

MakeNoiseThreshold<DI, MI, MO> for DiscreteLaplace

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

Proves soundness of the implementation of `MakeNoiseThreshold` for `DiscreteLaplace` in `mod.rs` at `commit f5bb719` (outdated¹).

This is an intermediary compile-time layer whose purpose is to dispatch to either the integer or floating-point variations of the mechanism, depending on the type of data in the input domain.

It does this through the use of the `Nature` trait, which has concrete implementations for each possible input type. This layer makes interior layers simpler to work with, and does not have privacy implications. It also makes `make_laplace_threshold` easier to call, by simplifying the type signature.

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Precondition

Compiler-Verified

`MakeNoiseThreshold` is parameterized as follows:

- DI implements trait `Domain`
- MI implements trait `Metric`
- MO implements trait `Measure`

The following trait bounds are also required:

- (DI, MI) implements trait `MetricSpace`
- `DI_Atom` implements trait `Nature`. This trait encodes the relationship between the atomic data type and the type of the noise distribution that is compatible with it: `DI_Atom_RV2`. In Rust, this corresponds to the (ugly) `<DI::Atom as Nature>::RV<2>` type.
- `DI_Atom_RV2` implements trait `MakeNoiseThreshold`. That is, it must be possible to build the mechanism from this new equivalent distribution.
- type (DI, MI) implements trait `MetricSpace`

User-Verified

None

¹See new changes with `git diff f5bb719..9d0906d rust/src/measurements/noise_threshold/distribution/laplace/mod.rs`

Pseudocode

```
1 # analogous to impl MakeNoiseThreshold<DI, MI, MO> for DiscreteLaplace in Rust
2 class DiscreteLaplace:
3     def make_noise_threshold(self, input_space, threshold) -> Measurement[DI, DI_Carrier, MI
4         , MO]:
5         # an equivalent random variable specific to the atom dtype
6         rv_nature = DI_Atom.new_distribution(self.scale, self.k) #
7         # build a measurement sampling from this equivalent distribution
8         return rv_nature.make_noise_threshold(input_space, threshold) #
```

Postcondition

Theorem 1.1. For every setting of the input parameters (`self`, `input_space`, `threshold`, `DI`, `MI`, `MO`) to `make_noise_threshold` such that the given preconditions hold, `make_noise_threshold` raises an exception (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 elements x, x' in `input_domain`, `function(x)` returns an error if and only if `function(x')` returns an error.
2. (Privacy guarantee). For every pair of elements x, 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 exception, and `privacy_map(d_in) ≤ d_out`, then `function(x), function(x')` are d_{out} -close under `output_measure`.

Proof. On line 7, `make_noise_threshold` has no preconditions, so irregardless of any prior logic, the postcondition of `make_noise_threshold` follows that the output is a valid measurement. \square

The complexity in the type system here is designed to be free of privacy implications, to help simplify the core, privacy-sensitive implementation.