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Bristol Fashion Circuit Library (BFCL) for working with circuit definitions represented using the Bristol Fashion.

**CHAPTER
ONE**

PURPOSE

This library includes data structures and associated methods for working with logical circuits typically used in secure multi-party computation (MPC) applications. The data structures follow in their organization the [Bristol Fashion](#) format, extrapolating and generalizing where necessary in order to support a wider variety of features and operations.

CHAPTER
TWO

PACKAGE INSTALLATION AND USAGE

The package is available on [PyPI](#):

```
python -m pip install bfcl
```

The library can be imported in the usual way:

```
import bfcl
from bfcl import *
```

This library makes it possible to parse a circuit definition that conforms to the Bristol Fashion syntax:

```
>>> ss = ['7 36', '2 4 4', '1 1']
>>> ss += ['2 1 0 1 15 AND', '2 1 2 3 16 AND']
>>> ss += ['2 1 15 16 8 AND', '2 1 4 5 22 AND']
>>> ss += ['2 1 6 7 23 AND', '2 1 22 23 9 AND']
>>> ss += ['2 1 8 9 35 AND']
>>> c = bfc('\n'.join(ss))
```

A string representation that conforms to the Bristol Fashion syntax can be emitted:

```
>>> for line in c.emit().split('\n'):
...     print(line)
...
7 36
2 4 4
1 1
2 1 0 1 15 AND
2 1 2 3 16 AND
2 1 15 16 8 AND
2 1 4 5 22 AND
2 1 6 7 23 AND
2 1 22 23 9 AND
2 1 8 9 35 AND
```

It is possible to evaluate a circuit on a sequence of input bit vectors. The circuit defined in the example above takes two 4-bit input vectors and returns the logical conjunction of all the bits. In the example below, it is evaluated on a few pairs of input bit vectors. The result is organized into a list of output bit vectors according to the original circuit definition (in the example below, the result consists of only a single output bit vector that contains a single bit):

```
>>> c.evaluate([[1, 0, 1, 1], [1, 1, 1, 0]])
[[0]]
```

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```
>>> c.evaluate([[1, 1, 1, 1], [1, 1, 1, 1]])
[[1]]
```

As an alternative to using a string representation to define a circuit, it is also possible to construct a circuit using the `circuit` library. In the example below, the constructor for the `circuit` class found in the `bfcl` library is applied to an object built using the classes and methods exported by the `circuit` library (note the use of a synonym to avoid a conflict with the `circuit` class defined in the `bfcl` library):

```
>>> import circuit as circuit_
>>> c = circuit_.circuit()
>>> g0 = c.gate(circuit_.op.id_, is_input=True)
>>> g1 = c.gate(circuit_.op.id_, is_input=True)
>>> g2 = c.gate(circuit_.op.and_, [g0, g1])
>>> g3 = c.gate(circuit_.op.id_, [g2], is_output=True)
>>> bfc(c).emit().split('\n')
['2 4', '1 2', '1 1', '2 1 0 1 2 AND', '1 1 2 3 LID']
```

CHAPTER THREE

DOCUMENTATION

The library contains one module:

3.1 bfcl module

Python library for working with circuit definitions represented using the Bristol Fashion.

```
class bfcl.bfcl.operation(iterable=(), /)
    Bases: logical.logical.logical
```

Data structure for an individual gate operation. This class is derived from the `logical` class exported by the `logical` library. This module indirectly imports the `logical` class via the `op` synonym defined in the `circuit` library. See the documentation for the `logical` class for more information on this data structure and how logical operations are represented as tuples of integers.

```
token_op_pairs = [('LID', (0, 1)), ('INV', (1, 0)), ('FLS', (0, 0, 0, 0)), ('AND',
(0, 0, 0, 1)), ('NIM', (0, 0, 1, 0)), ('FST', (0, 0, 1, 1)), ('NIF', (0, 1, 0, 0)),
('SND', (0, 1, 0, 1)), ('XOR', (0, 1, 1, 0)), ('LOR', (0, 1, 1, 1)), ('NOR', (1, 0,
0, 0)), ('XNR', (1, 0, 0, 1)), ('NSD', (1, 0, 1, 0)), ('LIF', (1, 0, 1, 1)), ('NFT',
(1, 1, 0, 0)), ('IMP', (1, 1, 0, 1)), ('NND', (1, 1, 1, 0)), ('TRU', (1, 1, 1, 1))]
List of pairs of string representations and corresponding unary/binary operations.
```

```
static parse(token: str) → bfcl.operation
Parse a Bristol Fashion circuit gate operator token.
```

```
>>> operation.parse('AND')
(0, 0, 0, 1)
```

`emit()` → str

Emit a Bristol Fashion operation token.

```
>>> operation((0, 1, 1, 0)).emit()
'XOR'
```

`bfcl.bfcl.op`

alias of `bfcl.bfcl.operation`

```
class bfcl.bfcl.gate(wire_in_count: Optional[int] = None, wire_out_count: Optional[int] = None,
wire_in_index: Optional[Sequence[int]] = None, wire_out_index:
Optional[Sequence[int]] = None, operation: Optional[bfcl.bfcl.operation] = None)
```

Bases: `object`

Data structure for an individual circuit logic gate.

```
>>> gate.parse('2 1 0 1 15 AND').emit()
'2 1 0 1 15 AND'
>>> gate.parse('1 1 100 200 INV').emit()
'1 1 100 200 INV'
```

static parse(tokens) → bfcl.bfcl.gate

Parse a Bristol Fashion gate string or token list.

emit() → str

Emit a Bristol Fashion string for this gate.

class bfcl.bfcl.bfc(raw=None)

Bases: `object`

Data structure for circuits represented using the Bristol Fashion. A string representing a circuit that conforms to the Bristol Fashion syntax can be parsed into an instance of this class.

```
>>> circuit_string = ['7 36', '2 4 4', '1 1']
>>> circuit_string.extend(['2 1 0 1 15 AND', '2 1 2 3 16 AND'])
>>> circuit_string.extend(['2 1 15 16 8 AND', '2 1 4 5 22 AND'])
>>> circuit_string.extend(['2 1 6 7 23 AND', '2 1 22 23 9 AND'])
>>> circuit_string.extend(['2 1 8 9 35 AND'])
>>> circuit_string = "\n".join(circuit_string)
>>> c = bfc(circuit_string)
```

The string representation can be recovered from an instance of this class, as well.

```
>>> c.emit() == circuit_string
True
>>> for line in c.emit().split("\n"):
...     print(line)
7 36
2 4 4
1 1
2 1 0 1 15 AND
2 1 2 3 16 AND
2 1 15 16 8 AND
2 1 4 5 22 AND
2 1 6 7 23 AND
2 1 22 23 9 AND
2 1 8 9 35 AND
```

We could just add a ‘1 1 35 36 LID’ line, and increment ‘8 16’, but the `force_id_outputs` is perhaps not as lazy as it could be and performs a full `bfc->`circuit`->`bfc`` conversion to get the identity gates, hence the wire renumbering. >>> for line in c.emit(force_id_outputs=True).split("\n"): ... print(line) 8 16 2 4 4 1 1 2 1 0 1 8 AND 2 1 2 3 9 AND 2 1 8 9 10 AND 2 1 4 5 11 AND 2 1 6 7 12 AND 2 1 11 12 13 AND 2 1 10 13 14 AND 1 1 14 15 LID

A circuit can also be constructed using an instance of the `circuit` class defined in the `circuit` library (see the documentation for the `circuit.circuit` method defined as part of this class).

Common properties of the circuit can be found in the attributes of an instance.

```
>>> c.gate_count
7
>>> c.wire_count
```

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```

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>>> c.value_in_count
2
>>> c.value_in_length
[4, 4]
>>> c.value_out_count
1
>>> c.wire_in_count
8
>>> c.wire_in_index
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]
>>> c.wire_out_count
1
>>> c.wire_out_index
[35]

```

The individual gates are stored within a list consisting of zero or more instances of the `gate` class.

```

>>> (c.gate[0].wire_in_index, c.gate[0].wire_out_index)
([0, 1], [15])
>>> (c.gate[1].wire_in_index, c.gate[1].wire_out_index)
([2, 3], [16])
>>> (c.gate[2].wire_in_index, c.gate[2].wire_out_index)
([15, 16], [8])
>>> (c.gate[3].wire_in_index, c.gate[3].wire_out_index)
([4, 5], [22])
>>> (c.gate[4].wire_in_index, c.gate[4].wire_out_index)
([6, 7], [23])
>>> (c.gate[5].wire_in_index, c.gate[5].wire_out_index)
([22, 23], [9])
>>> (c.gate[6].wire_in_index, c.gate[6].wire_out_index)
([8, 9], [35])
>>> {c.gate[i].operation for i in range(7)} == {op.and_}
True

```

A circuit can also be evaluated an on a sequence of input bit vectors using the `bfcl.evaluate` method.

```

>>> from itertools import product
>>> inputs = list(product(*([[0, 1]]*4)))
>>> pairs = product(inputs, inputs)
>>> outputs = ([0]*255) + [1]
>>> [c.evaluate(p)[0] for p in pairs] == outputs
True

```

`circuit(c: Optional[circuit.circuit.circuit] = None) → Union[Type[None], circuit.circuit.circuit]`
 Populate this Bristol Fashion circuit instance using an instance of the `circuit` class defined in the `circuit` library.

```

>>> c_ = circuit_.circuit()
>>> c_.count()
0
>>> g0 = c_.gate(op.id_, is_input=True)
>>> g1 = c_.gate(op.id_, is_input=True)

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```
>>> g2 = c_.gate(op.and_, [g0, g1])
>>> g3 = c_.gate(op.id_, [g2], is_output=True)
>>> c_.count()
4
>>> c = bfc(c_)
>>> c.emit().split("\n")
['2 4', '1 2', '1 1', '2 1 0 1 2 AND', '1 1 2 3 LID']
>>> c_reparsed = bfc(bfc(c_).circuit())
>>> c_reparsed.emit().split("\n")
['2 4', '1 2', '1 1', '2 1 0 1 2 AND', '1 1 2 3 LID']
```

parse(*raw*: str)

Parse a string representation of a circuit that conforms to the Bristol Fashion syntax.

```
>>> s = ['7 36', '2 4 4', '1 1']
>>> s.extend(['2 1 0 1 15 AND', '2 1 2 3 16 AND'])
>>> s.extend(['2 1 15 16 8 AND', '2 1 4 5 22 AND'])
>>> s.extend(['2 1 6 7 23 AND', '2 1 22 23 9 AND'])
>>> s.extend(['2 1 8 9 35 AND'])
>>> s = "\n".join(s)
>>> c = bfc()
>>> c.parse(s)
>>> for line in c.emit().split("\n"):
...     print(line)
7 36
2 4 4
1 1
2 1 0 1 15 AND
2 1 2 3 16 AND
2 1 15 16 8 AND
2 1 4 5 22 AND
2 1 6 7 23 AND
2 1 22 23 9 AND
2 1 8 9 35 AND
```

emit(*force_id_outputs=False, progress=lambda _: ...*) → str

Emit a string representation of a Bristol Fashion circuit definition.

In the example below, a circuit object is first constructed using the `circuit` library.

```
>>> c_ = circuit_.circuit()
>>> c_.count()
0
>>> g0 = c_.gate(op.id_, is_input=True)
>>> g1 = c_.gate(op.id_, is_input=True)
>>> g2 = c_.gate(op.and_, [g0, g1])
>>> g3 = c_.gate(op.id_, [g2], is_output=True)
```

The `c_` object above can be converted into an instance of the class `circuit`.

```
>>> c = bfc(c_)
```

This method can be used to emit a string representation of an object, where the string conforms to the Bristol Fashion syntax.

```
>>> c.emit().split("\n")
['2 4', '1 2', '1 1', '2 1 0 1 2 AND', '1 1 2 3 LID']
```

```
>>> c.emit(True).split("\n")
['2 4', '1 2', '1 1', '2 1 0 1 2 AND', '1 1 2 3 LID']
```

evaluate(*inputs*: Sequence[Sequence[int]]) → Sequence[Sequence[int]]

Evaluate a circuit on a sequence of input bit vectors.

```
>>> s = ['7 36', '2 4 4', '1 1']
>>> s.extend(['2 1 0 1 15 AND', '2 1 2 3 16 AND'])
>>> s.extend(['2 1 15 16 8 AND', '2 1 4 5 22 AND'])
>>> s.extend(['2 1 6 7 23 AND', '2 1 22 23 9 AND'])
>>> s.extend(['2 1 8 9 35 AND'])
>>> c = bfc("\n".join(s))
>>> c.evaluate([[1, 0, 1, 1], [1, 1, 1, 0]])
[[0]]
>>> c.evaluate([[1, 1, 1, 1], [1, 1, 1, 1]])
[[1]]
```

The example below confirms that the circuit *c* defined above has correct behavior when evaluated on all compatible inputs (*i.e.*, inputs consisting of a pair of 4-bit vectors).

```
>>> from itertools import product
>>> inputs = list(product(*([0, 1]*4)))
>>> pairs = product(inputs, inputs)
>>> outputs = ([0]*255) + [1]
>>> [c.evaluate(p)[0] for p in pairs] == outputs
True
```

The documentation can be generated automatically from the source files using Sphinx:

```
cd docs
python -m pip install -r requirements.txt
sphinx-apidoc -f -E --templatedir=_templates -o _source ../../setup.py && make html
```

**CHAPTER
FOUR**

TESTING AND CONVENTIONS

All unit tests are executed and their coverage is measured when using `pytest` (see `setup.cfg` for configuration details):

```
python -m pip install pytest pytest-cov
python -m pytest
```

Alternatively, all unit tests are included in the module itself and can be executed using `doctest`:

```
python bfcl/bfcl.py -v
```

Style conventions are enforced using `Pylint`:

```
python -m pip install pylint
python -m pylint bfcl
```

**CHAPTER
FIVE**

CONTRIBUTIONS

In order to contribute to the source code, open an issue or submit a pull request on the [GitHub page](#) for this library.

**CHAPTER
SIX**

VERSIONING

Beginning with version 0.2.0, the version number format for this library and the changes to the library associated with version number increments conform with [Semantic Versioning 2.0.0](#).

**CHAPTER
SEVEN**

PUBLISHING

This library can be published as a [package on PyPI](#) by a package maintainer. Install the `wheel` package, remove any old build/distribution files, and package the source into a distribution archive:

```
python -m pip install wheel
rm -rf dist *.egg-info
python setup.py sdist bdist_wheel
```

Next, install the `twine` package and upload the package distribution archive to PyPI:

```
python -m pip install twine
python -m twine upload dist/*
```


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