

lec 09 Generalized Secret sharing (GSS) 1987 1

If an access structure can be demonstrated by a monotone formula (i.e., a formula with "or" and "and" gates without any "not" gates), it can be formalized by an efficient generalized secret sharing scheme.

Secret sharing

① Initially, the access structure is defined by the dealer as a monotone formula F . Let $S(\alpha, F)$ be a random function for secret " α " & a monotone formula " F ", which is defined as follows:

$$S(\alpha, \vee (F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n)) = \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq n} S(\alpha, F_i)$$

$$S(\alpha, \wedge (F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n)) = \bigcup_{1 \leq i \leq n} S(\alpha_i, F_i), \text{ where } \alpha = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \pmod{p}$$

and α_i are chosen uniformly at random from the FF \mathbb{Z}_p .

② The dealer moves over "or" gates in order to define different sets of players who can recover the secret independently based on the defined access structure. He shares α (secret) among the players of each set, who are connected by "and" gates such that the summation of the shares is equal to $\alpha \pmod{p}$ in each set.

Secret Recovery

① The players in each set can then add their shares together to reconstruct the secret " α " independent of other sets of players.

Example: If it is desirable to divide a secret 2 among 4 players p_i in such a way that either p_1 together with p_2 or p_3 together with p_4 can reconstruct the secret, the monotone formula would be $((p_1 \wedge p_2) \vee (p_3 \wedge p_4))$.

To share ' α ' according to this access structure, the dealer shares the secret independently between these two sets

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \pmod{p} \\ \alpha &= \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 \pmod{p} \end{aligned} \quad \rightarrow \alpha_i \text{ are random numbers from } \mathbb{Z}_p$$

Conditions: ① To recover the secret, the total weight of authorized players $\in \Delta$ (uncorrupted) must be equal or greater than the threshold:

$$\sum_{P_i \in \Delta} w_i \geq t$$

② on the other hand, the total weight of colluders $\in \nabla$ (corrupted) must be less than the threshold:

$$\sum_{P_i \in \nabla} w_i < t$$

③ Finally, the weight of each player is bounded to a parameter much less than t :

$$w_i \leq m \ll t \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$m=4 \rightarrow$ maximum weight of each player

P_1	1	2	3	4
P_2	5	...		8
\vdots				
P_n	-	-	-	-

secret sharing

① similar to TSS: $\begin{cases} f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x] & \text{of degree } t-1 \\ f(0) = \alpha \text{ secret} \end{cases}$

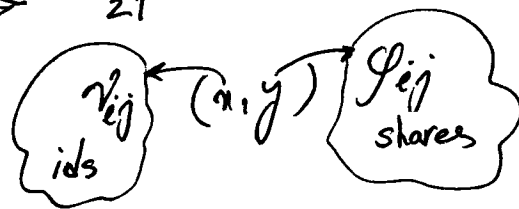
② shares of player P_i for $1 \leq i \leq n$ will be defined based on his weight w_i

$$y_{ij} = f(v_{ij}) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq j \leq w_i$$

where $v_{ij} = i \cdot m - m + j$ & " m " is the max weight

Example

$$\begin{cases} P_1 \rightarrow v_{1j} = 1 \times 4 - 4 + j & \xrightarrow{1 \leq j \leq 2} v_{11}=1, v_{12}=2 \\ \boxed{m=4 \quad w_1=2} \\ P_2 \rightarrow v_{2j} = 2 \times 4 - 4 + j & \xrightarrow{1 \leq j \leq 3} v_{21}=5, v_{22}=6, v_{23}=7 \\ \boxed{m=4 \quad w_2=3} \end{cases}$$



secret recovery

If the total weight of participating players is more than t , use Lagrangian interpolation to recover the secret

each P_i sends/reveals his shares y_{ij} for $1 \leq j \leq w_i$

$f(0) = \alpha$ defines the secret