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Check: No one gets to know anything apart from their own number and the sum of the numbers because of the randomness added at the beginning.

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- Communication models.
 - two-party/multi-party
 - compromised channels/uncompromised channels
 - broadcast/point-to-point
- Computers (a.k.a Turing machines)
- Quantum Computers.
- Circuits.
- Proof Systems.
- Prover-Verifier Games.
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Secure Multiparty Computation

Secure multiparty computation (MPC) is a cryptographic protocol that **allows multiple parties to jointly compute a function** of their inputs while revealing as little as possible about those inputs.

Some of the applications of MPC are **online auctions, voting** etc.

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Machine Learning

Machine Learning (ML) is a type of artificial intelligence (Al) that allows software applications to become more accurate in **predicting outcomes without being explicitly programmed to do so**.

Application of Machine learning includes healthcare, natural language processing, recommendation systems.

Data Clustering

Data clustering is the process of grouping data points together based on their similarities. Clustering is an unsupervised learning technique.

Application of data clustering includes **market segmentation**, **image segmentation**, **anomaly detection** and many more.

Algorithm Design

Algorithm Design refers to developing efficient algorithms to solve computational problems and analysing their complexity.

The aim is to devise algorithms that optimize time and space complexities, addressing challenges in various domains like **optimization**, **cryptography, artificial intelligence**, and more.

Complexity Theory

Complexity Theory is the study of different **computational models**.

Research in this area focuses on understanding the **power and limitations** of objects that model **real-world machines** with varied restrictions. Knowing the limitations of a model helps us devise **secure protocols** against them.

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