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Abstract:

045] The present invention discloses a federated learning framework for privacy-preserving data science applications that enables collaborative machine learning across distributed datasets without requiring centralization of sensitive information. The framework comprises a plurality of client devices configured to perform local mode differential privacy module for injecting calibrated noise into updates, and an encryption module for securing model parameters during transmission. A secure aggregator combines encrypted updates using adaptive weighting algorithms to account for heterogeneous and non-IID client data, while preventing access to individual contributions. A blockchain-based audit layer records update transactions in an immutable ledger, ensuring transparency, accountability, and tamper-proof traceability of client participation. The system further includes communication optimization protocols for compressing model updates and dynamic scheduling of client participation, making it suitable for resource-constrained environments. An anomaly detection module safeguards against malicious or poisoned updates, thereby maintaining model integrity. By integrating privacy, security, and accountability into a unified design, the invention advances federated learning and finds applications in healthcare, finance, IoT, government analytics, and other domains requiring secure and privacy-preserving data science. Accompanied Drawing [FIGS. 1-2]

Complete Specification

Description:[001] The present invention relates generally to the field of data science and artificial intelligence, and more particularly, to a federated learning framework that enables collaborative machine learning across distributed datasets while ensuring privacy-preserving data analytics.

[002] Specifically, the invention provides a system and method for secure, efficient, and scalable federated learning by integrating differential privacy, secure aggregation, and blockchain-based audit mechanisms to safeguard sensitive data in domains such as healthcare, finance, Internet of Things (IoT), and other regulated industries.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[003] In recent years, machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI) have become integral to modern data-driven applications across sectors such as healthcare, commerce, and IoT-enabled smart environments. These applications rely heavily on large-scale data collection and centralized training of machine learning models. However, centralizing sensitive data presents significant challenges regarding privacy, regulatory compliance, and data security.

[004] Traditional centralized machine learning approaches require raw data to be transmitted and stored in a central server or cloud infrastructure. This practice exposes sensitive information to risks such as unauthorized access, data breaches, and malicious misuse. Moreover, compliance with privacy regulations like the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) makes centralized data aggregation impractical in many cases.

[005] To address these concerns, federated learning has been proposed as a decentralized machine learning paradigm. In this approach, models are trained locally on devices or institutional servers, and only model parameters or gradients are shared with a coordinating server. This eliminates the need to transfer raw data, thereby reducing privacy risks. However, federated learning in its current form is still subject to limitations that hinder widespread adoption.

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