

Fast top-k frequent itemset mining under Local Differential Privacy*

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I. INTRODUCTION

Differential privacy(DP) [7] was named one of the world's top 10 breakthrough technologies in 2020 by the MIT technology review. DP is a means in cryptography that aims to provide a way to maximize the accuracy of data queries when querying from statistical databases while minimizing the chances of identifying their records. As a mathematical technique, it can add noise to the data while quantifying the extent of the increase in privacy, thus making the process of adding “noise” more rigorous.

Due to its unique advantages, DP has been widely studied by the academia and industry. For example, Google, Microsoft, apple and other companies use this technology to protect users' privacy, and at the same time, mobile phones aggregate data, so as to improve service quality. And the U.S. government is to complete a census of 330 million U.S. residents by 2020, keeping their identities secret, in what would be the largest census ever.

There are two types of differential privacy - Centralized differential privacy(CDP) and Local differential privacy(LDP). Compared with CDP, the LDP does not require the assumptions of a trusted third party and provides stronger privacy guarantees. **DP's research has involved many aspects, in recent years, the work in data mining(DM) has attracted the attention. A lot of work [3]–[6] has been done to solve DM problems in CDP. However, since the analyst holds the user's raw data in CDP setting, its main job is to add noise to the results to satisfy the DP definition.**

The LDP, by contrast, has no reliance on third party assumptions. The main challenge with a DM task is that the data analyst does not hold the user's original sensitive information, so it is quite difficult to mine useful information with noise data. Qin et al. [1] proposed LDPMine protocol for heavy hitter estimation over set-valued data and left data mining as an open problem. Wang et al. [2] solved the

$top - k$ frequent itemset mining(FIM) task for the first time with **padding-and-sampling-based frequency oracle(PSFO)**. In [2], the Set-Value Item Mining(SVIM) protocol had been proposed to handles set values under the LDP setting, with the purpose of finding the k most frequent items and their frequencies. To mine frequent itemsets, a core technique is **“Guessing Frequency(GF)”**. That is, the analyst first calculated the frequency of a given itemset X for all candidate itemsets by (1),

$$\varphi(X) = \prod_{x \in X} \mu(x), \mu(x) = \frac{0.9 \times \tilde{\theta}(x)}{\max_{x \in S'} \tilde{\theta}(x)} \quad (1)$$

where $\varphi(X)$ represents the speculative frequency of itemset X , S' and $\tilde{\theta}(x)$ are denoted separately the $top - k$ frequent items set and the frequency of a given item x . Then $2k$ itemsets with highest guessing frequencies are selected to construct candidate set IS . Finally, reference [2] utilized SVIM protocol again with the domain IS to mine $top - k$ itemsets.

In [2], the SVSM protocol first selected $2k$ itemsets with highest guessing frequencies to construct candidate set IS , then utilized SVIM protocol again with the domain IS to mine $top - k$ itemsets. We observe that, the size of candidate set to construct IS increase significantly with k . As a result, it is computationally expensive when k is large(e.g., $k = 100$).

Inspiringly, we propose **minefp** protocol, which aims at finding $top - k$ itemsets under the LDP setting and provides similar accuracy while providing lower overhead than existing protocol(SVSM) within the same privacy constraints. First, the SVIM protocol is used to estimate the k most frequent items and their frequencies. Second, users report the number of frequent items they have; the analyst estimates the distribution user reported and figure out the right M as the maximum iteration of the tree. Third, users interact with the analyst to build effectively the FP-tree [?]. Fourth, the analyst optimizes and mines the FP-tree(post-processing). Fifth, the analyst publishes $top - k$ itemsets. Experimental results how that **minefp outperforms SVSM in that it identifies quickly frequent itemsets as well as estimates the frequencies more accurately.**

Roadmap.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Local Differential Privacy(LDP)

B. FP-growth

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