## PRIVACY PRESERVING FUZZY PATIENT MATCHING USING HOMOMORPHIC ENCRYPTION

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## OBJECTIVE

## Medical record interoperability

－Consider a patient＇s longitudinal medical history
－Provide better patient outcomes and higher quality of service

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## CHALLENGES

No universal identifier for linkage

Quasi-identifiers such as name, birthday and recent address are most-often used

- Cannot be shared across facilities or with third parties

Cannot rely on literal matches due to errors in demographics

## EXISTING SOLUTIONS

## Bloom filter ${ }^{[1]}$ based

Data structure to obtain digests of information without revealing original data

Makes use of multiple hash functions to mask inputs

Digests can be compared to arrive at similarities between two Bloom filters

Privacy preserving(?)


## EXISTING SOLUTIONS

## Calculating similarity between Bloom filters ${ }^{[2]}$

Intuitively, number of 1-bits in same positions (common 1-bits) vs total number of 1-bits (total 1-bits) Predefined threshold for match
Example 1: Dice coefficient ${ }^{[2]}=\left(2^{*}\right.$ common 1-bits $) /$ total 1 -bits


## EXISTING SOLUTIONS

## Calculating similarity between Bloom filters

Example 2: Threshold Tversky index ${ }^{[3]}=\left(\theta_{\mathrm{n}}+\theta_{\mathrm{d}}\right){ }^{*}$ common 1-bits $-\theta_{\mathrm{n}}{ }^{*}$ total 1-bits

- Reveals only binary result, rather than similarity score
- Does not require division


Threshold $(\theta)=80 \%$ i.e. $\theta=8 / 10=4 / 5$ i.e. $\theta_{n}=4, \theta_{d}=5$

Tversky $\left(\mathrm{BF}_{1}, \mathrm{BF}_{2}\right)$

- Common 1-bits = 3; Total 1-bits = 8

$\mathrm{BF}_{2}=$| 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

- Result $=9(3)-4(8)=27-32=-5$ (Mismatch)

Tversky $\left(\mathrm{BF}_{1}, \mathrm{BF}_{3}\right)$

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\mathrm{BF}_{3}=\begin{array}{|l|l|l|l|l|}
\hline 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

- Common 1-bits $=4$; Total 1-bits $=9$
- Result $=9(4)-4(9)=36-36=0$ (Match)


## ISSUES WITH EXISTING SOLUTIONS

Frequency and cryptanalysis attacks, brute force attacks ${ }^{[4]}$


Re-identification percentage (different BF length)


## HOMOMORPHIC ENCRYPTION

Allows computation on ciphertexts, generating an encrypted result
Result, when decrypted, matches the result of the operations as if they had been performed on the plaintext


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Ciphertext packing of vectors


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## Ciphertext packing of vectors

Encryption of multiple values into one ciphertext, as opposed to a single value Embed values of vectors into coefficients of polynomials

$$
\begin{gathered}
\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\
\hline P(x)=1 x^{3}+2 x^{2}+3 x^{1}+4 x^{0} \\
\hline 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\
\hline
\end{array} \begin{array}{|c}
\hline 1
\end{array}\right. \\
\\
\hline 1 x^{3}+1 x^{2}+0 x^{1}+0 x^{0}
\end{gathered}
$$

## HOMOMORPHIC ENCRYPTION

## Inner products

One vector needs to be inverted i.e. reversed
The result of the inner product is the coefficient of $x^{\text {length-1 }}$


## VECTOR-BASED MATCHING SOLUTION

Encrypt the bits of Bloom filters using homomorphic encryption $n^{[5][6]}$

Compare encrypted Bloom filters

- Does not reveal any information to third parties

Results can only be decrypted by the intended recipient


Figure 1: Data movements for the proposed protocol

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## Ciphertext packing of matrices

Matrices can be packed into one ciphertext ${ }^{[7]}$

- Intuition: rows are packed as per vector packing, then combined into a single polynomial


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P(x)=x^{24}+x^{21}+x^{18}+x^{17}+x^{16}+x^{13}+x^{11}+x^{10}+x^{9}+x^{8}+x^{5}+1
$$

## PROPOSED SOLUTION

## Matrix multiplication

Multiplication gives number of 1-bits in the same location (common 1-bits) for each pair of records.


## PROPOSED SOLUTION

Bloom filters are stacked i.e. treated as rows of a matrix

Bloom matrix * transpose of another Bloom matrix = pairwise common 1 -bits

Bloom matrix * matrix of all $1 \mathrm{~s}=$ 1-bits count of that matrix

Threshold Tversky index calculated from these 3 matrices


## PRELIMINARY RESULTS

|  | Time taken(s) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Matrix <br> size | Vector <br> encryption | Matrix <br> encryption | Vector <br> matching | Matrix <br> Matching |
| $4 * 4$ | 0.0626682 | 0.0482091 | 2.07659 | 0.058472 |
| $8 * 8$ | 0.125355 | 0.0412167 | 8.06762 | 0.056312 |
| $16 * 16$ | 0.252727 | 0.10382 | 32.1595 | 0.147115 |
| $32^{* 32}$ | 0.502159 | 4.01244 | 128.199 | 5.84446 |

## OPEN PROBLEMS

Large key size of homomorphic encryption keys

- Key size of the order of $\sim 1 \mathrm{~Gb}$ required to encrypt 32 * 32 matrices

Multiplication of large matrices is very computationally intensive

- Can be fixed using bootstrapping
- Intuition: manages noise in ciphertext by encrypting again


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## EXAMPLE

## Linkage Unit



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## Decryption Unit

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## EXAMPLE

Single Linkage Party

Facility A


Facility B



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