

## APPENDIX

## A. Common Privacy Compression Scenario

Consider a typical PC scenario: Yang wants to use an image recognition service on a autonomous AI server provided by Wang on cloud while being cautious of potential privacy threats from malicious attackers. Yang minimizes exposure risks before sending the images to the cloud by applying a privacy compression mechanism to his healthcare images. Wang then processes the privatized images for his service. The central challenge of a PC system lies in balancing utility (the informational value of the utility service provider) and privacy (the information obtained by adversaries), which can be effectively analyzed using the information bottleneck theory. This analysis has led to the development of Differential Mutual Information (DMI) [1], [2], providing quantitative guidance for designing these mechanisms.

## B. Define the Network Structure

"Conv1" refers to a single Conv block; "Conv2" indicates two Conv blocks; and "Conv3" represents three Conv blocks. Similarly, just like "Conv1," "ConvRes1" denotes a single ConvRes1 block. The same naming pattern applies to "DeConv" and "DeConvRes" blocks.

1) *Conv block*: The Conv block is shown in Figure 1. The

Model: "conv_block"		
Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d (Conv2D)	multiple	1216
max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)	multiple	0

Fig. 1. Conv block

output unit for Conv1 is 6. The output unit for Conv2 is 16.

2) *ConvRes block*: The ConvRes block is shown in Figure 2. The output unit for ConvRes1 is 6. The output unit for

Model: "conv_res_block"		
Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d (Conv2D)	multiple	228
batch_normalization (BatchNormalization)	multiple	12
conv2d_1 (Conv2D)	multiple	228
batch_normalization_1 (BatchNormalization)	multiple	12
max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)	multiple	0

Fig. 2. ConvRes block

ConvRes2 is 16.

3) *DeConv block*: The DeConv block is shown in Figure 3. The output unit for DeConvRes is 32 or 3.

4) *DeConvRes block*: The DeConvRes block is shown in Figure 4. The output unit for DeConvRes is 32 or 3.

Model: "de_conv_block"		
Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d_transpose (Conv2DTranspose)	multiple	448

Fig. 3. DeConv block

Layer (type)	Output Shape	Param #
conv2d_transpose (Conv2DTranspose)	multiple	168
batch_normalization (BatchNormalization)	multiple	24
conv2d_transpose_1 (Conv2DTranspose)	multiple	330
batch_normalization_1 (BatchNormalization)	multiple	24
conv2d_transpose_2 (Conv2DTranspose)	multiple	24
Total params: 570		
Trainable params: 546		
Non-trainable params: 24		

Fig. 4. DeConvRes block

## C. Final Parameters

Just list final parameters for each dataset.

1) *Final Parameters: Face Recognition*: The final parameters for face recognition are shown in Table I.

TABLE I  
PARAMETERS FOR FACE RECOGNITION

Symbol	AutoAgent1	AutoAgent2
$PA_{DcNN}$	DeConvRes3	DeConvRes3
$\eta_{DcNN}$	$3 * 10^{-3}$	$2 * 10^{-3}$
$\beta_{1,DcNN}$	0.9	0.8919
$\beta_{2,DcNN}$	0.9981	0.9993
$\rho_{RR}$	0.002	0.001
$\rho_{NKR}$	0.9952	0.9976
$MD$	2564	2058
$Ker$	RBF	RBF
$\sigma_K$	0.002	0.002
$\sigma_P$	1	4
$PA_U$	ResNet50V2	ResNet50V2
$\eta_U$	$9 * 10^{-4}$	$10^{-3}$
$\beta_{1,U}$	0.9	0.8846
$\beta_{2,U}$	0.9973	0.9987
$PA_{pc}$	Conv2	Conv2
$\eta_{pc}$	$10^{-3}$	$2 * 10^{-3}$
$\beta_{1,pc}$	0.8394	0.895
$\beta_{2,pc}$	0.9959	0.9981
$e$	170	137
$n$	1	1

2) *Final Parameters: Chest X-ray Recognition*: The final parameters for X-ray recognition are shown in Table II.

TABLE II  
PARAMETERS FOR X-RAY RECOGNITION

Symbol	AutoAgent1	AutoAgent2
$PA_{DcNN}$	DeConv2	DeConv2
$\eta_{DcNN}$	$5 * 10^{-4}$	$5 * 10^{-4}$
$\beta_{1,DcNN}$	0.8780	0.8566
$\beta_{2,DcNN}$	0.9981	0.9904
$\rho_{RR}$	0.003	0.001
$\rho_{NKR}$	0.0021	0.0007
$MD$	4312	4999
$Ker$	RBF	RBF
$\sigma_K$	0.003	0.003
$\sigma_P$	5	3
$PA_U$	ResNet50V2	ResNet50V2
$\eta_U$	$9 * 10^{-4}$	$10^{-3}$
$\beta_{1,U}$	0.8163	0.8747
$\beta_{2,U}$	0.9876	0.9895
$PA_{pc}$	Conv2	Conv2
$\eta_{pc}$	$2 * 10^{-3}$	$8 * 10^{-4}$
$\beta_{1,pc}$	0.8531	0.8164
$\beta_{2,pc}$	0.9907	0.9680
$e$	113	86
$n$	2	1

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3) *Final Parameters: HAR Recognition*: The final parameters for face recogniton are shown in Table III.

TABLE III  
PARAMETERS FOR HAR RECOGNITION

Symbol	AutoAgent1	AutoAgent2
$PA_{DcNN}$	DeConv4	DeConv4
$\eta_{DcNN}$	$9 * 10^{-4}$	$10^{-3}$
$\beta_{1,DcNN}$	0.8763	0.8967
$\beta_{2,DcNN}$	0.9991	0.9982
$\rho_{RR}$	0.004	0.001
$\rho_{NKR}$	0.0859	0.0979
$MD$	4013	4996
$Ker$	Polynomial	RBF
$\sigma_K$	0.006	0.001
$\sigma_P$	2	2
$PA_U$	ResNet50V2	CapsNet
$\eta_U$	$6 * 10^{-4}$	$8 * 10^{-4}$
$\beta_{1,U}$	0.8273	0.8458
$\beta_{2,U}$	0.9996	0.9993
$PA_{pc}$	Conv2	Conv2
$\eta_{pc}$	$9 * 10^{-4}$	$2 * 10^{-3}$
$\beta_{1,pc}$	0.8972	0.8899
$\beta_{2,pc}$	0.9781	0.9541
$e$	167	169
$n$	32	32