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Abstract

Nowadays, the world has turned into an information-driven society where information from individuals, companies, and governments is becoming increasingly crucial ~~than before~~. As a global trend and economic growth factor, digitalization brings a ~~huge~~ privacy risk because the increased amount of interconnected devices and services may reveal users' sensitive information to untrusted third-party service providers. Cryptographers have made ~~numerous~~ efforts to ~~make~~ secure multi-party computation (MPC) from a purely theoretical concept to a powerful privacy enhancement tool. Secure multi-party computation was ~~formally~~ introduced in the 1980s that enables secure computations between two or more parties, ~~s.t. only the computation result is revealed, and no parties can infer the inputs of other parties from the computations.~~ Nevertheless, an adversary ~~can~~ determine if a particular party's information was involved in the computation from the computation result. ~~The identification of membership can bring privacy concerns under certain circumstances. Then in 2006, differential privacy (DP) was formally introduced, which guarantees the parties' privacy by adding noise to the computation result, s.t. the result is roughly the same whether a party has participated in the computation or not.~~

In this thesis, we design, implement and evaluate different techniques that combine MPC and DP to guarantee privacy. The most important is considering the security issues under practical implementation, which is not present in all prior works. Specifically, implementing textbook noise generation methods under floating-point arithmetic breaks the theoretical assumptions of differential privacy. This thesis is mainly composed of three parts. The first part introduces the design and theoretical proof of differentially private mechanisms under floating-point arithmetics. In the second part, we transfer these differentially private mechanisms into MPC protocols. In the third part, we implement our MPC protocols and evaluate the performance of different optimization techniques. In summary, we contribute to combining MPC and DP by providing secure and efficient implementations.

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1 Introduction

One of the most significant achievements in the 21st century is artificial intelligence (AI), especially machine learning (ML), which relies on using powerful computer hardware to accumulate and analyze massive data to improve the performance of algorithms. On the one hand, the customers enjoy the convenient services driven by ML algorithms. On the other hand, the users' sensitive data might be revealed to the third-party untrusted service provider. Even if the service providers are not malicious, other malicious entities such as internal employees, hackers, and national intelligence agencies could abuse the centralized database. Therefore, it is urgent to protect users' privacy while providing services. Since 2008, cryptographers have proposed many privacy-preserving ML algorithms based on secure multi-party computation (MPC). Secure multi-party computation enables multiple parties to perform computations with parties' inputs securely s.t. only the computation result is revealed. Secure multi-party computation is first proposed by Yao [Yao86] and becomes efficient for practical deployment until the late 2000s.

Consider a typical scenario of privacy-preserving ML: Alice wishes to detect if she has the genetic disease but keep her genomic data secret. As a service provider, Bob has trained an ML model that can predict genetic disease when given genomic data. Similarly, Bob also wishes to keep the ML model parameters private to profit from it continuously. One solution is introducing a trusted third party to do genome sequencing with Alice's genomic data and Bob's ML model. However, a trusted third party barely exists in practice. Instead, Alice and Bob can deploy MPC protocol to solve the problem by simulating a trusted third party s.t. only the gene detection result is revealed.

Although MPC can guarantee the users' computational privacy, an adversary can still infer users' sensitive information from the computation result by executing attacks such as membership inference. For example, several hospitals jointly trained an ML model using MPC protocols with their patients' data, and only the trained ML model parameters were revealed to them. An adversary doesn't have access to the patients' data but can still infer if a particular patient's data is involved in the ML training and further derive additional sensitive information. Dwork et al. [Dwo06] formalize this privacy loss by introducing the concept of differential privacy (DP). One approach to guarantee DP is to add calibrated noise to the revealed computation result [Dwo06; DMNS06].

Naturally, a better privacy-preserving method is to combine MPC and DP as prior works [EKM⁺14; BP20; PL15]. However, as far as we know, no prior works have considered the security issues under practical implementations. As Mironov [Mir12] shows, the textbook noise generation methods can break differential privacy under floating-point arithmetic. Our

work attempts to fill the vacuum by providing efficient and secure MPC-DP protocols and implementations.

1.1 Research Goal

In this thesis, we study how to achieve DP under MPC setting securely, i.e., constructing MPC protocols for secure noise generation and output perturbation. In addition, we aim at efficient MPC protocols by evaluating various optimization techniques and their practical performance.

1.2 Contributions

We investigate the secure noise generation methods and prove that these noise under floating-point number representation can satisfy the differential privacy. A major part of this thesis deals with the construction and optimizations of MPC protocols for noise generation as MPC is still significantly slower than plaintext computations. Specifically, we consider the outsourcing scenario of MPC, i.e., users first secret share their private input to multiple ($N \geq 2$) non-colluding computing parties and the computing parties execute the MPC protocols for desired function computation and noise addition. We use oblivious transfer (OT) extensively for the multi-party computation to improve efficiency for operations such as bit-vector multiplication, oblivious random access, and arithmetic comparison. In addition, we use HyCC [BDK⁺18], i.e., an automated compilation tool for generating circuits for hybrid MPC protocols.

1.3 Thesis Outline

The remainder of this thesis is structured in five parts.

In Part 1 - Preliminaries § 2, we discuss basic notations and theoretical background of MPC and DP. In chapter 2, we recap the background and overview of the multiparty computation. In chapter 3, we review the differential privacy theory and describe an example application for intuition.

In Part 2 - Secure Differentially Private Mechanisms § 3, we first describe the attack when using textbook noise generation under floating-point arithmetic. Then we introduce several existing secure noise generations and differentially private mechanisms, i.e., snapping mechanism § 3.1, integer-scaling mechanisms § 3.2 and discrete Gaussian mechanism § 3.3.

In Part 3 - General Procedure for MPC-DP Protocols § 4, we first restate the investigated research problem and describe the general procedure for realizing differentially private mechanisms under MPC. Then we review the prior works for combining MPC and DP.

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In Part 4 - Secure MPC-DP Protocols: § 5, we first describe the building blocks for our MPC protocols in § 5.1. Then, we provide the MPC protocols for differentially private mechanisms (cf. § 3).

In Part 5 - Implementation and Evaluation: § 6, we implement and evaluate our MPC protocols (cf. § 5).

2 Preliminaries

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In this chapter, we present the essential background for this thesis. We first give our notations in § 2.1. Then, we review oblivious transfer in § 2.2, multiplication triples § 2.3, and secure multi-party computation in § 2.4. Next, we introduce the knowledge about probability distribution in § 2.8 and theory of differential privacy in § 2.9.

2.1 Notations

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For $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$, $[a]$ denotes $\{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 1 \leq x \leq a\}$, (a, b) is $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a < x < b\}$, and $[a, b]$ is $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \leq x \leq b\}$. $\{a, b, c\}$ denotes a set containing the three elements, $(a_i)_{i \in [n]} = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$ is a sequence of n elements.

Let \mathbb{D} denote the set of floating-point numbers, and $\mathbb{D} \cap (a, b)$ contain floating-point numbers in the interval (a, b) .

The notation $\bar{b}_{(l)}$ indicates that bit b is repeated l times. $(\cdot)_2$ is the binary representation of an integer.

$(P_i)_{i \in [N]}$ denote N computing parties. The shares of value x among N parties are denoted by $\langle x \rangle^S = (\langle x \rangle_1^S, \dots, \langle x \rangle_N^S)$. For $i \in [N]$, $\langle x \rangle_i^S$ is hold by party P_i . $S \in \{A, B, Y\}$ denotes the sharing type: A for arithmetic sharing, B for Boolean sharing, Y for Yao sharing. B2A denotes the share conversion from Boolean sharing to arithmetic sharing, and other share conversions are defined similarly as in [DSZ15]. For $\mathbf{x} \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$, $\langle \mathbf{x} \rangle^{B,D}$ is a vector of ℓ shared bits which can be interpreted as an ℓ -bit value of data type D . For example, $\langle \mathbf{x} \rangle^{B,UI}$ can be interpreted as 3-bit unsigned integer 3 for $x = 011$. $D \in \{UI, SI, FP, FL\}$ indicates the data type: UI for unsigned integer, SI for signed integer, FP for fixed-point number, and FL for floating-point number. We omit subscript and subscript when it is clear from the context.

For the logical operations, we use XOR (\oplus), AND (\wedge) and NOT. Let $\langle \mathbf{a} \rangle^{B,D} \odot \langle \mathbf{b} \rangle^{B,D}$ be the arithmetic operations on two bit vectors $\langle \mathbf{a} \rangle^{B,D}$ and $\langle \mathbf{b} \rangle^{B,D}$ shared with Boolean sharing, where $\odot \in \{+, -, \cdot, \div, >, ==\}$.

For arithmetic operations i.e., $\ln(a)$, 2^a , e^a , $|a|$, $\lfloor a \rfloor$, $\lceil a \rceil$, $a \bmod b$ on a bit vector $\langle a \rangle^{B,D}$ are denoted by $\text{LN}(\langle a \rangle^{B,D})$, $\text{POW2}(\langle a \rangle^{B,D})$, $\text{EXP}(\langle a \rangle^{B,D})$, $\text{ABS}(\langle a \rangle^{B,D})$, $\text{Floor}(\langle a \rangle^{B,D})$, $\text{Ceil}(\langle a \rangle^{B,D})$ and $\text{MOD}(\langle a \rangle^{B,D}, \langle b \rangle^{B,D})$.

$\langle a \rangle^B \cdot \langle b \rangle^{B,D}$ between a Boolean sharing bit $\langle a \rangle^B$ and a vector of Boolean sharing bit $\langle b \rangle^{B,D}$ represents bitwise \wedge operations between $\langle a \rangle^B$ and every Boolean sharing bit $\langle b \rangle^B \in \langle b \rangle^{B,D}$.

For data type conversions, we denote $\langle a \rangle^{B,FL} = \text{UI2FL}(\langle a \rangle^{B,UI})$ the conversion from an unsigned integer to a floating-point number. Other data type conversion operations such as $\langle a \rangle^{B,UI} = \text{FL2UI}(\langle a \rangle^{B,FL})$ are indicated in a similar manner.

2.2 Oblivious Transfer

Oblivious transfer was first defined by Rabin [Rab05] as a mode of transferring information, where the receiver P_R can receive the message from the sender P_S successfully with probability $p = 0.5$, and the sender is oblivious of whether the message was received. Later Even et al. [EGL85] redefine OT as the 1-out-of-2 OT ($\binom{2}{1}$ -OT). $\binom{2}{1}$ -OT has the functionality that accepts two inputs (x_0, x_1) from P_S and a choice bit c from P_R , and outputs \perp to P_S and only x_c to P_R . $\binom{2}{1}$ -OT guarantees that P_R does not learn anything about c and that P_R does not learn about x_{1-c} . Impagliazzo and Rudich [IR90] showed that a *black-box* reduction from OT to a one-way function [Isr06, Chapter 2] is as hard as proving $P \neq NP$, which implies that OT requires relative expensive (than symmetric cryptography) public-key cryptography [RSA78].

Nevertheless, Ishai et al. [IKNP03] propose OT *extension* technique that extends a small number of OTs based on public key cryptography to a large number of OTs with efficient symmetric cryptography. Asharov et al. [ALSZ17] propose special OT functionalities for optimization of MPC protocols such as correlated OT (C-OT) and random OT (R-OT). In C-OT, P_S inputs a correlation function f_Δ (e.g., $f_\Delta(x) = x \oplus \Delta$) and receives a random x_0 and $x_1 = f_\Delta(x_0)$, P_R inputs a choice bit c and receives x_c . In R-OT, P_S has no inputs and receives random (x_0, x_1) , P_R inputs a choice bit c and receives x_c .

2.3 Multiplication Triples

Multiplication triples (MTs) are proposed by Beaver [Bea91] that can be precomputed and reduce the online time of MPC protocols. For multiplication triple $(\langle a \rangle^S, \langle b \rangle^S, \langle c \rangle^S)$ with $S \in \{B, A\}$, $c = a \wedge b$ for Boolean sharing (cf. § 2.5.2) and $c = a \times b$ for arithmetic sharing (cf. § 2.5.1). Multiplication triple can be generated using C-OT (cf. § 2.2) as Braun et al. [DSZ15; BDST20] show. The advantage of MTs is that it can reduce the MPC protocol online complexity by converting expensive operations (e.g., arithmetic multiplication and logical AND) to linear operations (e.g., arithmetic addition and logical XOR).

2.4 Secure Multi-Party Computation

Yao [Yao86] first introduces the secure two-party computation with Yao’s Millionaires’ problem and proposes the garbled circuit protocol as a solution. In Yao’s Millionaires’ problem, two millionaires wish to know who is richer without revealing their actual wealth.

The protocol of Beaver, Micali and Rogaway (BMR) [BMR90] generalizes Yao’s garbled circuit protocol to multi-party settings. The protocol of Goldreich, Micali and Wigderson (GMW) [Gol87] uses Boolean sharing to extend secure two-party computation to multi-party settings.

Generally, the execution of MPC protocols is divided into the offline phase (no private inputs are involved) and the online phase (private inputs is involved).

2.4.1 Adversary Model

In this thesis, we consider the semi-honest (passively corrupted) adversaries that follow the protocol specifications but try to infer additional information of other parties from the messages during the protocol execution. In contrast to the malicious (active) adversaries that can deviate from the protocol, the semi-honest model is less restricted but more efficient regarding communication and computation. We focus on designing and implementing efficient, secure multi-party computation in the semi-honest adversary model.

2.4.2 Yao’s Garbled Circuit Protocol

Yao [Yao86] introduces the garbled circuit protocol that enables two parties (garbler P_G and evaluator P_E) to securely evaluate any functionality that can be represented as a Boolean circuit. We follow the steps of Yao’s garbled circuit protocol described in [LP09]: circuit garbling, input encoding, and circuit evaluation.

Circuit Garbling

The garbler P_G converts the jointly decided function f into a Boolean circuit C , and selects a pair of random κ -bit keys $(k_0^i, k_1^i) \in \{0, 1\}^{2\kappa}$ that represent the logical 0 and 1 for each wire i in C . For gate g (with input wire: a and b , output wire: c), P_G generates random keys (k_0^a, k_1^a) , (k_0^b, k_1^b) , (k_0^c, k_1^c) and creates a garbled gate \tilde{g} based on the function table of g . For example, suppose gate g is an AND gate and has function table Tab. 2.1, P_G encrypts the key of wire c and permute the entries to generate the garbled table Tab. 2.2 for g . Note that the symmetric encryption function Enc_k uses a secret-key k to encrypt the plaintext, and its corresponding decryption function Dec_k decrypts the ciphertext only when the same k is given (otherwise it outputs an error). When all the gates in circuit C are garbled, P_G sends the garbled circuit \tilde{C} that consists of garbled tables to P_E for evaluation.

a	b	c
0	0	0
0	1	0
1	0	0
1	1	1

Table 2.1: Function table of AND gate g .

\tilde{a}	\tilde{b}	\tilde{c}
k_1^a	k_1^b	$\text{Enc}_{k_1^a, k_1^b}(k_1^c)$
k_0^a	k_1^b	$\text{Enc}_{k_0^a, k_1^b}(k_0^c)$
k_0^a	k_0^b	$\text{Enc}_{k_0^a, k_0^b}(k_0^c)$
k_1^a	k_0^b	$\text{Enc}_{k_1^a, k_0^b}(k_0^c)$

Table 2.2: Garbled table of AND gate g with permuted entries.

Input Encoding

P_G sends the wire keys that correspond to its input directly to P_E . To evaluate \tilde{C} , P_E also need the wire keys corresponding to its input. For each of P_G 's input wire i with correspond input c , P_E and P_G run a $\binom{2}{1}$ -OT, where P_G acts as sender with inputs (k_0^i, k_1^i) , and P_E acts as receiver with input c and receives k_c^i . Recall that $\binom{2}{1}$ -OT (cf. § 2.2) guarantess that P_G learns nothing about c and P_E learns nothing about k_{1-c}^i .

Circuit Evaluation

After receiving \tilde{C} and input wire keys, P_E can evaluate the \tilde{C} . For each gate g (with input wire: a and b , output wire: c), P_E uses the input keys (k^a, k^b) to decrypt the output key k^c . Until all the gates in \tilde{C} are evaluated, P_E obtains the keys for the output wire of \tilde{C} . To reconstruct the output, either P_G sends the mapping from output wire keys to plaintext bits to P_E , or P_E sends the output wire keys to P_G .

Optimizations for Yao's Garbled Circuits

In this part, we present several prominent optimizations for Yao's garbled circuit protocol (cf. § 2.4.2). Note that in the evaluation of Yao's garbled circuit \tilde{C} , P_E needs to decrypt four entries to obtain the correct key of output wire. Point and permute [BMR90] helps P_E to identify the entry that can be decrypted correctly (instead of decrypting four entries) in garbled tables by adding a permutation bit to each wire key. Garbled row reduction [NPS99] reduces the number of entries in the garble table from four to three by fixing the first entry to a constant value. Free-XOR [KS08] allows the evaluation of XOR gates free of interactions

between P_E and P_G by choosing the key pairs (k_0^i, k_1^i) for with fixed distance R (R is kept secret to P_E) for all wires, e.g., k_0^i is random and $k_1^i = R \oplus k_0^i$. Fixed-Key AES garbling [BHKR13] reduces the encryption and decryption workload of Yao's garbled circuit by using a block cipher with fixed key s.t. AES key schedule is executed only once. Two-halves garbling [ZRE15] reduces the entry number of each AND gate from three to two by splitting each AND gate into two half-gates at the cost of one more decryption of P_E . Three-halves garbling [RR21] requires 25% communication bits less than two-halves garbling at the cost of more computation.

2.4.3 Goldreich-Micali-Wigderson (GMW)

GMW protocol [Gol87] enables multiple parties to evaluate a function that can be represented as a Boolean circuit (or arithmetic circuit). We describe a generic case of GMW protocol where two parties P_0 and P_1 wish to securely evaluate the a Boolean circuit C . Each party first secret shares its input bits with other parties using XOR-based secret sharing scheme. For example, P_0 has input bit x and sends share x_1 to P_1 , where $x = x_0 \oplus x_1$. P_1 with input y follows the same secret sharing steps as P_0 . The XOR gate $z = x \oplus y$ can be evaluated by each party P_i locally with $z_i = x_i \oplus y_i$ since $z = x \oplus y = (x_0 \oplus x_1) \oplus (y_0 \oplus y_1) = (x_0 \oplus y_0) \oplus (x_1 \oplus y_1)$.

We describe the steps using OT (cf. § 2.2) to evaluate an AND gate $z = x \wedge y$. Other techniques such as Multiplication Triple [Bea91] can also be applied for evaluation.

Evaluation of AND gate with OT [CHK⁺12; Zoh17]

P_0 acts as the sender of $\binom{4}{1}$ -OT with inputs (s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3) that is calculated with his shared bits x_0, y_0 and a random bit z_0 as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} s_0 &= z_0 \oplus ((x_0 \oplus 0) \wedge (y_0 \oplus 0)) \\ s_1 &= z_0 \oplus ((x_0 \oplus 0) \wedge (y_0 \oplus 1)) \\ s_2 &= z_0 \oplus ((x_0 \oplus 1) \wedge (y_0 \oplus 0)) \\ s_3 &= z_0 \oplus ((x_0 \oplus 1) \wedge (y_0 \oplus 1)). \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

P_1 acts as the receiver with choice $(x_1 y_1)_2$ and receives $z_1 = s_{(x_1 y_1)_2} = z_0 \oplus ((x_0 \oplus x_1) \wedge (y_0 \oplus y_1))$.

2.4.4 Beaver-Micali-Rogaway (BMR)

BMR protocol [BMR90] extends the two party setting of Yao's Garbled circuit protocol [Yao86] to multi-party setting. Recall that in Yao's garbled circuit protocol (cf. § 2.4.2), the circuit is first garbled by one party and evaluated by another party. BMR protocol enables the multi-party computation by first garbling the circuit jointly by all parties, and then, each party evaluates the garbled circuit locally. Ben-Efraim et al. [BLO16] propose several optimization techniques for BMR protocol, e.g., OT-based garbling, BGW [WOG88]-based garbling.

2.5 Secret Sharing

In this section, we detail the sharing types used in this work based on [DSZ15].

2.5.1 Arithmetic Sharing (A)

A ℓ -bit value x is shared additively among N parties as $(\langle x \rangle_1^A, \dots, \langle x \rangle_N^A) \in \mathbb{Z}_{2^\ell}^N$, where $x = \sum_{i=1}^N \langle x \rangle_i^A \bmod 2^\ell$ and party P_i holds $\langle x \rangle_i^A$. x can be reconstructed by letting each party P_i sends $\langle x \rangle_i^A$ to one party who calculates $x = \sum_{i=1}^N \langle x \rangle_i^A \bmod 2^\ell$. The addition of arithmetic shares can be calculated locally and multiplication of arithmetic shares can be performed with arithmetic multiplication triple (cf. § 2.3).

2.5.2 Boolean Sharing (B)

A bit x is shared among N parties as $(\langle x \rangle_1^A, \dots, \langle x \rangle_N^A) \in \{0, 1\}^N$. Boolean sharing can be seen as a special case of arithmetic sharing where XOR and AND are used instead of arithmetic addition and multiplication.

2.5.3 Yao Sharing (Y)

Recall in Yao's garbled circuit protocol (cf. § 2.4.2), we briefly introduce the optimization techniques such as point and permute [BMR90] and Free-XOR [KS08], where the garbler generates a random κ -bit string R with $R[0] = 1$ (permutation bit) and a random key k_0^i , and set key $k_1^i = k_0^i \oplus R$ for each wire i . Based on above techniques, the evaluator can share a bit x with the garbler by running a C-OT (cf. § 2.2). The garbler inputs a correlation function f_R , obtains (k_0, k_1) with $k_1 = k_0 \oplus R$, and set $\langle x \rangle_0^Y = k_0$. The evaluator inputs a choice bit x , and receives $\langle x \rangle_1^Y = k_x = k_0 \oplus xR$. To reconstruct x , the evaluator sends $\langle x \rangle_1^Y[0]$ to the garbler who computes $x = \langle x \rangle_0^Y[0] \oplus \langle x \rangle_1^Y[0]$. For the evaluation of XOR gate, each party can locally calculate $\langle z \rangle^Y = \langle x \rangle^Y \oplus \langle y \rangle^Y$ based on the Free-XOR [KS08]. The AND gate ($\langle z \rangle^Y = \langle x \rangle^Y \wedge \langle y \rangle^Y$) can be evaluated using the method of [BHKR13], where one party garbles the circuit with its share and another party evaluates the garbled circuit with its share. Yao's sharing can also be extended to multi-party case as Braun et al. [Braun] shows.

2.6 Sharing Conversions

Different sharing types and MPC protocols have advantages in specific operations, e.g., arithmetic GMW (cf. § 2.4.3) allow parties to execute linear operations locally, and BMR (cf. § 2.4.4) is often more efficient for comparison. Therefore, we convert the sharing types during the MPC execution as [DSZ15; BDST20].

2.7 MPC Framework

In this work, we build upon the MOTION framework [BDST20] that provides the following highlight features:

1. Support for MPC with N parties (tolerating up to $N - 1$ passive corruptions) and sharing conversions.
2. Implementation of primitive operations of MPC protocols at the circuit's gate level and evaluate it asynchronously, i.e., each gate is separately evaluated once their parent gates become ready.
3. Support for Single Instruction Multiple Data (SIMD), i.e., vectors of data are processed instead of single data, that can reduce both memory footprint and communication.
4. Integration of HyCC compiler [BDK⁺18] that can generate efficient circuits for hybrid MPC protocols from C programming language.

2.8 Probabilistic Distribution

In this section, we introduce essential probability theory and statistics.

2.8.1 Continuous Probability Distribution

Definition 2.8.1 (Continuous Uniform distribution). *The continuous uniform distribution with parameters a and b , has the following probability density function (PDF):*

$$\begin{aligned} Uni(a, b) &= \Pr(x | a, b) \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & \text{if } a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

$Uni(a, b)$ denotes the continuous uniform distribution with parameters a and b . $x \sim Uni(a, b)$ is a continuous uniform random variable.

Definition 2.8.2 (Exponential distribution). *The exponential distribution with rate parameter $\lambda > 0$ has the following probability density function (PDF):*

$$\begin{aligned} Expon(\lambda) &= \Pr(x | \lambda) \\ &= \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

$Expon(\lambda)$ denotes the exponential distribution with parameter λ . $x \sim Expon(b)$ is an exponential random variable. The cumulative distribution function (CDF) of exponential distribution is defined as follows:

$$\Pr(x | \lambda) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda x} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases} \quad (2.4)$$

Definition 2.8.3 (Laplace distribution [GRS12]). *The Laplace distribution with location parameter $\mu = 0$ and scale parameter b , has the following probability density function (PDF):*

$$\begin{aligned} Lap(b) &= \Pr(x | b) \\ &= \frac{1}{2b} e^{-\frac{|x|}{b}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

$Lap(b)$ denotes the Laplace distribution with scale parameter b . $x \sim Lap(b)$ is a Laplace random variable. The Laplace distribution is also called the double exponential distribution because it can be thought as the exponential distribution assigned a randomly chosen sign.

The cumulative distribution function (CDF) of Laplace distribution is defined as follows:

$$\Pr(x | b) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} e^{\frac{x}{b}} & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{x}{b}} & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases} \quad (2.6)$$

Definition 2.8.4 (Gaussian distribution). *The univariate Gaussian (or normal) distribution with mean μ and standard deviation σ , has the following probability density function:*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma) &= \Pr(x | \mu, \sigma) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2} \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$ denotes the Gaussian distribution with mean μ and standard deviation σ . $x \sim \mathcal{N}(x | b)$ is a Gaussian random variable.

2.8.2 Discrete Probability Distribution

Definition 2.8.5 (Bernoulli distribution). *The Bernoulli distribution with parameters $p \in [0, 1]$ has the following probability mass function (PMF) for $x \in \{0, 1\}$:*

$$\begin{aligned} Bern(p) &= \Pr(x | p) \\ &= \begin{cases} p & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 1 - p & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

$Bern(p)$ denotes the Bernoulli distribution with parameters p . $x \sim Bern(p)$ is a Bernoulli random variable.

Definition 2.8.6 (Binomial distribution). *The binomial distribution with parameters $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $p \in [0, 1]$ has the following probability mass function (PMF) for $x \in [0, n]$:*

$$\begin{aligned} Bino(n, p) &= \Pr(x | n, p) \\ &= \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} \end{aligned} \quad (2.9)$$

$Bino(n, p)$ denotes the binomial distribution with parameters n and p . $x \sim Bino(n, p)$ is a binomial random variable. Note that $Bino(n, p = 0.5) - \frac{n}{2}$ is symmetrical along the y -axis, which we denote as $SymmBino(n, p = 0.5)$.

Definition 2.8.7 (Geometric distribution). *The geometric distribution with parameter $p \in [0, 1]$, has the following probability mass function for $x \in \mathbb{Z}^+$:*

$$\begin{aligned} Geo(p) &= \Pr(x | p) \\ &= (1-p)^{x-1} p \end{aligned} \quad (2.10)$$

$Geo(p)$ denotes the geometric distribution with parameter p . $x \sim Geo(p)$ is a geometric random variable. Note that the geometric distribution counts the number of trials up to and including the first success (with probability p). The cumulative distribution function of geometric distribution is $\Pr(x \leq X) = 1 - (1-p)^X$.

Definition 2.8.8 (Double-side Geometric distribution). *The double-side geometric distribution with parameter $p = 1 - e^{-\lambda}$ with $p \in [0, 1]$, has the following probability mass function for $x \in \mathbb{Z}$:*

$$\begin{aligned} DGeo(p) &= \Pr(x | p = 1 - e^{-\lambda}) \\ &= \frac{(1-p)^{|x|} p}{2-p} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda|x|} \cdot (1 - e^{-\lambda})}{1 + e^\lambda} \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

The double-side geometric distribution is also called discrete Laplace distribution $DLap(p)$. $DGeo(p)$ denotes the double-side geometric distribution with parameter $p = 1 - e^{-\lambda}$. $x \sim DGeo(p)$ is a double-side geometric random variable. $DGeo(p)$ can be generated by left-shifting $Geo(p)$ along $-x$ -axis by 1, mirroring along the y -axis and scaled s.t. for $DGeo(p)$'s PMF: $\sum_x \Pr(x | p) = 1$ where $\Pr(\cdot)$ is the PDF of double-side geometric distribution.

Definition 2.8.9 (Discrete Gaussian distribution [CKS20]). *The discrete Gaussian distribution with mean μ and standard deviation σ , has the following probability mass function for $x \in \mathbb{Z}$:*

$$\begin{aligned} DGauss(\mu, \sigma) &= \Pr(x | \mu, \sigma) \\ &= \frac{e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}}{\sum_{y \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}} \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

$DGauss(\mu, \sigma)$ denotes the discrete Gaussian distribution with mean μ and standard deviation σ . $x \sim DGauss(\mu, \sigma)$ is a discrete Gaussian random variable.

2.8.3 Probability Sampling Methods

Theorem 1 (Inverse Sampling Method [Dev86, Theorem 2.1]). *Let F be a continuous distribution function on \mathbb{R} with inverse F^{-1} defined as follows:*

$$F^{-1}(u) = \inf\{x : F(x) = u, 0 < u < 1\} \quad (2.13)$$

If $U \sim \text{Uni}(0, 1)$ (cf. 2.8.1), then $F^{-1}(U)$ has a distribution function F . Also, if X has distribution function F , then $F(X)$ is uniformly distributed on $[0, 1]$.

Inverse sampling method is a common sampling method when the inverse function of the desired probabilistic distribution's CDF is available.

For example, we can sample a Laplace random variable Y from an exponential distribution with CDF $F(x | b) = 1 - e^{-\frac{x}{b}}$ as follows [Knu14, Chapter 3.4]:

1. Sample $U \sim \text{Uni}(0, 1) \setminus 1$ and $Z \sim \text{Bern}(0.5)$
2. $F^{-1}(U) = -b \cdot \ln(1 - U)$
3. $Y \leftarrow (2Z - 1) \cdot b \ln(1 - U)$

2.9 Differential Privacy

This section examines differential privacy in a formal mathematical view. We first briefly introduce traditional privacy preservation methods and their limitations. Then using the example of a questionnaire survey, we present and formalize differential privacy. Finally, we provide a discussion about differential privacy regarding its properties.

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2.9.1 Traditional Methods for Privacy Preservation

Suppose a fictitious hospital has collected massive data from thousands of patients and wants to make the data available to academic researchers such as data analysts. However, the data contains sensitive information of patients, e.g., *ZipCode*, *Age*, *Nationality* and *HealthCondition*. Because the hospital has an obligation, e.g., due to the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), to preserve the patients' privacy, it must take specific privacy preservation measures before releasing the data.

Let us assume that the released data is already anonymized by removing the identifying features such as the patients' name and social security number (SSN). **Tab. 2.3** shows the anonymized medical records from the fictitious hospital. The attributes are divided into two groups: the non-sensitive attributes and the sensitive attribute. The value of the sensitive attributes must be kept secret for each individual in the records. We want to guarantee that no attacker can identify the patient and discover his *Condition* by combining the records with other publicly available information.

	Non-Sensitive			Sensitive
	Zip Code	Age	Nationality	Condition
1	13053	28	Russian	Heart Disease
2	13068	29	American	Heart Disease
3	13068	21	Japanese	Viral Infection
4	13053	23	American	Viral Infection
5	14853	50	Indian	Cancer
6	14853	55	Russian	Heart Disease
7	14850	47	American	Viral Infection
8	14850	49	American	Viral Infection
9	13053	31	American	Cancer
10	13053	37	Indian	Cancer
11	13068	36	Japanese	Cancer
12	13068	35	American	Cancer

Table 2.3: Inpatient microdata [MKGV07].

A typical attack is the re-identification attack [Swe97] that combines the released anonymized data with publicly available information to re-identify individuals. One traditional approach against re-identification attacks is to deploy privacy preservation methods that satisfy the notion of k -anonymity [SS98] to anonymize the data and prevent the data subjects from being re-identified. More specifically, the k -anonymity requires that for all individuals whose information appears in the dataset, each individual's information cannot be distinguished from at least $k - 1$ other individuals.

Samarati et al. [SS98] introduces two techniques to achieve k -anonymity: data generalization and suppression. The former method makes the data less informative by mapping specific attribute values to a broader value range, and the latter method removes specific attribute

values. As [tabular:4-anonymoussinpatientmicrodata] shows, the values of attribute *Age* in the first eight records are replaced by value ranges such as < 30 and ≥ 40 after generalization. The values of attribute *Nationality* are suppressed by being replaced with *. Finally, the records in Tab. 2.4 satisfy the 4 – *anonymity* requirement. For example, given one patient’s non-sensitive attribute values (e.g., Zip Code: 130 **, Age: < 30), there are at least three other patients with the same non-sensitive attribute values.

	Non-Sensitive			Sensitive
	Zip Code	Age	Nationality	Condition
1	130 **	< 30	*	Heart Disease
2	130 **	< 30	*	Heart Disease
3	130 **	< 30	*	Viral Infection
4	130 **	< 30	*	Viral Infection
5	1485*	≥ 40	*	Cancer
6	1485*	≥ 40	*	Heart Disease
7	1485*	≥ 40	*	Viral Infection
8	1485*	≥ 40	*	Viral Infection
9	130 **	3*	*	Cancer
10	130 **	3*	*	Cancer
11	130 **	3*	*	Cancer
12	130 **	3*	*	Cancer

Table 2.4: 4 – *anonymous* inpatient microdata [MKGV07].

k – *anonymity* alleviates re-identification attacks but is still vulnerable to so-called homogeneity attacks and background knowledge attacks [MKGV07]. One example for a background knowledge attack is that, suppose we know one patient who is about thirty years old, has visited the hospital and is in the records of Tab. 2.4, then we could conclude that he has cancer. Afterward, l – *Diversity* [MKGV07] is proposed to overcome the shortcoming of k – *anonymity* by preventing the homogeneity of sensitive attributes in the equivalent classes. Specifically, l – *Diversity* requires that there exist at least l different values for the sensitive attribute in every equivalent class as Tab. 2.5 shows. However, the definition of l – *Diversity* is proved to suffer from other attacks [LLV07]. Then in 2007, Li et al. [LLV07] introduced the concept of t – *closeness* as an enhancement of l – *diversity*. t – *closeness* requires that the distance (e.g., Kullback-Leibler distance [KL51] or Earth Mover’s distance [RTG00]) between the distribution of the sensitive attributes in each equivalent class differs from the distribution of the sensitive attributes in the whole table less than the given threshold t . However, t – *closeness* is later showed to significantly affect the quantity of valuable information the released data contains [LLV09].

	Non-Sensitive			Sensitive
	Zip Code	Age	Nationality	Condition
1	1305*	≤ 40	*	Heart Disease
4	1305*	≤ 40	*	Viral Infection
9	1305*	≤ 40	*	Cancer
10	1305*	≤ 40	*	Cancer
5	1485*	> 40	*	Cancer
6	1485*	> 40	*	Heart Disease
7	1485*	> 40	*	Viral Infection
8	1485*	> 40	*	Viral Infection
2	1306*	≤ 40	*	Heart Disease
3	1306*	≤ 40	*	Viral Infection
11	1306*	≤ 40	*	Cancer
12	1306*	≤ 40	*	Cancer

Table 2.5: 3 – *diverse* inpatient microdata [MKGV07].

Instead of releasing anonymized data, a more promising method for the hospital is to limit the data analyst's access by deploying a curator who manages all the individual's data in a database. The curator answers the data analysts' queries, protects each individual's privacy, and ensures that the database can provide statistically useful information. However, protecting privacy in such a system is nontrivial. For instance, the curator must prohibit queries targeting a specific individual, such as "Does Bob suffers from heart disease?". In addition, a single query that seems not to target individuals may still leak sensitive information when several such queries are combined. Instead of releasing the actual result, releasing approximate statistics can prevent the above attack. However, Dinur et al. [DN03] shows that the adversary can reconstruct the entire database when sufficient queries are allowed and the approximate statistics error is bound to a certain level. Therefore, there are fundamental limits between what privacy protection can achieve and what useful statistical information can provide. Finally, the problem turns into finding a theory that can interpret the relation between preserving privacy and providing valuable statistical information. Differential privacy [Dwo06] is a robust definition that can support quantitative analysis of how much useful statistical information should be released while preserving a desired level of privacy.

2.9.2 Randomized Response

In this part, we introduce differential privacy and start with a very early differentially private algorithm, the Randomized Response [DN03].

We adapt an example from [Kam20] to illustrate the basic idea of Randomized Response. Suppose a psychologist wishes to study the psychological impact of cheating on high school students. The psychologist first needs to find out the number of students who have cheated.

Undoubtedly, most students would not admit honestly if they had cheated in exams. More precisely, there are n students, and each student has a sensitive information bit $X_i \in \{0, 1\}$, where 0 denotes *never cheated* and 1 denotes *have cheated*. Every student want to keep their sensitive information X_i secret, but they need to answer whether they have cheated. Then, each student sends the psychologist an answer Y_i which may be equal to X_i or a random bit. Finally, the psychologist collects all the answers and tries to get an accurate estimation of the fraction of cheating students $CheatFraction = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. The strategy of students can be expressed with following formulas

$$Y_i = \begin{cases} X_i & \text{with probability } p \\ 1 - X_i & \text{with probability } 1 - p \end{cases} \quad (2.14)$$

Where p is the probability that student i honestly answers the question.

Suppose all students take the same strategy to answer the question either honestly ($p = 1$) or dishonestly ($p = 0$). Then, the psychologist could infer their sensitive information bit exactly since he knows if they are all lying or not. To protect the sensitive information bit X_i , the students have to take another strategy by setting $p = \frac{1}{2}$, i.e., each student either answer honestly or lie but with equal probability. In this way, the answer Y_i does not depend on X_i any more and the psychologist could not infer anything about X_i through Y_i . However, $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$ is distributed as a binomial random variable $bino \sim \frac{1}{n} Binomial(n, \frac{1}{2})$ and completely independent of $CheatFraction$.

So far, we have explored two strategies: the first strategy ($p = 0, 1$) leads to a completely accurate answer but is not privacy preserving, the second strategy ($p = \frac{1}{2}$) is perfectly private but not accurate. A more practical strategy is to find the trade-off between two strategies by setting $p = \frac{1}{2} + \gamma$, where $\gamma \in [0, \frac{1}{2}]$. $\gamma = \frac{1}{2}$ corresponds to the first strategy where all students are honest, and $\gamma = 0$ corresponds to the second strategy where everyone answers randomly. Therefore, the students can increase their privacy protection level by setting $\gamma \rightarrow 0$ or provide more accurate result by setting $\gamma \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$. To measure the accuracy of this strategy, we start with the Y_i 's expectation $\mathbb{E}[Y_i] = 2\gamma X_i + \frac{1}{2} - \gamma$, thus $\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{1}{2\gamma}\left(Y_i - \frac{1}{2} + \gamma\right)\right] = X_i$. For sample mean $\tilde{C} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{1}{2\gamma}\left(Y_i - \frac{1}{2} + \gamma\right)\right]$, we have $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{C}] = CheatFraction$. The variance of \tilde{C} is

$$Var[\tilde{C}] = Var\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{1}{2\gamma}\left(Y_i - \frac{1}{2} + \gamma\right)\right]\right] = \frac{1}{4\gamma^2 n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n Var[Y_i]. \quad (2.15)$$

Since Y_i is a Bernoulli random variable, we have $Var[Y_i] = p(1-p) \leq \frac{1}{4}$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{4\gamma^2 n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n Var[Y_i] &= \frac{1}{4\gamma^2 n} Var[Y_i] \\ &\leq \frac{1}{16\gamma^2 n}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

With Chebyshev's inequality: For any real random variable Z with expectation μ and variance σ^2 ,

$$\Pr(|X - \mu| \geq t) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{t^2}, \quad (2.17)$$

For $t = O\left(\frac{1}{\gamma\sqrt{n}}\right)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr\left(|\tilde{C} - CheatFraction| \geq O\left(\frac{1}{\gamma\sqrt{n}}\right)\right) &\leq O(1) \\ \Pr\left(|\tilde{C} - CheatFraction| \leq O\left(\frac{1}{\gamma\sqrt{n}}\right)\right) &\geq O(1), \end{aligned} \quad (2.18)$$

and $|\tilde{C} - CheatFraction| \leq O\left(\frac{1}{\gamma\sqrt{n}}\right)$ with high probability. The error term $|\tilde{C} - CheatFraction| \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ with high probability. The conclusion is that the error increases as the privacy protection level increases $\gamma \rightarrow 0$. To maintain accuracy, more data $n \rightarrow \infty$ is needed. To further quantify the privacy and accuracy, we need to define differential privacy.

2.9.3 Differential Privacy Formalization

For the formalization of differential privacy, we adapted the terms and definitions from [DR⁺14].

Terms and Definitions

Database. The database D consists of n entries of data from a data universe \mathcal{X} and is denoted as $D \in \mathcal{X}^n$. In the following, we will use the words database and dataset interchangeably.

Take [Tab. 2.6](#) as an example. The database contains the names and exam scores of five students. The database is represented by its rows. The data universe \mathcal{X} contains all the combinations of student names and exam scores.

Name	Score
Alice	80
Bob	100
Charlie	95
David	88
Evy	70

Table 2.6: Database example.

Data Curator. A data curator is trusted to manage and organize the database, and its primary goal is to ensure that the database can be reused reliably. In terms of differential

privacy, the data curator is responsible for preserving the privacy of individuals represented in the database. The curator can also be replaced by cryptographic protocols such as secure multiparty protocols [goldreich2019play].

Adversary. The adversary plays the role of a data analyst interested in learning sensitive information about the individuals in the database. In differential privacy, any legitimate data analyst of the database can be an adversary.

Definition 2.9.1 (Privacy Mechanism [DR⁺14]). *A privacy mechanism $M : \mathcal{X}^n \times \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ is an algorithm that takes databases, queries as input and produces an output string, where \mathcal{Q} is the query space and \mathcal{Y} is the output space of M .*

The query process is as Fig. 2.1 shows, a data curator manages the database and provides an interface that deploys a privacy mechanism for a data analyst/adversary to query. After the querying, the data analyst/adversary receives an output.



Figure 2.1: DP setting.

Definition 2.9.2 (Neighboring Databases [DR⁺14]). *Two databases $D_0, D_1 \in \mathcal{X}^n$ are called neighboring if they differ in exact one entry. This can be expressed as $D_0 \sim D_1$.*

Definition 2.9.3 (Differential Privacy [DR⁺14]). *A privacy mechanism $M : \mathcal{X}^n \times \mathcal{Q} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ is (ϵ, δ) -differential privacy if for any two neighboring databases $D_0, D_1 \in \mathcal{X}^n$, and for all $T \subseteq \mathcal{Y}$, we have $\Pr[M(D_0) \in T] \leq e^\epsilon \cdot \Pr[M(D_1) \in T] + \delta$, where the randomness is over the choices made by M .*

Roughly, the differential privacy implies that the distribution of M 's output for all neighboring databases is similar. M is called ϵ -DP (or pure DP) when $\delta = 0$, and (ϵ, δ) -DP (or approximate DP) when $\delta \neq 0$.

Definition 2.9.4 (L_1 norm). *The L_1 norm of a vector $\vec{X} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$ measures the sum of the magnitudes of the vectors \vec{X} contains and is denoted by $\|\vec{X}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|$.*

Definition 2.9.5 (L_2 norm). *The L_2 norm of a vector $\vec{X} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$ measures the shortest distance of \vec{X} to origin point and is denoted by $\|\vec{X}\|_2 = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$.*

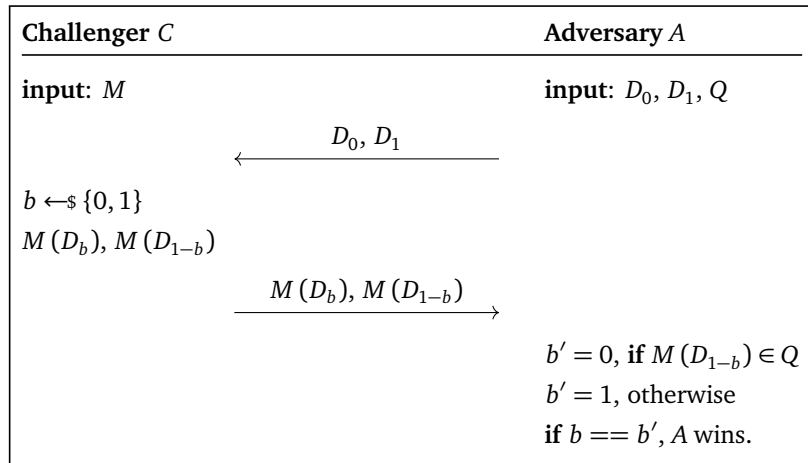
Definition 2.9.6 (ℓ_t -sensitivity [DR⁺14]). The ℓ_t -sensitivity of a query $f : \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$ is defined as $\Delta_t^{(f)} = \max_{D_0, D_1} \|f(D_0) - f(D_1)\|_t$, where D_0, D_1 are neighboring databases and $t \in \{1, 2\}$.

Recall the Differential Privacy Definition 2.9.3 attempts to *blur* the contribution of any individual in the database using the notion of neighboring databases. Therefore, the sensitivity is a natural quantity when considering differential privacy since it calculates the upper bound of how much f can change when modifying a single entry.

2.9.4 Motivating Example of Differential Privacy

The previous example about randomized response § 2.9.2 indicates that we need DP to solve the trade-off problem between learning useful statistics and preserving the individuals' privacy. In other words, the psychologist wants to find the fraction of students who have cheated in the exam while guaranteeing that no students suffer from privacy leakage by participating in the questionnaire. To illustrate how DP solves such problems, we adapt the example from [Zum15]. Consider a game as Prot. 2.1 shows,

- A challenger implements a function M that can calculate useful statistical information. An adversary proposes two data sets D_0 and D_1 that differ by only one entry and a test set Q .
- Given $M(D_0), M(D_1)$ in a random order, the adversary aims to differentiate D_0 and D_1 . If the adversary succeeds, privacy is violated.
- The challenger's goal is to choose M such that $M(D_0)$ and $M(D_1)$ look *similar* to prevent from being distinguished by the adversary.
- M is called ε -differentially private iff: $\left| \frac{\Pr[M(D_0) \in Q]}{\Pr[M(D_1) \in Q]} \right| \leq e^\varepsilon$.



Protocol 2.1: A motivating example of differential privacy.

Suppose the adversary A has chosen two data sets:

- $D_0 = \{0, 0, 0, \dots, 0\}$ (100 zeros)
- $D_1 = \{1, 0, 0, \dots, 0\}$ (0 one and 99 zeroes).

The testing set Q is an interval $[T, 1]$, where the threshold T is chosen by the adversary. The threshold T is set such that when the adversary has $T < M(D) < 1$, he knows M has input $D = D_1$ (or $D = D_0$, when $0 < M(S) \leq T$).

The Deterministic Case. Suppose the challenger wants to calculate the mean value of data sets and chooses $M(D) = \text{mean}(D)$. Since $M(D_0) = 0$ and $M(D_1) = 0.01$, the adversary can set $Q = [0.005, 1]$ and identify precisely the D used in $M(D)$ every time they play the game. In Fig. 2.2, the green line represents the distribution of $M(D_0)$, whereas the orange line represents the distribution of $M(D_1)$. They are plotted upside down for clarity. The vertical dotted line represents the threshold $T = 0.005$ which separates D_0 and D_1 perfectly.

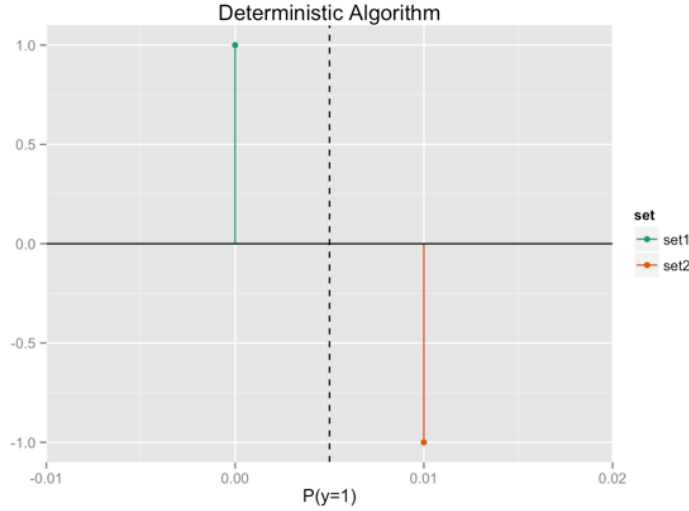


Figure 2.2: Deterministic algorithm (need reproduce).

The Indeterministic Case. The challenger needs to take some measures to *blur* the difference between $M(D_0)$ and $M(D_1)$. Suppose the challenger decides to add Laplace noise $lap \sim \text{Laplace}(b = 0.05)$ to the result of $M(D)$ as Fig. 2.3 shows. The shaded green region is the chance that $M(D_0)$ will return a value greater than the adversary's threshold T . In other words, the probability that the adversary will mistake D_0 for D_1 . In contrast, the shaded orange area is the probability that the adversary identify D for D_1 . The challenger can decrease the adversary's probability of winning by adding more noise as Fig. 2.4 shows, where the shaded green and orange areas are almost of the same size. Comparing $M(D)$ with T is no longer reliable to distinguish D_0 and D_1 . In fact, we have $\epsilon = \log\left(\frac{\text{green area}}{\text{orange area}}\right)$, where ϵ express the degree of differential privacy and a smaller ϵ guarantee a stronger privacy

protection. Although the challenger can add more noise to decrease the adversary's success probability, the mean estimation accuracy also decreases.

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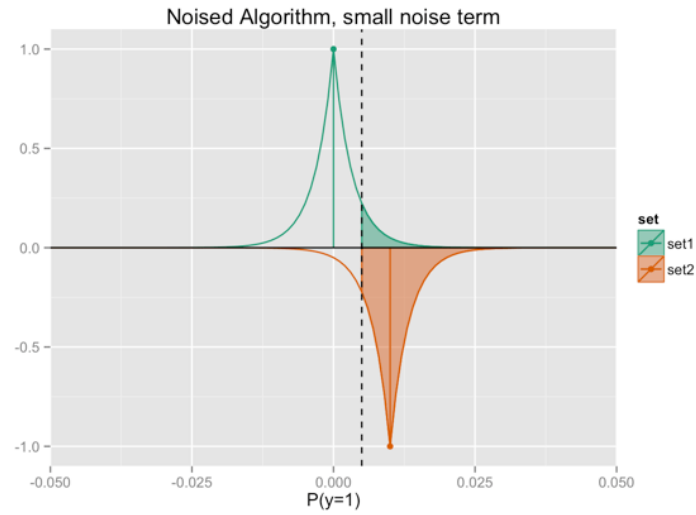


Figure 2.3: Indeterministic algorithm with small noise ($b = 0.005$) (need reproduce).

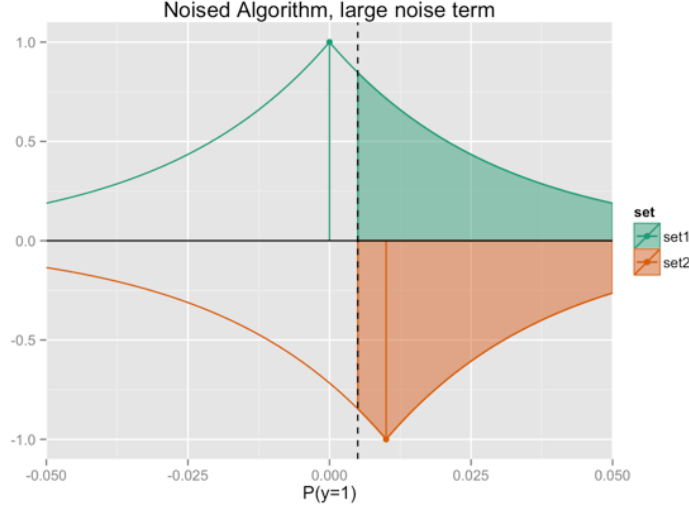


Figure 2.4: Indeterministic algorithm with large noise ($b = 0.05$) (need reproduce).

2.9.5 Differentially Private Mechanisms

Differential privacy is a formal framework to quantify the trade-off between privacy and the accuracy of query results. In this part, we introduce mechanisms to realize DP.

ϵ -Differential Privacy

Definition 2.9.7 (Laplace Mechanism [DR⁺14]). Let $f : \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$. The Laplace mechanism is defined as $M(X) = f(X) + (Y_1, \dots, Y_k)$, where the Y_i are independent Laplace random variables drawn from distribution $\text{Laplace}(Y_i | b) = \frac{1}{2b} e^{-\frac{|Y_i|}{b}}$ with $b = \frac{\Delta_1^{(f)}}{\epsilon}$.

Theorem 2. Laplace Mechanism preserves ϵ -DP [DR⁺14].

Definition 2.9.8 (Privacy Loss [DR⁺14]). Let X and Y be two random variables. The privacy loss random variable $\mathcal{L}_{X||Y}$ is distributed by drawing $t \sim Y$, and outputting $\ln\left(\frac{\Pr[X=t]}{\Pr[Y=t]}\right)$.

The definition of Privacy Loss relies on the assumption that the supports of X and Y are equal, where $\text{supp}(f) = \{x \in X : f(x) \neq 0\}$. Otherwise, the privacy loss is undefined since $\Pr\{Y = t\} = 0$.

From the definition of ϵ -DP, it is not difficult to see that ϵ -DP corresponds to $|\mathcal{L}_{D_0||D_1}|$ being bounded by ϵ for all neighboring databases D_0, D_1 . In other words, ϵ -DP says that the absolute value of the privacy loss random variable is bounded by ϵ with probability 1.

(ϵ, δ) -Differential Privacy

ϵ -DP has strong privacy requirement which leads to adding too much noise and affecting the accuracy of the queries. We introduce an relaxation of ϵ -DP, (ϵ, δ) -DP.

Definition 2.9.9 (Gaussian Mechanism [DR⁺14]). *Let $f : \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^k$. The Gaussian mechanism is defined as $M(X) = f(X) + (Y_1, \dots, Y_k)$, where the Y_i are independent Gaussian random variables drawn from distribution $\text{Gauss}(Y_i | \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{Y_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$ with $\mu = 0$, $\sigma^2 = 2 \ln\left(\frac{1.25}{\delta} \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta_2^{(f)}}{\epsilon^2}\right)^2\right)$.*

Gaussian mechanism is proved to satisfy (ϵ, δ) -DP [DR⁺14].

Similar to ϵ -DP, (ϵ, δ) -DP can also be interpreted regarding privacy loss: the absolute value of the privacy loss random variable is bounded by ϵ with probability $1 - \delta$ [DR⁺14, Lemma 3.17]. In other words, with probability δ , the privacy of databases is breached.

2.9.6 Properties of Differential Privacy

One reason for the success of differential privacy is its convenient properties which make it possible to deploy differentially private mechanisms in a modular fashion.

Post-Processing

Theorem 3. *Let $M : \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be (ϵ, δ) -DP mechanism, and let $F : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathcal{Z}$ be an arbitrary randomized mapping. Then $F \circ M$ is $(\epsilon, \delta = 0)$ -DP [DR⁺14].*

The Post-Processing property implies the fact that once a database is privatized, it is still private after further processing.

Group Privacy

Theorem 4. *Let $M : \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ be (ϵ, δ) -DP mechanism. For all $T \subseteq \mathcal{Y}$, we have $\Pr[M(D_0) \in T] \leq e^{k\epsilon} \cdot \Pr[M(D_1) \in T] + \delta$, where $D_0, D_1 \in \mathcal{X}^n$ are two databases that differ in exactly k entries [DR⁺14].*

Differential privacy can also be defined when considering two databases with more than one entry differences. The larger privacy decay rate $e^{k\epsilon}$ means a smaller ϵ and more noise are necessary to guarantee the same level of privacy.

Basic Composition

Theorem 5. Suppose $M = (M_1 \dots M_k)$ is a sequence of (ϵ_i, δ_i) -differentially private mechanisms, where M_i is chosen sequentially and adaptively. Then M is $(\sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i, \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_i)$ -DP [DR⁺14].

Basic Composition provides a way to evaluate the overall privacy when k privacy mechanisms are applied on the same dataset and the results are released.

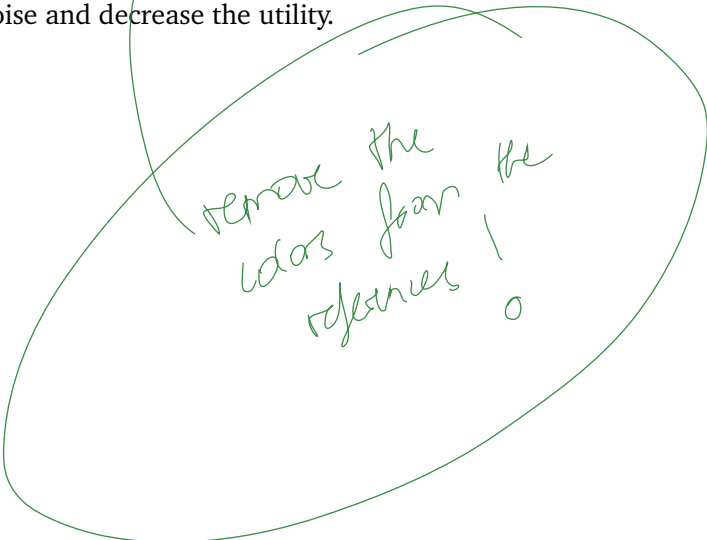
2.9.7 Discussion about Differential Privacy

Local and Central Differential Privacy

Since DP is a definition rather than a specific algorithm, there are many ways to realize DP. Two common modes of DP are centralized differential privacy [DR⁺14] and local differential privacy [DN03].

In centralized DP, all data is stored centrally and managed by a trusted curator before the differentially private mechanism is applied. As Fig. 2.5 shows, the raw data from clients is first collected in a centralized database, then, the curator applies the privacy mechanism and answers the queries $f(x)$ with $f'(x)$. The local DP mode is, as Fig. 2.6 shows, where the clients first apply a privacy mechanism on the data, and send the perturbed data to the curator. An advantage of local DP mode is that no trusted central curator is needed since the data is perturbed independently before sending. However, the disadvantage is that the collected data may contain too much noise and decrease the utility.

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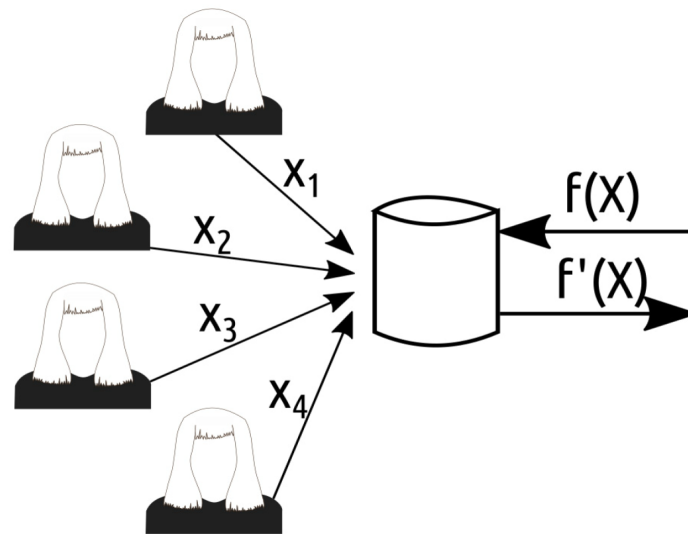


Figure 2.5: Centralized DP mode (need reproduce).

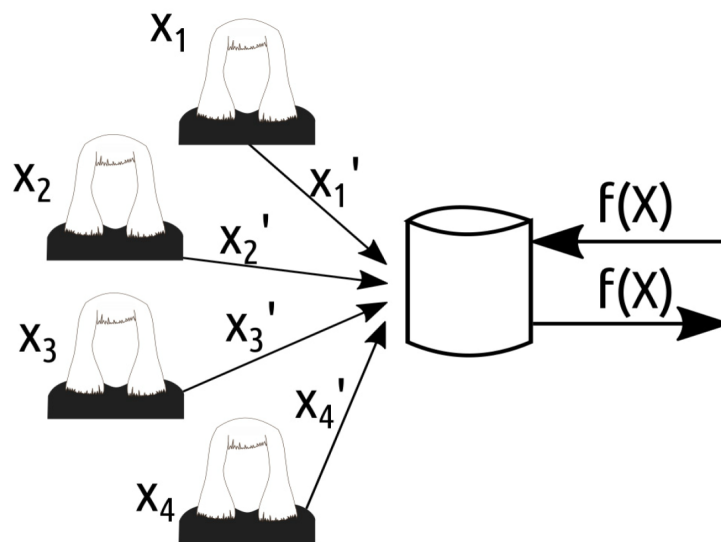


Figure 2.6: Local DP mode (need reproduce).

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Advantages of Differential Privacy

From the example § 2.9.4, we found that DP can still protect privacy even if the adversary knows the database. Generally speaking, DP ensures privacy protection by making no assumption about the adversary's auxiliary information (even when the adversary is the data provider) or computational strategy (regarding the complexity of modern cryptography) [Vad17]. In addition, DP provides a quantitative theory about safely releasing data and maintaining certain level of accuracy.

Challenges of Differential Privacy

DP provides a method to guarantee and quantify individual privacy at the theoretical level. However, it faces a series of practical challenges.

Sensitivity Calculation. For certain types of data, the sensitivity is not difficult to calculate. Take a database with human ages as an example, the ages should be bounded between 0 and 150 (longest human lifespan is 122 years and 164 days according to [Whi97]). However, the data with an unbounded value range brings great challenges. A common way is to roughly estimate the value range and limit the data within that range. For example, if the value range estimation is $[a, b]$, then all values smaller than a are replaced by a and all values bigger than b are replaced by b . Finally, the sensitivity is $\frac{b-a}{n}$. In other words, the estimation decides the sensitivity. However, if value range $[a, b]$ is chosen too wide, the utility is potentially destroyed because of the large noise. If the value range $[a, b]$ is chosen too narrow, the utility is also potentially destroyed because too many values beyond $[a, b]$ are replaced.

Implementation of DP mechanisms. The theory of DP operates on the real number field. However, because of the actual machine's limitation, the implementation of differentially private mechanisms based on floating-point or fixed-point number only provides an approximation of the mathematical abstractions. [Mir12] shows the irregularities of floating-point implementations of the Laplace mechanism results in a porous distribution over double-precision number and leads to the breach of differential privacy. Further, [GMP16] prove that any differentially private mechanism that perturbs data by adding noise can break the DP when implemented with a finite precision regardless of the actual implementation.

2.10 Floating-point Numbers

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The IEEE 754 floating-point binary64 (double-precision) [Com19] is represented as follows:

$$(-1)^S (1.d_1 \dots d_{52})_2 * 2^{(e_1 \dots e_{11})_2 - 1023}$$

Where $S \in \{0, 1\}$ is the sign, $d_i \in \{0, 1\}$ for $i \in [52]$ and $e_j \in \{0, 1\}$ for $j \in [11]$. $(\cdot)_2$ is the binary representation of integers. (d_1, \dots, d_{52}) is the significand field bits and $e = (e_1 \dots e_{11})_2 - 1023$ is the biased exponent.

3 Secure Differentially Private Mechanisms

In this chapter, we present the existing secure differentially private mechanisms [Mir12; Tea20; CKS20].

Recall that differentially private mechanisms (cf. § 2.9.5) guarantee differential privacy by adding appropriately chosen random noise to query function $f(D)$, which can be expressed as follows:

$$M(D) = f(D) + Y,$$

where D is a database, Y is noise term.

Generally, the security analysis of differentially private mechanisms is based on following assumptions:

1. Computations are performed on the set of real numbers which usually require machines with infinite precision.
2. The sampled noise from a probability distribution needs to be precise.

However, for the practical implementations of differentially private mechanisms, we only have machines with finite precision and typically use floating-point arithmetic to approximate calculations of real numbers. Mironov [Mir12] shows that the irregularities of floating-point implementations of the Laplace Mechanism with textbook noise sampling methods can lead to severe differential privacy breaching, and proposes the snapping mechanism to avoid such security issues by rounding and smoothing the output of the Laplace Mechanism. Team [Tea20] introduces alternative approaches which can be applied to both Laplacian and Gaussian mechanisms and yield better accuracy than the snapping mechanism. Canonne et al. [CKS20] provide algorithms to sample the discrete Gaussian noise for the query function $f(D) \in \mathbb{Z}$.

3.1 Snapping Mechanism

In this section, we introduce the snapping mechanism [Mir12] and its implementations under floating-point arithmetic.

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Recall that Laplace distribution random variable Y (cf. §2.8.3) can be generated with the inversion sampling method (cf. Theorem 1) and reformulated as follows:

$$Y = S \cdot \lambda \ln(U), \quad (3.1)$$

where $S \in \{-1, +1\}$ is the sign, λ controls the magnitude of Y , and U is a uniform random variable in interval $(0, 1]$.

Recall in §2.9.7, the porous distribution and rounding effects of floating-point arithmetic can lead to privacy breach of the Laplace Mechanism (cf. 2.9.7). To mitigate the attack, Mironov [Mir12] proposes the snapping mechanism to improve the Laplace Mechanism under floating-point arithmetic with rounding and clamping operations.

The snapping mechanism is defined as follows:

$$M_S(f(D), \lambda, B) = \text{clamp}_B(\lfloor \text{clamp}_B(f(D)) \oplus S \otimes \lambda \otimes \text{LN}(U^*) \rfloor_\Lambda)$$

$f(D) \in \mathbb{D}$ is the query function of database D , and $S \otimes \lambda \otimes \text{LN}(U^*)$ is the noise term. Function $\text{clamp}_B(x)$ limits the output in interval $[-B, B]$ and outputs B if $x > B$, $-B$ if $x < -B$, and x otherwise. \oplus and \otimes are the floating-point implementations of addition and multiplication. Sign S denotes the sign of the noise and is distributed uniformly over $\{-1, 1\}$. U^* is a uniform distribution over $\mathbb{D} \cap (0, 1)$ with probability proportional to its unit in the last place (ulp), i.e. spacing between two consecutive floating-point numbers. $\text{LN}(\cdot)$ is the natural logarithm implementation under floating-point with exact rounding. Λ is the smallest power of two greater than or equal to λ , and we have $\Lambda = 2^n$ such that $2^{n-1} < \lambda \leq 2^n$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor_\Lambda$ rounds its input to the nearest multiple of Λ exactly by manipulating the binary floating-point representation of the input. Note that the snapping mechanism assumes that the sensitivity Δ_1^f of query function f is 1, which can be extended to arbitrary query function f' with sensitivity (cf. §2.9.6) $\Delta_1^{(f')} \neq 1$ by scaling the output of f' with $f = \frac{f'}{\Delta_1^{(f')}}.$

Theorem 6 ([Mir12]). The snapping mechanism $M_S(f(D), \lambda, B)$ satisfies $(\frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{2^{-49}B}{\lambda})$ -DP for query function f with sensitivity $\Delta_1^{(f)} = 1$ when $\lambda < B < 2^{46} \cdot \lambda$.

3.1.1 Implementations of Snapping Mechanism

We modify the snapping mechanism implementations from [Cov19] and adapt them into MPC protocols in §5.2. other implementations of snapping mechanism are known as [GS17; Cov21].

We introduce the implementation steps of the snapping mechanism in its calculation order:

1. Calculation of $\text{clamp}_B(\cdot)$.

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2. Generation of U^* and S .
3. Floating-point arithmetic operations: $\text{LN}(\cdot)$, \oplus , \otimes .
4. Calculation of Λ .
5. Calculation of $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor_\Lambda$.

Note that the floating-point arithmetic operations are available when working on machines supporting floating-point implementations.

Calculation of $\text{clamp}_B(\cdot)$

Given input x and bound $B > 0$, the calculation of $\text{clamp}_B(x)$ is defined as follows:

$$\text{clamp}_B(x) = \begin{cases} B, & \text{if } x > B \\ -B, & \text{if } x < -B \\ x & \text{if } -B \leq x \leq B \end{cases}$$

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Generation of U^* and S

Sign $S \in \{-1, 1\}$ is a random variable that can be generated by tossing an unbiased coin.

U^* is the uniform distribution over $\text{DN}(0, 1)$ and can be represented in IEEE 754 floating-point (cf. § 2.10) as follows:

$$U^* = (1.d_1 \dots d_{52})_2 \times 2^{e-1023},$$

As the snapping mechanism [Mir12] requires, each floating-point number sampled from U^* should be output with probability proportional to its ulp.

We sample a floating-point number from U^* using $\text{Algo}^{\text{RandFloat1}}$ with the methods from [Wal74; Mir12], i.e., independently sampling a geometric distribution random variable $x \sim \text{Geo}(0.5)$ with Algorithm A.1 and setting U^* 's biased exponent $e = 1023 + x$, then sampling U^* 's significant bits (d_1, \dots, d_{52}) uniformly from $\{0, 1\}^{52}$.

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Algorithm: $Alg^{RandFloat1}$

Input: None

Output: $U^* \in \mathbb{D} \cap (0, 1)$

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1:  $(d_1, \dots, d_{52}) \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{52}$ 
2:  $x \leftarrow Alg^{Geometric}$ 
3:  $e \leftarrow 1023 + x$ 
4: RETURN  $U^* = (1.d_1 \dots d_{52})_2 \times 2^{e-1023}$ 
    
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Algorithm 3.1: Algorithm for random floating-point number from U^* .

Since U^* 's significant bits are sampled uniformly from $\{0, 1\}^{52}$, we have that the floating-point numbers with the same biased exponent $e - 1023$ are distributed uniformly in U^* . Further, $x \sim Geo(p = 0.5)$ guarantees that the probability of sampling a floating-point number from U^* is proportional to its ulp.

Intuitively, uniformly sampling a floating point number can be thought as first drawing a real number in interval $(0, 1)$ at random and rounding it to the nearest floating-point number. However, the floating-point numbers are discrete and not equidistant. For example, there are exactly 2^{52} representable reals in interval $[\cdot 5, 1)$ and 2^{52} reals in interval $[\cdot 25, \cdot 5)$. If we only use the floating-point numbers with equal distance to each other in interval $(0, 1)$, then a large part of floating-point numbers would be ignored. The technique here is to sample a floating-point number with probability proportional to its ulp (i.e., spacing to its consecutive neighbor). With $x \sim Geo(0.5)$, we assign a total probability $p = 0.5$ for taking the floating-point numbers with exponent $e - 1023 = -1$ between $(0, 1)$, a total probability $p = 0.25$ for the floating-point numbers with exponent $e - 1023 = -2$ between $[0, 0.5)$, and so forth. In this way, we can sample the floating-point numbers with smaller biased exponent $e - 1023$ in dense area. The total probability of the floating-point numbers that can be sampled in interval $\mathbb{D} \cap (0, 1)$ is $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^i} \approx 1$.

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Calculation of Λ

The snapping mechanism uses input λ to calculate Λ . For $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\Lambda = 2^n$ is the smallest power of two greater than or equal to λ , i.e., $2^{n-1} < \lambda \leq 2^n$.

We can represent λ in IEEE 754 floating-point (cf. § 2.10) as follows:

$$\lambda = (-1)^0 (1.d_1 \dots d_{52})_2 \times 2^{(e_1 \dots e_{11})_2 - 1023}.$$

The calculation of Λ can be divided into two cases: (1) $\lambda = 2^n$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, which requires $(d_i)_{i \in [52]} = 0$; (2) $2^{n-1} < \lambda < 2^n$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. For the first case, we can get $\Lambda \leftarrow \lambda$ since $\lambda = 2^n$.

is already a power of two. For the second case, we can calculate Λ by increasing the exponent of λ by 1 and setting ~~all~~ its significant bits $(d_i)_{i \in [52]}$ to 0.

In summary we have

$$\Lambda = \begin{cases} \lambda & \text{if for } i \in [52], \forall i : d_i = 0 \\ (1.\overline{0})_2 \times 2^{(e_1 \dots e_{11})_2 - 1023 + 1} & \text{if for } i \in [52], \exists i : d_i \neq 0 \end{cases} \quad (3.3)$$

Calculation of $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor_\Lambda$: *rounding to the nearest multiple of Λ \leftarrow also adjust in the list of d_i*

$\lfloor x \rfloor_\Lambda$ ~~can be~~ done in three steps:

1. $x' = \frac{x}{\Lambda}$
2. ~~Round x' to the nearest integer, yielding x''~~ *put as formula*
3. $\lfloor x \rfloor_\Lambda = \Lambda \cdot x''$

1. ~~$x' = \frac{x}{\Lambda}$~~ We represent x in IEEE 754 floating-point (cf. § 2.10) as follows:

$$x = (-1)^S (1.d_1 \dots d_{52})_2 \times 2^{(e_1 \dots e_{11})_2 - 1023}.$$

Since $\Lambda = 2^n$ is a power of two, the division can be performed by subtracting n from the exponent of x and we finally get:

$$x' = (-1)^S (1.d_1 \dots d_{52})_2 \times 2^{(e_1 \dots e_{11})_2 - 1023 - n}.$$

2. **Round x' to the nearest integer** Let $m = (e_1 \dots e_{11})_2 - n$, $y = m - 1023$ and we have

$$x' = (-1)^S (1.d_1 \dots d_{52})_2 \times 2^y.$$

The rounding process of x' can be categorized into five cases depending on its unbiased exponent y .

☞ **Case 1:** $y \geq 52$

According to [Com19], when the biased exponent y is greater than or equal to 52, x' is an integer. Therefore, it is not necessary to round x' and we get $x'' \leftarrow x'$, ~~where~~ *i.e.*

$$x'' = (-1)^S (1.d_1 \dots d_{52})_2 \times 2^y.$$

Case 2: $y = 0$

If $y = 0$, we have

$$x' = (-1)^S (1.d_1 d_2 \dots d_{52})_2 \times 2^0.$$

The rounding result x'' depends on d_1 : $x'' = (-1)^S \times 2^0$ if $d_1 = 0$, $x'' = (-1)^S \times 2^1$ if $d_1 = 1$.

Therefore, we have:

$$x'' = (-1)^S (1.\bar{0})_2 \times 2^{d_1}.$$

Case 3: $y \in \{1, \dots, 51\}$

We represent x' by right-shifting the radix point for y times, eliminating the biased exponent y , and get:

$$x' = (-1)^S (1d_1 \dots d_y . d_{y+1} \dots d_{52})_2.$$

Note that $(1d_1 \dots d_y)_2$ are the integer part and $(.d_{y+1} \dots d_{52})_2$ is the fraction part. We have $(.d_{y+1})_2 = 0.5$ when $d_{y+1} = 1$, and $(.d_{y+1})_2 = 0$ when $d_{y+1} = 0$. Therefore, rounding x' to the nearest integer means carrying 1 to the integer part $(1d_1 \dots d_y)_2$ if $d_{y+1} = 1$, or keeping the integer part unchanged if $d_{y+1} = 0$. In both cases, all the bits in the fraction part are set to zeros. An edge case is when $(d_i)_{i \in [y]} = 1$ and $d_{y+1} = 1$, then we get $(d_i)_{i \in [y]} = 0$ after rounding the fraction part by incrementing the integer part up by 1. Therefore we can round x' by adding the exponent y with one and setting all the significant bits to zeros. Let $(d'_1 \dots d'_y)_2 = (d_1 \dots d_y)_2 + 1$.

In summary we have three subcases (Case 3a, Case 3b, Case 3c) that are summarized as follows:

$$x'' = \begin{cases} (-1)^S (1.d'_1 \dots d'_y \bar{0})_2 \times 2^y, & \text{if } d_{y+1} = 1 \text{ and for } i \in [y], \exists i : d_i = 0 \\ (-1)^S (1.\bar{0})_2 \times 2^{y+1}, & \text{if } d_{y+1} = 1 \text{ and for } i \in [y], \forall i : d_i = 1 \\ (-1)^S (1.d_1 \dots d_y \bar{0})_2 \times 2^y, & \text{if } d_{y+1} = 0 \end{cases} \quad (3.4)$$

Case 4: $y = -1$

x' can be represent as follows:

$$x' = (-1)^S (0.1d_1 d_2 \dots d_{51})_2.$$

Since the digit after radix is always 1, x' is round to $(-1)^S \times 2^0$. Then, x'' can be represented in IEEE 754 floating-point (cf. § 2.10) as follows:

$$x'' = (-1)^S (1.\bar{0})_2 \times 2^{(011111111111)_2 - 1023}.$$

Case 5: $y < -1$

We represent x' as follows:

$$x' = (-1)^S (0.01d_1 d_2 \dots d_{50})_2.$$

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Since the digit after radix is always 0, x' is round to 0. We set $x'' \leftarrow \pm 0$ which can be represented in IEEE 754 floating-point (cf. § 2.10) as follows:

$$+0 = (-1)^0(1.\bar{0})_2 \times 2^{(0000000000)_2-1023},$$

$$-0 = (-1)^1(1.\bar{0})_2 \times 2^{(0000000000)_2-1023}.$$

3. Multiply x'' by Δ . In floating-point arithmetic, multiply x'' by $\Delta = 2^n$ can be calculated by adding n to the exponent of x'' .

One exception is when $x'' = \pm 0$, since $(\pm 0) \times 2^n = (-1)^S(1.\bar{0})_2 \times 2^{(0000000000)_2-1023+n}$ does not represent the values ± 0 as [Com19].

3.2 Integer-scaling Mechanism

In this section, we adapt the differentially private mechanism based on [Tea20].

As Mironov [Mir12] shows that the implementation of Laplace mechanism (cf. § 2.9.7) with textbook noise generation method under floating-point arithmetic can lead to privacy violation. Google Team [Tea20] prevents this issue by developing differentially private mechanism using (scaled) integers to simulate continuous noise, which is defined as follow:

$$M_{IS}(f(D), r) = f_r(D) + ir,$$

where i is an integer sampled from a probability distribution and scaled to simulate continuous noise with resolution parameter r . $f_r(D) \in \mathbb{D}$ is calculated by rounding the output of query function $f(D) \in \mathbb{R}$ to the nearest multiple of r . Note that in original work [Tea20], the sampling algorithm of integer i is called secure noise generation (SNG).

The main idea of integer-scaling mechanism is as follows: We first prove that $M_{IS}(f(D), r)$ under exact real number arithmetic satisfy differential privacy. Then, we implement $M_{IS}(f(D), r)$ under floating-point number arithmetic s.t. the difference to exact real number arithmetic is negligible. Finally, we prove that $M_{IS}(f(D), r)$ under floating-point number arithmetic also satisfy differential privacy. The key point is to calculate $M_{IS}(f(D), r)$ under floating-point arithmetic exactly as real numbers. Exactly indicates to represent real numbers as floating numbers without precision loss, and the arithmetic operations of those real numbers yield the same result as when these real numbers are represented as floating-point numbers. In this way, $M_{IS}(f(D), r)$ is immune to the attack [Mir12], that is caused by the porous distribution and rounding effect of floating-point arithmetic.

3.2.1 Framework for Integer-scaling Mechanism

In this part, we describe how to implement $M_{IS}(f(D), r)$ ~~exactly~~ under floating-point arithmetic ~~inspired by the work [Tea20]~~. Recall a floating-point number d can be represented in IEEE 754 floating-point (cf. § 2.10) as follows:

$$d_{IEEE-754} = (-1)^S (1.d_1 \dots d_{52})_2 \times 2^{(e_1 \dots e_{11})_2 - 1023},$$

where $(d_1, \dots, d_{52}) \in \{0, 1\}^{52}$ are the significant bits, $(e_1 \dots e_{11}) \in \{0, 1\}^{11}$ are the biased exponent bits, and $S \in \{0, 1\}$ is the sign bit.

d can be reformulated by right-shifting the radix point for 52 times, and subtracting 52 from the exponent as follows:

$$d_{Rshift(52)} = (-1)^S (1 \times 2^{52} + (d_1 \dots d_{52})_2) \times 2^{(e_1 \dots e_{11})_2 - 1023 - 52}.$$

We use the above $d_{Rshift(52)}$ floating-point number format to represent the terms of $M_{IS}(f(D), r)$.

Let $i = (i_1 \dots i_{52})_2$ with $(i_1, \dots, i_{52}) \in \{0, 1\}^{52}$, $t = (t_1 \dots t_{52})_2$ with $(t_1, \dots, t_{52}) \in \{0, 1\}^{52}$, and $r = 2^{(r_{e_1} \dots r_{e_{11}})_2 - 1023 - 52}$ with $(r_{e_1}, \dots, r_{e_{11}}) \in \{0, 1\}^{11}$. Let $f_r(D) = tr$, where tr is the nearest multiple of r to $f(D)$.

Then, $M_{IS}(f(D), r)$ can be represented with $d_{Rshift(52)}$ floating-point number format as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{IS}(f(D), r) &= f_r(D) + ir \\ &= tr + ir \\ &= (2^{52} + t) \cdot r + (2^{52} + i) \cdot r - 2^{52} \cdot r - 2^{52} \cdot r. \end{aligned} \tag{3.5}$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} (2^{52} + t) \cdot r &= (2^{52} + t) \cdot 2^{(r_{e_1} \dots r_{e_{11}})_2 - 1023 - 52} \\ &= (2^{52} + (t_1 \dots t_{52})_2) \cdot 2^{(r_{e_1} \dots r_{e_{11}})_2 - 1023 - 52} \\ &= (1.t_1 \dots t_{52})_2 \cdot 2^{(r_{e_1} \dots r_{e_{11}})_2 - 1023}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.6}$$

Therefore, $(2^{52} + t) \cdot r$, $(2^{52} + i) \cdot r$ and $2^{52} \cdot r = 1 \cdot 2^{(r_{e_1} \dots r_{e_{11}})_2 - 1023}$ can be represented ~~exactly~~ as floating-point numbers without rounding or truncation. In other words, we ~~calculate the terms of~~ $M_{IS}(f(D), r)$ ~~exactly~~ under floating-point arithmetic.

In summary, the calculation of $M_{IS}(f(D), r)$ consists of three steps:

1. Choose a resolution parameter $r = 2^k$, where $k \in [-1074 \dots 971]$.

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2. Sample i from $\text{Sampler}(\epsilon, \delta, r, \Delta_r)$, which guarantees that $\Pr[|i| > 2^{52}] < \frac{1}{e^{(1000)}}$.
3. Calculate $f_r(D) + ir$ under floating-point arithmetic.

TODO: prove about $\Pr[|i| > 2^{52}] < \frac{1}{e^{(1000)}}$ or better bound

Step 1, 2 guarantee that the scaled integer ir can be represented ~~exactly~~ as floating-point numbers with very high probability (fails with ~~very low~~ probability $p < \frac{1}{e^{(1000)}}$). i is an integer generated by $\text{Sampler}(\epsilon, \delta, r, \Delta_r)$ that corresponds to a probability distribution, where ϵ , δ are the parameters that controls the privacy protection level, and Δ_r is the sensitivity of $f_r(D)$. Similar to the sensitivity definition of $f(D)$ (cf. 2.9.6), the sensitivity of $f_r(D)$ is defined as $\Delta_r = \max_{D, D'} \|f_r(D) - f_r(D')\|$, where D and D' are neighboring databases.

3.2.2 Approximating Laplace Mechanism

In this section, we describe how to approximate Laplace mechanism (cf. 2.9.7) with integer-scaling Laplace mechanism $M_{ISLap}(f(D), r, \epsilon, \Delta_r) = f_r(D) + ir$, where i is sampled from a double-side geometric distribution (cf. 2.8.8). The random variable samplers are primary based on the work [Tea20].

Since the double-side geometric distribution is a discrete variate of the Laplace distribution, it is natural to use a scaled double-side geometric random variable ir to simulate the Laplace random variable Y . Specifically, integer i is sampled from a double-side geometric distribution $DGeo(p = 1 - e^{-\lambda})$, where $\lambda = \frac{r\epsilon}{\Delta_r}$. r is the smallest power of 2 exceeding $\frac{\Delta}{2\epsilon}$, ϵ controls the differential privacy protection level (cf. 2.9.7), and c is a predefined parameter that controls the degree of discretization and accuracy of $M_{ISLap}(f(D), r, \epsilon, \Delta_r)$.

TODO: explain, how to choose parameter in practice, ranges, test, influence on MPC efficiency

Theorem 7 ([Tea20]). The integer-scaling Laplace mechanism $M_{ISLap}(f(D), r, \epsilon, \Delta_r)$ satisfies ϵ -DP for query function f .

In the following part, we first introduce the sampling algorithm for geometric random variables § 3.2.2, then transform it into double-side geometric random variables.

Geometric Distribution Sampling

Algorithm 3.2 [Tea20] samples a positive integer x from a geometric distribution $Geo(p = 1 - e^{-\lambda})$ (cf. 2.8.7).

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The sampling interval of x is $(0 \dots Int_{max52}]$, where

$$\begin{aligned} Int_{max52} &= (\bar{1}_{(52)})_2 \quad \text{fit in dec} \\ &= 4503599627370495 \\ &= 4.503599627370495 \times 10^{15}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

As discussed in § 3.2.1, the random variable integer $x \in \{0, 1\}^{52}$ and $x \leq (\bar{1}_{(52)})_2$. Therefore, we choose $(0 \dots Int_{max52}]$ as the sample interval.

We also need to set a reasonable value range for parameter λ . For the geometric distribution's CDF ($\Pr(x \leq X) = 1 - (1 - p)^X$ with $X = Int_{max52}$), we have

$$\text{CDF : } \Pr(x \leq Int_{max52}) = 1 - e^{-\lambda Int_{max52}} = \begin{cases} 0.\bar{9}_{(27)}8396\dots & \text{for } \lambda = 2^{-46} \\ 0.\bar{9}_{(13)}8733\dots & \text{for } \lambda = 2^{-47} \\ 0.\bar{9}_{(6)}8874\dots & \text{for } \lambda = 2^{-48} \end{cases} \quad (3.8)$$

The support of geometric distribution $\text{Geo}(p)$ is $\text{supp}(\text{Geo}(p)) = \{z \in \mathbb{Z} | z > 0\}$ that covers all the positive integers. However, we can only sample integers from interval $(0, Int_{max52}]$ instead of $(0, +\infty)$, which requires that $\Pr(x \leq Int_{max52})$ should be close to 1. We set $\lambda \geq 2^{-48}$ to ensure $\Pr(x \leq Int_{max52}) \geq 0.\bar{9}_{(6)}8874\dots$

Generally, Algorithm 3.2 samples an integer x by continuously splitting and discarding the sampling interval until the interval only contains one value which is the sampled random variable.

In line 2–7, the interval $(L \dots R]$ is first splitted into two subintervals (i.e., $(L \dots M]$ and $(M \dots R]$), s.t. they have approximate equal probability mass ($\approx \frac{1}{2}$). Line 4–7 ensure that the middle point M lies in interval $(L \dots R]$, and relocate M to interval $(L \dots R]$ otherwise.

Function $\text{Split}(L, R, \lambda) = L - \text{int}\left(\frac{\ln(0.5) + \ln(1 + e^{-\lambda(R-L)})}{\lambda}\right)$ calculates the middle point M of interval $(L \dots R]$ s.t. for $\text{Geo}(p = 1 - e^{-\lambda})$'s PMF

$$\Pr(L < x \leq M | L < x \leq R) \approx \frac{1}{2}$$

the proof can be found in § A.3.1.

Line 8 calculates the proportion of probability mass Q between $(L \dots M]$ and $(M \dots R]$.

Function $\text{Proportion}(L, R, M, \lambda) = \frac{e^{-\lambda(M-L)} - 1}{e^{-\lambda(R-L)} - 1}$ calculates the proportion Q of $\Pr(L < x \leq M)$ and $\Pr(L < x \leq R)$ regarding $\text{Geo}(p = 1 - e^{-\lambda})$'s PMF, that is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
Q &= \Pr(L < x \leq M \mid L < x \leq R) \\
&= \frac{\Pr(L < x \leq M)}{\Pr(L < x \leq R)} \\
&= \dots \\
&= \frac{e^{-\lambda(M-L)} - 1}{e^{-\lambda(R-L)} - 1}
\end{aligned} \tag{3.9}$$

In line 9–13, we randomly choose one interval based on the comparison result of the generated uniform variable U^* and Q . Specifically, suppose $\Pr(L < x \leq M) = l$ and $\Pr(M < x \leq R) = r$, we have $Q = \frac{l}{l+r}$ and choose $(L \dots M]$ if $U^* \leq Q$, $(M \dots R]$ otherwise. In other words, the probability that an interval is chosen is proportional to its probability mass.

The whole process is repeated until the remaining interval contains only one value as line 2 indicates. Finally, we set $x \leftarrow R$, where $x \sim \text{Geo}(p = 1 - e^{-\lambda})$.

Algorithm: $\text{GeoGeometricExpBinarySearch}(\lambda)$

Input: λ

Output: $x \sim \text{Geo}(p = 1 - e^{-\lambda})$

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1:  $L \leftarrow 0, R \leftarrow \text{Int}_{\max 52}$ 
2: FOR  $L + 1 < R$ 
3:    $M \leftarrow \text{Split}(L, R, \lambda)$ 
4:   IF  $M \leq L$ 
5:      $M = L + 1$ 
6:   ELSE IF  $M \geq R$ 
7:      $M = R - 1$ 
8:    $Q = \text{Proportion}(L, R, M, \lambda)$ 
9:    $U^* \leftarrow \text{Algo}^{\text{RandFloat1}}$ 
10:  IF  $U^* \leq Q$ 
11:     $R \leftarrow M$ 
12:  ELSE
13:     $L \leftarrow M$ 
14: RETURN  $x \leftarrow R$ 

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Algorithm 3.2: Algorithm for geometric distribution $x \sim \text{Geo}(p = 1 - e^{-\lambda})$.

Double-side Geometric Distribution Sampling

In this part we describe how to sample $i \sim D\text{Geo}(p = 1 - e^{-\lambda})$ based on ~~works~~ [Tea20].

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Recall that $DGeo(p)$ can be generated by left-shifting geometric distribution $Geo(p)$ along x -axis by 1, mirroring along the y -axis and scale it s.t. for $i \sim DGeo(p)$, and $DGeo(p)$'s PMF $\Pr(-\infty < i < +\infty | p) = 1$ (cf. 2.8.8).

As Algorithm 3.3 [Tea20] shows, we generate a double-side geometric random variable $i = s \cdot g$ by initializing its sign $s \leftarrow -1$ and $g \leftarrow 0$. Then in the **WHILE** loop of line 2–4, we keep regenerating the sign s and the number part g as long as $s == -1 \wedge g == 0$. In line 3, $g \leftarrow Algo^{GeometricExpBinarySearch}(\lambda) - 1$ because we need a left-shifted geometric distribution $Geo_{left-shift}(p)$ with support $supp(Geo_{left-shift}(p)) = \{z \in \mathbb{N}\}$. In line 2, for $g == 0$, we reject the random variable $i = s \cdot g = -1 \cdot 0$ and accept only $i = s \cdot g = +1 \cdot 0$, otherwise we would generate value $i = s \cdot g = 0$ double times.

Algorithm: $Algo^{DGeometric}(\lambda)$

Input: λ

Output: $i \sim DGeo(p = 1 - e^{-\lambda})$

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1:  $s \leftarrow -1, g \leftarrow 0$ 
2: WHILE  $s == -1$  AND  $g == 0$ 
3:    $g \leftarrow Algo^{GeometricExpBinarySearch}(\lambda) - 1$ 
4:    $s \leftarrow 2 \cdot Bern(0.5) - 1$ 
5: RETURN  $i \leftarrow s \cdot g$ 

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Algorithm 3.3: Algorithm for double-side geometric distribution $i \sim DGeo(p = 1 - e^{-\lambda})$.

3.2.3 Approximating Gaussian Mechanism

In this section, we describe how to approximate Gaussian mechanism (cf. 2.9.9) with integer-scaling Gaussian mechanism $M_{ISGauss}(f(D), r, \epsilon, \sigma, \Delta_r) = f_r(D) + ir$ [Tea20], where i is sampled from a symmetrical binomial distribution.

Recall $SymmBino(n, p = 0.5) = Bino(n, p = 0.5) - \frac{n}{2}$ (cf. 2.8.6). We can first generate a binomial random variable, and then, subtract it by np to get a symmetrical binomial random variable. It can be proven that the closeness between a symmetrical binomial random variable and Gaussian random variable depends on n , i.e., a larger n indicates a better approximation effect.

TODO: Prove why binomial can approximate gaussian distribution, DP guarantee

Suppose $x \sim Bino(n_x, p)$ and $y \sim Bino(n_y, p)$, then we have that $x + y \sim Bino(n_x + n_y, p)$ [Dev86, Lemma 4.3]. Note that x and y can be generated by flipping a coin for n_x and n_y times independently and counting the numbers of head. However, for a very large n (e.g., $n \approx 2^{96}$),

this combination method is ~~still~~ infeasible. Therefore, ~~team~~ [Tea20] proposes a rejection based binomial sampling algorithm (Algorithm 3.4) that is efficient for ~~very~~ large n .

Algorithm 3.4 samples $i \sim \text{SymmBino}(n, p = 0.5)$ with input \sqrt{n} for very large n , e.g., $n = 2^{96}$. Note that even for $n = 2^{96}$, $\sqrt{n} = 2^{48}$ can still be represented ~~exactly~~ as a 64-bit integer under IEEE 754 floating-point (cf. § 2.10). The underlying algorithms, e.g., $\text{Algo}^{\text{Geometric}}$ (cf. Algorithm A.1), $\text{Algo}^{\text{RandFloat1}}$ (cf. Algorithm 3.1), $\text{Algo}^{\text{RandInt}}$ (cf. Algorithm A.6) and $\text{Algo}^{\text{Bernoulli}}$ (cf. Algorithm A.3) can be found in corresponding chapters. ~~the Appendix.~~

Algorithm: $\text{Algo}^{\text{SymmBinomial}}(\sqrt{n})$

Input: $n \approx 2^{48}$
Output: $i \sim \text{SymmBino}(n, p = 0.5)$

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1:  $m \leftarrow \lfloor \sqrt{2} * \sqrt{n} + 1 \rfloor$ 
2: WHILE TRUE
3:    $s \leftarrow \text{Algo}^{\text{Geometric}}$ 
4:    $U^* \leftarrow \text{Algo}^{\text{RandFloat1}}$ 
5:   IF  $U^* < 0.5$ 
6:      $k \leftarrow s$ 
7:   ELSE
8:      $k \leftarrow -s - 1$ 
9:    $l \leftarrow \text{Algo}^{\text{RandInt}}(m)$ 
10:   $x \leftarrow km + l$ 
11:  IF  $-\frac{\sqrt{n \ln n}}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\sqrt{n \ln n}}{2}$ 
12:     $\tilde{p}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi n}} \cdot e^{-\frac{2x^2}{n}} \cdot (1 - \nu_n)$ , where  $\nu_n = \frac{0.4 \ln^{1.5}(n)}{\sqrt{n}}$ 
13:    IF  $\tilde{p}(x) > 0$ 
14:       $f \leftarrow \frac{4}{m \cdot 2^s}$ 
15:       $c \leftarrow \text{Algo}^{\text{Bernoulli}}\left(\frac{\tilde{p}(x)}{f}\right)$ 
16:      IF  $c == 0$ 
17:        RETURN  $i \leftarrow x$ 
```

Algorithm 3.4: Algorithm for symmetrical binomial distribution $i \sim \text{SymmBino}(n \approx 2^{96}, p = 0.5)$.

3.3 Discrete Gaussian Mechanism

In this ^{subsection} part, we introduce the discrete Gaussian mechanism [CKS20] deployed in the 2020 US Census [20220], that is defined as follows:

$$M_{DGauss}(D) = f(D) + Y,$$

where $f(D) \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $Y \sim DGauss(\mu = 0, \sigma)$ (cf. 2.8.9).

We briefly introduce the two major algorithms for discrete Gaussian mechanism proposed by Canonne et al. [CKS20]: Algorithm 3.6 and Algorithm 3.5. Other sampling algorithms e.g., $Algo^{Bernoulli}$ (cf. Algorithm A.3), $Algo^{BernoulliEXP}$ (cf. Algorithm A.5), and $Algo^{GeometricExp}$ (cf. Algorithm A.2) can be found in corresponding chapters. ^{you mean by the US Census Bureau since 2020}

Algorithm: $Algo^{DiscreteLap}(n, d)$

Input: n and d

Output: $x \sim DLap\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$

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1: WHILE TRUE
2:    $s \leftarrow Algo^{Bernoulli}(0.5)$ 
3:    $m \leftarrow Algo^{GeometricExp}(d, n)$ 
4:   IF  $s == 1 \wedge m == 0$ 
5:     CONTINUE
6:   RETURN  $x \leftarrow (1 - 2s) \cdot m$ 

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Algorithm 3.5: Algorithm for discrete Laplace distribution $x \sim DLap\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$.

Algorithm: $Algo^{DiscreteGauss}(\sigma)$

Input: σ

Output: $Y \sim DGauss(\mu = 0, \sigma)$

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1:  $t \leftarrow \lfloor \sigma \rfloor + 1$ 
2: WHILE TRUE
3:    $L \leftarrow Algo^{DiscreteLap}(t, 1)$ 
4:    $B \leftarrow Algo^{BernoulliEXP}\left(\frac{(|L| - \frac{\sigma^2}{t})^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$ 
5:   IF  $B == 1$ 
6:     RETURN  $Y \leftarrow L$ 

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Algorithm 3.6: Algorithm for discrete Gaussian distribution $Y \sim DGauss(\mu = 0, \sigma)$.

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4 General Procedure for MPC-DP Protocols

4.1 MPC-DP Protocols

revised based on feedback

In this chapter, we restate the investigated research problem formally and introduce our new MPC-DP protocol that combines secure multi-party computation protocols and differentially private mechanisms.

Let a dataset $D = (D_1, \dots, D_n)$ be distributed among n parties $(P_i)_{i \in [n]}$ who do not trust each other, where party P_i owns data D_i . The parties $(P_i)_{i \in [n]}$ wish to jointly compute a public function f on their private inputs $(pre(D_i))_{i \in [n]}$ and get the result of $f(pre(D_1), \dots, pre(D_n))$, where pre is a pre-processing function executing on their local data $(D_i)_{i \in [n]}$. The parties want to achieve both computational privacy (i.e., each party's input is kept secret), output privacy (i.e., an adversary cannot infer sensitive information of parties), and obtain a result with reasonable accuracy.

To achieve the computational privacy, the parties can deploy a MPC protocol Π^f which takes $(pre(D_i))_{i \in [n]}$ as input and reveals only the computation result. For the last two requirements, we design a MPC-DP protocol which combines Π^f with a differentially private mechanism. Note that in following, we omit the data pre-processing procedure $pre(\cdot)$ for simplicity and use $f(D)$ to represent $f(D_1, \dots, D_n)$.

Before describing our MPC-DP protocol, let's consider a trivial example that combines MPC protocols with a DP mechanism. Suppose the parties $(P_i)_{i \in [n]}$ wish to calculate the sum of their local data $(D_i)_{i \in [n]}$ with a public known function $f(D_1, \dots, D_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n D_j$, and f has ℓ_2 -sensitivity $\Delta_2^{(f)} = 1$ (cf. 2.9.6). Meanwhile, the parties require that only the computation result of f should be revealed and differential privacy must be satisfied. To achieve this, each party first adds noise r_i to its local data D_i and determines $y_i = D_i + r_i$. Recall that in 2.9.9, we have proved that y_i satisfies (ϵ, δ) -DP for $r_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$, where $\sigma^2 = \frac{2}{\epsilon^2} \cdot \ln(\frac{1.25}{\delta})$ and $i \in [n]$. Then, the parties jointly run the MPC protocol Π^f with their private inputs y_i to compute function f . After reconstruction they get:

make it more
concrete w.r.t. the security
guarantees of DP

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(because it
wasn't your
proof!)

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(y_1, \dots, y_n) &= \sum_{j=1}^n y_j \\
 &= \sum_{j=1}^n (D_j + r_j).
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{4.1}$$

Because of the infinite divisibility of the normal distribution [PR96], we have $\sum_{j=1}^n r_j \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{\text{sum}}^2)$ for $\sigma_{\text{sum}}^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n \sigma^2$. Therefore, the computation result $f(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ satisfies $(\frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{n}}, \delta)$ -DP.

In general, the parties in above example can achieve $(\frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{n}}, \delta)$ -DP assuming no corrupted parties. However, in realistic scenarios, corrupted parties may try to extract information of certain parties by weakening the achieved differential privacy protection level. After executing above steps honestly and obtain the computation result $f(y_1, \dots, y_n)$, the corrupted parties subtract the noise they have added from $f(y_1, \dots, y_n)$. In the worst case, i.e., $n-1$ parties are corrupted, the differential privacy guarantee of $f(y_1, \dots, y_n)$ reduces from $(\frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{n}}, \delta)$ -DP to (ϵ, δ) -DP. If, however, $(\frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{n}}, \delta)$ -DP is required, one solution is that each party adds more noise, e.g., $r'_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, n \cdot \sigma^2)$, locally before running Π^f . However, this can lead to a severely reduced accuracy and, thus, utility.

To summarize, a well-designed MPC-DP protocol requires a more careful integration of MPC protocols and DP mechanisms. To guarantee the both the accuracy and privacy of the MPC-DP protocol, we define several requirements, that is based on the comparison to the centralized data server scenario, i.e., a trusted server that has access to all the parties' data D locally computes $f(D)$ and adds noise for DP:

1. The MPC-DP protocol should achieve the same privacy protection level as in the centralized data server scenario, and the amount of noise r (in above example: $r = \sum_{j=1}^n r_j$) should be no more than that in the centralized data server scenario.
2. The differential privacy guarantee of the MPC-DP protocol should not degenerate in the presence of corrupted parties.

We design our MPC-DP protocol that can be used directly among n parties, or in an outsourcing scenario, i.e., an arbitrary amount of parties secret share their private inputs to N ($N \ll n$) non-colluding computing parties. Then, the computing parties execute the N -party MPC-DP protocol, where they compute f and add noise shares to get the noisy secret-shared results. Finally, the noisy secret-shared results are sent back to the parties for reconstruction. We assume semi-honest adversaries that follow the protocol specifications but wish to infer additional information.

Pr- **Prot. 4.1** describes the general procedure of our MPC-DP protocol. Note that the parties first calculate $\langle f(D) \rangle = \Pi^f(\langle D_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle D_n \rangle)$ and add the distributed generated noise $\langle r \rangle$ (output perturbation) to guarantee differential privacy. In this work, we assume that each party has computed $\langle f(D) \rangle$ already and focus more on the process of Π^{DNG} , i.e., distributed noise generation (DNG).

Protocol: $\Pi^{MPC-DP}(\langle D_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle D_n \rangle)$

Input: $\langle D_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle D_n \rangle$

Output: $\langle M(D) \rangle = \langle f(D) \rangle + \langle r \rangle$

1 : Parties run $\langle f(D) \rangle = \Pi^f(\langle D_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle D_n \rangle)$.

2 : Parties run $\langle r \rangle = \Pi^{DNG}$.

3 : Parties run $\langle M(D) \rangle = \Pi^{Perturb}(\langle f(D) \rangle + \langle r \rangle)$ and output $\langle M(D) \rangle$.

Protocol 4.1: General framework for MPC-DP protocol.

4.2 Related Works

TODO: Related Works, unsecure MPC-DP protocols

5 Secure MPC-DP Protocols

In this chapter, we construct the MPC protocols based on the secure differentially private mechanisms (cf. § 3) and integrate them into our MPC-DP procedure (cf. § 3.1.1). In the MPC-DP procedure, we assume that the parties has already computed $\langle f(D) \rangle$ and focus on the distributed noise generation and output perturbation.

5.1 Building Blocks

Our MPC protocols for differentially private mechanisms relies on the following building blocks:

1. $\langle \mathbf{y} \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{RandBits}(\ell)$ generates a share of a public unknown ℓ -bit random string $\langle \mathbf{y} \rangle^B = (\langle y_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle y_{\ell-1} \rangle^B)$ without communications between parties. To achieve this, each party locally generate a random ℓ -bit string $\mathbf{x} \in \{0, 1\}^\ell$ and set $\langle \mathbf{y} \rangle^B = \mathbf{x}$.
2. $\langle \mathbf{y} \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{PreOr}(\langle \mathbf{x} \rangle^B)$ calculates the prefix-OR of a l -bit string $\langle \mathbf{x} \rangle^B = (\langle x_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle x_{l-1} \rangle^B)$ and output $\langle \mathbf{y} \rangle^B = (\langle y_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle y_{l-1} \rangle^B)$ such that $\langle y_j \rangle^B = \bigvee_{k=0}^j \langle x_k \rangle^B$ for $j \in [0, l)$, where $\langle y_0 \rangle^B = \langle x_0 \rangle^B$.
3. $\langle \mathbf{y} \rangle^{B, UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{Geometric}$ (cf. § A.2.2) generates a share of geometric random variable $y \sim Geo(p = 0.5)$ (cf. 2.8.7).
4. $\langle \mathbf{y} \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{OTMult}(\langle \mathbf{x} \rangle^B, \langle \mathbf{b} \rangle^B)$ computes $\langle \mathbf{y} \rangle^B = \langle \mathbf{x} \rangle^B \cdot \langle \mathbf{b} \rangle^B$, which is inspired by the OT-based multiplication algorithms [AHLR18; ST19]. For example, in two-party computation, $\langle \mathbf{x} \rangle^B \cdot \langle \mathbf{b} \rangle^B$ can be reformulated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{x} \rangle^B \cdot \langle \mathbf{b} \rangle^B &= (\langle x_0 \rangle^B \oplus \langle x_1 \rangle^B) \cdot (\langle b_0 \rangle^B \oplus \langle b_1 \rangle^B) \\ &= \langle x_0 \rangle^B \cdot \langle b_0 \rangle^B \oplus \langle x_0 \rangle^B \cdot \langle b_1 \rangle^B \oplus \langle x_1 \rangle^B \cdot \langle b_0 \rangle^B \oplus \langle x_1 \rangle^B \cdot \langle b_1 \rangle^B, \end{aligned} \quad (5.1)$$

where $\langle x_0 \rangle^B \cdot \langle b_0 \rangle^B$ and $\langle x_1 \rangle^B \cdot \langle b_1 \rangle^B$ can be calculated by each party locally. For the remaining two multiplications, we utilize two C-OTs (cf. § 2.2). For $i \in \{0, 1\}$, P_i inputs $\langle b \rangle_i^B$, and P_{1-i} inputs $(r_i, r_i \oplus \langle x \rangle_{1-i}^B)$ and receives $r_i \oplus (\langle b \rangle_i^B \cdot \langle x \rangle_{1-i}^B)$, where r_i is a random bit string. Finally, P_i set $r_i \oplus r_{1-i} \oplus (\langle b \rangle_{1-i}^B \cdot \langle x \rangle_i^B)$ as its share of $\langle x \rangle_0^B \cdot \langle b \rangle_1^B \oplus \langle x \rangle_1^B \cdot \langle b \rangle_0^B$. We also extend Π^{OTMult} to multiple parties using similar C-OT based approach. We set Π^{OTMult} as default MPC protocol to compute bit-vector multiplication.

TODO: check if MOTION has implemented bit-vector multiplication

5. $(\langle y_1 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle y_\ell \rangle^B) \leftarrow \Pi^{Binary2Unary}(\langle x \rangle^{B,UI}, \ell)$ [ABZS12] converts unsigned integer x from binary to unary bitwise representation and outputs a l -bit string $y = (y_0, \dots, y_{\ell-1})$, where the x least significant bits (y_0, \dots, y_{x-1}) are set to 1 and others to 0. We use HyCC compiler (cf. § 2.7) to generate both the size-optimal and depth-optimal circuit for AND gate.
6. For signed (SI) and unsigned integer (UI) operations (e.g., comparison, addition, subtraction), we use depth-optimized circuits generated with HyCC (cf. § 2.7).
7. For floating-point operations, we use the Boolean circuits of work [DSZ15].
8. $\langle y \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{HW}(x_0, \dots, x_\ell)$ counts the number of ones in string x_0, \dots, x_ℓ using the algorithm proposed by Boyar and Peralta [BP08].
9. $\langle y_i \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{OAA}(\langle y_0 \rangle^{B,UI}, \dots, \langle y_{\ell-1} \rangle^{B,UI}, \langle f g_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle f g_{\ell-1} \rangle^B)$ outputs y_i where i is the first index s.t. $f g_i = 1$ for $i \in [0, \ell - 1]$. We provide various methods realizing Π^{OAA} in § A.2.1.
10. $\langle y \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{RandInt}(m)$ (cf. Prot. A.7) generate an unsigned integer $y \in [0, m)$.

5.2 Snapping Mechanism

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We describe the MPC protocols based on the snapping mechanism implementations (cf. § 3.1.1).

Recall the snapping mechanism (cf. § 3.1) is define as follows:

$$M_S(f(D), \lambda, B) = \text{clamp}_B(\lfloor \text{clamp}_B(f(D)) \oplus S \otimes \lambda \otimes \text{LN}(U^*) \rfloor_\Lambda).$$

According to our MPC-DP procedure (cf. § 4), the parties generate a noise share $\langle r \rangle$ and add it to $\langle f(D) \rangle$ to achieve differential privacy (cf. § 2.9). The snapping mechanism is reformulated in secret shares as follows:

$$\langle M_S(f(D), \lambda, B) \rangle = \text{clamp}_B(\lfloor \text{clamp}_B(\langle f(D) \rangle) \oplus \langle S \rangle \otimes \lambda \otimes \text{LN}(\langle U^* \rangle) \rfloor_\Lambda), \quad (5.2)$$

where $\langle f(D) \rangle$ is assumed to be already computed and $\langle S \rangle \otimes \lambda \otimes \text{LN}(\langle U^* \rangle)$ is the noise share, i.e., the parties generate the noise starting from the generation of random variable $S \in \{-1, 1\}$ and $U^* \in \mathbb{D} \cap (0, 1)$. Finally, the parties compute $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor_\Lambda$ and $\text{clamp}_B(\cdot)$.

In our MPC protocols, we mainly operate on IEEE 754 floating-point (cf. § 2.10): $\langle x \rangle^{B,FL} = (\langle S \rangle, \langle d_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle d_{52} \rangle, \langle e_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle e_{11} \rangle)$, where $x = (-1)^S (1.d_1 \dots d_{52})_2 \times 2^{(e_1 \dots e_{11})_2 - 1023}$.

5.2.1 Generation of U^* and S

Each party can generate sign $\langle S \rangle^B$ by sampling a random bit locally.

As discussed in § 3.1.1, U^* is the uniform distribution over $\mathbb{D} \cap (0, 1)$, which can be represented in IEEE-754 double-precision floating-point (cf. § 2.10) as follows:

$$U^* = (1.d_1 \dots d_{52})_2 \times 2^{e-1023},$$

where significant bits (d_1, \dots, d_{52}) are sampled uniformly from $\{0, 1\}^{52}$ and biased exponent $x = e - 1023$ is sampled from a geometric distribution (cf. 2.8.7).

As Prot. 5.1 shows, we first generate significant bits share $\langle d_1 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle d_{52} \rangle^B$ with $\Pi^{RandBits}(52)$ (cf. § 5.1), then generate a geometric random variable share $\langle x \rangle^{B, UI}$ with $\Pi^{Geometric}$ (cf. § A.2.2) to build the biased exponent $\langle x \rangle^{B, UI}$, where $x = e - 1023$. Finally, the parties compute and obtain shares of the floating-point number $U^* = (1.d_1 \dots d_{52})_2 \times 2^{e-1023}$.

Protocol: $\Pi^{RandFloat1}$

Input: None

Output: $\langle U^* \rangle^{B, FL}$, where $U^* = (1.d_1 \dots d_{52})_2 \times 2^{e-1023}$

1: $(\langle d_1 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle d_{52} \rangle^B) \leftarrow \Pi^{RandBits}(52)$.

2: $\langle x \rangle^{B, UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{Geometric}$.

3: $\langle e \rangle^{B, UI} \leftarrow 1023 + \langle x \rangle^{B, UI}$

Protocol 5.1: MPC protocol for uniform random variable $U^* \in \mathbb{D} \cap (0, 1)$.

5.2.2 Calculation of $\text{clamp}_B(\cdot)$

Function $\text{clamp}_B(x)$ (cf. § 3.1.1) outputs B if $x > B$, $-B$ if $x < -B$ and x otherwise.

$\Pi^{Clamp}(\langle x \rangle^{B, FL}, B)$ (cf. Prot. 5.2) first identifies the location of x in line 1 – 3, and output result based on its conditions.

Protocol: $\Pi^{Clamp}(\langle x \rangle^{B,FL}, B)$
Input: $\langle x \rangle^{B,FL}, B$
Output: $\langle x_{clampB} \rangle^{B,FL}$

- 1: $\langle cond_{x < -B} \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle x \rangle^{B,FL} < -B)$.
- 2: $\langle cond_{x > B} \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle x \rangle^{B,FL} > B)$.
- 3: $\langle cond_{-B \leq x \leq B} \rangle^B \leftarrow \text{NOT}(\langle cond_{x < -B} \rangle^B \vee \langle cond_{x > B} \rangle^B)$.
- 4: $\langle a \rangle^{B,FL} \leftarrow \langle cond_{x < -B} \rangle^B \cdot (-B) \oplus \langle cond_{x > B} \rangle^B \cdot B$.
- 5: $\langle b \rangle^{B,FL} \leftarrow \Pi^{OTMult}(\langle x \rangle^{B,FL}, \langle cond_{-B \leq x \leq B} \rangle^B)$.
- 6: $\langle x_{clampB} \rangle^{B,FL} \leftarrow \langle a \rangle^{B,FL} \oplus \langle b \rangle^{B,FL}$.

Protocol 5.2: MPC protocol for $clamp_B(\cdot)$.

5.2.3 Calculation of $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor_\Lambda$

Prot. 5.3 rounds x to the nearest multiply of $\Lambda = 2^n$. As discussed in § 3.1.1, $\lfloor x \rfloor_\Lambda$ with input x can be calculated in three steps:

1. $x' = \frac{x}{\Lambda}$
2. Round x' to the nearest integer, yielding x''
3. $\lfloor x \rfloor_\Lambda = \Lambda \cdot x''$

In line 1, the parties extended biased exponent to $(0, \langle e_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle e_{11} \rangle)$ s.t. $\langle e \rangle^{B,UI}$ has enough bits to represent a 12-bit signed integer. In line 2, the parties convert biased exponent $(e_1, \dots, e_{11})_2$ to signed integer because $(e_1, \dots, e_{11})_2 - n - 1023$ (line 3) can be smaller than 0 but unsigned integer cannot represent a negative value. In line 3, 4, the parties compute $(e_1, \dots, e_{11})_2 - n - 1023$ that is equivalent to $x' = \frac{x}{\Lambda}$. In line 5, 6, 8, 16, 17, 19, 20, 22, we compute the conditions for five cases as discussed in paragraph 3.1.1. In line 9, the parties run $\Pi^{Binary2Unary}(\langle y \rangle^{B,UI}, 52)$ to get p_1, \dots, p_{52} , where $p_j = 1$ for $j \in [y]$ and other bits equal to zero. In line 10, the parties extract the first y bits from significant field (d_1, \dots, d_{52}) , set the rest bits to zero, and obtain $(d_1, \dots, d_y, \bar{0}_{52-y})$. In line 11 – 13, the parties extract d_{y+1} by setting all bits in bit string c to zero except $c_{y+1} = 1$. In line 14, the parties verify if $(d_1, \dots, d_y) = (0, \dots, 0)$, and set is as the subcondition for Case 3. In line 15, the parties calculate the new significant bits for Case 3a. In line 18, the parties compute the biased exponent for Case 3b. In line 21, the parties set the biased exponent for Case 4.

In line 23, the parties compute the significant bits $\langle t \rangle^{B,UI}$ and biased exponent $\langle m \rangle^{B,UI}$ with Π^{OTMult} (cf. § 5.1) as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \mathbf{t} \rangle^{B,UI} = & \langle \text{cond}_{\text{case1}} \rangle^B \cdot (\langle d_1 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle d_{52} \rangle^B) \\
 & \oplus \langle \text{cond}_{\text{case3a}} \rangle^B \cdot \langle \mathbf{d}_{\text{case3a}} \rangle^{B,UI} \\
 & \oplus \langle \text{cond}_{\text{case3c}} \rangle^B \cdot \langle \mathbf{d}_{\text{case3c}} \rangle^{B,UI},
 \end{aligned} \tag{5.3}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \mathbf{m} \rangle^{B,UI} = & (\langle \text{cond}_{\text{case1}} \rangle^B \oplus \langle \text{cond}_{\text{case3a}} \rangle^B \oplus \langle \text{cond}_{\text{case3c}} \rangle^B) \cdot (\langle e_1 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle e_{11} \rangle^B) \\
 & \oplus \langle \text{cond}_{\text{case2}} \rangle^B \cdot \langle \mathbf{m}_{\text{case2}} \rangle^{B,UI} \\
 & \oplus \langle \text{cond}_{\text{case3b}} \rangle^B \cdot \langle \mathbf{m}_{\text{case3b}} \rangle^{B,UI} \\
 & \oplus \langle \text{cond}_{\text{case4}} \rangle^B \cdot \langle \mathbf{m}_{\text{case4}} \rangle^{B,UI},
 \end{aligned} \tag{5.4}$$

Note that Eq. (5.3) ignore Case 2, Case 3b, Case 4 and Case 5, because the significant bits of those cases are all zeros. Similarly, we ignore Case 5 in Eq. (5.4).

In line 24,25, the parties first check if x'' equals to zero, output $\lfloor x \rfloor_\Lambda = \Lambda \cdot x''$ if not, x'' otherwise.

Protocol: $\Pi^{\text{Round2Lambda}}(\langle x \rangle^{B,FL}, n)$

Input: $\langle x \rangle^{B,FL} = (\langle S \rangle^B, \langle d_1 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle d_{52} \rangle^B, \langle e_1 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle e_{11} \rangle^B)$, n , where $\Lambda = 2^n$

Output: $\lfloor x \rfloor_\Lambda^{B,FL} = (\langle S \rangle^B, \langle t \rangle^{B,UI}, \langle m \rangle^{B,UI})$, where $\langle t \rangle^{B,UI} = (\langle t_1 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle t_{11} \rangle^B)$ and $\langle m \rangle^{B,UI} = (\langle m_1 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle m_{11} \rangle^B)$

- 1: $\langle e \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow (0, \langle e_1 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle e_{11} \rangle^B)$
- 2: $\langle e \rangle^{B,SI} \leftarrow \text{UI2SI}(\langle e \rangle^{B,UI})$
- 3: $\langle y \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \langle e \rangle^{B,UI} - n - 1023$
- 4: $\langle y \rangle^{B,SI} \leftarrow \langle e \rangle^{B,SI} - n - 1023 \quad // x' = \frac{x}{\Lambda}$
- 5: $\langle \text{cond}_{\text{case1}} \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle y \rangle^{B,SI} > 51) \quad // \text{Case 1: } y \geq 52$
- 6: $\langle \text{cond}_{\text{case2}} \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle y \rangle^{B,SI} == 0) \quad // \text{Case 2: } y == 0$
- 7: $\langle m_{\text{case2}} \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \text{NOT}(\langle d_1 \rangle^B) \cdot 1023 + \langle d_1 \rangle^B \cdot 1024 \quad // \text{Case 2: } m = 1023 + d_1$
- 8: $\langle \text{cond}_{\text{case3}} \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle y \rangle^{B,SI} > 0) \wedge \text{NOT}(\langle \text{cond}_{\text{case1}} \rangle^B) \quad // \text{Case 3: } y \in [1, 51]$
- 9: $(\langle p_1 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle p_{52} \rangle^B) \leftarrow \Pi^{\text{Binary2Unary}}(\langle y \rangle^{B,UI}, 52)$
- 10: $\langle d_{\text{case3c}} \rangle^{B,UI} = (\langle p_1 \rangle^B \wedge \langle d_1 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle p_{52} \rangle^B \wedge \langle d_{52} \rangle^B)$
- 11: **FOR** $j = 1$ **TO** 51
- 12: $\langle c_{j+1} \rangle^B = \langle p_j \rangle^B \oplus \langle p_{j+1} \rangle^B$, where $\langle c_1 \rangle^B = 0$
- 13: $\langle d_{y+1} \rangle^B = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{52} (\langle c_j \rangle^B \wedge \langle d_j \rangle^B)$
- 14: $\langle \text{cond}_{d_1 \wedge \dots \wedge d_y == 1} \rangle^B \leftarrow \bigwedge_{j=1}^{52} (\langle p_j \rangle^B \wedge \langle d_j \rangle^B) \quad // \text{Case 3: For } i \in [y], \forall i : d_i = 1$
- 15: $\langle d_{\text{case3a}} \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \langle d_{\text{case3c}} \rangle^{B,UI} + \text{POW2}(52 - \langle y \rangle^{B,UI}) \quad // \text{Case 3a: } (d'_1 \dots d'_y)_2 = (d_1 \dots d_y)_2 + 1$
- 16: $\langle \text{cond}_{\text{case3a}} \rangle^B \leftarrow \langle d_{y+1} \rangle^B \wedge \text{NOT}(\langle \text{cond}_{d_1 \wedge \dots \wedge d_y == 1} \rangle^B)$
- 17: $\langle \text{cond}_{\text{case3b}} \rangle^B \leftarrow \langle d_{y+1} \rangle^B \wedge \langle \text{cond}_{d_1 \wedge \dots \wedge d_y == 1} \rangle^B$
- 18: $\langle m_{\text{case3b}} \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \langle y \rangle^{B,UI} + 1 + 1023 \quad // \text{Case 3b: } m = y + 1 + 1023$
- 19: $\langle \text{cond}_{\text{case3c}} \rangle^B \leftarrow \text{NOT}(\langle d_{y+1} \rangle^B)$
- 20: $\langle \text{cond}_{\text{case4}} \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle y \rangle^{B,SI} == (-1)) \quad // \text{Case 4: } y == -1$
- 21: $\langle m_{\text{case4}} \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow (0, \bar{1}_{(10)}) \quad // \text{Case 4: } m = (0111111111)_2$
- 22: $\langle \text{cond}_{\text{case5}} \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle y \rangle^{B,SI} < (-1)) \quad // \text{Case 5: } y < -1$
- 23: $\langle t \rangle^{B,UI}, \langle m \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{\text{OTMult}}(\cdot) \quad // x'' \leftarrow \text{round } x' \text{ to nearest integer}$
- 24: $\langle \text{cond}_{x'' \neq \pm 0} \rangle^B \leftarrow (\bigvee_{j=1}^{52} \langle t_j \rangle^B) \vee (\bigvee_{j=1}^{11} \langle m_j \rangle^B) \quad // \text{check if } x'' = \pm 0$
- 25: $\langle m \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \langle \text{cond}_{x'' \neq \pm 0} \rangle^B \wedge (\langle m \rangle^{B,UI} + n) \quad // \lfloor x \rfloor_\Lambda = \Lambda \cdot x''$

Protocol 5.3: MPC Protocol for $\lfloor x \rfloor_\Lambda$

5.2.4 MPC-DP Protocol for Snapping Mechanism

Prot. 5.4 integrates our MPC protocols for snapping mechanism in § 5.2 into MPC-DP procedure (cf. § 4).

$\Lambda = 2^n$ and can be calculated from the public known λ (cf. § 3.1.1) without MPC. In line 5, we directly manipulate sign bit of $\langle Y_{LapNoise} \rangle^{B,FL}$.

Protocol: $\Pi^{SnappingMechanism}(\langle f(D) \rangle^{B,FL}, \lambda, B, n)$

Input: $\langle f(D) \rangle^{B,FL}, \lambda, B, n$

Output: $\langle x_{SM} \rangle^{B,FL}$, where $x_{SM} = M_S(f(D), \lambda, B)$

- 1: $\langle U^* \rangle^{B,FL} \leftarrow \Pi^{RandFloat1}$.
- 2: $\langle S \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{RandBits}(1)$.
- 3: $\langle f(D)_{clampB} \rangle^{B,FL} \leftarrow \Pi^{Clamp}(\langle f(D) \rangle^{B,FL}, B)$.
- 4: $\langle Y_{LapNoise} \rangle^{B,FL} = \lambda \cdot \text{LN}(\langle U^* \rangle^{B,FL})$.
- 5: $\langle S_{Y_{LapNoise}} \rangle^B \leftarrow \langle S_{Y_{LapNoise}} \rangle^B \wedge \langle S \rangle^B$, where $\langle S_{Y_{LapNoise}} \rangle^B$ is the sign bit of $\langle Y_{LapNoise} \rangle^{B,FL}$.
- 6: $\langle x \rangle^{B,FL} \leftarrow \langle f(D)_{clampB} \rangle^{B,FL} + \langle Y_{LapNoise} \rangle^{B,FL}$.
- 7: $\langle \lfloor x \rfloor_\Lambda \rangle^{B,FL} \leftarrow \Pi^{Round2Lambda}(\langle x \rangle^{B,FL}, n)$.
- 8: $\langle x_{SM} \rangle^{B,FL} \leftarrow \Pi^{Clamp}(\langle \lfloor x \rfloor_\Lambda \rangle^{B,FL}, B)$

Protocol 5.4: MPC-DP protocol for snapping mechanism.

5.3 Integer-scaling Mechanism

In this section, we construct the MPC protocols for integer-scaling Laplace mechanism (cf. § 3.2.2) and integer-scaling Gaussian mechanism (cf. § 3.2.3).

5.3.1 Approximating Laplacian Mechanism

Recall for integer-scaling Laplace Mechanism $M_{ISLap}(f(D), r, \varepsilon, \Delta_r) = f_r(D) + ir$ (cf. § 3.2.2), i is sampled from a double-side geometric distribution $DGeo(p = 1 - e^{-\lambda})$. We first construct **Prot. 5.5** for geometric distribution **Algorithm 3.2** based on § 3.2.2.

In line 1 – 7, each party locally calculates L_0, R_0, M_0 and Q_0 in plaintext. In line 8 – 10, the parties generate a fixed-point random variable U_0 rescale it s.t. $U_0 \in [0, 1)$. In line 11 – 15, the parties choose one subinterval (either $(L_0 \dots M_0]$ or $(M_0 \dots R_0]$) and compute flag f_{g_0} that indicates whether the termination condition of **WHILE** (cf. **Algorithm 3.2**) is satisfied. In

line 16 – 30, the parties execute the binary search for $iter - 1$ times. In line 21, the parties choose the correct split-point M_j using Π^{OTMult} as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathbf{M}_j \rangle^{B,UI} = & \left\langle cond_{M_j \leq L_{j-1}} \right\rangle^B \cdot (\langle \mathbf{L}_{j-1} \rangle^{B,UI} + 1) \\ & \oplus \left\langle cond_{M_j \geq R_{j-1}} \right\rangle^B \cdot (\langle \mathbf{R}_{j-1} \rangle^{B,UI} - 1) \\ & \oplus \left\langle cond_{L_{j-1} < M_j < R_{j-1}} \right\rangle^B \cdot \langle \mathbf{M}_j \rangle^{B,UI} \end{aligned} \quad (5.5)$$

In line 31, the parties extract the correct result from $(\langle \mathbf{R}_0 \rangle^{B,UI}, \dots, \langle \mathbf{R}_{iter-1} \rangle^{B,UI})$ based on $\langle f g_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle f g_{iter-1} \rangle^B$.

Protocol: $\Pi^{\text{GeometricExpBinarySearch}}(\lambda)$

Input: λ

Output: $\langle x \rangle^{B,UI}$, where $x \sim \text{Geo}(p = 1 - e^{-\lambda})$

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1:  $L_0 \leftarrow 0, R_0 \leftarrow \text{Int}_{\max 52}$ 
2:  $M_0 \leftarrow L_0 - \text{int}\left(\frac{\ln(0.5) + \ln(1 + e^{-\lambda(R_0 - L_0)})}{\lambda}\right)$ 
3: IF  $M_0 \leq L_0$ 
4:    $M_0 \leftarrow L_0 + 1$ 
5: ELSE IF  $M_0 \geq R_0$ 
6:    $M_0 \leftarrow R_0 - 1$ 
7:  $Q_0 \leftarrow \frac{e^{-\lambda(M_0 - L_0)} - 1}{e^{-\lambda(R_0 - L_0)} - 1}$ 
8:  $\langle U_0 \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{\text{RandBits}}(11)$ 
9:  $\langle U_0 \rangle^{B,FP} \leftarrow \text{UI2FP}(\langle U_0 \rangle^{B,UI})$ 
10:  $\langle U_0 \rangle^{B,FP} \leftarrow \text{right-shift}(\langle U_0 \rangle^{B,FP}, 11)$ 
11:  $\langle \text{cond}_{U_0 \leq Q_0} \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle U_0 \rangle^{B,FP} \leq Q_0)$ 
12:  $\langle \text{cond}_{U_0 > Q_0} \rangle^B \leftarrow \text{NOT}(\langle \text{cond}_{U_0 \leq Q_0} \rangle^B)$ 
13:  $\langle R_0 \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \langle \text{cond}_{U_0 \leq Q_0} \rangle^B \cdot M_0 \oplus \langle \text{cond}_{U_0 > Q_0} \rangle^B \cdot R_0$ 
14:  $\langle L_0 \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \langle \text{cond}_{U_0 > Q_0} \rangle^B \cdot M_0 \oplus \langle \text{cond}_{U_0 \leq Q_0} \rangle^B \cdot L_0$ 
15:  $\langle f g_0 \rangle^B = (\langle L_0 \rangle^{B,UI} + 1 \geq \langle R_0 \rangle^{B,UI})$ 
16: FOR  $j = 1$  TO  $\text{iter} - 1$ 
17:    $\langle M_j \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \langle L_{j-1} \rangle^{B,UI} - \text{FP2UI}\left(\frac{\ln(0.5) + \ln(1 + e^{-\lambda \cdot \text{UI2FP}(\langle R_{j-1} \rangle^{B,UI} - \langle L_{j-1} \rangle^{B,UI})})}{\lambda}\right)$ 
18:    $\langle \text{cond}_{M_j \leq L_{j-1}} \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle M_j \rangle^{B,UI} \leq \langle L_{j-1} \rangle^{B,UI})$ 
19:    $\langle \text{cond}_{M_j \geq R_{j-1}} \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle M_j \rangle^{B,UI} \geq \langle R_{j-1} \rangle^{B,UI})$ 
20:    $\langle \text{cond}_{L_{j-1} < M_j < R_{j-1}} \rangle^B \leftarrow \text{NOT}(\langle \text{cond}_{M_j \leq L_{j-1}} \rangle^B \vee \langle \text{cond}_{M_j \geq R_{j-1}} \rangle^B)$ 
21:    $\langle M_j \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \text{Eq. (5.5)}$ 
22:    $\langle Q_j \rangle^{B,FP} \leftarrow \frac{e^{-\lambda \cdot \text{UI2FP}(\langle M_0 \rangle^{B,UI} - \langle L_0 \rangle^{B,UI})} - 1}{e^{-\lambda \cdot \text{UI2FP}(\langle R_0 \rangle^{B,UI} - \langle L_0 \rangle^{B,UI})} - 1}$ 
23:    $\langle U_j \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{\text{RandBits}}(11)$ 
24:    $\langle U_j \rangle^{B,FP} \leftarrow \text{UI2FP}(\langle U_j \rangle^{B,UI})$ 
25:    $\langle U_j \rangle^{B,FP} \leftarrow \text{right-shift}(\langle U_j \rangle^{B,FP}, 11)$ 
26:    $\langle \text{cond}_{U_j \leq Q_j} \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle U_j \rangle^{B,FP} \leq \langle Q_j \rangle^{B,FP})$ 
27:    $\langle \text{cond}_{U_j > Q_j} \rangle^B \leftarrow \text{NOT}(\langle \text{cond}_{U_j \leq Q_j} \rangle^B)$ 
28:    $\langle R_j \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \langle \text{cond}_{U_j \leq Q_j} \rangle^B \cdot \langle M_j \rangle^{B,UI} \oplus \langle \text{cond}_{U_j > Q_j} \rangle^B \cdot \langle R_{j-1} \rangle^{B,UI}$ 
29:    $\langle L_j \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \langle \text{cond}_{U_j > Q_j} \rangle^B \cdot \langle M_j \rangle^{B,UI} \oplus \langle \text{cond}_{U_j \leq Q_j} \rangle^B \cdot \langle L_{j-1} \rangle^{B,UI}$ 
30:    $\langle f g_j \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle L_j \rangle^{B,UI} + 1 \geq \langle R_j \rangle^{B,UI})$ 
31:  $\langle x \rangle^{B,UI} = \Pi^{\text{OAA}}(\langle R_0 \rangle^{B,UI}, \dots, \langle R_{\text{iter}-1} \rangle^{B,UI}, \langle f g_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle f g_{\text{iter}-1} \rangle^B)$ 

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Protocol 5.5: MPC protocol for geometric distribution $x \sim \text{Geo}(p = 1 - e^{-\lambda})$.

Next, we construct [Prot. 5.6](#) for double-side geometric distribution (cf. [2.8.8](#)) based on [Algorithm 3.3](#).

In line 2, 3, the parties generate the sign s_j and number part g_j of double-side geometric random variable $x = (-1)^{s_j} \cdot g_j$. In line 4, the parties compute the $f g_j$ to record if the termination condition of **WHILE** loop (cf. [Algorithm 3.3](#)) is satisfied.

In line 5, we extract the sign s and number part g based on $\langle f g_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle f g_{iter-1} \rangle^B$.

Protocol: $\Pi^{DGeometric}(\lambda)$	
Input: λ	
Output: $\langle s \rangle^B, \langle g \rangle^{B,UI}$, where $x = (-1)^s \cdot g$ and $x \sim DGeo(p = 1 - e^{-\lambda})$	
1:	FOR $j = 0$ TO $j = iter - 1$
2:	$\langle s_j \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{Randbits}(1).$
3:	$\langle g_j \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{GeometricExpBinarySearch}(\lambda) - 1.$
4:	$\langle f g_j \rangle^B \leftarrow \text{NOT}((\langle s_j \rangle^B == 1) \wedge (\langle g_j \rangle^{B,UI} == 0))$
5:	$\langle s \rangle^B, \langle g \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{OAA}(\langle g_0 \ s_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle g_{iter-1} \ s_{iter-1} \rangle^B, \langle f g_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle f g_{iter-1} \rangle^B)$

Protocol 5.6: MPC Protocol for double-side geometric distribution $x \sim DGeo(p = 1 - e^{-\lambda})$.

MPC-DP Protocol for Integer-scaling Laplace Mechanism

Recall integer-scaling Laplace mechanism $M_{ISLap}(f_r(D), r, \epsilon, \Delta_r)$ (cf. [§ 3.2.2](#)) that approximates the Laplace mechanism is defined as:

$$\begin{aligned} M_{ISLap}(f_r(D), r, \epsilon, \Delta_r) &= f_r(D) + ir \\ &= f_r(D) + (2^{52} + i) \cdot r - 2^{52} \cdot r, \end{aligned} \quad (5.6)$$

where $i \sim DGeo(p = 1 - e^{-\lambda})$ and $\lambda = \frac{r\epsilon}{\Delta_r}$.

In our MPC-DP general framework (cf. [Prot. 4.1](#)), it can be reformulated as:

$$\langle M_{ISLap}(f_r(D), r, \epsilon, \Delta_r) \rangle = \langle f_r(D) \rangle + (2^{52} + \langle i \rangle) \cdot r - 2^{52} \cdot r,$$

where $r, \epsilon, \Delta_r, \lambda$ are public known.

We present [Prot. 5.7](#) for $\langle M_{ISLap}(f_r(D), r, \epsilon, \Delta_r) \rangle$. We assume that the parties have already computed $\langle f_r(D) \rangle^{B,FL}$ and focus on generating the integer share $\langle i \rangle^{B,UI}$.

Protocol: $\Pi^{ISLap}(\langle f_r(D) \rangle^{B,FL}, r, \lambda)$	
Input:	$\langle f_r(D) \rangle^{B,FL}, r, \lambda$
Output:	$\langle M_{ISLap} \rangle^{B,FL}$
1 :	$\langle i \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{DGeometric}(\lambda).$
2 :	$\langle i_{float} \rangle^{B,FL} \leftarrow \text{UI2FL}(\langle i \rangle^{B,UI} + 2^{52}).$
3 :	$\langle Y_{LapNoise} \rangle^{B,FL} \leftarrow \langle i_{float} \rangle^{B,FL} \cdot r - 2^{52} \cdot r.$
4 :	$\langle M_{ISLap} \rangle^{B,FL} \leftarrow \langle f_r(D) \rangle^{B,FL} + \langle Y_{LapNoise} \rangle^{B,FL}.$

Protocol 5.7: MPC-DP protocol for Integer-scaling Laplacian Mechanism.

5.3.2 Approximating Gaussian Mechanism

Recall for integer-scaling Gaussian Mechanism $M_{ISGauss}(f(D), r, \epsilon, \sigma, \Delta_r) = f_r(D) + ir$ (cf. § 3.2.3), where i is sampled from a symmetric binomial distribution $\text{SymmBino}(n, p)$ (cf. 2.8.6).

We present [Prot. 5.8](#) for symmetrical binomial distribution based on [Algorithm 3.4](#).

Each party first locally compute following parameters:

$$\begin{aligned}
 m &= \lfloor \sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{n} + 1 \rfloor, \\
 x_{min} &= -\frac{\sqrt{n \ln n}}{2}, \\
 x_{max} &= \frac{\sqrt{n \ln n}}{2}, \\
 v_n &= \frac{0.4 \ln^{1.5}(n)}{\sqrt{n}}, \\
 \tilde{p}_{coe} &= \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi n}} \cdot (1 - v_n).
 \end{aligned} \tag{5.7}$$

In line 1–4, the parties sample a geometric random variable s_j and s'_j , and convert it to signed integer and fixed-point number for future operations. In line 6–9, the parties calculate $x_j = k_j \cdot m_j + l_j$. In line 17, the parties extract the correct $\langle i \rangle^{B,SI}$ based on $\langle f g_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle f g_{iter-1} \rangle^B$.

Protocol: $\Pi^{\text{SymmBinomial}}(\sqrt{n})$
Input: $\sqrt{n} \approx 2^{48}$
Output: $\langle i \rangle^{B,UI}$, where $i \sim \text{SymmBino}(n, p = 0.5)$

```

1 : FOR  $j = 0$  TO  $iter - 1$ 
2 :    $\langle s_j \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{\text{Geometric}}$ 
3 :    $\langle s_j \rangle^{B,SI} \leftarrow \text{UI2SI}(\langle s_j \rangle^{B,UI})$ 
4 :    $\langle s_j \rangle^{B,FP} \leftarrow \text{SI2FP}(\langle s_j \rangle^{B,SI})$ 
5 :    $\langle s'_j \rangle^{B,SI} \leftarrow -(\langle s_j \rangle^{B,SI} + 1)$ 
6 :    $\langle b_j \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{\text{Randbits}}(1)$ 
7 :    $\langle k_j \rangle^{B,SI} \leftarrow \langle s_j \rangle^{B,SI} \cdot \langle b_j \rangle^B \oplus \langle s'_j \rangle^{B,SI} \cdot \text{NOT}(\langle b_j \rangle^B)$ 
8 :    $\langle l_j \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{\text{RandInt}}(m)$ 
9 :    $\langle x_j \rangle^{B,SI} \leftarrow \langle k_j \rangle^{B,SI} \cdot m + \text{UI2SI}(\langle l_j \rangle^{B,UI})$ 
10 :   $\langle \text{cond}_{x_{\min} \leq x_j \leq x_{\max}} \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle x_j \rangle^{B,SI} \geq x_{\min}) \wedge (\langle x_j \rangle^{B,SI} \leq x_{\max})$ 
11 :   $\langle \tilde{p}_j \rangle^{B,FP} \leftarrow \tilde{p}_{\text{coe}} \cdot e^{\left(\frac{-2}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot \langle x_j \rangle^{B,FP}\right)^2}$ 
12 :   $\langle \text{cond}_{\tilde{p}_j > 0} \rangle^B \leftarrow (\tilde{p}_{\text{coe}} > 0)$ 
13 :   $\langle p_{\text{Bernoulli}} \rangle^{B,FP} \leftarrow \langle \tilde{p}_j \rangle^{B,FP} \cdot \text{UI2FP}\left(2^{\langle s_j \rangle^{B,UI}}\right) \cdot \frac{m}{4}$ 
14 :   $\langle c_j \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{\text{Bernoulli}}(\langle p_{\text{Bernoulli}} \rangle^{B,FP})$ 
15 :   $\langle \text{cond}_{c_j == 0} \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle c_j \rangle^B == 0)$ 
16 :   $\langle f g_j \rangle^B \leftarrow \langle \text{cond}_{x_{\min} \leq x_j \leq x_{\max}} \rangle^B \wedge \langle \text{cond}_{\tilde{p}_j > 0} \rangle^B \wedge \langle \text{cond}_{c_j == 0} \rangle^B$ 
17 :   $\langle i \rangle^{B,SI} \leftarrow \Pi^{\text{OAA}}(\langle x_0 \rangle^{B,SI}, \dots, \langle x_{iter-1} \rangle^{B,SI}, \langle f g_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle f g_{iter-1} \rangle^B)$ 
    
```

Protocol 5.8: MPC protocol for symmetrical binomial distribution $i \sim \text{SymmBino}(n \approx 2^{96}, p = 0.5)$.

MPC-DP Protocol for Integer-scaling Gaussian Mechanism

Recall integer-scaling Gaussian mechanism $M_{IS\text{Gauss}}(f_r(D), r, \epsilon, \sigma, \Delta_r)$ § 3.2.3 that approximates the Gaussian mechanism is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_{IS\text{Gauss}}(f_r(D), r, \epsilon, \sigma, \Delta_r) &= f_r(D) + ir \\
 &= f_r(D) + (2^{52} + i) \cdot r - 2^{52} \cdot r,
 \end{aligned} \tag{5.8}$$

where $i \sim \text{SymmBino}(n, p)$.

In our MPC-DP general framework [Prot. 4.1](#), it can be reformulated as:

$$\langle M_{ISGauss}(f_r(D), r, \epsilon, \sigma, \Delta_r) \rangle = \langle f_r(D) \rangle + (2^{52} + \langle i \rangle) \cdot r - 2^{52} \cdot r,$$

where $r, \epsilon, \Delta_r, \lambda$ are public known.

We present the [Prot. 5.9](#) for $\langle M_{ISGauss}(f_r(D), r, \epsilon, \sigma, \Delta_r) \rangle$. We assume the parties have already computed $\langle f_r(D) \rangle^{B,FL}$.

Protocol: $\Pi^{ISGauss}(\langle f_r(D) \rangle^{B,FL}, r, \sqrt{n})$	
Input:	$\langle f_r(D) \rangle^{B,FL}, \lambda$
Output:	$\langle M_{ISGauss} \rangle^{B,FL}$
1 :	$\langle i \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{Binomial}(\sqrt{n}).$
2 :	$\langle i_{float} \rangle^{B,FL} \leftarrow \text{UI2FL}(\langle i \rangle^{B,UI} + 2^{52}).$
3 :	$\langle Y_{BinoNoise} \rangle^{B,FL} \leftarrow \langle i_{float} \rangle^{B,FL} \cdot r - 2^{52} \cdot r.$
4 :	$\langle M_{ISGauss} \rangle^{B,FL} \leftarrow \langle f_r(D) \rangle^{B,FL} + \langle Y_{BinoNoise} \rangle^{B,FL}.$

Protocol 5.9: MPC-DP protocol for SNG Laplacian Mechanism.

5.4 Discrete Gaussian Mechanism

We present two primary MPC protocols [Prot. 5.10](#) and [Prot. 5.11](#) for discrete Gaussian mechanism (cf. ??) in this section.

Protocol: $\Pi^{DiscreteLap}(n, d)$	
Input:	n, d
Output:	$\langle s \rangle^B$ and $\langle m \rangle^{B,UI}$, where $x \sim DLap(\frac{n}{d})$
1 :	FOR $j = 0$ TO $iter - 1$
2 :	$\langle s_j \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{RandBits}(1)$
3 :	$\langle m_j \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{GeometricEXP}(d, n)$
4 :	$\langle fg_j \rangle^B = \text{NOT}((\langle s_j \rangle^B == 1) \wedge (\langle m_j \rangle^{B,UI} == 0))$
5 :	$\langle m \ s \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{OAA}(\langle m_0 \ s_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle m_{iter-1} \ s_{iter-1} \rangle^B, \langle fg_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle fg_{iter-1} \rangle^B)$

Protocol 5.10: MPC Protocol for discrete Laplace $x \sim DLap(\frac{n}{d})$.

Protocol: $\Pi^{DiscreteGauss}(\sigma)$

Input: σ

Output: $\langle s \rangle^B$ and $\langle m \rangle^{B,UI}$, where $Y = (-1)^s \cdot m$ and $Y \sim DGauss(\mu = 0, \sigma)$

1: $t \leftarrow \lfloor \sigma \rfloor + 1$

2: **FOR** $j = 0$ **TO** $iter - 1$

3: $\langle m_j \rangle^{B,UI}, \langle s_j \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{DiscreteLap}(t, 1)$

4: $\langle b_j \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{BernoulliEXP} \left(\frac{(\text{UI2FP}(\langle m_j \rangle^{B,UI}) - \frac{\sigma^2}{t})^2}{2\sigma^2} \right)$

5: $\langle m \| s \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{OAA}(\langle m_0 \| s_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle m_{iter-1} \| s_{iter-1} \rangle^B, \langle b_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle b_{iter-1} \rangle^B)$

Protocol 5.11: MPC Protocol for discrete Gaussian $Y \sim DGauss(\mu = 0, \sigma)$.

5.4.1 MPC-DP Protocol for Discrete Gaussian Mechanism

Recall discrete Gaussian mechanism (cf. § 3.3) is defined as follows:

$$M_{DGauss}(D) = f(D) + Y,$$

where $f(D) \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $Y \sim DGauss(\mu = 0, \sigma)$.

In our MPC-DP general framework [Prot. 4.1](#), it can be reformulated as:

$$\langle M_{DGauss}(f(D), \sigma) \rangle = \langle f(D) \rangle + \langle Y \rangle.$$

In [Prot. 5.12](#), we assume that the parties have already computed $\langle f(D) \rangle$. In line 2, we convert unsigned integer m to a signed integer with s as its sign bit.

Protocol: $\Pi^{DGauss}(\langle f(D) \rangle^{B,SI}, \sigma)$

Input: $\langle f(D) \rangle^{B,SI}, \sigma$

Output: $\langle M_{DGauss} \rangle^{B,SI}$

1: $\langle m \rangle^{B,UI}, \langle s \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{DiscreteGauss}(\sigma)$

2: $\langle m \rangle^{B,SI} \leftarrow \text{UI2SI}(\langle m \rangle^{B,UI}, \langle s \rangle^B)$

3: $\langle M_{DGauss} \rangle^{B,SI} \leftarrow \langle f(D) \rangle^{B,SI} + \langle m \rangle^{B,SI}$

Protocol 5.12: MPC-DP protocol for Discrete Gaussian Mechanism.

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A Appendix

A.1 Algorithms

A.1.1 Geometric Distribution

Algorithm A.1 [Wal74; Tea20] generates a geometric random variable $x \sim \text{Geo}(0.5)$ by first generating an 8-bit random string $r \in \{0, 1\}^8$ (i.e., eight Bernoulli trials) and counting its leading zeros (i.e., number of trials before the first success) into x . If all the bits in r are zeros, a new 8-bit random string is generated and its leading zeros is also counted into x . This process repeats until the random strings contain one (i.e., the first success trial).

Algorithm: $\text{Algo}^{\text{Geometric}}$

Input: None

Output: $x \sim \text{Geo}(0.5)$

```
1:  $x \leftarrow 1$ 
2: WHILE  $r == 0$ 
3:    $r \leftarrow \text{Random8bits}()$ 
4:    $x \leftarrow x + \text{LeadingZeros}(r)$ 
5: RETURN  $x$ 
```

Algorithm A.1: Algorithm for geometric distribution $x \sim \text{Geo}(0.5)$.

Algorithm: $Algo^{GeometricExp}(n, d)$

Input: None
Output: $x \sim Geo(p = 1 - e^{-\frac{n}{d}})$

```

1: IF  $n == 0$ 
2:   RETURN 0
3: WHILE TRUE
4:    $u \leftarrow Algo^{RandInt}(d)$ 
5:    $b_1 \leftarrow Algo^{BernoulliEXP1}(u, d)$ 
6:   IF  $b_1 == 1$ 
7:     BREAK
8:    $k \leftarrow 0$ 
9:   WHILE TRUE
10:     $b_2 \leftarrow Algo^{BernoulliEXP1}(1)$ 
11:    IF  $b_2 == 1$ 
12:       $k \leftarrow k + 1$ 
13:    ELSE
14:      BREAK
15: RETURN  $x \leftarrow \frac{k \cdot d + u}{n}$ 

```

Algorithm A.2: Algorithm for geometric distribution $x \sim Geo(p = 1 - e^{-\frac{n}{d}})$ [CKS20].

A.1.2 Bernoulli Distribution

Algorithm: $Algo^{Bernoulli}(p)$

Input: p
Output: $x \sim Bern(p)$

```

1:  $u \leftarrow Uniform(0, 1)$ 
2: IF  $u < p$ 
3:   RETURN  $x \leftarrow 1$ 
4: ELSE
5:   RETURN  $x \leftarrow 0$ 

```

Algorithm A.3: Algorithm for Bernoulli distribution $x \sim Bern(p)$.

Algorithm: $Algo^{BernoulliEXP1}(\gamma)$

Input: γ
Output: $x \sim Bern(p = e^{-\gamma})$, where $\gamma \in [0, 1]$

```

1:  $j \leftarrow 1$ 
2: WHILE TRUE
3:    $b \leftarrow Algo^{Bernoulli}\left(\frac{\gamma}{j}\right)$ 
4:   IF  $b == 1$ 
5:      $j \leftarrow j + 1$ 
6:   ELSE
7:     BREAK
8: RETURN  $x \leftarrow \text{MOD2}(j)$ 

```

Algorithm A.4: Algorithm for Bernoulli distribution $x \sim Bern(p = e^{-\gamma})$ with $\gamma \in [0, 1]$ [CKS20].

Algorithm: $Algo^{BernoulliEXP}(\gamma)$

Input: γ
Output: $x \sim Bern(p = e^{-\gamma})$

```

1: IF  $\gamma \in [0, 1]$ 
2:    $b_1 \leftarrow Algo^{BernoulliEXP1}(\gamma)$ 
3:   RETURN  $x \leftarrow b_1$ 
4: ELSE
5:   FOR  $j = 0$  TO  $\lfloor \gamma \rfloor - 1$ 
6:      $b_2 \leftarrow Algo^{BernoulliEXP1}(1)$ 
7:     IF  $b_2 == 0$ 
8:       RETURN  $x \leftarrow 0$ 
9:    $b_3 \leftarrow Algo^{BernoulliEXP1}(\gamma - \lfloor \gamma \rfloor)$ 
10: RETURN  $x \leftarrow b_3$ 

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Algorithm A.5: Algorithm for Bernoulli distribution $x \sim Bern(p = e^{-\gamma})$ [CKS20].

A.1.3 Random Integer

$Algo^{RandInt}(m)$ uses the Simple Modular Method [BK15] to generate a random integer x s.t. $0 \leq x \leq m - 1$. l is the number of bits needed to represent value $m - 1$ and $\kappa \geq 64$ is the security parameter.

Algorithm: $\text{Algo}^{\text{RandInt}}(m)$

Input: m
Output: x
1: Generate random bits $b_0, \dots, b_{l+\kappa-1}$
2: Calculate $r = \sum_{j=0}^{l+\kappa-1} 2^j b_j$
3: Calculate $x = r \bmod m$

Algorithm A.6: Algorithm for generate random integer $x \in [0, \dots, m)$.

A.2 MPC Protocols

A.2.1 Oblivious Array Access

Given an array of ℓ unsigned integers $y_0, \dots, y_{\ell-1}$ and ℓ -bit string $c_0, \dots, c_{\ell-1}$. Π^{OAA} outputs y_i where i is the first index s.t. $c_i == 1$ for $i \in [0, \ell - 1]$. We present Π^{OAA_a} [Prot. A.1](#) and Π^{OAA_b} to realize this functionality.

Protocol: $\Pi^{\text{OAA}_a}(\langle y_0 \rangle^{B,UI}, \dots, \langle y_{\ell-1} \rangle^{B,UI}, \langle c_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle c_{\ell-1} \rangle^B)$
Input: $(\langle y_0 \rangle^{B,UI}, \dots, \langle y_{\ell-1} \rangle^{B,UI}), (\langle c_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle c_{\ell-1} \rangle^B)$
Output: $\langle y_i \rangle^{B,UI}$, where i is the smallest index s.t. $c_i == 1$ for $i \in [0, \ell - 1]$
1: $(\langle e_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle e_{\ell-1} \rangle^B) \leftarrow \Pi^{\text{PreOr}}(\langle c_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle c_{\ell-1} \rangle^B)$
2: **FOR** $j = 1$ **TO** $\ell - 1$
3: $\langle p_j \rangle^B \leftarrow \langle e_j \rangle^B \oplus \langle e_{j-1} \rangle^B$, where $\langle p_0 \rangle^B \leftarrow \langle e_0 \rangle^B$
4: $\langle y_i \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \bigoplus_{j=0}^{\ell-1} \langle p_j \rangle^B \cdot \langle y_j \rangle^{B,UI}$

Protocol A.1: Protocol for OAA-a.

Note that Π^{PreOr} in Π^{OAA_a} (cf. [Prot. A.1](#)) has at least ℓ -depth for AND gate, that can be inefficient for large ℓ using GMW (cf. [§ 2.4.3](#)). Π^{OAA_b} is inspired by the works [[JLL⁺19](#); [MRT20](#)]. Π^{OAA_b} uses the inverted binary tree, i.e., the leaves represent input elements, and the root represents the output element. The tree has $\log_2 \ell$ -depth for input array of length ℓ and each node hold two shares: $\langle c \rangle^B$ and $\langle y \rangle^{B,UI}$. [Fig. A.1](#) shows an example of the inverted binary tree. For $i \in [0, \ell - 1]$ and $j \in [\log_2 \ell]$, the values of node $((\langle c_{a,b} \rangle, \langle y_{a,b} \rangle^{B,UI}))$ in the j -th layer are computed with the value of two nodes (with value $(\langle c_a \rangle, \langle y_a \rangle^{B,UI})$ and $(\langle c_b \rangle, \langle y_b \rangle^{B,UI})$) in the $j - 1$ -th layer as follows:

$$\langle c_{a,b} \rangle, \langle y_{a,b} \rangle^{B,UI} = \begin{cases} (\langle c_a \rangle, \langle y_a \rangle^{B,UI}), & \text{if } \langle c_a \rangle == 1 \\ (\langle c_b \rangle, \langle y_b \rangle^{B,UI}), & \text{if } \langle c_a \rangle == 0 \wedge \langle c_b \rangle == 1 \\ (0, 0) & \text{if } \langle c_a \rangle == 0 \wedge \langle c_b \rangle == 0, \end{cases} \quad (\text{A.1})$$

which is equivalent to

$$\langle c_{a,b} \rangle = \langle c_a \rangle \oplus \langle c_b \rangle \oplus (\langle c_a \rangle \wedge \langle c_b \rangle) \quad (\text{A.2})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle y_{a,b} \rangle = & (\langle c_a \rangle \oplus \langle c_b \rangle) \cdot (\langle y_a \rangle^{B,UI} \cdot \langle c_a \rangle \oplus \langle y_b \rangle^{B,UI} \cdot \langle c_b \rangle) \\ & \oplus (\langle c_a \rangle \wedge \langle c_b \rangle) \cdot \langle y_a \rangle^{B,UI} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.3})$$

The nodes is evaluated from the 1th layer until the root.

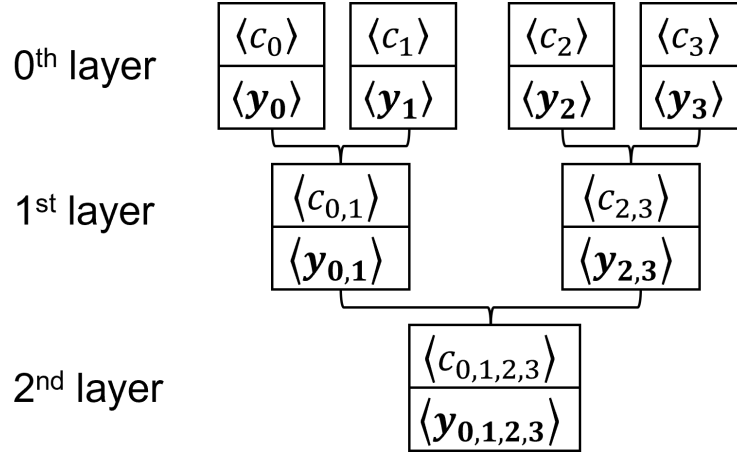


Figure A.1: Example inverted binary tree for Π^{OAB} .

A.2.2 Geometric Distribution

Prot. A.2 is constructed based on $Algo^{Geometric}$ (cf. **Algorithm A.1**). $(u_0, \dots, u_{iter}) \in \{0, 1\}^{iter}$ is a bit string with uniform bits. In line 2, 3, we set the bits in b_0, \dots, b_{iter-1} to one when the corresponding bits in u_0, \dots, u_{iter} are the leading zero bits, and other bits in b_0, \dots, b_{iter-1} to zero. Recall that the geometric distribution (cf. **2.8.7**) counts the number of Bernoulli trials up to and including the first success. Therefore, we append bit 1 and compute the Hamming Weight of string $1, b_0, \dots, b_{iter-1}$.

Protocol: $\Pi^{Geometric}$

Input: None

Output: $\langle y \rangle^{B,UI}$, where $y \sim Geo(p = 0.5)$

- 1: $(u_0, \dots, u_{iter-1}) \leftarrow \Pi^{Randbits}(iter)$
- 2: $(\langle p_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle p_{iter-1} \rangle^B) = \Pi^{PreOr}(\langle u_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle u_{iter-1} \rangle^B)$
- 3: $(\langle b_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle b_{iter-1} \rangle^B) = (\text{NOT}(\langle p_0 \rangle^B), \dots, \text{NOT}(\langle p_{iter-1} \rangle^B))$
- 4: $\langle y \rangle^{B,UI} = \Pi^{HW}(1, \langle b_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle b_{iter-2} \rangle^B)$.

Protocol A.2: MPC Protocol for geometric distribution $y \sim Geo(p = 0.5)$.

TODO: analyse about differential privacy, $iter_2$ leak information of j in second while loop
 Prot. A.3 converts $Algo^{GeometricExp}(n, d)$ (cf. Algorithm A.2) into MPC protocol for $n \neq 0$.

Protocol: $\Pi^{GeometricExp}(n, d)$

Input: n, d

Output: $\langle x \rangle^{B,UI}$, where $x \sim Geo(p = 1 - e^{-\frac{n}{d}})$

- 1: **FOR** $j = 0$ **TO** $iter_1 - 1$
- 2: $\langle u_j \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{RandInt}(d)$
- 3: $\langle \gamma_{1,j} \rangle^{B,FP} \leftarrow \frac{\langle u_j \rangle^{B,UI}}{d}$
- 4: $\langle b_{1,j} \rangle^B = \Pi^{BernoulliEXP1}(\langle \gamma_{1,j} \rangle^{B,FP})$
- 5: **FOR** $k = 0$ **TO** $iter_2 - 1$
- 6: $\langle b_{2,k} \rangle^B = \Pi^{BernoulliEXP1}(1)$
- 7: $\langle u \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{OAA}(\langle u_0 \rangle^{B,UI}, \dots, \langle u_{iter_1-1} \rangle^{B,UI}, \langle b_{1,0} \rangle^B, \dots, \langle b_{1,iter_1-1} \rangle^B)$
- 8: $\langle k \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{OAA}(0, \dots, iter_2 - 1, \langle b_{2,0} \rangle^B, \dots, \langle b_{2,iter_2-1} \rangle^B)$
- 9: $\langle x \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \langle k \rangle^{B,UI} \cdot \frac{d}{n} + \frac{\langle u \rangle^{B,UI}}{n}$

Protocol A.3: MPC Protocol for geometric distribution $x \sim Geo(p = 1 - e^{-\frac{n}{d}})$.

A.2.3 Bernoulli Distribution

Prot. A.4 is based on Algorithm A.3.

Protocol: $\Pi^{\text{Bernoulli}}(\langle p \rangle^{B,FP})$

Input: $\langle p \rangle^{B,FP}$

Output: $\langle x \rangle^B$, where $x \sim \text{Bern}(p)$

- 1: $\langle U \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{\text{RandBits}}(11)$
- 2: $\langle U \rangle^{B,FP} \leftarrow \text{UI2FP}(\langle U \rangle^{B,UI})$
- 3: $\langle U \rangle^{B,FP} \leftarrow \text{right-shift}(\langle U \rangle^{B,FP}, 11)$
- 4: $\langle x \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle p \rangle^{B,FP} > \langle U \rangle^{B,FP})$

Protocol A.4: MPC Protocol for Bernoulli distribution $x \sim \text{Bern}(p)$.

Prot. A.5 convert $\text{Alg}^{\text{BernoulliEXP1}}(\gamma)$ [CKS20] into MPC protocols.

Protocol: $\Pi^{\text{BernoulliEXP1}}(\langle \gamma \rangle^{B,FP})$

Input: $\langle \gamma \rangle^{B,FP}$

Output: $\langle x \rangle^B$, where $x \sim \text{Bern}(p = e^{-\gamma})$ and $\gamma \in [0, 1]$

- 1: **FOR** $j \in [1 \dots \text{iter}]$
- 2: $\langle p_j \rangle^{B,FP} \leftarrow \frac{\langle \gamma \rangle^{B,FP}}{j}$
- 3: $\langle b_j \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{\text{Bernoulli}}(\langle p_j \rangle^{B,FP})$
- 4: $\langle fg_j \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle b_j \rangle^B == 1)$
- 5: $\langle x \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{\text{OAA}}(j_{\text{mod}2}, \langle fg_1 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle fg_{\text{iter}} \rangle^B)$, where $j_{\text{mod}2} = (1, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$

Protocol A.5: MPC Protocol for Bernoulli distribution $x \sim \text{Bern}(p = e^{-\gamma})$, where $\gamma \in [0, 1]$.

Prot. A.6 converts $\text{Alg}^{\text{BernoulliEXP}}(\gamma)$ [CKS20] into MPC protocol.

Note that in line 10, the parties compute $\langle x \rangle^B$ with $\langle b \rangle^B = (\langle b_1 \rangle^B, \langle b_{2,0} \rangle^B, \dots, \langle b_{2,\text{iter}-1} \rangle^B, \langle b_3 \rangle^B)$ and $\langle fg \rangle^B = (\langle \text{cond}_{b_1} \rangle^B, \langle \text{cond}_{b_{2,0}} \rangle^B, \dots, \langle \text{cond}_{b_{2,\text{iter}-1}} \rangle^B, 1)$.

Protocol: $\Pi^{BernoulliEXP}(\langle \gamma \rangle^{B,FP})$
Input: $\langle \gamma \rangle^{B,FP}$
Output: $\langle x \rangle^B$, where $x \sim \text{Bern}(p = e^{-\gamma})$

- 1: $\langle \text{cond}_{b_1} \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle \gamma \rangle^{B,FP} \leq 1)$
- 2: $\langle b_1 \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{BernoulliEXP1}(\langle \gamma \rangle^{B,FP})$
- 3: $\langle \lfloor \gamma \rfloor \rangle^{B,FP} \leftarrow \text{Floor}(\langle \gamma \rangle^{B,FP})$
- 4: **FOR** $j = 0$ **TO** $iter - 1$
- 5: $\langle b_{2,j} \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{BernoulliEXP1}(1)$
- 6: $\langle \text{cond}_{b_{2,j}=0} \rangle^B \leftarrow (\langle b_{2,j} \rangle^B == 0)$
- 7: $\langle \text{cond}_{b_{2,j}} \rangle^B \leftarrow (j < \langle \lfloor \gamma \rfloor \rangle^{B,FP}) \wedge \langle \text{cond}_{b_{2,j}=0} \rangle^B$
- 8: $\langle \gamma - \lfloor \gamma \rfloor \rangle^{B,FP} \leftarrow \langle \gamma \rangle^{B,FP} - \langle \lfloor \gamma \rfloor \rangle^{B,FP}$
- 9: $\langle b_3 \rangle^B = \Pi^{BernoulliEXP1}(\langle \gamma - \lfloor \gamma \rfloor \rangle^{B,FP})$
- 10: $\langle x \rangle^B \leftarrow \Pi^{OAA}(\langle b \rangle^B, \langle fg \rangle^B)$

Protocol A.6: MPC Protocol for Bernoulli distribution $x \sim \text{Bern}(p = e^{-\gamma})$.

A.2.4 Random Integer

Prot. A.7 convert $\text{Alg}^{RandInt}(m)$ into MPC protocol.

TODO: Problem with unsigned integer because κ is requires be greater than 64.

Protocol: $\Pi^{RandInt}(m)$
Input: m
Output: $\langle x \rangle^{B,UI}$, where $x \in [0, m)$

- 1: $\langle r \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \Pi^{Randbits}(l + \kappa)$
- 2: $\langle x \rangle^{B,UI} \leftarrow \text{MOD}(\langle r \rangle^{B,UI}, m)$

Protocol A.7: MPC Protocol for random integer $x \leftarrow \$[0, m)$.

A.2.5 Binary2Unary

TODO: Binary2Unary needs to be improved. $\Pi^{Binary2Unary}(\langle a \rangle^A, l)$ [ABZS12] converts integer a from binary to unary bitwise representation and outputs a l -bit string $\mathbf{p} = (p_0, \dots, p_{l-1})$, where the a least significant bits (p_0, \dots, p_{a-1}) are set to 1 and others to 0. In line 1, 2, we calculate the 2^a and convert it to boolean shares. Then in line 3 we generate $l + k$

random bits and hide 2_a by adding it with the $l + k - 1$ -bit integer and reconstruct the addition result c . In line 5, the plaintext value c is decomposed into binary bits. In line 6, we compute XOR of c_j and correspond bit u_j . Then in line 7, by *PreOr* we get $(g_{l-1}, \dots, g_j) = (\overline{1}_{(l-j+1)})$ and $(g_{j-1}, \dots, g_0) = (\overline{0}_{(j)})$, where $j - 1 = a$. Finally, we calculate $(p_{l-1}, \dots, p_0) = \text{NOT}(g_{l-1}, \dots, g_0)$ and the number of non-zero bits in (p_{l-1}, \dots, p_0) equals to a . The share conversion in line 4 can be omitted if arithmetic of boolean shares is available.

Protocol: $\Pi^{\text{Binary2UnaryOld}}(\langle a \rangle^A, l)$

Input: $\langle a \rangle^B, l$

Output: $\langle p_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle p_{l-1} \rangle^B$

- 1 : Parties compute $\langle 2^a \rangle^B = \text{Pow2}(\langle a \rangle^A, l)$
- 2 : Parties compute $\langle 2^a \rangle^A = \text{B2A}(\langle 2^a \rangle^B)$
- 3 : Parties run $\Pi^{\text{RandBits}}(l + k)$ and obtain $\langle u_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle u_{l+k-1} \rangle^B$.
- 4 : Parties reconstruct $c \leftarrow \text{Rec}(\langle 2^a \rangle^A + \text{B2A}(\langle u_{l+k-1} \rangle^B, \dots, \langle u_0 \rangle^B))$
- 5 : Each party locally run $\Pi^{\text{Bits}}(c, l)$ and obtain $\langle c_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle c_{l-1} \rangle^B$
- 6 : For $j \in [0 \dots l]$, each party locally compute $\langle t_j \rangle^B = \text{XOR}(c_j, \langle u_j \rangle^B)$
- 7 : For $j \in [0 \dots l]$, parties compute $\Pi^{\text{PreOr}}(\langle t_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle t_l \rangle^B)$ and obtain $\langle g_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle g_l \rangle^B$
- 8 : For $j \in [0 \dots l]$, parties compute $\langle p_j \rangle^B = \text{NOT}(\langle g_j \rangle^B)$

Protocol A.8: MPC Protocol for binary to unary conversion.

Protocol: $\Pi^{\text{Binary2UnaryNEW}}(\langle a \rangle^{B, UI}, l)$

Input: $\langle a \rangle^{B, UI}, l$

Output: $\langle p_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle p_{l-1} \rangle^B$

- 1 : Parties compute $\langle t \rangle^{B, UI} = \text{POW2}(\langle a \rangle^{B, UI})$.
- 2 : Parties compute $(\langle e_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle e_{64-1} \rangle^B) = \Pi^{\text{PreOr}}(\langle t_0 \rangle^B, \dots, \langle t_{64-1} \rangle^B)$.
- 3 : Each party locally set $\langle p_0 \rangle^B = \text{NOT}(\langle e_0 \rangle^B), \dots, \langle p_{l-1} \rangle^B = \text{NOT}(\langle e_{l-1} \rangle^B)$.

Protocol A.9: MPC Protocol for binary to unary conversion.

A.3 Proofs

A.3.1 Function Split(L, R, λ)

Function Split(L, R, λ) = $L - \text{int}\left(\frac{\ln(0.5) + \ln(1 + e^{-\lambda(R-L)})}{\lambda}\right)$ calculates the middle point M of interval $(L \dots R]$ s.t. for $\text{Geo}(p = 1 - e^{-\lambda})$'s PMF

$$\Pr(L < x \leq M \mid L < x \leq R) \approx \frac{1}{2}.$$

First, we calculate $\Pr(L < x \leq M)$ and $\Pr(L < x \leq R)$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(L < x \leq M) &= \Pr(x \leq M) - \Pr(x \leq L) \\ &= (1 - (1 - p)^M) - (1 - (1 - p)^L) \\ &= (1 - e^{-\lambda M}) - (1 - e^{-\lambda L}) \\ &= e^{-\lambda L} - e^{-\lambda M} \\ &= \frac{1}{e^{\lambda L}} - \frac{1}{e^{\lambda M}} \\ &= \frac{e^{\lambda M} - e^{\lambda L}}{e^{\lambda L + \lambda M}}, \end{aligned} \tag{A.4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(L < x \leq R) &= \Pr(x \leq R) - \Pr(x \leq L) \\ &= (1 - (1 - p)^R) - (1 - (1 - p)^L) \\ &= (1 - e^{-\lambda R}) - (1 - e^{-\lambda L}) \\ &= e^{-\lambda L} - e^{-\lambda R} \\ &= \frac{1}{e^{\lambda L}} - \frac{1}{e^{\lambda R}} \\ &= \frac{e^{\lambda R} - e^{\lambda L}}{e^{\lambda L + \lambda R}}. \end{aligned} \tag{A.5}$$

Then, we calculate $\Pr(L < x \leq M \mid L < x \leq R)$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(L < x \leq M \mid L < x \leq R) &= \frac{\Pr(L < x \leq M)}{\Pr(L < x \leq R)} \\ &= \frac{e^{\lambda M} - e^{\lambda L}}{e^{\lambda L + \lambda M}} \cdot \frac{e^{\lambda L + \lambda R}}{e^{\lambda R} - e^{\lambda L}} \\ &= \frac{e^{\lambda M} - e^{\lambda L}}{e^{\lambda R} - e^{\lambda L}} \cdot e^{\lambda(R-M)} \\ &= \frac{e^{\lambda R} - e^{\lambda(L+R-M)}}{e^{\lambda R} - e^{\lambda L}}. \end{aligned} \tag{A.6}$$

Finally, we calculate the value middle point M s.t. $\Pr(L < x \leq M | L < x \leq R) \approx \frac{1}{2}$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pr(L < x \leq M | L < x \leq R) &\approx \frac{1}{2} \\
 \frac{e^{\lambda R} - e^{\lambda(L+R-M)}}{e^{\lambda R} - e^{\lambda L}} &\approx \frac{1}{2} \\
 e^{\lambda R} - e^{\lambda(L+R-M)} &\approx \frac{1}{2}(e^{\lambda R} - e^{\lambda L}) \\
 \frac{1}{2}(e^{\lambda R} + e^{\lambda L}) &\approx e^{\lambda(L+R-M)} \\
 \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}(e^{\lambda R} + e^{\lambda L})\right) &\approx \ln(e^{\lambda(L+R-M)}) \\
 \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \ln(e^{\lambda R} + e^{\lambda L}) &\approx \lambda(L+R-M) \\
 \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \ln(e^{\lambda R} + e^{\lambda L}) &\approx \ln(e^{\lambda R}) + \lambda(L-M) \tag{A.7} \\
 \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \ln(e^{\lambda R} + e^{\lambda L}) - \ln(e^{\lambda R}) &\approx \lambda(L-M) \\
 \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{e^{\lambda R} + e^{\lambda L}}{e^{\lambda R}}\right) &\approx \lambda(L-M) \\
 \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \ln(1 + e^{-\lambda(R-L)}) &\approx \lambda(L-M) \\
 \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \ln(1 + e^{-\lambda(R-L)})}{\lambda} &\approx L-M \\
 L - \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + \ln(1 + e^{-\lambda(R-L)})}{\lambda} &\approx M
 \end{aligned}$$