Approximate Relational Reasoning for Probabilistic Programs

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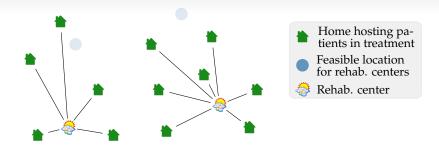
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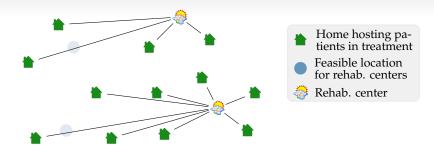
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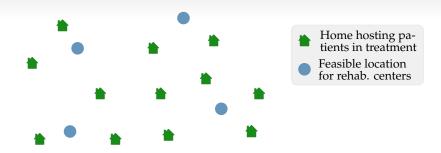
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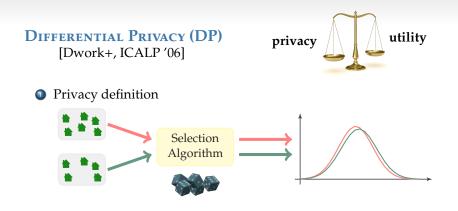
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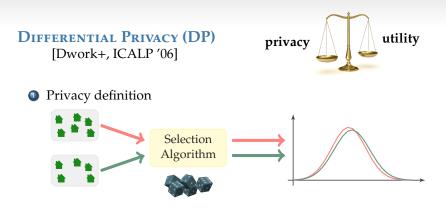
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DIFFERENTIAL PRIVACY (DP) [Dwork+, ICALP '06]

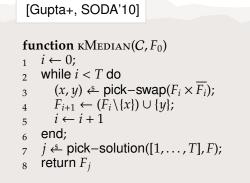






- Privacy realization
  - Basic mechanisms for numeric/discrete-valued computations.
  - Composition theorems.

## Differentially Private Location Selection



# Verifying Differential Privacy

#### Dynamic verification:

- PINQ [McSherry '09]
- AIRAVAT [Roy+ '10]

#### Static verification:

- Fuzz [Reed & Pierce '10] and DFuzz [Gaboardi+ '13]
- [Chaudhuri+ '11]

Limitations of theses techniques:

- Only programs that are combinations of basic mechanisms.
- Only standard differential privacy.
- Fixed set of domains and/or operations.

# In this Dissertation

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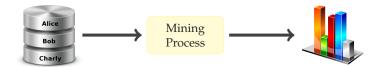


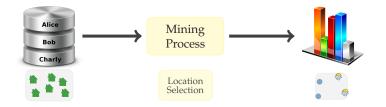
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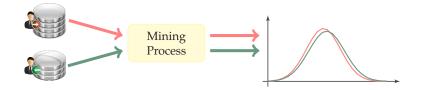
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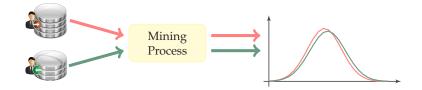
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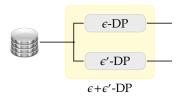
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## Differential Privacy – Fundamentals

• Basic mechanism for numeric queries.

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• Composition theorem.



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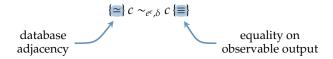
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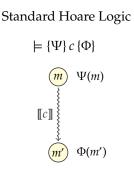
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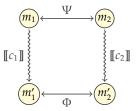


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### Characterizing Differential Privacy - Cont'd

• Definition of the  $\alpha$ -distance is straightforward.

$$\Delta_{\alpha}\left(\mu_{1},\mu_{2}\right) \triangleq \max_{A} \Pr\left[\mu_{1} \in A\right] - \alpha \Pr\left[\mu_{2} \in A\right]$$

Definition of the (α, δ)-lifting is somewhat intricate (in the general case),

... but simpler characterization for equiv. relations.

# The Programming Language

nop sequence assignment random sampling conditional while loop procedure call

# The Proof System

#### Weakening

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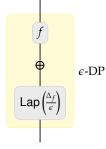
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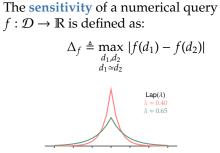
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#### Laplacian mechanism

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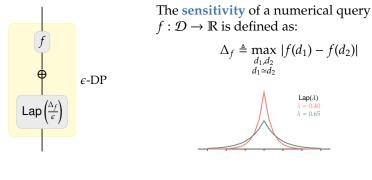




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### Machine-Checked Proofs of Differential Privacy

**CERTIPRIV:** framework proving interactive support for the logic built on top of the Coq proof assistant.

- Delivers machine-checked proofs of differential privacy.
- Built as an extension of CERTICRYPT.
  - α-distance + (α, δ)-lifting + logic soundness (+6.500 lines of Coq proof-script)
- Several case studies:
  - Laplacian, Exponential and Gaussian basic mechanisms.
  - k-Median, Minimum Vertex Cover, streaming algorithm.

## Case Study: k-Median Problem

```
function \kappaMedian(C, F_0)
```

```
i \leftarrow 0;
while i < T do
(x, y) \Leftrightarrow pick-swap(F_i \times \overline{F_i});
F_{i+1} \leftarrow (F_i \setminus \{x\}) \cup \{y\};
i \leftarrow i + 1
end;
j \Leftrightarrow pick-solution([1, ..., T], F);
return F_i
```

 $C\langle 1 \rangle \simeq C\langle 2 \rangle \wedge F_0\langle 1 \rangle = F_0\langle 2 \rangle$ 

Differential privacy is captured by judgment

 $\{\Psi\}$  kMedian  $\sim_{\alpha,0}$  kMedian  $\{\Phi\}$ 

 $\rho^{2\epsilon\Delta(T+1)}$ 

 $F_i \langle 1 \rangle = F_i \langle 2 \rangle$ 

Judgment + Verification of derivation + side conditions  $\approx 450$  lines proof-script

### Verifying Differential Privacy – Summary

- Program logic for reasoning about DP.
- Framework for building machined-checked proofs of DP

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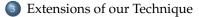
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Verification of Differential Privacy







# Scope of our Approach

Differential privacy is a **quantitative relational property** of probabilistic programs:

 $m_1 \Psi m_2 \implies \Delta\left(\llbracket c_1 \rrbracket m_1, \llbracket c_2 \rrbracket m_2\right) \le \delta$ 

But it is not the only one!

- Indifferentiability
- Zero Knowledge
- Pseudo-randomness
- ...

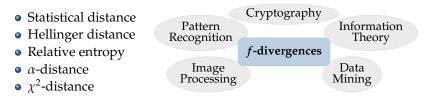
Can we use our logic as it is to reason about these properties as well? NO. They use distance measures different from the  $\alpha$ -distance.



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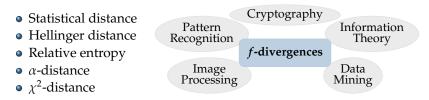


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### What else is in the dissertation?

**Crypto Case Study:** Secure Hash Functions into Elliptic Curves [Brier+ '10]

Security is captured by formula

$$\forall \mathcal{D} \cdot \Delta_{\mathsf{SD}} \left( \mathcal{D}^{H,h}, \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{R}O,S} \right) \leq \epsilon$$

Our machine-checked proof

- Approximate observational equivalence (specialization of our Hoare logic) + adversary rule.
- Requires heavy algebraic reasoning (elliptic curves and group theory).
- 10.000+ lines of Coq proof-script.

With G. Barthe, B. Grégoire, S. Heraud, S. Zanella [POST '12, JCS '14]

### Conclusions

#### Summary of contributions

- Quantitative relational Hoare logic for approximate reasoning about probabilistic programs.
- Framework for building machined-checked proofs of differential privacy (and other quantitative properties).
- Verification of several constructions from the recent literature.

#### Future work

- Improve automation (e.g. inference of loop invariants).
- Lipschitz continuity of probabilistic programs.
- Combination of different techniques.





# The $(\alpha, \delta)$ -lifting

Witness distributions in  $\mathcal{D}_{A \times B}$  $\mu_1 \mathcal{L}^{\delta}_{\alpha}(R) \mu_2 \triangleq \exists \mu_L, \mu_R \cdot \begin{cases} \Delta_{\alpha} (\mu_L, \mu_R) \leq \delta \\ \pi_1(\mu_L) = \mu_1 \land \pi_2(\mu_R) = \mu_2 \\ supp (\mu_L) \subseteq R \land supp (\mu_R) \subseteq R \end{cases}$ 

- Admits an inductive characterization.
- For equivalence relations, it can be characterized as a closeness condition.

$$\mu_1 \mathcal{L}^{\delta}_{\alpha}(R) \, \mu_2 \iff \Delta_{\alpha} \left( \mu_1/R, \mu_2/R \right) \leq \delta$$

• For finite relations, it can be modeled as network-flow problem.

#### **Generalized Data Processing Theorem**

For any distribution transformer  $h : \mathcal{D}_A \to \mathcal{D}_B$ 

 $\Delta_f(h(\mu_1), h(\mu_2)) \leq \Delta_f(\mu_1, \mu_2)$ 



$$\frac{\forall m_1, m_2 \cdot m_1 \Psi m_2 \implies (m_1 \{\llbracket e_1 \rrbracket m_1/x_1\}) \Phi (m_2 \{\llbracket e_2 \rrbracket m_2/x_2\})}{\vdash \{\Psi\} x_1 \leftarrow e_1 \sim_{f,0} x_2 \leftarrow e_2 \{\Phi\}} \text{[assn]}$$

$$\frac{\forall m_1, m_2 \cdot m_1 \Psi m_2 \implies \Delta_f (\llbracket \mu_1 \rrbracket m_1, \llbracket \mu_2 \rrbracket m_2) \leq \delta}{\vdash \{\Psi\} x_1 \notin \mu_1 \sim_{f,\delta} x_2 \notin \mu_2 \{x_1(1) = x_2(2)\}} \text{[rand]}$$

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$$\frac{(f_1, \dots, f_n) \text{ composable and monotonic}}{\oplus \triangleq b\langle 1 \rangle \equiv b'\langle 2 \rangle \qquad \Psi \land e\langle 1 \rangle \leq 0 \implies \neg b\langle 1 \rangle} \text{[cond]}$$

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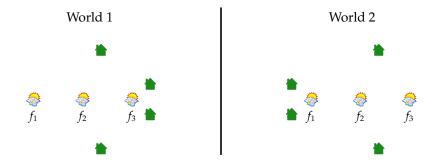
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- You need to:
  - trust the type checker of Coq;
  - trust the language semantics;
  - make sure the security statement (a few lines in Coq) is as expected.
- You don't need to
  - understand or even read the proof;
  - trust program logics,

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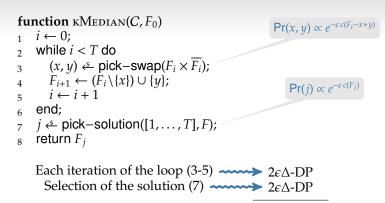
Problem's solution may leak the presence/absence of clients



Assume k = 2

Solution =  $\{f_2, f_3\} \implies$  World 1 Solution =  $\{f_1, f_2\} \implies$  World 2

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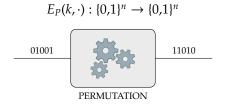
 $2\epsilon\Delta(T+1)$ -DP

In our formalism,



# f-divergences in Crypto

# Improving security bounds for *Key-Alternating Cipher* via Hellinger Distance.





# *f*-divergences

The *f*-divergence between two distributions  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  over a set *A* is defined as

$$\Delta_f(\mu_1,\mu_2) \triangleq \sum_{a \in A} \mu_2(a) f\left(\frac{\mu_1(a)}{\mu_2(a)}\right)$$

where  $f : \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0} \to \mathbb{R}$  is a continuous convex function s.t. f(1) = 0.

#### Some examples

- Statistical distance ( $\Delta_{SD}$ )
- Kullback-Leibler (Δ<sub>KL</sub>)
- Hellinger distance  $(\Delta_{HD})$
- $\alpha$ -distance ( $\Delta_{\alpha}$ )

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{2} |t - 1|$$
  

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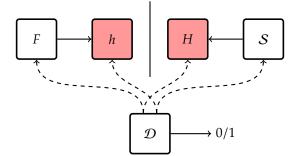
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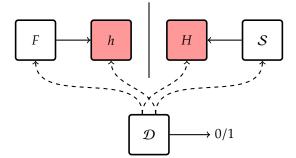


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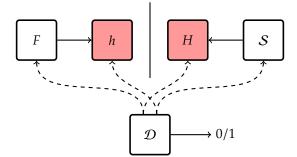
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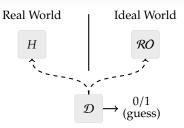
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#### How to securely hash into an elliptic curve *EC*(**F**)? [Brier+ '10]

$$H(m) = f(h_1(m)) \otimes g^{h_2(m)}$$
  
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#### Indifferentiability from a Random Oracle



*H* is called  $\epsilon$ -indifferentiable from a random oracle iff

$$\forall \mathcal{D} \cdot \Delta_{\mathsf{SD}} \left( \mathcal{D}^{H}, \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{R}O} \right) \leq \epsilon$$

#### Machine-checked version of Brier et al's proof

- Equational theory for approximate observational equivalence (specialization of our Hoare logic) + adversary rule.
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- 10.000+ lines of Coq proof-script.



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