

# CS 65500

## Advanced Cryptography

### Lecture 14: Maliciously Secure MPC

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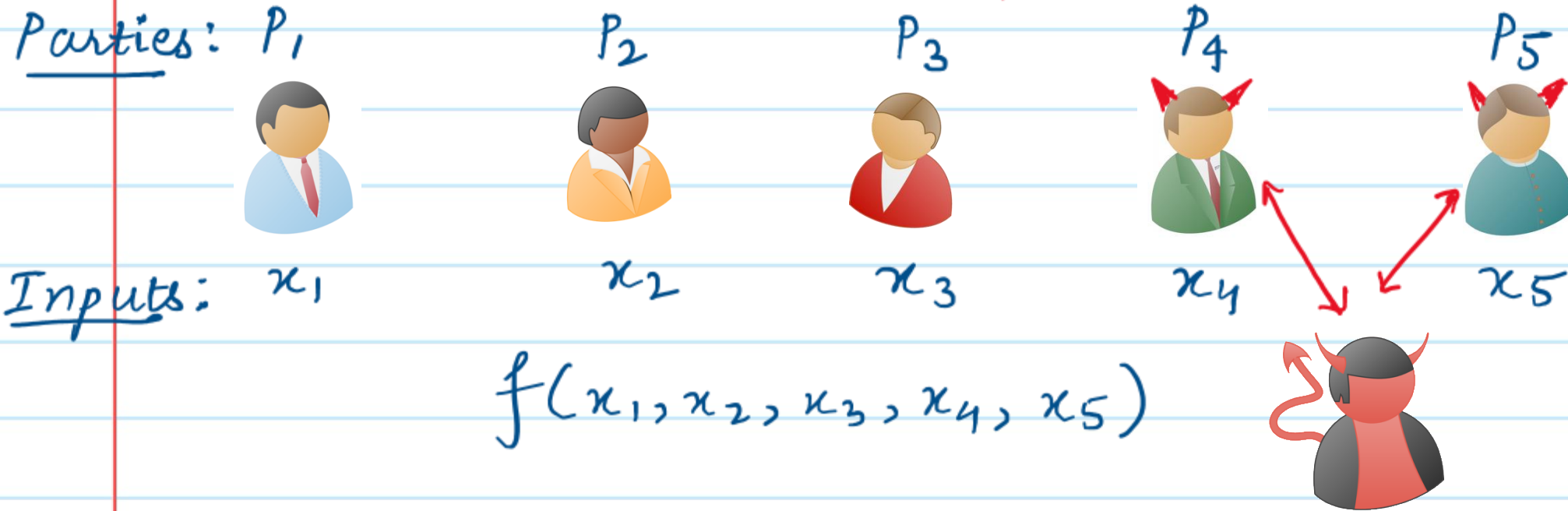
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## Agenda

→ Defining maliciously secure multiparty computation

Announcement: HW4 will be released on March 14 and will be due on March 26

# Secure Multi-Party Computation : Setting



- Suppose  $t$  out of  $n$  parties are corrupted by a monolithic <sup>\*</sup>adversary<sup>\*</sup>
- Parties want to securely compute  $f$  on their joint inputs

So far we have only considered semi-honest adversaries

## Difference Between Semi-Honest and Malicious Adversaries

### Semi-Honest

- Passive/Honest-but-curious adversary
- Follows the protocol honestly

### Malicious

- Active adversary
- May arbitrarily deviate from the protocol description

Example: What could go wrong in the presence of a Malicious Adversary?  
(Semi-Honest BGW/GMW)

- \* Input Sharing: The corrupt parties may send garbage values instead of honestly computed shares of their inputs.
- \* Circuit Evaluation: The corrupt parties may arbitrarily deviate from the protocol to violate privacy or lead to incorrect evaluation of the circuit.
- \* Output Reconstruction: The corrupt parties may wait to see the output shares sent by honest parties and then send garbage values or not send anything at all.

## Difference Between Semi-Honest and Malicious Adversaries

### Semi-Honest

- Passive/Honest-but-curious adversary
- Follows the protocol honestly
  - \* Uses its input to honestly participate in the protocol
  - \* The output of the protocol is the correct output of the function.

### Malicious

- Active adversary
- May arbitrarily deviate from the protocol description
  - \* May not use any specific input to participate and use an arbitrary strategy.
  - \* The protocol may not be able to output anything if the adversary mis-behaves. or the adversary could learn the output but prevent honest parties from learning the output.



## Shortcomings of the Definition of Semi-Honest MPC when dealing with a malicious adversary.

Definition: A protocol  $\pi$  securely computes a function  $f$  in the semi-honest model, if  $\exists$  a PPT simulator algorithm  $S$ , s.t.,  $\forall$   $t$ -sized subset  $C \subset [n]$  of corrupt parties, for any security parameter  $\lambda$  &  $\forall$  inputs  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , it holds that:

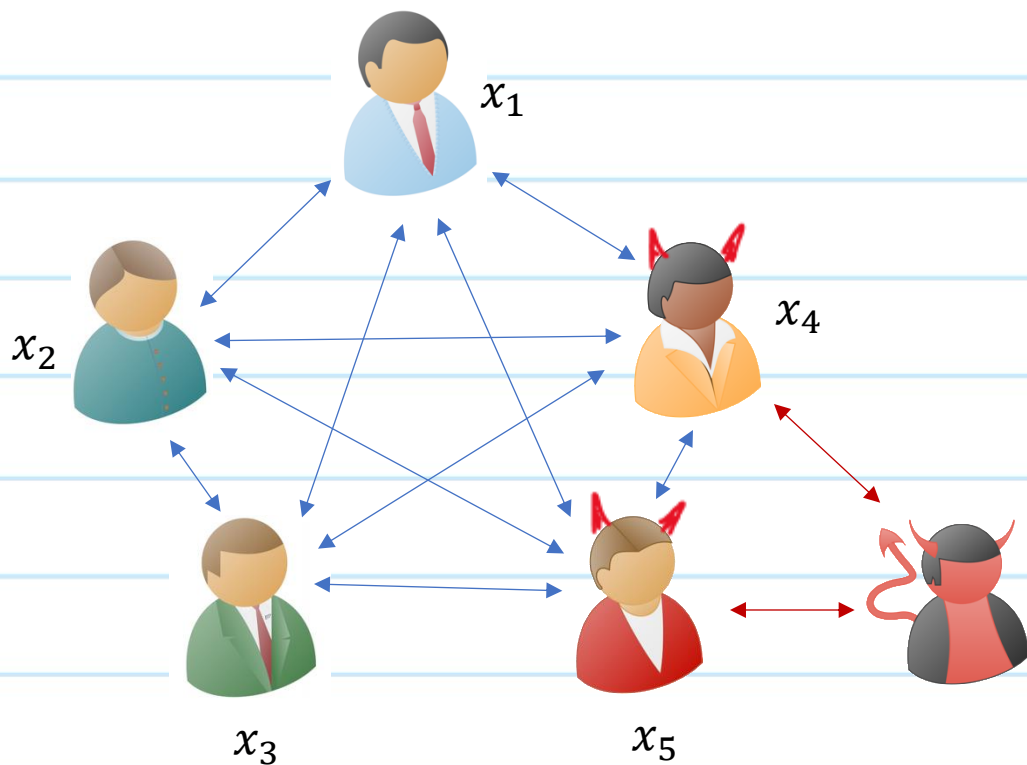
$$\{ S(\underbrace{\{x_i\}_{i \in C}}_{\text{if the adv misbehaves, its inputs may not be well-defined}}, \underbrace{f(x_1, \dots, x_n)}_{\text{How is this output defined?}}), \underbrace{f(x_1, \dots, x_n)}_{\text{How is this output defined?}} \} \approx_c \{ \underbrace{\text{View}_c(\pi)}_{\text{view of Adv}}, \underbrace{\text{Out}_{[n] \setminus C}(\pi)}_{\text{output of honest parties}} \}$$

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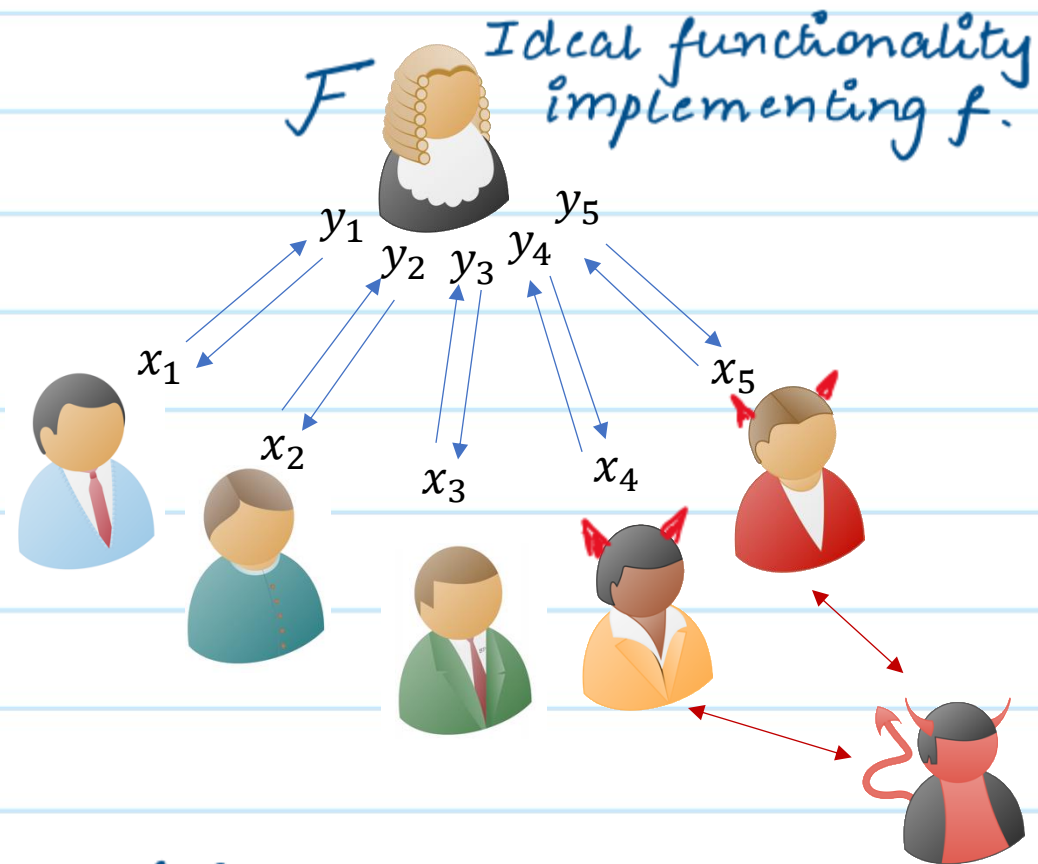
How is this  
output defined?

# Security for MPC: A new perspective

Protocol in the Real  
world



Ideal World



$$(y_1, \dots, y_5) = f(x_1, \dots, x_5)$$



## Security for MPC: A new perspective

- A malicious adversary corrupting at most  $t$  out of the  $n$  parties learns nothing about the inputs of the honest parties beyond what it learns from interacting with the ideal functionality.
- Honest parties follow the protocol according to a well-defined input, which can also be given to the ideal functionality in the ideal world.
- Input of the corrupt parties is not well-defined in the real world.  
What input should be given to the ideal functionality in the ideal world?

## Input Extraction

- Intuitively, in a secure protocol, whatever an adversary can do in the real world should also be achievable in the ideal world by some suitable choice of inputs for the corrupt parties.
- Therefore, we leave it to the simulator to choose inputs for the corrupt parties.
- This aspect of simulation is called **extraction**, since the simulator extracts an effective ideal-world input from the real-world adversary that explains the input's real-world effect.

→ In most constructions, it is sufficient to consider **black-box simulation**, where the simulator is given access only to the oracle implementing the real-world adversary, not its code.

## Formalizing the Requirements of a Maliciously Secure MPC in the Real-Ideal World Paradigm

Let  $CC[n]$  be  $t$ -sized subset of corrupt parties. We define two distributions:

- 1  $\text{Real}_{\pi, A}(\lambda, \{x_i\}_{i \notin C})$ : Run the protocol using  $\lambda$  as the security parameter &  $\{x_i\}_{i \notin C}$  as the inputs of the honest parties. The messages of corrupt parties are chosen based on  $A$ . Let  $y_i$  denote the output of each honest party  $P_i$  &  $\text{View}_i$  denote the view of each  $P_i$  in this protocol.

Output:  $\{\{\text{view}_i\}_{i \in C}, \{y_i\}_{i \notin C}\}$

Let  $\text{Sim}^A$  be a PPT algorithm given oracle access to  $A$ .

2.  $\text{Ideal}_{F, \text{Sim}^A}(\lambda, \{x_i\}_{i \in C})$ : Run  $\text{Sim}^A$  until it outputs  $\{x_i\}_{i \in C}$ , compute  $(y_1, \dots, y_n) \leftarrow F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . Then, give  $\{y_i\}_{i \in C}$  to  $\text{Sim}^A$ . Let  $\{\text{view}_i^*\}_{i \in C}$  denote the final output of  $\text{Sim}^A$ .

Output:  $\{\{\text{view}_i^*\}_{i \in C}, \{y_i\}_{i \in C}\}$

## Defining Maliciously Secure MPC

Definition: A protocol  $\pi$  securely realizes  $F$  in the presence of malicious adversaries, if  $\exists$  a PPT simulator algorithm  $\text{Sim}$ , such that  $\forall$  PPT malicious adversaries  $A$  corrupting any  $t$ -sized subset  $C \subset [n]$  of the parties,  $\forall \lambda \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\forall \{x_i\}_{i \notin C}$ , the following two distributions are computationally/statistically/perfectly indistinguishable:

$$\text{Real}_{\pi, A}(\lambda, \{x_i\}_{i \notin C})$$

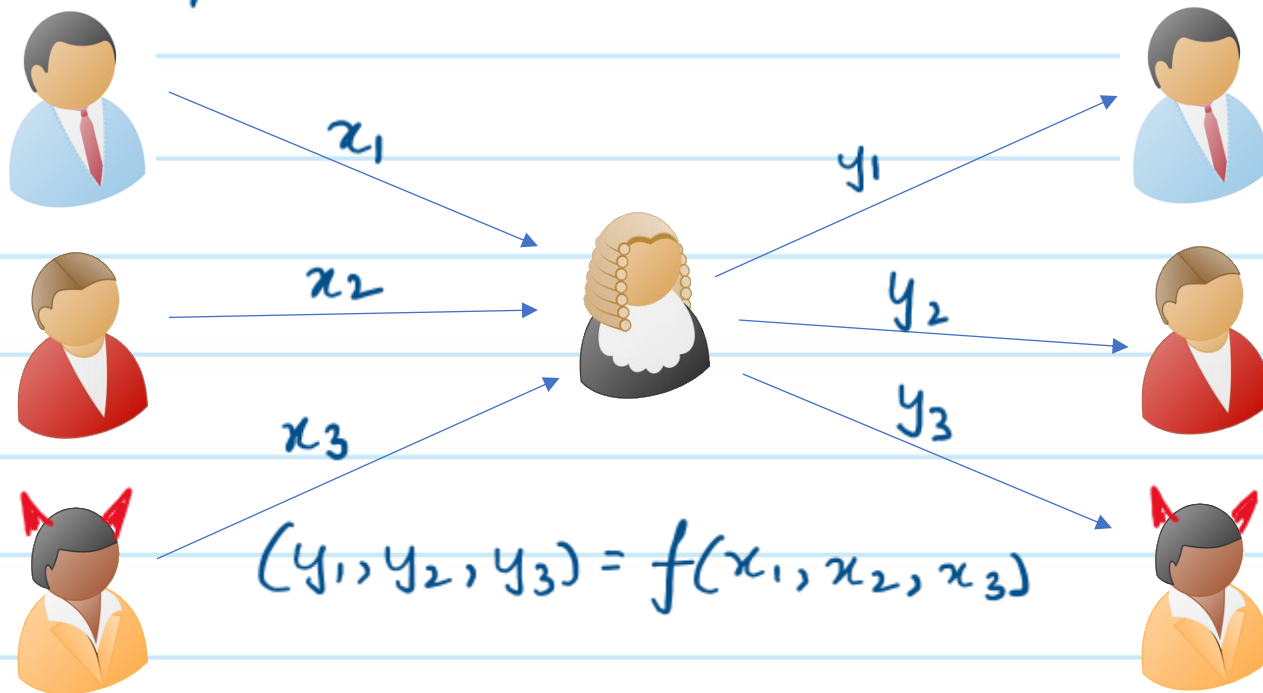
$$\text{Ideal}_{F, \text{Sim}^A}(\lambda, \{x_i\}_{i \notin C})$$



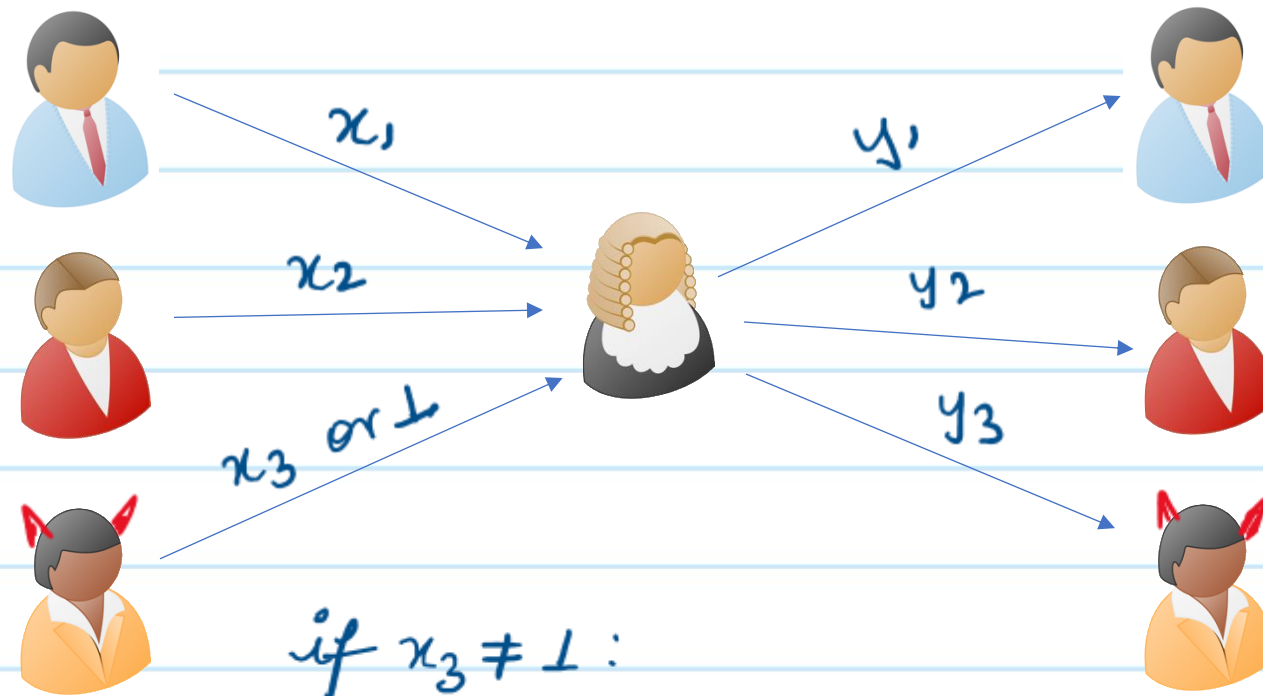
## Variants of Ideal Functionality

Different types of ideal functionalities can capture different privacy/robustness guarantees.

**I** Guaranteed Output Delivery: All parties are guaranteed to get the correct output.



II Fairness: Either all parties get the correct output or no one gets any output



if  $x_3 \neq \perp$ :

$$(y_1, y_2, y_3) = f(x_1, x_2, x_3)$$

else:  $y_1 = y_2 = y_3 = \perp$

III Security with abort: The adversary can learn the output & then decide whether or not the honest parties should get the output.

