

Differentially Private Aggregation of Distributed Time-series with Transformation and Encryption

Part 3 — Differentially Private Aggregation

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Motivation of Aggregation

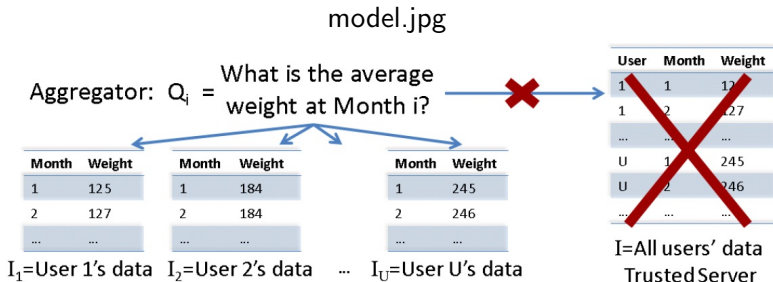


Figure 1: System Model (Users with data I_1, \dots, I_U Aggregator issues recurring query $Q = Q_1, \dots, Q_n$ No trusted server has $I = I_1 \cup I_2 \dots \cup I_U$ to evaluate $Q(I)$)

System Model

- ▶ $I = I_1 \cup I_2 \cdots \cup I_U$
- ▶ $nbrs(I)$: the data obtained from adding/removing one user's data from I .
- ▶ $Q = \{Q_1, Q_2, \cdots Q_n\}$
- ▶ $Q(I) = \{Q_1(I), Q_2(I), \cdots Q_n(I)\}$

Differential Privacy

- ▶ For all I , and $I' \in \text{nbrs}(I)$

$$\Pr[A(I)] = x \leq e^\epsilon \Pr[A(I') = x]$$

- ▶ Sensitivity: $\Delta(Q) = \max |Q(I) - Q(I')|$
- ▶ Laplace noise: $LAP(\lambda)$

Laplace Perturbation Algorithm

- ▶ Laplace Perturbation Algorithm (LPA):
 $LPA(Q, \lambda)$ is ϵ -differentially private for $\lambda = \Delta(Q)/\epsilon$
- ▶ Error: $error(LPA) = \Delta(Q)/\epsilon$

Distributed LPA

- ▶ Let x_u be the value of user u , the aggregate-sum query $Q(I) = \sum_{u=1}^U x_u$.
- ▶ Perturb: each user u adds a share of noise, n_u , to his private value x_u .
- ▶ To keep the estimation error small, the noise shares are chosen such that $\sum_{u=1}^U n_u$ is sufficient for differential privacy, but n_u alone is not sufficient: thus the value $x_u + n_u$ can not directly be sent to the aggregator.

Basic Distributed Protocol

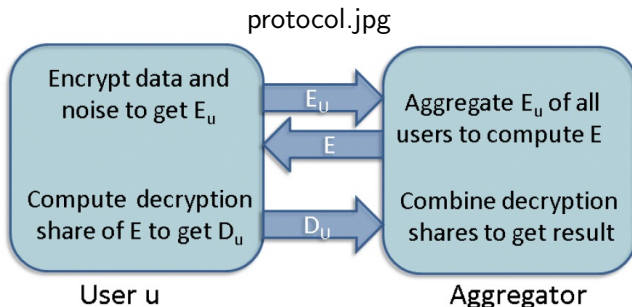


Figure 2: Basic Distributed Protocol (homomorphic property exploited to aggregate users' encryption & threshold property to combine users' decryption shares)

Challenges

- ▶ The noise shares have to be generated in a way so that their sum is sufficient for differential privacy.
- ▶ The aggregator can be malicious: the aggregator can cheat and request the decryption of wrong values, for instance, the encrypted private value of a single user, in which case the users will be inadvertently decrypting the private value of that user.

Basics: Encryption Scheme

Paillier Encryption

- ▶ Parameters: private key λ , public key N, g, g^λ .
- ▶ Encryption: $c = g^t r^N$
- ▶ Decryption: let $L(u) = (u - 1)/N$, $Dec(c) = \frac{L(c^\lambda \bmod N^2)}{L(g^\lambda \bmod N^2)}$.

Basics: Encryption Scheme

- ▶ Distributed decryption: Suppose the private key λ is shared by U users as $\lambda = \sum_u \lambda_u$ where λ_u is the private key for user u .
- ▶ Each user u computes his decryption share $c_u = c^{\lambda_u}$.
- ▶ The decryption shares are combined as $c' = \prod_{u=1}^U c_u$.
- ▶ Finally the decryption $t = \frac{L(c' \bmod N^2)}{L(g^\lambda \bmod N^2)}$ is computed.

Protocol for Computing Exact Sum

- ▶ $\text{Encrypt-Sum}(x_u, r_u)$: each user u encrypts his private value, x_u , added to a randomly generated r_u . Note that r_u is known only to user u .
- ▶ The aggregator obtains all the encryptions and multiplies them to compute c . Due to the homomorphic properties of the encryption, the obtained c is an encryption of $\sum_{u=1}^U (x_u + r_u) = Q + \sum_{u=1}^U r_u$.
- ▶ Modified distributed decryption: $\text{Decrypt-Sum}(c, r_u)$.

Protocol for Computing Exact Sum

Decrypt-Sum(c, r_u)

- ▶ The aggregator sends c to each user u for decryption.
- ▶ User u computes decryption share $c'_u = c^{\lambda_u} g^{-r_u \lambda}$.
- ▶ The aggregator collects c'_u from each user, combines them to get $c' = \prod_{u=1}^U c'_u$, and computes the final decryption

$$Q = \frac{L(c' \bmod N^2)}{L(g^\lambda \bmod N^2)}.$$
- ▶ Except for $\sum_{u=1}^U x_u$, no other linear combinations can be computed.

Protocol for Computing Noisy Sum

- ▶ Remember that LPA requires us to compute $\tilde{Q} = Q + \text{Lap}(\lambda)$
- ▶ Let $Y_i \sim N(0, \lambda)$ for $i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ be four Gaussian random variables. Then $Z = Y_1^2 + Y_2^2 - Y_3^2 - Y_4^2$ is a $\text{Lap}(2\lambda^2)$ random variable.

Encrypt Noisy Sum

noisy sum.jpg

Algorithm 5.4 Encrypt-Noisy-Sum(x_u, r_u)

- 1: User u chooses five random numbers $r_u^1, r_u^2, \dots, r_u^5$ from \mathbb{Z}_m and computes $r_u = r_u^1 + r_u^2 - r_u^3 - r_u^4 + r_u^5$.
 - 2: User u generates four $N(0, \sqrt{2\lambda}/U)$ random variables y_u^1, \dots, y_u^4 .
 - 3: Let $c^j = \text{Encrypt-Sum-Squared}(y_u^j, r_u^j)$ for $j \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.
 - 4: Let $c^5 = \text{Encrypt-Sum}(x_u, r_u^5)$.
 - 5: Aggregator computes $c = \frac{c^1 c^2 c^5}{c^3 c^4}$.
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Encrypt Sum Squared

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Algorithm 5.3 Encrypt-Sum-Squared(y_u, r_u) Protocol

- 1: User u computes $c_u = \text{Enc}(y_u + a_u + b_u)$ and sends it to the aggregator.
 - 2: The aggregator computes $c = \prod_{u=1}^U c_u$ and sends it to each user u .
 - 3: Each user u generates a random $r_u \in \mathbb{Z}_m$, computes $c_u = c^{y_u - a_u + b_u} \text{Enc}(r_u)$.
 - 4: The aggregator collects c_u from each user and computes $c' = (\prod_{u=1}^U c_u) \text{Enc}(a^2)$
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where $a = \sum_u a_u$, $\text{Enc}(a^2)$ is computed and made public(How?), and $\sum_u b_u = 0$.

Theorem

THEOREM 5.2 (PRIVACY). *Let $c = \text{Encrypt-Noisy-Sum}(x_u, r_u)$ and $\tilde{Q} = \text{decrypt-sum}(c, r_u)$. If there are at least $U/2$ honest users, then $\tilde{Q} = Q + \text{Lap}(\lambda) + \text{Extra-Noise}$, where $\text{Lap}(\lambda)$ is the noise generated by honest users and the Extra-Noise is that generated by malicious users. Thus for $\lambda = \Delta(Q)/\epsilon$, ϵ -differential privacy is guaranteed independent of what the malicious users and aggregator choose to do.*

THEOREM 5.3 (UTILITY). *Let $c = \text{Encrypt-Noisy-Sum}(x_u, r_u)$ and $\tilde{Q} = \text{decrypt-sum}(c, r_u)$. If there are no malicious users, then $\tilde{Q} = Q + \text{Lap}(2\lambda)$. Finally, in presence of l malicious users that are all liars and no breakers, \tilde{Q} can deviate from $Q + \text{Lap}(2\lambda)$ by at most $l \times \Delta(Q)$.*

Conclusion & Discussion

- ▶ We introduced an aggregation protocol supports distributed differential privacy and distributed decryption.
- ▶ The distributed algorithms need interaction.
- ▶ In the decryption of exact sum Decrypt-Sum, can we change r_u to $r_u - n_u$ such that a noise is left in the sum?
- ▶ In the extension part, the paper indicates that it can support 'fault tolerant' with threshold decryption. However, will it cause privacy problems?