

# Chap3#5: Federated & Ensemble Learning in Machine Learning & Case study of Privacy Preserving ML Applications

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- Privacy Preservation, What is Privacy? Data Privacy. Machine Learning in Privacy Preservation: Four Main stakes to Privacy preservation in ML. Two principle approaches: (a) Augmenting the ML techniques with the **conventional approaches in the domain of privacy preservation** to achieve privacy viz. Homomorphic Encryption, Secret Multiparty Computations, Zero Knowledge Proofs, Perturbation techniques (e.g. differential privacy) Anonymization techniques (e.g.)k-Anonymity, l-Diversity) (b) ML-specific approaches like **Federated Learning OR Ensemble Learning**. Homomorphic Encryption Algorithms and the associated mathematics. Ethical issues and Law for data / process privacy : GDPR, Alexa, other relevant applications [6 hours]

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  - the assurance that other parties, including the model developer, will **not be able to see a user's input data**
- Privacy of the output data
  - the assurance that the output of a model is only accessible to the **client whose data is being inferred upon.**
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  - the assurance that a malicious party will not reverse-engineer the training data - although gathering information about training data and model is more difficult than that for the data.

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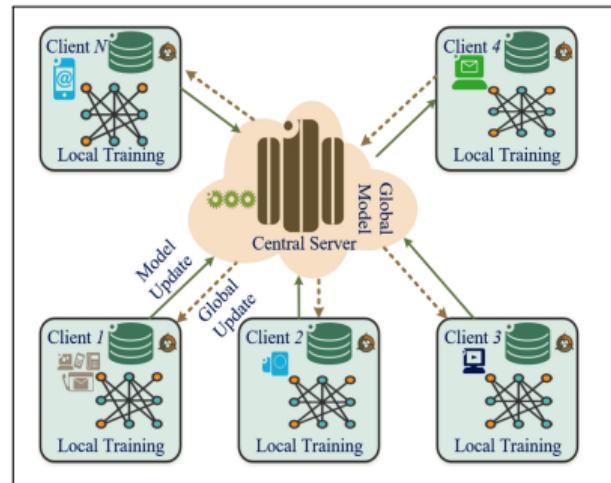


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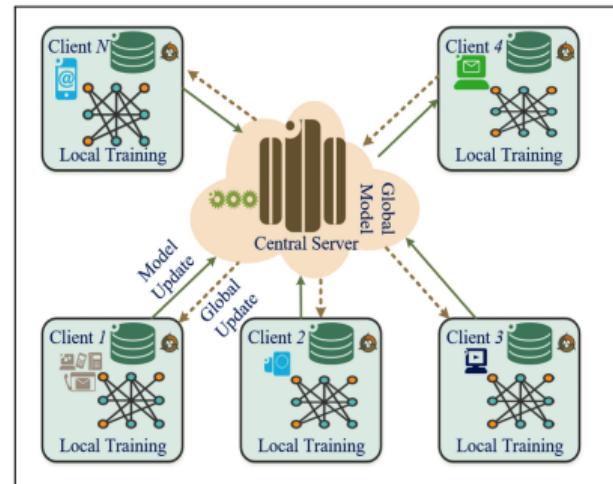


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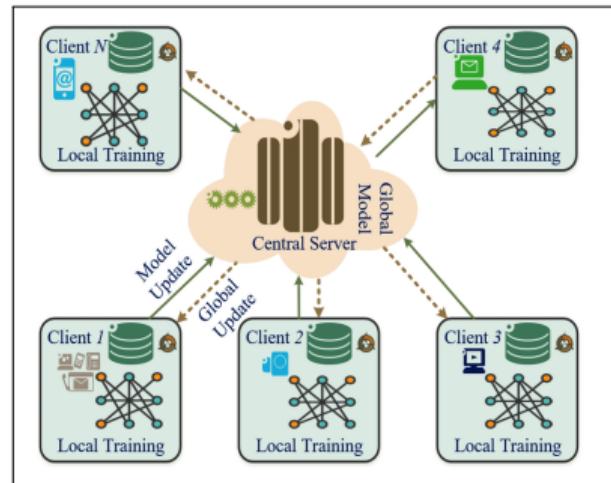


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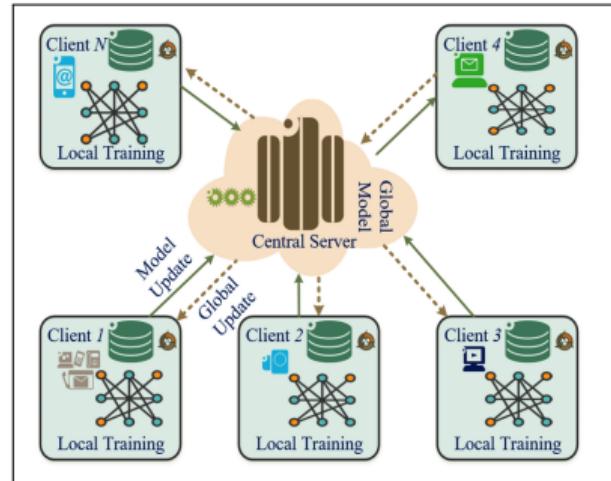


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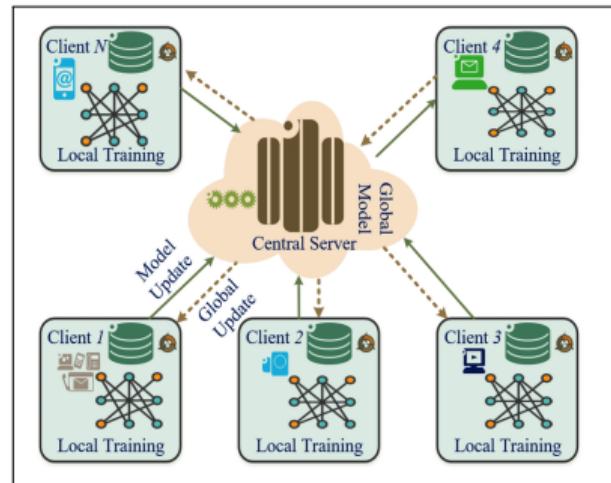


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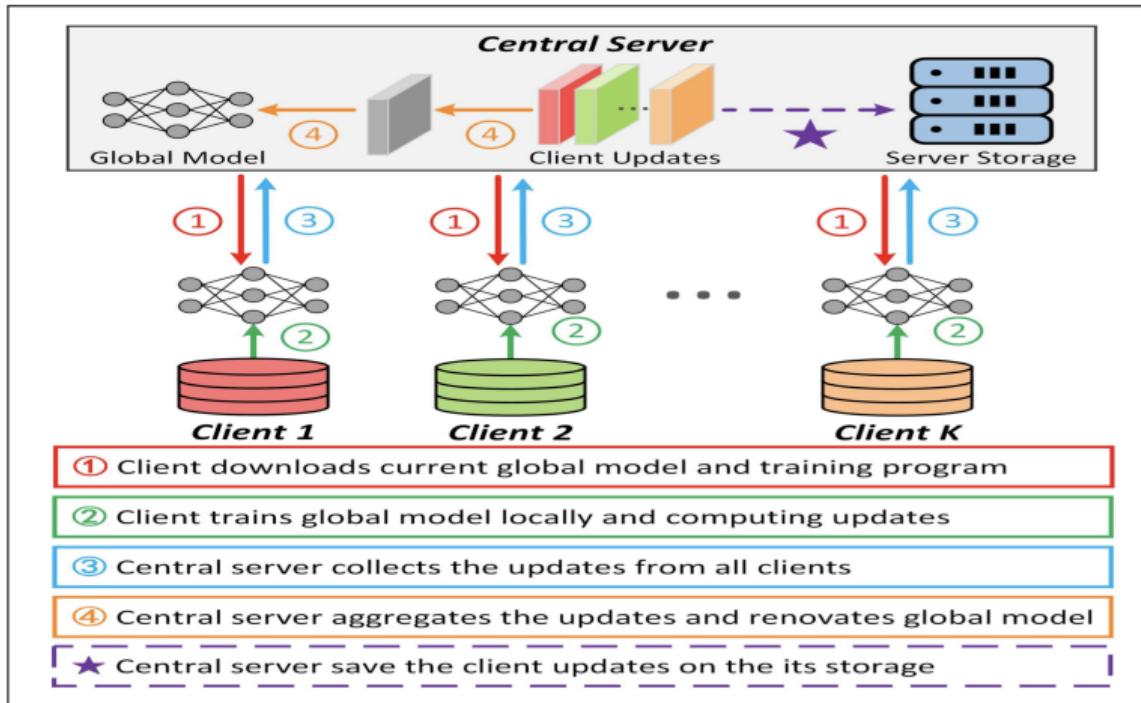


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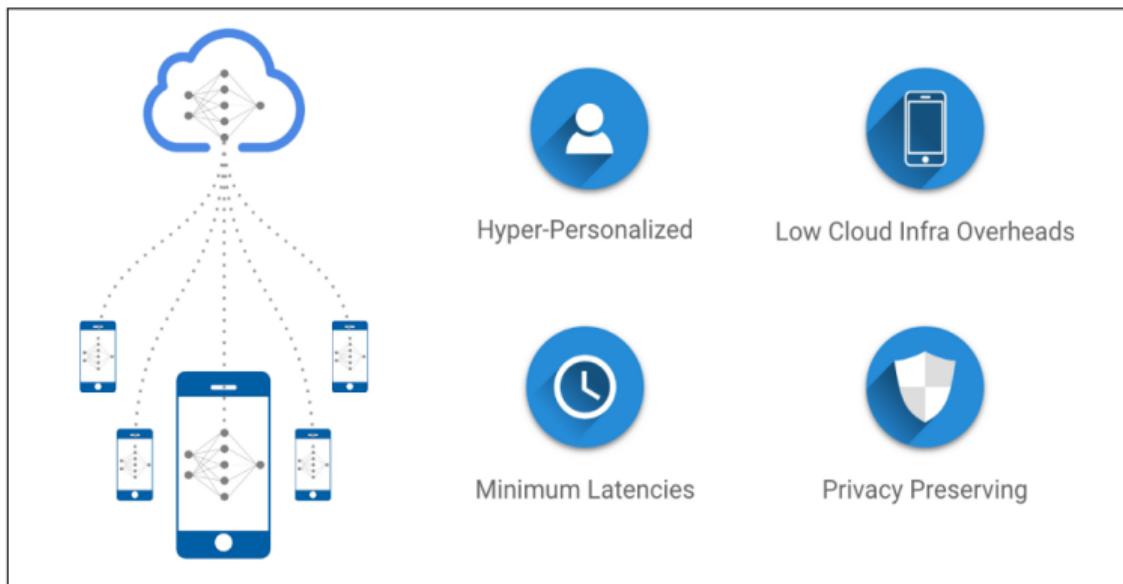


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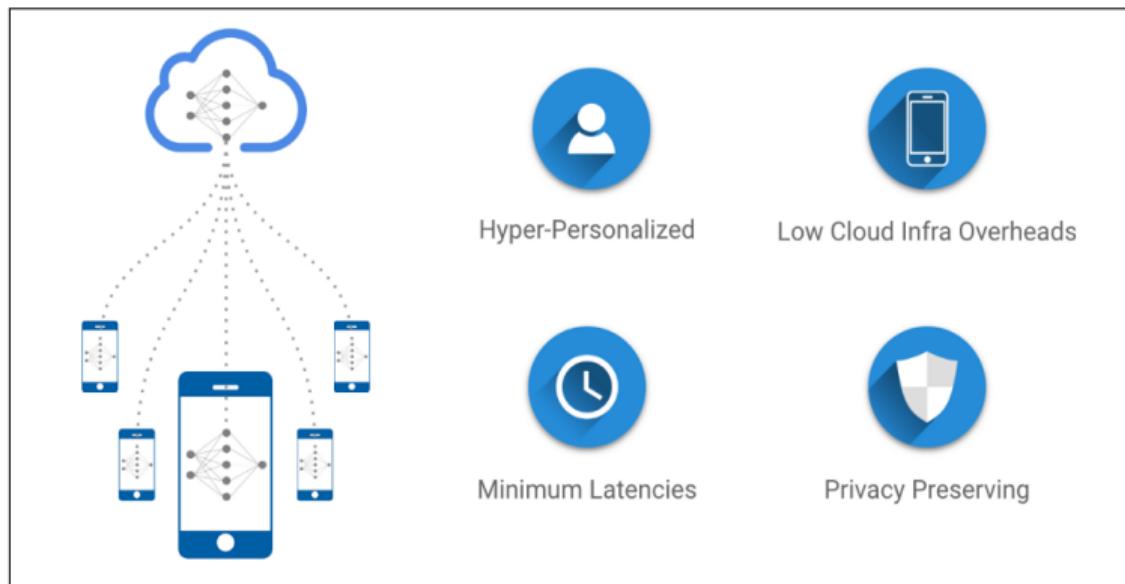


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# Federated Learning: SMC & Homomorphic Encryption

- Already discussed earlier....

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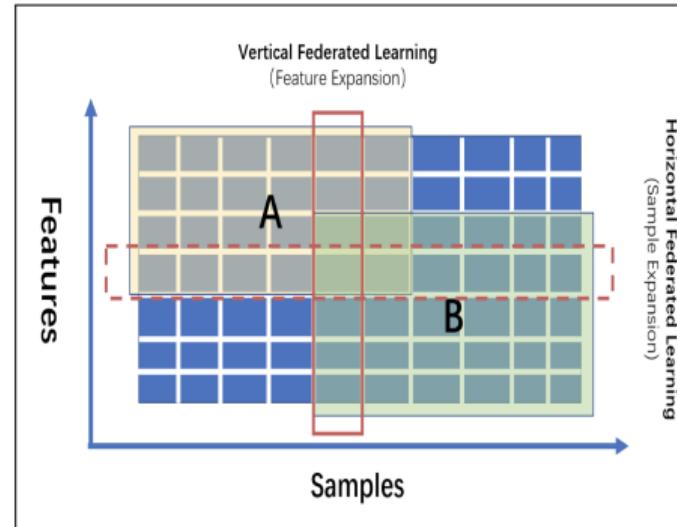


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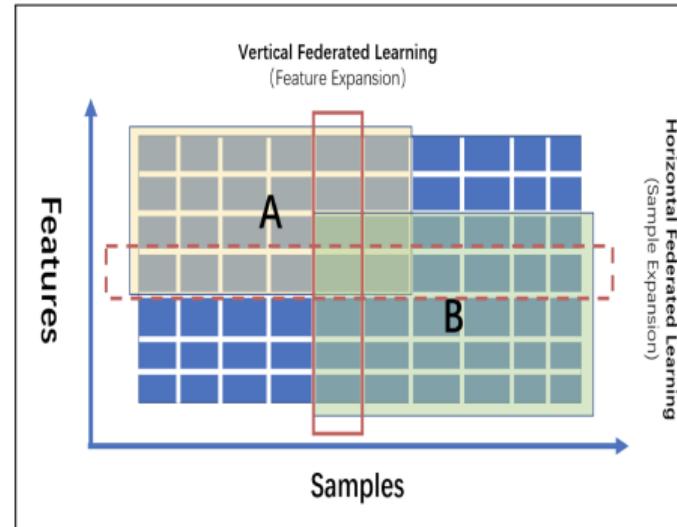


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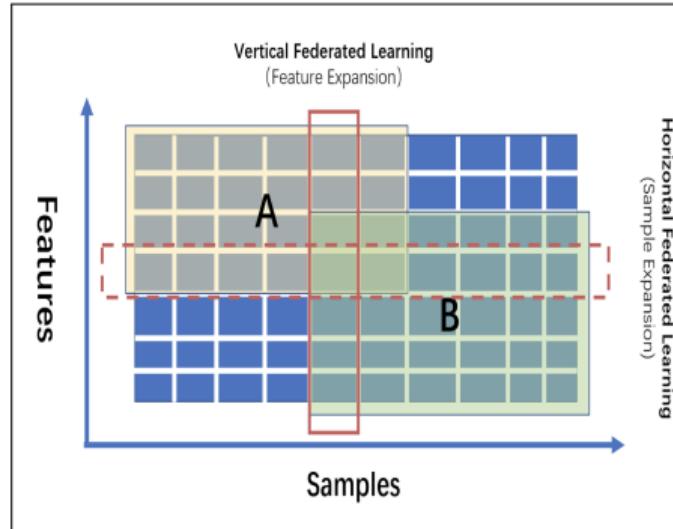


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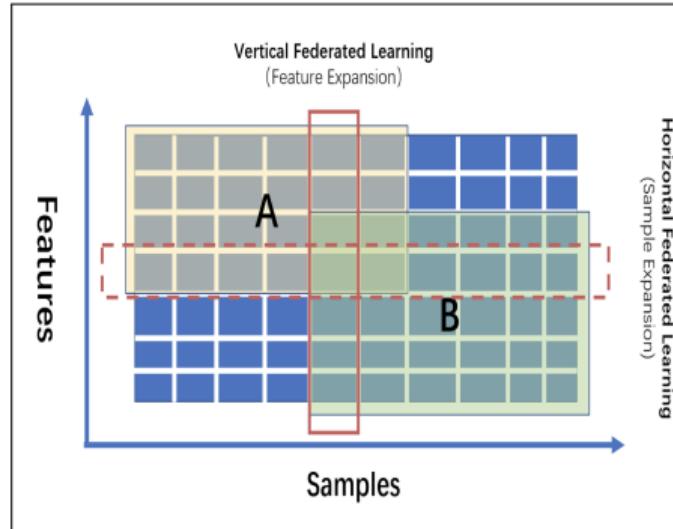


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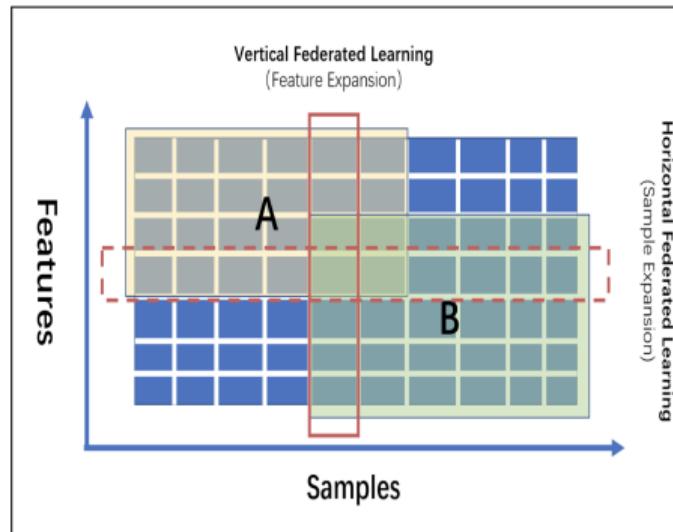


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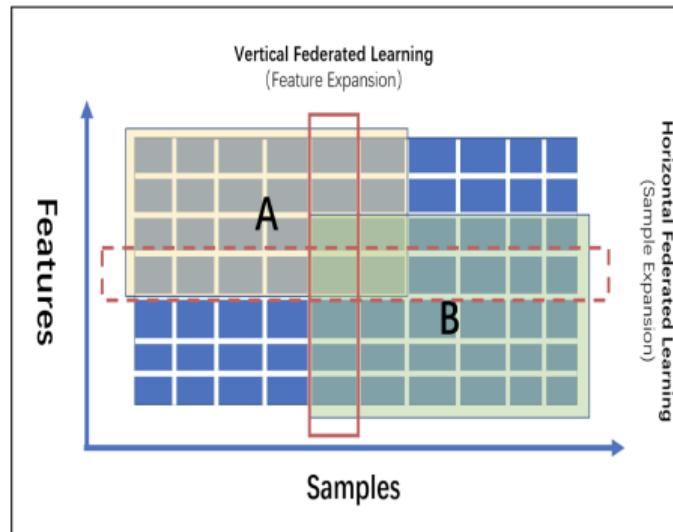


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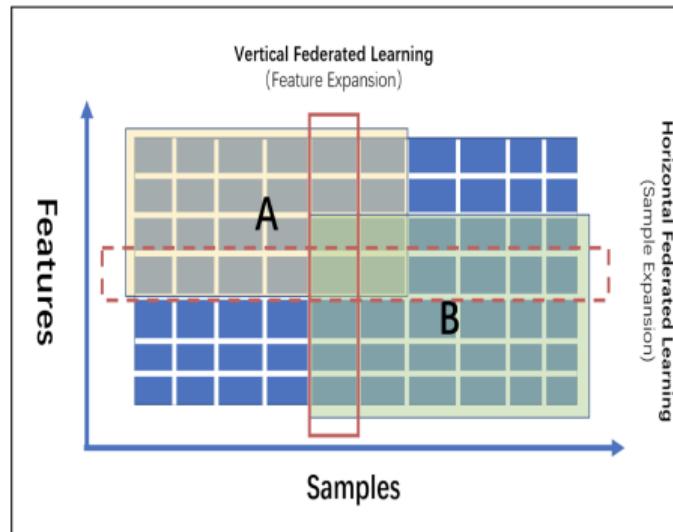


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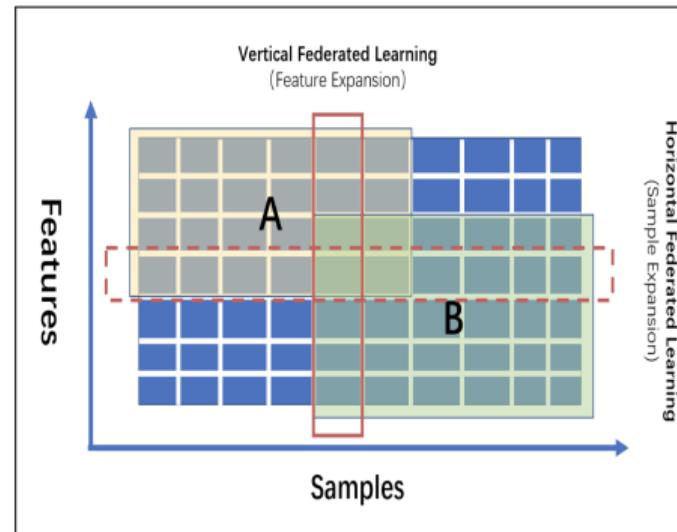


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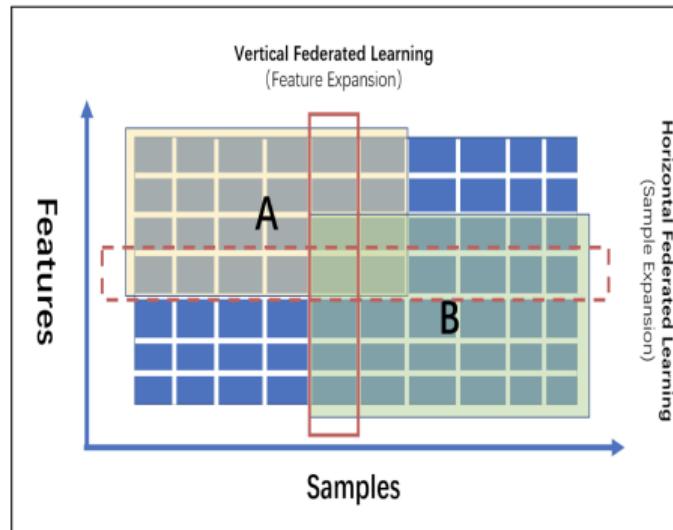


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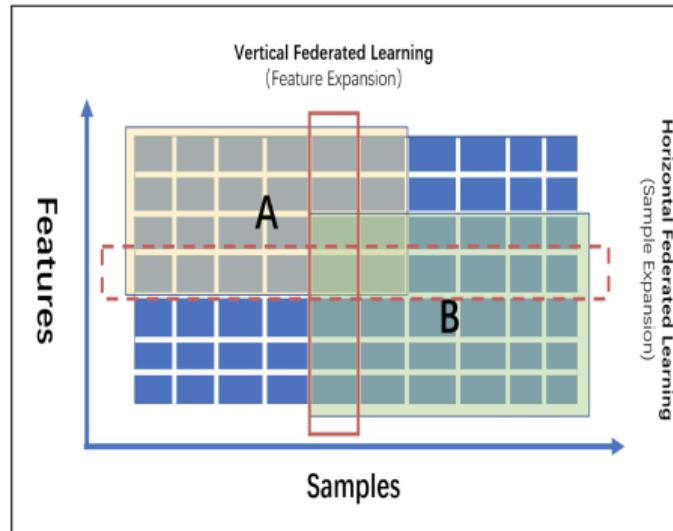


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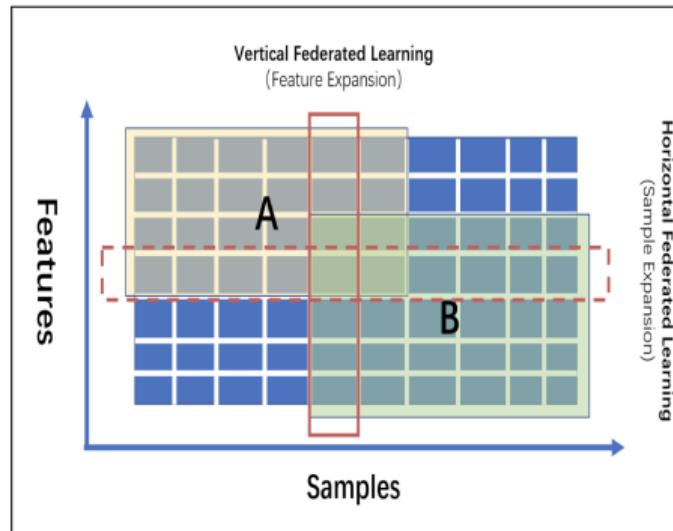


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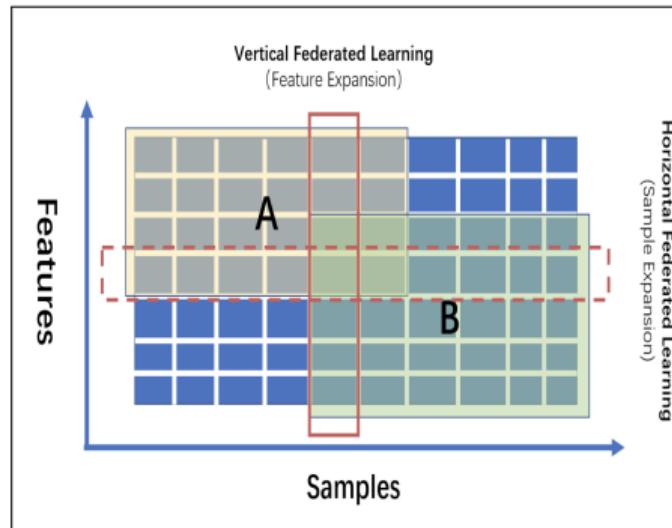


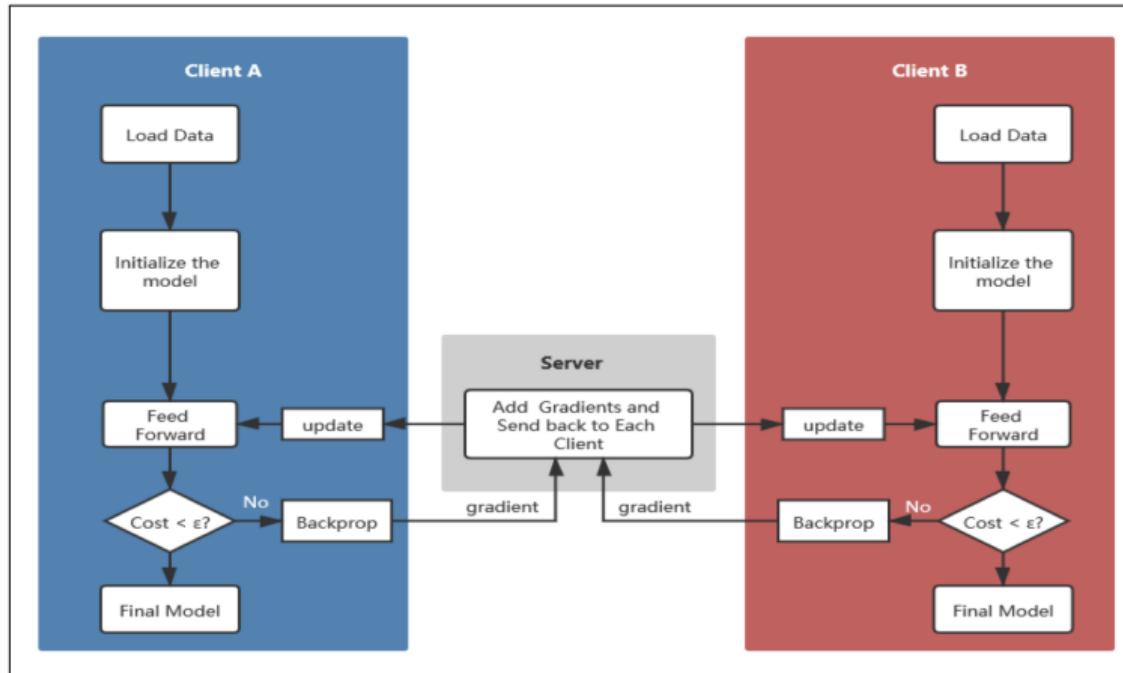
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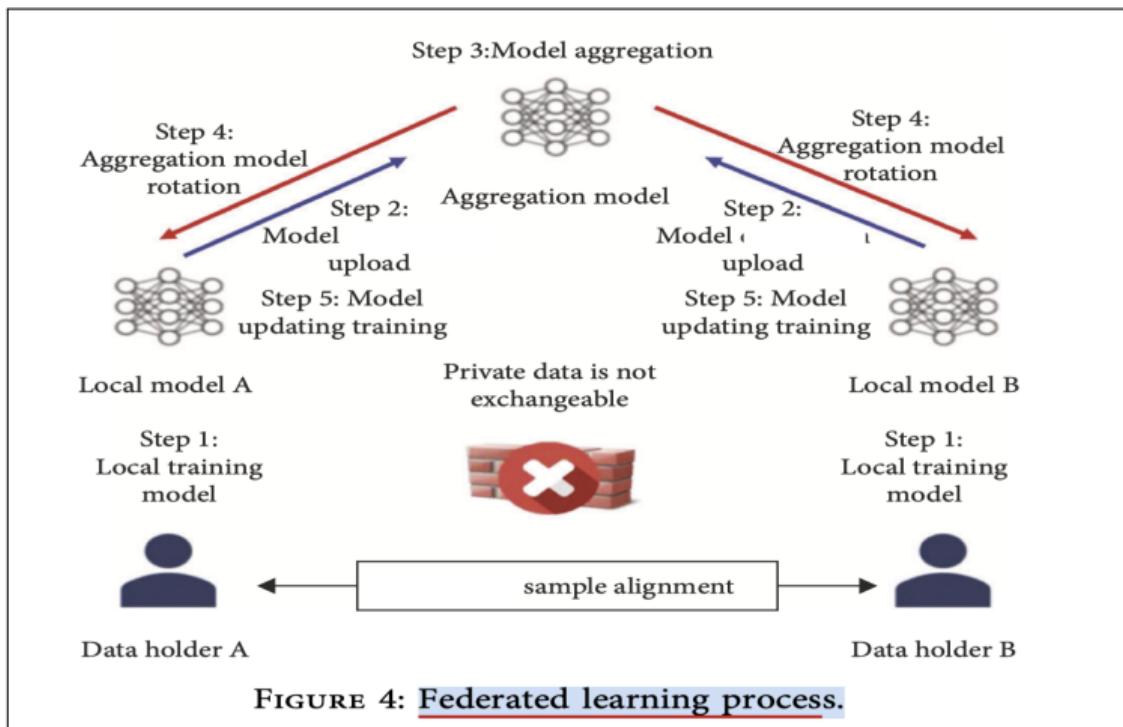
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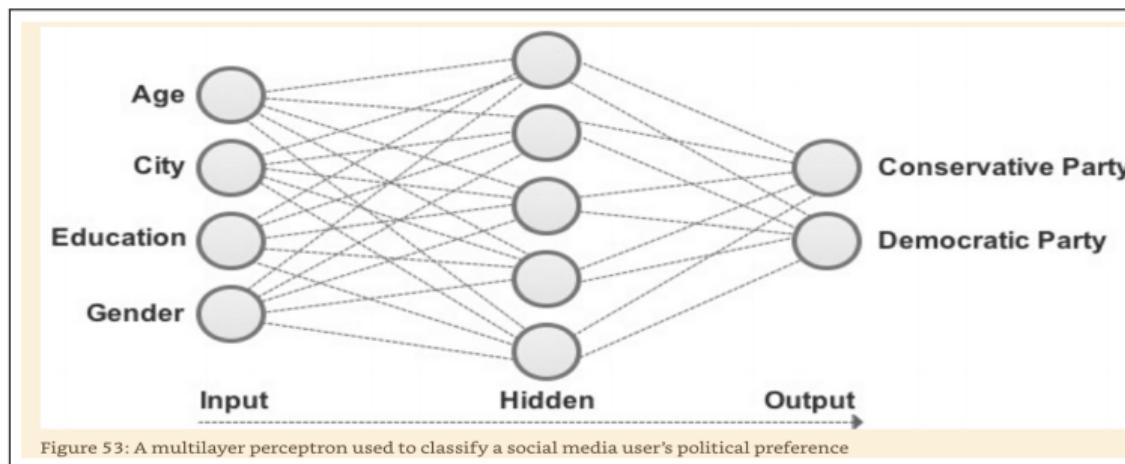
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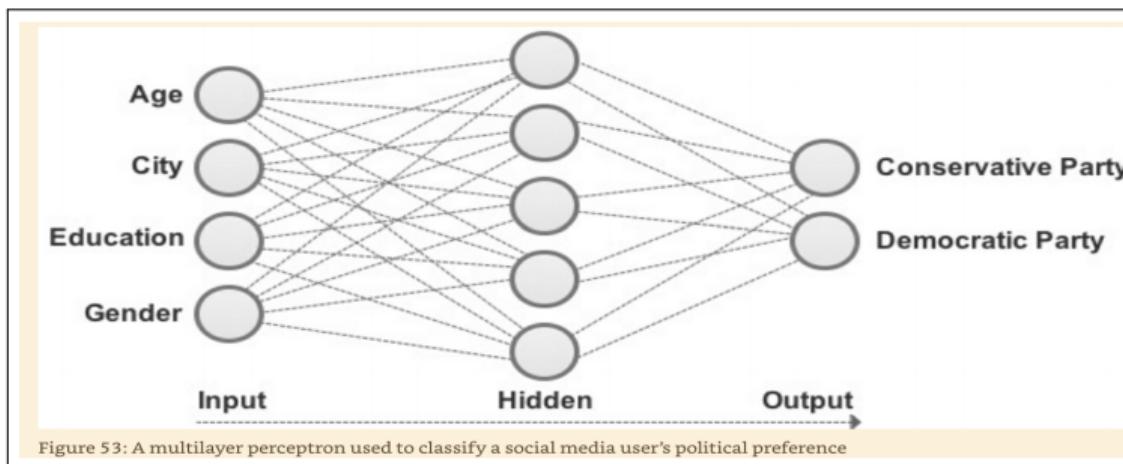


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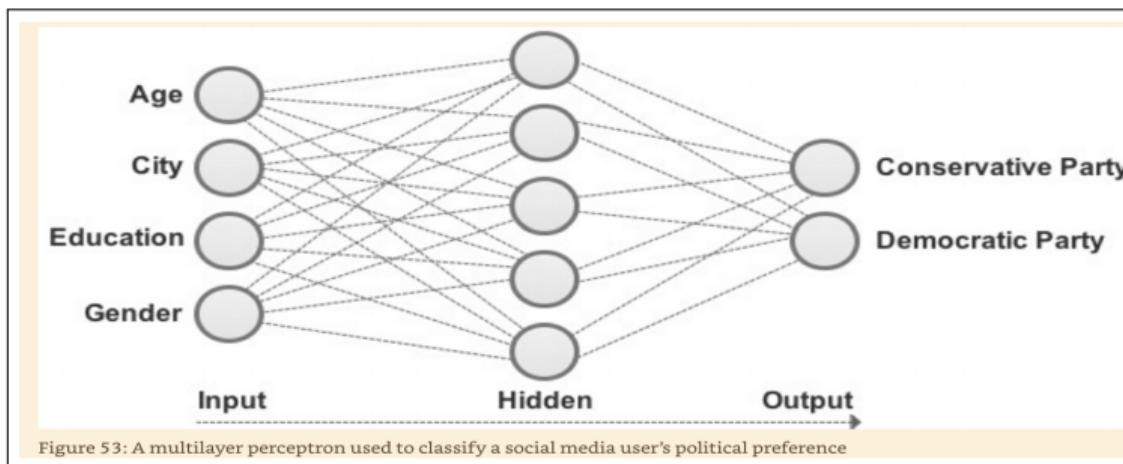


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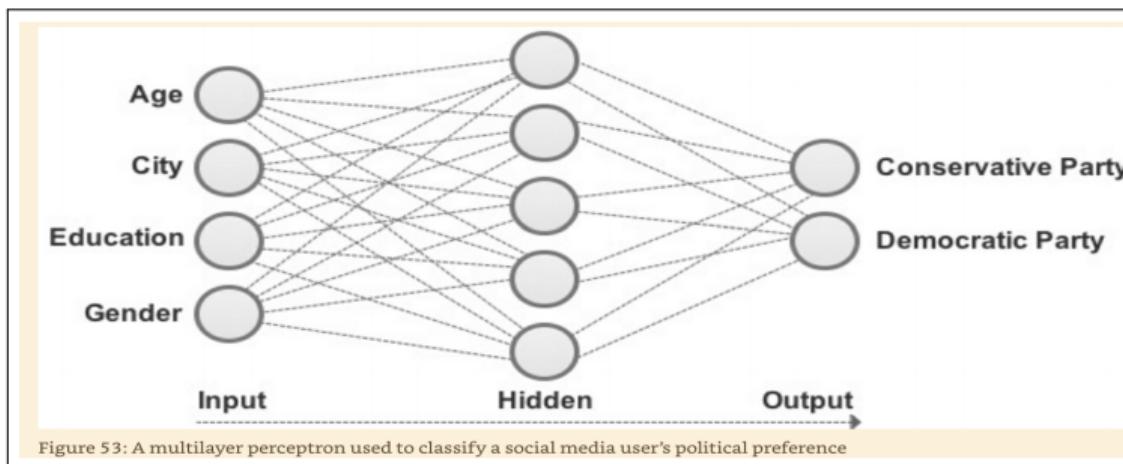


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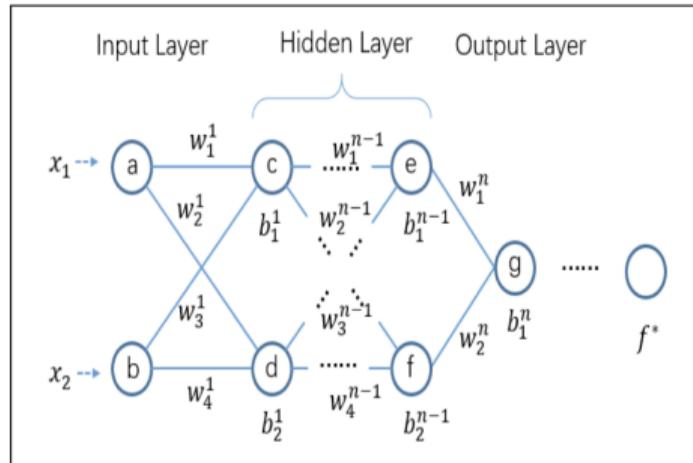
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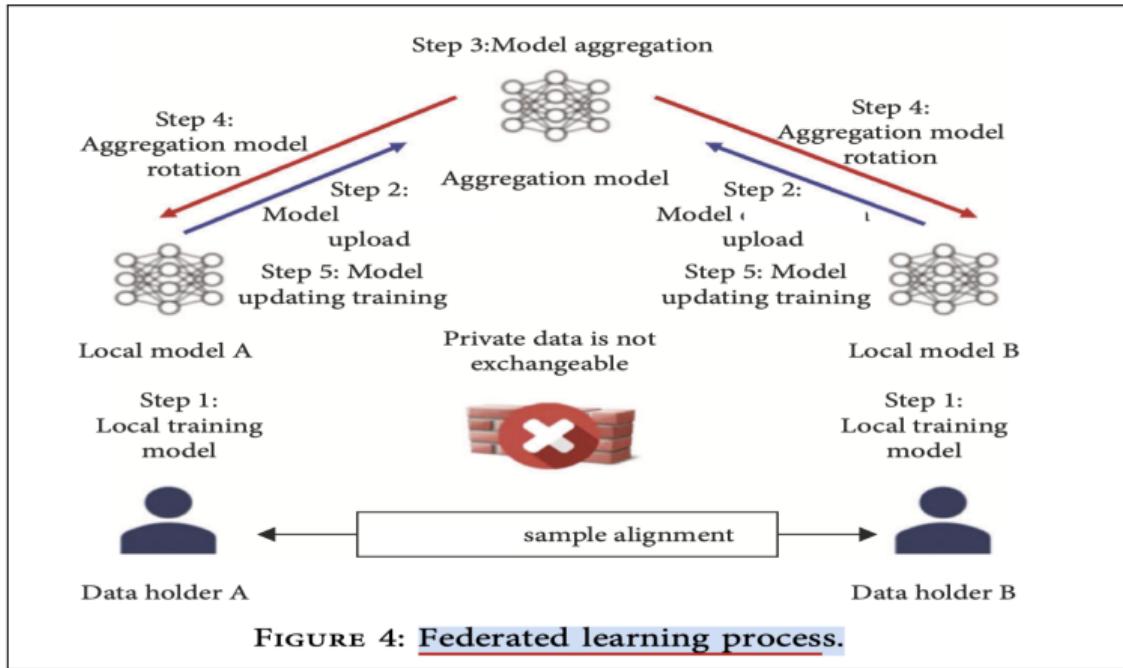
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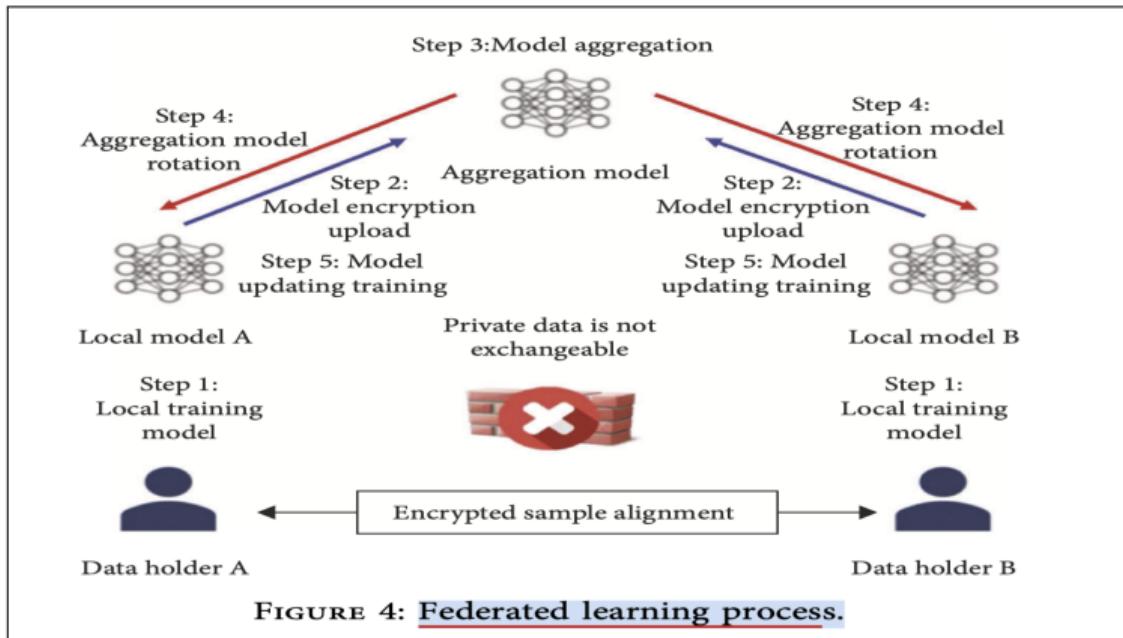
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# Paillier Partially Additively Homomorphic Encryption Algorithm

Algorithm Paillier ()

Key Generation:

- 1 Choose two large prime numbers p and q randomly and independently of each other such that  $\text{gcd}(pq, (p-1)(q-1))=1$ .
- 2 This property is assured if both primes are of equivalent length, i.e.  $p, q \in 1 || \{0, 1\}^{\{s-1\}}$  for security parameter s.
- 3 Compute  $n=pq$  and  $\lambda = \text{lcm}(p - 1, q - 1)$ .
- 4 Select random integer g where  $g \in Z_{n^2}^*$ .  
Ensure n divides the order of g by checking the existence of the following modular multiplicative inverse:

$$\mu = (L(g^\lambda \text{ mod } n^2))^{-1} \text{ mod } n,$$

where function L is defined as,  $L(u) = (u-1)/n$

- 5 The public (encryption) key is  $(n, g)$ .
- 6 The private (decryption) key is  $(\lambda, \mu)$ .

**Message Encryption:** Let m be a message to be encrypted where  $m \in Z_n$ .

Select a random r where  $r \in Z_{n^2}^*$

Compute ciphertext as:  $c = g^m \cdot r^n \text{ mod } n^2$

**Decryption:** Ciphertext  $c \in Z_{n^2}^*$

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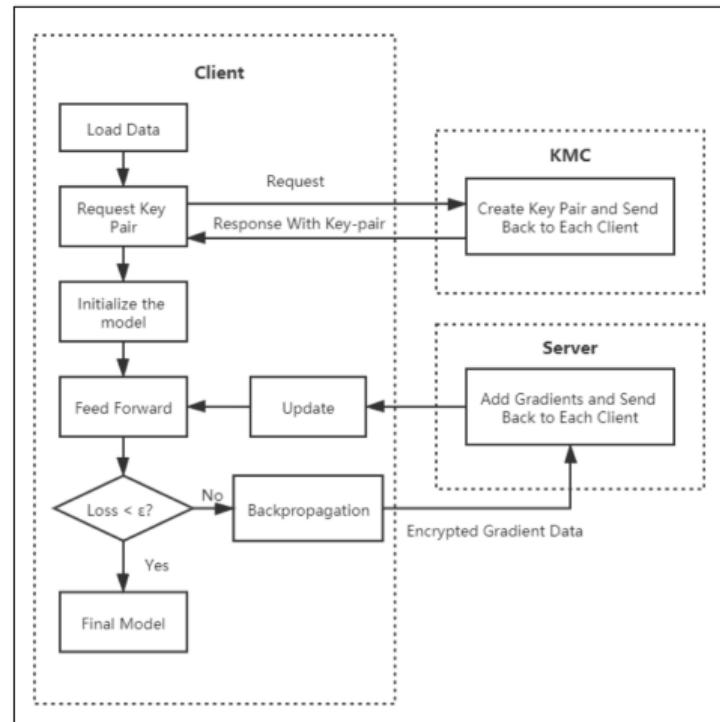


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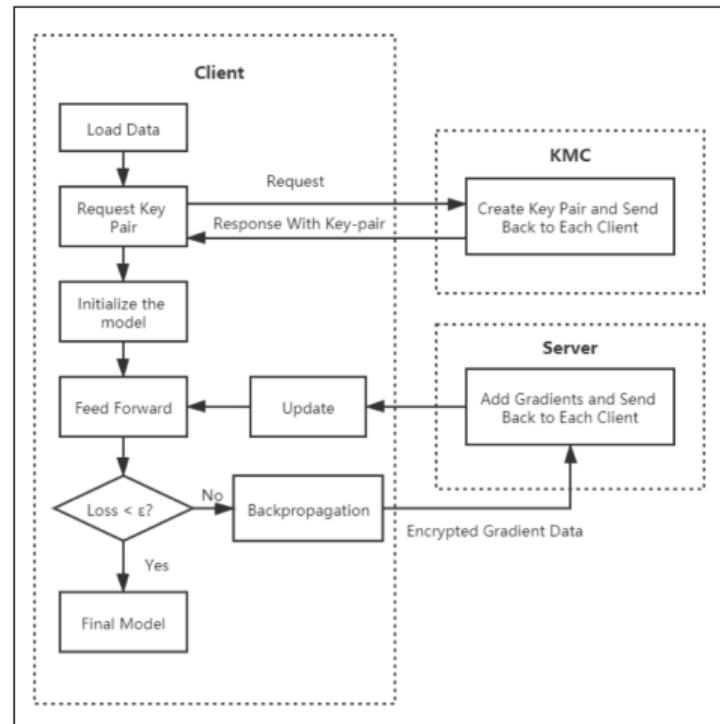


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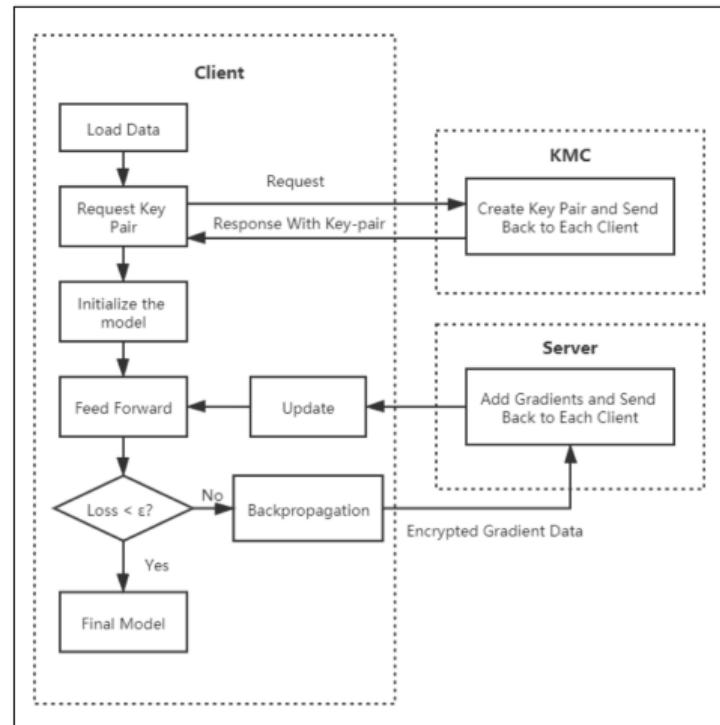


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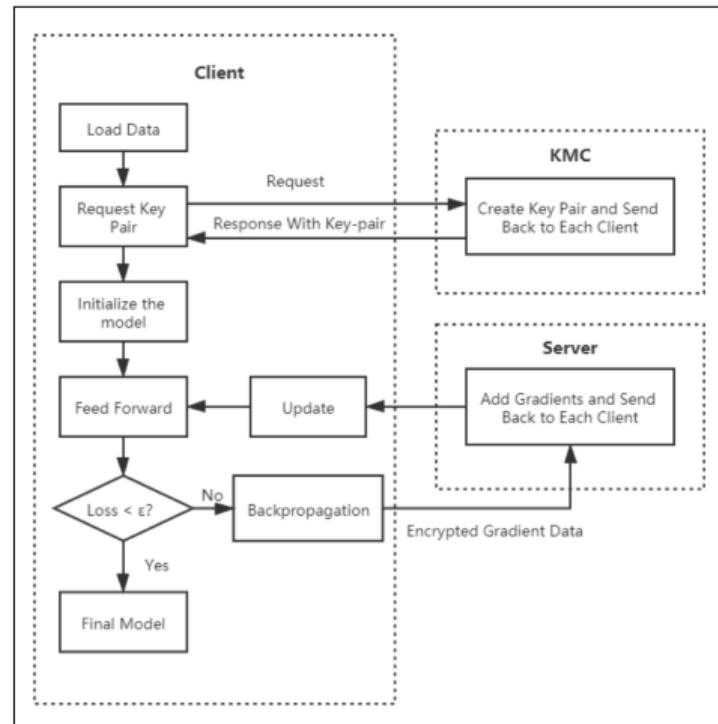


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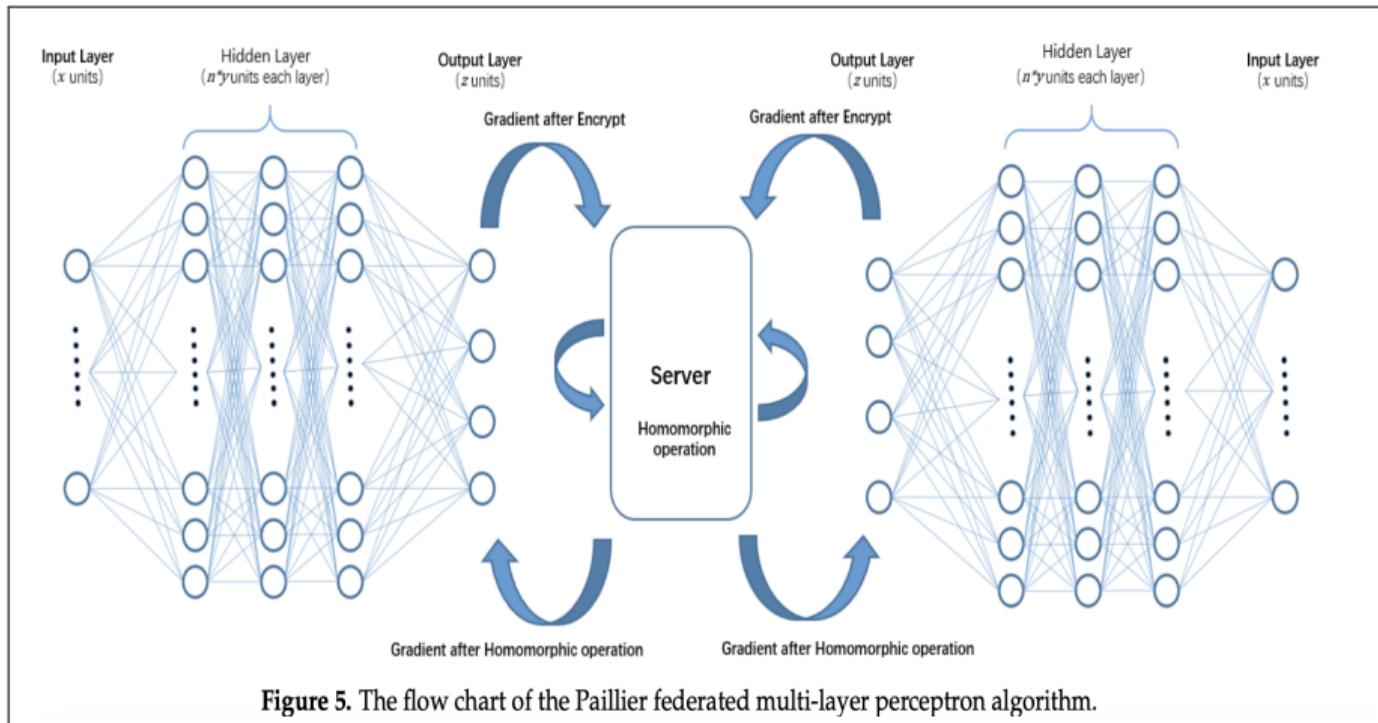


Figure 5. The flow chart of the Paillier federated multi-layer perceptron algorithm.

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# PFMLP in the Learning Client

## Algorithm 2 PFMLP in the Learning Client

**Input:** Dataset  $x$

**Output:** Model  $\theta_{final}$

```
1: Request key pairs from KMC
2: Initialize the model parameters  $\theta$ 
3: for  $i$  in iteration do
4:   Forward propagation:  $out_i = fp(x_i, \theta_i);$ 
5:   Compute loss:  $c_i = loss(f^*(x_i), out_i);$ 
6:   if  $c_i < \epsilon$  then
7:     Break
8:   else
9:     Back propagation:  $grad_i = bp(x_i, \theta_i, c_i);$ 
10:    Use public key of client i to encrypt the gradient:  $Enc(grad_i) = Enc_{Paillier}(Publickey, grad_i);$ 
11:    Send  $Enc(grad_i)$  to the computing server and receive:  $Enc(grad_{i,new});$ 
12:    Use private key of client i to decrypt the gradient:  $grad_i = Dec_{Paillier}(Privatekey, Enc(grad_i));$ 
13:    Update:  $\theta_{i+1} = \theta_i - lr * grad_{new};$ 
14:  endif
15: endfor
16: return the model with parameters  $\theta_{final};$ 
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#	Parameter	Meaning
1	$x$	the sample in the dataset
2	$\theta$	the parameters of the model
3	$f_p$	feed forward process
4	$out$	the output of each iteration
5	$f^*$	activation function <sup>1</sup>
6	$loss$	loss function
7	$c$	loss calculated by loss function
8	$\epsilon$	minimum error
9	$b_p$	back-propagation process
10	$grad$	gradient calculated by bp process
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```
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**Output:**  $GradientData$

```
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3:   if receive a  $request$  then
4:     Push Encrypted Data  $Enc(data)$  to the Queue;
5:     if the  $requests$  number == learning clients then
6:       for  $i$  in the number of learning clients do
7:          $GradientData = GradientData \oplus Enc(data_i)$ 
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