# fn make\_np\_sum

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

Proves soundness of make\_np\_sum in \_\_init\_\_.py at commit f5bb719 (outdated<sup>1</sup>). make\_np\_sum accepts an input\_domain and input\_metric, and returns a stable Transformation that computes the vector-valued sum with bounded  $L_p$  sensitivity.

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#### Preconditions

None

## Pseudocode

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def make_np_sum(input_domain: Domain, input_metric: Metric) -> Transformation:
      """Construct a Transformation that computes a sum over the row axis of a 2-dimensional
      array.
      :param input_domain: instance of 'array2_domain(size=_, num_columns=_)'
      :param input_metric: instance of 'symmetric_distance()
      :return: a Measurement that computes the DP sum
      import opendp.prelude as dp
      np = import_optional_dependency('numpy')
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      dp.assert_features("contrib", "floating-point")
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      if not str(input_domain).startswith("NPArray2Domain"): #
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          raise ValueError(f"input_domain ({input_domain}) must be NPArray2Domain") # pragma:
       no cover
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      if input_domain.descriptor.nan:
          raise ValueError(f"input_domain ({input_domain}) must not permit NaN elements") #
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      pragma: no cover
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      if input_metric != dp.symmetric_distance(): #
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          raise ValueError("input_metric must be the symmetric distance") # pragma: no cover
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      input_desc = input_domain.descriptor
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      norm = input_desc.norm
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      if norm is None: #
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 $<sup>^{1}\</sup>mathrm{See}\ \mathrm{new}\ \mathrm{changes}\ \mathrm{with}\ \mathrm{git}\ \mathrm{diff}\ \mathrm{f5bb719..71d6b5e2}\ \mathrm{python/src/opendp/extras/numpy/\_make\_np\_sum/\_\_init\_\_.py}$ 

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raise ValueError(f"input_domain ({input_domain}) must have bounds. See make_np_clamp
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          # pragma: no cover
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      output_metric = {1: dp.l1_distance, 2: dp.l2_distance}[input_desc.p] #
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       if input_desc.size is None:
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          origin = np.atleast_1d(input_desc.origin)
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          norm += np.linalg.norm(origin, ord=input_desc.p)
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          stability = lambda d_in: d_in * norm
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           stability = lambda d_in: d_in // 2 * 2 * norm
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      return _make_transformation(
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          input_domain,
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          input_metric,
          dp.vector_domain(dp.atom_domain(T=input_desc.T, nan=False)),
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          output_metric(T=input_desc.T),
          lambda arg: arg.sum(axis=0),
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           stability,
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#### Postcondition

Theorem 1.1. For every setting of the input parameters (input\_domain, input\_metric) to make\_np\_sum such that the given preconditions hold,

make\_np\_sum raises an exception (at compile time or run time) or returns a valid transformation. A valid transformation has the following properties:

- 1. (Appropriate output domain). For every element x in input\_domain, function(x) is in output\_domain or raises a data-independent runtime exception.
- 2. (Stability 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\_metric, if x, x' are d\_in-close under input\_metric, stability\_map(d\_in) does not raise an exception, and stability\_map(d\_in)  $\leq$  d\_out, then function(x), function(x') are d\_out-close under output\_metric.

## 2 Proof

*Proof.* Let x and x' be datasets that are d\_in-close with respect to input\_metric. By 15, the input domain is NPArray2Domain, and by 21 input metric is the SymmetricDistance. By 26 and 29, the input data has row-p-norm bounded by at most norm, which we'll refer to as R, centered at origin, which we'll refer to as Q.

### 2.1 Appropriate Output Domain

The input domain consists of 2-dimensional numpy arrays. Since the sum operation eliminates axis zero, only axis one remains, resulting in a 1-dimensional numpy array of the same type. The data loader then reads this numpy array as a vector. Therefore the output is a member of the output vector domain.

## 2.2 Stability Guarantee

Now consider two cases: when the data set size is known, and when it is not known.

#### 2.2.1 Known Size

Under the floating-point feature flag, we do not consider numerical instability in this analysis. Without numerical instability, addition is commutative and associative, so reordering rows in the data will not affect the outcome. By this logic then, without loss of generality, assume x, x' only differ on the leading  $\lfloor d_{in}/2 \rfloor$  rows.

$$\max_{x \sim x'} d_{Lp}(\text{sum}(x), \text{sum}(x'))$$
 by definition of stability (1)

$$= \max_{x \sim x'} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i - \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i' \right\|_p$$
 substitute the function and metric (2)

$$= \max_{x \sim x'} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor d_{in}/2 \rfloor} x_i - \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor d_{in}/2 \rfloor} x'_i \right\|_p \qquad \text{all trailing terms cancel}$$
 (3)

$$\leq \max_{x \sim x'} \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor d_{in}/2 \rfloor} \|x_i - x_i'\|_p$$
 by triangle inequality (4)

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor d_{in}/2 \rfloor} 2 \cdot R$$
 each row has bounded p-norm of  $R$  (5)

$$= \lfloor d_{in}/2 \rfloor \cdot 2 \cdot R \tag{6}$$

Therefore we've shown that for every pair of elements  $x, x' \in \text{input\_domain}$  and every  $d_{Sym}(x, x') \leq d_{in}$ , if x, x' are  $d_{in}$ -close then function(x), function(x') are  $\text{privacy\_map}(d_{in})$ -close under  $\text{output\_metric}$  (the  $L^p$  distance).

#### 2.2.2 Unknown Size

By similar ordering logic as in 2.2.1, then without loss of generality, assume x' has an additional  $d_{in}$  trailing rows.

$$\max_{x \in x'} d_{Lp}(\operatorname{sum}(x), \operatorname{sum}(x'))$$
 by definition of stability (7)

$$= \max_{x \sim x'} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i - \sum_{i=1}^{N'} x_i' \right\|_p$$
 substitute the function and metric (8)

$$= \max_{x \sim x'} \left\| \sum_{i=1}^{d_{in}} x'_{N+i} \right\|_p \qquad \text{all but the last terms cancel}$$
 (9)

$$\leq \max_{x \sim x'} \sum_{i=1}^{d_{in}} ||x'_{N+i}||_p$$
 by triangle inequality (10)

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^{d_{in}} (\|O\|_p + R)$$
 each row has bounded p-norm of  $R$  at  $O$  (11)

$$= d_{in} \cdot (\|O\|_p + R) \tag{12}$$

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