

Lab - Machine learning on encrypted data: Logistic Regression implementation with CKKS

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Abstract

In homomorphic encryption world, the Cheon-Kim-Kim-Song (CKKS) is currently known as the most efficient homomorphic encryption scheme for approximate arithmetic. It allows approximate addition and multiplication of encrypted messages [Che+17]. In spite of the fact that the encryption scheme can achieve practical performance in some applications, we evaluate Logistic Regression model with the CKKS scheme against encryption performance, training performance, and accuracy of the output model.

Currently, there are two well-known libraries which are built on top of the CKKS scheme: HEAAN (C++), and TenSEAL (Python). We decide to use TenSEAL, because Python programming language is easier than C++ and it is popular in Data Science world. Firstly, we implement the CKKS Logistic Regression and run it on four randomly generated datasets:

- framingham (40000 9-D points),
- LogReg_sample_dataset (1000 2-D points),
- HRF_samples_small (1000 5-D datapoints),
- HRF_samples_big: (50000 5-D points).

Secondly, we run a normal Logistic Regression on those datasets. Then we compare the normal Logistic Regression and the CKKS Logistic Regression in term of performance, e.g., runtimes and the accuracy of the final results. In conclusion, we find that the CKKS Logistic Regression model achieves the similar accuracy to the normal Logistic Regression. However, the training CKKS encrypted data does take much more time, because the TenSEAL library has not yet supported encrypted matrix addition and multiplication at the time of the evaluation.

Besides the performance evaluation, we propose a solution to reduce the runtime and the amount of allocated memory drastically when encrypting the datasets with the CKKS scheme by packing multiple datapoints into a single datapoint. Finally, we also suggest a method to enable the CKKS Logistic Regression to deal with the packed datapoints.

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than does H₂O

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Matrix multiplication is even more demanding!

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1 Introduction

Nowadays, data encryption helps us with protecting our data from being leaked or stolen. However, at the very beginning of data encryption, it was impossible to do evaluation over the encrypted data. It raises a problem for companies and organizations which want to gain useful information from their customers' data and have to ensure the privacy regulations at the same time. This is where fully homomorphic encryption plays its part to enable arithmetic operations over the encrypted data. Therefore, the fully homomorphic encryption allow us to apply some machine learning algorithms to homomorphic encrypted data.

In this report, we would like to use Cheon-Kim-Kim-Song homomorphic encryption scheme (CKKS) along with Logistic Regression to evaluate performance of training process and accuracy of generated models. Alternatively, Brakerski/Fan-Vercauteren homomorphic encryption scheme (BFV) [FV12] could be an option. Nevertheless, it can only do arithmetic calculations over integers, which means we need to transform the data before processing. In contrast to BFV, CKKS is designed to deal with the real numbers. As a result, we choose CKKS over BFV. The theory behind CKKS is explained in detail in a scientific paper "Homomorphic Encryption for Arithmetic of Approximate Numbers" [Che+17]. So that, the report does not go too much into how CKKS works and does not prove the theory. Instead, the report will answer following question: How is the performance of Logistic Regression over CKKS encrypted datasets (i.e. How fast is it to train the CKKS encrypted data compared with training plaintext data? Does Logistic Regression over CKKS encrypted datasets consume more memory? How accurate is the final model of Logistic Regression over CKKS encrypted dataset?)

In order to finalize the evaluation, four 2-class datasets is encrypted by CKKS scheme:

- framingham (40000 9-D points),
- LogReg_sample_dataset (1000 2-D points),
- HRF_samples_small (1000 5-D datapoints),
- HRF_samples_big (50000 5-D points).

Then the encrypted datasets are trained by using gradient-descent Logistic Regression. Measurements are taken on a single machine to prevent bias and any inconsistencies.

In addition, we would like to propose a method to reduce amount of memory needed to encrypt the data by CKKS scheme. The method also saves network bandwidth, if the encrypted data needs to be transferred over the network, i.e., the internet.

2 Preliminaries

2.1 Cyclotomic Ring

Let $\Phi_M(X)$ be the M -th cyclotomic polynomial of degree N . Let $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{Z}[X]/\Phi_M(X)$ be the integer ring and write $\mathcal{R}/q\mathcal{R}$ as the residue ring of \mathcal{R} modulo an integer q .

In CKKS scheme, the polynomial with degree of power of 2 is used, and M is always two times the degree, i.e. the ring used in CKKS scheme is $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(X^N + 1)$ and $N = M/2$. For a real polynomial $a \in \mathcal{R} = \mathbb{Z}[X]/\Phi_M(X)$, the canonical embedding $\sigma(a)$ are $\zeta_M^j \in \mathbb{C}^N$ where $j \in \mathbb{Z}_M^*$ and $\zeta_M = e^{2\pi i/M}$ is the primitive M th root of unity.

$$\sigma(a) = [a(\zeta_M^j)]_{0 \leq j < N}$$

2.2 Gaussian Distribution

For a real number r , we define the Gaussian function as $\rho_r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi r^2}} \exp(-\pi \|z\|^2 / r^2)$, where $\|z\|$ is the L_2 norm of the vector z . A discrete Gaussian distribution is usually used as the RLWE error distribution, continuous Gaussian distribution has to be discretized by a rounding function.

2.3 RLWE Problem

Here we define the (decisional) RLWE problem as follows. We write \mathcal{R}^\vee as the fractional ideal of \mathcal{R} and $\mathcal{R}_q^\vee = \mathcal{R}^\vee / q\mathcal{R}^\vee$. For a secret $s \in \mathcal{R}_q^\vee$, let $q \geq 2$ be the modulus, $r \in (\mathbb{R}^+)^N$ and an error distribution $\chi := (\Psi_r)_{\mathcal{R}^\vee}$, a RLWE distribution $A_{N,q,\chi}(s)$ over $\mathcal{R}_q \times \mathcal{R}_q^\vee$ is sampled by choosing $a \leftarrow \mathcal{R}_q$ uniformly at random, $e \leftarrow \chi$, and output an RLWE instance as $(a, a \cdot s + e) \in \mathcal{R}_q \times \mathcal{R}_q^\vee$.

The decisional RLWE problem is to distinguish between the samples drawn from the RLWE distribution $A_{N,q,\chi}(s)$ and the samples drawn uniformly at random from the distribution $\mathcal{R}_q \times \mathcal{R}_q^\vee$, with non-negligible probability.

Note that the form of RLWE sample is sometimes written as $(a, a \cdot s + e) \in \mathcal{R}_q \times \mathcal{R}_q$ because s and e can be transformed by multiplying them by a tweak factor t , such that $ts, te \in \mathcal{R}_q$, and $(a, a \cdot ts + te) \in \mathcal{R}_q \times \mathcal{R}_q$. As CKKS scheme uses a power-of-two cyclotomic ring, the dual ideal is $\mathcal{R}^\vee = N^{-1} \cdot \mathcal{R}$. Thus the tweak factor for s and e is just N . The RLWE problems in these two forms are entirely equivalent in terms of computation, but it turns out that $\mathcal{R}_q \times \mathcal{R}_q^\vee$ form is the right definition for hardness proof and cryptographic applications when using a (nearly) spherical error e [LPR10] [LPR13].

2.4 Fully Homomorphic Encryption and Bootstrapping

Homomorphic encryption is an encryption scheme that enables computation on encrypted data and produces encrypted results matching those of plaintext computations, without needing to decrypt the data or know the decryption key. More precisely, one can take a set of encrypted message $\text{Enc}(x_1), \dots, \text{Enc}(x_n)$ and homomorphically compute a function on this set, i.e. produce an encryption of the function of them, that is, $\text{Enc}(f(x_1, \dots, x_n))$. The homomorphic computation should be correct, i.e.

$$\text{Dec}_{sk}(\text{Enc}_{pk}(f(x_1, \dots, x_n))) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n).$$

Homomorphic encryption schemes built from LWE usually have a problem of error growth from homomorphic computations, which makes the scheme being not able to compute functions correctly after the error grows to a certain size. These schemes can only homomorphically evaluate circuit with a bounded depth, and they are usually called 'somewhat homomorphic' or 'leveled'.

A concept called 'bootstrapping' proposed by Gentry [Gen09] allows us to reduce the error rate of a ciphertext, thus enables homomorphic computation with unbounded depth. Homomorphic encryption scheme with unbounded depth is called fully homomorphic encryption. Suppose we have a ciphertext C of the plaintext m , where its error rate is too large for a homomorphic computation. The idea behind bootstrapping is to encrypt the secret key, i.e. $\text{Enc}(sk)$, then homomorphically evaluate the decryption function on C and $\text{Enc}(sk)$. Thus, the homomorphic decryption function will produce a 'refreshed' ciphertext C' , which is the encryption of m with a lower error rate:

$$\text{Dec}_{HE}(\text{Enc}(sk), C) = C' = \text{Enc}(m).$$

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problematic, since Enc is not deterministic. Better: $\text{Dec}_{HE}(C') = m$.

* homomorphic encryption usually means schemes like RSA, which are homomorphic w.r.t. to one operation. Fully homomorphic = arbitrary operations, i.e. several op's on arbitrary depth.

\exp or \exp operator named \exp

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$\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

(This notation is less ambiguous.)

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2.5 Cheon-Kim-Kim-Song homomorphic encryption scheme

The CKKS scheme is a fully homomorphic encryption scheme for approximate arithmetic, which supports approximate addition and multiplication on real number with unbounded depth. Its security is based on the hardness to solve the ring learning with errors problem (RLWE), and the decryption of this scheme results in a small error on data, which is acceptable for some real world applications.

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Batching and plaintext encoding. The idea of batching in FHE scheme is to batch multiple plaintexts into a single ciphertext, which allows us to perform homomorphic computation efficiently with parallel computation. As CKKS scheme relies on RLWE, the batched vectors must be encoded into polynomials contained in an appropriate cyclotomic ring. The idea of encoding and decoding is to use canonical embedding, e.g. a plaintext vector $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^{N/2}$ is encoded as a polynomial $m(X) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]/(X^N + 1)$ by the inverse of canonical embedding and vice versa.

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More precisely, the image of the canonical embedding $\sigma(a)$ is in the subring $\mathbb{H} = \{(z_j)_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_M^*} : z_j = \overline{z_{-j}}\}$ of \mathbb{C}^N . As half of the elements in \mathbb{H} are conjugate to the other half, the plaintext vectors \mathbf{z} are in $\mathbb{C}^{N/2}$. To project from \mathbb{C}^N to $\mathbb{C}^{N/2}$, a projection π is defined by $(z_j)_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_M^*} \mapsto (z_j)_{j \in T}$ where T is a multiplicative subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_M^* satisfying $\mathbb{Z}_M^*/T = \{\pm 1\}$.

$\in \mathbb{C}^N$

I prefer \mathbb{Z}_M^* , since...

In encoding algorithm, we first need to expand the vector $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^{N/2}$ to \mathbb{C}^N by using π^{-1} and $\pi^{-1}(\mathbf{z}) \in \mathbb{H}$. As $\sigma(\mathcal{R})$ is countable but \mathbb{H} is isomorphic to $\mathbb{C}^{N/2}$ (defined by π) and uncountable, $\pi^{-1}(\mathbf{z})$ may not be in $\sigma(\mathcal{R})$. Thus we need to discretize $\pi^{-1}(\mathbf{z})$ by the coordinate-wise randomized rounding (written as $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor_{\sigma(\mathcal{R})}$) [LPR13].

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As rounding in encoding process may destroy some significant figures, we need to multiply the plaintext by a scaling factor Δ before encoding, and divide it by Δ^{-1} in the decoding algorithm.

The full encoding and decoding algorithm are defined as follows:

Encoding: a vector $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{C}^{N/2}$ is taken as input. We first expand it to $\pi^{-1}(\mathbf{z}) \in \mathbb{H}$, then multiply it by the scaling factor Δ , followed by the rounding function. Finally, apply the inverse of canonical embedding σ^{-1} . The resulting polynomial is

$$m(X) = \sigma^{-1}(\lfloor \Delta \cdot \pi^{-1}(\mathbf{z}) \rfloor_{\sigma(\mathcal{R})}) \in \mathcal{R}. \quad \S \S$$

Decoding: a polynomial $m \in \mathcal{R}$ is taken as input. The resulting vector is

$$\mathbf{z} = \pi \circ \sigma(\Delta^{-1} \cdot m) \in \mathbb{C}^{N/2}. \quad \S \S$$

Encryption and decryption. In CKKS scheme, the encryption of a plaintext m outputs $(c_0, c_1) = (-a \cdot s + e + m, a) \bmod q$, and the decryption of a ciphertext is $\text{Dec}((c_0, c_1), s) = c_0 + c_1 \cdot s = (-a \cdot s + e + m) + a \cdot s = m + e \bmod q$.

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Bootstrapping. As the decryption algorithm consists of a modular reduction, the bootstrapping of CKKS scheme thus includes a homomorphic modular reduction. Since CKKS scheme is infeasible to do homomorphic modular reduction, Cheon et al. [Che+18] proposed a bootstrapping for CKKS scheme where decryption formula is approximated by an approximate polynomial of a scaled sine function. A trigonometric function is a good approximation of modular reduction because it is the identity nearby zero and periodic with period q .

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σ is the embedding.
 $\sigma(a)$ is a value of it.
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2.6 Logistic Regression

Logistic Regression is a common supervised machine learning model mainly for two-class classification. The logistic sigmoid function has the form

$$\sigma(a) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-a)}$$

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and the posterior probability for a class C_1 can be written as

$$p(C_1 | \mathbf{x}) = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})}$$

where \mathbf{x} is the feature vector and \mathbf{w} is the weight vector we need to learn in training phase. The term 'sigmoid' means S-shaped, as you can see in figure 1. This type of function is usually called 'squashing function' because it maps the whole real axis into a finite interval. As CKKS scheme can only evaluate polynomial function, logistic sigmoid function

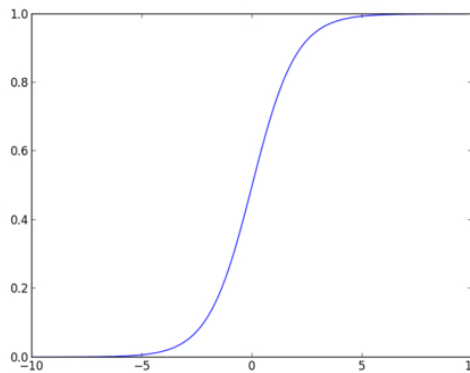


Figure 1: Plot of the logistic sigmoid function

can only be approximated by a specific polynomial. Refer to section 3.1 for details.

2.7 Gradient Descent

Logistic regression requires nonlinear optimization methods to estimate the regression parameters. The most well-known cost function optimization approaches in logistic regression are the Newton-Raphson and the gradient descent. Since matrix inversion is a must when using the Newton-Raphson method and the CKKS scheme does not support that feature, we put the Newton-Raphson method aside and consider the gradient descent method to train the encrypted datasets. Fortunately, the gradient descent method does not need matrix inversion and any division operations, as a result it is suitable for training the CKKS encrypted data.

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The idea of gradient descent for logistic regression is as follows:

Maximum likelihood is used for adjusting the parameter of the logistic regression model.

We first need the derivative of the logistic sigmoid function:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\mathbf{w}} = \sigma(1 - \sigma)\mathbf{x}$$

$$\sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$$

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You define $\sigma(a) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-a)}$

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but I guess this derivative refers to the function $(\mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x}) \mapsto \sigma(\langle \mathbf{w}, \mathbf{x} \rangle)$.

For a data set $\{x_n, t_n\}$, where $t_n \in \{0, 1\}$ is the target value, and $n = 1, \dots, N$, the likelihood function is:

$$p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}) = \prod_{n=1}^N y_n^{t_n} \{1 - y_n\}^{1-t_n} \quad ?$$

where $\mathbf{t} = (t_1, \dots, t_N)^T$ and $y_n = p(C_1|x_n)$.

We then take the negative logarithm of the likelihood function as the error function, and this gives us a cross-entropy error function:

$$E(\mathbf{w}) = -\ln p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^N \{t_n \ln y_n + (1 - t_n) \ln(1 - y_n)\}$$

where $y_n = \sigma(\mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{x})$. Using the derivative above to take the gradient of the error function, we get

$$\nabla E(\mathbf{w}) = \sum_{n=1}^N (y_n - t_n) \mathbf{x}_n$$

This gradient of the error function is used for the iterative update of the weight:

$$\mathbf{w} \leftarrow \mathbf{w} - \alpha \nabla E(\mathbf{w})$$

where $\alpha > 0$ is the learning rate.

3 Related Work

In this section, we would like to introduce two papers: *Secure Logistic Regression Based on Homomorphic Encryption: Design and Evaluation* [Kim+18b], and *Logistic regression model training based on the approximate homomorphic encryption* [Kim+18a]. Both of the papers present ways to implement logistic regression based on CKKS encryption scheme.

3.1 Secure Logistic Regression Based on Homomorphic Encryption: Design and Evaluation

The authors adapted CKKS encryption scheme which is optimized for real number computation. Notably, a least squares approximation of the logistic function is introduced to improve accuracy and efficiency.

We know that the sigmoid function plays an important part in Logistic Regression data training using the gradient descent method. Despite the gradient descent can be used along with CKKS encryption scheme, there is still a computational difficulty arises during the implementation. The sigmoid function becomes that issue, because the CKKS can only evaluate the polynomial functions. Therefore, Taylor polynomials have been formulated as an approximate replacement of the sigmoid function. However, the authors found that even if the Taylor polynomial $T_9(x)$, the accuracy is not enough; because it is a local approximation near a certain point (see figure 2a).

Due to limitation of the Taylor polynomial, Miran Kim et al. [Kim+18b] adopted a global approximation to minimize the the mean squared error which is defines by: $(1/|I|) \int_I f(x)^2 dx$, where $f(x)$ is an integrable function and I is an interval. The least

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I do not understand the idea behind these many adhoc calculations. They should be much more prominent than the calculations...

That is inevitable! It all depends on the range where the values x occurring in the final algorithm are that must be known in advance!

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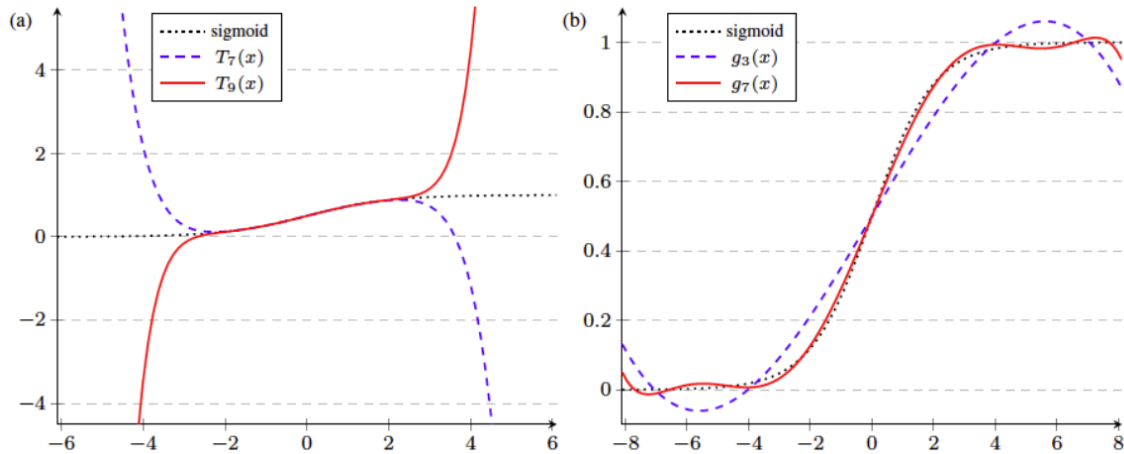


Figure 2: Graphs of (a) sigmoid function and Taylor polynomials and (b) sigmoid function and least squares approximations. [Kim+18b]

$$g_3(x) = 0.5 + 1.20096 * (x/8) - 0.81562 * (x/8)^3$$

$$g_7(x) = 0.5 + 1.73496 * (x/8) - 4.19407 * (x/8)^3 + 5.43402 * (x/8)^5 - 2.50739 * (x/8)^7$$

Figure 3: Degree 3 (g_3) and 7 (g_7) least squares approximation of the sigmoid function. [Kim+18b]

squares method is meant to produce a polynomial $g(x)$ of degree d minimizing the mean squared error $(1/|I|) \int_I (f(x) - g(x))^2 dx$. The authors used degree 3 and 7 least squares approximation of the sigmoid function over the interval $[-8,8]$ (see formulas 3). It has been proved that g_3 only needs a smaller depth for evaluation, while g_7 is more precise (see figure 2b).

In order to evaluate their method, five chosen datasets are described in table 1. These single-binary-labeled datasets can be used to train binary classifiers, e.g., logistic regression. In table 2, the final models of encrypted approach and encrypted logistic regression are compared. We see that the gaps between those models are not huge; therefore, the paper's approach is as good as the unencrypted logistic regression with the original sigmoid function.

Dataset	Number of observations	Number of features
Edinburgh Myocardial Infarction	1253	10
Low Birth Weight Study	189	10
Nhanes III	15,649	16
Prostate Cancer Study	379	10
Umaru Impact Study	575	9

Table 1: Description of datasets. [Kim+18b]

3.2 Logistic regression model training based on the approximate homomorphic encryption

Similar to the paper of Miran Kim et al. [Kim+18b], Kim et al. [Kim+18a] also described a mean to train a logistic regression model without leaking any information by using CKKS encryption scheme. Especially, they proposed a new encoding method to reduce the size

Dataset and iteration number	Degree of $g(x)$	Our homomorphic encryption-based logistic regression		Unencrypted logistic regression	
		Accuracy	AUC	Accuracy	AUC
Edinburgh Myocardial Infarction					
25	3	86.03%	0.956	88.43%	0.956
20	7	86.19%	0.954	86.19%	0.954
Low Birth Weight Study					
25	3	69.30%	0.665	68.25%	0.668
20	7	69.29%	0.678	69.29%	0.678
Nhanes III					
25	3	79.23%	0.732	79.26%	0.751
20	7	79.23%	0.737	79.23%	0.737
Prostate Cancer Study					
25	3	68.85%	0.742	68.86%	0.750
20	7	69.12%	0.750	69.12%	0.752
Umaru Impact Study					
25	3	74.43%	0.585	74.43%	0.587
20	7	75.43%	0.617	74.43%	0.619

Table 2: Comparison of encrypted/unencrypted logistic regression. [Kim+18b]

of the encrypted database. In addition, adapting Nesterov's accelerated gradient descent helps to reduce the number of iterations as well as computational power while assuring the quality of final models.

The original gradient descent has an issue when dealing with the local minimas. If the learning rate is too low, we might stuck in a local minima; therefore, we cannot get to the global minima. Many gradient descent algorithms have been developed to overcome this problem, for example, momentum gradient descent. Nesterov's accelerated gradient descent [Nes83] is a variant of momentum gradient descent. It applies moving average to the update vector, and calculate the gradient at this "look-ahead" position afterward. It is proved to give a better convergence of $O(1/t^2)$ after iterating t steps theoretically as well as practically. The weight update equations of the Nesterov's accelerated gradient descent are shown in figure 4.

$$\begin{aligned}\theta^{(t+1)} & \leftarrow v^{(t)} - \alpha_t \nabla J(v^{(t)}) \\ v^{(t+1)} & \leftarrow (1 - \gamma_t) \theta^{(t+1)} + \gamma_t \theta^{(t)}\end{aligned}$$

Figure 4: Equations of Nesterov's accelerated gradient descent. $0 < \gamma_t < 1$.

In order to achieve an efficient computation, the authors pack all data points of a dataset into a single vector in row-by-row order. The concept is shown in figure 5; where each row represents one data point, $(f + 1)$ is the number of features, and n is the number of data points in the dataset. To evaluate gradient descent on the vector w , shifting operations of row and column vectors are needed. A shift algorithm $Rot(w, r)$ can shift the encrypted vector w by r positions. For example, we get a new dataset Z' (see figure 6), if we do $Rot(w, f + 1)$ (which means we shift the vector w by $(f + 1)$ positions).

Applying the Nesterov's accelerated gradient descent [Nes83] and the data packing

$$Z = \begin{bmatrix} z_{10} & z_{11} & \cdots & z_{1f} \\ z_{20} & z_{21} & \cdots & z_{2f} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ z_{n0} & z_{n1} & \cdots & z_{nf} \end{bmatrix} \quad Z \mapsto \mathbf{w} = (z_{10}, \dots, z_{1f}, z_{20}, \dots, z_{2f}, \dots, z_{n0}, \dots, z_{nf})$$

(a) The dataset described as a matrix Z (b) The matrix Z is packed in a vector w

Figure 5: Data encoding concept of paper [Kim+18a]

$$Z' = \begin{bmatrix} z_{20} & z_{21} & \cdots & z_{2f} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ z_{n0} & z_{n1} & \cdots & z_{nf} \\ z_{10} & z_{11} & \cdots & z_{1f} \end{bmatrix}$$

Figure 6: New matrix Z' corresponding to the shifted vector w' . Where $w' = \text{Rot}(w, f + 1)$ [Kim+18a]

approach above, ^{we} the authors achieve similar output models as the approach described in [Kim+18b] with much less runtimes and less allocated memory. The results are shown in the table 3.

4 Evaluation

4.1 Implementation

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All experiments were executed on free tier Google Colab virtual machine which gives 12 GB of RAM. We chose to use TenSEAL and numpy to perform encryption and arithmetic operations on the data. Before encrypting the data, we need to clarify some important arguments which are needed for encryption:

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- `coeff_mod_bit_sizes` is a list of numbers. The first number and the last number decide the precision of the decrypted result. Each of the remaining numbers decides the bit size of a result each time we apply multiplication on the encrypted data.

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Dataset	Sample num	Feature num	Method	deg g	Iter num	Enc time	Learn time	Storage	Accuracy	AUC
Edinburgh	1253	9	[Kim+18a]	5	7	2s	3.6 min	0.02 GB	91.04%	0.958
			[Kim+18b]	3	25	12s	114 min	0.69 GB	86.03%	0.956
			[Kim+18b]	7	20	12s	114 min	0.71 GB	86.19%	0.954
lbw	189	9	[Kim+18a]	5	7	2s	3.3 min	0.02 GB	69.19%	0.689
			[Kim+18b]	3	25	11s	99 min	0.67 GB	69.30%	0.665
			[Kim+18b]	7	20	11s	86 min	0.70 GB	69.29%	0.678
nhanes3	15649	15	[Kim+18a]	5	7	14s	7.3 min	0.16 GB	79.22%	0.717
			[Kim+18b]	3	25	21s	235 min	1.15 GB	79.23%	0.732
			[Kim+18b]	7	20	21s	208 min	1.17 GB	79.23%	0.737
pcs	379	9	[Kim+18a]	5	7	2s	3.5 min	0.02 GB	68.27%	0.740
			[Kim+18b]	3	25	11s	103 min	0.68 GB	68.85%	0.742
			[Kim+18b]	7	20	11s	97 min	0.70 GB	69.12%	0.750
uis	575	8	[Kim+18a]	5	7	2s	3.5 min	0.02 GB	74.44%	0.603
			[Kim+18b]	3	25	10s	104 min	0.61 GB	74.43%	0.585
			[Kim+18b]	7	20	10s	96 min	0.63 GB	75.43%	0.617

Table 3: Implementation results for 5 datasets with 5-fold CV [Kim+18a]

Relate this to the prior description.
Is that $N, N/2, N$?

- `poly_modulus_degree` is a positive power of 2. The larger the value is, the more complicated encrypted computations it allows; however, the slower the operations are. The value selection of `poly_modulus_degree` depends on the value of `coeff_mod_bit_sizes`. See figure 7. For example: if `coeff_mod_bit_sizes` = [40, 20, 40], the total of coefficient mod bit sizes is 100; so that we have to choose the value 4096 of `poly_modulus_degree` which correspond to the value 109 of the max `coeff_modulus` bit-length.
- `global_scale` determines the bit-precision of the encoding, so that it affects the precision of the result.

<code>poly_modulus_degree</code>	max <code>coeff_modulus</code> bit-length
1024	27
2048	54
4096	109
8192	218
16384	438
32768	881

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So it determines the number of correct post-encoding bits. "precision" is an ambiguous word.

Figure 7: Dependency between `coeff_mod_bit_sizes` and `poly_modulus_degree` [Microsoft SEAL's Github Repository](#)

In this lab, we chose these settings:

- `coeff_mod_bit_sizes` = [37, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 37]
- `poly_mod_degree` = 16384
- `global_scale` = 2^{28}

Because we have a multiplicative depth of 7, the number list `coeff_mod_bit_sizes` has a size of 9.

With regard to sigmoid approximation, we decided to use g_3 , because it needs a smaller depth for evaluation compared with g_7 (see figure 2b). In addition, we did not use any other improved variant of the gradient descent than just the original one. A pseudo-code 1 shows how we implement the Logistic Regression with the gradient descent to train CKKS-encrypted data. In line 11 of the pseudo-code 1, we need to bootstrap the `enc_weight` and `enc_bias`, because our settings only allow the multiplicative depth of 7. If we continue the while loop without bootstrapping, the information loss of the encrypted weights and the encrypted bias will increase drastically, which also prevents information recovery. Since the TenSEAL library did not support bootstrapping in CKKS mode at the time of writing, we simulate the bootstrapping by decrypting the weights and the bias then encrypting them again.

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Algorithm 1 Logistic Regression with the gradient descent to train CKKS-encrypted data

Require: S - the CKKS-encrypted dataset consisting of m tuples (enc_x, enc_y) , enc_weight - initial weight vector consisting of 0s, enc_bias - initial bias with value of 0, $0 \leq lr \leq 1$ - learning rate

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1: while  $N \leq EPOCH\_count$  do
2:   for each  $(enc\_x, enc\_y) \in S$  do
3:      $\hat{y} \leftarrow approximate\_sigmoid((enc\_x * enc\_weight) + enc\_bias)$ 
4:      $\Delta w \leftarrow \Delta w + enc\_x * (\hat{y} - enc\_y)$ 
5:      $\Delta b \leftarrow \Delta b + (\hat{y} - enc\_y)$ 
6:   end for
7:    $enc\_weight \leftarrow enc\_weight - lr * (\Delta w / m)$ 
8:    $enc\_bias \leftarrow enc\_bias - lr * (\Delta b / m)$ 
9:    $\Delta w \leftarrow 0, \Delta b \leftarrow 0$ 
10:   $N \leftarrow N + 1$ 
11:  Bootstrapping
12: end while
13: Return  $enc\_weight$  and  $enc\_bias$ 
```

4.2 Datasets

There are 4 datasets that are used to evaluate the experiments:

- **framingham**: This dataset has 40000 rows, and 16 columns. Since we dropped some unrelated features and remove rows with missing values, only 1114 9-D datapoints were used to train a Logistic Regression model. The final model is to predict if "10 year risk of coronary heart disease CHD" is possible or not based on specific inputs.
- **LogReg_sample_dataset**: This dataset is randomly generated. It has 1000 2-dimensional (2-D) datapoints. They are labeled with either 0 or 1, such that group of points with label 0 and group of points with label 1 are linearly separable. See definition of linear separability in figure 8.
- **HRF_sample_small**: This dataset is also randomly generated. It is linearly separable and it has 1000 5-D datapoints labeled with 0 or 1.
- **HRF_samples_big**: Similar to the dataset **HRF_sample_small**, it is linearly separable. However, it has 50000 5-D labeled with 0 or 1 datapoints.

Let X_0 and X_1 be 2 sets of points in an n -dimensional Euclidean space. Then X_0 and X_1 are linearly separable if there exists $n + 1$ real numbers w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n, k such that every point $x \in X_0$ satisfies $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i > k$ and every point $x \in X_1$ satisfies $\sum_{i=1}^n w_i x_i < k$, where x_i is the i -th component of x .

Figure 8: Definition of linear separability [Wik21]

4.3 Experiment Result

For each dataset, we use 70% of the dataset to train, and the remaining 30% of the dataset is used as a test set. The number of epochs is 100, which means the training set is shuffled and fed to the algorithm 100 times, and the learning rate is 0.01.

In table 4, we show the time to encrypt each dataset and the amount of memory to hold the encrypted datasets. The first 2 columns present those properties when encrypting the datapoint one by one in each dataset, while the other 2 columns present the same

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Dataset	Sample num	Feature num	Type	Parameter set	Encryption time (seconds)	Allocated memory
framingham	1114	9	non-packed	Set 1	73.6	4.677 GB
			packed	Set 2	0.145	0.0075 GB
LogReg_sample_dataset	1000	2	non-packed	Set 1	64.5	4.197 GB
			packed	Set 1	0.07	0.004 GB
HRF_sample_small	1000	5	non-packed	Set 1	63.589	4.197 GB
			packed	Set 1	0.067	0.0044 GB
HRF_samples_big	first 2000 samples	5	non-packed	Set 1	136.2	8.39 GB
			packed	Set 2	0.17	0.008 GB

Table 4: CKKS encryption time and allocated memory for 4 datasets. NOTE: Some packed datasets require a larger value of `poly_mod_degree`, so that we use 2 parameter sets: Set 1: `poly_mod_degree = 16384`, `coeff_mod_bit_sizes = [37, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 37]` & Set 2: `poly_mod_degree = 32768`, `coeff_mod_bit_sizes = [37, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 28, 37]`.

Dataset	Sample num	Feature num	Method	Epoch num	seconds/epoch	Accuracy	Loss	Note
framingham	1114	9	CKKS LR	100	385	0.706	0.644	
			plaintext LR	100	0.035	0.658	0.64	
LogReg_sample_dataset	1000	2	CKKS LR	100	217	1.0	0.15	
			plaintext LR	100	0.03	1.0	0.16	
HRF_sample_small	1000	5	CKKS LR	100	303	0.89	0.31	
			plaintext LR	100	0.33	0.89	0.30	
HRF_samples_big	50000	5	CKKS LR	100	X	X	X	Error: out of memory
			plaintext LR	100	0.78	0.89	0.32	

Table 5: CKKS LR implementation results for 4 datasets

properties when packing all datapoints of each dataset into a single vector in row-by-row order (see figure 5). We also should note that due to difference in matrix shape between original datasets and packed ones, we have to use different sets of `poly_mod_degree` and `coeff_mod_bit_sizes` to make the encryption possible. The table clearly shows that the time to encrypt the packed datasets and the amount of memory to hold the encrypted packed datasets are greatly smaller than the measurements of non-packed datasets. Because of the google colab's memory limitation, we could not encrypt the non-packed dataset `HRF_samples_big`, which has 50000 rows. As a result, we only use the first 2000 datapoints in the dataset `HRF_samples_big` to do the comparison. Another difficulty is that we could not train the encrypted-packed datasets, as the library TenSEAL had not supported vector shifting at the time of conducting the experiments.

Table 5 not only tells the tiny differences between the final models trained by the CKKS Logistic Regression using the CKKS-encrypted data and the ones trained by the normal Logistic Regression using the original datasets, but also states the huge gaps of the runtime per epoch. The reason why the differences are insignificant is because we do simulate bootstrapping process of CKKS during training the data, which also means the error produced by applying multiple multiplications on encrypted data is minimized. For the dataset `HRF_samples_big`, the out-of-memory error occurs during CKKS encryption process, which also stop the program from processing further to the learning step.

In attempt to improve the runtime of the CKKS Logistic Regression's training process, we also try to apply concurrency programming pattern to the algorithm (section 5). Furthermore, we propose a way to reduce the memory needed to encrypt the data in section 6 in order to solve the out-of-memory problem we have in table 5.

5 Parallelization of learning

We've shown that learning on encrypted data which are encrypted with the CKKS GM scheme is possible. But it takes a long time to train the logistic regression.

The first attempt to speed up the learning process was to find a way to parallelize the calculation.

$$\Delta w = \sum_{i=0}^N input_i * (output_i - expected_i)$$

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With a look at the equation to calculate the weight changes during the learning process it is obvious where the approach is to split the equation for the threads.

$$\Delta w = \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{1}{T}N} input_i * (output_i - expected_i) + \dots + \sum_{i=\frac{T-1}{T}N}^N input_j * (output_j - expected_j)$$

After splitting the sum into thread many sums we can calculate the sum pieces in parallel and after this we need to sum up the pieces to get the whole sum. This should lead us to a speed up of learning. But we need to take care about some points if we work with threads.

First of all we have only additions and multiplications, which are really fast calculations, in the threads. So we need to think about the overhead of threads. To create a thread some amount of time is needed. If the creation needs more time than the calculation then threading is not useful. But we can take care of the overhead if we use the busy waiting method where we start all threads we needed at the beginning of our algorithm and the threads will never closed but they wait for information that they can work on. Here we need to know that all operation systems have an internal key how often a thread can be called in one second. If we create threads above our system kernels, then the operation system need to set some threads to sleep. But if the down time of these threads greater than the calculation time then to many threads will not end up in a speed up. We should only use kernel minus one many threads for the calculation because the main process needs one thread too.

Because the threads always run we need a global variable where we can tell the threads that new data are available and another global variable where the threads can tell that they are finished. So our main thread can tell the worker threads when they should work and our main thread knows when he can go on with his calculation.

With this ideas we can create a workflow for the learning algorithm. The pseudo code in Algorithm 2 shows this workflow.

Next we need to think about the single threads and how they should work and the calculation they should do.

Because we will work with threads we need to think about race conditions and deadlocks of the threads. We have only one data set for all threads but the threads only need to read on this data set. So there is no problem. To avoid the race condition for the result we can use semaphores but then we maybe slow down the whole calculation because the threads need to wait. Better each thread has his own result and the main process sum up each single thread result after all threads are done with their calculation. For this we set up a global variable for the results. So we don't need semaphores and over all we have no race conditions and no deadlocks.

We start each thread with a unique ID. This ID is the thread number, which starts with zero. With this ID we can specify on which data segment the thread should work.

$$starting\ point = \frac{ID}{number\ of\ threads} * number\ of\ data\ points,$$

$$ending\ point = \frac{ID + 1}{number\ of\ threads} * number\ of\ data\ points$$

We also use the ID to tell the thread the place where it can write his result and as an identification of the thread so the main thread knows which thread has finished. Now, the thread needs to calculate his Δw on his data segment and need to wait until all other threads are done with their calculations and the main thread gives feedback to calculate another Δw for the next learning step. The pseudo code in Algorithm 3 shows this thread function.

With this modifications we can do the training like in Algorithm 1 but in parallel.

5.1 Results and conclusions

After several runs with different hardware set ups, we can't find a speed up for the calculations. By searching the web we found out that python has a global interpreter lock. This lock prevents multiple threads from executing codes at the same time. So the threads don't run parallel but linear. The multi threading lib still exist because with the lib the threads are executed more efficiently but not parallel.

Instead of using multi threading we can use multi processing which python supports. But for this we need to think about the structure of our code because working with global variables isn't that easy like for multi threading.

Also we have a problem with the space requirements of the algorithm because we encrypt each data point individually. So we can maybe get a speed up by stack some data points before encryption and working with vector arithmetic.

So the parallelization is still an idea for big data sizes but not for smaller ones.

6 Vectorization of data

After the first attempt to make learning more efficient through parallelization, without any effect, we thought about vectorization of the data. For this we take a look at the encryption of data. The ckks library gives us two options for the encryption. We can encrypt the data as vectors or as tensors. If we encrypt the input as tensors we can encrypt whole matrices in one step.

6.1 Space requirements

The first drawback of our idea for learning on encrypted data was the required space for the encrypted data. So we take a closer look on this topic. We used several matrices as inputs and encrypt them all with the same ckks context that we have used so far. We have measured the space requirement of the matrices if we encrypt the matrix row by row as vectors and took this result as a base line. In the table of figure 9 we can see how much mega byte are use for the encryption. Along a row the dimension of the data points increases. Along a column the number of data points increases. So we encrypted a complete data point with one ckks vector.

With the graph of figure 9 we can see easily that the difference in dimension of the data points is not measurable for our small dimensions and that the encryption of multi vectors is linear.

Next, we measured the space requirements of the ckks tensor. The context and the

	[x,3]	[x,4]	[x,5]
[10,y]	18.7	18.6	18.7
[20,y]	38.1	38.0	38.1
[30,y]	57.7	57.6	57.7
[40,y]	77.1	77.0	77.1
[50,y]	96.7	96.7	96.7

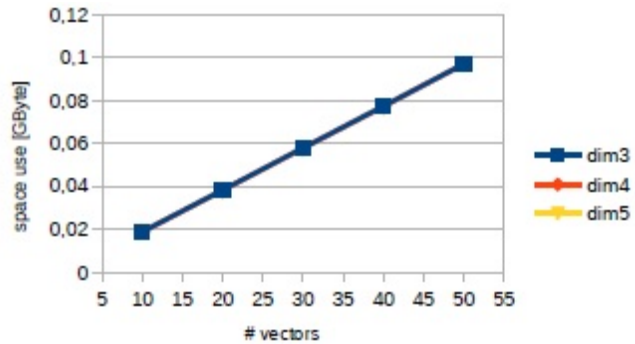


Figure 9: Table: Space requirements of encrypted $[mxn]$ -matrices as vectors row by row in megabyte where m is the number and n is the dimension of data points. Graph: Show table as graph.

input arrays ^{is} was the same like before. In the table of figure 10 we can see how ^{is any} much megabyte are use for the encryption. Along a row the dimension of the data points increases. Along a column the number of data points increases. We encrypted each $[mxn]$ -matrix as one ckks tensor. H Smith

	[x,3]	[x,4]	[x,5]
[10,y]	116.1	155.0	194.1
[20,y]	174.3	233.1	291.8
[30,y]	232.0	311.4	389.4
[40,y]	288.1	389.4	487.1
[50,y]	336.5	467.4	584.8

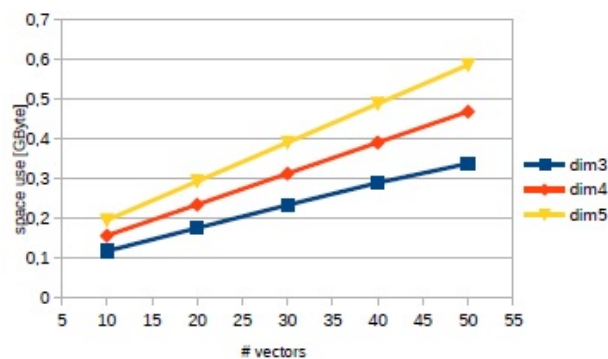


Figure 10: ~~Table:~~ Space requirements of encrypted $[mxn]$ -matrices as one tensor in megabyte where m is the number and n is the dimension of data points. ~~Graph: Show table as graph.~~

With the graph of figure 10 we can see that the dimension of the data points is now measurable. Higher dimension use more space than lower dimension and over all the space requirements are much more than the encryption row by row. So the encryption as a ckks tensor doesn't solve the space requirement problem we have. H Smith

With the fact that the dimension of a vector is not important for the space requirements we flatten the matrix before encryption. The context is still the same like before.

In figure 11 we can see that the flattened matrix use nearly the same space for each vector ^{independent of} without respect to the dimension at least for our data range. So we can handle the high space requirement of our algorithm if we use flatten matrices as an input and we can found a way to calculate with such a flatten matrix.

6.2 Calculation with vectorization

Lets assume that all users stores their encrypted data points as a struct where you know the dimension of the data points and the number of data points that are encrypted. Maybe GM

	[x,3]	[x,4]	[x,5]	[x,10]
[10,y]	2.0	2.1	1.8	2.1
[20,y]	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.1
[30,y]	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.8
[40,y]	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.0
[50,y]	2.0	1.9	2.1	1.9

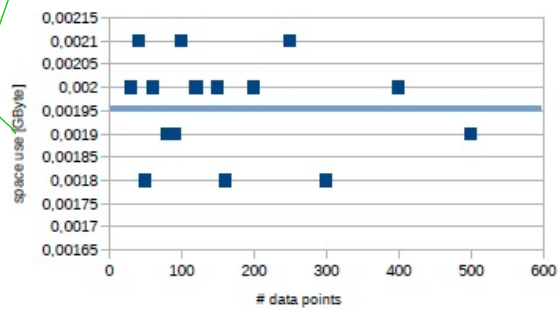


Figure 11: Table: Space requirements of encrypted flattened $[m \times n]$ matrices as vector in megabyte where m is the number and n is the dimension of data points. Graph: Space requirements of encrypted flattened $[m \times n]$ matrices as vector by number of data points.

you need the context how the data points are encrypted and at least the encrypted data points as a vector.

With this struct we can create another vector, a weight vector, which is dimension of data point plus one times number of data points long. This vector consists of number of data points many sub sequences. A sub sequence consists of dimension of data point many weights and a additional 1. Figure 12 shows examples.

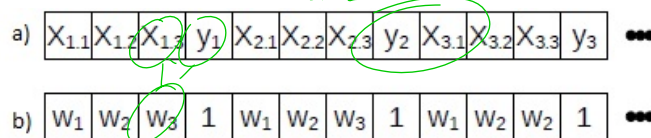


Figure 12: a) Encrypted data point vector. b) Weight vector

After the encryption of the weight vector we can calculate our weights much faster. As an example we calculate the output of the neuron. We take the input vector multiply dot wise with the weight vector and multiply dot wise with the selection vector. The result can we take to approximate the sigmoid function. With the selection vector we can now choose the right expected output. Now we need to switch the expected output into the right position to subtract him from the calculated output. And with this result we need to create a new vector in such a way that we can multiply him to the input vector for calculate the weight changes. But the implementation of this switch vector is still missing so there are no measures about speed up and learning results.

7 Summary and outlook

We could show that logistic regression and learning on ckks-encrypted data is possible. GM We found some drawbacks with space requirements and learning speed. And without bootstrapping for encrypted data we need to send data back to do bootstrapping on user side.

We found a way for parallelization but in future work we need to rebuild the algorithm to fit with python. We can't use multi-threading but we need to use multi-processing.

With the vectorization we have an idea to handle the drawback of space requirements and also the speed up of learning. Unfortunately the ckks-scheme has less matrix operations implemented yet, so we need to build our own library in future work to prove our

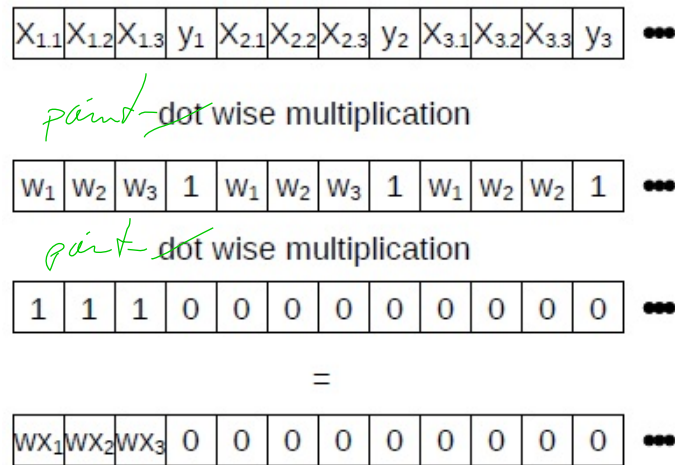


Figure 13: Scheme for calculating weights for single encrypted data point

ideas of vectorization with respect to space requirements and speed up.

As another programming task for the future, we need bootstrapping on encrypted data to get better security. If the CKKS-scheme will not give a bootstrapping function to use we need to program one.

After the programming tasks are done we need to think about the security of our algorithm and how secure we are and maybe how we can increase security level if necessary.

And at a last point for future work we need to think about how data points from various sources can come together to generate a training data pool. Maybe here we can use the parallelization but maybe we need to use C++ as our language instead of python.

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Appendix

Algorithm: Workflow of learning

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Algorithm 2 Workflow of learning

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1: DECLARE GLOBAL float weight  $\leftarrow$  1.0
2: DECLARE GLOBAL bool[] startFlag[threads]  $\leftarrow$  FALSE
3: DECLARE GLOBAL float[] resultArray[threads]  $\leftarrow$  0.0
4: DECLARE GLOBAL bool[] doneArray[threads]  $\leftarrow$  FALSE
5:
6: for  $i = \#threads$  do
7:   START thread  $\leftarrow$  { $i$ , ThreadFunction}
8: end for
9:
10: while TRUE do
11:   doneArray  $\leftarrow$  FALSE
12:   startFlag  $\leftarrow$  TRUE ▷ Threads start calculation
13:
14:   while True do
15:     if doneArray.ALL(TRUE) then
16:       break ▷ Waiting for all threads are done
17:     end if
18:   end while
19:
20:    $\Delta w = \text{resultArray.SUM}$ 
21:
22:   if  $\Delta w < \text{treshold}$  then
23:     break ▷ Training done
24:   end if
25:
26:   weight  $\leftarrow$  weight +  $\Delta w$ 
27: end while
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Algorithm: ThreadFunction

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Algorithm 3 Thread function

1: *integer* threadID $\leftarrow i$ ▷ Given from main threat
2: *integer* startPoint = $\lfloor (threadID) / (\#threads) \rfloor * \#dataPoints$
3: *integer* endPoint = $\lfloor (threadID + 1) / (\#threads) \rfloor * \#dataPoints$
4: *float* result $\leftarrow 0.0$
5:
6: **while** *TRUE* **do**
7: startFlag[threadID] $\leftarrow FALSE$ ▷ Global variable
8:
9: **for** $i = startPoint$ **to** $endPoint$ **do**
10: result + = $input_i * (output_i - expected_i)$ ▷ Calculating Δw from data segment
11: **end for**
12:
13: resultArray[threadID] \leftarrow result ▷ Global variable. Give result to main thread
14: result $\leftarrow 0.0$
15: doneArray $\leftarrow TRUE$ ▷ Global variable. Tell main thread done
16:
17: **while** *TRUE* **do**
18: **if** startFlag[threadID] = *TRUE* **then** ▷ Global variable
19: break ▷ Waiting for start command
20: **end if**
21: Do nothing
22: **end while**
23: **end while**

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