

# MLightDP

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### Definition (Differential Privacy)

Given parameters  $\epsilon \geq 0$  then a probabilistic algorithm  $M : A \mapsto B$  is  $\epsilon$ -differentially private if

$$\forall a_1, a_2 \in A \forall O \subset B :$$

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Based on the above, Zhang and Kifer '17 propose a type system *LightDP* with dependent types, to prove differential privacy of algorithms.

$$\tau ::= num_{\mathbb{d}} \mid num_* \mid bool_0 \mid list\ \tau \mid \tau_1 \rightarrow \tau_2$$

The number type also contains the numerical *distances* between the two executions.

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- The privacy budget variable  $v_\epsilon$  is less or equal to  $\epsilon$  in the *transformed* program on all return paths.

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# Examples

Verified?	Example Program
✓	<code>laplace_mechanism.mldp</code>
✓	<code>sparse_vector.mldp</code> of Zhang and Kifer '17
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# Comparison

<i>LightDP</i>	<i>MLightDP</i>	Feature
✓	✓	DP Type checking
	✓	Output to a Software Verification tool
	✓	Semantic Analysis of distances
		Refinement: Distance inference
	–	Refinement: Mutable Dependency tracking
	–	Free usage of the Laplace
		Automating non-linearity
	–	Other

# MLightDP

The Goal of our project is to create a less prototypical experience than their current prototype.

- 1 Create more intuitive typing annotations.
- 2 Be capable of accommodating the complete pipeline.
- 3 Dispense with assumptions of Zhang and Kifer about the input.
- 4 Make their rules of more fine-grained / less conservative.
- 5 Soundly add new operators, functions, and alternative random distributions to the language.