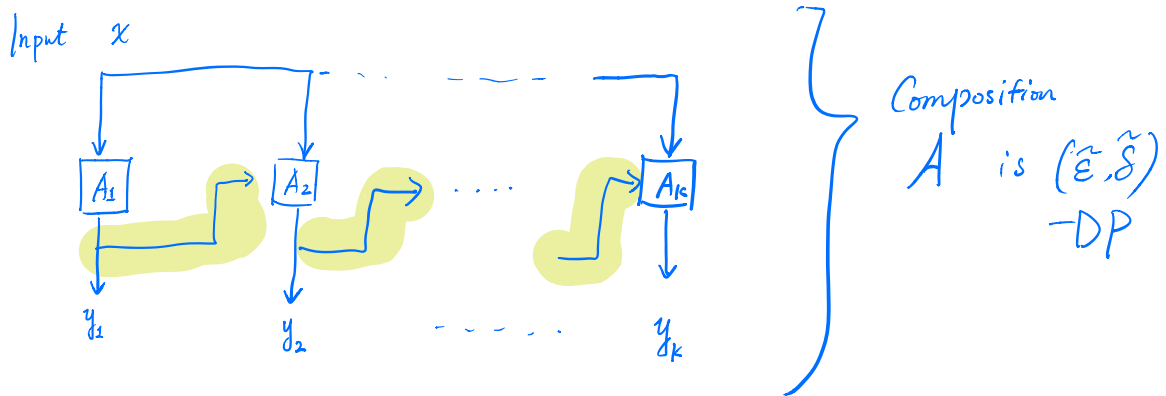


## Lecture 12.

- Advanced Composition Recap
  - Optimization (ERM)
    - Exponential Mechanism
  - Convex sets & functions
- Transition to ML
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HW2 posted on Canvas.  
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# Adaptive Composition.



If each of  $A_1, \dots, A_k$  is  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -DP

- Basic Composition =  $(\tilde{\epsilon} = k\epsilon, \tilde{\delta} = k\delta)$  - DP
  - Advanced Composition :  $\tilde{\epsilon} = \underbrace{\epsilon \cdot \sqrt{2k \ln\left(\frac{1}{\delta'}\right)}}_{\text{Dominant term } \sqrt{k}\epsilon} + k \cdot \underbrace{\epsilon \cdot \frac{e^\epsilon - 1}{e^\epsilon + 1}}_{\substack{\approx k\epsilon^2 \text{ for } \epsilon \leq 1 \\ = (\sqrt{k}\epsilon)^2}} , \forall \delta' \in (0, 1)$
- If  $\sqrt{k}\epsilon \leq 1, k\epsilon^2 \leq \sqrt{k}\epsilon$

# Privacy Loss as a Random Variable.

Given a randomized algorithm  $A$   
 inputs  $x$  &  $x'$ , and output  $y \in Y$ .

$$I_{x,x'}^A(y) = \ln \left( \frac{P[A(x)=y]}{P[A(x')=y]} \right) \quad \leftarrow \text{privacy loss.}$$

$$\epsilon\text{-DP, } I_{x,x'}^A \in [-\epsilon, \epsilon] \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{KL-divergence} \\ \mathbb{E}_{y \sim A(x')} \left[ \ln \frac{P[A(x)=y]}{P[A(x')=y]} \right] \end{array} \right.$$

Two random variables  $U, V$  are  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -indistinguishable

$$U \approx_{\epsilon, \delta} V$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \forall E \subseteq Y, P[U \in E] \leq e^\epsilon P[V \in E] + \delta \\ P[V \in E] \leq e^\epsilon P[U \in E] + \delta. \end{array} \right\}$$

# Simulation Lemma.

Original [DRV'08] [DR'14] [KOV]

Replace  $A_j(x)$ ,  $A_j(x')$

By simpler R.V.

$U, V$

$U, V \in \{0, 1, \text{"U"}, \text{"V"}\}$

"Leaky Randomized Response"

	$P_U$	$P_V$
0	$(1-\delta) \frac{e^\epsilon}{1+e^\epsilon}$	$(1-\delta) \frac{1}{1+e^\epsilon}$
1	$(1-\delta) \frac{1}{1+e^\epsilon}$	$(1-\delta) \frac{e^\epsilon}{1+e^\epsilon}$
"U"	$\delta$	0
"V"	0	$\delta$

## Simulation Lemma

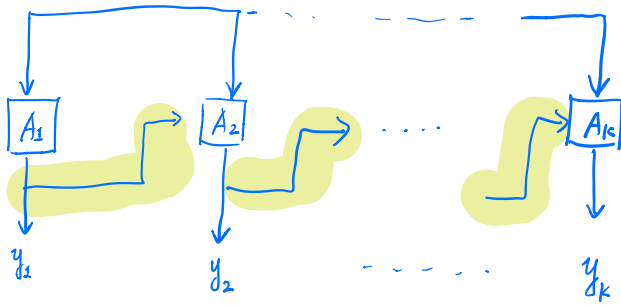
If  $Y \approx_{\epsilon, \delta} Y'$ , there exists a (randomized) mapping  $F$  such that  $F(U) \sim Y$  and  $F(V) \sim Y'$ .

$$U \longrightarrow \boxed{F} \longrightarrow Y \sim A_j(x)$$

$$V \longrightarrow \boxed{F} \longrightarrow Y' \sim A_j(x')$$

Using the Simulation Lemma.

Neighbors  $x$  &  $x'$



Composition  
 $A$  is  $(\tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{\delta})$ -DP

$$\forall j, A_j(x; y_1, \dots, y_{j-1}) \stackrel{\epsilon, \delta}{\approx} A_j(x'; y_1, \dots, y_{j-1}) \quad \exists F^*$$

By Sim Lemma,  $\exists F_j$  s.t.

$$F_j(U) \sim A_j(x; y_1, \dots, y_{j-1})$$

$$F_j(V) \sim A_j(x'; y_1, \dots, y_{j-1})$$

$$\implies F^*(u_1, \dots, u_k) \sim A(x)$$

$$F^*(v_1, \dots, v_k) \sim A(x')$$

Proof Idea: suffices to show that

$$(u_1, \dots, u_k) \stackrel{\tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{\delta}}{\approx} (v_1, \dots, v_k)$$



# Reduction.

If  $(u_1, \dots, u_k) \approx_{\epsilon, \delta} (v_1, \dots, v_k)$  } intermediate step  
then by post-processing  $A(x) \approx_{\tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{\delta}} A(x')$  }

Lemma.  $(u_1, \dots, u_k) \approx_{\tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{\delta}} (v_1, \dots, v_k)$   
for  $\tilde{\epsilon} = \epsilon \sqrt{2k \ln(1/\delta)}$  +  $k \epsilon \cdot \frac{e^\epsilon - 1}{e^\epsilon + 1}$   
 $\tilde{\delta} = k\delta + \delta'$  per-round expected priv loss.

Proof Idea: - Union Bound on probability of outputs "U"  
"V"  
- Concentration inequality: on privacy losses.

# Proof Sketch.

Given  $\vec{z} = (z_1, \dots, z_k) \in \{0, 1, "u", "v"\}^k$

$$I(\vec{z}) = \ln \frac{P[U_1=z_1, \dots, U_k=z_k]}{P[V_1=z_1, \dots, V_k=z_k]} = \sum_{j=1}^k \ln \frac{P[U_j=z_j]}{P[V_j=z_j]}$$

"Remove" one Bad event:

$$\text{Bad}_1 = \{ \vec{z} : \text{some } z_j \in \{ "u", "v" \} \}$$

$$P_{z \sim U_1, \dots, U_k} [\text{Bad}_1] \leq k\delta \quad \leftarrow \text{Union Bound.}$$

Condition on  $\text{Bad}_1$  not happening. (which is the case w.p.  $\geq 1 - k\delta$ )

$$\Rightarrow \forall j, z_j \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$\ln \frac{P[U_j=z_j]}{P[V_j=z_j]} \in \{ \varepsilon, -\varepsilon \}$$

$$= \varepsilon \cdot (-1)^{z_j}$$

$$I(\vec{z}) = \sum_j \ln \frac{P[U_j=z_j]}{P[V_j=z_j]} = \varepsilon \cdot \sum_{j=1}^k (-1)^{z_j}$$

Sum of i.i.d. random variable  $\in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$   
and expectation  $\varepsilon \cdot \frac{e^\varepsilon - 1}{e^\varepsilon + 1}$

Apply "Chernoff" Bound,  $\forall t > 0$

$$P[I(\vec{z}) \geq \underbrace{k \cdot \varepsilon \cdot \frac{e^\varepsilon - 1}{e^\varepsilon + 1}}_{k \cdot \text{expectation}} + \underbrace{t \cdot \varepsilon \cdot \sqrt{k}}_{\text{deviation}}] \leq \underbrace{e^{-t^2/2}}_{\text{Set to be } \delta'} \rightarrow \text{Bad event 2.}$$





# (Private) Optimization for ML. (e.g. fitting a model)

Given a data set  $\mathcal{X} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$

loss function  $l: \mathcal{C} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  = feasible set of parameters

## Empirical Risk Minimization

$$\underset{w \in \mathcal{C}}{\text{minimize}} \quad \underbrace{L(w; \mathcal{X})}_{\text{Empirical risk}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n l(w; x_i) + \underbrace{\Lambda(w)}_{\text{optional Regularization}}$$

Find  $\hat{w} \in \mathcal{C}$  such that

$$L(\hat{w}, \mathcal{X}) - \min_{w \in \mathcal{C}} L(w, \mathcal{X}) \quad \text{to be "small"}$$

Empirical Risk:  $L(w; x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n l(w; x_i)$

Population Risk:  $L(w; P) = \mathbb{E}_{x' \sim P} [l(w; x')]$

Assumption:  $x_1, \dots, x_n \sim_{i.i.d} P$

Excess Population risk:

$$L(\hat{w}, P) - \min_{w \in C} L(w, P) \quad \left. \vphantom{L(\hat{w}, P)} \right\}$$

Generalization error:

$$\underbrace{L(\hat{w}, x) - L(\hat{w}, P)}$$

Holdout set

Differential Privacy  $\rightarrow$  "Reusable Holdout"

Examples of losses  $l$  or  $L$

Mean estimation:  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $l(w, x_i) = (w - x_i)^2$

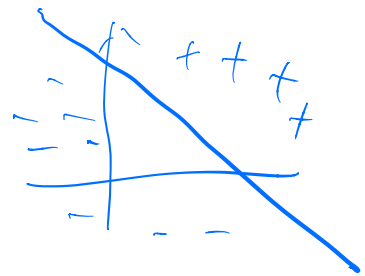
$$L(w, x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (w - x_i)^2$$

Linear Regression =  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$l(w; (x_i, y_i)) = (\langle w, x_i \rangle - y_i)^2$$

Other Examples: Support Vector Machine

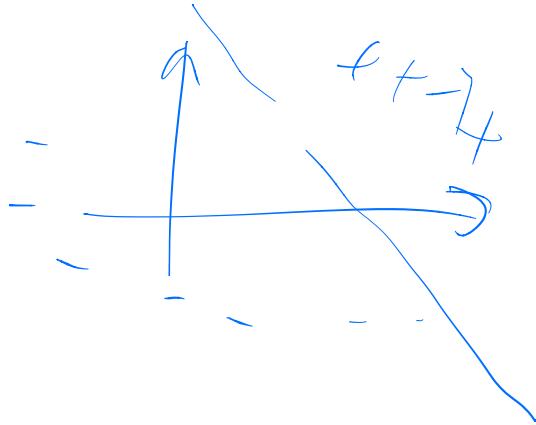
Deep Learning



SVM

Input  $(x_i, y_i) \in \mathbb{R}^d \times \{\pm 1\}$

$$L(w; x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \max(0, 1 - y_i \langle w, x_i \rangle) + \lambda \|w\|^2$$





DP ERM. (as a selection problem)

first algorithm = exponential mechanism

$$l = C \times X \mapsto [0, \Delta]$$

$$L(w; x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n l(w; x_i)$$

Satisfy  
( $\epsilon, \Delta$ )-DP

Exp Mech:

Sample  $\hat{w} \in C$  with probability

$$P[\hat{w} = w] \propto \exp\left(\frac{-\epsilon n}{2\Delta} L(w, x)\right)$$

↑  
"proportional to"

- "quality score"

Efficient Sampler?

Polynomial-time for convex  $l$ .

"log-concave distribution"

Theorem. Let  $C = \{w \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|w\|_2 \leq R\}$

and  $\ell$  is G-Lipschitz:  $\forall w, w', x$   
 $|\ell(x, w) - \ell(x, w')| \leq G \cdot \|w - w'\|_2$

Run EM with sensitivity  $\Delta = G \cdot R$

then

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ L(\hat{w}; \mathcal{X}) - \min_{w \in C} L(w; \mathcal{X}) \right]$$

$$= \mathcal{O} \left( GR \cdot \left[ \frac{d}{\epsilon n} \log \left( \frac{\epsilon n}{d} \right) \right] \right)$$

"Small" if  $n \gg d$





# Convexity. (Sets and functions)

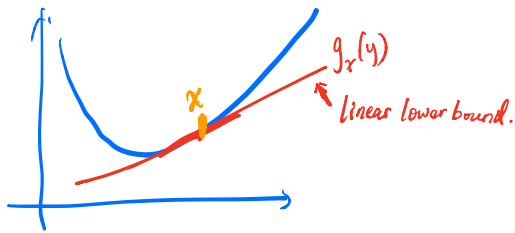
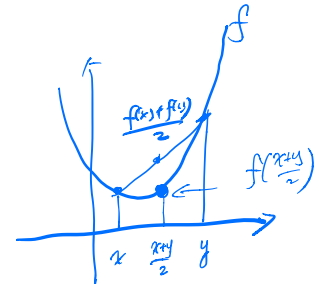


- $C \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$  is convex if  $\forall x, y \in C, t \in [0, 1]$   

$$\underbrace{t \cdot x + (1-t) \cdot y}_{\text{"line segment"}} \in C$$

- $f: C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex if  $\forall x, y \in C$

$$f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) \leq \frac{f(x) + f(y)}{2}$$



$\forall x$ ,  
affine function

$$g_x(y) = f(x) + \langle y-x, \underbrace{\nabla f(x)}_{\text{Gradient}} \rangle$$