

# INFO-F-514 - Course Report

## Secure computation

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# 1 Introduction

In this paper we will propose formal definitions of secure computation, also referred as secure multiparty computation. We will also give known examples in the literature that are defined following the logic of secure computation. We will then recall state of the art techniques and protocols that allow to resolve secure computations, specifically Oblivious Transfer.

## 2 Secure computation

A secure multi-part computation problem, is a problem where a computation, or a result, must be computed but the input that each party must use is confidential and not shared between all parties. Such problem can be defined as a function  $f(\cdot)$ , that takes  $n$  parameters. The idea is to be able to compute the function  $f(x_0, \dots, x_n)$  where the input  $x_i$  can only be accessed by the party  $i$ . The final results is accessible to everyone.

cite  $f(\cdot)$

Secure computation was first introduced by Yao's

Two party protocol

[?] proved that all secure computation can be reduced to OT12.

OT12 is equivalent to OT ?

## 3 Oblivious Transfer

### 3.1 Definition and variants

The Oblivious Transfer introduced by Rabin during in 1982 [Rab]. The Oblivious Transfer has many applications and has been first introduced has a protocol to resolve the Exchange Of Secret problem. The oblivious transfer protocol is defined as follows: a sender wants to send a message to a receiver, but it must not be able to tell if the receiver got the message, that is there is a probability of  $\frac{1}{2}$ , that the message has been sent to the receiver.

In the context of secure computation, The 1-out-of-2 Oblivious Transfer ( $OT_2^1$ ), another approach to the original Oblivious Transfer, is the problem that for a sender and a receiver, one of two messages must be sent from the receiver to the sender. The message received can be chosen by the receiver. Two constraints are that the sender must never know which message has been chosen, and the receiver must not know the content of the other message.

1-out-of- $n$  Oblivious Transfer ( $OT_n^1$ ) is an extension of  $OT_2^1$ , where the sender has  $n$  messages to send and the receiver must choose one of them. Those two protocols are theoretically equivalent has proven in [Cre88, Cac98].

### 3.2 1-out-of-2 Oblivious Transfer protocol

One possible protocol for the  $OT_2^1$  problem is by using a pair of keys using the RSA protocol, first proposed in [EGL85]. Let Alice be the sender and Bob the receiver. Alice has two messages  $m_0, m_1$ , and in addition to that a public RSA key  $(e, d, n)$ . The protocol is a multi-step communication between the two parties using the RSA public key of Alice.

The first step is for Alice to send the public key and two random values, that is the public key  $(e, n)$  and two random values  $x_0, x_1$  contains in the domain  $[1, n - 1]$ . Now that Bob has those inputs, he will generate on his side two other random values. The

first one is the bit  $b$  which value is either 0 or 1, and is used to choose which random inputs received from Alice, that is  $x_b$  would be either  $x_0$  or  $x_1$ . The second generated random value of Bob is a value  $k$  in the domain  $[1, n - 1]$ .

The second step is for Bob to return his response. Since we don't want Alice to know which value has been chosen, Bob will encrypt the value  $x_b$  by blinding it using the random value  $k$  that he generated. That is Bob will send to Alice the value  $v = (x_b + k^e) \bmod n$ . Upon receipt of  $v$ , Alice will decrypt  $v$  two times, by removing the random values. That is, Alice will have two values  $k_0, k_1$  where  $k_i = (v - x_i)^d \bmod n$ .

Finally, the last step is for Alice to send back the real message. Since  $v$  was blinded by Bob with the value  $k$ , Alice doesn't know which random  $x_i$  has been chosen. By computing the two  $k_i$  based on both values, one of them will be identical to the  $k$  value of Bob. The last inputs that Alice will send to Bob are the two messages  $m'_0, m'_1$  where  $m'_i = m_i + k_i$ . Upon receipt, Bob will have to decrypt the message with  $k$ , that is  $m_b = m'_b - k$ . Since Bob only has the  $k_i$  value associate to his message, he will not be able to decrypt the other message.

## 4 An application: Yao's millionaires problem

There exists multiple problems that used the secure computation definition. One example is the millionaires problem introduced by Yao in [Yao82], is the problem that for two millionaires they both want to know which one of them is the richer, but they don't want to know the difference. In this problem, the computation function is the usual comparison  $<$ , and the inputs are the incomes of the individuals. In [LT05], proposed an efficient solution to Yao's problem, using 1-out-of-2 Oblivious Transfer.

### 4.1 Description of the protocol

## 5 Secure computation with $OT_2^1$

## 6 Draft

Parler OT12

Dire que tout secure compute peut etre fait en OT12

Donner exemple de Secure COmput fait avec OT12

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