

# CS208 Spring 2022 Annotated Bibliography

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- Background Material
  - Discrete math and proofs: [Solow \[2013\]](#), [Rosen \[2012\]](#)
  - Algorithms and complexity: [Cormen et al. \[2009\]](#), [Mitzenmacher and Upfal \[2005\]](#)
  - Basic Probability and statistics: [Ross \[1998\]](#)
- General References
  - Many videos of talks on recent developments in the theory and applications of differential privacy: <https://simons.berkeley.edu/programs/privacy2019>
  - Tutorial on “DP in the Wild”: [Machanavajjhala et al. \[2017\]](#) (see also slides online)
  - A list of real-world uses of differential privacy: [Desfontaines \[2021\]](#)
  - Lecture Notes on Privacy in Machine Learning and Statistics: [Smith and Ullman \[2022\]](#)
- Reidentification Attacks
  - (assigned) Forbes article on Sweeney’s reidentification of Personal Genome Project participants: [Tanner \[2013\]](#)
  - (assigned) New York Times article on reidentification from AOL Search Log release: [Barbaro and Zeller \[2006\]](#)
  - (assigned) Narayanan-Shmatikov opinion piece on the concept of PII: [Narayanan and Shmatikov \[2010\]](#)
  - Sweeney’s original re-identification: [Sweeney \[1997\]](#)
  - Statistics on reidentification by DOB, ZIP, and Sex: [Sweeney \[2000\]](#), [Golle \[2006\]](#)
  - Paper on the Personal Genome Project reidentification: [Sweeney et al. \[2013\]](#)
  - Paper introducing  $k$ -anonymity: [Sweeney \[2002\]](#)
  - Composition attack on  $k$ -anonymity: [Ganta et al. \[2008\]](#)
  - Biases introduced by deidentification of EdX data: [Daries et al. \[2014\]](#)
  - Netflix reidentification: [Narayanan and Shmatikov \[2008\]](#)
  - Cancellation of 2nd Netflix Challenge after Lawsuit: [Singel \[2010\]](#)
  - Cohen’s downcoding attacks and EdX reidentification: [Cohen \[2021\]](#)
  - Defenses of de-identification: [Cavoukian and Castro \[2014\]](#), [Cavoukian and El Emam \[2014\]](#)
- Reconstruction Attacks
  - Linear programming attack on Diffix: [Cohen and Nissim \[2018\]](#)
  - SAT Solver attack on Census data: [Garfinkel et al. \[2018a\]](#)

- Survey paper on attacks on aggregate statistics: [Dwork et al. \[2017, §1,2\]](#)
- Paper introducing reconstruction attacks: [Dinur and Nissim \[2003\]](#)
- Differencing attack on Israeli Census: [Ziv \[2013\]](#)
- Membership Attacks
  - P3G Consortium responses to membership attacks on genomic data: [Consortium et al. \[2009\]](#)
  - Privacy attacks on microtargeted ads: [Korolova \[2011, §1,4,6,8\]](#)
  - Survey paper on attacks on aggregate statistics: [Dwork et al. \[2017, §3\]](#)
  - Membership attack on means in genomic data: [Homer et al. \[2008\]](#)
  - Membership attack on noisy means: [Dwork et al. \[2015b\]](#)
  - Membership attack on ML as a Service: [Shokri et al. \[2017\]](#)
  - Attribute inference attacks on ML: [Fredrikson et al. \[2014\]](#)
  - Blog post in response to inference attacks on ML: [McSherry \[2016\]](#)
- Foundations of Differential Privacy
  - Primer for non-technical audiences: [Wood et al. \[2018\]](#)
  - A book about differential privacy, for programmers: [Near and Abuah \[2021\]](#)
  - The standard textbook: [Dwork and Roth \[2013\]](#)
  - Survey on complexity-theoretic aspects of differential privacy: [Vadhan \[2017\]](#)
  - The papers leading up to and culminating in the definition of differential privacy and the first mechanisms (Laplace, histograms, implementing the SQ model): [Dinur and Nissim \[2003\]](#), [Dwork and Nissim \[2004\]](#), [Blum et al. \[2005\]](#), [Dwork et al. \[2016\]](#).
  - Attacks on floating-point implementations of differential privacy and remedies: [Mironov \[2012\]](#), [Balcer and Vadhan \[2018\]](#)
  - The geometric mechanism: [Ghosh et al. \[2012\]](#)
  - A Bayesian interpretation of approximate DP: [Kasiviswanathan and Smith \[2014\]](#)
  - A survey on differential privacy for social networks: [Raskhodnikova and Smith \[2014\]](#)
  - The advanced and “optimal” composition theorems for approximate DP: [Dwork et al. \[2010\]](#), [Kairouz et al. \[2017\]](#), [Murtagh and Vadhan \[2018\]](#)
  - Other variants of DP that compose more cleanly than approximate DP: [Dwork and Roth \[2013\]](#), [Bun and Steinke \[2016\]](#), [Mironov \[2017\]](#), [Bun et al. \[2018\]](#)
  - Other composition frameworks that either improve computational efficiency or privacy accounting: [Gopi et al. \[2021\]](#), [Zhu et al. \[2021\]](#), [Koskela and Honkela \[2021\]](#)
  - Differential privacy and the Statistical Query model for machine learning: [Blum et al. \[2005\]](#), [Kasiviswanathan et al. \[2011\]](#)
  - The paper that introduced the exponential mechanism: [McSherry and Talwar \[2007\]](#)
  - Another mechanism for the median (via smooth sensitivity): [Kasiviswanathan et al. \[2013\]](#)
  - Survey of approaches to add noise closer to the local sensitivity: [\[Vadhan, 2017, Ch. 3\]](#)
- Implementing Differential Privacy: One-Shot Releases
  - The stability-based histogram and other histogram algorithms for large data universes: [Korolova et al. \[2009\]](#), [Balcer and Vadhan \[2018\]](#)

- Early applications of DP synthetic data to commuting patterns and mobility data: Machanavajjhala et al. [2008], Mir et al. [2013]
- (required or slides covered in class) Census Bureau’s adoption of DP: Garfinkel et al. [2018b], Garfinkel [2018]
- Other papers and talks on the Census Bureau’s adoption of DP: Abowd [2018], Kifer [2019], Dajani et al. [2017]
- Private Multiplicative Weights: Hardt and Rothblum [2010]. (See also sections of Dwork and Roth [2013], Vadhan [2017].)
- (excerpts required) DualQuery: Gaboardi et al. [2017]
- Another algorithm for synthetic data generation (MWEM): Hardt et al. [2012]
- Worst-case hardness of differentially private synthetic data generation: Dwork et al. [2009], Ullman and Vadhan [2011] (See also sections of Vadhan [2017].)
- (excerpts required) The Opportunity Atlas and the underlying privacy mechanism: Chetty et al. [2018], Chetty and Friedman [2019]
- The Matrix Mechanism: Li et al. [2015]
- The Hierarchical Mechanism for Range Queries: Hay et al. [2010]
- How to compare DP algorithms: Hay et al. [2016]
- Implementing Differential Privacy: Programming Frameworks and Query Systems
  - PinQ and its formal verification: McSherry [2010], Ebadi and Sands [2017]
  - $\epsilon$ ktelo: Zhang et al. [2018]
  - Differentially Private SQL: Johnson et al. [2018], Kotsogiannis et al. [2019]
  - Differentially Private MapReduce: Roy et al. [2010]
  - Side-channel attacks on implementations of DP: Haeberlen et al. [2011], Mironov [2012]
  - Survey on formal verification of DP and recent developments: Barthe et al. [2016], Zhang and Kifer [2017], Albarghouthi and Hsu [2017]
  - DP Query Systems that Budget via Accuracy: Mohan et al. [2012], Gaboardi et al. [2016]
- The Local and Multiparty Models of Differential Privacy, and Combining Cryptography and DP
  - Tutorial: Cormode et al. [2018], see also videos online
  - Survey talk by Adam Smith: [http://www.bu.edu/hic/files/2018/06/2018-06-05-Adam.Smith\\_.pptx](http://www.bu.edu/hic/files/2018/06/2018-06-05-Adam.Smith_.pptx) (Change file extension to .pdf to open.)
  - History of randomized response in the survey literature, and some current applications: Gingerich [2015, 2010], Blair et al. [2015]
  - Equivalence of local DP and the SQ model: Kasiviswanathan et al. [2011]
  - More on models for interactive and multiparty DP: Vadhan [2017, Chs. 9-10]
  - Composition when privacy parameters are chosen adaptively: Rogers et al. [2016]
  - Local DP with anonymous/shuffled data subjects: Bittau et al. [2017], Cheu et al. [2019], Erlingsson et al. [2019], Balle et al. [2019]
  - Differential Privacy meets Multiparty Computation workshop: <http://www.bu.edu/hic/dpmc-2018/>
  - Recent papers on combining DP and secure multiparty computation: He et al. [2017], Archer et al. [2018]
  - Google’s RAPPOR: Erlingsson et al. [2014]

- Apple’s “learning with privacy at scale”: <https://machinelearning.apple.com/2017/12/06/learning-with-privacy-at-scale.html>
- Microsoft’s “Collecting telemetry data privately”: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/blog/collecting-telemetry-data-privately/>, [Ding et al. \[2017\]](#)
- Critiques of deployments of local DP: <https://www.wired.com/story/apple-differential-privacy-shortcomings/>, [Tang et al. \[2017\]](#)
- Local DP for Evolving Data: [Joseph et al. \[2018\]](#)
- Machine Learning and Statistical Inference with DP
  - Bibliography for Adam Smith’s Fall 2018 course CS 591 at BU: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jsZLEd3ZM-ZWdNAjNRI4\\_bgPysRUsKQDHvy4VKgtzJ8/edit#heading=h.6a7pxu1gz13i](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jsZLEd3ZM-ZWdNAjNRI4_bgPysRUsKQDHvy4VKgtzJ8/edit#heading=h.6a7pxu1gz13i)
  - Tutorial at NeurIPS 2017: <https://nips.cc/Conferences/2017/Schedule?showEvent=8732>
  - Workshop at NeurIPS 2018: <https://ppml-workshop.github.io/ppml/>
  - TensorFlow Privacy: <https://medium.com/tensorflow/introducing-tensorflow-privacy-learning-with-differential-privacy>
  - Background on Deep Learning: [Stanford cs231 lecture notes](#),
  - DP as a protection against overfitting: [Dwork et al. \[2015a\]](#), [Bassily et al. \[2016\]](#)
  - Output perturbation and objective perturbation: [Chaudhuri et al. \[2011\]](#).
  - Differentially private PAC learning, the exponential mechanism for differentially private learning, and the equivalence between SQ learning and local DP learning: [Vadhan \[2017, Ch. 8\]](#), [Kasiviswanathan et al. \[2011\]](#).
  - Negative results for differentially private PAC learning (requires finite data universes even for simple models like threshold functions, can require computing time exponential in dimensionality): [Bun and Zhandry \[2016\]](#), [Alon et al. \[2018\]](#)
  - Deep nets can memorize their training data: [Zhang et al. \[2017\]](#), [Carlini et al. \[2018\]](#) (See also Membership Inference attacks on ML from the Attacks section of the course.)
  - The  $\|\cdot\|$ -norm mechanism: [Hardt and Talwar \[2010\]](#)
  - Concentrated differential privacy and variants: [Dwork and Rothblum \[2016\]](#), [Bun and Steinke \[2016\]](#), [Mironov \[2017\]](#), [Abadi et al. \[2016\]](#)
  - Differentially private gradient descent and stochastic gradient descent in the centralized and local models: [Williams and Mcsherry \[2010\]](#), [Jain et al. \[2012\]](#), [Song et al. \[2013\]](#), [Bassily et al. \[2014\]](#), [Abadi et al. \[2016\]](#), [Duchi et al. \[2014\]](#), [Smith et al. \[2017\]](#) (The theorems about utility are for convex loss functions, but the algorithms are DP even for non-convex loss functions.)
  - Thorough experimental evaluation and critique of differentially private machine learning and attacks: [Jayaraman and Evans \[2019\]](#).
  - Background on machine learning (without privacy): [Kearns and Vazirani \[1994\]](#), [Stanford cs231 lecture notes](#), [Deep learning tutorial](#), [Tensorflow visual demo](#)
- Software
  - ViP (for visualizing privacy budget tradeoffs): <https://priyakalot.github.io/ViP-demo/>
  - OpenDP: <http://opendp.org/>
  - DualQuery: <https://github.com/ejgallego/dualquery>
  - MWEM: <https://github.com/mrtzh/PrivateMultiplicativeWeights.jl>
  - PinQ: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=52363>
  - ektelo: <https://ektelo.github.io/>

- TensorFlow Privacy: <https://github.com/tensorflow/privacy>
- FLEX (SQL, deployed by Uber): <http://www.uvm.edu/~jnear/elastic/>
- PSI: <http://psiprivacy.org/about/>
- LightDP: <https://github.com/RyanWangGit/lightdp>
- RAPPOR: <https://github.com/google/rappor>
- Prochlo: <https://github.com/google/prochlo>
- DPComp (for comparing DP algorithms): <https://www.dpcomp.org/>
- Membership Inference Attacks: <https://www.comp.nus.edu.sg/~reza/files/datasets.html>
- DiffPriv (Easy Differential Privacy): <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/diffpriv/index.html>
- DPML (Differentially Private Convex Optimization, including SGD): <https://github.com/sunblaze-ucb/dpml-benchmark>

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