

## I. PROOF OF LEMMA 1

In this Section, we present the proof of Lemma 1. For every order- $i$  conditional independence (CI) test, we have a privacy budget of  $\epsilon_i$ . Given a CI test statistic  $f(\mathcal{D})$  with  $l_1$ -sensitivity  $\Delta$ , threshold  $T$  and margins  $(\beta_1, \beta_2)$ , we perturb the test statistic by *Laplace noise* defined as  $Z = \text{Lap}(\frac{\Delta}{\epsilon_i})$ , and check for conditional independence between  $(v_a, v_b) \in \mathcal{G}$  conditioned on  $S$  as:

- (a) If  $f(\mathcal{D}) + Z > T(1 + \beta_2) \implies$  delete edge  $(v_a, v_b)$ ,
- (b) If  $f(\mathcal{D}) + Z < T(1 - \beta_1) \implies$  keep edge  $(v_a, v_b)$ ,
- (c) Else keep edge  $(v_a, v_b)$  with probability  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

For the simplicity of notations, we define  $f_{v_a, v_b|S}(\mathcal{D}) \triangleq f(\mathcal{D})$ . **Type-I Error:** We now analyze the Type-I error relative to the unperturbed CI test, i.e., the private algorithm keeps the edge given that the unperturbed test statistic deletes the edge  $f(\mathcal{D}) > T$ . In other words, this can be written as follows:

$$\mathbb{P}(E_1^i) = \mathbb{P}(\text{Error} | f(\mathcal{D}) > T). \quad (1)$$

We next note that the error event occurs only for cases (b) and (c). We can bound the relative Type-I error as follows:

$$\mathbb{P}(E_1^i) = \mathbb{P}(\text{Error} | f(\mathcal{D}) > T) \quad (2)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} (\mathbb{P}(f(\mathcal{D}) + Z \in [T(1 - \beta_1), T(1 + \beta_2)] | f(\mathcal{D}) > T)) + \mathbb{P}(f(\mathcal{D}) + Z < T(1 - \beta_1) | f(\mathcal{D}) > T) \quad (3)$$

$$\leq \frac{c_1}{2} + \mathbb{P}(f(\mathcal{D}) + Z < T(1 - \beta_1) | f(\mathcal{D}) > T) \quad (4)$$

$$\leq \frac{c_1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(\frac{-T\beta_1\epsilon_i}{\Delta}\right). \quad (5)$$

where the last inequality follows from the Laplacian tail bound and using the fact that  $f(\mathcal{D}) > T$ ; and we have defined  $c_1$  as  $c_1 \triangleq \mathbb{P}(f(\mathcal{D}) + Z \in [T(1 - \beta_1), T(1 + \beta_2)] | f(\mathcal{D}) > T)$ . Upper-bound on  $\mathbb{P}[f(\mathcal{D}) + Z < T(1 - \beta_1) | f(\mathcal{D}) > T]$  is obtained from *Laplace Tail bound* as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P}[f(\mathcal{D}) + Z < T(1 - \beta_1) | f(\mathcal{D}) > T] \\ &= \mathbb{P}[Z < T(1 - \beta_1) - f(\mathcal{D})] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(\frac{T - T\beta_1 - f(\mathcal{D})}{\Delta/\epsilon_i}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(\frac{T - T\beta_1 - T}{\Delta/\epsilon_i}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(\frac{-T\beta_1\epsilon_i}{\Delta}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

**Type-II Error:** Next we analyze the Type-II error relative to the unperturbed CI test, i.e., the differentially private algorithm deletes an edge given that the unperturbed CI test statistic keeps the edge,  $f(\mathcal{D}) < T$ . Mathematically,

$$\mathbb{P}[E_2^i] = \mathbb{P}(\text{Error} | f(\mathcal{D}) < T). \quad (7)$$

The type-II error occurs only for cases (a) and (c). Therefore, we can bound the Type-II error as:

$$\mathbb{P}(E_2^i) = \mathbb{P}(\text{Error} | f(\mathcal{D}) < T) \quad (8)$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} (\mathbb{P}(f(\mathcal{D}) + Z \in [T(1 - \beta_1), T(1 + \beta_2)] | f(\mathcal{D}) < T)) + \mathbb{P}(f(\mathcal{D}) + Z > T(1 + \beta_2) | f(\mathcal{D}) < T) \quad (9)$$

$$\leq \frac{c_2}{2} + \mathbb{P}(f(\mathcal{D}) + Z > T(1 + \beta_2) | f(\mathcal{D}) < T) \quad (10)$$

$$\leq \frac{c_2}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(\frac{-T\beta_2\epsilon_i}{\Delta}\right). \quad (11)$$

where the last inequality follows from the Laplacian tail bound and using the fact that  $f(\mathcal{D}) < T$ ; and we have defined  $c_2$  as  $c_2 \triangleq \mathbb{P}(f(\mathcal{D}) + Z \in [T(1 - \beta_1), T(1 + \beta_2)] | f(\mathcal{D}) < T)$ . The probability  $\mathbb{P}[f(\mathcal{D}) + Z > T(1 + \beta_2) | f(\mathcal{D}) < T]$  can also be upper bounded as:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P}[f(\mathcal{D}) + Z > T(1 + \beta_2) | f(\mathcal{D}) < T] \\ &= \mathbb{P}[Z > T(1 + \beta_2) - f(\mathcal{D})] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-\frac{T + T\beta_2 - f(\mathcal{D})}{\Delta/\epsilon_i}\right) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(-\frac{T + T\beta_2 - T}{\Delta/\epsilon_i}\right) \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(\frac{-T\beta_2\epsilon_i}{\Delta}\right). \quad (13)$$

## II. SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS OF WEIGHTED KENDALL'S $\tau$ :

Conditional independence (CI) tests in Causal Graph Discovery (CGD) measures the dependence of one variable ( $v_a$ ) on other ( $v_b$ ) conditioned on a set of variables. Let, the CI test statistic for connected variable pairs  $(v_a, v_b)$  in graph  $\mathcal{G}$  is  $\tau(\mathcal{D})$  for dataset  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\tau(\mathcal{D}')$  for dataset  $\mathcal{D}'$ . For large samples, the test statistic  $\tau(\cdot)$  follows a *Gaussian Distribution*. Therefore, the sensitivity can be bounded as:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\Phi(\tau(\mathcal{D}))) &= \sup_{\mathcal{D} \neq \mathcal{D}'} |\Phi(\tau(\mathcal{D})) - \Phi(\tau(\mathcal{D}'))| \\ &\leq \Delta(\Phi(\cdot)) \cdot \Delta(\tau(\cdot)) \\ &= \sup_{\mathcal{D} \neq \mathcal{D}'} \frac{|\Phi(\tau(\mathcal{D})) - \Phi(\tau(\mathcal{D}'))|}{|\tau(\mathcal{D}) - \tau(\mathcal{D}')|} \cdot |\tau(\mathcal{D}) - \tau(\mathcal{D}')| \\ &\leq L_\Phi \cdot \sup |\tau(\mathcal{D}) - \tau(\mathcal{D}')|. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Here,  $\sup_{\mathcal{D} \neq \mathcal{D}'} |\tau(\mathcal{D}) - \tau(\mathcal{D}')|$  is the  $l_1$ -sensitivity of the CI test statistic for dataset  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}'$ , and  $\Phi$  is the PDF of standard normal distribution. As,  $\Phi(\cdot)$  is differentiable, therefore the Lipschitz constant ( $L_\Phi$ ) can be upper bounded as  $L_\Phi \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$ . Therefore, the sensitivity can easily be calculated with the sensitivity of the weighted test statistic.

**$l_1$ -sensitivity analysis:** For large sample size ( $n \gg 1$ ), Kendall's  $\tau$  test statistic follows Gaussian Distribution with zero mean and variance  $\frac{2(2n+5)}{9n(n-1)}$  where  $n$  is the number of i.i.d. samples. Given a dataset  $\mathcal{D}$  with  $d$ -features, the conditional dependence of between variables  $(v_a, v_b)$  conditioned on set  $S$  can be measured with Kendall's  $\tau$  as a CI test statistic. For instance, the data is split according to the unique values of set  $S$  into  $k$ -bins. For each  $i^{th}$ -bin test statistic  $\tau_i$  is calculated and

weighted average of all  $\tau_i$  represents the test statistic for the entire dataset. The weighted average[8] is measures as follows:

$$\tau = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k w_i \tau_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^k w_i}}.$$

where  $w_i$  is the inverse of the variance  $w_i = \frac{9n_i(n_i-1)}{2(2n_i+5)}$

For the scope of this paper, we consider the *Lipschitz Constant* of Gaussian distribution while calculating the sensitivity. The weighted average ( $\tau$ ) essentially follows the standard normal distribution, i.e.,  $\tau \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ . Hence, the  $l_1$ -sensitivity can be defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &= |\Phi(\tau(\mathcal{D})) - \Phi(\tau(\mathcal{D}'))| \\ &= \frac{|\Phi(\tau(\mathcal{D})) - \Phi(\tau(\mathcal{D}'))|}{|\tau(\mathcal{D}) - \tau(\mathcal{D}')|} \cdot |\tau(\mathcal{D}) - \tau(\mathcal{D}')| \\ &\leq L_\Phi |\tau(\mathcal{D}) - \tau(\mathcal{D}')| \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} |\tau(\mathcal{D}) - \tau(\mathcal{D}')|. \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

The sensitivity of the weighted Kendall's  $\tau$  can be also upper-bounded as:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(\tau) &= \max_{|\mathcal{D}' - \mathcal{D}| \leq 1} |\tau(\mathcal{D}') - \tau(\mathcal{D})| \\ &\leq \Delta(\tau_i) \Delta(w_i) \end{aligned}$$

The sensitivity of  $\tau_i$  depends upon the number of elements  $n_i$  and  $\Delta(\tau_i) \leq \frac{2}{n_i-1}$ [8]. The sensitivity of weights  $\Delta(w_i)$  can be represented as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(w_i) &\leq \left| \frac{w'_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{j \neq i}^k w_j + w'_i}} - \frac{w_i}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^k w_j}} \right| \\ &\leq \left| \frac{\frac{9n_i(n_i+1)}{2(2(n_i+1)+5)}}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^k w_j + w'_i}} - \frac{\frac{9n_i(n_i-1)}{2(2n_i+5)}}{\sqrt{\sum_{j=1}^k w_j}} \right|. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Through triangle inequality we can provide an upper-bound on Equation (II) and the sensitivity of the weight can be bounded as:

$$\Delta(w_i) \leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}} \left( \left| \frac{9n_i(n_i+1)}{2(2(n_i+1)+5)} \right| - \left| \frac{9n_i^2}{2(2n_i+5)} \right| \right). \quad (17)$$

The sensitivity  $\Delta(\tau)$  essentially depends upon the number of elements in the  $i^{th}$  bin (the bin that changed due to the addition or removal of a single user). For dataset with block size at least size  $c$  and  $kc \approx n$ , with Equation (II) and Equation (II), the overall sensitivity can be bounded as:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta &\leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \frac{2}{n_i-1} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2}{n}} \cdot \left( \left| \frac{9n_i(n_i+1)}{2(2(n_i+1)+5)} \right| - \left| \frac{9n_i^2}{2(2n_i+5)} \right| \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{\sqrt{n\pi}} \left( \frac{\left| \frac{9n_i(n_i+1)}{2(2(n_i+1)+5)} \right| - \left| \frac{9n_i^2}{2(2n_i+5)} \right|}{n_i-1} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Delta \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{n\pi}} \left( \frac{\left| \frac{9n_i(n_i+1)}{2(2(n_i+1)+5)} \right| - \left| \frac{9n_i^2}{2(2n_i+5)} \right|}{n_i-1} \right).$$

Therefor, the  $l_1$  sensitivity  $\Delta$  can be upper bounded as  $\Delta \leq \frac{C}{\sqrt{n}}$  where the constant  $C$  can be derived by setting the permissible bin size ( $n_i$ ). This concludes the sensitivity analysis of Kendall's  $\tau$  test statistic.