

# **CSCI 699: Privacy Preserving Machine Learning - Week 4**

**Algorithms for Differentially Privacy and Machine Learning**

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# Recap

- Approximate differential privacy

Lemma 3.17 [Dwork and Roth 2014]

Let us draw a variable  $t \sim A(D)$ . Then the **privacy loss random variable**.

$$\mathcal{L}_{D,D'} = \ln \left( \frac{\Pr[A(D) = t]}{\Pr[A(D') = t]} \right)$$

A satisfies  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -DP iff for any similar/neighboring datasets  $D, D' \in \mathcal{X}^n$  we have  $\Pr[\mathcal{L}_{D,D'} \geq \epsilon] \leq \delta$

# Recap

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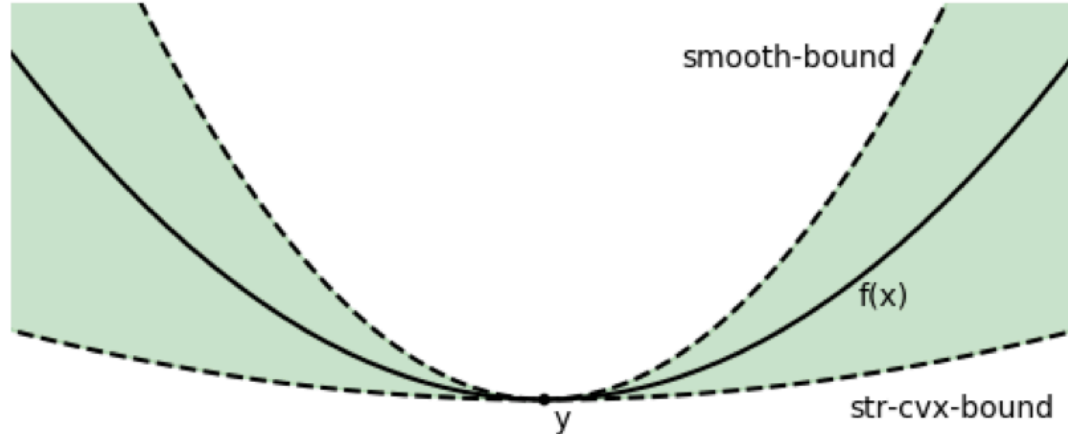
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# Recap

## Gradient descent



- $\theta_t = \theta_{t-1} - \gamma_t \nabla L(\theta_{t-1})$

- $\frac{\mu}{2} \|\Delta\theta\|_2^2 \geq L(\theta_t + \Delta\theta) - (L(\theta_t) + \nabla L(\theta_t)^\top \Delta\theta) \leq \frac{\beta}{2} \|\Delta\theta\|_2^2$

$\mu$ -strongly-convex

$\beta$ -Smoothness



### Theorem

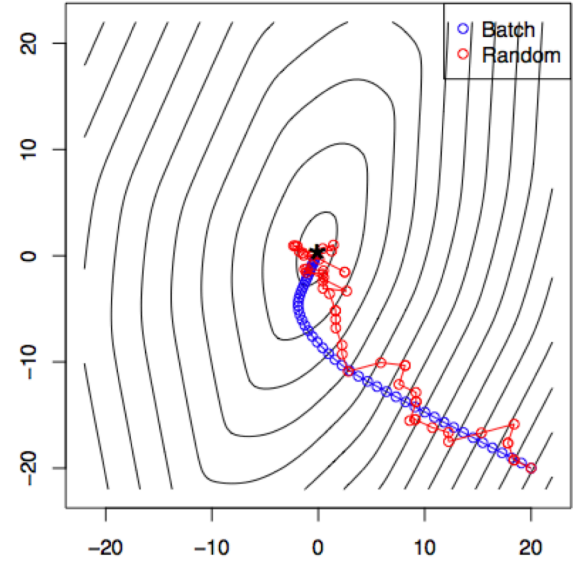
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$$L(\theta_t) - \min_{\theta} L(\theta) \leq \left(1 - \frac{\mu}{\beta}\right)^t \|\theta_0 - \theta^*\|_2^2$$

# Recap

## Stochastic gradient descent

- We do not know  $L(\theta) = E_{(x,y)}[\ell(f(x; \theta), y)]$ , only samples.
- For  $t = 1, \dots, n$ 
  - Sample a data point  $(x_t, y_t)$
  - $\theta_t = \theta_{t-1} - \gamma_t \nabla_{\theta} \ell(f(x_t; \theta_{t-1}), y_t) = \theta_{t-1} - \gamma_t \nabla \ell_t(\theta_{t-1})$
- Question: how do we make this private?

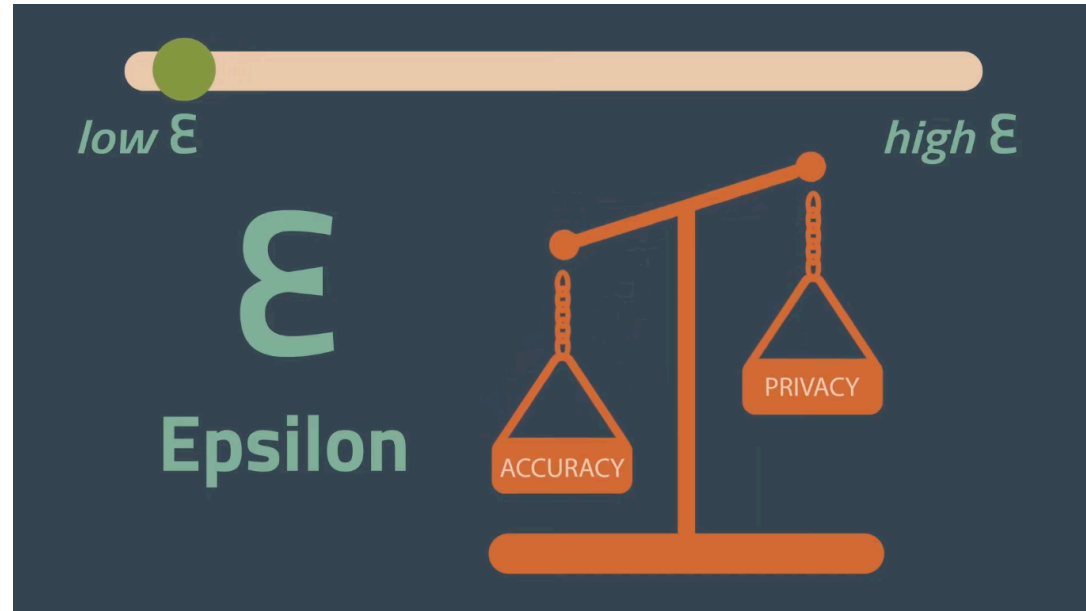


# Agenda for today

## Analyzing privacy of ML training

- Analysis of private GD: Composition
- Analysis of private SGD: Subsampling amplification
- Privacy-utility tradeoff for mean
- DP-deep learning with Opacus

# Making Gradient Descent Private: Composition



# Gradient Descent Variants

- we are given  $n$  samples  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$
- We have a few options:
  - Exact gradient:  $\nabla_{\theta} E_{x,y}[\ell(f(x; \theta), y)]$
  - Stochastic gradient: for a random sample  $(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $\nabla_{\theta} \ell(f(x_i; \theta), y_i)$
  - Full-batch gradient:  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla_{\theta} \ell(f(x_i; \theta), y_i)$
  - Mini-batch gradient: for a sample  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $\frac{1}{|\mathcal{B}|} \sum_{i \in \mathcal{B}} \nabla_{\theta} \ell(f(x_i; \theta), y_i)$



# Private full-batch gradient descent

## Algorithm

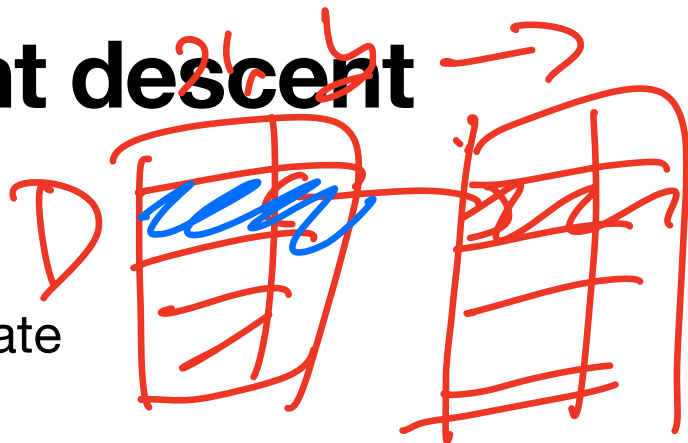
- Starting from  $\theta_0$ , at each time step we update

- $\theta_t = \theta_{t-1} - \gamma \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla_{\theta} \ell(f(x_i; \theta), y_i)$

- To make it private

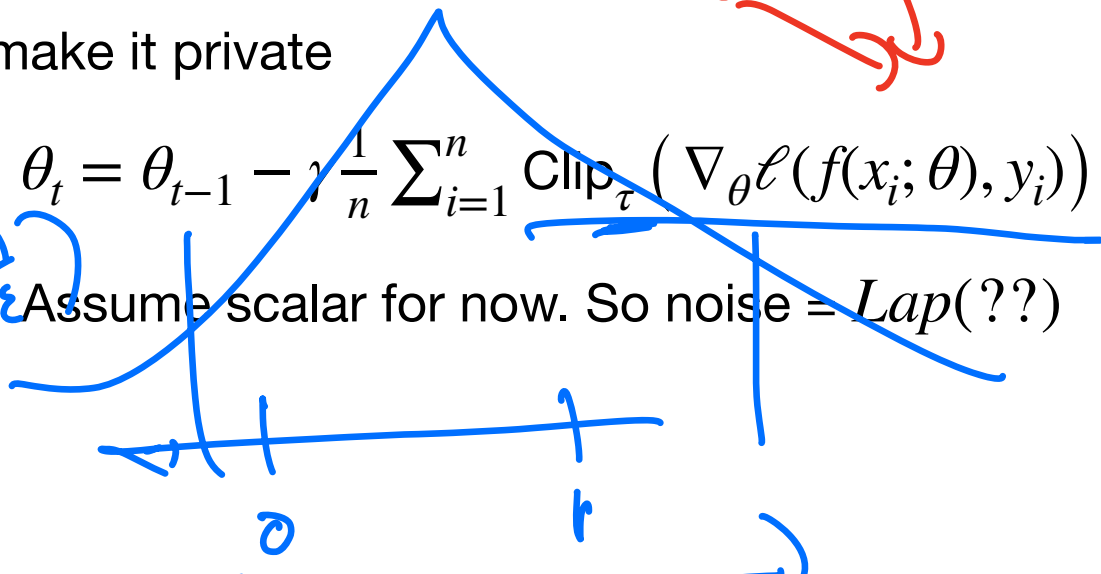
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- Assume scalar for now. So noise =  $Lap(??)$



$$Lap\left(\frac{2\tau}{n\epsilon}\right)$$

$$Lap\left(\frac{2\tau}{\epsilon}\right)$$



$$\|D - D'\|$$



# Private full-batch gradient descent

## One-step privacy

- Suppose we just run step of
$$\theta_t = \theta_{t-1} - \gamma \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Clip}_\tau \left( \nabla_{\theta} \ell(f(x_i; \theta), y_i) \right) + \text{Lap}(??)$$
- Sensitivity? How much noise?
  
- How to reason about what happens across time steps?

$$f^{-1}(x) = \{t : \text{s.t. } f(t) = x\}$$



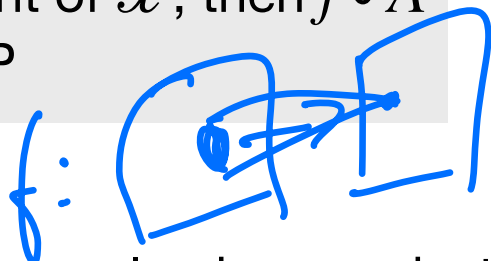
# Post-processing and composition

## Post-processing

- You can never undo the output of a DP-algorithm

### Theorem

$A : \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  is a  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -DP algorithm and  $f$  is a mapping independent of  $\mathcal{X}$ , then  $f \circ A$  is  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -DP



$$t \sim f(A(D))$$

$$\frac{P_A[f(A(D)) = t]}{P_A[f(A(D)) = t]}$$

$$= \frac{P_A[A(D) = f^{-1}(t)]}{P_A[A(D) = f^{-1}(t)]}$$

$$P_A[A(D) = f^{-1}(t)]$$

- Upshot: we can plug in our private gradients into any optimizer (e.g. AdamW).

$$P_n[A(D) = f^{-1}(t)] = \frac{\sum_{s \in f^{-1}(t)} P_n[A(D) = s]}{\sum_{s \in f^{-1}(t)} P_n[A(D') = s]}$$

assuming  $\delta = 0$

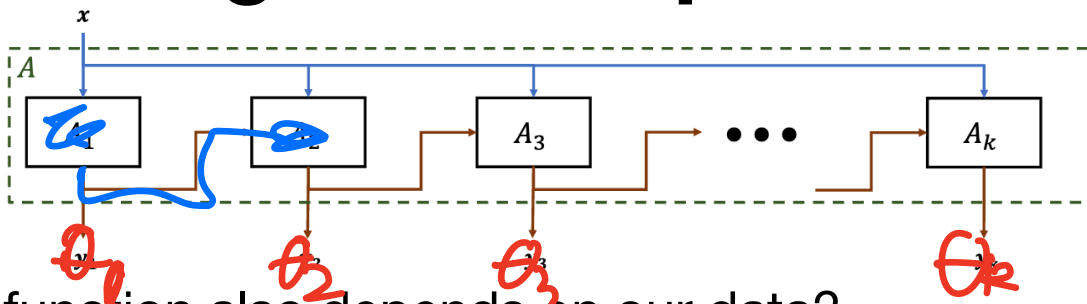
$$\leq \frac{\sum_{s \in f^{-1}(t)} e^\epsilon P_n[A(D') = s]}{\sum_{s \in f^{-1}(t)} P_n[A(D') = s]} \leq e^\epsilon$$

$$P_n \left[ P_n[A(D') = s] \geq e^\epsilon P_n[A(D') = s] \right] \leq \delta$$

$$\boxed{\delta} f^{-1}(t)$$

# Post-processing and composition

## Composition



- What if the new function also depends on our data?

### Theorem

$A : \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  is a  $(\epsilon_1, 0)$ -DP algorithm and  
 $B : \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$  is a  $(\epsilon_2, 0)$ -DP algorithm, then  
 $(A, B) : \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{R}^d$  is  $(\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2, 0)$ -DP

fixed inputs of  $\mathbb{R}^d$

$$\underline{P_A \{ (A, B)(D) = (t_1, t_2) \}} \leq e^{\epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2}$$

$$P_A \{ (A, B)(D') = (t_1, t_2) \}$$

$$= P_A \{ A(D) = t_1 \ \& \ B(D) = t_2 \}$$

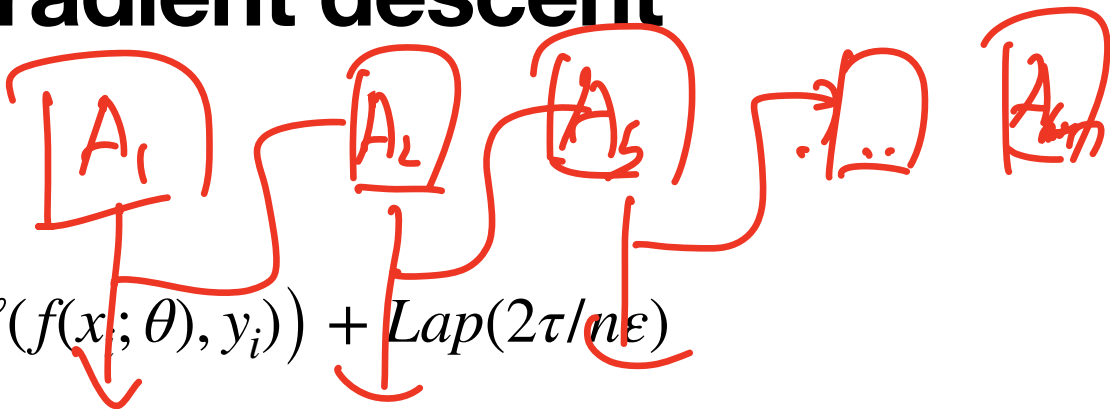
$$P_A \{ A(D') = t_1 \ \& \ B(D') = t_2 \}$$

$$= \frac{P_A \{ A(D) = t_1 \} P_A \{ B(D) = t_2 \mid A(D) = t_1 \}}{P_A \{ A(D') = t_1 \} P_A \{ B(D') = t_2 \mid A(D') = t_1 \}}$$

$$\leq e^{\epsilon_1} \cdot e^{\epsilon_2}$$

# Private full-batch gradient descent

## Multi-step privacy



- One step is  $(\epsilon, 0)$ -DP

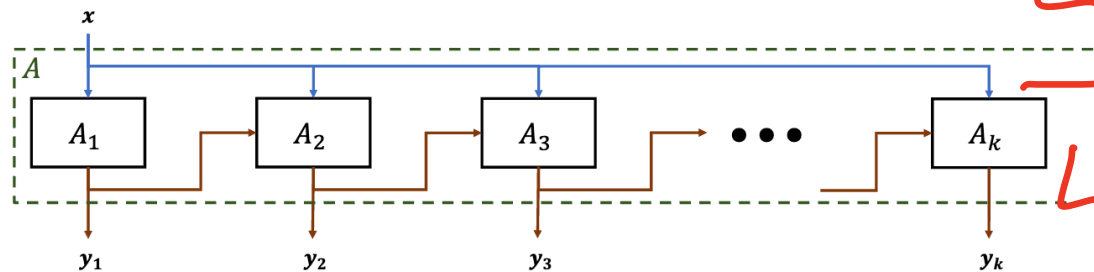
$$\theta_t = \theta_{t-1} - \gamma \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Clip}_{\tau} \left( \nabla_{\theta} \ell(f(x; \theta), y_i) \right) + \text{Lap}(2\tau/n\epsilon)$$

- $k$ -steps of full-batch gradient descent is  $(k\epsilon, 0)$ -DP.

$$\frac{\mathbb{P}_A [A(D) = x_1 \ \& \ B(D) = x_2]}{\mathbb{P}_A [A(D') = x_1 \ \& \ B(D') = x_2]}$$

# Private full-batch gradient descent

## Advanced composition



$$\text{Lap}(\mu_1, \frac{2\tau}{n\epsilon})$$

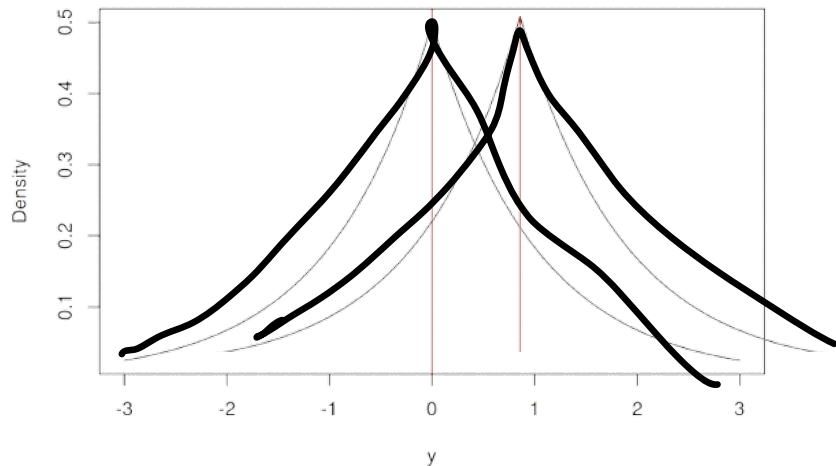
$$\text{Lap}(\mu_2, \frac{2\tau}{n\epsilon})$$

PDF of Laplace distribution

- Let us compute the privacy random variable:

$$R = \log \left( \frac{\Pr[A(D) = t]}{\Pr[A(D') = t]} \right) \quad \text{for } t \sim A(D)$$

- $R \in [-\epsilon, \epsilon]$  and has mean 0.



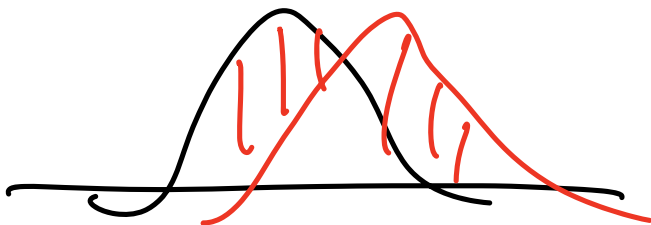


$$\frac{\exp(-\epsilon|t|)}{\exp(-\epsilon|t-1|)} = \begin{cases} e^{-\epsilon} & \text{when } t \leq 0 \\ e^{\epsilon} & t \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\theta = \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_i (l_i) \frac{(\nabla L_i)}{\epsilon} + \mathcal{N} \left( 0, \frac{C^2 \log \frac{1}{\delta}}{n \epsilon^2} \right) \right)$$

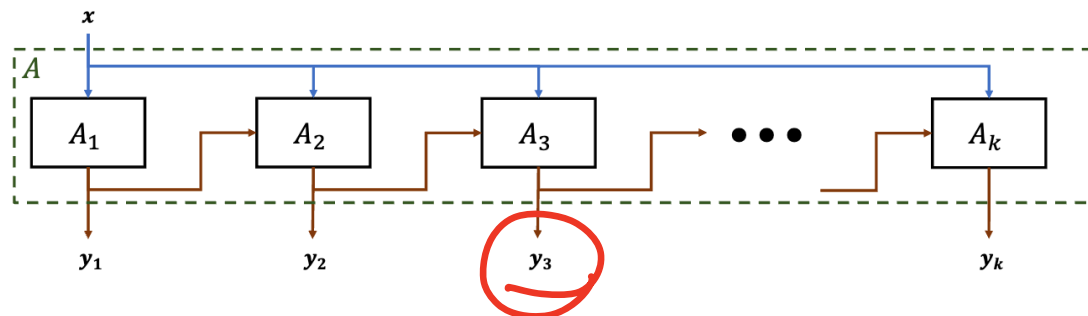
$\hookrightarrow \mathcal{D}(\epsilon, \delta)$

$$O \left( \sqrt{k} \epsilon \log \frac{1}{\delta'} + k \frac{(e^\epsilon - 1)}{(e^\epsilon + 1)}, k\delta + \delta' \right)$$



# Private full-batch gradient descent

## Advanced composition



- Privacy random variable of composition:

$$R = \sum_{i=1}^k \log \left( \frac{\Pr[A_i(D) = t_i]}{\Pr[A_i(D') = t_i]} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^k R_i$$

- $R_i \in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$ , 0-mean, ~~conditionally~~ independent.

↳ conditioned on past

# Private full-batch gradient descent

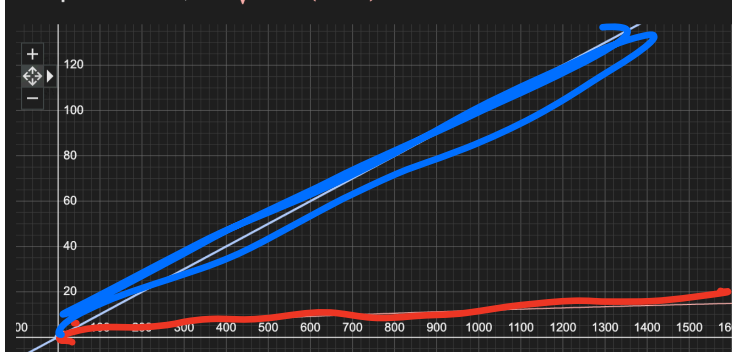
## Aside: Azuma's inequality

### Azuma's inequality

Given  $X_1, \dots, X_k$  where  $E[X_i | \text{past}] = 0$ ,  $|X_i| \leq \varepsilon_i$ .  
Then,

$$\Pr[\sum_{i=1}^k X_i \geq \Delta] \leq \exp(-\Delta^2/2 \sum_{i=1}^k \varepsilon_i^2)$$

Graph for  $0.1x, 0.1\sqrt{2x \ln(1000)}$



- $R_i \in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$ , 0-mean, conditionally independent.
- $\Pr[\sum_{i=1}^k R_i \geq \varepsilon\sqrt{2k \log(1/\delta)}] \leq \delta$  i.e. we have  $(\varepsilon\sqrt{2k \ln(1/\delta)}, \delta)$ -DP!

$\int 2(0)$

# Private full-batch gradient descent

## Advanced composition

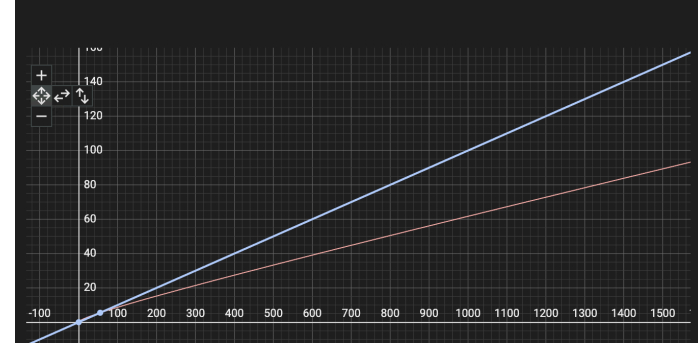
### Theorem. Advanced Composition

A combination of  $A_1 \circ A_2 \circ \dots \circ A_k$ , each of which is  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -DP is  $(\tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{\delta})$ -DP where

$$\tilde{\epsilon} = \epsilon \sqrt{2k \ln(1/\delta')} + k \frac{e^\epsilon - 1}{e^\epsilon + 1} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\delta} = k\delta + \delta'$$

For any choice of  $\delta'$ .

Graph for  $0.1x, 0.1\sqrt{2x \ln(1000)} + x(e^{0.1} - 1)/(e^{0.1} + 1)$



# Private full-batch gradient descent

## Multi-step privacy

- One step is  $(\epsilon, \theta)$ -DP

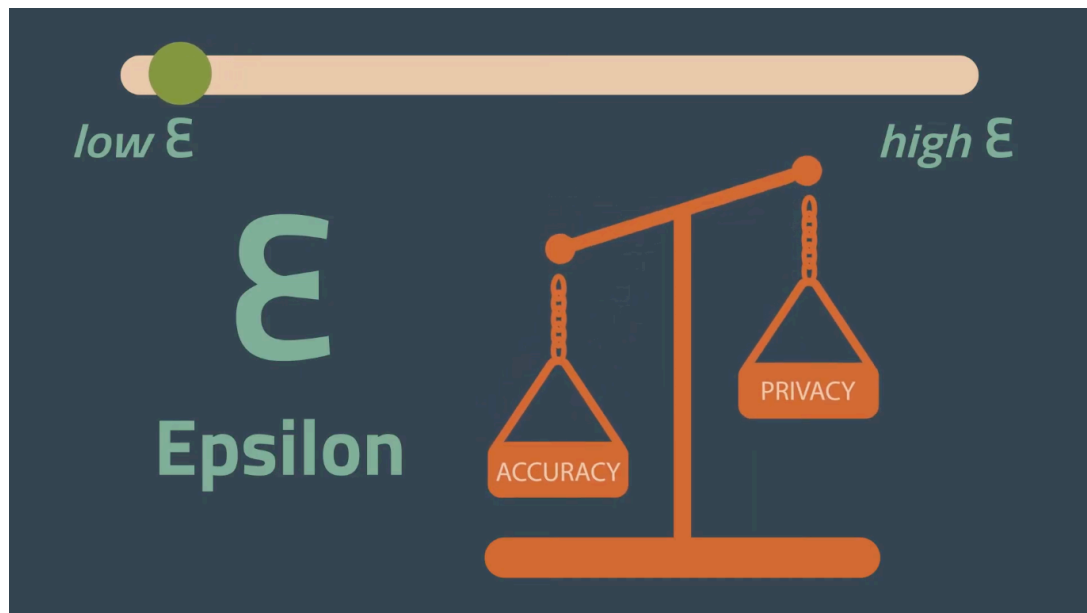
*Gaussian*

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- $k$ -steps of full-batch gradient descent is  $(\epsilon\sqrt{2k \ln(1/\delta)}, \delta)$ -DP.
- How about with Gaussian-noise and vectors?



# Making SGD Private: Subsampling



# Private stochastic gradient descent

## Algorithm

- Starting from  $\theta_0$ , at each time step
  - sample  $(x_i, y_i)$  randomly from  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_n, y_n)$
  - $\theta_t = \theta_{t-1} - \gamma \nabla_{\theta} \ell(f(x_i; \theta), y_i)$

- To make it private

- $\theta_t = \theta_{t-1} - \gamma \text{Clip}_{\tau} (\nabla_{\theta} \ell(f(x_i; \theta), y_i)) + \text{noise}$

- Assume scalar for now. So noise =  $Lap(??)$

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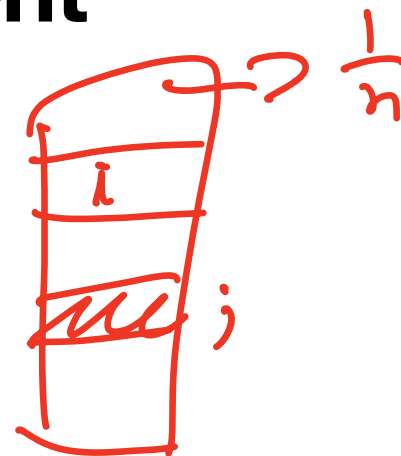
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- No improvement due to  $n$
- Important note: use **poisson sampling!** Not uniform.
- This makes analyzing what happens to each data-point independent.

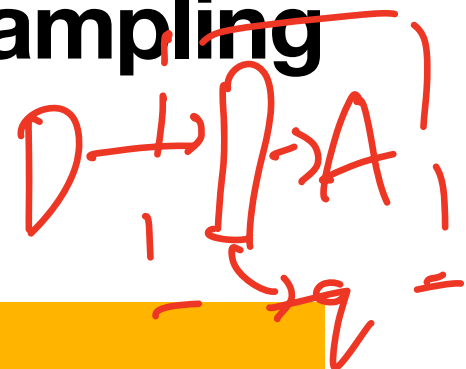


# Privacy amplification via subsampling



- Given a dataset  $D \in \mathcal{X}^n$ , and  $m \in [n]$
- We define  $S$  to be a random  $m$ -subsample of  $D$
- Is releasing  $S$  private?
- Now suppose  $A$  is  $\epsilon$ -DP on  $D$ . What is the privacy of  $A$  composed with subsampling?

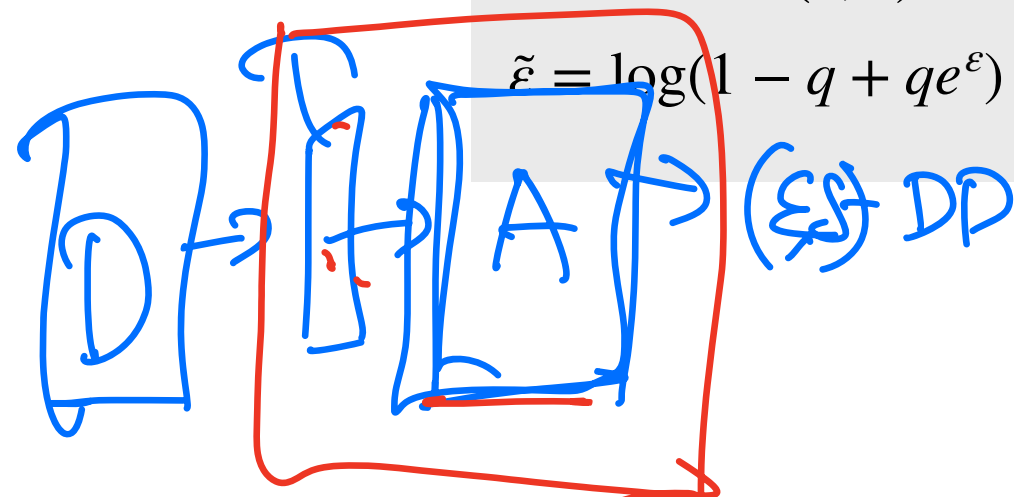
# Privacy amplification via subsampling



## Theorem. Subsampling Amplification

Composing an  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -DP  $A$  with a sampling rate of  $q$  results in an  $(\tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{\delta})$ -DP algorithm where

$$\tilde{\epsilon} = \log(1 - q + qe^\epsilon) = O(q\epsilon) \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\delta} = q\delta$$

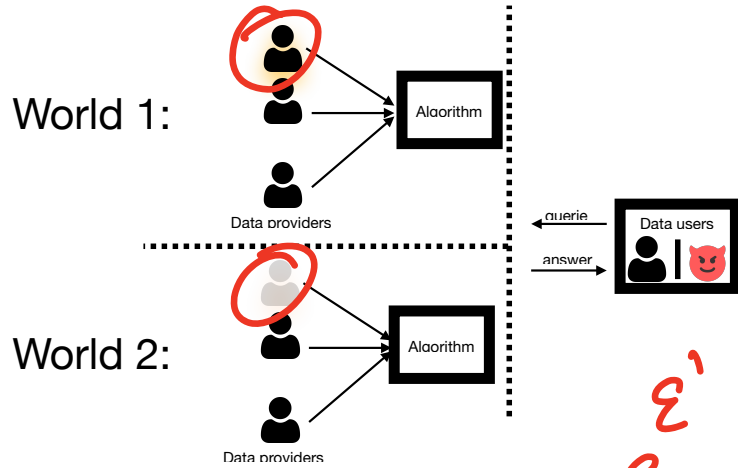


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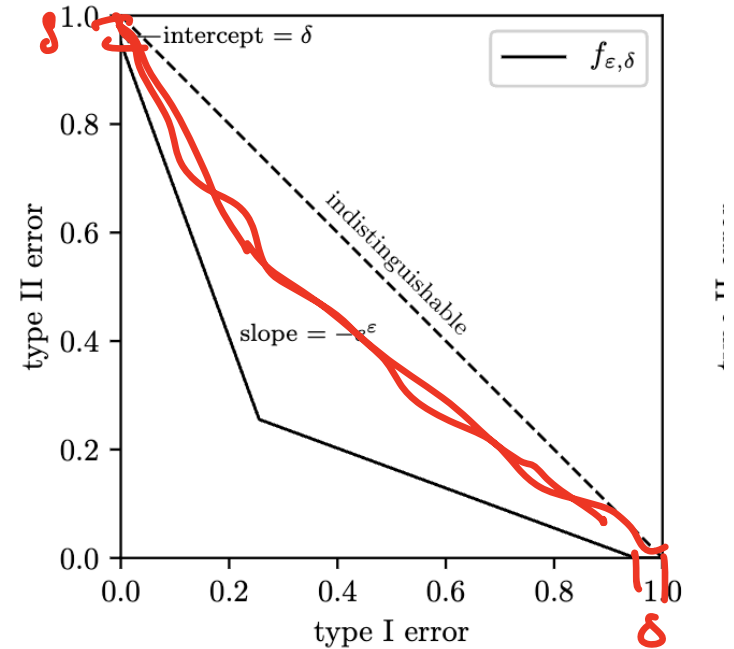
Membership Inference definition of privacy

$$TI + e^\epsilon TII \geq 1 - \delta$$

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$$= e^\epsilon$$



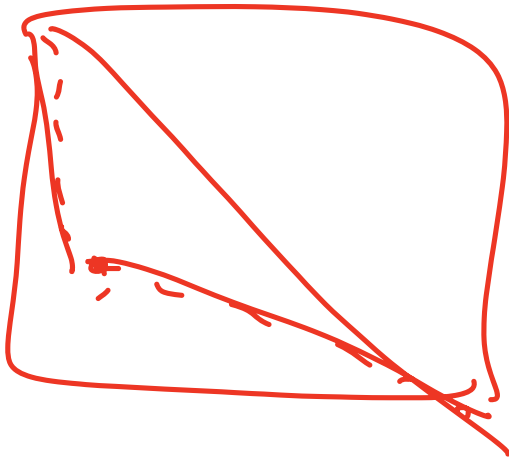
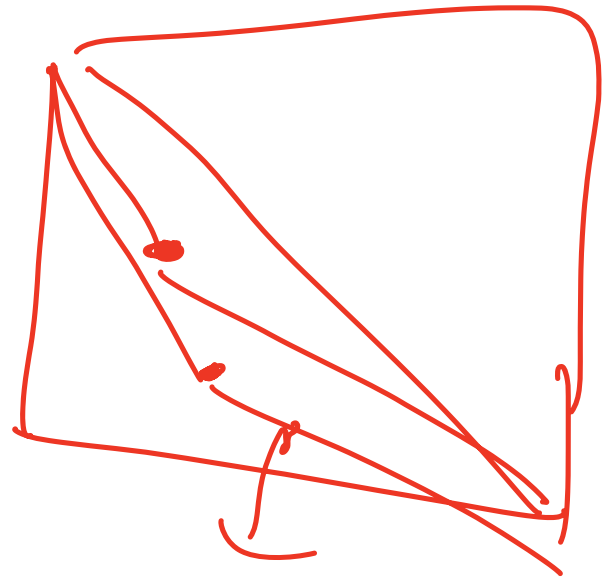
- Claim:  $\beta + (1 - q + qe^\epsilon)\alpha \geq 1 - \delta$

- and,  $(1 - q + qe^\epsilon)\beta + \alpha \geq 1 - \delta$ , where  $\alpha$  = type I error,  $\beta$  = type II error



$$P = f(x)$$

$$Z = g(x)$$



# Private stochastic gradient descent

## One-step privacy

$$\text{Lap}\left(\frac{2\tau}{\epsilon n}\right)$$

- Suppose we just run step:

$$\theta_t = \theta_{t-1} - \gamma \text{Clip}_\tau(\nabla_\theta \ell(f(x_t; \theta), y_t)) + \text{Lap}(2\tau/\epsilon)$$

- We have  $q = 1/n$ . So, we have  $\tilde{\epsilon} = \log(1 - 1/n + e^\epsilon/n) = O(\epsilon/n)$

- Adding in advanced composition,  $k$  rounds of SGD satisfies  $(O(\epsilon/n \sqrt{k \ln(1/\delta)}), \delta)$ -DP

$$\left(\epsilon \sqrt{n \ln\left(\frac{1}{\delta}\right)}, \delta\right)$$

$$(\epsilon, 0)$$

- Compare  $n$  steps of SGD with 1 step of full-batch. In practice, much better utility.

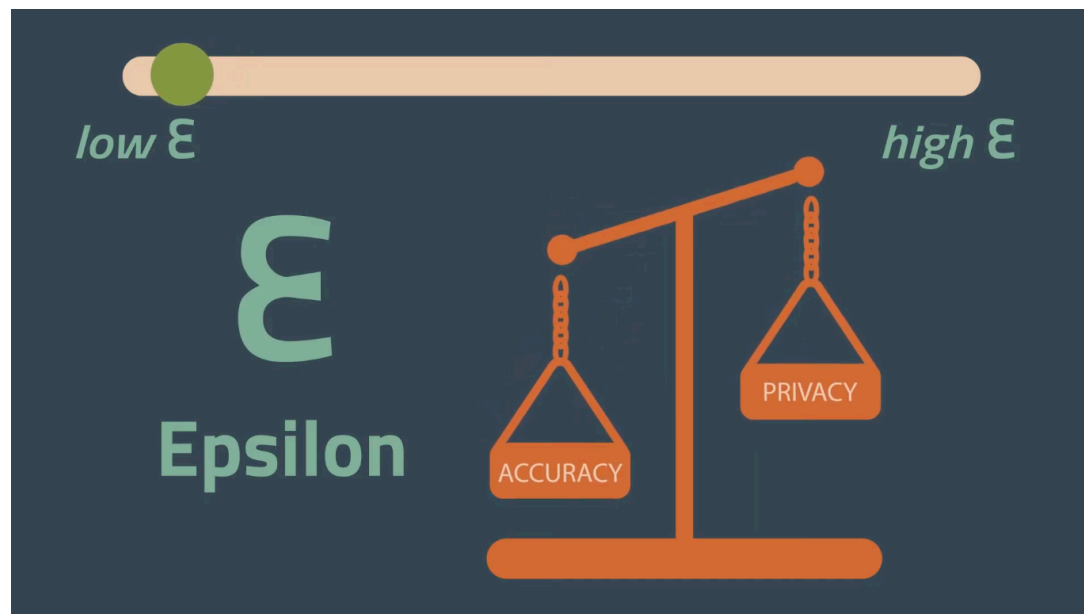
$$\theta_n = \theta_0 - \gamma \sum_{t=1}^n \left[ \text{Clip}_\tau(\nabla_\theta \ell(x_t, y_t)) + \text{Lap}\left(\frac{2\tau}{\epsilon n}\right) \right]$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{1}{5}\right)^n \leq e^{-1}$$

$$\theta_1 = \theta_2$$

$$- \delta \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{L}(i; p_c(\nabla_{\theta} L_i(\theta))) \right) + \text{Lap}\left(\frac{2\tau}{\epsilon n}\right)$$

# Analyzing Private learning



# Private learning analysis

## Private mean estimation

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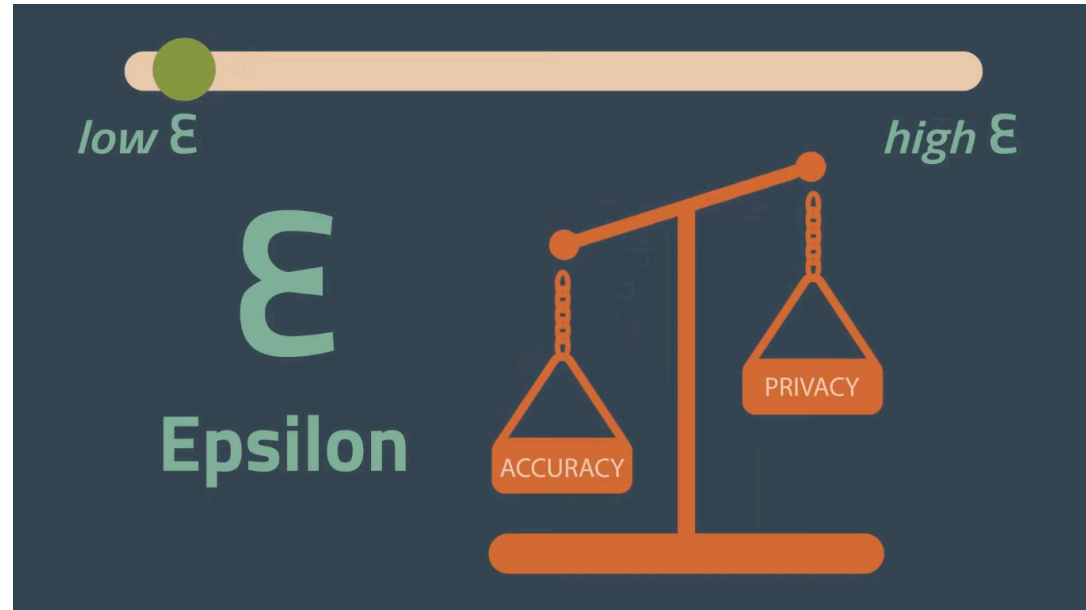


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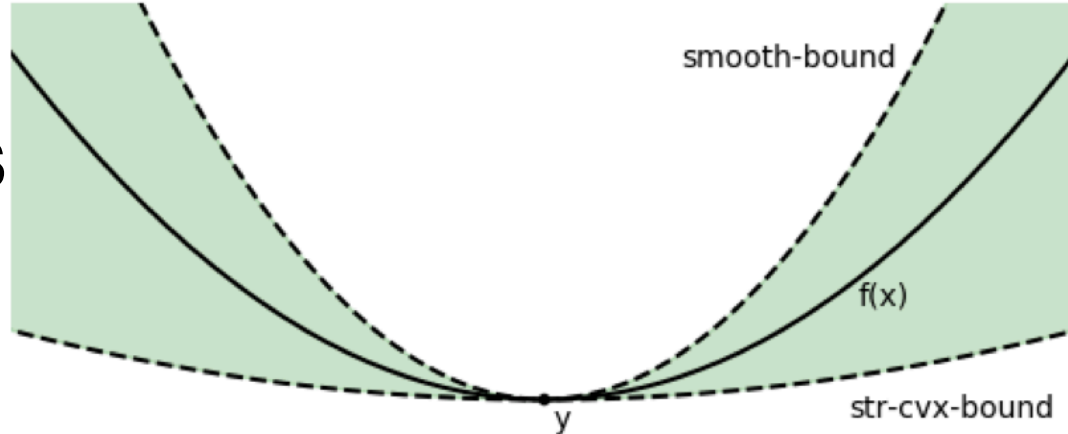
- Output  $\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{clip}_{\tau}(x_i) + \mathcal{N}(0, \rho^2)$ .
- What if we think of this as an iterative algorithm of  $n$  steps with  $\gamma = \frac{1}{n}$ :
  - $\hat{\mu}_t = \hat{\mu}_{t-1} - \gamma (\text{clip}_{\tau}(x_i) + \mathcal{N}(0, \rho^2))$
  - Privacy analysis?
  - Error analysis?

# Bonus



# Convergence analysis

## Gradient descent



$$\bullet \theta_t = \theta_{t-1} - \gamma_t \nabla L(\theta_{t-1})$$

$$\bullet \frac{\mu}{2} \|\Delta\theta\|_2^2 \geq L(\theta_t + \Delta\theta) - (L(\theta_t) + \nabla L(\theta_t)^\top \Delta\theta) \leq \frac{\beta}{2} \|\Delta\theta\|_2^2$$

$\mu$ -strongly-convex

$\beta$ -Smoothness

### Theorem

If  $L$  is  $\beta$ -smooth and  $\mu$ -strongly convex, gradient descent with  $\gamma_t = 1/\beta$  converges as

$$L(\theta_t) - \min_{\theta} L(\theta) \leq \left(1 - \frac{\mu}{\beta}\right)^t \|\theta_0 - \theta^*\|_2^2$$

# Understanding Gradient Descent

## Convergence analysis

- One final assumption: how bad is this approximation?

- $$\max_{\theta} E \|\nabla \ell_t(\theta) - \nabla L(\theta)\|_2^2 \leq \sigma^2$$

- Proofs cheat sheet: [https://gowerrobert.github.io/pdf/M2\\_statistique\\_optimisation/grad\\_conv.pdf](https://gowerrobert.github.io/pdf/M2_statistique_optimisation/grad_conv.pdf)

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$$E \|\theta^t - \theta^*\|_2^2 \leq (1 - \gamma\mu) E \|\theta^{t-1} - \theta^*\|_2^2 + \gamma^2 \sigma^2$$