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Lecture 26	
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1 Summary

This is a guest lecture about knowledge inference for optimizing secure multiparty computation[1]

Given an Secure Multiparty Computation program S, we want to know for each party P, which program variables they "know".

Motivation: Given this knowledge, we can optimize Secure Multiparty computation to be more efficient.

- Knowledge Inference Algorithm: For each Party, it outputs which variable they know.
- constructive knowledge Inference Algorithm: For each Party, it outputs which variable they know, and a program that can generate it using party's input and output.

2 Example: 2 party 2 input median

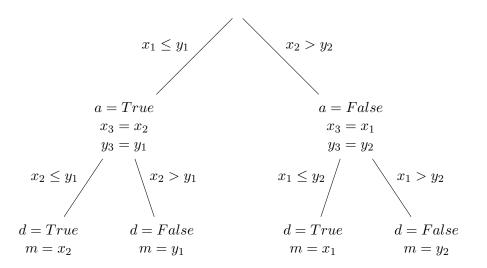
We assume that party A and B owns x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 respectively, s.t. $x_1 < x_2, y_1 < y_2$. The binary-search-like code is as follows:

Algorithm 1: $median(x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2)$
1 bool $a = x_1 \le y_1$
2 int $x_3 = a?x_2 : x_1$
3 int $y_3 = a?y_1 : y_2$
4 bool $d = x_3 \le y_x$
5 int $m = d?x_3 : y_3$
6 return m

Traditional way of doing Secure Computation will transform the whole piece of code into Garbled-Circuits or GMW, which is quiet large. However, in this particular case we do not need to do secure computation for all code.

Claim 1 Given x_1, x_2, m , Alice can always infer values of a and d independent of y_1, y_2 . Similarly, given y_1, y_2, m , Bob can always infer values of a and d independent of x_1, x_2 .

This can be verified in the following tree:



Each run of the program will take one of the path of the tree. we can see that for bob, $d = (m \neq y_1) \land (m \neq y_2), a = m \leq y_1$

3 In general

Let S be a program, y be a variable. Party A knows y if value of y only depends on its inputs and outputs. In other word, for any two program runs R_1, R_2 , the coincidence on A's input and output implies the coincidence of y.

We say a is knows if:

$$(x_1 = x'_1) \land (x_2 = x'_2) \land (m = m') \to (a = a')$$

We feed

$$\Phi_{pre} \land (\bigvee_i \Phi_i) \land (x_1 = x_1') \land (x_2 = x_2') \land (m = m') \to (a = a')$$

into SMT to see if this is valid, where Φ_{pre} are some pre-conditions, Φ_i is one of the path condition, which is a set of predicates relating the program variables.

References

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