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Differential Privacy in Medical Analysis

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Scenario, Problem Definition and Methodology

Privacy Risk

When analyzing personal information, there is a Privacy risk of disclosing the sensitive information of the outliers patients.

Research Question

*"Is it possible to apply Differential Privacy during medical analysis and obtain similar results? If **yes**, at what cost?"*

Methodology

During training we add noise sampled from a Laplacian distribution parameterized by the privacy budget ε, so that:

$$X_{\text{training}} = X_{\text{training}} + \nu$$

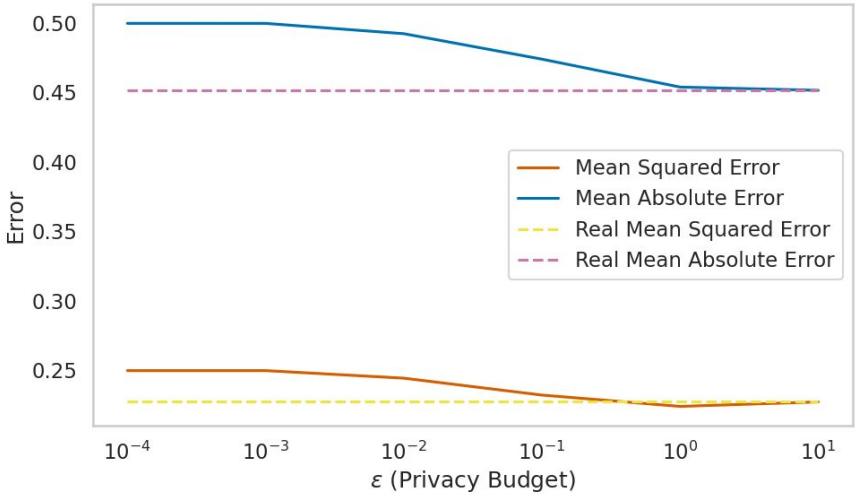
where:

$$\nu \sim Lap\left(0, \frac{1}{\varepsilon}\right)$$

Linear Regression

Varying the privacy budget ε, we performed Linear Regression on the data to predict the Status of a patient.

Our aim was to understand the differences between Mean Squared Error and Mean Absolute Error of the privacy scenarios and the real scenario.



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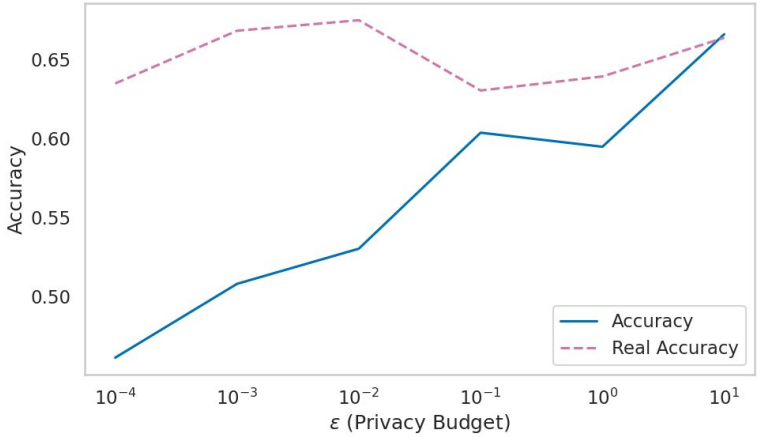
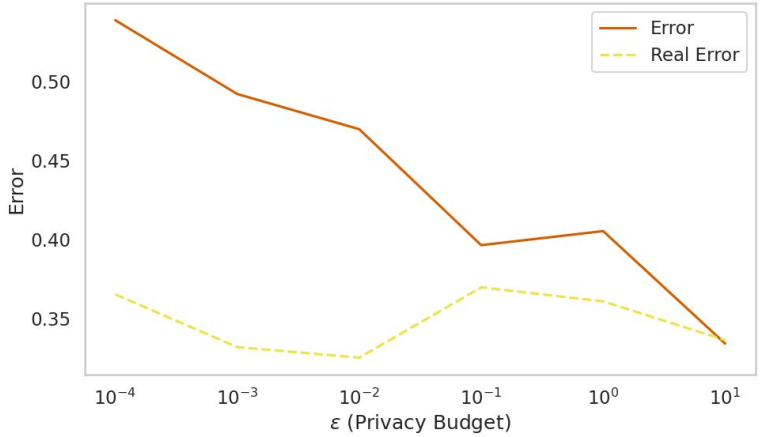
Classification using ε-DP Neural Networks

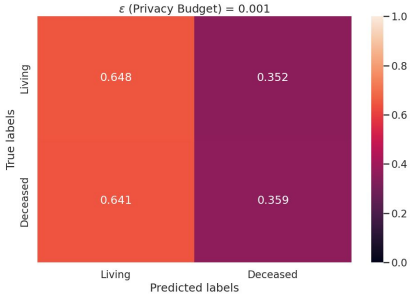
Network Configuration	
Loss Function	Cross Entropy
Optimizer	Adam
Hidden Layers	1

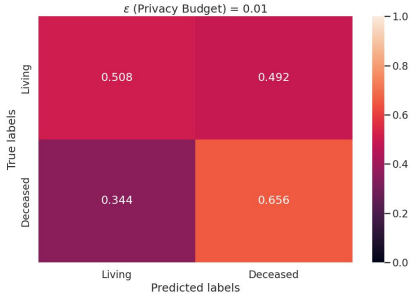
Network Configuration	
Training Epochs	100
Learning Rate	0.001
Hidden Neurons	150

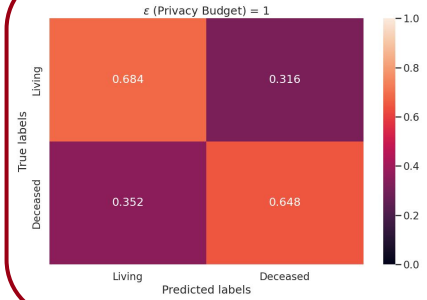


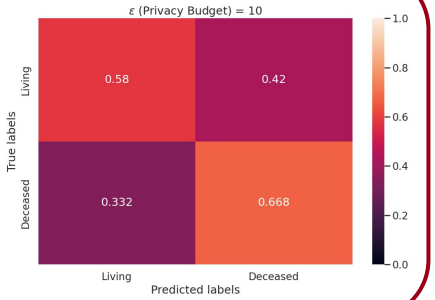


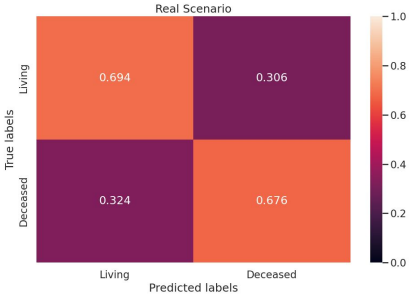
Confusion Matrices







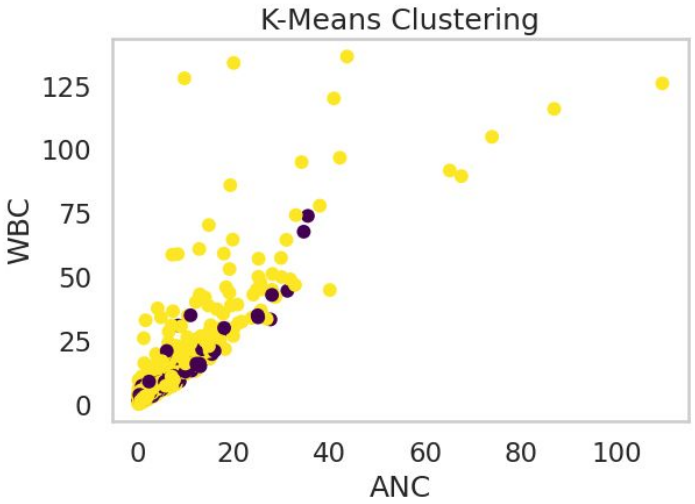


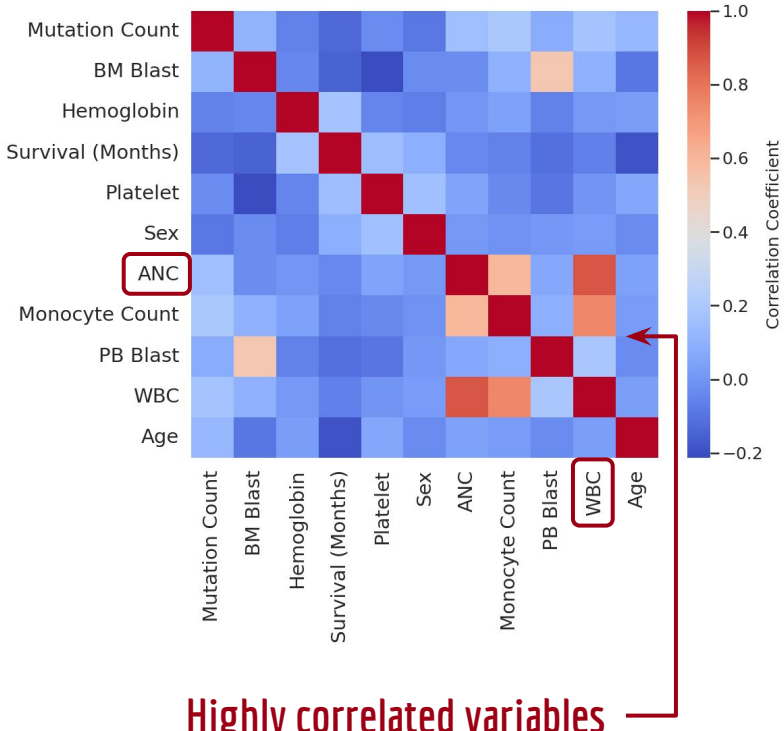


Similar pattern compared to the **Real Scenario**.
(Confirms the results of the statistical analysis)

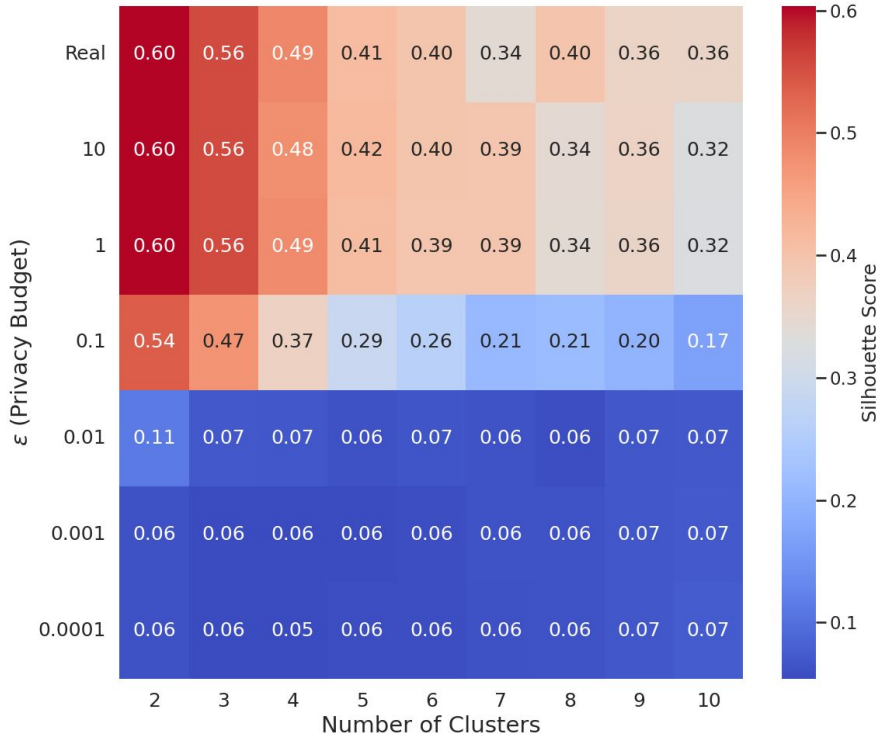
Clustering

The variables selected to visualize the clustering were chosen based on the **correlation coefficient** computed on the original values.





Clustering vs. Privacy Budget ε



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