

Yao's Protocol

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Compute any function securely

• ... in the semi-honest model

First, convert the function into a boolean circuit



1: Pick Random Keys For Each Wire

Next, evaluate <u>one gate</u> securely

• Later, generalize to the entire circuit

Alice picks two random keys for each wire

- One key corresponds to "0", the other to "1"
- 6 keys in total for a gate with 2 input wires



2: Encrypt Truth Table

Alice encrypts each row of the truth table by encrypting the output-wire key with the corresponding pair of input-wire keys



3: Send Garbled Truth Table

Alice randomly permutes ("garbles") encrypted truth table and sends it to Bob



4: Send Keys For Alice's Inputs

Alice sends the key corresponding to her input bit

• Keys are random, so Bob does not learn what this bit is



5: Use OT on Keys for Bob's Input

Alice and Bob run oblivious transfer protocol

- Alice's input is the two keys corresponding to Bob's wire
- Bob's input into OT is simply his 1-bit input on that wire



6: Evaluate Garbled Gate

- Using the two keys that he learned, Bob decrypts exactly one of the output-wire keys
 - Bob does not learn if this key corresponds to 0 or 1
 - Why is this important?



7: Evaluate Entire Circuit

In this way, Bob evaluates entire garbled circuit

- For each wire in the circuit, Bob learns only one key
- It corresponds to 0 or 1 (Bob does not know which)
 - Therefore, Bob does not learn intermediate values (why?)



Bob tells Alice the key for the final output wire and she tells him if it corresponds to 0 or 1

• Bob does <u>not</u> tell her intermediate wire keys (why?)

Brief Discussion of Yao's Protocol

Function must be converted into a circuit

- For many functions, circuit will be huge
- If m gates in the circuit and n inputs, then need 4m encryptions and n oblivious transfers
 - Oblivious transfers for all inputs can be done in parallel
- Yao's construction gives a <u>constant-round</u> protocol for secure computation of <u>any</u> function in the semi-honest model
 - Number of rounds does not depend on the number of inputs or the size of the circuit!