Programming Support for an Integrated Multi-Party Computation and MapReduce Infrastructure

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What’s multi-party computation (MPC)?

Given multiple parties $p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_n$ with private inputs $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n$

Need to compute $f(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n)$

Without revealing more than the outputs of $f$

Sounds a bit like a magic trick.
Quick example: the sum of secrets
Players split their secrets into “shares”
All players exchange shares
Each player computes the sum of their shares
Each player now holds a share of the sum of secrets!
Exchange and recombine result shares
Lo and behold
MPC is great!

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Practical MPC frameworks exist but they are **slow** (not unlike turtles)

The learning curve is steep (trust me!)
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MapReduce: fast, like a hare!

**Programming paradigm** to specify data analytics tasks.

**Backend infrastructure** as a highly-distributed execution environment for those tasks.

**Performance.** Largest Apache Spark cluster is 8000 nodes.

200 node Spark cluster sorted 100TB of data in 23 minutes.

**Separation of concerns.** Data analysts specifies analytics, doesn’t worry about distributed nature of platform.
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To do big data analytics we need...

**Data.** But the interesting data is often private.

**Performance.** But MPC is slow!

**An implementation of the analytics.** But data analysts don’t know MPC...
A concrete example

**Goal:** Want to establish the difference between male and female salaries across the big companies around Boston.

**Good:** Companies like this idea. Participating makes them look good.

**Bad:** Until they’re asked to reveal their internal pay inequities to a “trusted” party.
If only they had our platform:

Each company can use **MapReduce** to find the salary differences in their own data.

→ Lots of computation

The companies can use **MPC** to find the collective difference without revealing their data.

→ Just one addition
The main components of our platform

**Programming language** to specify MapReduce and MPC operations.

**Compiler** to convert programs to tasks that are executable in existing MapReduce and MPC frameworks.

**Backend platform** running those MapReduce and MPC frameworks to act as an execution environment for a compiled program.
Let’s explore our platform top-down

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Pay equity: declaring our \textbf{key-value} store

1: type gender = str
2: type salary = int
3: data := store(gender, salary)
Our MapReduce operations

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2: type salary = int
3: data := store(gender, salary)

4: m := reduce(+, filter("m", data))
5: f := reduce(+, filter("f", data))
6: d := m - f
What about MPC?

Two main constructs:

**Scatter**, and **Gather**.
Scatter: make secret and share

Secret but shared key value store
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Let’s say we want to perform a $\text{reduce}(+)$
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**Gather**: collect and reveal

![Diagram of three people with a secret but shared key value store]

- m, \([2+1]\)
- f, \([2]\)
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Complete pay equity program

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8: s := gather(reduce(+, scatter(d)))
Each company will execute this locally

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The companies will need to perform an MPC

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What do we do with a program?

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Our current target frameworks

“a fast and general engine for large-scale data processing”

MPC framework that allows for Shamir secret sharing, arithmetic, and comparison over secret shares
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m = data.filter(lambda x: x[0] == 'm') \ .reduceByKey(lambda x, y: x + y) \ .collect()

f = data.filter(lambda x: x[0] == 'f') \ .reduceByKey(lambda x, y: x + y) \ .collect()

d = ('d', m[0][1] - f[0][1])
What to do with executable code?

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Let’s build our backend.

Give each client the computational resources to:

- run local MapReduce tasks on their data
- participate in MPC rounds to process data across companies
- coordinate those two actions

Let’s build a **worker node**.
What does each company start with?

Worker node

Storage

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What do companies need to run MapReduce code?

- Storage
- MR cluster
- MR API
- Worker node
What do companies need to run MPC code?

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What about coordinating program execution?
Bundle up the software, we have our **worker nodes**!
Almost done...

We have a distributed system.

We need to coordinate task execution not only within worker nodes but also across worker nodes.

Let’s build a **controller node**.
Controller: orchestrate task execution + worker configuration
Workers connect to Controller over HTTPS
Workers use controller to configure and connect MPC clients
And there we have it!

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Future work

Extending the support to more MPC and MapReduce backends

Separation of concerns

So many plans, so little time!