CS 591: Formal Methods in Security and Privacy

More on Differential Privacy

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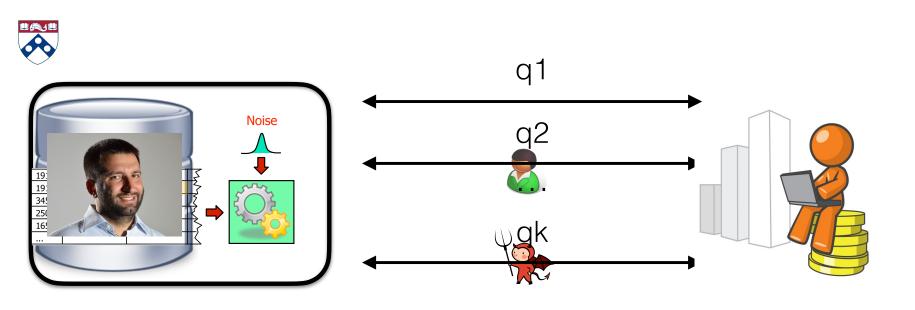
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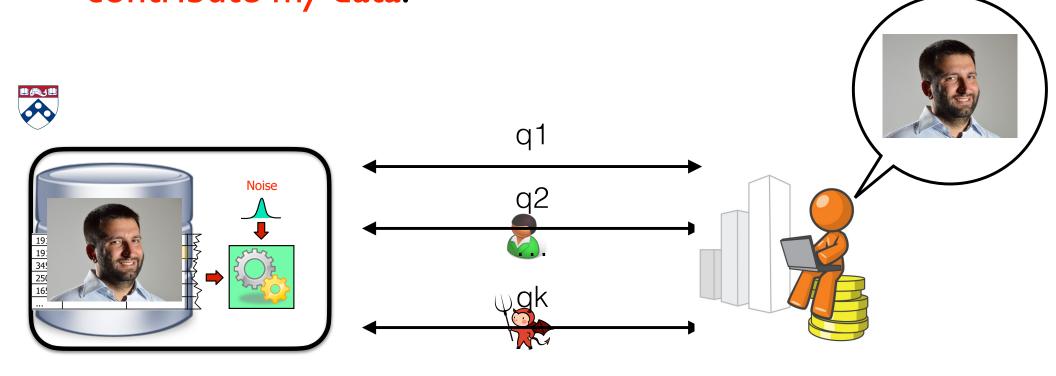
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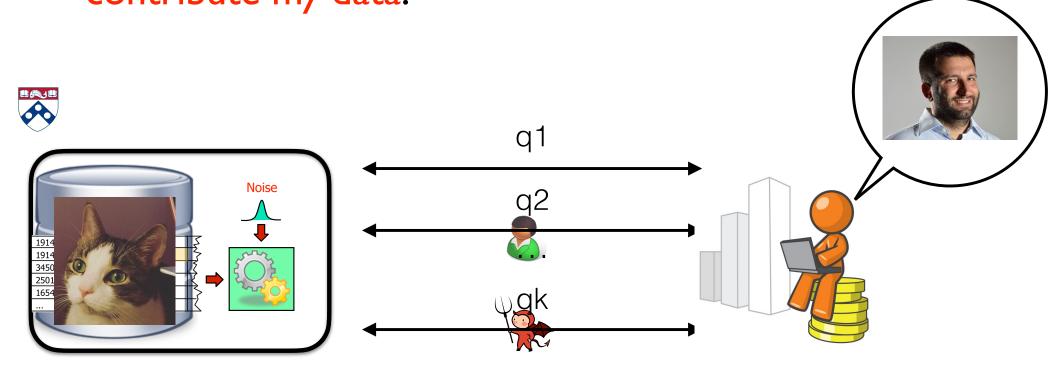
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Privacy Loss

In general we can think about the following quantity as the privacy loss incurred by observing r on the databases D and D'.

$$L_{D,D'}(r) = log \frac{Pr[Q(D)=r]}{Pr[Q(D')=r]}$$

(ε,δ)-Differential Privacy

Definition

Given $\varepsilon, \delta \geq 0$, a probabilistic query $Q: X^n \rightarrow R$ is (ε, δ) -differentially private iff for all adjacent database D, D and for every $S \subseteq R$: $Pr[Q(D) \in S] \leq exp(\varepsilon)Pr[Q(D') \in S] + \delta$

(ϵ, δ) -indistinguishability

We can define a ε -skewed version of statistical distance. We call this notion ε -distance.

$$\Delta_{\epsilon}(\mu 1, \mu 2) = \sup_{E \subseteq A} \max(\mu_1(E) - e^{\epsilon}\mu_2(E), \mu_2(E) - e^{\epsilon}\mu_1(E), 0)$$

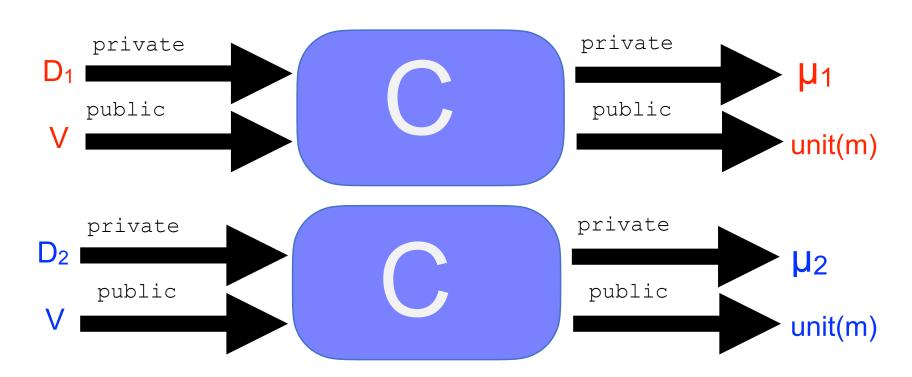
We say that two distributions $\mu_1, \mu_2 \in D(A)$, are at (ϵ, δ) -indistinguishable if:

$$\Delta_{\varepsilon}(\mu 1, \mu 2) \leq \delta$$

Differential Privacy as a Relational Property

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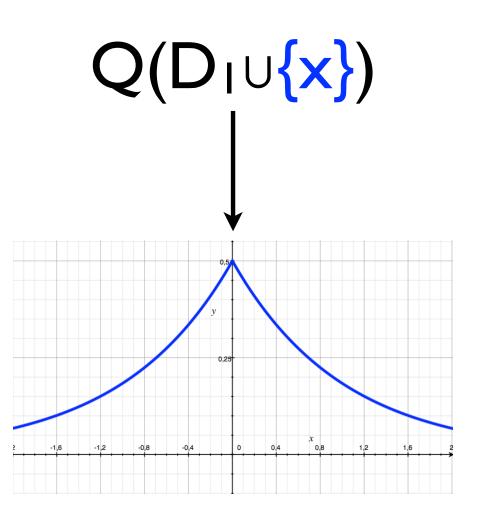
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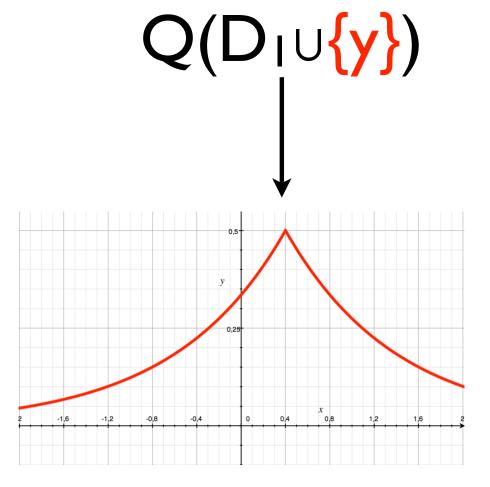


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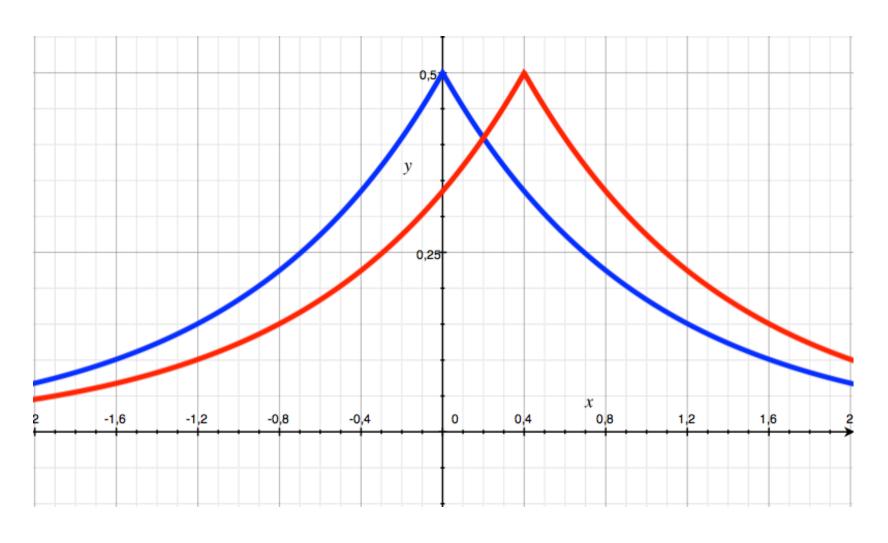
Adding Noise





Differential Privacy

 $d(Q(D_1 \cup \{x\}), Q(D_1 \cup \{y\})) \le \mathcal{E}$ with probability $1-\delta$



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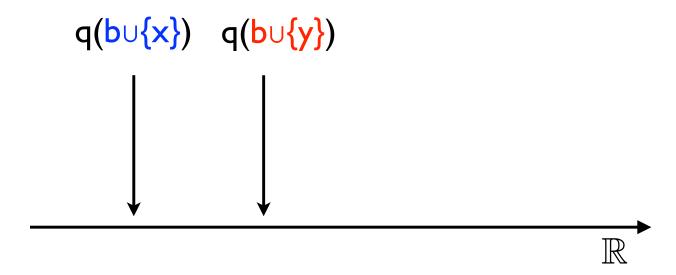
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Intuitive answer: it should depend on ϵ or the accuracy we want to achieve, and on the scale that a change of an individual can have on the output.

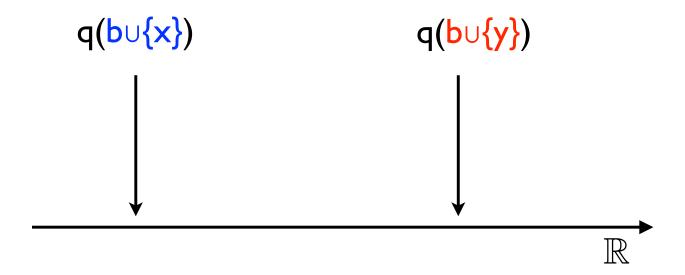
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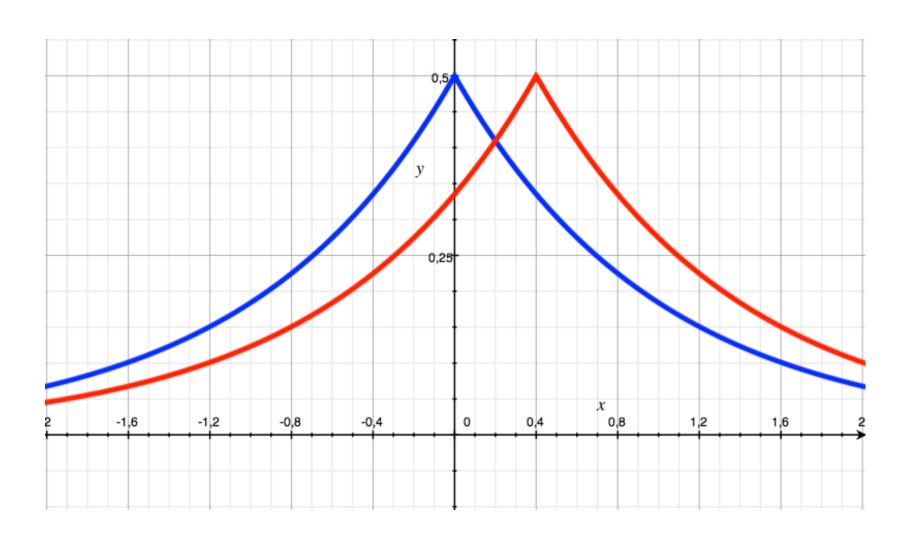
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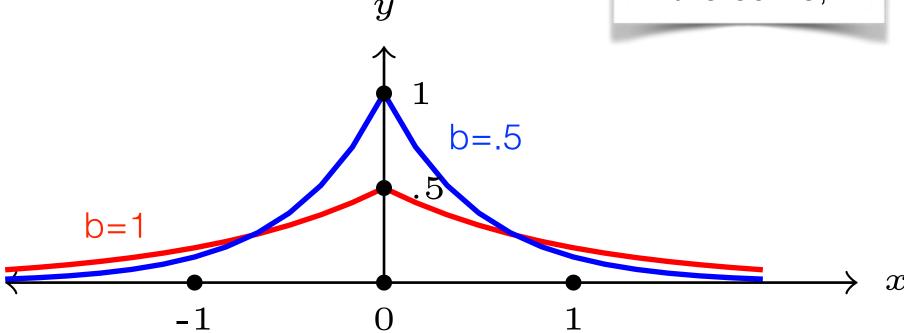
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  z:=$ Laplace(GS_mean/eps,0)
  z:= (s/i)+z
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Laplace Distribution

$$\mathsf{Lap}(b,\mu)(X) = \frac{1}{2b} \exp\left(-\frac{|\mu - X|}{b}\right)$$

b regulates the skewness of the curve,



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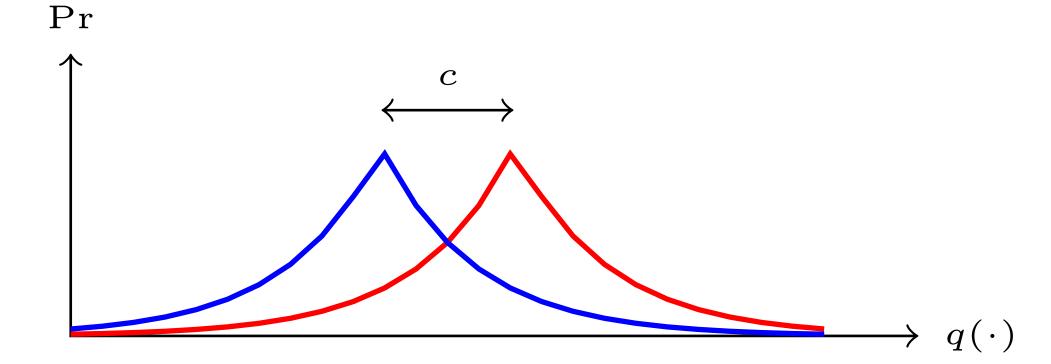
It turns out that we could also write it as:

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The Laplace mechanism is $(\varepsilon,0)$ -differentially private.

Proof: Intuitively



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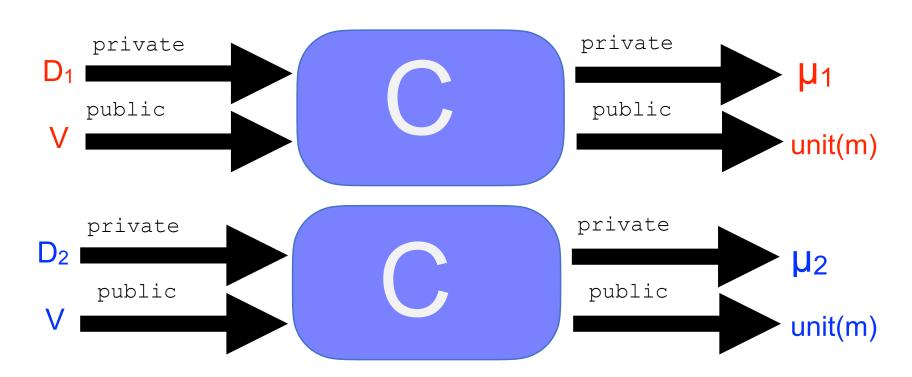
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Question: How accurate is the answer that we get from the Laplace Mechanism?

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apRHL

Indistinguishability Precondition parameter (a logical formula) **Probabilistic Probabilistic** Postcondition

Program

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(a logical formula)

Validity of approximate Probabilistic Relational Hoare judgments

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We say that the quadruple \vdash_{\delta} c_1 \sim c_2 : P \Rightarrow Q is valid if and only if for every pair of memories m_1, m_2 such that P(m_1, m_2) we have: \{c_1\}_{m1} = \mu_1 and \{c_2\}_{m2} = \mu_2 implies Q_{\delta}*(\mu_1, \mu_2).
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R-δ-Coupling

Given two distributions $\mu_1 \in D(A)$, and $\mu_2 \in D(B)$, we have an $R-\delta$ -coupling between them, for $R \subseteq AxB$ and $0 \le \delta \le 1$, if there are two joint distributions $\mu_{L}, \mu_{R} \in D(AxB)$ such that:

- 1) $\pi_1(\mu_L) = \mu_1$ and $\pi_2(\mu_R) = \mu_2$,
- 2) the support of μ_L and μ_R is contained in R. That is, if $\mu_L(a,b)>0$, then $(a,b)\in R$, and if $\mu_R(a,b)>0$, then $(a,b)\in R$.
- 3) $\Delta_{\epsilon}(\mu_{L},\mu_{R}) \leq \delta$

Probabilistic Relational Hoare Logic Skip

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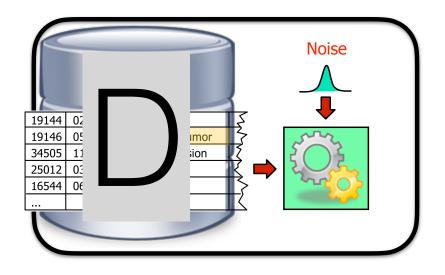
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x_1 := \$ \text{ Lap}(\varepsilon, y_1)

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+\varepsilon, 0 x_2 := \$ \text{ Lap}(\varepsilon, y_2)

: |y_1 - y_2| \le 1 \Rightarrow =
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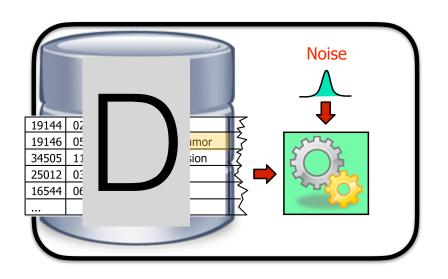


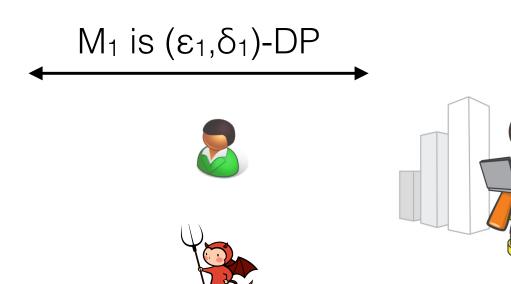




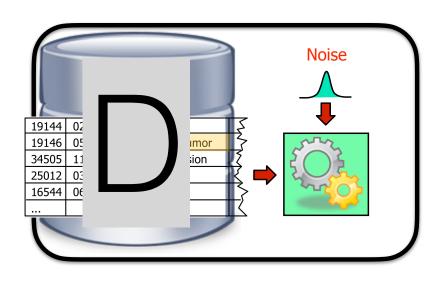


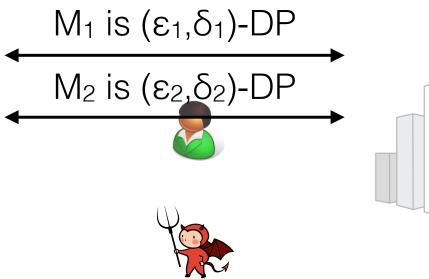






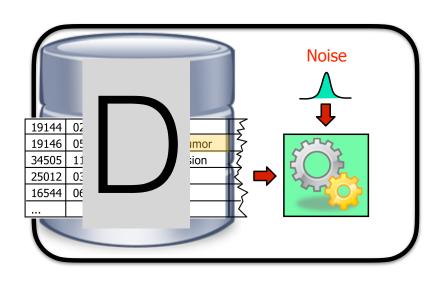


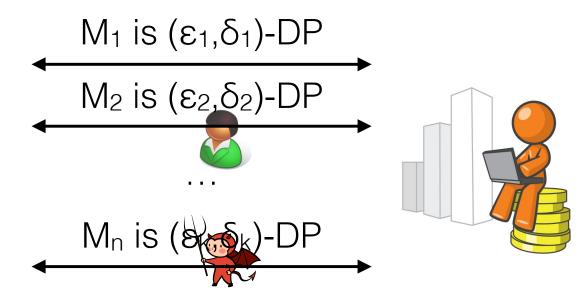




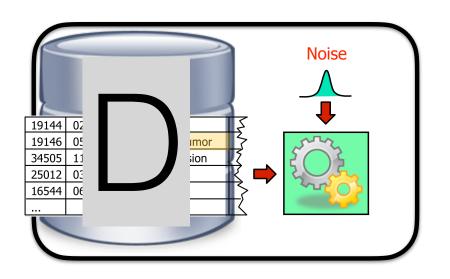


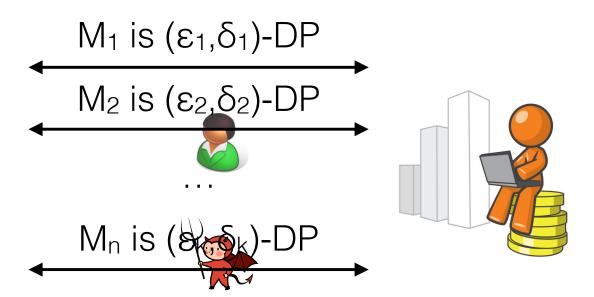












The overall process is $(\epsilon_1+\epsilon_2+...+\epsilon_k,\delta_1+\delta_2+...+\delta_k)$ -DP

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Let M_1:DB \to R_1 be a (\epsilon_1,\delta_1)-differentially private program and M_2:DB \to R_2 be a (\epsilon_2,\delta_1)-differentially private program. Then, their composition M_{1,2}:DB \to R_1 \times R_2 defined as M_{1,2}(D)=(M_1(D),M_2(D)) is (\epsilon_1+\epsilon_2,\delta_1+\delta_2)-differentially private.
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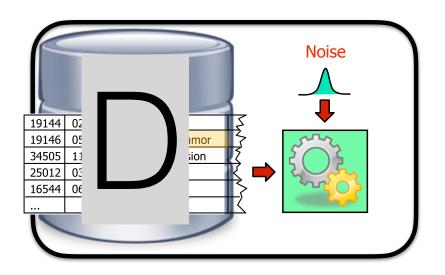
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Answer: Because it allows to reason about privacy as a budget!



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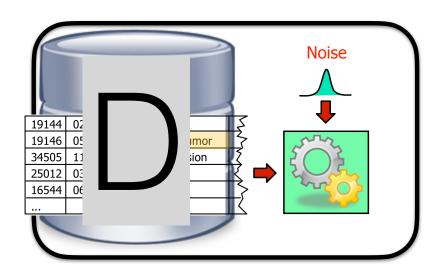












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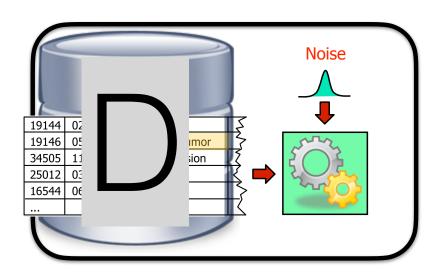




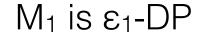








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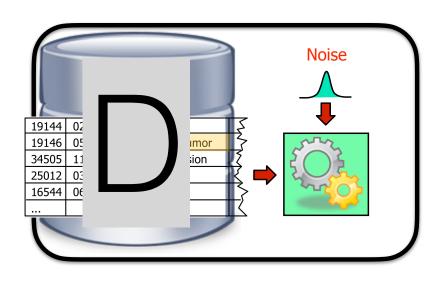




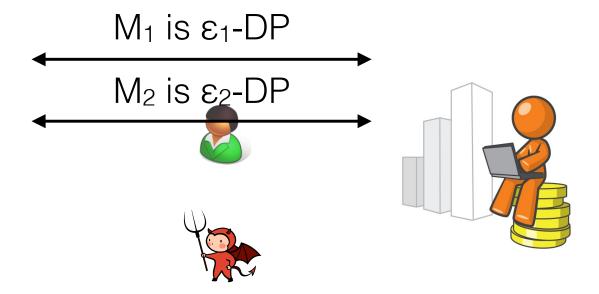




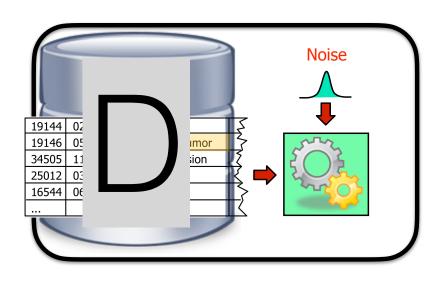




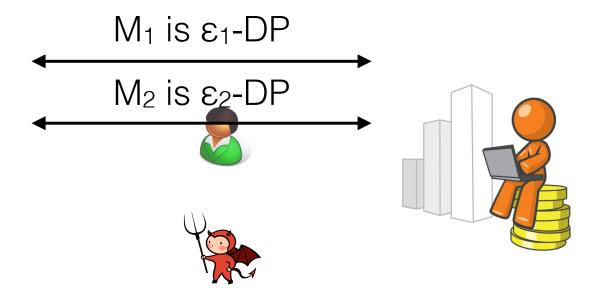
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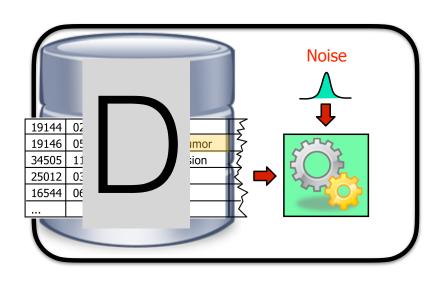




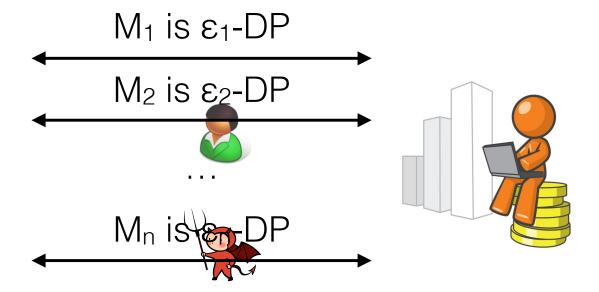
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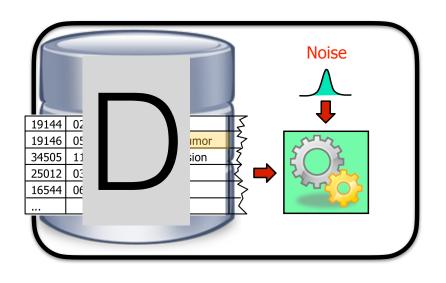




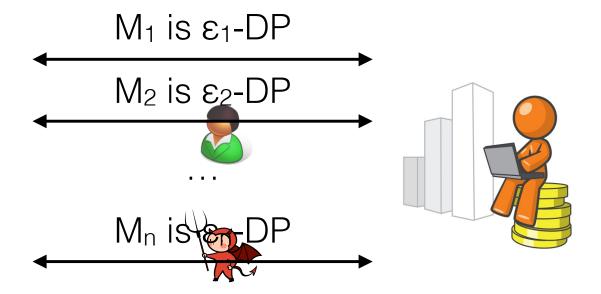
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CDF

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 - ϵ_1 - ϵ_2 - ϵ_3 - ϵ_4 - ϵ_5 - ϵ_6 - ϵ_7 - ϵ_8

 $X=\{0,1\}^3$ ordered wrt binary encoding.

$$q^*_{000}(D) = .3 + L(1/\epsilon_1)$$

$$q^*_{001}(D) = .4 + L(1/\epsilon_2)$$

$$q^*_{010}(D) = .6 + L(1/\epsilon_3)$$

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$$q^*_{100}(D) = .6 + L(1/\epsilon_5)$$

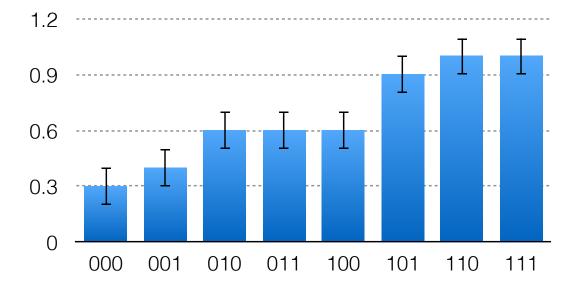
$$q^*_{101}(D) = .9 + L(1/\epsilon_6)$$

$$q^*_{110}(D) = 1 + L(1/\epsilon_7)$$

$$q^*_{111}(D) = 1 + L(1/\epsilon_8)$$

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Marginals

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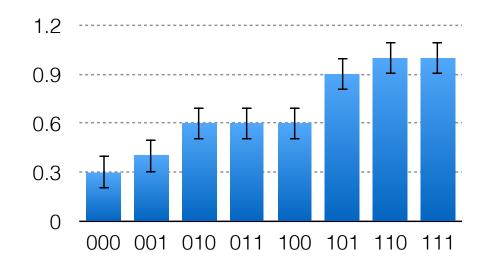
$$q^*_1(D) = .4 + L(1/(10^*\epsilon_1))$$

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Releasing partial sums

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  return r
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I am using the easycrypt notation here where Lap(eps,a) corresponds to adding to the value a noise from the Laplace distribution with b=1/eps and mean mu=0.

Probabilistic Relational Hoare Logic Composition

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\vdash_{\epsilon_1,\delta_1} c_1 \sim c_2 : P \Rightarrow R \vdash_{\epsilon_2,\delta_2} c_1' \sim c_2' : R \Rightarrow S
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\vdash_{\epsilon_1+\epsilon_2,\delta_1+\delta_2}C_1; C_1' \sim C_2; C_2' : P \Rightarrow S
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Parallel Composition

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Let M_1:DB \to R be a (\epsilon_1,\delta_1)-differentially private program and M_2:DB \to R be a (\epsilon_2,\delta_2)-differentially private program. Suppose that we partition D in a data-independent way into two datasets D<sub>1</sub> and D<sub>2</sub>. Then, the composition M_{1,2}:DB \to R defined as MP_{1,2}(D) = (M_1(D_1),M_2(D_2)) is (\max(\epsilon_1,\epsilon_2),\max(\delta_1,\delta_2))-differentially private.
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Properties of Differential Privacy

Some important properties

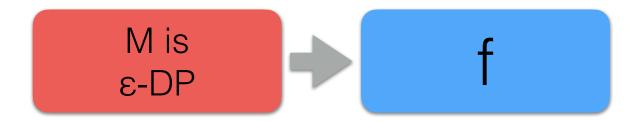
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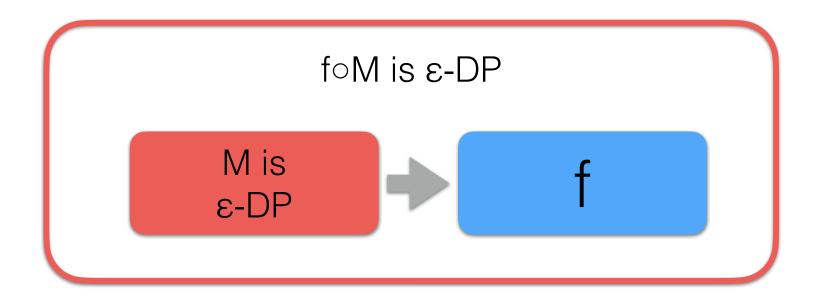
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We will look at them in the context of $(\varepsilon,0)$ -differential privacy.

M is ε-DP



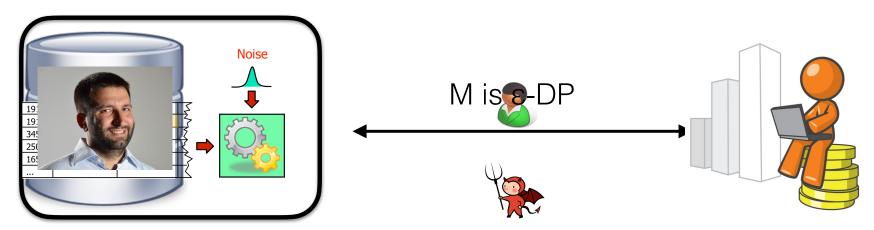


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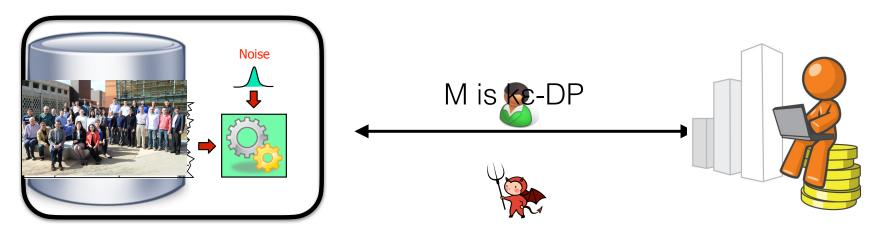
Answer: Because it is what allows us to publicly release the result of a differentially private analysis!





$$\Pr[\mathcal{M}(D) = r] \le e^{\epsilon} \Pr[\mathcal{M}(D') = r]$$





$$\Pr[\mathcal{M}(D) \in S] \le \exp(k\epsilon) \Pr[\mathcal{M}(D') \in S]$$

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Answer: Because it allows to reason about privacy at different level of granularities!

Privacy Budget vs Epsilon

Sometimes is more convenient to think in terms of Privady

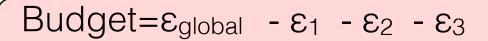
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Sometimes is more convenient to think in terms of epsilon: $\epsilon_{global} = \sum \epsilon_{local}$

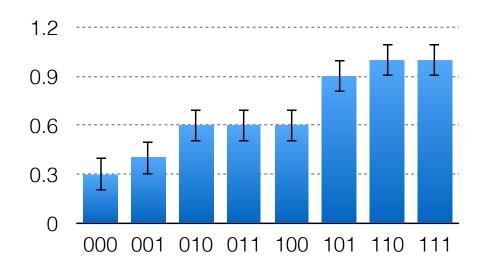
Also making them uniforms is sometimes more informative.

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