

CS 65500

Advanced Cryptography

Lecture 11: Semi-Honest BGW Protocol

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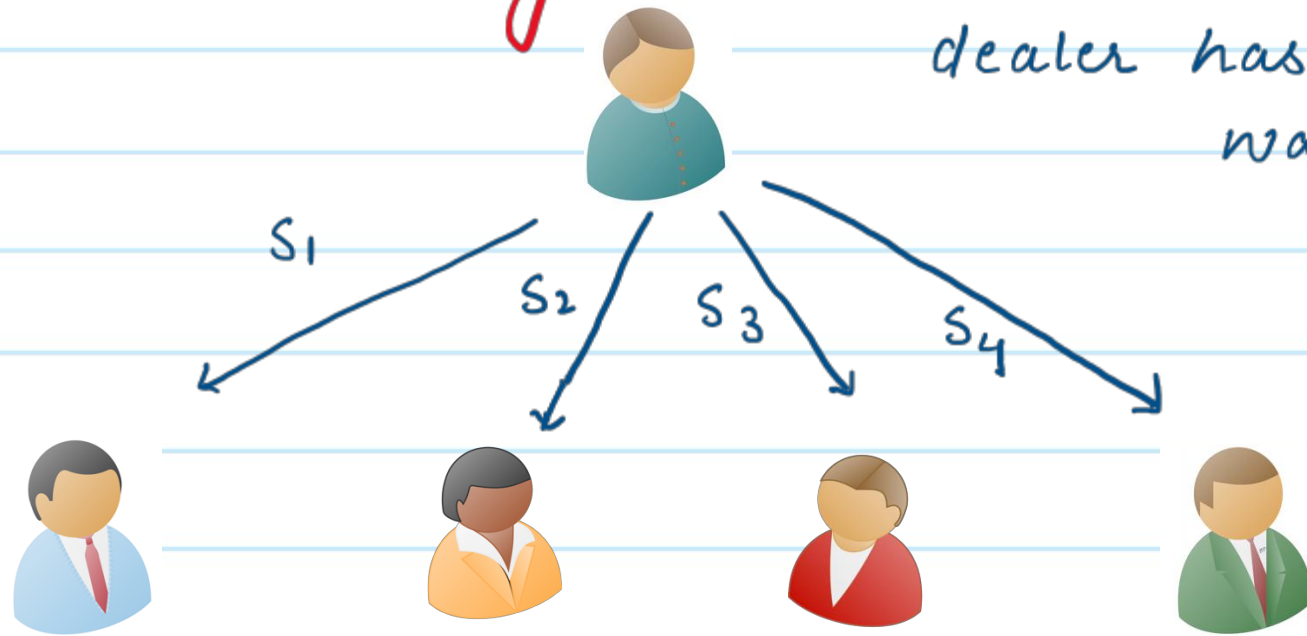
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Agenda

→ Semi-honest n -party secure computation protocol
where $t < n/2$. (BGW Protocol)

- * Construction
- * Security

Secret Sharing (t, n)

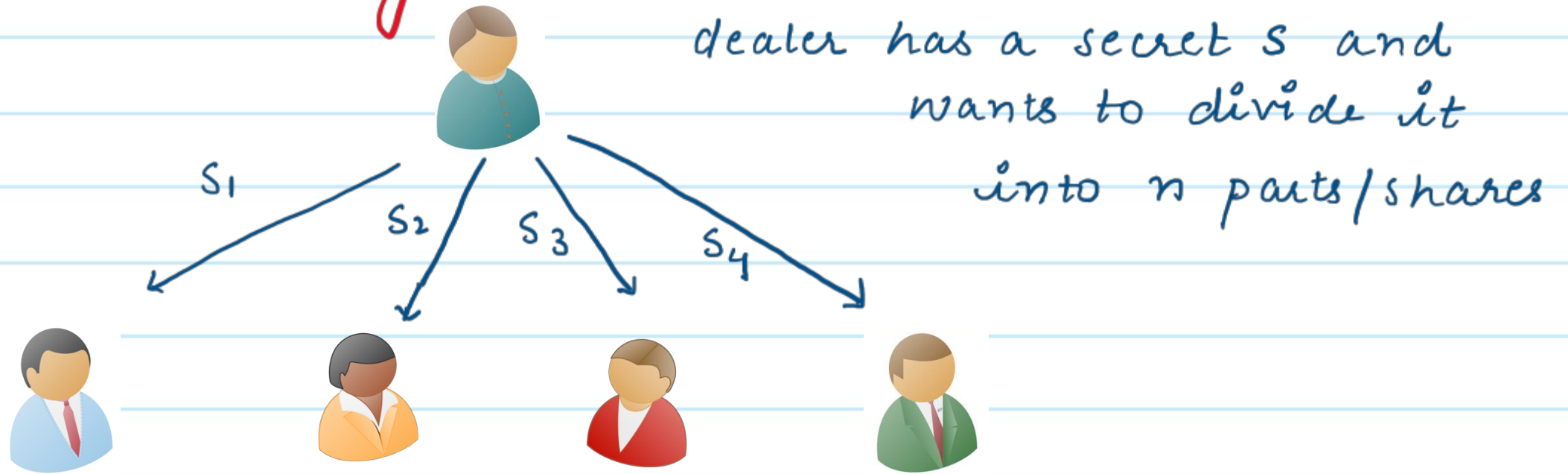


dealer has a secret s and wants to divide it into n parts/shares

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)



Notation: we will use $[S]_t$ to denote that a secret S has been shared using a (t, n) threshold secret sharing scheme.

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

Message space: finite field \mathbb{F}

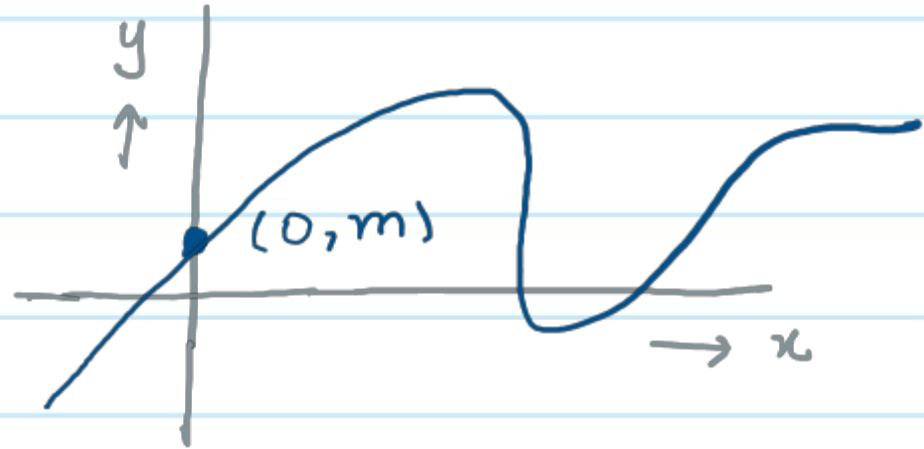
let $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{F}^n$ be some fixed constants

→ **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 $s(0) = m$.



Semi-Honest Secure Multi-Party Computation

Definition: A protocol π 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 λ & \forall inputs x_1, \dots, x_n , it holds that:

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

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

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Semi-Honest MPC: BGW Protocol (1988)



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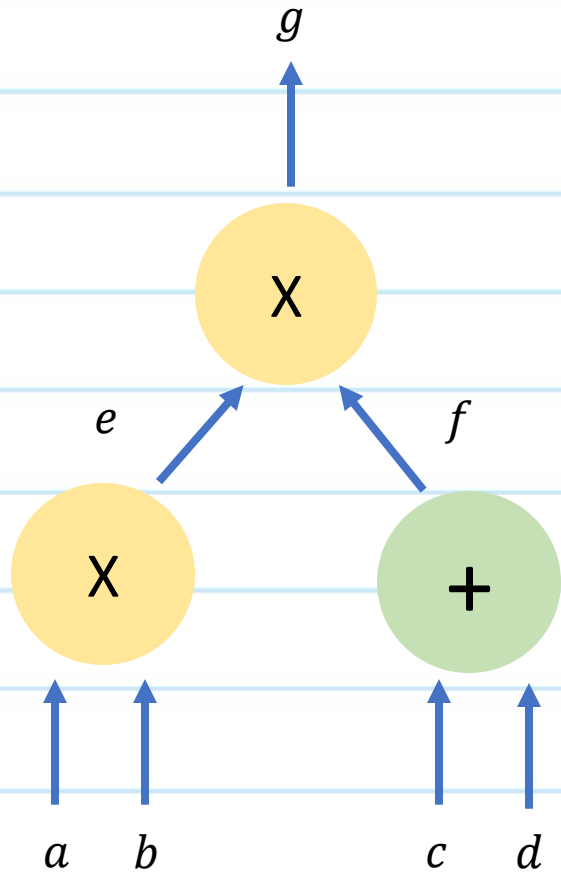
- At most $t < n/2$ semi-honest corruptions
- Information-theoretically secure.

BGW Protocol

- Let the function that the parties wish to compute be $f: \mathbb{F}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}^k$
- We assume that all parties have an arithmetic circuit representing the function f .
- Similar to GMW, this protocol proceeds in three phases:
 - 1) Input Sharing
 - 2) Circuit Evaluation
 - 3) Output Reconstruction.

BGW Protocol: Overview

* Input Sharing: Parties start by computing and sending (t, n) threshold shares of their respective inputs.



* Circuit Evaluation: gate-by-gate evaluation over secret-share values. In other words, compute secret-share of all intermediate wire values one by one.

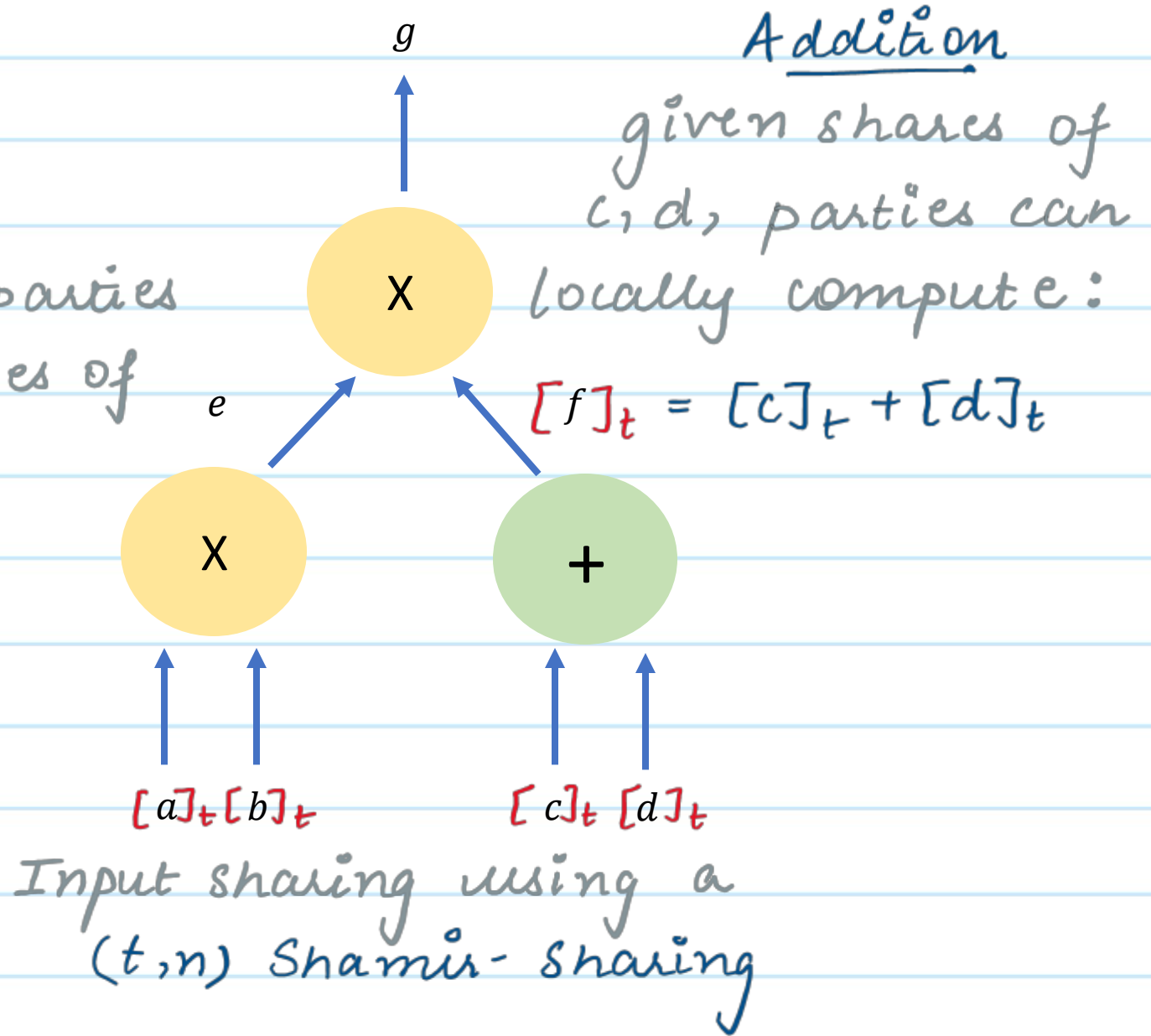
* Output Reconstruction: All parties reveal their shares of the output wire values to each other & then reconstruct.

BGW Protocol

Multiplication

given shares of a, b , the parties need to compute shares of $e = a \times b$

Can the parties simply locally multiply their respective shares of a & b ?



BGW Protocol: Multiplication Gates.

Given: $[a]_t, [b]_t$ To compute: $[e = a \cdot b]_t$

$\forall i \in [n]$, Each party P_i does the following:

1. locally computes $\bar{e}_i = a_i \times b_i$

2. Computes (t, n) Shamir Sharing of \bar{e}_i
 $(\bar{e}_{i1}, \dots, \bar{e}_{in}) \leftarrow \text{Share}(\bar{e}_i)$

3. $\forall j \in [n]$, Send \bar{e}_{ij} to Party P_j

4. Let h_1, \dots, h_n be Lagrange coefficients such that $ab = h_1 \bar{e}_1 + h_2 \bar{e}_2 + \dots + h_n \bar{e}_n$

Party P_i computes $ab_i = h_1 \bar{e}_{i1} + h_2 \bar{e}_{i2} + \dots + h_n \bar{e}_{in}$

1. $[e]_{2t} = [a]_t \times [b]_t$

2. $[e]_{2t} \rightarrow [[e]_{2t}]_t$

3. exchange shares of shares

4. $[[e]_{2t}]_t \rightarrow [e]_t$

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$$[[e]_{2t}]_t \xleftarrow{\text{Share}} [e]_{2t}$$

exchange $[[e]_{2t}]_t$

$$[e]_t \xleftarrow{\text{reconstruct}} [[e]_{2t}]_t$$

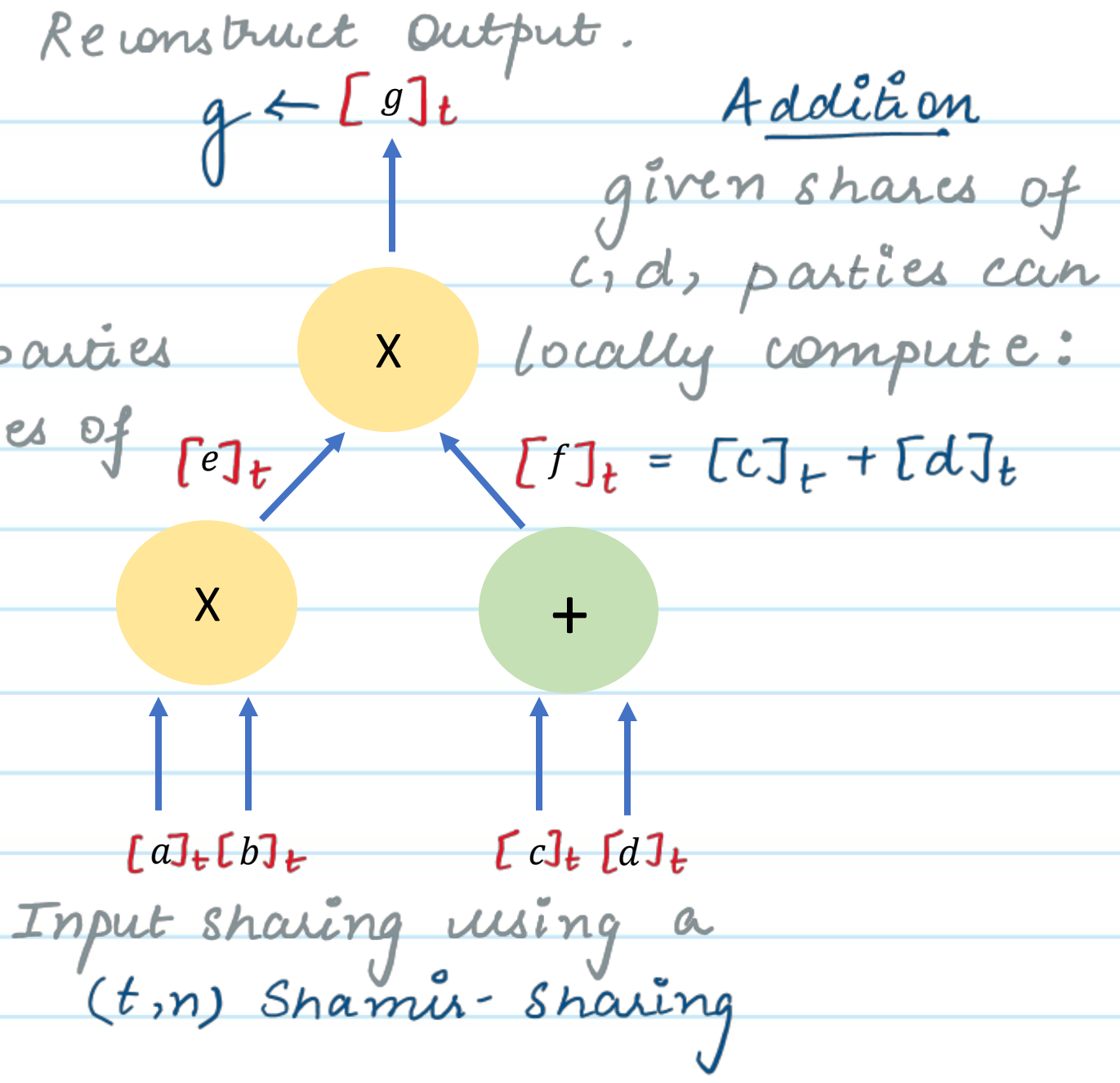
Reconstruct output.

$$g \leftarrow [g]_t$$

Addition

given shares of c, d , parties can locally compute e :

$$[f]_t = [c]_t + [d]_t$$



Input sharing using a (t, n) Shamir-Sharing

BGW Protocol: Security

What do we want to Prove?

- BGW is an n -party protocol for securely computing f in the presence of a semi-honest adversary who corrupts at most $t \leq n/2$ parties.
- \exists a simulator, s.t. for any t -sized subset $C \subseteq [n]$ of corrupt parties and $\forall x_1, \dots, x_n$, it can simulate a view using inputs of the corrupt parties & output of f that is indistinguishable from the adversary's view in the real protocol.
- for simplicity, let's consider an adv who corrupts exactly $n/2 - 1$ parties.

Simulator: $S_C (\{x_i\}_{i \in C}, f(x_1, \dots, x_n))$

1 Input sharing: $\forall i \in C$, compute $\text{Share}(x_i)$
 $\forall i \notin C$, compute $\text{Share}(0)$

2. Circuit Evaluation: $\forall i \in C$:

→ Addition ($f = c + d$): compute $f_i = c_i + d_i$

→ Multiplication ($e = a \times b$): compute $\bar{e}_i = a_i \times b_i$
compute $\text{Share}(\bar{e}_i)$

$\forall j \notin C$, sample $\bar{e}_{ji} \xleftarrow{\$} F$
compute

$a b_i = h_1 \bar{e}_{i1} + \dots + h_n \bar{e}_{in}$

Simulator: $S_c(\{x_i\}_{i \in C}, f(x_1, \dots, x_n))$

3. Output Reconstruction: For each output wire y , let $\{y_i\}_{i \in C}$ be the shares that the simulator computed during circuit eval.

Interpolate $(y, \{y_i\}_C)$ to reconstruct a polynomial $p(x)$ such that $p(0) = y$.

$$\forall j \in [n] \setminus C: y_j = y(\alpha_j).$$

Exercise: Why is the view generated by this simulator *perfectly* indistinguishable from adversary's view.