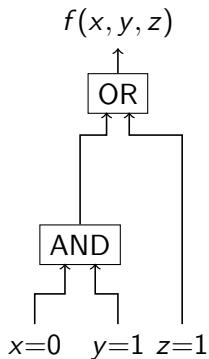
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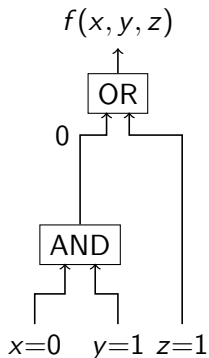
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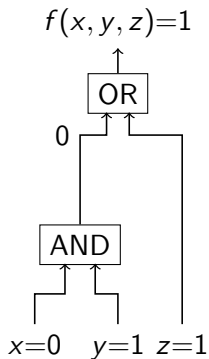
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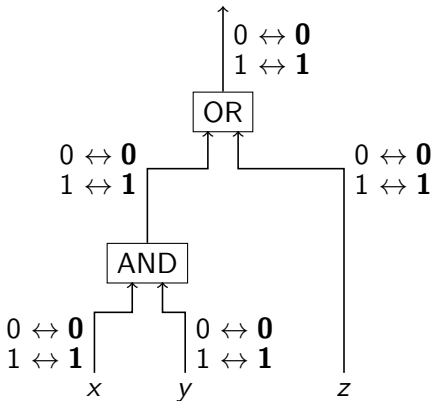
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- “If we write a 0, it represents 0!”
- Each player can see/deduce everything
- Idea: “Ensure that each player sees some (random) stuff, but can’t decide whether it’s a 0 or a 1”
 - ⇒ Distinguish between *signals* and *plain-text*²
 - ⇒ Basic idea behind “garbled circuits”

²The plain-text is also called *semantics*, but I (try to) use the term plain-text since the term semantics is later used for something else.

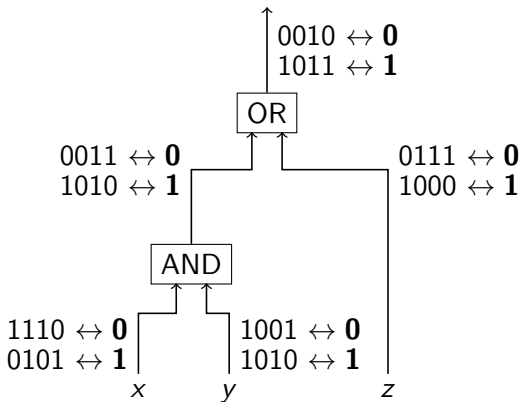
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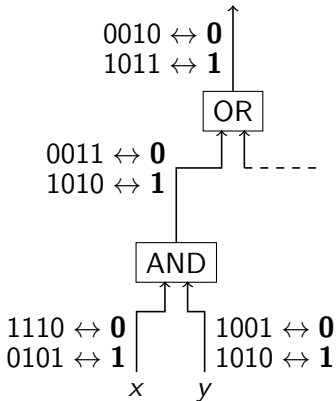
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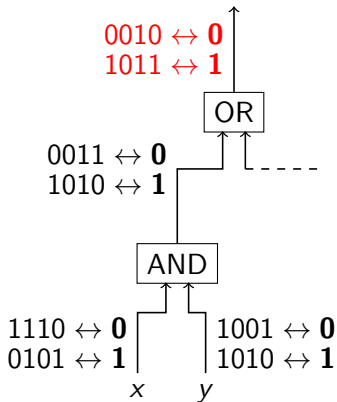
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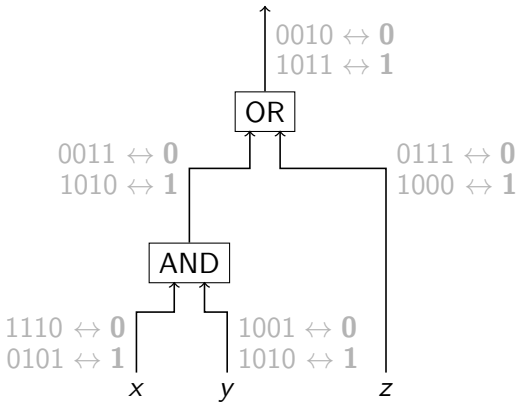
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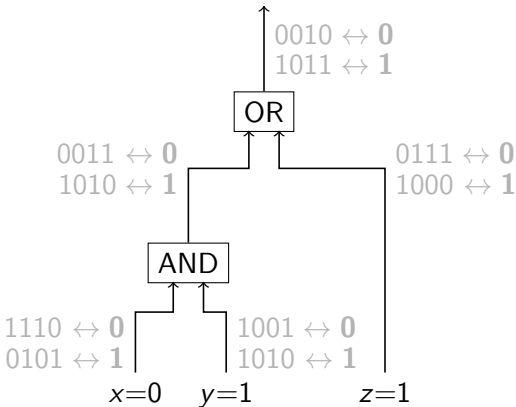
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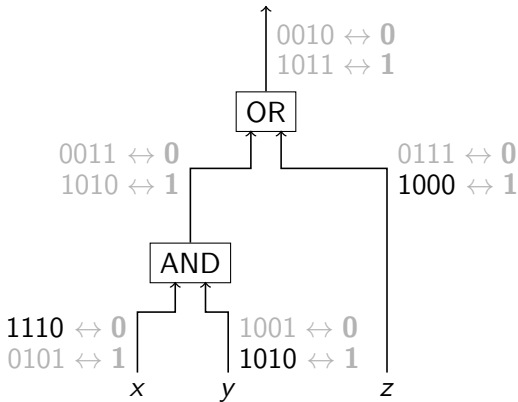
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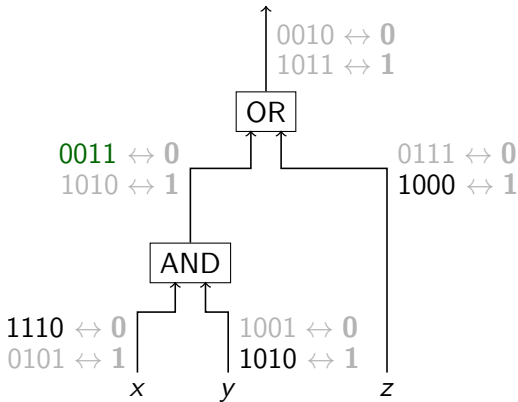
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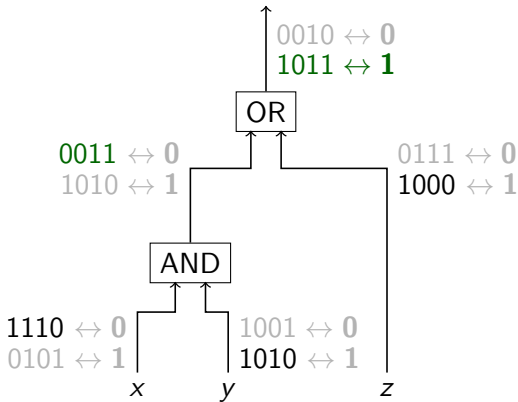
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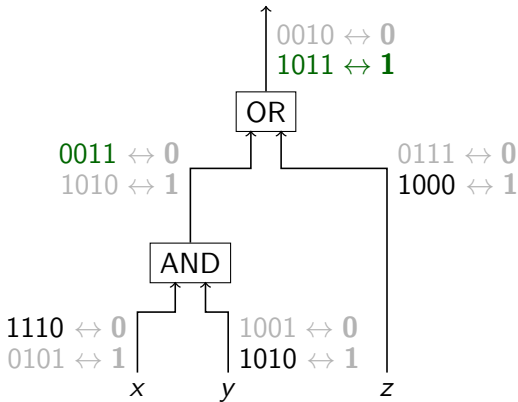
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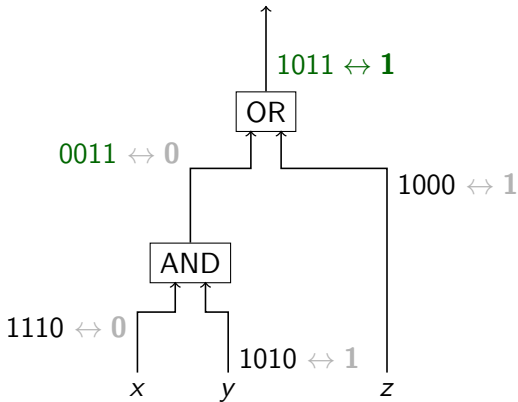
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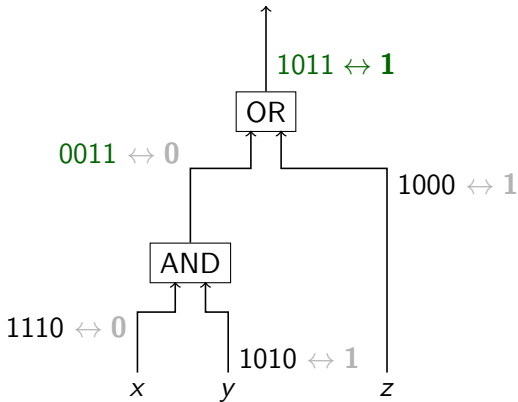
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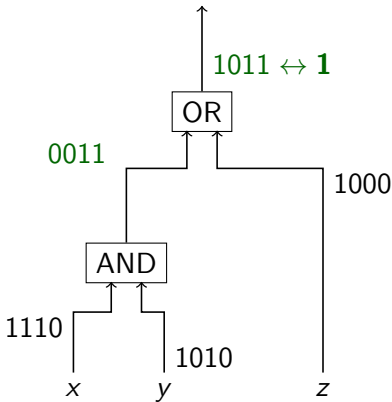
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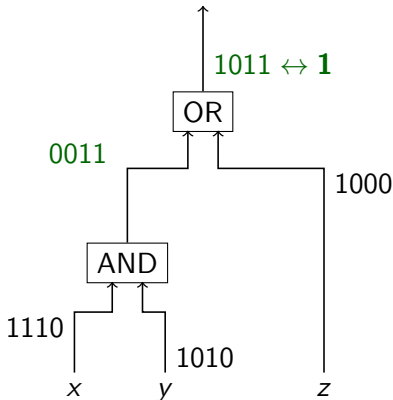
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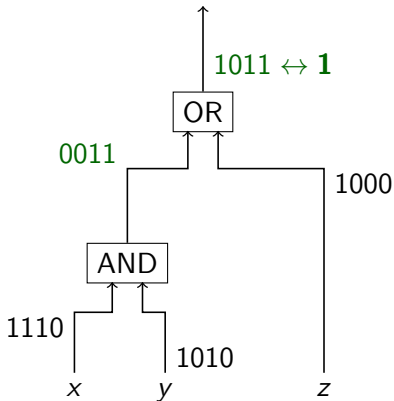


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Our ultimate goal – outlook



- How to compute the signals?
- How to map from signals onto meanings?
- How to “implement” gates?

Model of computation – protocols

- Network of n players
- Private channels and broadcast channel
- Access to a fair coin
- Local computation “instant”, communication expensive

Protocol:

- Certain “rules” for each player
- Organized in rounds
- May work in presence of malicious players (*adversaries*)
- Complexity measure: Rounds and communication
⇒ Rounds are the limiting resource

Adversaries

- *One single* adversary. . .
- . . . that can infect several players
- Adversary can infect players at the beginning of each round as he wishes
- Adversary controls infected players fully
- Can infect less than half of the players

Our notion of security

Protocol shall:

- yield *correct* result in the presence of up to $\lfloor (n - 1)/2 \rfloor$ dishonest participants
- compute the result securely (inputs shall not become public)
- not enable the adversary to deduce inputs.

Pseudorandom generators

- Deterministic, poly-time algorithm
- Takes a (truly random) string and stretches it to a longer string
- Output *indistinguishable* from truly random source
- Pseudorandom generators are one-way!

Pseudorandom generators G_0 and G_1

- Input: Binary string of length k
- Output: Binary string of length $\bar{n}k + 1$, where $\bar{n} = k^{10}$
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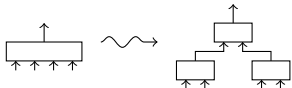
The protocol

Three phases in the protocol

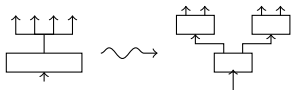
- 0 Preprocessing: Bring circuit in particular form
- 1 Players collaboratively compute garbled circuit and garbled input signals
- 2 Players locally evaluate garbled circuit on garbled input signals

Phase 0: suitable format of the circuit

- 0 No cycles, only gates of types AND, XOR, NEG, OR
- 1 Convert all gates to 2/1-gates \Rightarrow “binary tree construction”



- 2 Each wire is used as input wire *at most once* \Rightarrow introduce “splitters”



Remark

This increases the circuit's size *only* by a polynomial factor.

Defining signals and semantics

- All players shall contribute to signals and semantics!
- Each player i generates the following:
 - For each wire ω , two random strings of length k : $s_{0,i}^\omega$ and $s_{1,i}^\omega$
 - For each wire ω except output wires, a random bit λ_i^ω

Remember:

Each wire shall obtain an even and an odd signal, that shall be randomly mapped onto $\{0, 1\}$ (mapping except for output wires).

Signals and semantics – definition

The k -bit string $s_{p,i}^\omega$ will be the contribution of player i to the *signal* of parity p for wire ω

The single bit λ_i^ω is the contribution of player i to the *semantics* of wire ω

More precisely:

Parity p signal for wire ω : $s_p^\omega := s_{p,1}^\omega s_{p,2}^\omega \dots s_{p,n-1}^\omega s_{p,n}^\omega p$
 \Rightarrow Length of signals: $nk + 1$

Semantics of wire ω : $\lambda^\omega := \lambda_1^\omega \oplus \lambda_2^\omega \oplus \dots \oplus \lambda_{n-1}^\omega \oplus \lambda_n^\omega$

Remark

These are just *definitions*.

Random signals and semantics – example

Three players and their random strings of length $k = 3$:

Player	$P1$	$P2$	$P3$
Contribution to s_0^ω	100	011	111
Contribution to s_1^ω	010	101	001
Contribution to λ^ω	0	0	1

Thus:

- $s_0^\omega = 100\ 011\ 111\ 0$
- $s_1^\omega = 010\ 101\ 001\ 1$
- $\lambda^\omega = 0 \oplus 0 \oplus 1 = 1$

$\lambda^\omega = 1$ means that $s_0^\omega \leftrightarrow \mathbf{1}$ and $s_1^\omega \leftrightarrow \mathbf{0}$

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Plain-text **1** is represented by

$$s_{(1 \oplus \lambda^\omega)}^\omega = s_{1 \oplus 1}^\omega = s_0^\omega$$

Computing the garbled inputs

- Input bit b : (Plain-text) bit along input wire ω
- For an input wire ω we set the signal

$$\sigma^\omega := s_{(b \oplus \lambda^\omega)}^\omega \quad (2)$$

- b : plain-text bit for wire ω
- λ^ω : semantics for wire ω
- $\Rightarrow b \oplus \lambda^\omega$: parity for the signal we need
- $\Rightarrow s_{(b \oplus \lambda^\omega)}^\omega$: proper garbled input signal

A word on garbled inputs

- Input signal $\sigma^\omega := s_p^\omega = s_{p,1}^\omega s_{p,2}^\omega \dots s_{p,n-1}^\omega s_{p,n}^\omega p$ with $p = b \oplus \lambda^\omega = b \oplus (\lambda_1^\omega \oplus \lambda_2^\omega \oplus \dots \oplus \lambda_{n-1}^\omega \oplus \lambda_n^\omega)$
- $b \oplus \lambda^\omega$: constant number of rounds, polynomial communication
- $\Rightarrow \sigma^\omega$: constant number of rounds, polynomial communication (it can be computed using a constant-depth circuit and some XORs)
- b is *not* revealed
- Signal for other parity stays secret

How can signals propagate along gates?

- We want to be able to evaluate circuit gate by gate
- \Rightarrow Each gate has to choose the correct outgoing signal depending on its inputs
- \Rightarrow provide some “help” to compute outgoing signals
 \Rightarrow “gate labels”
- Incorporate input and output signals for that gate (input/output properly *defined*)
- “Ordinary” gates and splitter gates must be treated separately

Garbled signal propagation – ordinary gates

- Gate g computing a binary function \otimes on bits
- Incoming wires α and β , outgoing wire γ
- What should be the output?
 - Parity of signal along α is a , parity of signal along β is b
 - \Rightarrow Plain-text bits: $\lambda^\alpha \oplus a$, $\lambda^\beta \oplus b$
 - \Rightarrow Plain-text result is $(\lambda^\alpha \oplus a) \otimes (\lambda^\beta \oplus b)$
- \Rightarrow We need the garbled signal for wire γ that represents plaintext bit $(\lambda^\alpha \oplus a) \otimes (\lambda^\beta \oplus b)$
- \Rightarrow This is exactly $s_{[(\lambda^\alpha \oplus a) \otimes (\lambda^\beta \oplus b)] \oplus \lambda^\gamma}^\gamma$

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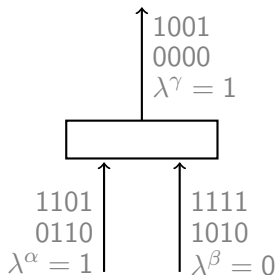
- Signals along input wires: $s_a^\alpha = s_{a,1}^\alpha \dots s_{a,n}^\alpha a$ and $s_b^\beta = s_{b,1}^\beta \dots s_{b,n}^\beta b$
- Signals along output wires: s_c^γ
- Split input signals into several subparts
- Apply a random generator onto the subparts

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{ab}^g &= G_b(s_{a1}^\alpha) \oplus \dots \oplus G_b(s_{an}^\alpha) \oplus \\
 &\quad G_a(s_{b1}^\beta) \oplus \dots \oplus G_a(s_{bn}^\beta) \oplus \\
 &\quad s_{[(\lambda^\alpha \oplus a) \otimes (\lambda^\beta \oplus b)] \oplus \lambda^\gamma}^\gamma \\
 &=: G_b^*(s_a^\alpha) \oplus G_a^*(s_b^\beta) \oplus s_{[(\lambda^\alpha \oplus a) \otimes (\lambda^\beta \oplus b)] \oplus \lambda^\gamma}^\gamma \quad (3)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Compute *gate labels* for all parity combinations of a and b

Gate labels for ordinary gates – example

Parameters: $k = 1$, $n = 3$, $G_i(x) = xxxi$ (showcase PG)



$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{10}^g &= G_0^*(s_1^\alpha) \oplus G_1^*(s_0^\beta) \oplus s_{[(\lambda^\alpha \oplus 1) \wedge (\lambda^\beta \oplus 0)] \oplus \lambda^\gamma}^\gamma \\
 &= G_0^*(1101) \oplus G_1^*(1010) \oplus s_{[(1 \oplus 1) \wedge (0 \oplus 0)] \oplus 1}^\gamma \\
 &= G_0(1) \oplus G_0(1) \oplus G_0(0) \oplus \\
 &\quad G_1(1) \oplus G_1(0) \oplus G_1(1) \oplus \\
 &\quad s_{[(1 \oplus 1) \wedge (0 \oplus 0)] \oplus 1}^\gamma \\
 &= 1110 \oplus 1110 \oplus 0000 \oplus \\
 &\quad 1111 \oplus 0001 \oplus 1111 \oplus \\
 &\quad s_{[0 \wedge 0] \oplus 1}^\gamma \\
 &= 0000 \oplus 0001 \oplus 1001 = 1000
 \end{aligned}$$

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- Constant number of rounds, polynomial communication (constant-depth/bounded fan-in)
- Signals s_{ai}^α and s_{bj}^β cannot be deduced from the gate labels
- Neither can the semantics λ^α , λ^β and λ^β

Gate labels – splitter gates

- Completely analogue to ordinary gates
- Incoming wire α , outgoing wires γ_0, γ_1

$$A_{ab}^g = G_b(s_{a1}^\alpha) \oplus \cdots \oplus G_b(s_{an}^\alpha) \oplus s_{(\lambda^\alpha \oplus a) \oplus \lambda \gamma b}^{\gamma b}$$

- Again, compute gate labels for all combinations of a and b
- Again computable in a constant number of rounds, polynomial communication

Phase 2: evaluating the garbled circuit

- Players computed:
 - Garbled input signals
 - Gate labels
- Players *individually* evaluate the garbled circuit gate by gate
- Compute gate output using gate labels

Evaluating an ordinary gate

- Given: Garbled gate g with signals σ^α and σ^β along input wires α and β
- Input signals carry parity a and b , respectively
- Reconsider equation (3):

$$A_{ab}^g = G_b^*(\sigma_a^\alpha) \oplus G_a^*(\sigma_b^\beta) \oplus \underbrace{\sigma^\gamma_{[(\lambda^\alpha \oplus a) \otimes (\lambda^\beta \oplus b)] \oplus \lambda^\gamma}}_{\text{Proper output}}$$

- We can solve to obtain the output:

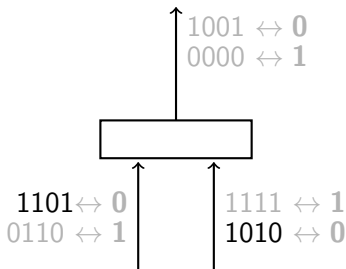
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- Precise output computation:

$$\sigma^\gamma = G_b(\sigma_1^\alpha) \oplus \dots \oplus G_b(\sigma_n^\alpha) \oplus G_a(\sigma_1^\beta) \oplus \dots \oplus G_a(\sigma_n^\beta) \oplus A_{ab}^g$$

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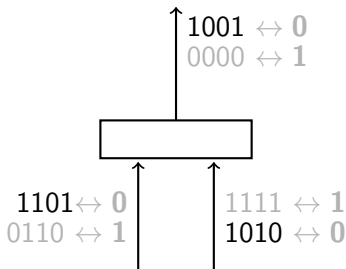


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Evaluating a splitter gate

- Completely analogue technique
- \Rightarrow Outputs along wires γ_0, γ_1 for a splitter gate:

$$\sigma^{\gamma_i} = G_i(\sigma_1^\alpha) \oplus \cdots \oplus G_i(\sigma_n^\alpha) \oplus A_{ai}^g$$

Outcome

- Collaborative construction
 - Constant number of rounds
 - Polynomial communication amount
 - Relies on existing sub-protocols
- Local garbled circuit evaluation without collaboration
- Use of pseudorandom generators and splitters hides plain-text

Strength of the protocoll:

- Random signals and semantics
- Even if we know the parity-0-signal, we cannot deduce the proper parity-1-signal
- Independence of gate labels, signals and semantics

Part III

Deferred or Omitted Explanations

Why I left it out

- A whole bunch of technical definitions
- No groundbreaking insights
- “Only” needed for formal verification of the protocol

Negligibility

Definition (Negligibility)

A function $\epsilon(k)$ is called *negligible*, if for all $c > 0$ there exists some k_0 such that $\epsilon(k) < k^{-c}$ for all $k > k_0$.

- In essence: Negligible if vanishing faster than any polynomial-inverse
- k is usually the *security parameter*
- In our case, k will (in some way) bound the number of participants
- Example: If the probability is negligible, we simply say: “That won’t happen!”

Strings, ensembles

Definition

Given some alphabet Σ , we denote the set of all (finite-length) strings by Σ^* .

Definition (Ensemble)

A family of probability measures $\{\mathcal{A}_k\}$ on Σ^* is called an ensemble, if only strings of length at most $q(k)$ have positive probability of being picked, where $q(k)$ is some polynomial in k .

Indistinguishability

Definition (Indistinguishability)

For \mathcal{A} taken from an ensemble and C a boolean circuit, $p_{\mathcal{A}}^C$ is the probability that C outputs 1 on an input randomly drawn according to distribution \mathcal{A} .

Ensembles \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} *computationally indistinguishable* if for any poly-size circuit family $\mathcal{C} = \{C_k\}$, the function $\epsilon(k) := |p_{\mathcal{A}_k}^{C_k} - p_{\mathcal{B}_k}^{C_k}|$ is negligible.

We call them *statistically indistinguishable* if

$$\epsilon(k) := \max_{S_k \subseteq \Sigma^*} | \Pr_{\mathcal{A}_k}[S_k] - \Pr_{\mathcal{B}_k}[S_k] |$$

is negligible, where $\Pr_{\mathcal{A}}[S]$ denotes the probability that we get a string within S if we draw randomly according to \mathcal{A} .

Notation: tagged vectors

- Vectors $\vec{v} = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ and $\vec{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_n)$
- $T \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$
- $\vec{v}_T := \{(i, v_i) \mid i \in T\}$
- $\bar{T} = \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \setminus T$
- $\vec{v}_T \cup \vec{w}_{\bar{T}}$ is the vector whose component indexed with indices from T are taken from \vec{v} , all other components are taken from \vec{w}

Oracles

Definition (t -bounded oracle)

A t -bounded (\vec{x}, f) -oracle is an oracle accepting two kinds of queries:

- **Component query:** A component query is an integer $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$. It is only answered if t or fewer component queries were made so far. If this is the case, the oracle distinguishes:
 - If there was no output query so far, it is answered by x_i .
 - If there was already a proper output query (see below), namely \vec{x}'_T , the query is answered by $(x_i, f_i(\vec{x}_T \cup \vec{x}'_T))$.
- **Output query:** An output query is a “tagged vector” \vec{x}'_T (see below). It is answered by $f_T(\vec{x}_T \cup \vec{x}'_T)$ if T consists precisely of the component queries made up to now and if there were not output queries so far. Further or improper output queries stay unanswered.

Some probability spaces

- Adversary A 's knowledge defines a probability space: $\mathbf{VIEW}_A^k(\vec{x})$
- Output of uncorrupted players: $\mathbf{OUTPUT}_A^k(\vec{x})$
- Output of a random algorithm S using an oracle: $\mathbf{OUTPUT} S^{O_t(\vec{x}, f)}(1^k)$
- $\mathbf{QUERIES} S^{O_t(\vec{x}, f)}(1^k)$ is a pair containing:
 - The indices i for which there was *never* a component query.
 - The (single) output query that was made by S .

Security

Definition (Privacy, Correctness)

Let $f : (\Sigma^l)^n \rightarrow (\Sigma^l)^n$. A protocol \mathcal{P} t -securely computes f if for all t -adversaries A there exists a simulator S (probably using a t -bounded oracle) such that the following hold:

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Correctness For all $\vec{x} \in (\Sigma^l)^n$, the k -parametrized ensembles $\mathbf{OUTPUT}_A^k(\vec{x})$ and $[(G, \vec{x}'_T) \leftarrow \mathbf{QUERIES} S^{O_t(\vec{x}, f)}(1^k) \mid f_G(\vec{x}_{\overline{T}} \cup \vec{x}'_T)]$ are statistically indistinguishable.

Proving the protocol secure

- We did not concretely specify a sub-protocol that computes gate labels and garbled input signals . . .
- . . . but we said that appropriate sub-protocols *exist*
- \Rightarrow Quite a large amount of proof work is then done by the inventors of these sub-protocols
- Remaining proof constructs one simulator that works for *all* adversaries

Today no detailed proof:

- Original proof (without splitters, thus not completely correct) spans twenty pages and twelve sub-proofs
- Additional work for splitters (done about ten years later) involves another very non-trivial proof

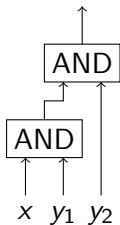
The need for pseudorandom generators

Why do we use them?

- Short answer: Because we need them!
- Long answer: No pseudorandom generators
⇒ operate directly on (garbled) signals
i.e. $A_{ab}^g = s_a^\alpha \oplus s_b^\beta \oplus s_{[(a \oplus \lambda^\alpha) \otimes (b \oplus \lambda^\beta)] \oplus \lambda^\gamma}^\gamma$
- ⇒ We could deduce the plain-text values.

A simple attack

- Circuit $[(x \wedge y_1) \wedge y_2]$
- Assume I know that x is **0**
- y_1, y_2 supplied another party
- \Rightarrow Global output represents *surely* **0**
- If there are no pseudorandom generators, we can deduce the plain-text of y_2



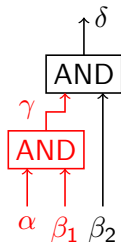
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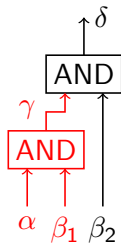
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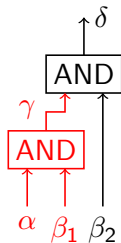
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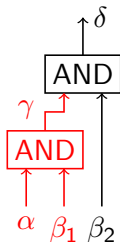
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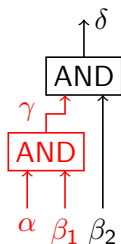
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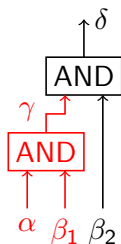
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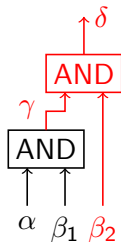
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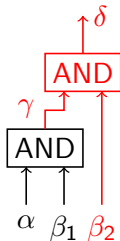
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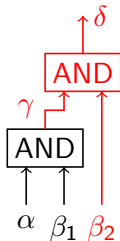
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How do pseudorandom generators help?

Without pseudorandom generators:

- Plain-text values computable

With pseudorandom generators:

- We can deduce the values $G_a^*(\sigma^\beta) \dots$
- \dots but *not* the values σ^β
- \Rightarrow We do not know the proper other signal for wire β
- \Rightarrow We cannot try all signal combinations

Essence:

Applying a pseudorandom generator onto the signals prevents us from deducing the proper signal for the complementary parity⁴!

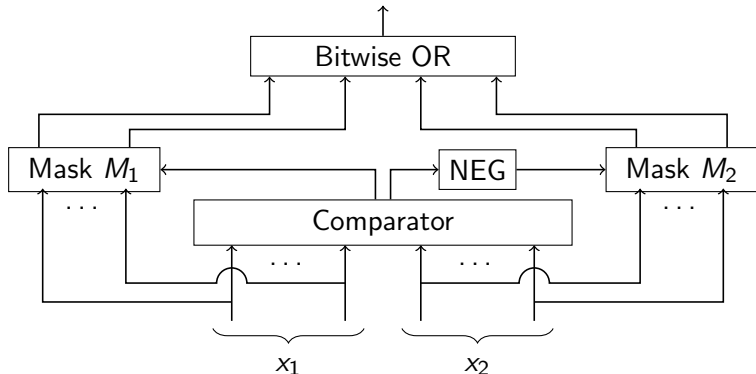
⁴And thus, from deducing plain-text values.

Why do we need splitters?

- Without splitters, different gates are dependent
- \Rightarrow This enables us to determine plain-text bits with high probability

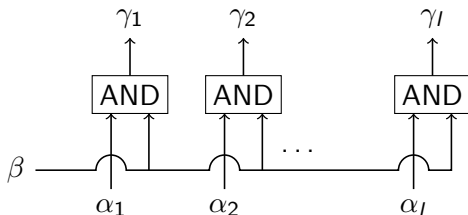
An attack on splitter-free circuits

A comparator for two l -bit numbers:



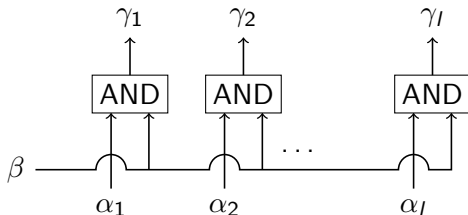
- We assume that an earlier execution yielded $x_2 \geq x_1$
- How can player 2 exploit this?
- \Rightarrow Important part: Mask M_1

An attack on splitter-free circuits



- What would happen if x_1 was 0?
- Assume signals along α_i represents **0**
- Assume that signal along β represents **1**
- We are able to deduce the correct values of x_1 with high probability
- This can be achieved a probabilistic algorithm

An attack on splitter-free circuits



- Assume that $\sigma^{\alpha_i} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{0}$ for all $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, l\}$ (likely wrong)
- We know that $\sigma^{\gamma_i} \leftrightarrow \mathbf{0}$
- Idea: For all correctly-guessed bits, we get “useful results”, for the wrongly-guessed bits, we obtain random stuff.
- Gate i :

$$\sigma^{\gamma_i} = A_{ab}^i \oplus \underbrace{G_b^*(\sigma_{a_i}^{\alpha_i})}_{G_b(\sigma_{a_i,1}^{\alpha_i}) \oplus G_b(\sigma_{a_i,2}^{\alpha_i})} \oplus \underbrace{G_{a_i}^*(\sigma_b^\beta)}_{G_{a_i}(\sigma_{b,1}^\beta) \oplus G_{a_i}(\sigma_{b,2}^\beta)}$$

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- $G_{a_i}^*(\sigma_b^\beta)$ present in *all* gates
- “Solve” for $G_{a_i}^*(\sigma_b^\beta)$ and rename result:

$$\mu_i := \sigma^{\gamma_i} \oplus G_b(s_{a,1}^{\alpha_i}) \oplus G_b(s_{a,2}^{\alpha_i}) \oplus A_{a_i b}^{g_i}$$

- If our guess for bit i was correct, μ_i corresponds to $G_{a_i}^*(\sigma_b^\beta)$, otherwise it is a random string

An attack on splitter-free circuits

- Collection of μ_i 's
- Correct guesses:
 \Rightarrow either $G_0(s_{b1}^\beta) \oplus G_0(s_{b2}^\beta)$ or $G_1(s_{b1}^\beta) \oplus G_1(s_{b2}^\beta)$
- Incorrect guesses: Random strings
- \Rightarrow group the μ_i 's (random vs. $G_0(s_{b1}^\beta) \oplus G_0(s_{b2}^\beta)$ or $G_1(s_{b1}^\beta) \oplus G_1(s_{b2}^\beta)$)
- \Rightarrow random strings correspond to wrongly-guessed bits \Rightarrow these bits are probably **1**, all the others are probably **0**

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