

BetterTimes

Privacy-assured Outsourced Multiplications for Additively Homomorphic Encryption on Finite Fields



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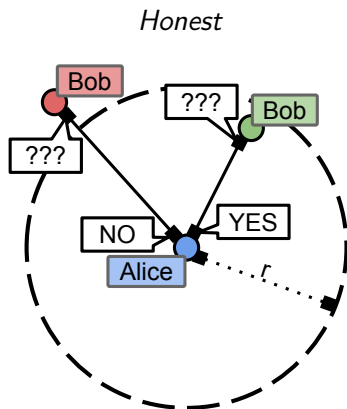
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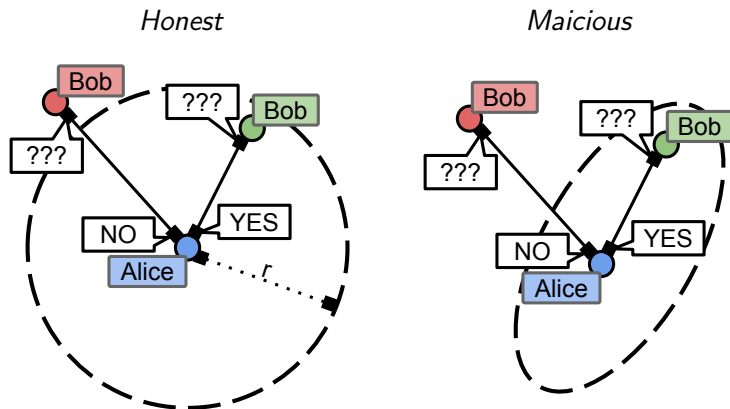
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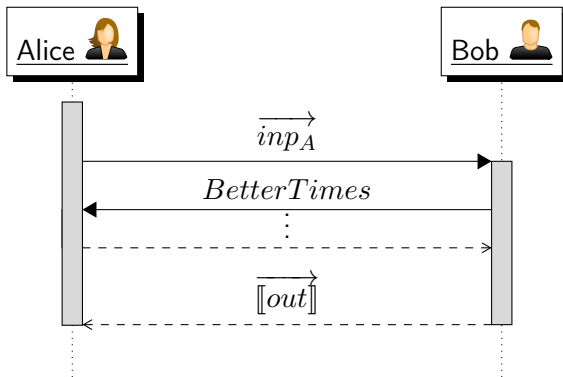
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- We solve this using *outsourcing* these multiplications through a novel protocol called *BetterTimes*.

Communication Overview

- In our setting, protocols follow the form
 - Alice initiates the protocol
 - Bob sees only encrypted data (he can't decrypt)
 - Possibly there are more round trips to finish the computation
 - Bob responds with the final result



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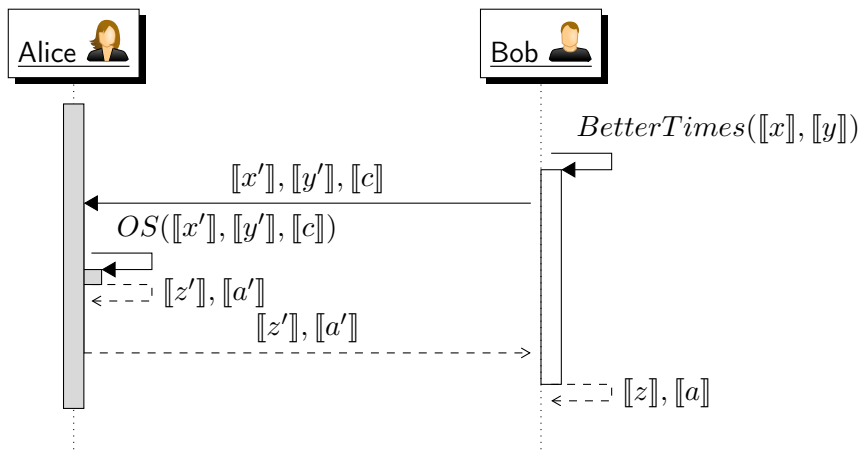


Figure: Visualization of the attested multiplication protocol

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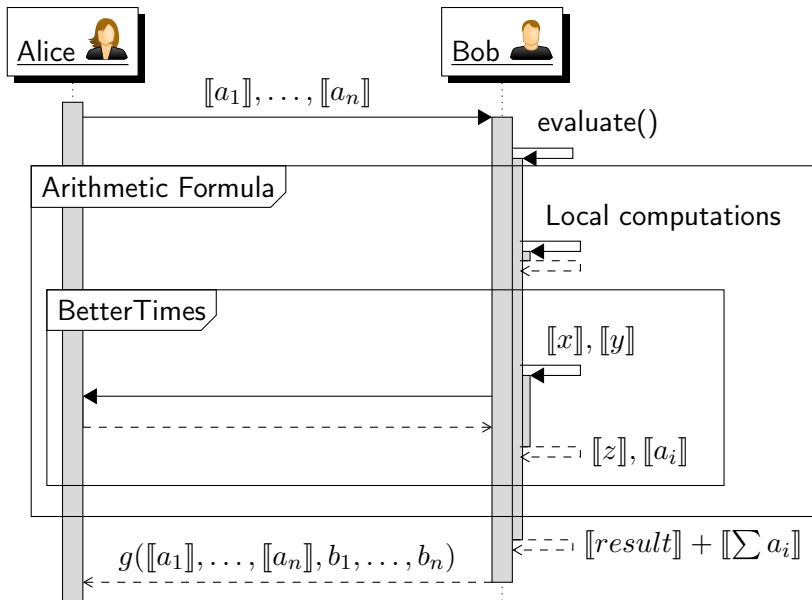
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- Alice receives the correct output if and only if she computed all outsourced multiplications honestly, and a uniformly random value otherwise

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- The theorem implicates that **any protocol** evaluating arithmetic formulas as defined in the paper can be evaluated in the presence of a malicious adversary while preserving privacy

Benchmarks

- Performed benchmarks on prototype implementation in python
- Comparing to outsourced multiplications secure only against honest adversaries

Table: Times (in milliseconds) for outsourced multiplication

Plaintext space	Time (in milliseconds)					
	This approach	1024 bits Naive approach	Extra work	This approach	2048 bits Naive approach	Extra work
2^2	6.286	4.016	56.52%	29.686	19.458	52.56%
2^8	6.400	4.017	59.32%	30.052	19.484	54.24%
2^{16}	6.432	4.148	55.06%	30.188	19.574	54.22%
2^{24}	6.538	4.100	59.46%	30.578	19.801	54.43%

- Benchmarks show that our more secure approach costs about 53-60% extra work for a multiplication

Protocols that can be secured with BetterTimes

- Several existing works can use the proposed approach to increase protection against malicious attackers
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Conclusions

- Presented BetterTimes
- Using BetterTimes one can compute any arithmetic formula in the presence of a malicious Alice
- The overhead, compared to protection against honest adversaries, is about 55%
 - Of each multiplication, not of the formula as a whole
 - Usually the number of multiplications is minimized, as additions are cheap with additively homomorphic encryption

Thank you for your attention!

Questions?