

# CS394S Assignment 1

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## 1. Properties of Laplace Distributions

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• Prove  $\sqrt{E(Z^2)} = \sqrt{2}\lambda$

$$E(Z^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{y^2}{2\lambda} \exp\left(-\frac{|y|}{\lambda}\right) dy$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{y^2}{\lambda} \exp\left(-\frac{y}{\lambda}\right) dy$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} y^2 d\left(-\exp\left(-\frac{y}{\lambda}\right)\right) dy$$

$$= \left. -y^2 \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{y}{\lambda}\right) \right|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{y}{\lambda}\right) dy^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } u &= \frac{y}{\lambda}, \quad \int_0^{\infty} \exp\left(-\frac{y}{\lambda}\right) dy = \int_0^{\infty} 2y \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{y}{\lambda}\right) dy \\ y &= u\lambda \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} 2u\lambda \exp(-u) d(u\lambda)$$

$$= \lambda^2 \int_0^{\infty} u^2 \exp(-u) du$$

$$= \lambda^2 \left[ \frac{u^2 \exp(-u)}{0} - \frac{2u \cdot \exp(-u)}{0} - \frac{2e^{-u}}{2} \right] \Big|_0^{\infty}$$

$$= 2\lambda^2$$

Therefore,  $\sqrt{E(Z^2)} = \sqrt{2}\lambda$ .

• Prove For every  $t \geq 0$ :  $P(Z > \lambda t) \leq \exp(-t)$

by integrating the PDF of Laplace distribution:

$$h_{\lambda}(y) = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \exp\left(-\frac{|y|}{\lambda}\right).$$

$$P(Z > \lambda t) = \int_{\lambda t}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\lambda} \exp\left(-\frac{y}{\lambda}\right) dy \quad (\text{Because } t \geq 0)$$

$$= \int_{\lambda t}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\lambda} \exp\left(-\frac{y}{\lambda}\right) dy$$

$$\text{let } u = \frac{y}{\lambda}, \quad y = u\lambda$$

$$= \int_t^{\infty} \frac{1}{2\lambda} \exp(-u) \cdot d(u\lambda)$$

$$= \int_t^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} \exp(-u) du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \exp(-u) \Big|_t^{\infty}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [0 + \exp(-t)] = \frac{1}{2} \exp(-t) \leq \exp(-t)$$

## 2. Global Sensitivity

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(a). Let  $u = f(D)$   $u' = f(D')$  where  $D'$  is the neighbour dataset of  $D$ .

Global sensitivity of  $f = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$

$$\Delta f_{GS} = \max_{D, D'} \|f(D) - f(D')\|_1$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \max_{D, D'} \|x_j - x_j'\| \quad \leftarrow x_j \text{ and } x_j' \text{ is the exact different element.}$$

Since  $D \in \mathcal{X}^n = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|v\|_1 \leq 1\}$

Therefore  $\max_{D, D'} \|x_j - x_j'\| \leq 2$

$$\Delta f_{GS} = \frac{1}{n} \max_{D, D'} \|x_j - x_j'\| \leq \frac{2}{n}$$

$$(b) \quad \Delta f_{GS} = \max_{D, D'} \|f(D) - f(D')\|_1$$

$$= \max_{D, D'} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i x_i^T - \sum_{i=1}^n x_j' x_j'^T \right\|$$

For instance, Assume that  $x_1$  is the exact different element.

$$\Delta f_{GS} = \max_{D, D'} \left\| (x_1 - x_1') \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right\|$$

Because  $X = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^d, \|v\|_1 \leq 1\}$

Therefore  $\|X\|_1^n = |x_1| + |x_2| + |x_3| \dots + |x_n| \leq 1$

$$\Delta f_{GS} = \max_{D, D'} \left\| (x_1 - x_1)' \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right\| \leq \max_{D, D'} |x_1 - x_1'| \leq 2$$

$$(C). \Delta f_{GS} = \max_{D, D'} \|f(D) - f(D')\|$$

$f(D) = \text{median}(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $X = [0, 1]$ .

Therefore:  $f(D) = [0, 1]$ ,  $f(D') = [0, 1]$

$$\Delta f_{GS} = \max \|f(D) - f(D')\| \leq 1$$

$$(d) \Delta f_{GS} = \max_{D, D'} \|f(D) - f(D')\|$$

Assume that the original graph  $D$  is a  $(V, E)$  graph, and the

$G_D$  is the resulting graph  $(V, E')$

The number of subgraph of  $D$  is maximum:

$$f(D) \leq C_E^1 \cdot 2^{n-2} + C_E^2 \cdot 2^{n-3} + \dots + C_E^{E-1} \cdot 2^1 + 1 \cdot 2^0$$

$$E \text{ is maximum: } C_n^2 = \frac{n \times (n-1)}{2} = \frac{n^2 - n}{2}$$

when remove or add one edge  $\tilde{e}$  from the original graph  $E$ .

$$\sigma_{fs} = \max_{D, D'} \|f_{(D)} - f_{(D')}\| = O\left(\frac{n^2 - n}{2} \cdot 2^{n-2}\right) = O(n^2 \cdot 2^n)$$

which is unbounded.

$$\sigma_{fs} \sim \infty$$

### 3. Reconstruction Attacks

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Our goal is to show any vector  $\tilde{s} \in \{0,1\}^n$  that disagree with  $s$  on more than  $\frac{d^2 n^2}{\log(k/n)}$  entries cannot satisfy:  $|F_i \tilde{s} - a_i| \leq \alpha n$

And cannot be the output of reconstruction attack.

We now fix the true secret vector  $s \in \{0,1\}^n$ , let

$$B = \{ \tilde{s} : \tilde{s} \text{ and } s \text{ disagree on at least } \frac{d^2 n^2}{\log(k/n)} \text{ entries} \}$$

Our goal is to show that the reconstruction attack does not output any vector in  $B$ .

We fix some  $\tilde{s} \in B$ , and show that it is eliminated with extreme high probability. Suppose  $\tilde{s} \in \{0,1\}^n$  differs from  $s$  on at least  $m = \frac{d^2 n^2}{\log(k/n)}$

Use lemma 1: let  $t \in \{-1,0,1\}^n$  with at least  $m$  nonzero entries and  $u \in \{0,1\}^n$  be a uniformly random vector.

$$P(|u \cdot t| \geq \frac{\sqrt{m \log w}}{\sqrt{10}}) \geq \frac{1}{w} \quad \text{lemma (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(|u \cdot t| \leq \frac{\sqrt{m \log w}}{\sqrt{10}}) \leq 1 - \frac{1}{w} \quad \text{lemma (2)}$$

Because  $\frac{\sqrt{m \log w}}{\sqrt{10}} \leq 4 \alpha n$  according to Lecture 2 notes,

$$\log w \leq \frac{1}{m} 1600 d^2 n^2$$

$$w \leq \exp\left(-\frac{1}{m} 1600 d^2 n^2\right) \quad m = \frac{d^2 n^2}{\log(k/n)}$$

$$\frac{1}{w} \geq \exp\left(-\frac{1}{m} 1600 d^2 n^2\right)$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{w} \leq 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{1}{m} 1600 d^2 n^2\right) = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\log(k/n)}{d^2 n^2} \cdot 1600 d^2 n^2\right)$$

$$= 1 - \exp\left[-1600 \log\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)\right]$$

Therefore:

$$P\left(\forall i \in [k], \left| F_i(s, \tilde{s}) \right| \leq \frac{\sqrt{m \log w}}{10} \right) \quad m = \frac{d^2 n^2}{\log(k/n)}$$

$$P\left(\forall i \in [k] \mid F_i(s, \tilde{s}) \leq \frac{dn}{10} \cdot \sqrt{\log(w - \frac{k}{n})}\right) \leq \left(1 - \frac{1}{w}\right)^k$$

$$= \left[1 - \exp\left(-1600 \log \frac{k}{n}\right)\right]^k$$

since  $n^2 \ll k \ll 2^n$ .

$$\left[1 - \exp(-1600 \log n)\right]^n \leq \left[1 - \exp\left(-1600 \log \frac{k}{n}\right)\right]^k \leq \left[1 - \exp\left(-1600 \log \frac{2^n}{n}\right)\right]^{2^n}$$

Therefore: with  $n^2 \ll k \ll 2^n$ , the probability that reconstruction error is at most  $O\left(\frac{d^2 n^2}{\log(k/n)}\right)$  is very high

#### 4. Random Response and Laplacian Mechanism

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We need to first generate the data:

```
import numpy as np
import random
def generate_data(n):
    out = []
    for i in range(n):
        out.append(random.randint(0,1))
    return out
```

The definition of the query is

$$f(D) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

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def f(D):
    return np.mean(D)
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Therefore, the definition of Random Response is for each individual, to roll a dice, if result is 1, 2, 3 or 4: report true value. If 5 or 6 report opposite value, the code implementation is (This function returns the response to a query):

```
def RandomResponse(D):
    responses = []
    # Roll a dice
    for i in range(len(D)):
        dice = random.randint(1,6)
        if dice in [1,2,3,4]:
            responses.append(D[i])
        else:
            responses.append(0 if D[i]==1 else 1)
    return f(responses)
```

The definition of Laplacian mechanism is to add a Laplace noise on the true result. The independent Laplace( $\Delta/\epsilon$ ) random variables is  $(1/n\epsilon)$  when  $\Delta = 1/n$ , the code implementation of the Laplacian mechanism is (This function returns the response to a query):

```
def Laplacian(D,e,n):
    true_result = f(D)
    laplac_noise = np.random.laplace(0, (1/(e*n)))
    out = true_result + laplac_noise
    return out
```

We first generate the n from [10,50,100,500,1000,2000,3000,5000,10000] and e from [0.1,0.2,0.3,0.5,1,2,3,5,10]

```
n_list = [10,50,100,500,1000,2000,3000,5000,10000]
e_list = [0.1,0.2,0.3,0.5,1,2,3,5,10]

error_dic = {}
error_dic["Random Response"] = []
for e in e_list:
    error_dic["Laplacian with e = {}".format(e)] = []
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Then for all the  $n$  and  $e$ , we calculate the relative error between the actual response and the noised response:

```
for n in n_list:
    print("=> n: {}".format(n))
    true_dataset = generate_data(n)
    true_f = f(true_dataset)
    random_response_f = RandomResponse(true_dataset)
    error_dic["Random Response"].append(abs(true_f - random_response_f))

    for e in e_list:
        laplace_response_f = Laplacian(true_dataset, e, n)
        error_dic["Laplacian with e = {}".format(e)].append(abs(true_f - laplace_response_f))
```

The error list is plotted as follows, as can be seen:

- The larger the number of sample size, the less the error would be, therefore the higher the utility
- The error would be less once the Laplacian  $\epsilon$  is set to be very high
- The Random Response method is less accurate compared to Laplacian noise with  $\epsilon > 0.5$

