

1 Proof

Lemma 1.1 (The modified Heuristic Miner is $n\epsilon_1 \cdot \frac{cap}{\tau \#traces}$ Differential Private).

Proof. We apply n times the AboveThreshold-Mechanism with noise parameter ϵ_1 , to all elements in the Event-Log, so that we can exclude edges that were visited in less than τ number of traces in the Event-log D .

For the i th invocation of AboveThreshold, we have a sequence $[(\perp)_{i=1,\dots,m_i-1}, \top]$ (for some $m_i \in \mathbb{N}$). We then compute BelowThreshold for the same queries and noise parameter ϵ_1 , until we get a \perp , so a sequence looks like $[(\top)_{i=1,\dots,m_{i+1}-1}, \perp]$. So if we get \top from the AboveThreshold-Mechanism, we have to get \perp for that same query with the BelowThreshold-Mechanism. The BelowThreshold-Mechanism provides the same privacy as the AboveThreshold-Mechanism, which can be proven like the AboveThreshold-Mechanism in [1]. These results can be used without any additional leakage, due to the post-processing theorem.

From [1] we know that the AboveThreshold-Mechanism is ϵ -DP, with ϵ being the noise parameter. With the use of the basic composition theorem we also know that executing a ϵ -DP algorithm n_1 times, we get that it is $n_1\epsilon$ -DP. Therefore executing the AboveThreshold-Mechanism n times, with noise parameter ϵ_1 , we get that $n\epsilon_1$ -DP holds.

Next, the algorithm compute the frequency for every edge that evaluated with \top . If an edge has a frequency greater than cap , then we will cap it at cap . Hence, we minimize leakage about which processes are carried out the most. Additionally, we filter out edges that occur in less than a $\tau \in [0, 1]$ fraction of traces in the Event-Log. We consider the queries of the following form: $q_e(D) :=$ “In which frequency does edge e to occur in the Event-log D ?” Each of these queries has sensitivity $cap/(\tau \#traces)$.

Therefore $n\epsilon_1 \cdot \frac{cap}{\tau \#traces}$ -DP holds, due to the basic composition theorem. Everything that is done with this graph has no additional leakage due to the post-processing theorem. \square

References

- [1] Cynthia Dwork, A.R.: The Algorithmic Foundations of Differential Privacy (2014), <https://www.cis.upenn.edu/~aaroht/Papers/privacybook.pdf>