

**(a)**

Let  $x = (-1, -1 \dots, -1)$  and its neighboring dataset  $x' = (1, -1, -1 \dots -1)$ . Given  $z \sim \text{Lap}(\lambda)$

,

$$M(x) = \langle x, q \rangle + z \sim \text{Lap}(\langle x, q \rangle, \lambda)$$

$$M(x') = \langle x', q \rangle + z \sim \text{Lap}(\langle x', q \rangle, \lambda)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\Pr(M(x) = x)}{\Pr(M(x') = x)} &= \frac{\frac{1}{2\lambda} \exp(-\frac{|x - \langle x, q \rangle|}{\lambda})}{\frac{1}{2\lambda} \exp(-\frac{|x - \langle x', q \rangle|}{\lambda})} \\ &= \exp\left(\frac{|x - \langle x', q \rangle|}{\lambda} - \frac{|x - \langle x, q \rangle|}{\lambda}\right) \\ &\leq \exp\left(\frac{|\langle x, q \rangle - \langle x', q \rangle|}{\lambda}\right) \quad (\text{Triangle inequality, } |a| - |b| \leq |a - b|) \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\langle x, q \rangle - \langle x', q \rangle = \sum_i x_i q_i - \sum_i x'_i q_i = q \left( \sum_i (x_i - x'_i) \right)$$

Given that there is only one bit different between  $x$  and  $x'$ , so  $\sum_i (x_i - x'_i) \leq 2$

So,

$$\frac{\Pr(M(x) = x)}{\Pr(M(x') = x)} \leq \exp\left(\frac{2}{\lambda}\right)$$

According to the definition of differential privacy,

any single query is  $\epsilon$ -differentially private with  $\epsilon = \frac{2}{\lambda}$ .

**(b)**

Our objective function is to minimize the sum of error  $e_i$ :

$$\text{minimize } \sum_i |e_i|$$

where  $i \in N$ , is the number of query. And in this situation,  $N = 200$

And  $e_i$  is computed from each query  $q_i$ :

$$e_i = \tilde{a}_i - q_i^T x$$

where  $\tilde{a}_i$  is the response of the mechanism for  $i$ -th query and  $x$  is the real dataset.

As for bounds, to relax the restriction, we let

$$0 \leq x_i \leq 1$$

and in the end, we use `np.sign` to get the prediction.

To deal with absolute value in the object function, we let  $e_i = e_i^+ - e_i^-$  and  $|e_i| = e_i^+ + e_i^-$ , and  $e_i^+, e_i^- \geq 0$ .

So the total optimization problem is as follow:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } \sum_i e_i^+ + e_i^- \\ & s.t. \quad 0 \leq x_i \leq 1 \\ & \quad e_i + q_i^T x = \tilde{a}_i \\ & \quad e_i^+, e_i^- \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then we use `scipy.optimize.linprog` to solve this linear programming problem. The core code is as follow:

```
# Linear programming
import numpy as np
from scipy.optimize import linprog

A, b, C, bounds = np.zeros((2*n, 4*n+n)), np.zeros((200,1)), np.zeros((1,
4*n+n)), np.zeros((4*n+n, 2))

# objective function
C[:4*n] = 1

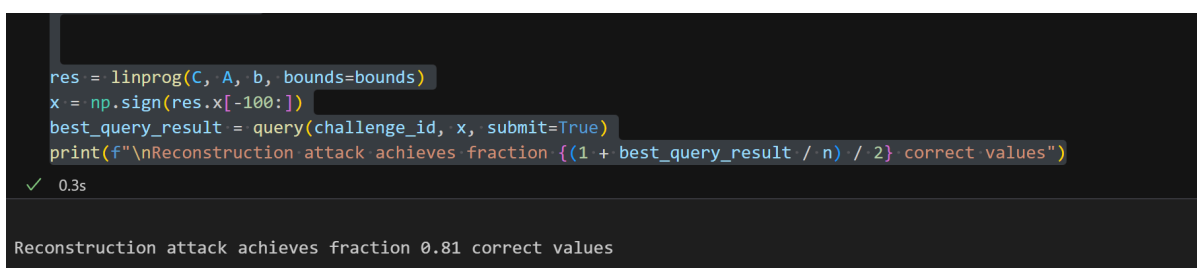
# equation cons
A[:,2*n] = np.eye(2*n)
A[:,2*n:4*n] = -np.eye(2*n)
A[:,4*n:] = queries

b = query_results.reshape(b.shape)

# bounds
bounds[:4*n, 1] = None
bounds[4*n:, 0] = -1
bounds[4*n:, 1] = 1

res = linprog(C, A, b, bounds=bounds)
x = np.sign(res.x[-100:])
best_query_result = query(challenge_id, x, submit=True)
print(f"\nReconstruction attack achieves fraction {(1 + best_query_result / n) / 2} correct values")
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And the final result is 0.81:



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Reconstruction attack achieves fraction 0.81 correct values

Detailed code is published on [my github respository](#): A1>>A1.ipynb.

Another algorithm modeling the problem from the perspective of integer quadratic programming is also implemented.

**(c)**

For each bit  $x$ , given  $Pr(M(x) = x) = \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $Pr(M(x') = x) = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\epsilon^{bit} = \ln \frac{\frac{3}{4}}{\frac{1}{4}} = \ln 3$ .

For the 2-bit strings  $\epsilon = 2\epsilon^{bit} = \ln 9$

So  $\mathcal{M}$  satisfies  $(\ln 9)$ -differential privacy

**(d)**

Define  $M'$  as following:

$$M'(x) = \begin{cases} x & p \\ \text{other cases} & \frac{1}{3} \cdot (1 - p) \end{cases}$$

Given

$$\frac{Pr(M'(x) \in \mathcal{X})}{Pr(M'(x') \in \mathcal{X})} \leq \frac{Pr(M'(x) = x)}{Pr(M'(x') = x)} = \frac{p}{\frac{1}{3} \cdot (1 - p)}$$

According to the question,  $M$  satisfies  $(\ln 9)$ -differential privacy, so

$$\frac{3p}{1 - p} = \exp(\ln 9) = 9$$

so  $p = \frac{3}{4}$

As for  $Pr(M(x) = x)$ ,  $M(x) = x$  means the mechanism outputs two bits truly at the same time.

As the probability that the mechanism outputs one bit truly is  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $Pr(M(x) = x) = \frac{9}{16}$

And when  $p = \frac{3}{4}$ ,  $Pr(M'(x) = x) = \frac{3}{4}$ .

As a result, the inequality  $Pr(M'(x) = x) > Pr(M(x) = x) \Leftrightarrow \frac{3}{4} > \frac{9}{16}$ , which is satisfied either.