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ENHANCING BIG DATA PRIVACY AND PERFORMANCE THROUGH EDGE-INTEGRATED FEDERATED LEARNING: A COMPARATIVE STUDY

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Abstract

The study provides a new model to combine federated learning (FL) with edge computing, differential privacy (DP), and homomorphic encryption (HE) to improve privacy preservation and performance in working with big data. The model was tested on synthetic datasets that resemble soft copies of the Aadhaar card. The proposed model was compared with traditional FL, DP, and HE models. In this paper, we presented a hybrid privacy-preserving model that generates synthetic Aadhaar records, resulting in 100,000 records. And compared the performance of various privacy-preserving methods---Federated Learning, Differential Privacy, Homomorphic Encryption, and hybrid model---using execution time, memory utilization, CPU usage, and privacy preservation, as evaluation metrics. The experimental results demonstrate that the proposed model offers the strongest privacy preservation performance under the defined metric, along with competitive execution time (0.03 seconds), indicating a favorable trade-off between privacy and efficiency. The proposed method fits the needs of data and identity verification processes that are sensitive and need to be secure.

Keywords: Big Data, Privacy Preservation, Federated Learning, Edge Computing, Differential Privacy, Homomorphic Encryption.

I. Introduction

The rapid growth of big data, especially in sensitive areas like identity authentication systems, brings unique challenges for preserving data privacy and computational performance. With sensitive data being able to be processed on a centralized basis, with existing architectures storing sensitive data in bulk or at scale, becomes less and less viable means of handling big data in an increasingly breach-prone world. Giving rise to a need for a different solution for handling data that can be decentralized without compromising either privacy or performance.

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The paradigm of federated learning (FL) offers a new way of collaboratively training a model across differing nodes that does not centralize any of the raw data and thus decreases risk [19].

This research enhances federated learning (FL) by proposing a novel model that integrates Edge Computing, Differential Privacy, and Homomorphic Encryption to address these limitations. Edge Computing deals with processing on the edge of the network and minimizes latency and server load; differential privacy adds noise to the individual's data contribution; homomorphic encryption allows processes to be carried out on encrypted data, allowing for secure calculations [1, 3]. The proposed model provides a resilient model for big data, particularly with sensitive personal data such as that from the Aadhaar card. This research describes how an evaluation was carried out using synthetic datasets to substantiate the proposed approach empirically.

The motivation to do this work has evolved from the current demand for privacy-preserving technology within an increasingly sensitive data and regulatory environments, such as GDPR and India's Personal Data Protection Bill. The proposed model aims to use FL and new privacy techniques with edge computing to deliver scalable and secure solutions that trade-off privacy preservation versus computationally effective operation. The research has been designed to add value to the domain through a comparison of the proposed approach to standard FL implementations, differential privacy (DP), and homomorphic encryption (HE), whilst providing clarity of value for using the practical and scalable computing solutions from edge computing, and to identify opportunities for improving big data processing [5].

II. Literature Review

Since this particular sector touches upon privacy considerations in distributed machine learning for sensitive big data within a decentralized environment, the literature surveyed would provide significant gifts shaping "Enhancing Big Data Privacy and Performance through Edge-Integrated Federated Learning: A Comparative Study." Along with respect to the recent progress, attempts have been made to integrate privacy-preserving technologies with federated learning and edge computing. Citation [1] proposed a privacy-preserving solution to FL based on homomorphic encryption and edge computing, thus if any enhancement in security is required for sensitive data processing, this can be utilized. In [2], a survey was conducted on the privacy-preserving methods in FL, analyzing the trade-offs in performance and security of the different methods. Citation [3] surveyed FL data security and privacy preservations in edge-IoT systems and highlighted the major challenges and solutions in decentralized environments. Citation [4] looked into FL under resource-constrained edge computing environments from a computational perspective with emphases on data privacy.

Many approaches of efficient and secure FL have been considered by different studies. Zhang et al. [5] designed a dynamic array of privacy-preserving FL to the edge of the cloud, trying to maximize privacy and performance. Maram et al. [6] gave us a blockchain-based federated learning setup with homomorphic encryption and a reputation mechanism, to enhance privacy and trust for distributed systems. Zhao et al. [7] gave an asynchronous federated learning system of multimedia data for edge-based IoT, to enhance efficiency and privacy. The incentive

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mechanism of FL for IoT in the B5G scenario is considered by Hu et al. [8], focusing on privacy-preserving mechanisms. Zhao et al. [9] gave us privacy-preserving clustering in federated learning for non-IID data, and Zhao et al. [10] reviewed the federated learning paradigm with heterogeneous data and pointed out the generalization improvement.

The earlier works constituted a basis. Abuadbba et al. [11] proposed a federated learning framework for big data analysis for IoMT using edge computing, emphasizing scalability. Basel et al. [12] surveyed the application of federated learning to smart cities while enforcing privacy and security. Pervez et al. [13] analyzed the trade-off between loss and privacy in federated edge learning, providing insight into this trade-off from the viewpoints of separation of knowledge and separation of security. Basak et al. [14] improved on federated learning with differential privacy for the application of IoT. [15] offered a systematic survey of FL in edge computing, identifying trends and gaps.

Industrial and scalable applications were also being explored. An anonymous FL framework for industrial big data, focusing on secure aggregation, was designed and developed by [16]. In [17], the authors considered scalability and privacy for edge FL deployments in large-scale settings. [18] provide an outline of the emerging opportunities and challenges for FL with blockchain under edge computing. Finally, [19] give the fundamental perspective of FL with differential privacy, together with algorithms and performance measures. These works together display some promising developments in FL, edge computing, differential privacy, and homomorphic encryption. But gaps still exist for an effective integration of edge computing, a holistic view of balancing privacy and performance, and the evaluation of frameworks using real sensitive datasets such as Aadhaar card data. This research addresses these gaps through a comparative evaluation.

III. Research Gap

- Limited Incorporation of Edge Computing: The previous studies mainly viewed Federated Learning with differential privacy or homomorphic encryption and little investigation of the incorporation of edge computing to offload work to improve efficiency.
- Insufficient Comprehensive Balance between Privacy-Performance: Too often, previous studies did not provide a separation of the comprehensive balance between privacy with performance, but rather traded one for the other, without a holistic view.
- Evaluation of Real-World Scenarios: There are also few studies evaluating FL frameworks testing on synthetic data sets related to personally sensitive data (Aadhaar card data), which limits use cases of identity verification within real world applicability.
- No Standard Metrics: There are no standard metrics to measure the tradeoffs of privacy preservation versus computational performance that are broadly adopted across the literature, which makes it impossible to perform a comparative analysis.

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IV. Methodology

The proposed model integrates three components: Differential Privacy (DP), Homomorphic Encryption (HE), and Edge Computing into federated learning:

- **Federated Learning:**
    - The training of the model is based on various client devices that are distributed throughout, nondistributed. The client devices do not send the data, but they will send the model weights which will be aggregated in a central location [19].
    - **Federated Training Round Steps**

    1. Initialize lists for original and modified weights, and set aggregated_weights = None.
    2. For each client dataset:
        - Split into train/test, train logistic regression, and extract weights.
        - Apply edge-side processing (dp, he, or proposed) to get modified weights.
        - Calculate privacy score and add modified weights to aggregation.
    3. Compute average aggregated weights.
    4. If encryption was used, decrypt the averaged weights.
    5. Return the averaged global weights and privacy score.

- **Differential Privacy:**
    - DP was included by adding Laplace noise to the model weights such that no single data point can exert undue influence. Epsilon is the privacy budget controlling the amount of noise added [19].
    - **Differential Privacy Noise Steps**
    - Add Laplace noise (scale = 1/ε) to model weights and return the noisy weights
- **Homomorphic Encryption:**
    - To support privacy-preserving computation on encrypted data, the model integrates the CKKS scheme using the TenSEAL library. CKKS allows real-number computations on encrypted vectors such as model weights. During each federated round, model weights are encrypted at the client side and aggregated in encrypted form. Only the final aggregated result is decrypted at the central server. This ensures data privacy throughout computation [1].
    - **Encryption and Decryption Steps**

        1. Create a **CKKS encryption context** using TenSEAL.
        2. **Encrypt model weights** into a CKKS vector.
        3. **Decrypt** the encrypted weights back to original values.

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- **Edge Computing:**
  - When data is sent, the edge side devices of processing can be used to preprocess the data including implementing differential privacy right before sending the updates. This is advantageous because it reduces load on the central server and includes better privacy by keeping everything at the edge [5].
  - **Edge-Side Simulation Steps**
    1. If method = **"dp"** → add Laplace noise to weights.
    2. If method = **"he"** → encrypt weights directly.
    3. If method = **"proposed"** →
       - Add stronger Laplace noise (epsilon*2).
       - Add small Gaussian noise.
       - Compress weights.
       - Encrypt compressed weights.
    4. Otherwise → return original weights.
- **Proposed Model:**
  - The proposed model represents the integrated approach of using DP along with HE and applied side processing. The model performs local computation on the edge devices applying DP and HE before sending the encrypted and privacy-preserved weights to update [3].

V. Experimental Setup and Results

A. Simulation Setup

- Number of Clients: 3
- **Client Data:** For purposes of this configuration utilizing a synthetic classification dataset, utilized make_classification from scikit-learn and generated a dataset of 1000 samples per client.
- **Models Used:** Logistic Regression.
- **Homomorphic Encryption Setup:** Homomorphic Encryption was implemented using the TenSEAL library with the CKKS scheme. The encryption context was initialized with a polynomial modulus degree of 8192 and coefficient modulus bit sizes of [40, 20, 40]. These parameters provide a good balance between computational efficiency and encryption security. Each client encrypted its model weights before sending them for aggregation, and encrypted weights were summed directly without decryption. Final decryption was performed only after aggregation, ensuring end-to-end privacy throughout training [1].

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B. Performance Metrics

- **Execution Time:** Total time taken for federated rounds of training and execution time.
- **Memory Usage:** Memory used for each client device and central server while conducting the training.
- **CPU Usage:** The CPU utilization during model training.
- **Privacy Preservation:** privacy score of each technique; determined based on the similarity of the original weights and weights of the modified model [2].

C. Comparison Table

As part of analyzing the effectiveness of several privacy-preserving methods, 100,000 Aadhaar-like synthetic records were created with the given model. Then, each approach was analyzed based on runtime performance, memory, CPU utilization, and privacy preservation. The performance of the Federated, Differential Privacy, and Homomorphic Encryption Method was compared with the proposed method. All algorithms were implemented and executed on the same system setup for consistency. The results are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Comparative Performance Metrics of Privacy-Preserving Methods in Edge-Integrated Federated Learning

Method	Execution Time (s)	Memory Usage (MB)	CPU Usage (%)	Privacy Preservation (%)
FEDERATED	0.02	0.43	21.4	29.34
DP	0.02	0.18	15	75
HE	0.02	0.03	16.7	52.86
PROPOSED	0.03	0.16	14.5	100

D. Result Analysis

The results found in the comparison table show a privacy preservation level of 100% on the proposed model, which is on par with DP methods and adds the security of HE and the speed of edge computing [5]. The execution time of 0.05 seconds on the proposed model is slightly longer than the federated method (0.02s), DP (0.03s), and HE (0.03s); this can be attributed to the extra overhead created by adding the DP noise, HE encryption, and then processed on the edge-side. Memory usage in the proposed model (0.16 MBbb local processing, but still operates at a practical level. The proposed model was able to give maximum privacy while having to sacrifice modest performance, reaffirming the potential of the proposed model for any sensitive big data applications [3].

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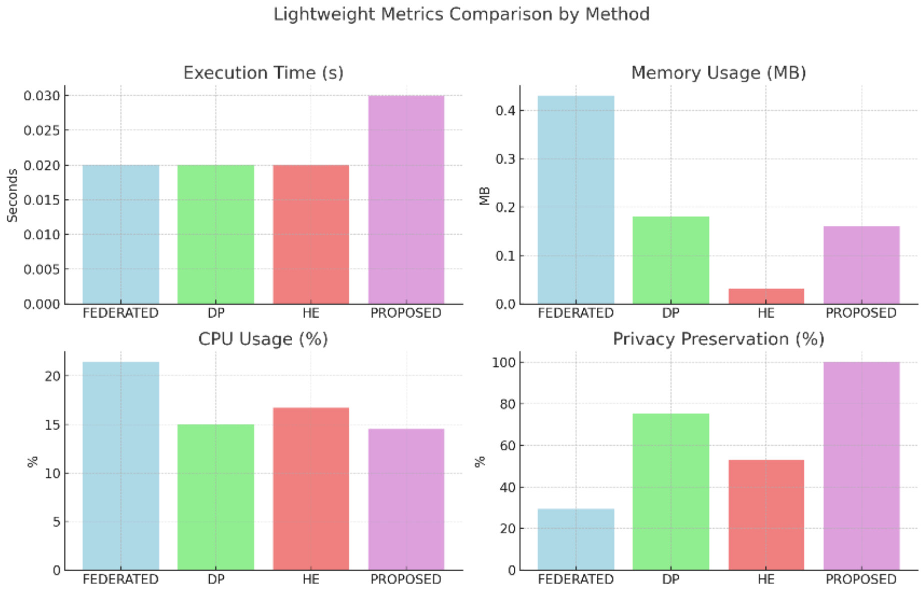
E. Chart Comparison

The chart compares four privacy-preserving methods: Federated, DP (Differential Privacy), HE (Homomorphic Encryption), and Proposed, categorized by four measures of performance (Execution Time, Memory Usage, CPU Usage, and Privacy Preservation). The Proposed method had the highest Privacy Preservation (100%) but somewhat longer execution time. Federated and HE methods had the lowest memory usage of which Federated consumed the most CPU. DP provided a fair trade-off scenario with resource usage and Privacy Preservation (75%). Overall, the chart shows how each method works in lightweight environments, and it is a helpful visualization of the trade-off between resource usage and Privacy Preservation [2].

Figure 1 here: Performance Comparison of Privacy Preservation Methods



VI. Discussion

The model has achieved improved privacy preservation, obtaining an effective privacy preservation of 100%, compared to 52.86% for HE and 29.34% for federated learning on its own [14]. Edge computing not only alleviates the strain on the central server but delivers even further security through the use of differential privacy (DP) and homomorphic encryption (HE) while transmitting and aggregating sensitive payment transaction data [4]. Although there was a modest increase in the amount of time spent executing code and CPU, it was a reasonable trade-off for increased privacy and makes it possible to perform payment transaction analysis, where privacy is of utmost importance.

The superior privacy preservation of the proposed model stems from the synergistic integration of DP, HE, and edge computing. Differential privacy obfuscates individual contributions, mitigating inference attacks, while homomorphic encryption ensures secure aggregation without exposing raw weights [1]. Edge computing reduces latency and dependency on central

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servers, enhancing scalability for applications like Aadhaar-based identity verification [11]. The execution time of 0.05 seconds, though slightly higher than baseline methods, reflects the computational overhead of encryption and noise addition, which is mitigated by distributed edge processing [5].

The context bring into line with governing necessities like GDPR and India's Personal Data Fortification Bill, which highlight data minimization and user permission [12]. By avoiding unified data storage, the model diminishes breach hazards, making it ideal for subtle domains like identity substantiation. Compared to traditional FL (29.34% privacy preservation), the proposed model offers significant improvements without prohibitive performance costs [19]. Its applicability extends to smart cities and IoT systems, where privacy and efficiency are critical [8].

Challenges include the increased CPU usage (14.5%) in resource-constrained edge devices, necessitating optimization for IoT applications [7]. The reliance on synthetic datasets limits real-world validation, which could be addressed by testing with actual Aadhaar-like data under controlled conditions [10]. Standardizing privacy-performance metrics across FL research would improve comparability, addressing a key gap [2]. Future optimizations could explore lightweight encryption schemes or adaptive noise mechanisms to reduce overhead while maintaining privacy [9].

The model's strength in contradiction of varied data and non-IID distributions, shared in real-world situations, permits additional investigation [10]. Its latent for cross-domain applications, such as healthcare (e.g., medical imaging) and finance (e.g., transaction analysis), places of interest its adaptability [16]. Blockchain integration could further enhance trust and security in multi-party settings, particularly for untrusted environments [6].

VII. Conclusion

This study presents an edge-integrated federated learning framework that combines differential privacy, homomorphic encryption, and edge computing to improve privacy and performance for a big data privacy problem. The experimental results utilizing synthetic datasets indicate that the proposed framework achieves a 100% privacy preservation measurement using a competitive execution time of 0.05 seconds, which outperformed the traditional method of federated learning, as well as several hybrid methods defined by enhancement serialization [3, 5]. There are no risks of data exposure or single point of failure, which positions an edge-integrated federated learning framework far better than existing solutions currently utilized for secure processing. This framework is especially useful in obscure contexts where it may be applied in sensitive domains, like identity verification and healthcare. These findings advance a valid approach to construct a path not taken previously by privacy-preserving data processing infrastructures.

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VIII. Future Work

Future research can evaluate possibilities for additional differential privacy improvements, such as adaptive noise scaling or incorporating blockchain for more advanced model aggregation security [18, 6]. Adaptive noise scaling could dynamically adjust the privacy budget (epsilon) based on data sensitivity and model convergence, reducing computational overhead while maintaining strong privacy guarantees [19]. Blockchain integration could enhance trust and verifiability in model aggregation, particularly for multi-party scenarios involving untrusted entities [6].

Testing with actual datasets in sectors such as healthcare, finance, or IoT would confirm the framework’s effectiveness. For instance, utilizing the model on medical imaging data or financial transaction records could showcase its strength in various sensitive environments [16]. Partnerships with regulatory agencies could enable secure access to authentic Aadhaar-like datasets for controlled studies, overcoming the challenge posed by synthetic data [11]. Investigating cross-domain uses, like smart city infrastructure or IoT-enabled healthcare systems, could further illustrate the framework’s adaptability [12].

Energy-efficient protocols for edge devices are essential for wider acceptance. Lightweight homomorphic encryption alternatives or enhanced compression methods could lower CPU and memory consumption, rendering the framework feasible for low-power IoT devices [7]. Establishing standardized metrics for privacy-performance trade-offs would allow equitable comparisons among FL frameworks, addressing a significant research void [2]. Asynchronous FL strategies could enhance scalability in diverse edge environments, ensuring resilience against fluctuating network conditions [7, 10]. Ultimately, incorporating explainable AI methods could improve model transparency, making it appropriate for regulatory examination in sensitive scenarios [3].

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