

# CS 65500

## Advanced Cryptography

### Lecture 10: Shamir Secret Sharing and MPC

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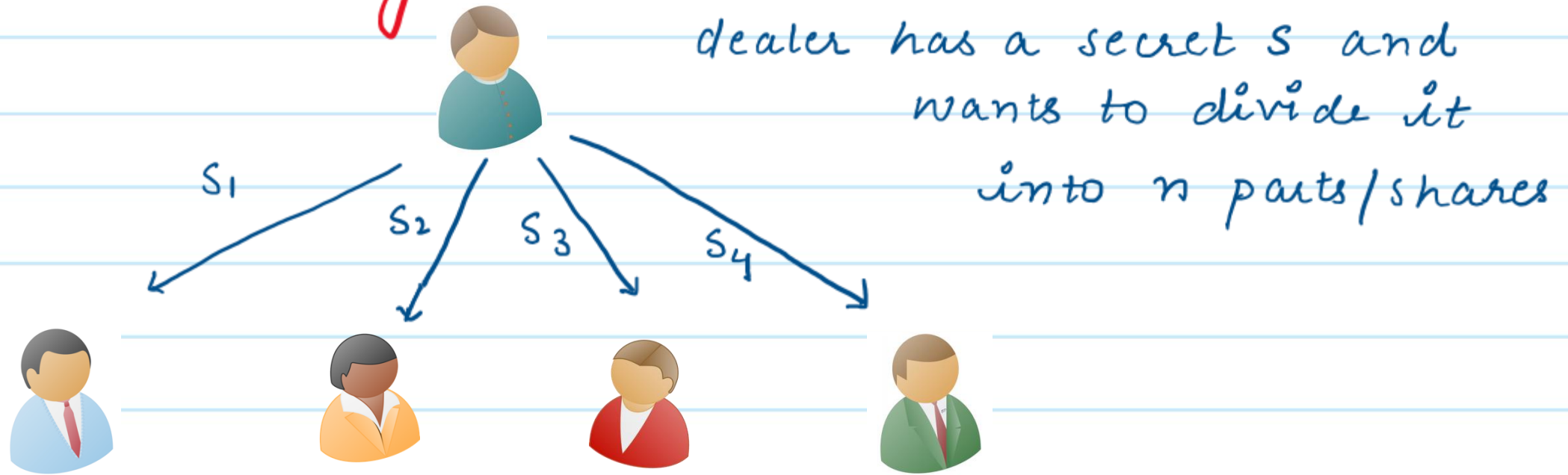
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## Agenda

- Threshold Shamir Secret Sharing
- Secure Multiparty Computation

Reminder: HW3 will be released today!

# Secret Sharing $(t, n)$



Correctness: Any subset of  $t+1$  shares can be combined to reconstruct the secret  $s$ .

Security: Any subset of  $\leq t$  shares reveal no information about the secret  $s$ .

## Secret Sharing (t, n)

Definition: A (t, n) secret sharing consists of a pair of PPT algorithms (Share, Reconstruct) s.t.,

— Share(s)  $\rightarrow$  (s<sub>1</sub>, ..., s<sub>n</sub>)

— Reconstruct (s'<sub>i<sub>1</sub></sub>, ..., s'<sub>i<sub>(t+1)</sub></sub>) is such that, if  $\{s'_{i_1}, \dots, s'_{i_{(t+1)}}\} \subseteq \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$ , then it outputs s.

—  $\forall s, s'$  and for any subset of at most t indices  $X \subset [1, n]$ ,  $|X| \leq t$  the following distributions are statistically close:

$\{(s_i | i \in X) ; (s_1, \dots, s_n) \leftarrow \text{Share}(s)\}$ ,

$\{(s'_i | i \in X) ; (s'_1, \dots, s'_n) \leftarrow \text{Share}(s')\}$

# Construction: (1, n) Threshold Secret Sharing

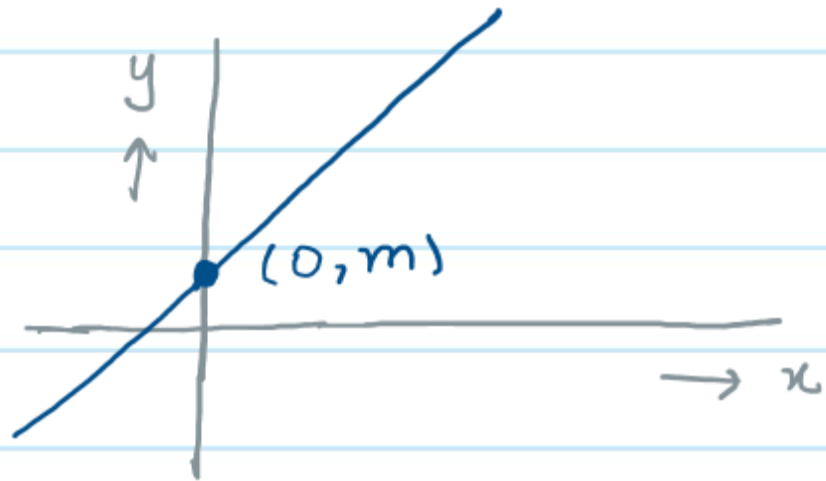
Message space: finite field  $\mathbb{F}$

let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{F}^n$  be some fixed constants

→ Share (m): pick a random  
 $k \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{F}$

$$s(x) = kx + m$$

$$s_1 = s(\alpha_1), s_2 = s(\alpha_2), \dots, s_n = s(\alpha_n)$$



→ Reconstruct (s\_i, s\_j):  $k = \frac{(s_i - s_j)}{(\alpha_i - \alpha_j)}$        $m = s_i = k \cdot \alpha_i$

## Construction: (1, n) Threshold Secret Sharing

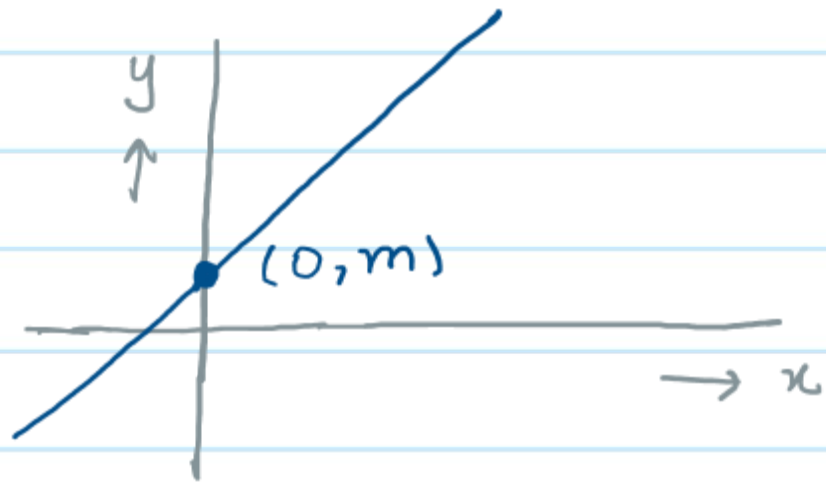
Message space: finite field  $\mathbb{F}$

let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{F}^n$  be some fixed constants

→ Share (m): pick a random  
 $r \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{F}$

$$s(x) = rx + m$$

$$s_1 = s(\alpha_1), s_2 = s(\alpha_2), \dots, s_n = s(\alpha_n)$$



Is each  $s_i$  by itself uniformly distributed, irrespective of  $m$ ? why?

# Construction: $(t, n)$ Threshold Secret Sharing (Shamir Secret Sharing)

Message space: finite field  $\mathbb{F}$

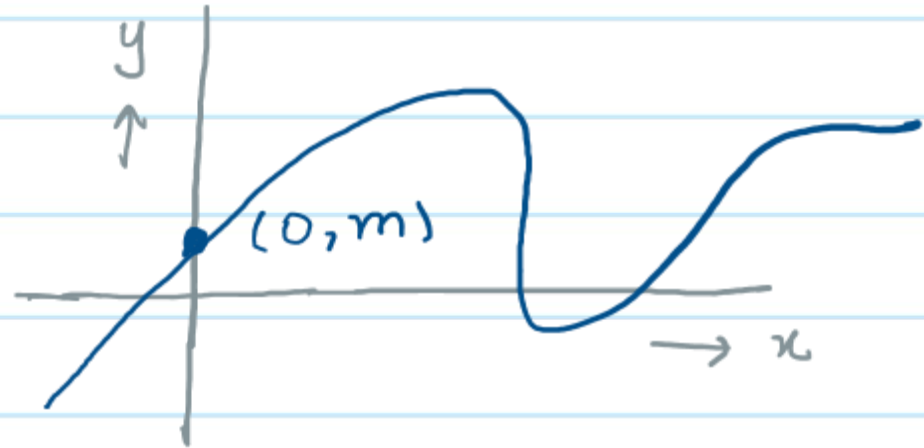
let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{F}^n$  be some fixed constants

→ **Share  $(m)$** : pick a random degree- $t$  polynomial, s.t.,  
 $s(0) = m$

$$\Rightarrow s(x) = m + \sum_{i=1}^t c_i x^i$$

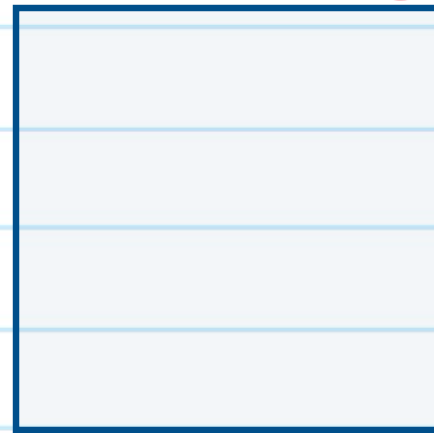
$$S_1 = s(\alpha_1), S_2 = s(\alpha_2), \dots, S_n = s(\alpha_n)$$

→ **Reconstruct  $(S_1, \dots, S_{t+1})$** : Lagrange interpolation to find  $s(0) = m$ .



# Linear Secret Sharing Scheme

→ Share (m) :

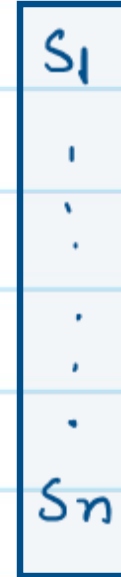


$n \times (t+1)$



$(t+1) \times 1$

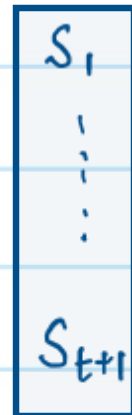
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$n \times 1$

randomness.

→ Reconstruction:  $\forall X \subset [n], |X| = t+1, \exists$  a vector, s.t.



= m



# Shamir is a linear Secret Sharing Scheme

→ Share (m):

Vandermonde Matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_1^2 & \dots & \alpha_1^t \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & \alpha_n & \alpha_n^2 & \dots & \alpha_n^t \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} m \\ c_1 \\ \vdots \\ c_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} S_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ S_n \end{bmatrix}$$

$n \times (t+1)$        $(t+1) \times 1$        $n \times 1$

→ Reconstruction:  $\forall X \subset [n], |X|=t+1, \exists$  a vector, s.t.

polynomial interpolation

$$\begin{bmatrix} S_1 \\ \vdots \\ S_{t+1} \end{bmatrix} = m$$

## Computing on Linear Shares

Suppose two secrets  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  were shared using the same secret-sharing scheme



Then for any  $p, q \in \mathbb{F}$ , shares of  $p \cdot m_1 + q \cdot m_2$  can be computed locally by each party  $i$  as:

$$p \cdot s_i + q \cdot r_i$$

# Secure Multi-Party Computation: Setting

Parties:  $P_1$



$P_2$



$P_3$



$P_4$



$P_5$



Inputs:  $x_1$

$x_2$

$x_3$

$x_4$

$x_5$

$f(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5)$



- Suppose  $t$  out of  $n$  parties are corrupt.
- We will assume that all corrupt parties are controlled by a monolithic *\*adversary\**
- Can the parties securely compute  $f$  on their joint inputs?

## Secure Multi-Party Computation : Security

- An adversary corrupting at most  $t$  out of the  $n$  parties learn nothing about the inputs of the remaining *\*honest\** parties beyond what is already revealed by the output of the function.
- In other words, whatever the adversary sees in the protocol, it could have simulated himself using only the inputs of the corrupt parties and output of the function.

# Formalizing the Security Requirements for Secure Multi Party Computation

{ View of the adversary in the protocol }

is indistinguishable from

{ A simulated view that the adversary could have  
computed himself given inputs of the corrupted parties  
and output of the function, without having  
communicated with the honest parties }

## Semi-Honest Secure Multi-Party Computation

Definition: A protocol  $\pi$  securely computes a function  $f$  in the semi-honest model, if  $\exists$  a PPT simulator algorithm  $S$ , s.t.,  $\forall$   $t$ -sized subset  $C \subseteq [n]$  of corrupt parties, for any security parameter  $\lambda$  &  $\forall$  inputs  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , it holds that:

$$\{ S(\{x_i\}_{i \in C}, f(x_1, \dots, x_n)), f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \} \approx_C$$

$$\left\{ \underbrace{\text{View}_C(\pi)}_{\text{view of Adv}}, \underbrace{\text{Out}_{[n] \setminus C}(\pi)}_{\text{output of honest parties}} \right\}$$

view of  
Adv

output of  
honest parties