

# Social Secret Sharing SSS

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# Social SS: in this scheme, shares are allocated based on a player's reputation value & the way he interacts with other players. During the social Tuning phase, weights of players are adjusted such that players who cooperate will end up with more shares than those who defect.

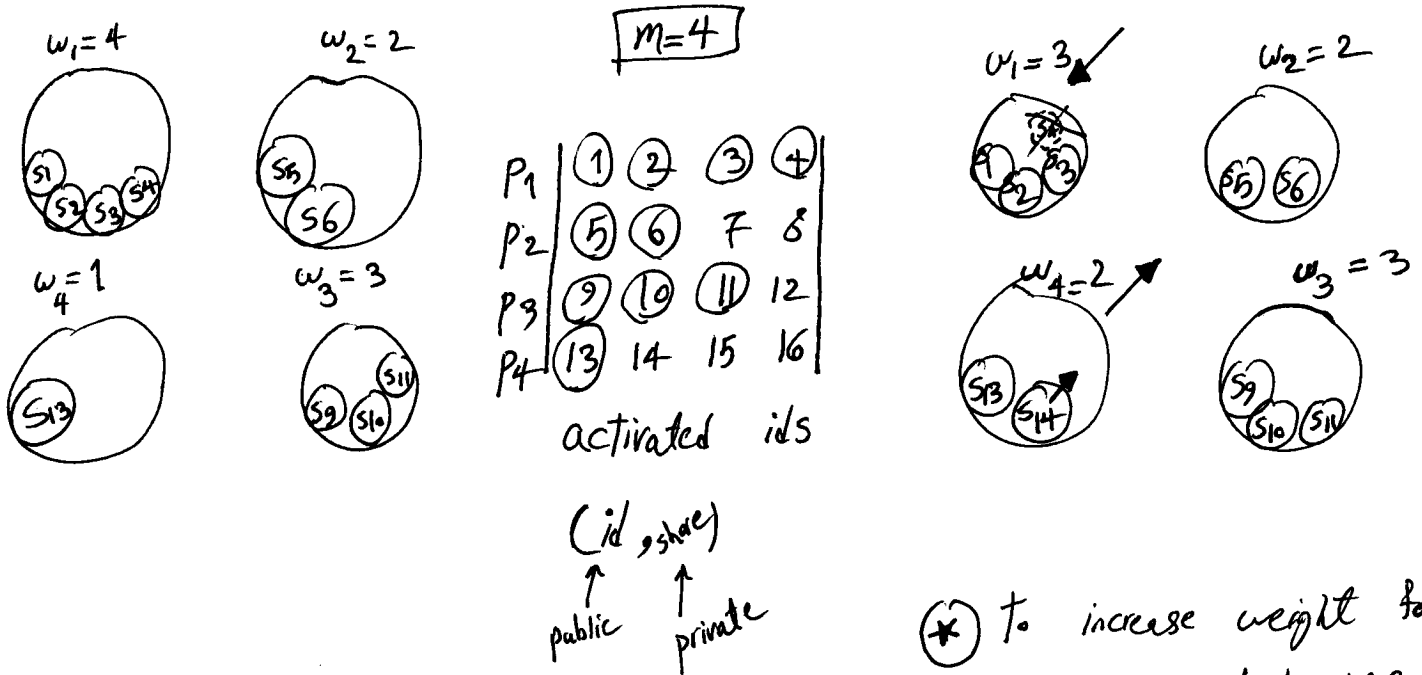
Motivation: in many application, component of a secure system may have different levels of importance (# of shares a player has) and reputation (i.e., cooperation by other players for secret recovery or share renewal). As such, we would like to balance these two factors

Construction: each player initially receives a constant # of shares. As time passes, players are assigned weights based on their behavior. Consequently, players receive # of shares corresponding to their reputation values.

Def #1: Cooperation  $P_i(c)$ :  $P_i$  is available at the time of share renewal or recovery & sends correct shares to other players. Defection  $P_i(D)$ :  $P_i$  is not available at the required time or may respond with delay. Corruption  $P_i(X)$ :  $P_i$  has been compromised by a passive adversary.

**Def 2#:** the social SS scheme is a three-tuple denoted as  $S^*$  (sha, Tun, Rec) consisting of secret sharing, social tuning, secret recovery. Tun: the weight of players are adjusted based on their trust/reputation values.

**Conditions** the total weight of uncorrupted players  $\in \Delta$  must be equal or greater than the threshold. on the other hand, the total weight of colluders  $\in \nabla$  must be less than the threshold. Finally, the weight of each player is bounded to a parameter much less than  $t$ , i.e.,  $w_i \leq m \ll t$ .



⊛ to decrease weight of  $P_1$   
 we need to use proactive  
 SS (disenrollment) protocol to  
 deactivate  $S_4$  for  $P_1$

⊛ to increase weight for  $P_4$ , we need to use  
enrollment protocol to  
 generate  $S_{14}$  for  $P_4$

$T_i^P$ : reputation value of  $p_i \rightarrow$  public info (see page 6~7 for trust functions) 3

$w_i^P$ : weight of  $p_i$  at period "p"  $\rightarrow$  public info

① Sharing phase the dealer initiates a ss scheme by  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_q[x]$  of degree " $t-1$ " where  $f(0) = \text{secret } \alpha$ . He sends shares of  $p_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  according to his weight  $w_i^P$ .

$$g_{ij} = f(v_{ij}) \text{ for } 1 \leq j \leq w_i, \text{ where } v_{ij} = i \times m - m + j$$

max weight for all players

Examples

$i=3$   $p_3$   $w_3=2$

$m=4$

$$v_{31} = 3 \times 4 - 4 + 1 = 9$$

$$v_{32} = 3 \times 4 - 4 + 2 = 10$$

ids

$i=1$   $\rightarrow p_1$   $w_1=3$

$m=4$

$$v_{11} = 1 \times 4 - 4 + 1 = 1$$

$$v_{12} = 1 \times 4 - 4 + 2 = 2$$

$$v_{13} = 1 \times 4 - 4 + 3 = 3$$

ids

II Social Tuning phase

II.1 Inactivate non-cooperative players' shares

II.2 activate cooperative players' shares

II.3 use enrollment protocol & proactive SS (disenrollment) protocol to generate shares for activated ids & remove shares corresponding to inactivated ids

**II.1** # one approach is to inactivate a # of shares/ids for each player  $p_i$  proportional to the amount that the player's trust value  $T_i^P$  is decreased.

e.g., 0.75

$P_i(D): \text{defection} \Rightarrow w_i^P = \left[ w_i^{P-1} * \left(1 - \frac{T_i^P}{2}\right) \right]$

such that  $T = T_i^{P-1} - T_i^P \geq 0 \rightarrow \text{positive}$

coefficient of the weight reduction for non-coop players

$-1 \leq T_i^P \leq +1$

map to 0 ~ +1

$S^P$ : total # of shares/ids that must be activated

$$S^P = \sum_{\substack{i: P_i(D) \\ \text{defective} \\ \text{players}}} (w_i^{P-1} - w_i^P)$$

**II.2** given the # of ids/shares to be activated, we now define which players should receive extra shares & how many newcomers can join the scheme.

For each  $p_i$  consider the following ratio  $f = \frac{T_i^P}{w_i^P}$

\* this ratio  $f$  is increased by trust value and it is decreased by weight of  $p_i$

As a result, it's reasonable to activate ids in players for whom this ratio is highest (e.g. highest trust value & lowest weight) but this not enough since we need to consider newcomers (their trust value is zero). As such:

- (a)\* first priority is given to cooperative players for whom this ratio "1" is both highest & positive.
- (b)\* second priority is given to newcomers.
- (c)\* Third priority is given to other cooperative players with negative trust value.

II.3 using enrollment & disenrollment protocols.

**Secret Recovery** similar to weighted secret sharing scheme:

Authorized players  $\in \Delta$  are able to recover the

secret if  $\sum_{P_i \in \Delta} w_i \geq t$  through Lagrange interpolation.

# Trust Function

**Social:** trust is the willingness of a person to become vulnerable to the actions of another person irrespective of the ability to control these actions.

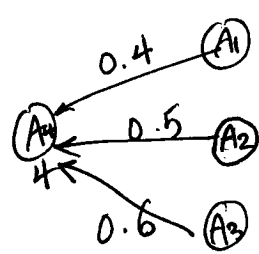
**Computer:** trust is defined as a personal expectation that a player has with respect to the future behavior of another party, i.e., a personal quantity.

Reputation is the perception that players have with respect to another player's intention, i.e., a social quantity.

**Applications areas:** Rational crypto, security, humanoid Robotics  
Game theory, p2p networks, multi-agent systems  
e-commerce, psychology & sociology.

trust value \*  $T_{ij}^p$  denotes the trust value assigned by  $P_j$  to  $P_i$  in period "p"

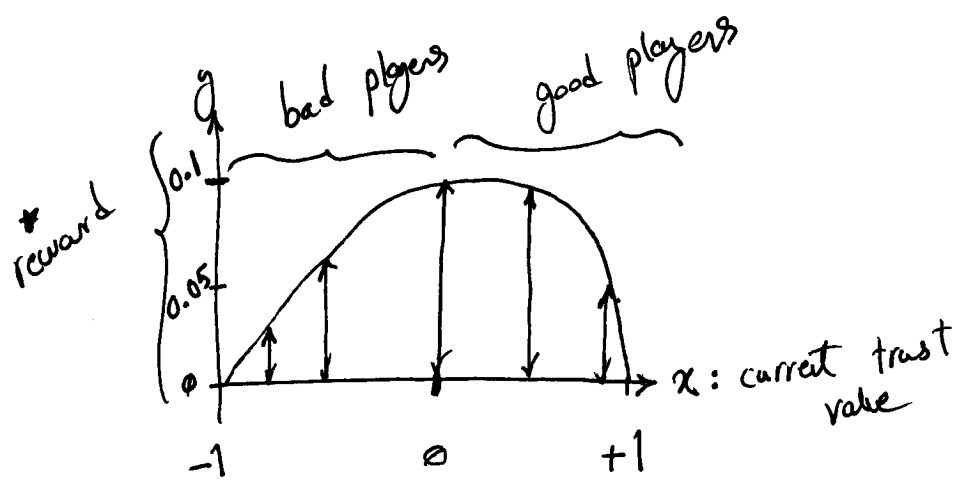
Reputation \*  $T_i^p = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j \neq i} T_{ij}^p$  where  $-1 \leq T_{ij}^p \leq +1$  &  $T_i^0 = \emptyset \rightarrow$  initial trust/rep value



$$\rightarrow T_4^p = \frac{1}{3} (0.4 + 0.5 + 0.6) = 0.5$$

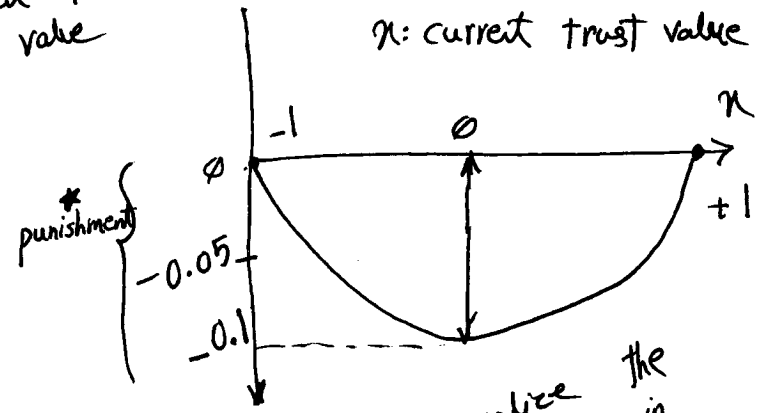
Reputation

Example  
a) Function



reward function in the case of cooperation

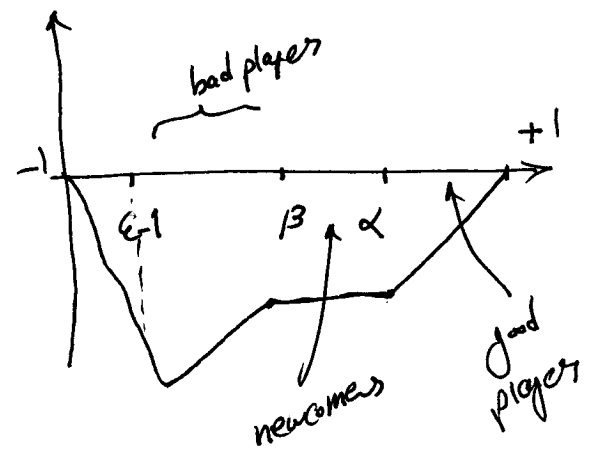
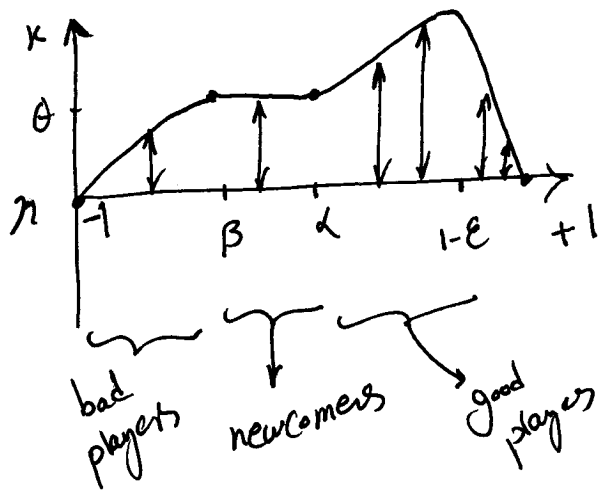
$$T_i^P = T_i^{P-1} + \underbrace{\mu(n)}_{\text{reward function}}$$



to penalize the players in the case of defection

$$T_i^P = T_i^{P-1} + \mu'(n)$$

b) Function Example



systematic trust modeling

1. Model specification
2. Transformation to mathematical model
3. Model evaluation
4. Modification & improvement.