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# Actively Secure Polynomial Evaluation from Shared Polynomial Encodings

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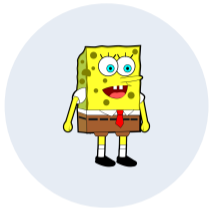


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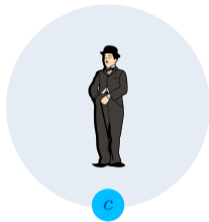
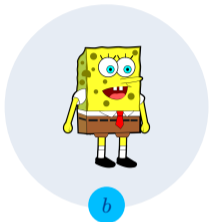
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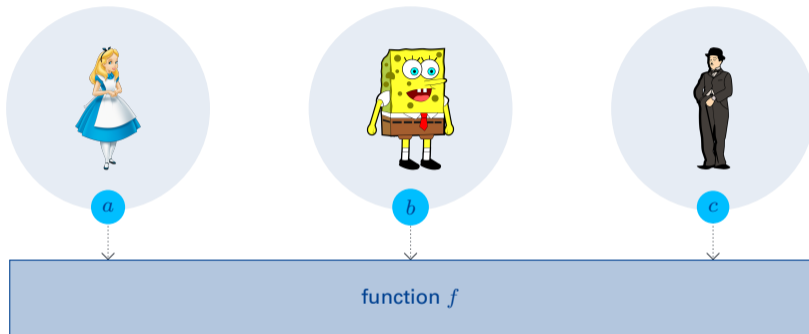
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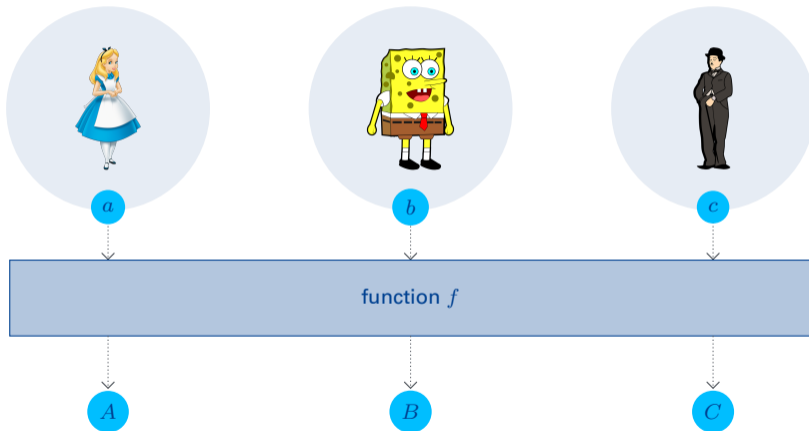
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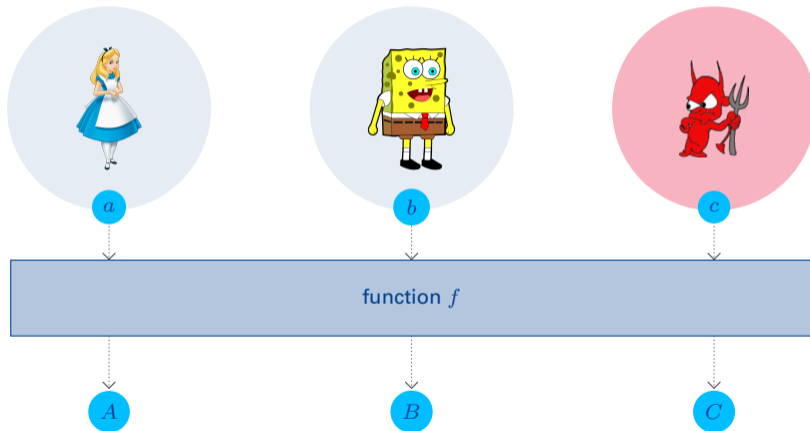
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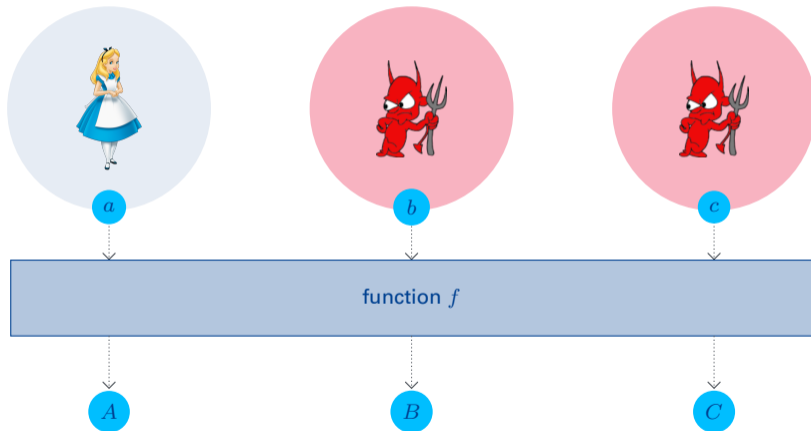
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  - **Correctness.** There exists a reconstruction algorithm  $\text{Rec} : \hat{Y} \rightarrow Y$  such that

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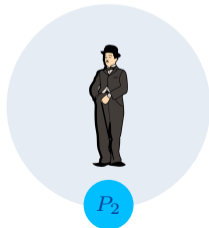
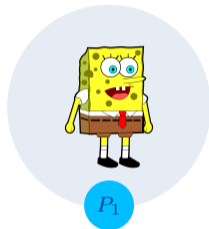
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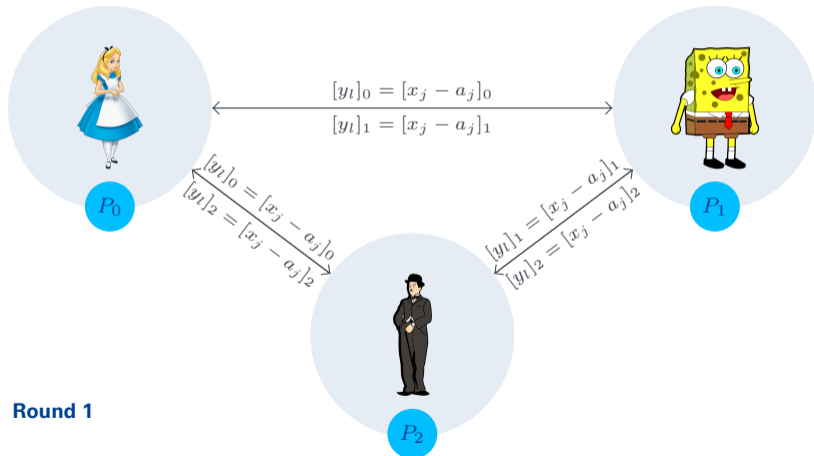
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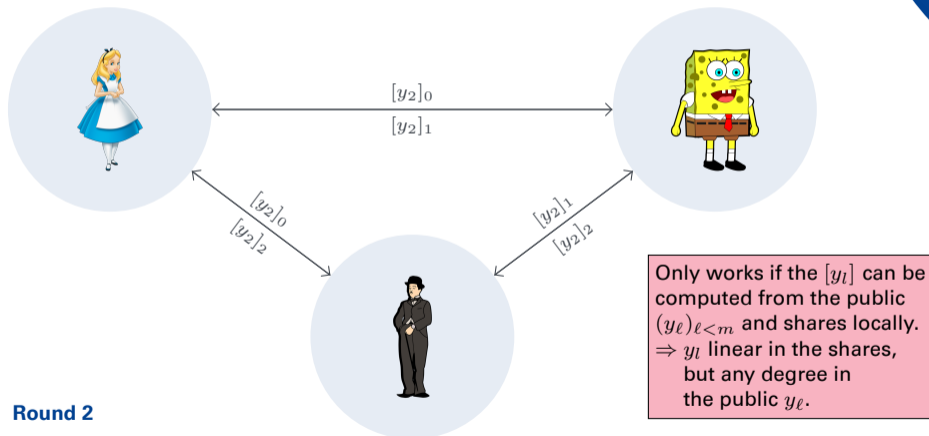
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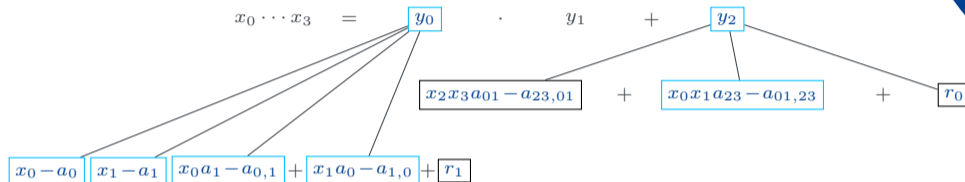
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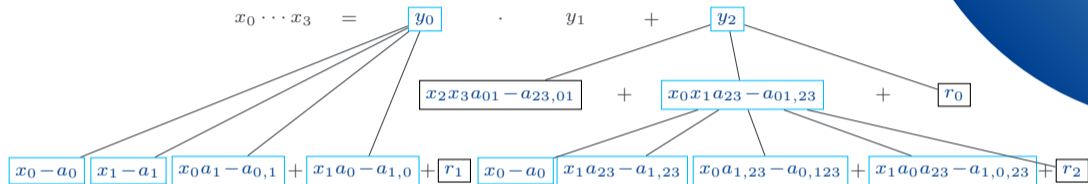
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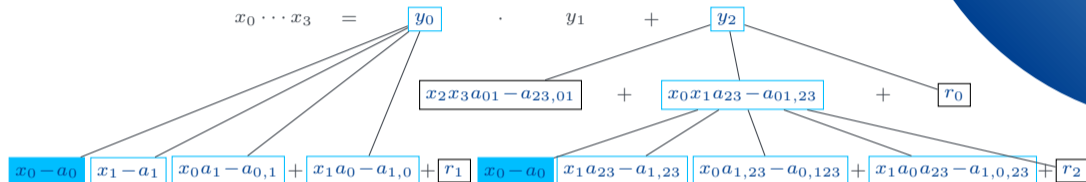
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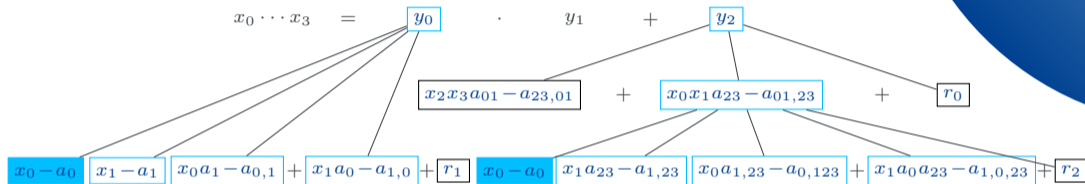


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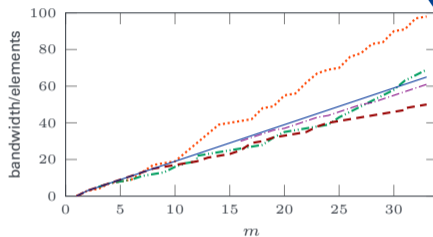
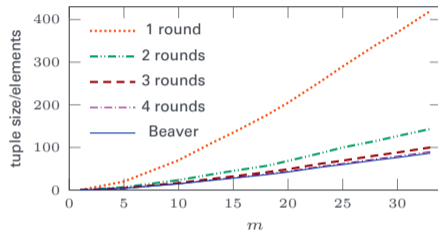
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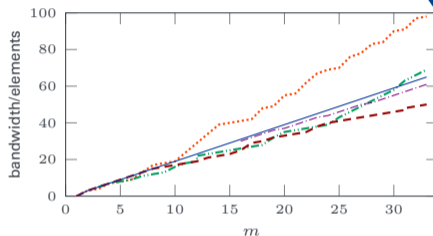
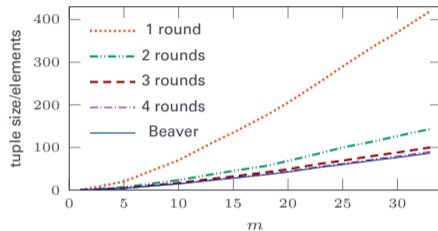
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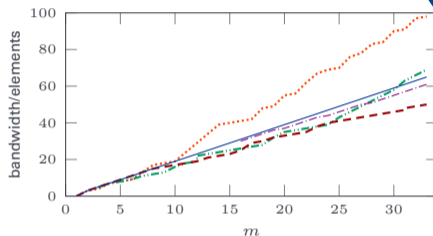
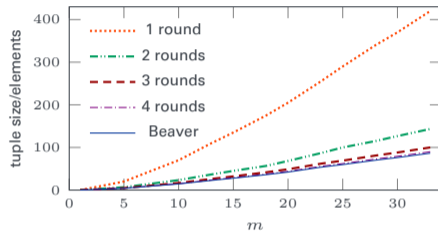


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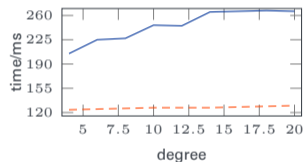
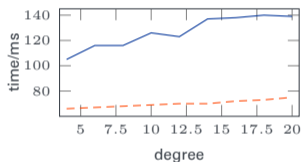
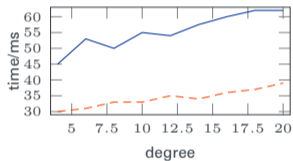
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- Evaluation of a Gaussian function in 32 variables with different network delays.



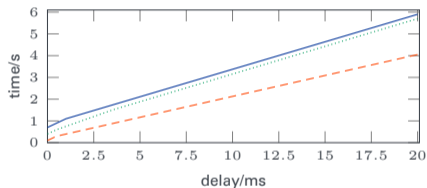
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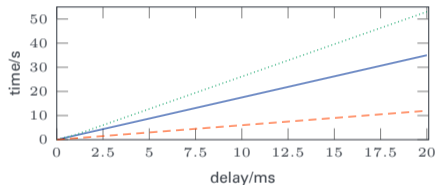
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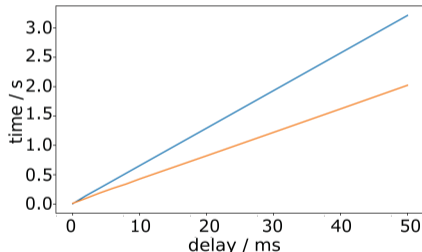
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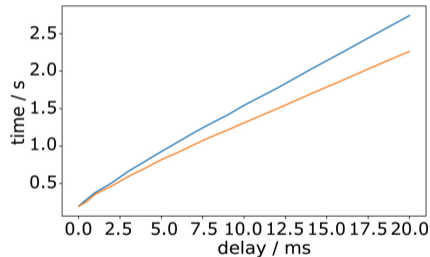
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(b) Network A [MZ17].

**Figure:** Benchmarks for an ArgMax layer and the evaluation of a sample neural network included in MP-SPDZ [Kel20] as network A (cf. [Ria+18]; blue: default MP-SPDZ, orange: ours) both without bandwidth restriction.



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Thank you!



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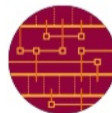
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