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# Accuracy Improvement in Differentially Private Logistic Regression: A Pre-training Approach

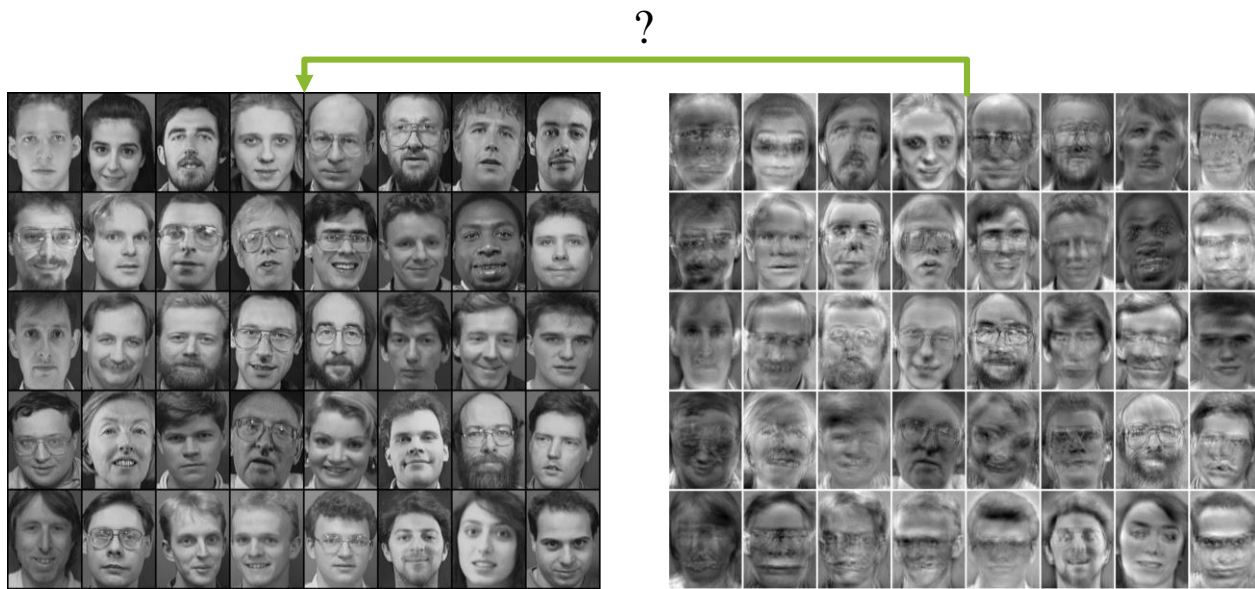
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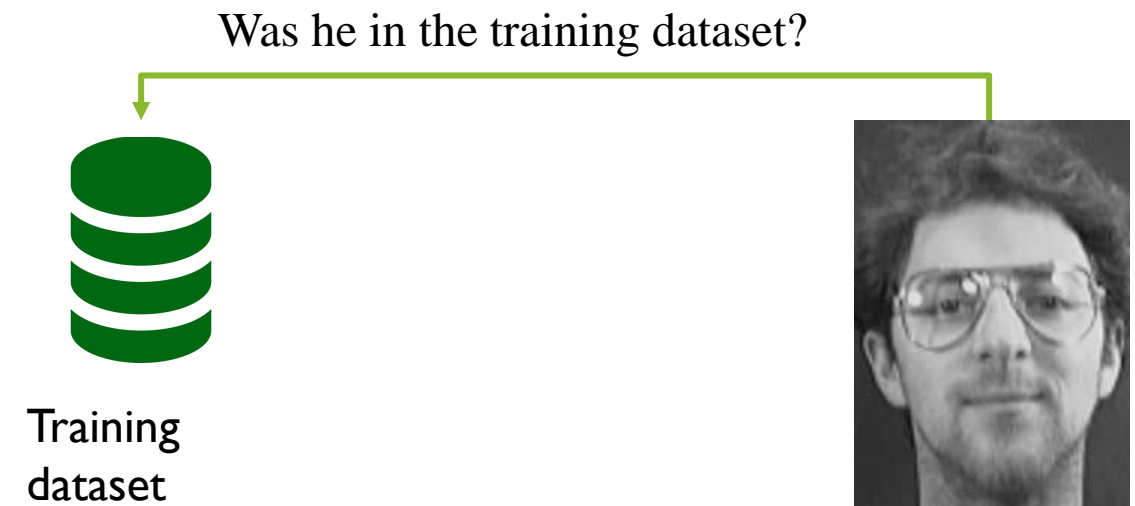
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# Motivation

- ❑ Machine Learning (ML) models can **memorize** training datasets.
- ❑ Training ML models over **private datasets** can **violate** the **privacy of individuals**.
- ❑ Training data extraction attacks:



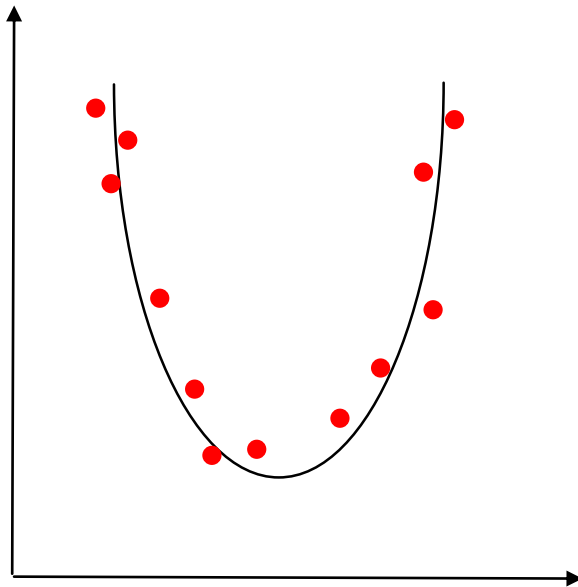
Model Inversion Attacks



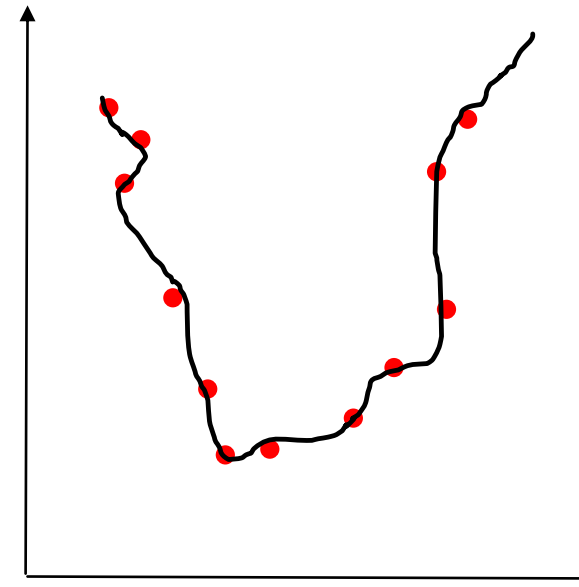
Membership Inference Attacks

# Motivation

- Backward problem: Given the output model, find “N” training data points



Low generalization error

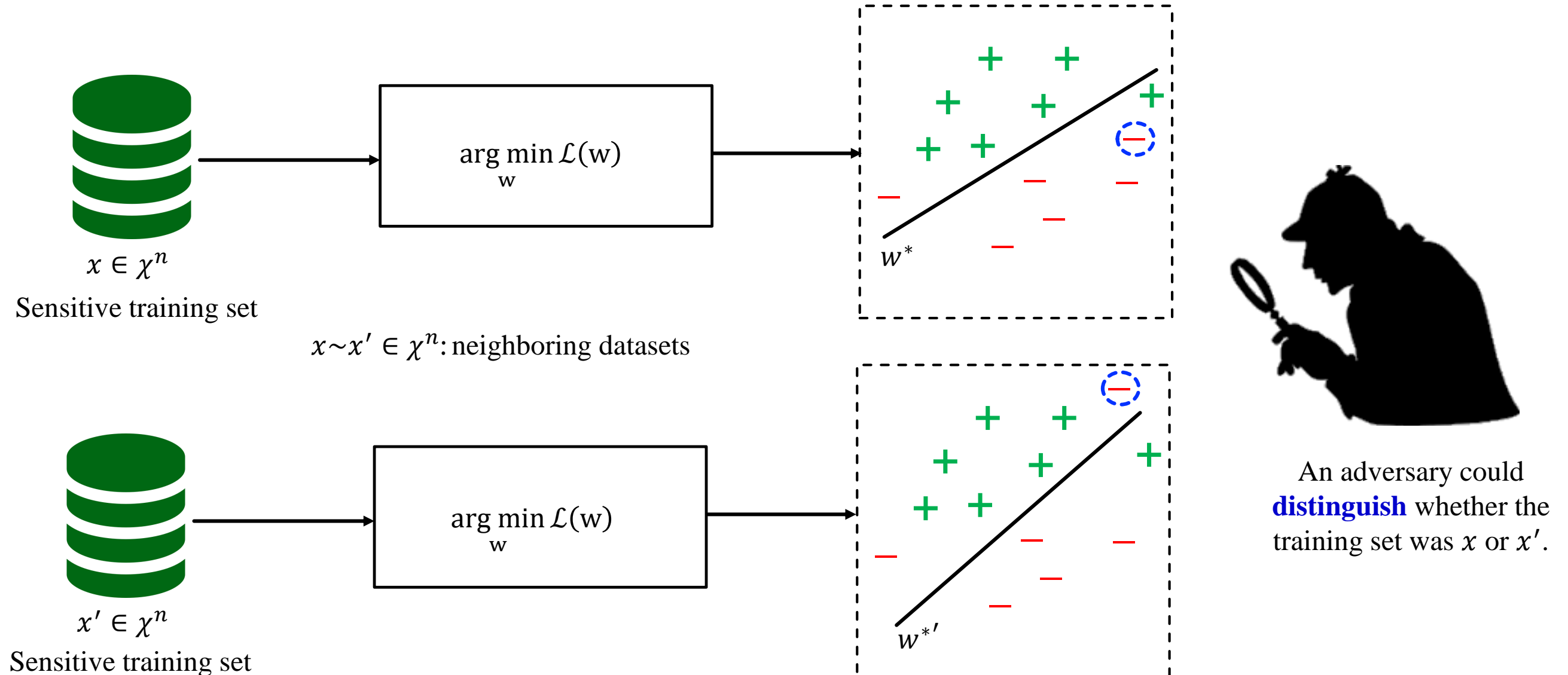


Overfitting: High generalization error

- Backward problem **easier** for **overfitted** models.
- The curve on the right contains **more information** about the training data points.

# Non-Private Logistic Regression

- The **decision boundary** of the classifier is **sensitive** to the **individual data points** in the training set.



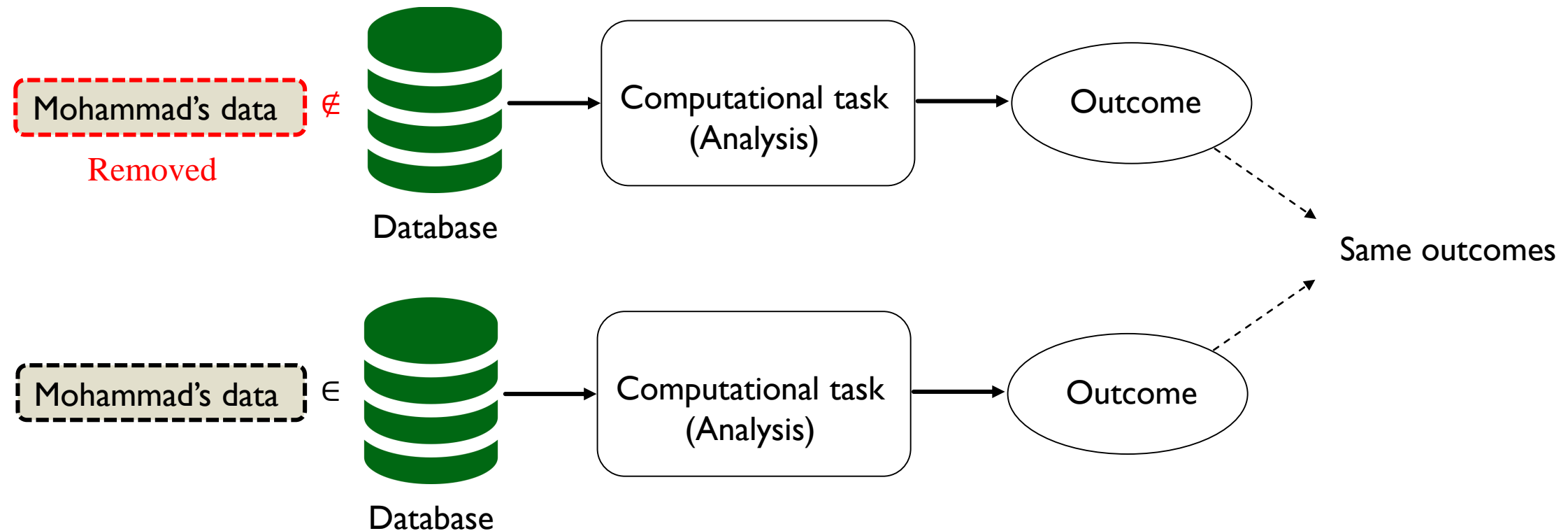
# Differential Privacy

- ❑ To achieve our privacy goal, we use **differential privacy**, which gives us a mathematical framework to **quantify** and **bound** the privacy risk of individuals in the dataset.
- ❑ At a high level, differential privacy ensures that **the presence or absence of any individual record in the dataset does not significantly affect the outcome of the computation.**



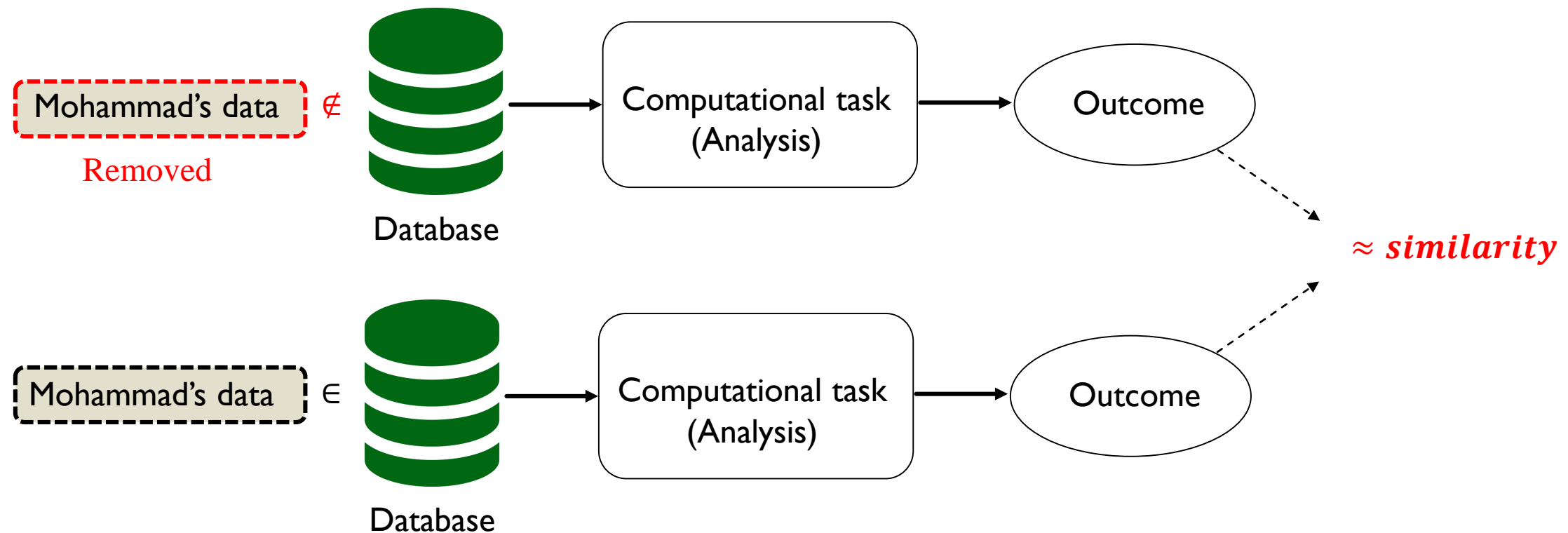
# Differential Privacy

- ❑ Suppose that I am a privacy aware individual, and I am worried about sharing my data in a computation.
- ❑ In an **ideal world**, I would be happy if the outcome of the computation is **the same** whether or not my data is included in the database.



# Differential Privacy

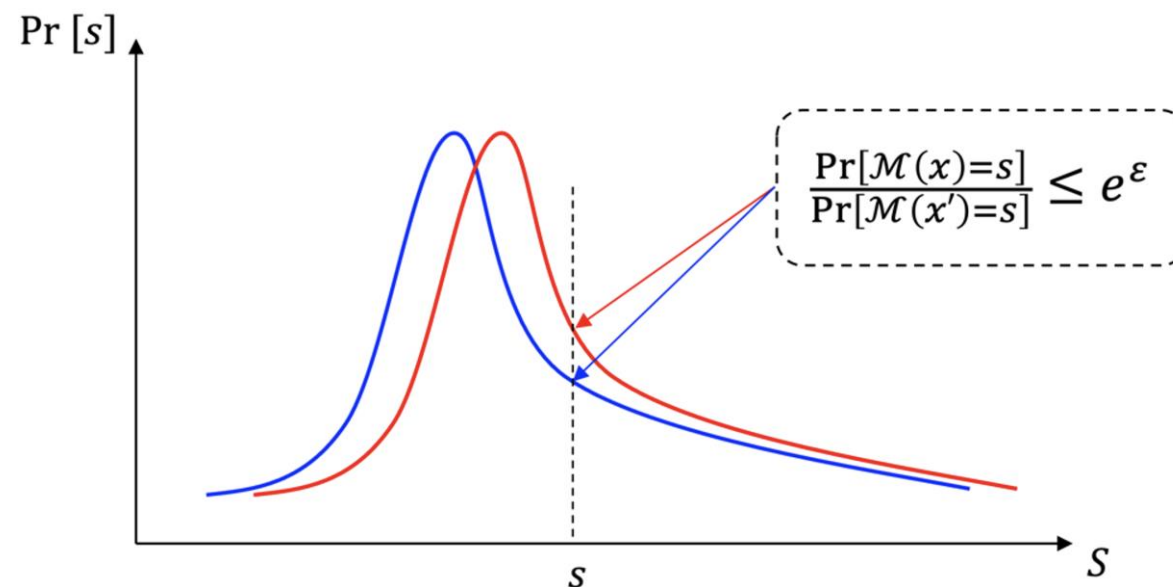
- In a **more realistic world**, the outcome of the computation should be **almost the same** whether or not my data is included in the database.



# Differential Privacy

- **Definition:** For  $\epsilon \geq 0$ ,  $\delta \in [0,1]$ , a **randomized algorithm**  $\mathcal{M}: \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  is  $(\epsilon, \delta)$  –**differentially private** if for every pair of neighboring datasets  $x \sim x' \in \mathcal{X}^n$  (i.e.,  $x$  and  $x'$  differ in one element) and for any subset of the output space  $S \subseteq \mathcal{R}$ , the following holds:

$$\Pr[\mathcal{M}(x) \in S] \leq e^\epsilon \cdot \Pr[\mathcal{M}(x') \in S] + \delta.$$

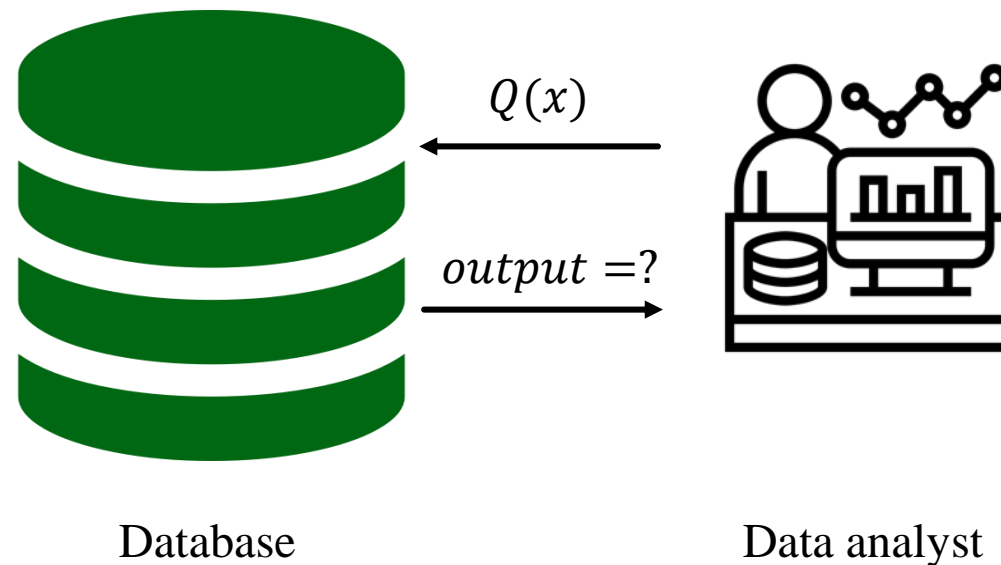




# Achieving Differential Privacy

- The **required randomization** for achieving differential privacy in a computation is calibrated based on the **global sensitivity** of that computation:

$$GS(Q) = \max_{x \sim x' \in \mathcal{X}^n} \|Q(x) - Q(x')\|_1$$

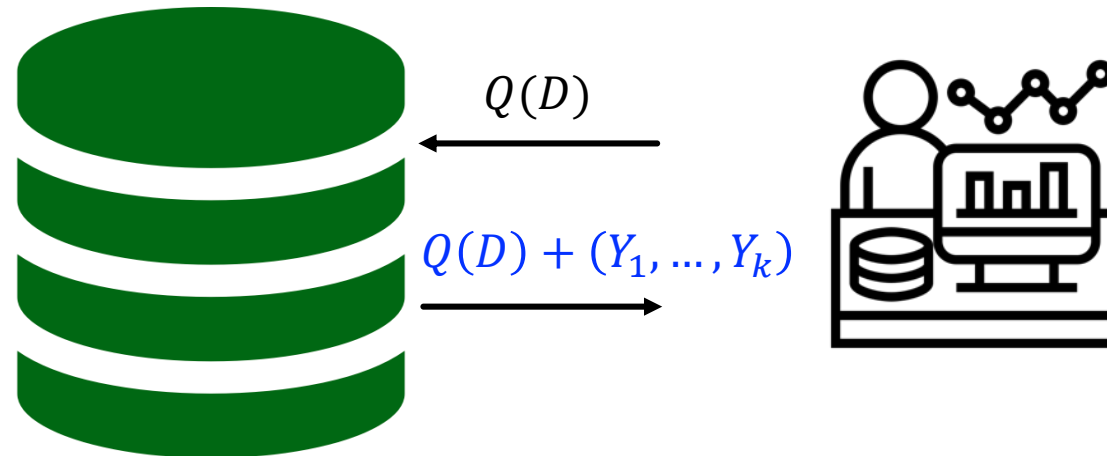


# Achieving Differential Privacy

## □ Gaussian Mechanism:

Gaussian  $(D, Q: \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k, \varepsilon)$ :

1. Let  $\Delta = \text{GS}(Q)$ .
2. For  $i = 1$  to  $k$ : Let  $Y_i \sim N(0, \frac{2\Delta^2 \log(\frac{2}{\delta})}{\varepsilon^2})$ .
3. Output:  $Q(D) + (Y_1, \dots, Y_k)$ .



Database

Data analyst

# Private Logistic Regression

- We apply **Gaussian mechanism** for privatizing the **updating rule** of the gradient descent.

Empirical Risk: 
$$J(\mathbf{w}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n j(\mathbf{w}, (x_i, y_i))$$

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## Algorithm1: Gradient Descent

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Inputs: *noise parameter* ( $\sigma > 0$ ), Learning Rate

$\alpha$ ,

1:  $\mathbf{w}_0$  = initial value for  $\mathbf{w}$

2: for  $t=1, 2, \dots, T$ :

3:  $g_t = \nabla J(\mathbf{w}_{t-1})$ ;

5:  $\mathbf{w}_t = \mathbf{w}_{t-1} - \eta g_t$ ;

6: Return  $\mathbf{w}_T$

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This computation should be done “differentially private”.

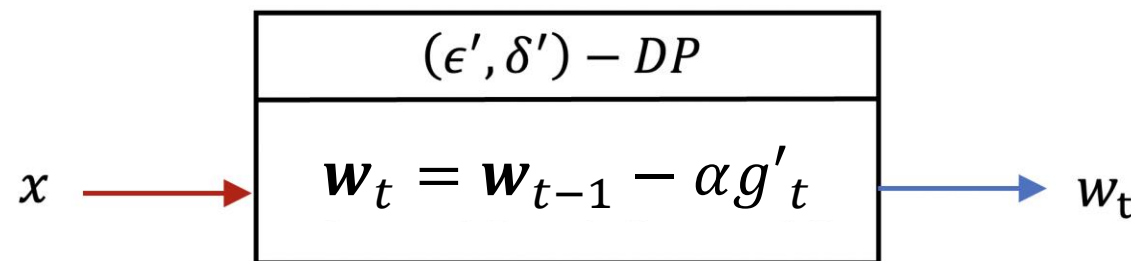
# Private Logistic Regression

- We have to choose noise according to the  $\ell_2$ -sensitivity of the **gradient**

$$GS(\nabla J(x)) = \max_{x \sim x'} \|\nabla J(w; x) - \nabla J(w; x')\|_2$$

$$GS(\nabla J(x)) = \max_{x \sim x'} \|\nabla J(x) - \nabla J(x')\|_2 \leq \max_{x \sim x'} (\|\nabla J(x)\|_2 + \|\nabla J(x')\|_2) = 2C$$

- For achieving  $(\epsilon', \delta')$ -DP in **each iteration**, we should add Gaussian noise with  $\sigma \geq \frac{2C}{n\epsilon'} \sqrt{2\ln\left(\frac{1.25}{\delta'}\right)}$ .



**Privatizing each iteration of the gradient descent**

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## Algorithm 2: Noisy Gradient Descent

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Inputs: *noise parameter* ( $\sigma > 0$ ), Learning Rate  $\alpha$ ,

1:  $w_0$  = initial value for  $w$

2: for  $t=1, 2, \dots, T$ :

3:  $g_t = \nabla J(w_{t-1})$ ;

4: clip the gradient:

$$g_t^{clip} = \frac{g_t}{\max(1, \|g_t\|_2 / C)}$$

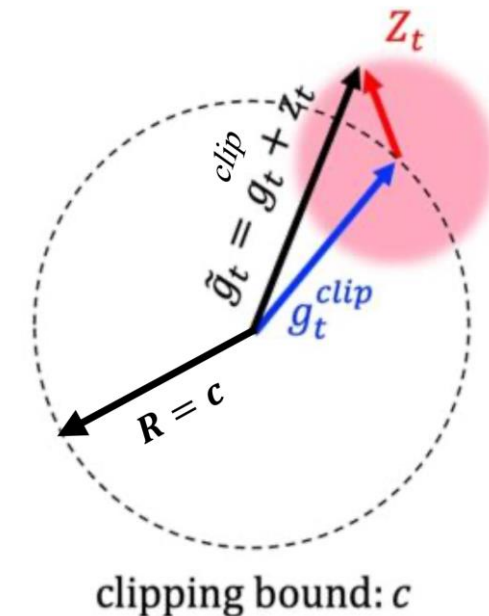
4:  $g'_t = g_t^{clip} + N(0, \sigma^2 I_d)$ ;

5:  $w_t = w_{t-1} - \alpha g'_t$ ;

6: Return  $w_T$

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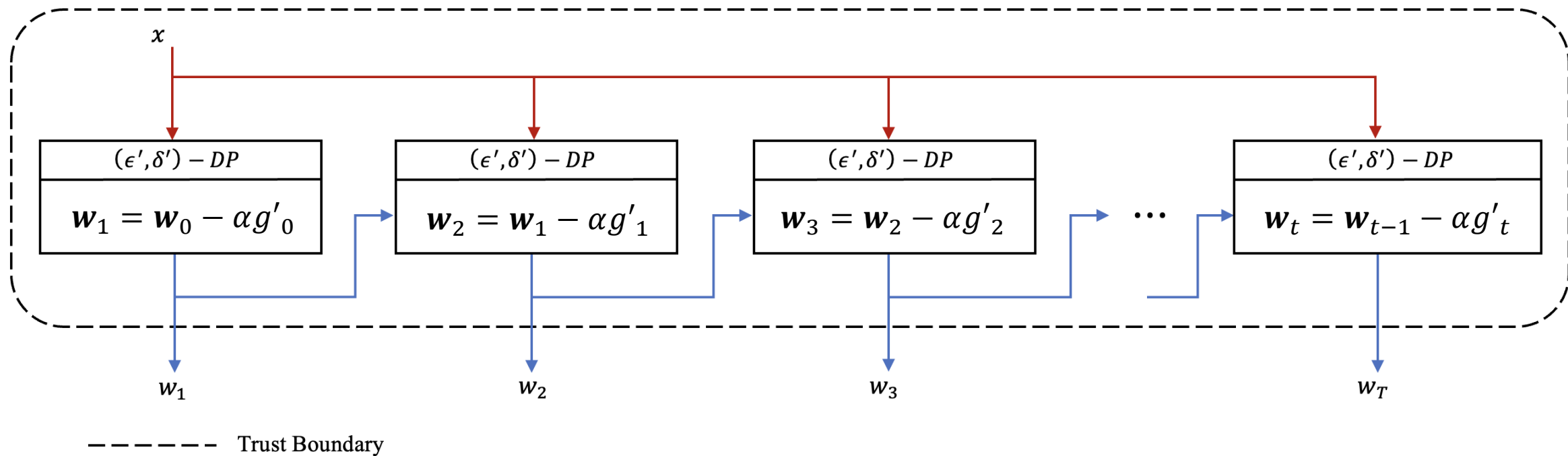
Perturbed gradient vector due to the additive Gaussian noise



# Private Logistic Regression

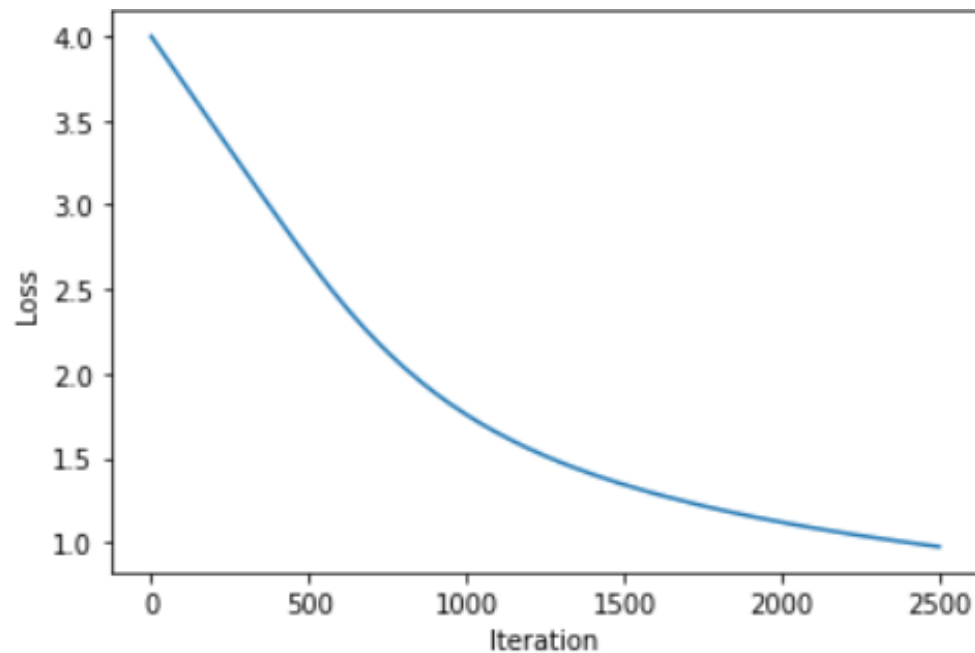
- Due to **advanced composition**, for achieving  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -DP in the **composition of  $T$  iteration** of the gradient descent, we should add **Gaussian noise** with

$$\sigma \geq \frac{2C}{n\epsilon} \sqrt{2T \ln \left( \frac{1.25}{\delta} \right)}.$$

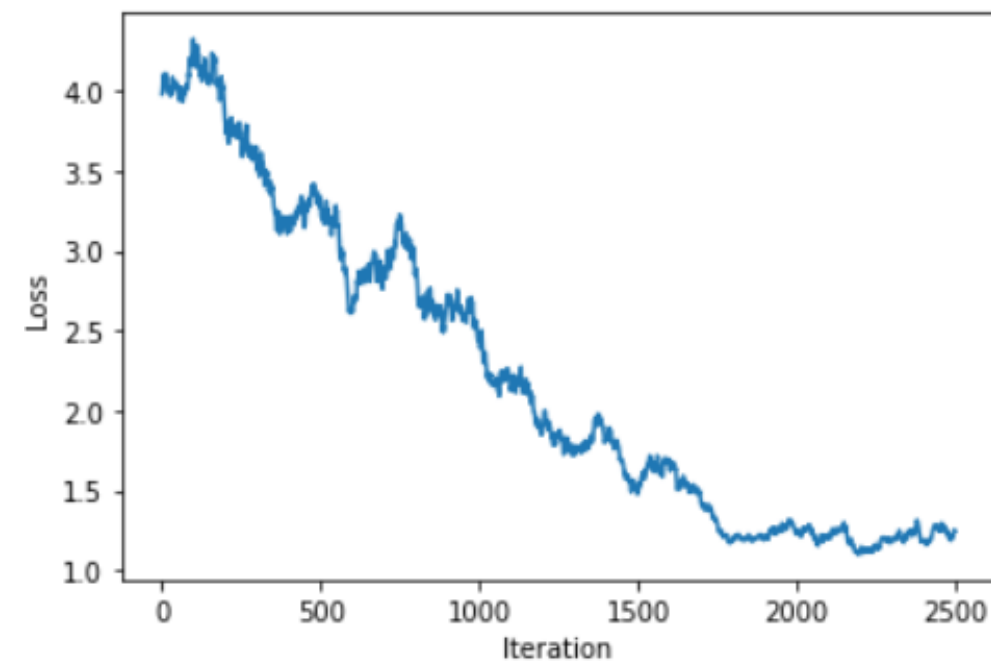


# Private Logistic Regression

- Convergence of the gradient descent under “no privacy” and “privacy constraint”.



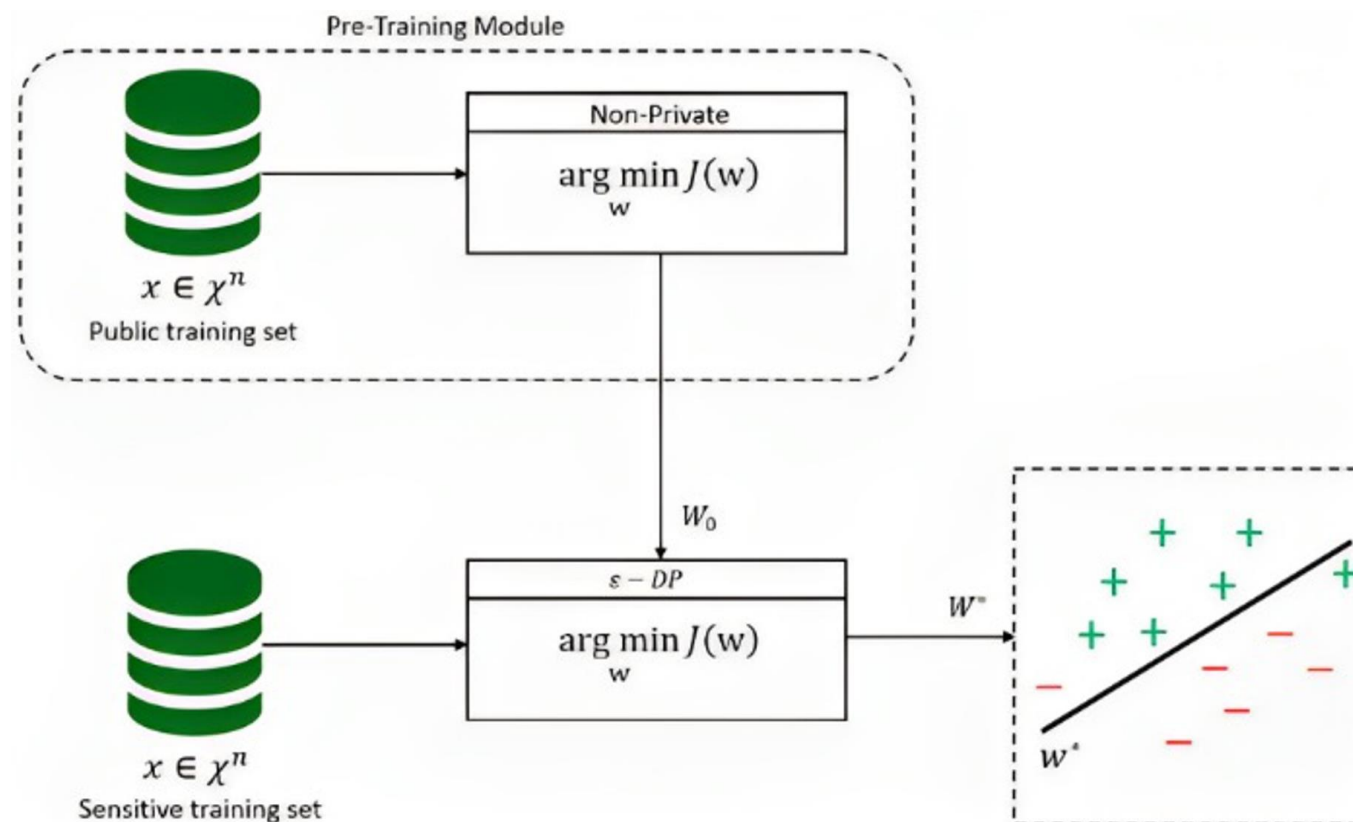
Loss versus iteration of the LR model with **no privacy** constraint and **% 67.50** training accuracy.



Loss versus iteration of the DP-LR model with  $\epsilon = 1$  and **% 60.25** training accuracy.

# Accuracy Improvement: Pre-training Module

- ❑ One main challenge is the **inherent trade-off** between the **accuracy** and **privacy** in DP-ML models.
- ❑ To improve the accuracy, we **pre-train** our model on a **public training dataset** that there is **no privacy concern** about it.
- ❑ Then, we **fine-tune** our model via the DP-LR with the **private dataset**.





# Results

- In a **very high privacy** regime, the **accuracy improvement** by adding the pre-training module is **negligible**.

$\epsilon$	Accuracy With No Pre-training Module	Accuracy With Pre-training Module	Enhancement
0.01	%29.75	%29.75	$\approx 0$
0.05	%33.00	%33.50	%0.5
0.1	%40.25	%41.25	%1.25
0.5	%53.25	%60.00	%7.25
1	%60.25	%70.50	%10.25
5	%66.25	%77.25	%11
10	%66.50	%77.50	%11
15	%67.00	%77.50	%10.50
150	%67.50	%78.00	%11.50

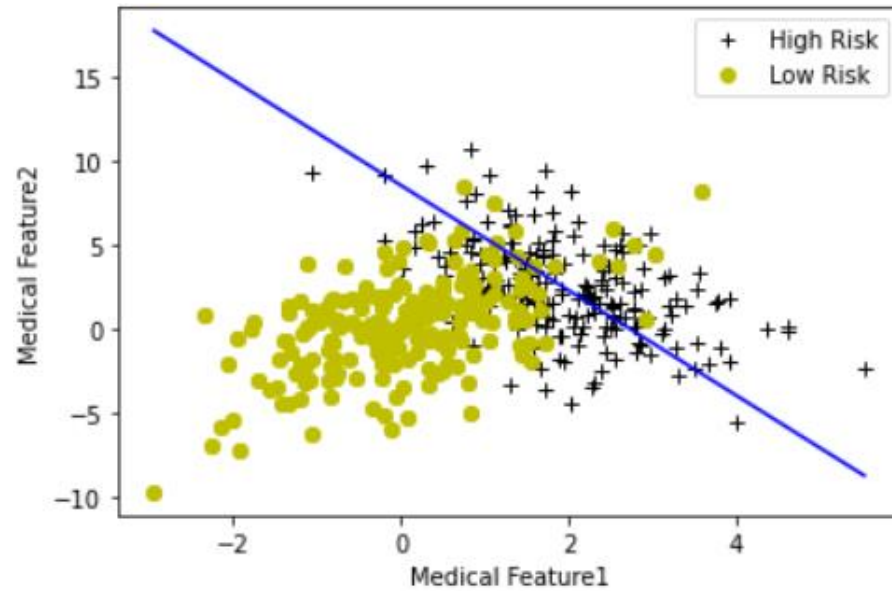
“Very high” privacy regime →

“Practical” privacy regime →

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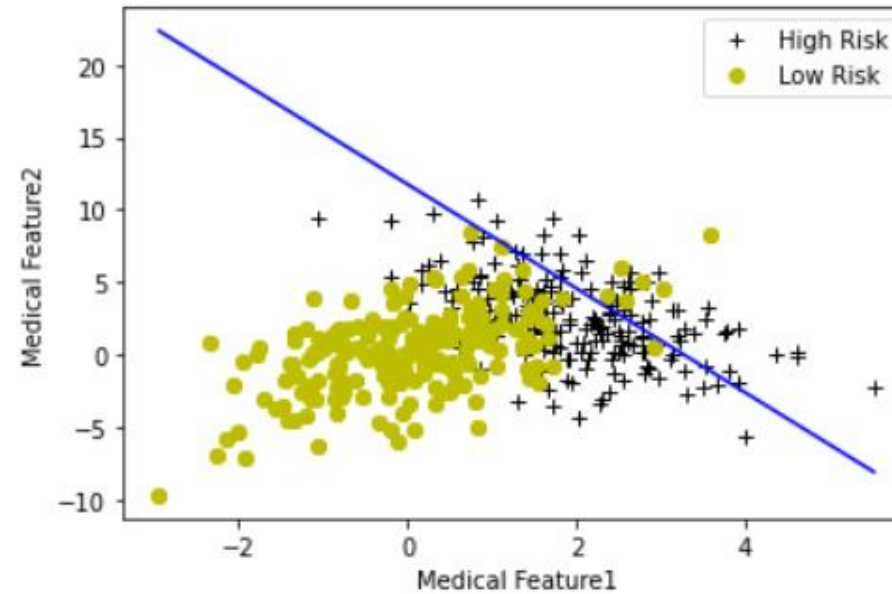
- Decision boundaries of the pre-trained DP-LR model under different privacy regimes.

$\epsilon = 1$



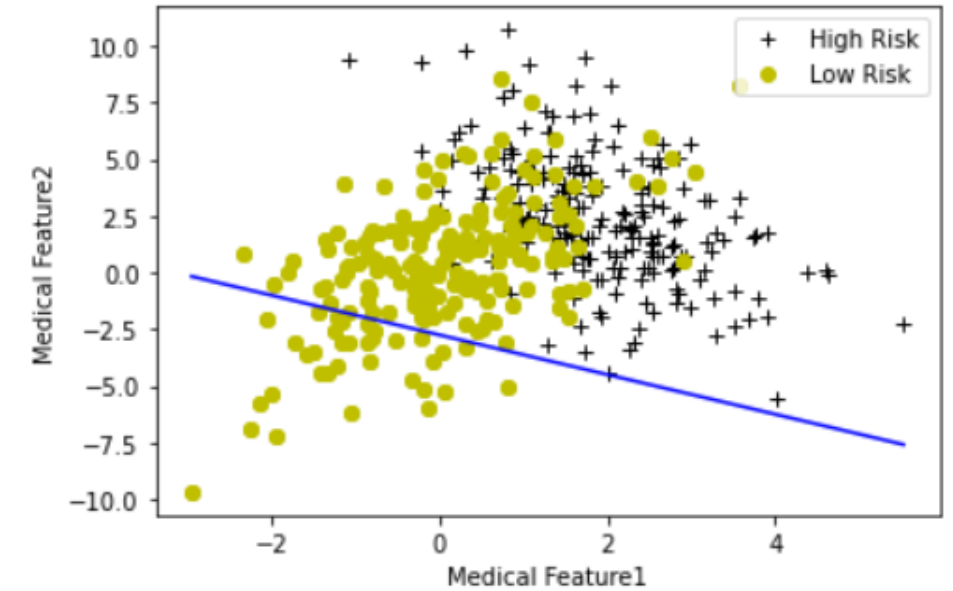
Accuracy =% 70.50

$\epsilon = 0.5$



Accuracy =% 60

$\epsilon = 0.1$



Accuracy =% 41.25

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