

Minimisation privée du risque empirique par descente par coordonnées

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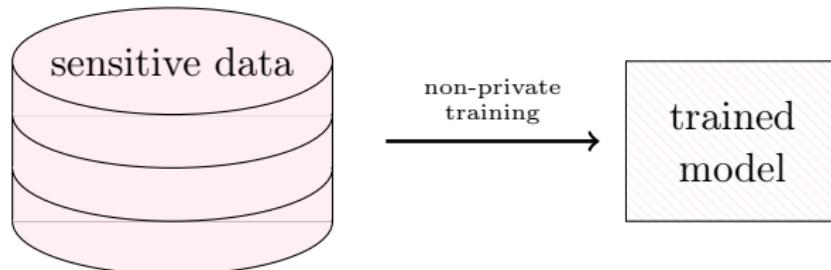
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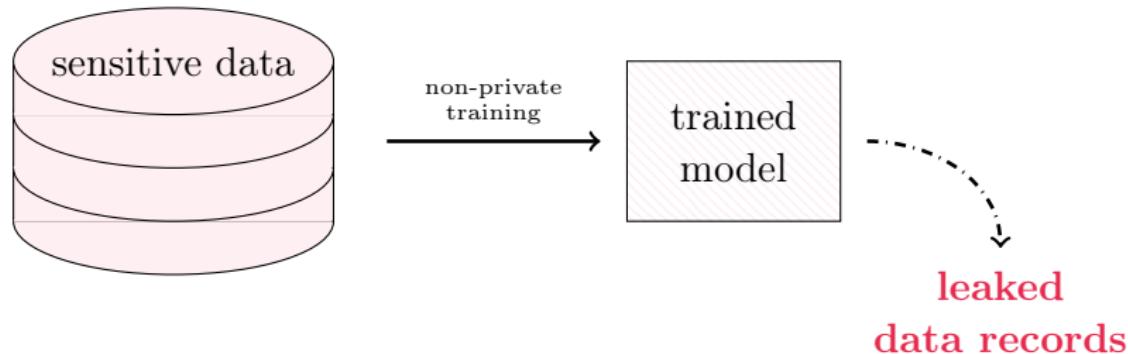


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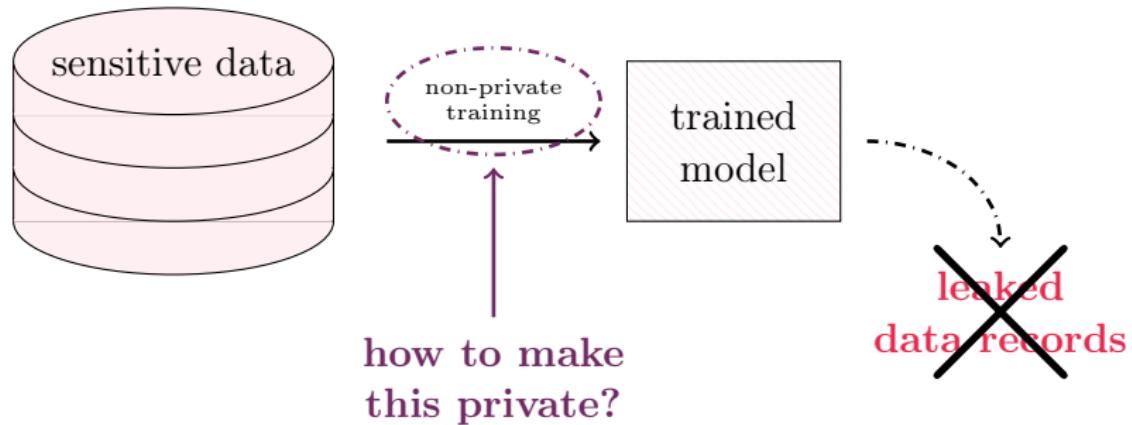


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What Private **Formally** Means?

Definition (Differential Privacy)

An algorithm $\mathcal{A} : \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ is **(ϵ, δ)-differentially private** if for all $S \subseteq \mathcal{M}$ and for all $D, D' \in \mathcal{D}$ that **differ on at most one element**

$$P(\mathcal{A}(D) \in S) \leq \exp(\epsilon) P(\mathcal{A}(D') \in S) + \delta, \quad (1)$$

where the probability is taken over the coin flips of \mathcal{A} .

 – C. Dwork, “*Differential Privacy*”, 2006.

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Private Empirical Risk Minimization

Let

- $d_1, \dots, d_n \in \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$: data points.
- $h_w : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$: hypothesis function parameterized by $w \in \mathbb{R}^p$.
- $\ell : \mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$: loss function.

Goal: find a **(ϵ, δ)-DP approximation** of

$$w^* = \arg \min_{w \in \mathbb{R}^p} \left\{ f(w) := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ell(h_w(x_i); y_i) \right\}.$$



— K. Chaudhuri, C. Monteleoni, and A. D. Sarwate, “Differentially Private Empirical Risk Minimization”, 2011.

Background: Private ERM

DP-SGD for DP-ERM: The Algorithm

When f is **convex**: DP-SGD works.

Algorithm DP-SGD (essentially).

Input: noise scale $\sigma > 0$; initial point $w^0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$; $T > 0$; data d .

1: **for** $t = 0, \dots, T - 1$ **do**

2: $w^{t+1} = w^t - \eta_t(g^t + \mathbf{b}^t)$ with $\begin{cases} \mathbb{E}[g^t] = \nabla f(w^t; d), \\ \mathbf{b}^t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2). \end{cases}$

3: **return** $w^{priv} = w^T$.

(and it works faster when f is **smooth**.)



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In practice, $\Delta_2(\nabla\ell)$ can be **big** or even **unknown**: clip it!

$$\text{clip}(\nabla\ell, C) = \begin{cases} \nabla\ell(w) & \text{if } \|\nabla\ell(w)\| \leq C, \\ \frac{C}{\|\nabla\ell(w)\|_2} \nabla\ell(w) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Consequently: $\Delta_2(\nabla\ell) \leq 2C$.

— M. Abadi et al., “Deep Learning with Differential Privacy”, 2016.

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DP-SGD for DP-ERM: Convergence?

Measure utility as $\mathbb{E}[f(w_{priv}) - f(w^*)]$, for which we know:

- A **lower bound**: it can not be arbitrarily small.
- An **upper bound**: DP-SGD is (nearly) optimal.



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→ We hope for better utility with **coordinate methods**.

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The Algorithm

Algorithm DP-CD.

Input: noise scales $\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_p > 0$; learning rates $\eta_1, \dots, \eta_p > 0$; initial point $\bar{w}^0 = w^0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$; $T, K > 0$

for $t = 0, \dots, T - 1$ **do**

 Set $\theta^0 = \bar{w}^t$

for $k = 0, \dots, K - 1$ **do**

 Pick j from $\{1, \dots, p\}$ uniformly at random and update:

$$\theta^{k+1} = \begin{cases} \theta_{j'}^k & \text{for } j' \neq j, \\ \theta_j^k - \eta_j(\nabla_j f(\theta^k) + \mathbf{b}^t) & \text{with } \mathbf{b}_j \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_j^2) \end{cases}$$

Average $\bar{w}_{t+1} = \frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K \theta^k$.

return $w_{priv} = \bar{w}_T$

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More queries, lower sensitivity

- Coordinate gradient **sensitivity**: for all d, d' and j ,

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Regularity Assumptions

For DP-SGD, smoothness was useful:

- **β -smoothness:** for $w, v \in \mathbb{R}^p$.

$$f(w) \leq f(v) + \langle \nabla f(v), w - v \rangle + \frac{\beta}{2} \|w - v\|_2^2,$$

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Regularity Assumptions

But a finer, **coordinate-wise** measure is:

- **M -component-smoothness:** for $w, v \in \mathbb{R}^p$.

$$f(w) \leq f(v) + \langle \nabla f(v), w - v \rangle + \frac{1}{2} \|w - v\|_M^2,$$

where M_j are **coordinate-wise** smoothness constants,
and $\|w\|_M^2 = \sum_{j=1}^p M_j w_j^2$.

(Similarly, measure strong convexity w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_M$.)

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Utility: comparison with DP-SGD

Bounds on $\mathbb{E}[f(w_{priv}) - f(w^*)]$ are:

| f is... | Convex | Strongly-convex |
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| DP-SVRG | | |

Where:

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- $R_M = \|w^0 - w^*\|_M$, $R_2 = \|w^0 - w^*\|_2$.
- μ_2 (resp. μ_M) strong convexity parameters w.r.t. $\|\cdot\|_2$ (resp. $\|\cdot\|_M$).

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- If M_j 's are equal:

$$1 \leq \frac{\Delta_{M^{-1}}(\nabla \ell)R_M}{\Delta_2(\nabla \ell)R_2} \leq p.$$

→ DP-CD **is up to p times worse** than DP-SGD.

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- If M_j dominates $M_{j \neq 1}$ and $|w_1^0 - w_1^*| \leq |w_j^0 - w_j^*|$:

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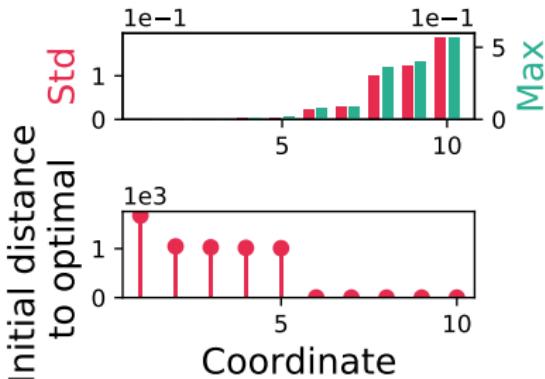
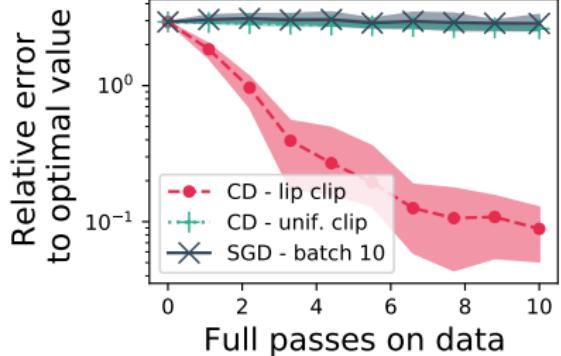
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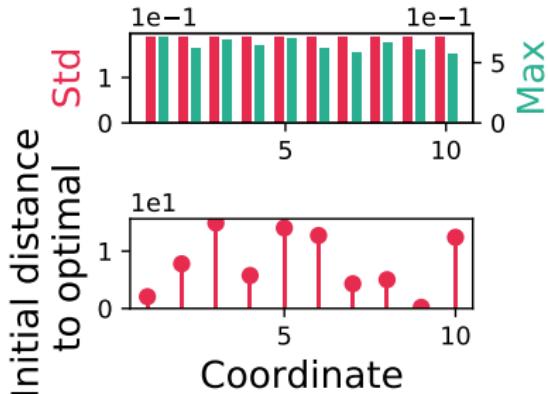
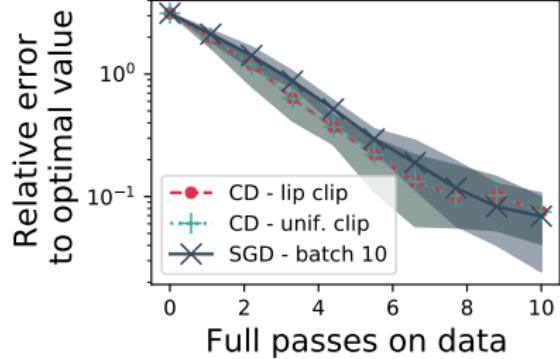
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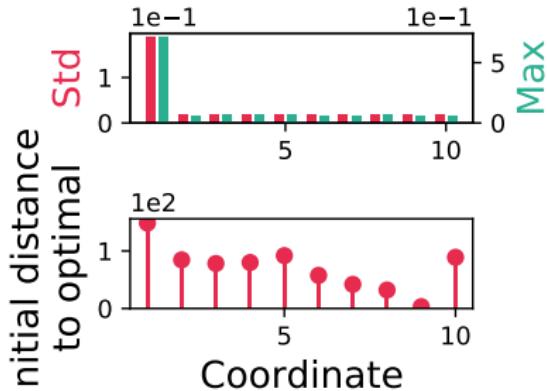
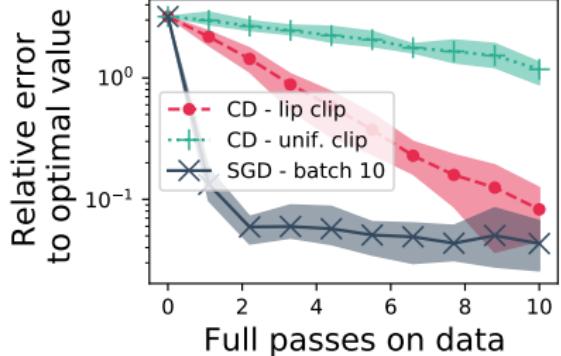
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Pespectives include:

- **Composite** (non smooth) functions.
- **Adaptive** clipping thresholds.
- **Non-uniform** coordinates sampling.