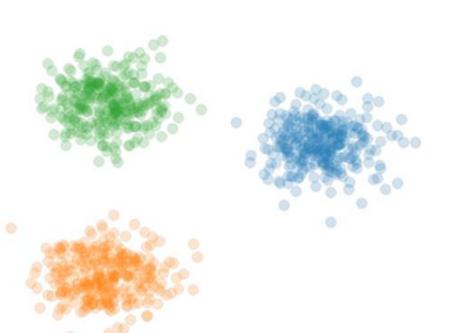
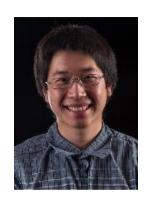
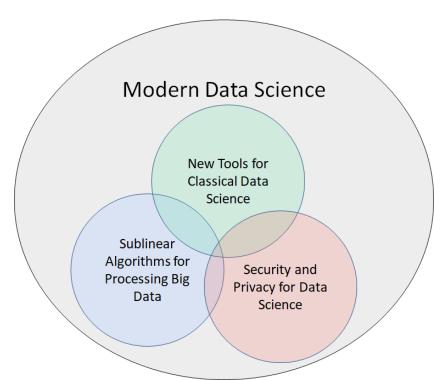


# Theoretical Foundations of Modern Data Science



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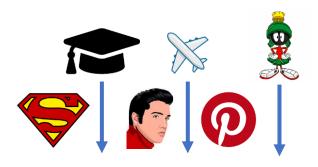
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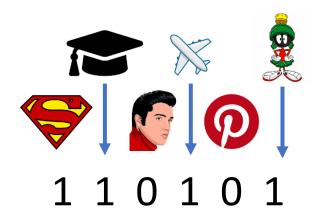




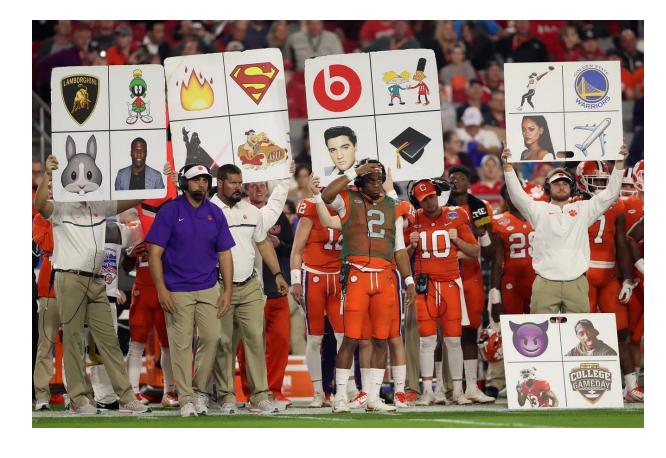


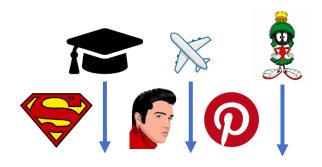














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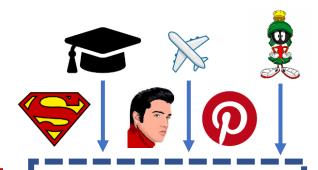
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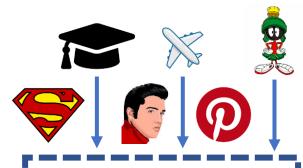
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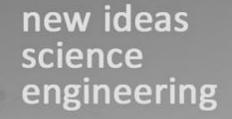
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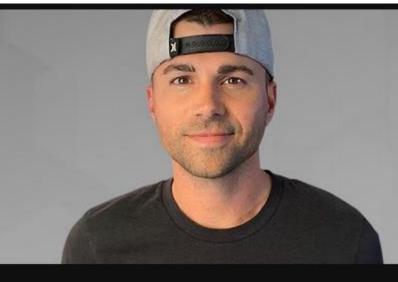
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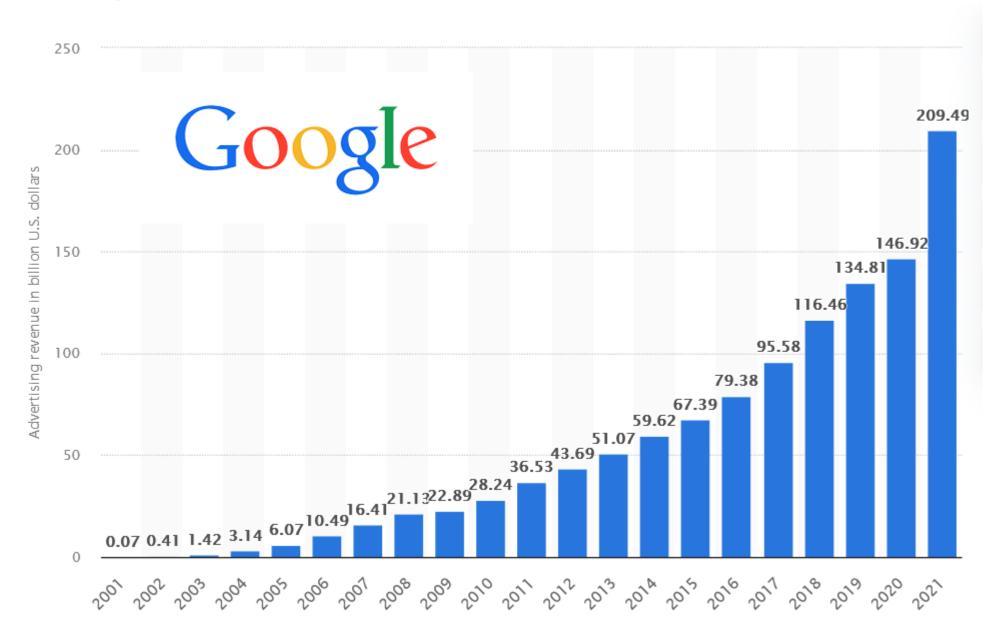
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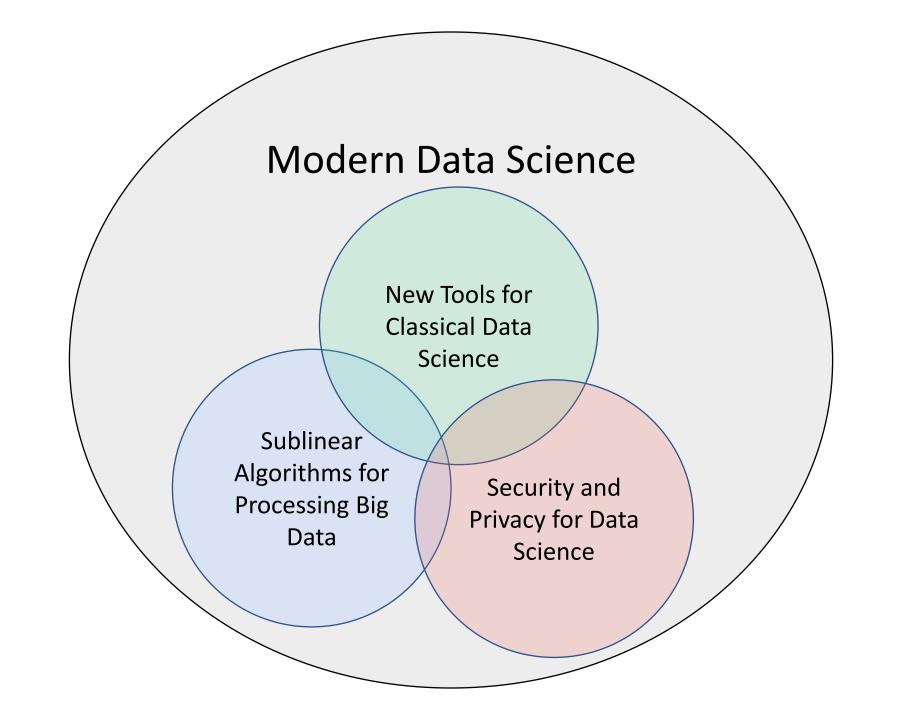
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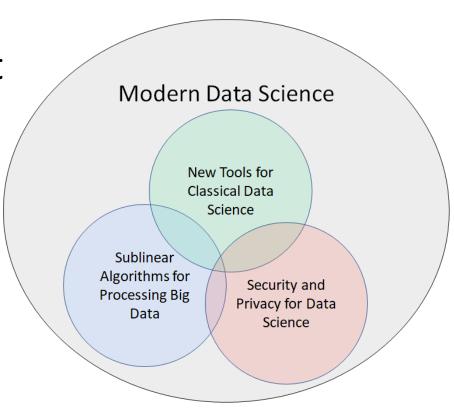
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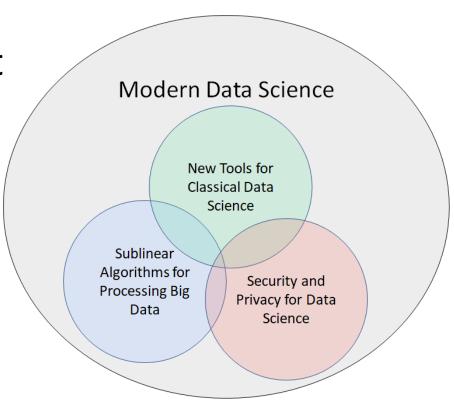
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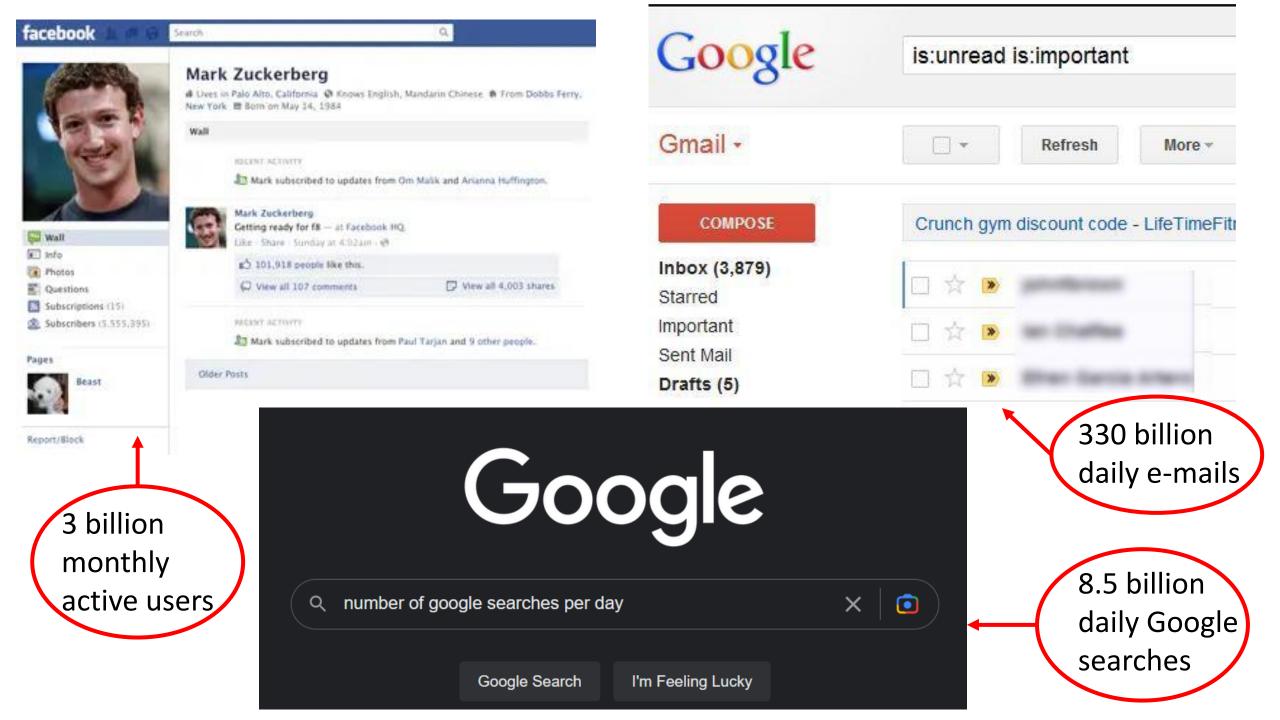


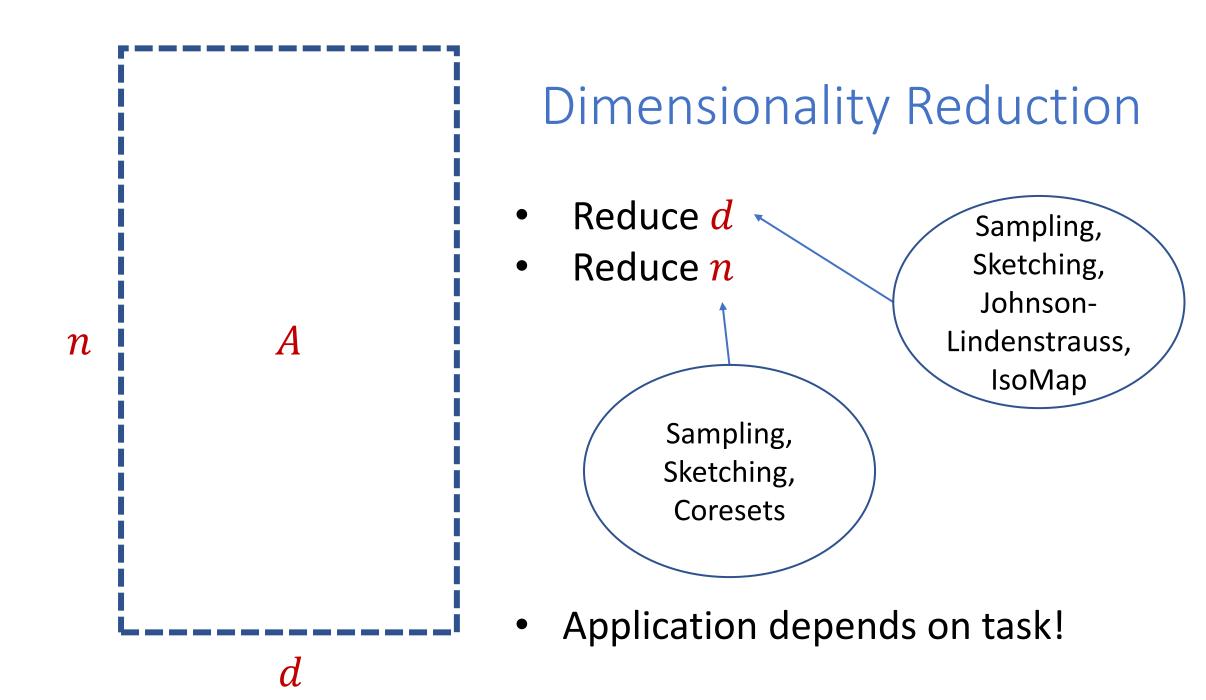
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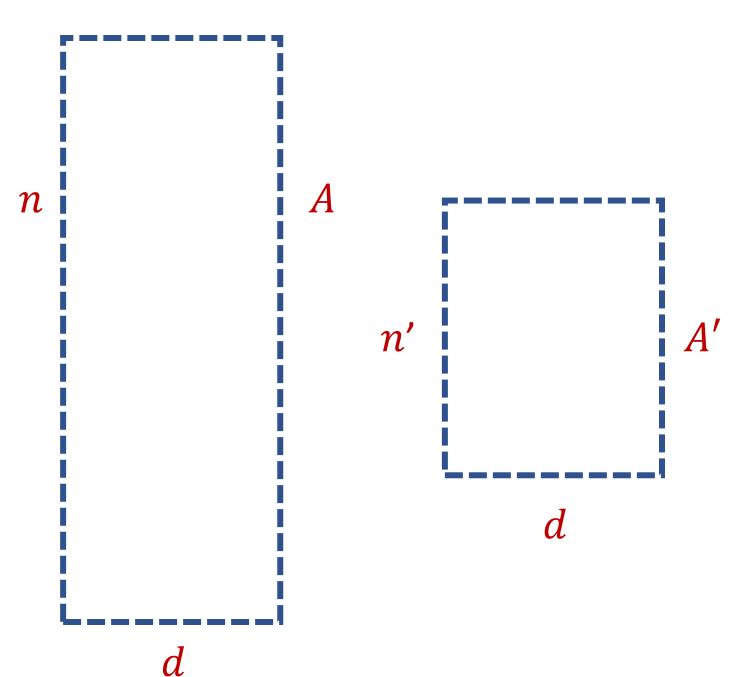
 Dimensionality reduction for Wasserstein barycenter [ISZ21]

- Sketching for valuation functions, e.g., additive, submodular, Lipschitz [YZ19]
- Kernel density estimation on kernel matrices [BKISZ22]

## Coreset

Subset A' of representative rows of A for a given task with "score" function f

•  $f(A,\cdot) \approx f(A',\cdot)$ 

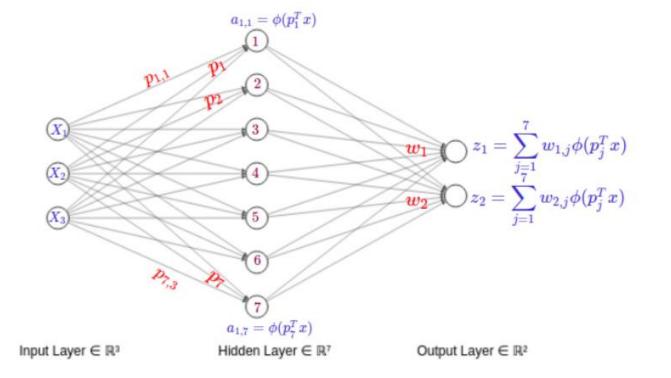


#### Coreset

- Lots of different constructions with various tradeoffs
  - Size n' vs. accuracy
  - Size n' vs. computation time
  - Size n' vs. interpretability
  - Average-case vs. worst-case performance

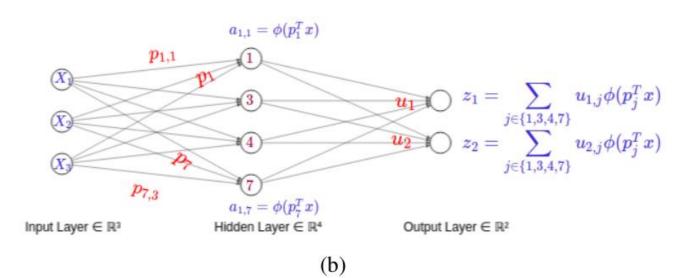
#### **New Coreset Constructions**

- Coresets for data-independent neural pruning [MOBZF20]
- Coresets for projective clustering [TWZBF22]
- Coresets for regression on structured matrices
   [MMMWZF22]
- Online coresets for linear algebra [BDMMUWZ20]
- General coreset construction framework through sensitivity sampling [BFLSZ21]



[MOBZF20]

(a)



Network	Error(%)	# Parameters	Compression	
			Ratio	
LeNet-300-100	2.16	267K		
LeNet-300-100	2.03	26K	90%	
Pruned				
VGG-16	8.95	1.4 <b>M</b>		
VGG-16 Pruned	8.16	350K	75%	

Table 2: Empirical evaluations of our coresets on existing architectures for MNIST and CIFAR-10. Note the improvement of accuracy in both cases!

[MOBZF20]

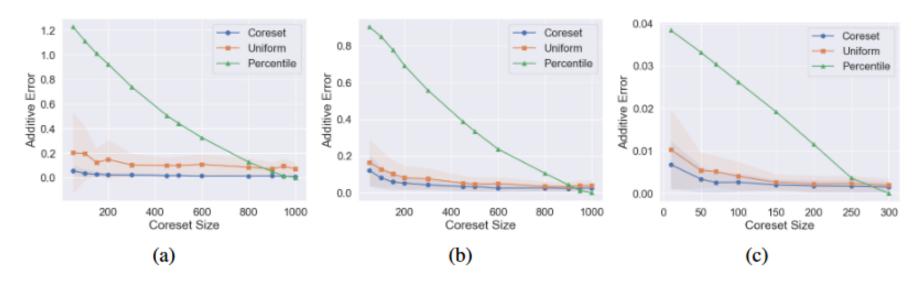
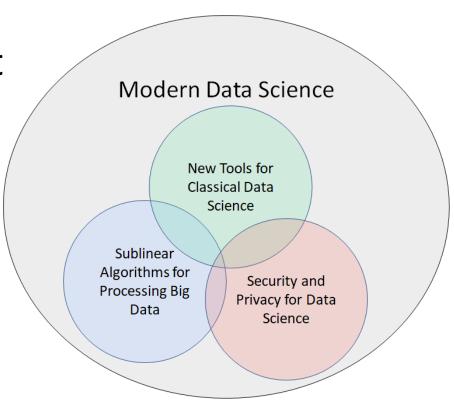


Figure 2: Approximation error of a single neuron on MNIST dataset across different coreset sizes. The weights of the points in (a) are drawn from the Gaussian distribution, in (b) from the Uniform distribution and in (c) we used the trained weights from LeNet-300-100.

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# Learning-Augmented Clustering

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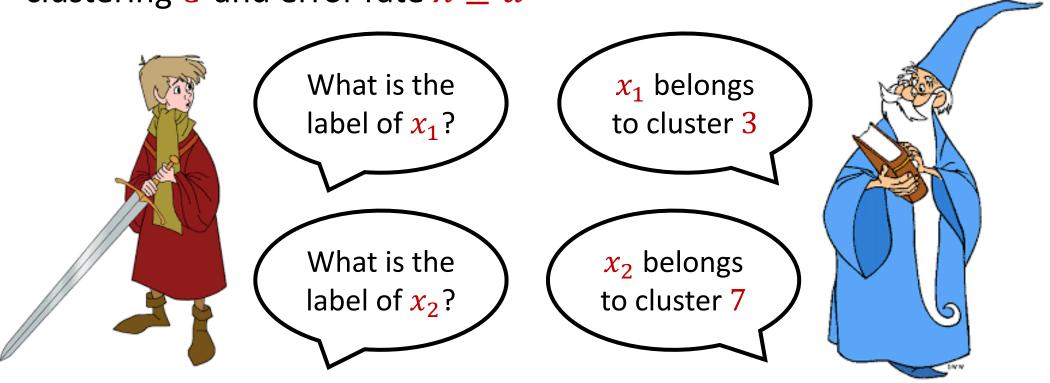
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- NP-hard to even approximate within a factor of 1.07 [CC20, LSW17]
- Beyond worst case: Clustering on similar inputs or inputs with auxiliary information
- ML can guide the clustering!
- Our main message: We can avoid worst case with advice!

## Predictor

• Suppose  $\Pi$  outputs noisy labels according to a  $(1 + \alpha)$  approximate clustering C and error rate  $\lambda \leq \alpha$ 



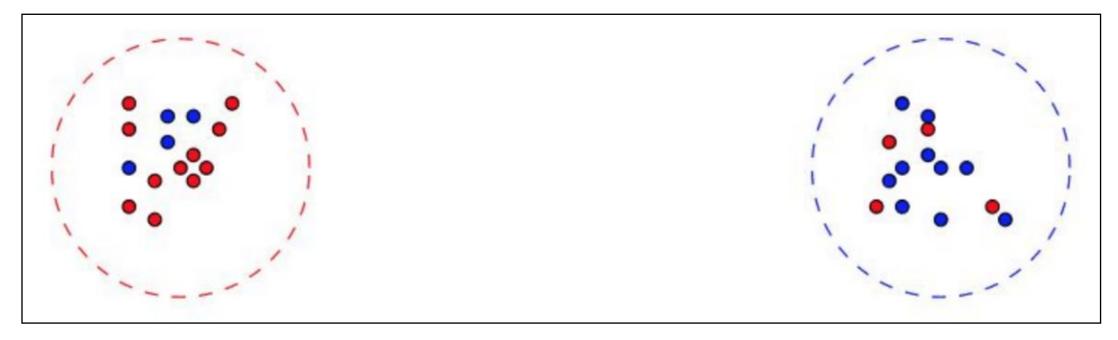
## Theoretical Guarantee

- Suppose  $\Pi$  outputs noisy labels according to a  $(1 + \alpha)$  approximate clustering C and error rate  $\lambda \leq \alpha$
- Main result [EFSWZ22]: Algorithm that outputs a  $(1 + O(\alpha))$  approximate k-means clustering in nearly linear time

• "Predictions can overcome complexity hardness barriers!"

# Algorithmic Intuition

Not enough to blindly follow predictions!

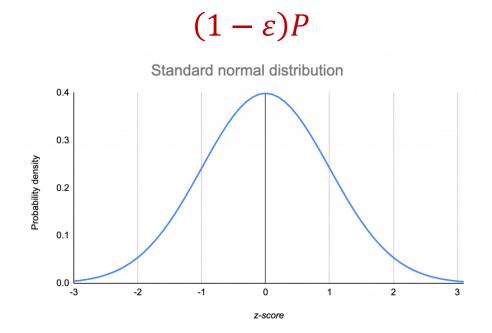


- Optimal cost ≈ 0
- Predictor with arbitrary small error has large cost!

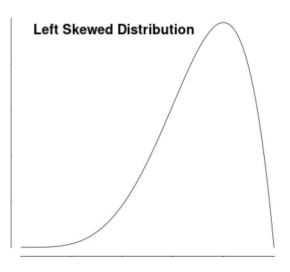
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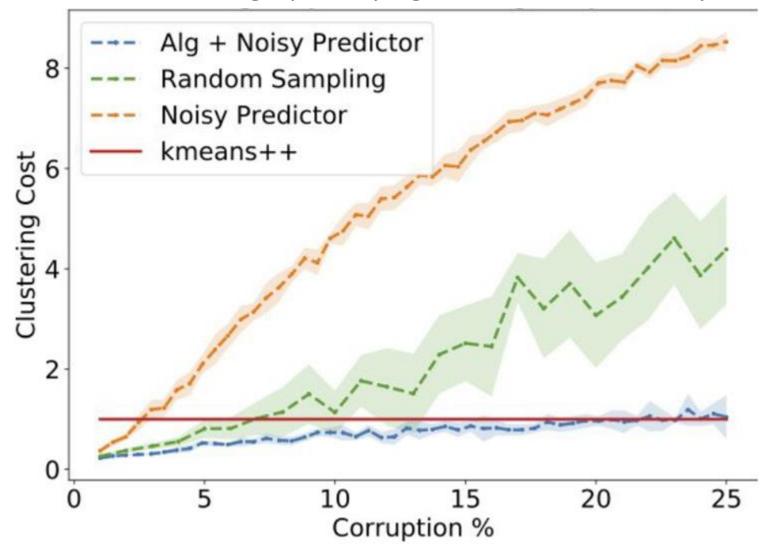
• Introduces a new set of tools for k-means clustering

#### Experimental Results

• Case Study: Spectral clustering on graphs varying over time

Dataset: Internet router graph varying over the course of a year

 Methodology: Compare to standard benchmarks while using various natural predictors, i.e., noisily perturb true labels and compare to baselines as function of error Dataset: Internet router graph varying over the course of a year, k = 10



Conclusion: Our algorithm (using predictor) outperforms benchmarks such as k-means ++ for low error while staying competitive with high corruptions

#### My Recent Work on Data Science

- Learning-Augmented k-means Clustering (ICLR 2022)
- Fast Regression for Structured Inputs (ICLR 2022)
- New Coresets for Projective Clustering and Applications (AISTATS 2022)
- Dimensionality Reduction for Wasserstein Barycenter (NeurIPS 2021)
- Learning a Latent Simplex in Input Sparsity Time (ICLR 2021)
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- Data-Independent Neural Pruning via Coresets (ICLR 2020)
- Adversarially Robust Submodular Maximization under Knapsack Constraints (KDD 2019)

## Questions?

# Security and Privacy for Big Data

#### 2017 Equifax Data Breach



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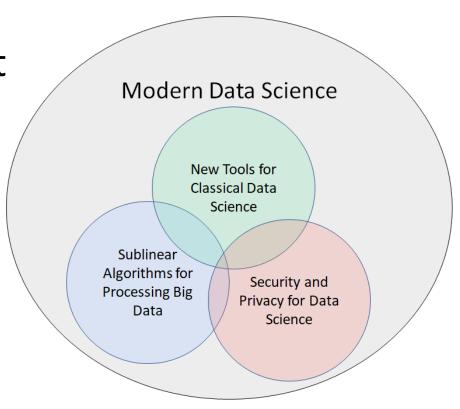




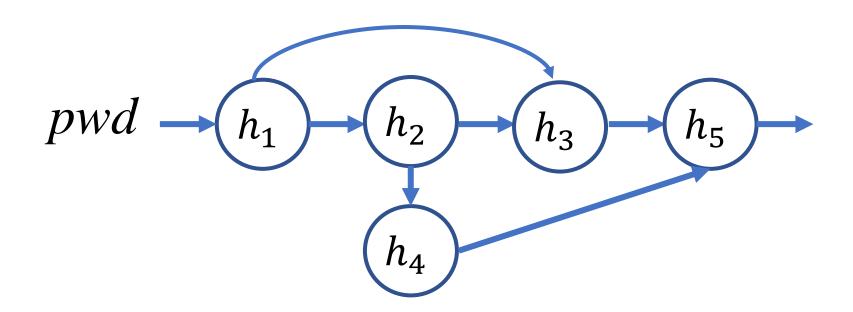


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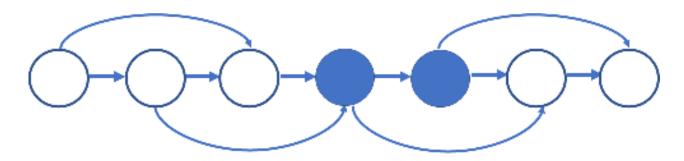


### Graph Theory for Memory Hard Functions



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- Proved the security benefits of memory-hard functions using an economic marginal cost-revenue analysis [BHZ18]
- Showed the hardness of computing [BZ18] and approximating the computational cost [BLZ20] of graph pebbling
- Applied graph theory to cryptanalyze the computational complexity of memory-hard functions [BZ18, BRZ18]



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#### Reconstruction Attack

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## Implications of the simulated attack

The Census Bureau believed in 2010 that it was necessary to coarsen geographic identifiers in microdata such that the minimum population in any published geography was at least 100,000 persons (Public-Use Microdata Areas).

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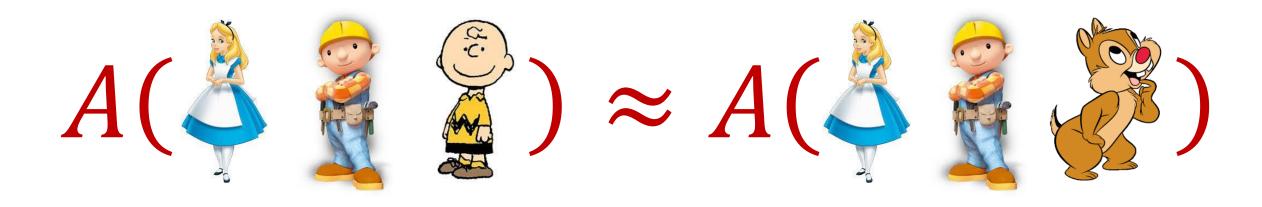
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Stronger privacy protections, such as those in the 2020 Census Disclosure Avoidance System, are necessary to protect against reconstruction-abetted attacks.

#### Differential Privacy

• [DMNS06] Given  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $\delta \in (0,1)$ , a randomized algorithm  $A: U^* \to Y$  is  $(\varepsilon, \delta)$ -differentially private if, for every neighboring frequency vectors f and f' and for all  $E \subseteq Y$ ,

$$\Pr[A(f) \in E] \le e^{\varepsilon} \Pr[A(f') \in E] + \delta$$



#### Differential Privacy Result Highlights

 Framework for converting FPTAS/FPRAS algorithms to private FPTAS/FPRAS algorithms [BGMZ22]

Privacy has a price in memory cost [DSWZ23]

 No overhead in communication cost for summation in the differentially oblivious shuffle model [GKNMZ22]

#### My Recent Work on Security and Privacy

- Private Data Stream Analysis for Universal Symmetric Norm Estimation (FORC 2022)
- On the Security of Proofs of Sequential Work in a Post-Quantum World (ITC 2021)
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## Questions?

# Sublinear Algorithms for Processing Big Data

#### Model #1: Streaming Model

- Input: Elements of an underlying data set S, which arrives sequentially
- Output: Evaluation (or approximation) of a given function
- Goal: Use space *sublinear* in the size m of the input S

#### Frequency Vector

• Given a set S of m elements from [n], let  $f_i$  be the frequency of element i. (How often it appears)

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#### Heavy-Hitters (Frequent Items)

- Given a set S of m elements from [n], let  $f_i$  be the frequency of element i. (How often it appears)
- Let  $L_2$  be the norm of the frequency vector:

$$L_2 = \sqrt{f_1^2 + f_2^2 + \dots + f_n^2}$$

- Goal: Given a set S of m elements from [n] and a threshold  $\varepsilon$ , output the elements i such that  $f_i > \varepsilon L_2$ ...and no elements j such that  $f_j < \frac{\varepsilon}{16} L_2$
- Motivation: DDoS prevention, iceberg queries

## Frequency Moments ( $L_p$ Norm)

- Given a set S of m elements from [n], let  $f_i$  be the frequency of element i. (How often it appears)
- Let  $F_p$  be the frequency moment of the vector:

$$F_p = f_1^p + f_2^p + \dots + f_n^p$$

- Goal: Given a set S of m elements from [n] and an accuracy parameter  $\varepsilon$ , output a  $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -approximation to  $F_p$
- Motivation: Entropy estimation, linear regression

### Distinct Elements ( $F_0$ Estimation)

- Given a set S of m elements from [n], let  $f_i$  be the frequency of element i. (How often it appears)
- Let  $F_0$  be the frequency moment of the vector:

$$F_0 = |\{i : f_i \neq 0\}|$$

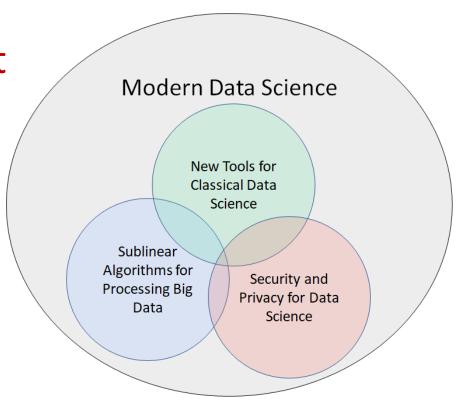
- Goal: Given a set S of m elements from [n] and an accuracy parameter  $\varepsilon$ , output a  $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -approximation to  $F_0$
- Motivation: Traffic monitoring

## $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -Approximation Streaming Algorithms

- $\Theta\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$  space-accuracy tradeoff for distinct elements, i.e.,  $F_0$  [KNW10, Blasiok20]
- $\Theta\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$  space-accuracy tradeoff for  $F_p$  with  $p \in (0,2]$  [BDN17]
- $\Theta\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$  space-accuracy tradeoff for  $F_p$  with p>2 [Ganguly11, GW18]
- $\Theta\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$  space-accuracy tradeoff for  $L_2$ -heavy hitters [BCINWW17]

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Freezing	60%
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## Model #2: Adversarially Robust Streaming

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## $(1 + \varepsilon)$ -Robust Algorithms [WZ21]

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#### Problem Set 3

Due: Tuesday, November 8, 11:59pm

#### Problem 2: $F_2$ -Difference Estimator in a Stream (25 points)

In this problem we consider insertion-only streams, meaning that we just see positive updates to an underlying vector  $x \in \{0, 1, 2, ..., M\}^n$  for some M = poly(n). That is, no negative changes to coordinates of x are allowed. We will consider estimating  $||x||_2^2$  up to a  $(1+\epsilon)$ -multiplicative factor.

Often x is slowly-changing, meaning that at some point in the stream x=u and then at some later point in the stream x=u+v for some  $v\in\{0,1,2,\ldots,M\}^n$ , and we have  $\|u+v\|_2^2-\|u\|_2^2\leq \gamma\|u\|_2^2$  and  $\|v\|_2^2\leq \gamma\|u\|_2^2\leq \gamma\|u\|_2^2$  for some  $0<\gamma<1$ . You would like to estimate  $\|u+v\|_2^2$  using your previous estimate  $\|u\|_2^2$  and using very little space. Show how to estimate  $\|u+v\|_2^2$  up to a  $(1\pm\epsilon)$ -multiplicative factor with probability at least 9/10, given a  $(1\pm\epsilon/2)$ -approximation to  $\|u\|_2^2$  and a sketch which uses space  $O(\gamma\epsilon^{-2}\log n)$  bits. You can assume that you initialize x=0 and after processing some number of updates you will have x=u at which point you are given a  $1\pm\epsilon/2$  approximation to  $\|u\|_2^2$ . Then you start processing the rest of the updates and finally end up setting x=u+v and at the end of the stream you want to output a  $1\pm\epsilon$  approximation to  $\|u+v\|_2^2$ .

Note that if  $\gamma = \Theta(1)$ , then there is no improvement over just estimating  $||u+v||_2^2$  directly using the sketch from class. However, if for example,  $\gamma = \Theta(\epsilon)$ , then the memory is only  $O(\epsilon^{-1} \log n)$  bits, which is a significant savings.

#### Additional Work

• [BHMSSZ22] showed that "sampling-based" algorithms achieve adversarial robustness "for-free"

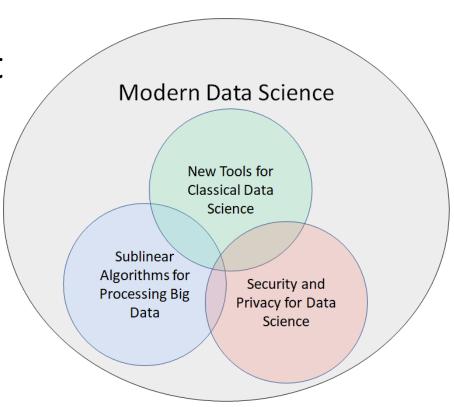


- [ABJSSWZ22] showed impossibility results for many natural problems for "white-box" adversaries
- [ABJSSWZ22] gave a sublinear-space algorithm for estimating  $F_0$  when the white-box adversary has polynomial computation time

• Open Questions: 1) Is anything non-trivial possible for "black-box" adversaries that are allowed to delete elements? 2) Can lattice-based crypto be used for other algorithms robust to white-box adversaries?

## **Evolving Demands**

- Sublinear-time or sublinear-space algorithms
- Incorporation of advice
- Security and privacy
- Robustness to noise or adversarial input
- Ability to handle time-sensitive data



"Facebook data policy retains user search histories for 6 months, the Apple differential privacy overview states that collected data is retained for 3 months, the Google data retention policy states that browser information may be stored for up to 9 months"

#### What is the data retention policy?

Data retention policies concern what data should be stored or archived, where that should happen, and for exactly how long. Once the retention time period for a particular data set expires, it can be deleted or moved as historical data to secondary or tertiary storage, depending on the requirements.



#### Do I need a data retention policy?

There are numerous benefits to establishing a solid data retention policy. Some of the more compelling benefits include: Automated compliance. With an established policy, organizations can ensure they comply with regulatory requirements mandating the retention of various types of data.

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  - Emphasizes recent interactions, appropriate for time sensitive settings

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• Space  $\widetilde{\Theta}\left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$  algorithm for  $F_p$  with  $p \in (0,2]$  [WZ21]

Problem	[BO07] Space	Our Result
$L_p$ Estimation, $p \in (0,1)$	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{\log^3 n}{\varepsilon^3}\right)$	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{\log^3 n}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$
$L_p$ Estimation, $p \in (1, 2]$	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{\log^3 n}{\varepsilon^{2+p}}\right)$	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{\log^3 n}{\varepsilon^2}\right)$
$L_p$ Estimation, integer $p > 2$	$ ilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(rac{n^{1-2/p}}{arepsilon^{2+p}} ight)$	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(rac{n^{1-2/p}}{arepsilon^2} ight)$
Entropy Estimation	$ ilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(rac{\log^5 n}{arepsilon^4} ight)$	$\tilde{\mathcal{O}}\left(\frac{\log^5 n}{arepsilon^2}\right)$

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 We give nearly tight new upper and lower bounds for these problems!

### RandNLA in the Sliding Window Model

- First algorithms for problems in numerical linear algebra in the sliding window model [BDMMUWZ20]
- $O(d^2)$  space randomized sliding window algorithm for spectral sparsification (space optimal, up to lower order terms)
- O(dk) space randomized sliding window algorithm for low-rank approximation (space optimal, up to lower order terms)
- $O(d^3)$  space randomized sliding window algorithm for  $\ell_1$  subspace embedding

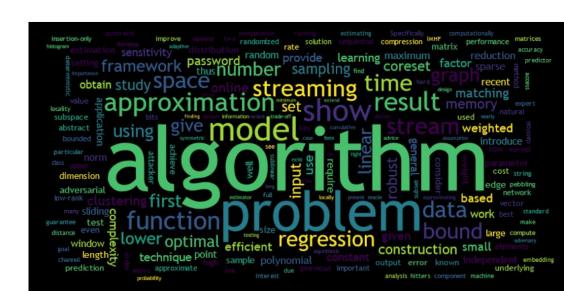
#### My Recent Work on Sublinear Algorithms

- Memory Bounds for the Experts Problem (STOC 2022)
- The White-Box Adversarial Data Stream Model (PODS 2022)
- Truly Perfect Samplers for Data Streams and Sliding Windows (PODS 2022)
- Noisy Boolean Hidden Matching with Applications (ITCS 2022)
- Adversarial Robustness of Streaming Algorithms through Importance Sampling (NeurIPS 2021)
- Tight Bounds for Adversarially Robust Streams and Sliding Windows via Difference Estimators (FOCS 2021)
- Separations for Estimating Large Frequency Moments on Data Streams (ICALP 2021)
- Non-Adaptive Adaptive Sampling on Turnstile Streams (STOC 2020)

#### Future Research Directions

- Adversarial robustness for data science/ML
- Limits of learning-augmented algorithms, beyond NP-hardness, better utility bounds for DP
- Data science with fairness considerations

Evolving demands of the future!



## Future Agenda

- Department research: interdisciplinary collaborations
- Department activities: social hour, reading group, lunch seminar
- Regional activities: Texas Area Theory Day, Texas Area Data Science Day

- Teaching: Randomized algorithms / mathematical toolkit (hashing, concentration inequalities, linear programming, convex optimization), "modern" data science (dimensionality reduction, clustering, sublinear algorithms, differential privacy)
- Funding?: NSF, NIH, DARPA, Apple, Google, Meta, Microsoft

## Thank You!









































