Cicada: Player-Scalable, Fault-Tolerant Secure MultiParty Computation

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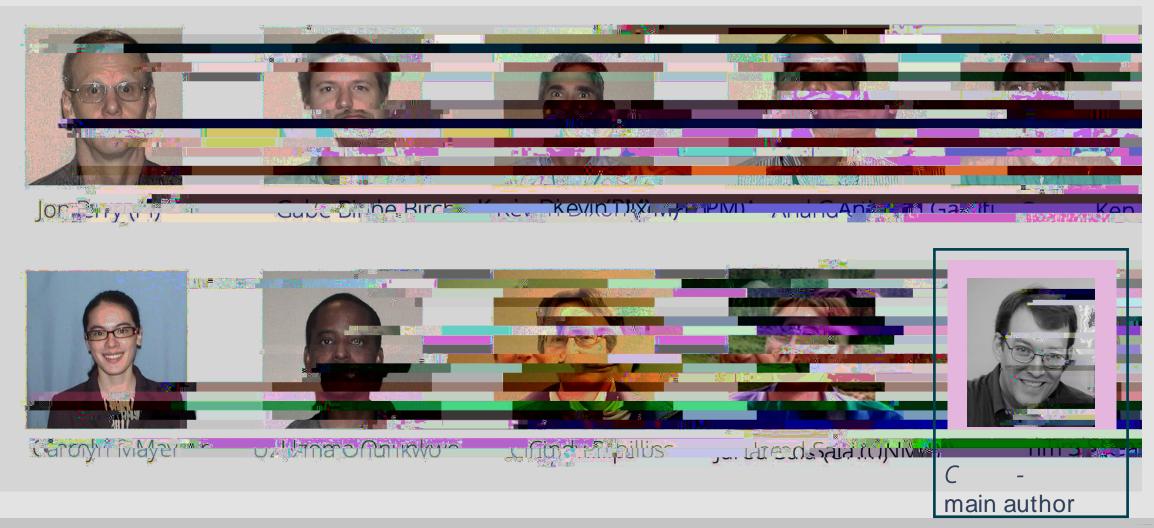


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Outline

- Application driver: Privacy-Preserving Machine Learning
- Algorithmic case study: dense matrix multiplication
- Software overview: Cicada-mpc (Fault-tolerant, open-source)

https://github.com/cicada-mpc/cicada-mpc/ https://cicada-mpc.readthedocs.io/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GM_JuKrw4lk

Motivation: MPC Linear Regression & Gradient Descent

Gradient descent:

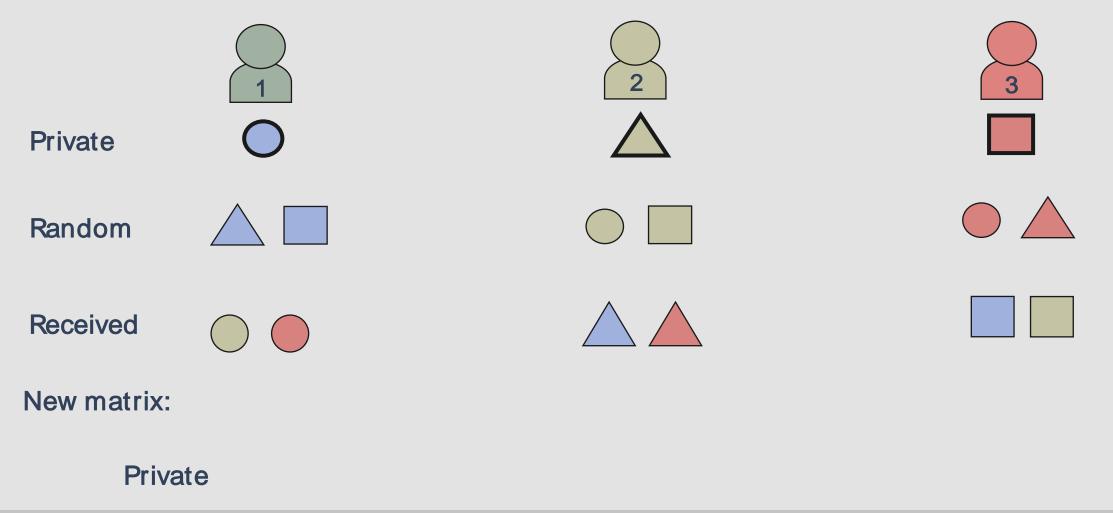
Model: vector $\boldsymbol{\beta}$.

Goal: Minimize a loss function

Local Gradient Matrices

Typical MPC Computation: Resharing Matrices

Reshare to form matrices that don't individually reveal gradient information.



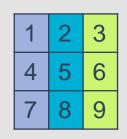


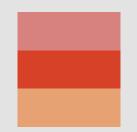
For each player :

1.
$$A_p' \leftarrow \text{AGGREGATE}(A_p, p)$$
. # sum shares along columns

2.
$$p' \leftarrow \mathsf{AGGREGATE}(p, p)$$

MMULT Example: 9 Players





Global impact of MMULT:

Tolerating Fail-Stop Faults

Idea:

- Checkpoint row and column aggregated values.
- Use Cicada's built-in fault tolerance and Python exception handling

1	2		4
5		7	8
9		11	12
13	14	15	16

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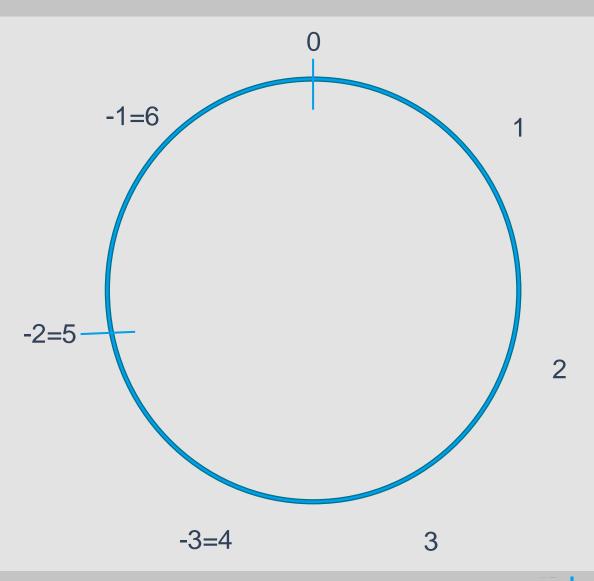
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Encoding Fixed Point Arithmetic into a Field







Encodings

import numpy

from cicada.additive import AdditiveProtocolSuite from cicada.communicator import SocketCommunicator from cicada.encoding import Boolean from cicada.interactive import secret_input

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with SocketCommunicator.connect(startup_timeout=300) as communicator:
    protocol = AdditiveProtocolSuite(communicator)
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winner = None
winning share = protocol.share(src=0, secret=numpy.array(0), shape=())
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for rank in communicator.ranks:
    prompt = f"Player {communicator.rank} fortune: "
    fortune = secret_input(communicator=communicator, src=rank, prompt=prompt)
    fortune_share = protocol.share(src=rank, secret=fortune, shape=())
    less_share = protocol.less(fortune_share, winning_share)
    less = protocol.reveal(less_share, encoding=Boolean())
    if not less:
        winner = rank
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Protocol Suites

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hostA \$ cicada start --rank 0 millionaires.py

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Player 0 fortune: 1230000
INFO:root:Winner: player 1
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hostB \$ cicada start --rank 1 millionaires.py

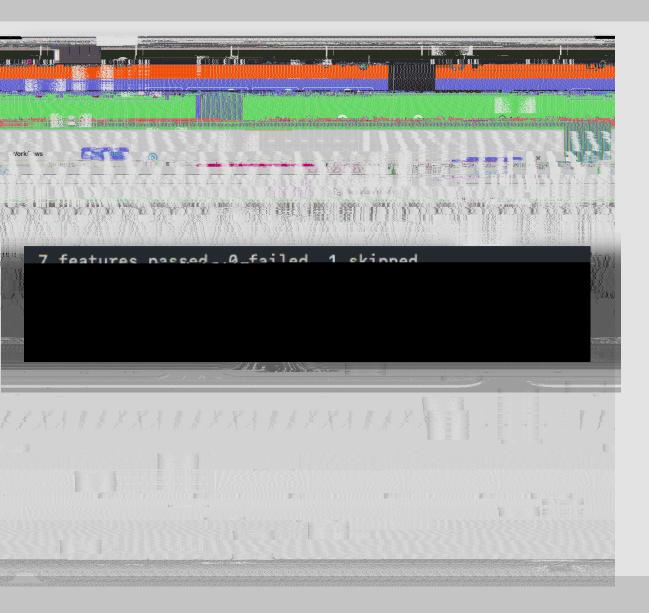
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Player 1 fortune: 4560000
INFO:root:Winner: player 1
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hostC $ cicada start --rank 2 millionaires.py
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Player 2 fortune: 3400000
INFO:root:Winner: player 1
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Fault Tolerance

All communication patterns have explicit, finite timeouts so failures cannot go unnoticed. Communicators raise exceptions when failures occur this is the part where other MPC tools just die.



MPC Through 100 Players!

Conclusions, HPC Community Asks

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