fn make_bounded_range_to_pureDP

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This proof resides in "contrib" because it has not completed the vetting process.

Proves soundness of fn make_bounded_range_to_pureDP. This proof is an adaptation of Lemma 2 here, which proves the conversion between bounded range [DR19] and pure DP.

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Preconditions

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- Variable meas is a valid measurement of type Measurement<DI, TO, MI, RangeDivergence>
- Generic DI (input domain) is a type with trait Domain.
- Generic MI (input metric) is a type with trait Metric.
- MetricSpace is implemented for (DI, MI). Therefore MI is a valid metric on DI.

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None

Pseudocode

Postcondition

Theorem 1.1 (Postcondition). For every setting of the input parameters (meas, DI, TO, MI) to make_bounded_range_to_pureDP such that the given preconditions hold, make_bounded_range_to_pureDP raises an error (at compile time or run time) or returns a valid measurement. A valid measurement has the following properties:

1. (Data-independent runtime errors). For every pair of members x and x' in input_domain, invoke(x) and invoke(x') either both return the same error or neither return an error.

2. (Privacy guarantee). For every pair of members x and x' in input_domain and for every pair (d_in,d_out), where d_in has the associated type for input_metric and d_out has the associated type for

output_measure, if x, x' are d_in-close under input_metric, privacy_map(d_in) does not raise an error, and privacy_map(d_in) = d_out, then function(x), function(x') are d_out-close under output_measure.

To prove the postcondition, we will need to establish the following definitions and theorem.

Definition 1.2 (Range Divergence). For any two distributions Y, Y' and any non-negative d, Y, Y' are d-close under the bounded-range privacy measure whenever

$$D_{BR}(Y,Y') = \sup_{y_0,y_1 \in \text{Supp}(Y)} \mathcal{L}_{Y,Y'}(y_0) - \mathcal{L}_{Y,Y'}(y_1)$$
 (1)

Definition 1.3 (Privacy Loss). The *privacy loss* of an outcome y with respect to random variables Y and Y' is defined as

$$\mathcal{L}_{Y,Y'}(y) = \ln\left(\frac{\mathbb{P}[Y=y]}{\mathbb{P}[Y'=y]}\right). \tag{2}$$

If y is not in the support of Y' then we define the privacy loss as infinite. The privacy loss random variable Z is distributed according to $\mathcal{L}_{Y,Y'}(y)$ where y is obtained by sampling $y \sim Y$.

Definition 1.4 (Max Divergence Privacy Loss Random Variable). For a privacy loss random variable Z with respect to two distributions Y, Y' and any non-negative d, Y, Y' are d-close under the max divergence measure if $|Z| \leq d$.

Theorem 1.5 (Range Divergence implies Max Divergence). If two random variables Y and Y' are η -close under range divergence, then they are also η -close under max divergence.

Proof. Claimed in Corollary 4.2 of [DR19]. A proof is provided here for completeness. Since the support must include zero, and the range divergence measures the width of the support, then $|Z| \leq \eta$. By Definition 1.4 this implies that Y, Y' are η -close under max divergence.

Proof of Theorem 1.1. By the postcondition of Measurement.with_map, on line 2, make_bounded_range_to_pureDP returns a measurement with the same input metric, output metric MaxDivergence, and logically equivalent privacy map. The privacy guarantee holds by the precondition that meas is valid measurement, together with Theorem 1.5. Therefore the returned measurement is a valid measurement.

References

[DR19] David Durfee and Ryan Rogers. Practical differentially private top-k selection with pay-what-you-get composition. *CoRR*, abs/1905.04273, 2019.