

# CompositionMeasure for Approximate<MaxDivergence>

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This proof resides in “**contrib**” because it has not completed the vetting process.

Proves soundness of the implementation of **CompositionMeasure** for **Approximate<MaxDivergence>** in **mod.rs** at commit **f5bb719** (outdated<sup>1</sup>).

## 1 Hoare Triple

### Precondition

#### Compiler-Verified

Types matching pseudocode.

#### Caller-Verified

None

### Pseudocode

```
1 class CompositionMeasure(ApproximateMaxDivergence):
2     def composability( #
3         self, adaptivity: Adaptivity
4     ) -> Composability:
5         if matches(adaptivity, Adaptivity.FullyAdaptive):
6             raise "fully-adaptive composition is not currently supported for max-divergence"
7         return Composability.Concurrent
8
9     def compose(self, d_mids: Vec[Self_Distance]) -> Self_Distance:
10        eps_g, del_g = 0.0, 0.0
11        for eps_i, del_i in d_mids:
12            eps_g = eps_g.inf_add(eps_i)
13            del_g = del_g.inf_add(del_i)
14        return eps_g, del_g
```

### Postcondition

**Theorem 1.1.** `composability` returns `Ok(out)` if the composition of a vector of privacy parameters `d_mids` is bounded above by `self.compose(d_mids)` under `adaptivity` `adaptivity` and `out-composability`. Otherwise returns an error.

*Proof.* By the postcondition of **InfAdd** we have that  $\sum_i d\_mids_i \leq \text{compose}(d\_mids)$ , where the summation is applied independently to epsilons and deltas, and the comparison applies to both the global epsilon and global delta.

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<sup>1</sup>See new changes with `git diff f5bb719..3719824 rust/src/combinators/sequential_composition/mod.rs`

| Adaptivity     | Sequential                     | Concurrent        |
|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Non-Adaptive   | Theorem 1[DKM <sup>+</sup> 06] | Theorem 1.3[VZ23] |
| Adaptive       | Theorem 1[DKM <sup>+</sup> 06] | Theorem 1.3[VZ23] |
| Fully-Adaptive | Lemma 3.5[RRUV21]              | Theorem 1.3[VZ23] |

The reference for fully adaptive sequential composition is specifically for the version of the paper prior to correction (v1, not v2). The correction is not necessary for the privacy proof when odometers are defined in terms of a truncated view.

This table is reflected in the implementation of `composability` on line 2.

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## References

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