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# Introduction

Goal:

## Background

## 2.1 Basics of Fully Homomorphic Encryption

Homomorphic Encryption (HE) makes it possible to operate on data without knowing it. One can distinguish three flavors of it, Partial-, Semi- and Fully Homomorphic Encryption (FHE).

- Brakerski/Fan-Vercauteren (BFV) scheme for integer arithmetic
- Brakerski-Gentry-Vaikuntanathan (BGV) scheme for integer arithmetic
- Cheon-Kim-Kim-Song (CKKS) scheme for real-number arithmetic
- Ducas-Micciancio (FHEW) and Chillotti-Gama-Georgieva-Izabachene (TFHE) schemes for Boolean circuit evaluation

### 2.1.1 Packing

FFT in CKKS! Polynom -> Vektor mit einer FFT Vektor -> Polynom mit einer IFFT

#### 2.1.2 HE using RSA

With unpadded RSA, some arithmetic can be performed on the ciphertext - looking at the encrypted ciphertext  $\mathcal{E}(m_1) = (m_1)^r \mod n$  of the message  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  respectively, the following holds:

$$\mathcal{E}(m_1) \cdot \mathcal{E}(m_2) = (m_1)^r (m_2)^r \mod n \tag{2.1}$$

$$= (m_1 m_2)^r \mod n \tag{2.2}$$

$$=\mathcal{E}(m_1 \cdot m_2) \tag{2.3}$$

The encryption therefore partially fulfills the properties of ring homomorphism, which in general is defined as follows:

**Definition** (a) : Ring Homomorphism Given two rings  $(R, +, \cdot)$  and  $(S, \oplus, \otimes)$ , we call a mapping  $\varphi : R \to S$  a ring homomorphism when it satisfies the following conditions:

$$\forall a,b \in R : \varphi(a+b) = \varphi(a) \oplus \varphi(b) \land \varphi(a \cdot b) = \varphi(a) \otimes \varphi(b)$$

#### 2.1.3 Learning with Errors (LWE)

#### 2.1.4 Ring-LWE

Learning with Errors on Rings (RLWE)

how to get from LWE to RLWE

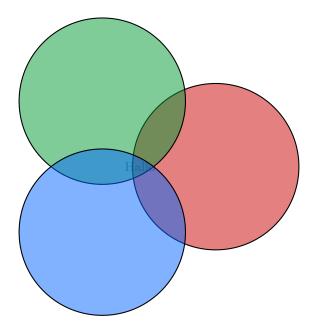


Figure 2.1: Ah yes the caption

#### 2.1.5 The BFV scheme

#### 2.1.6 The CKKS scheme

The CKKS scheme allows us to perform approximate arithmetic on floating point numbers.

## 2.2 Machine Learning

As Shafi Goldwasser puts it, 'Machine Learning is somewhere in the intersection of Artificial Intelligence, Statistics and Theoretical Computer Science' [Gol18].

### 2.2.1 Linear Regression?

### 2.2.2 Gradient Descent?

### 2.2.3 The Backpropagation Algorithm

#### 2.2.4 Multi-Layered Neural Networks

Matrix -> Activation Function

- Matrix Multiplication (Dense Layer)
- Convolutional Layer
- Sigmoid Activation
- Max Pooling

## 2.3 Post-Quantum Security

#### 2.4 Demo

In this chapter, we provide some usage examples for glossaries and acronym lists with glossaries (Section 2.5), bibliography and citations with biblatex (Section 2.6), and more.

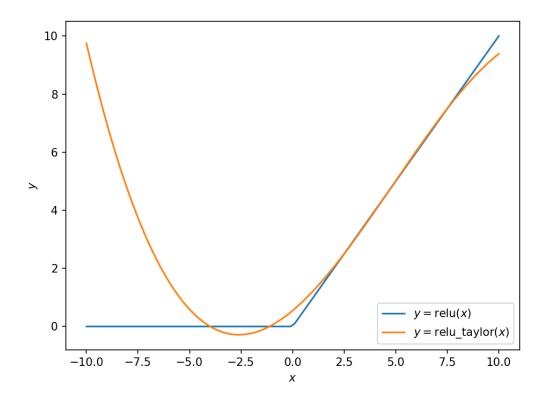


Figure 2.2: Comparison of the Relu activation function vs. its Taylor expansion

## 2.5 Notation and Acronyms

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In this chapter, we introduce the necessary background on the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES). We denote binary exclusive-or by  $\oplus$ .

### 2.6 Citations

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This is an example of how to specify and cite a book [DR02], a journal article [Sha49]. We can also add the authors' names to the citation: AES is a block cipher defined by Daemen and Rijmen [DR02].

## Implementation

### 3.1 Chosen Software Architecture

In the given setting, the most accessible frontend is commonly a JavaScript web application.

To still make the classification run as quickly and efficiently as possible, a C++ binary runs in the backend providing an HTTP API to the frontend application. In order to allow for more flexibility of the HTTP server, the initial approach was to pipe requests through a dedicated web application framework with database access that would allow, for instance, user management next to the basic classification. However, the resulting communication and computation overhead, even when running with very efficient protocols such as ZeroMQ, was too high.

Extending the accessibility argument to reproducibility, Docker is a very solid choice [Nüs+20]. To run the attached demo project, simply execute

```
docker-compose build docker-compose up
```

in the 'code' folder and point your browser to http://locahost.

#### 3.2 The MNIST dataset

The MNIST dataset [LC05] contains X train and Y test images with corresponding labels. In order to stick to the traditional feedforward technique with data represented in vector format, therefore it is common to reshape data from (28, 28) images (represented as grayscale values in a matrix) into a 784 element vector.

## 3.3 Matrix-Vector Multiplication

The dot product that is required as part of the neural network evaluation process needs to be implemented on SEAL ciphertexts as well.

There are multiple methods to achieve a syntactically correct dot product (matrix-vector multiplication) as described in [JVC18] for square matrices.

- 1. Naive
- 2. Diagonal
- 3. Hybrid

### 3.3.1 Adapting to non-square matrices

The weight matrices in the given classification setting are by no means square, on the contrary their output dimension tends to be much lower than the input dimension as the goal is to reduce it from  $28^2 = 784$  to 10 overall.

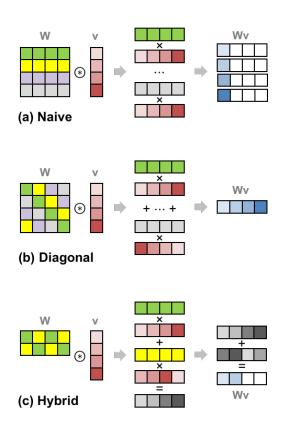


Figure 3.1: Different techniques to compute a dot product between a matrix and a vector, each having their upand downsides.

However, that also means one cannot directly apply the diagonal method as described in the proceedings above. This 'flaw' can be mitigated by a simple zero-padding approach in order to make the matrix square, filling in zeros until the lower dimension reaches the higher one.

## Results

- 4.1 Performance / Runtime Benchmarks
- 4.2 Communication Overhead
- 4.3 Accuracy

## Conclusion

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## Notation

 $\oplus$  exclusive-or (XOR)

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# Acronyms

AES	Advanced Encryption Standard	8, 9
FHE	Fully Homomorphic Encryption	5
$_{ m HE}$	Homomorphic Encryption	5

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