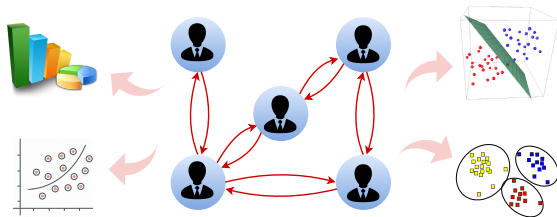


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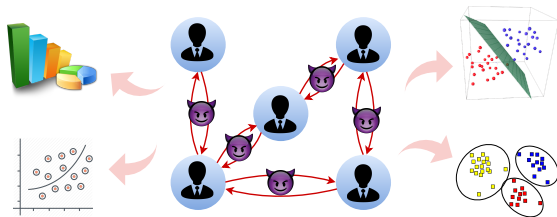
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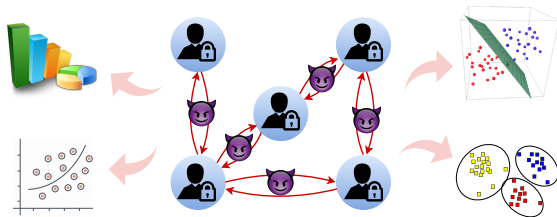
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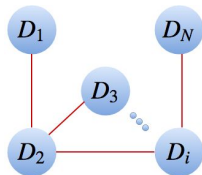
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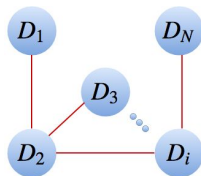
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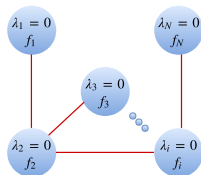
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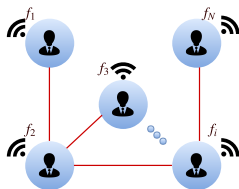


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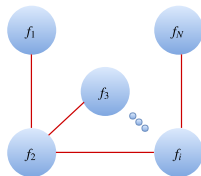


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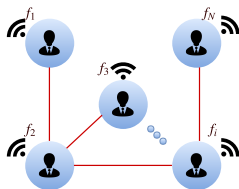


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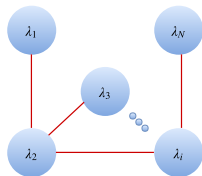


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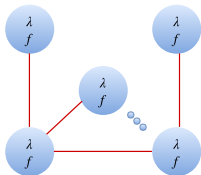


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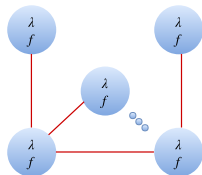


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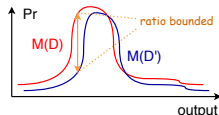
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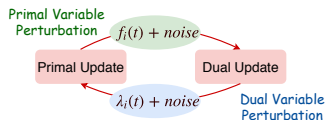
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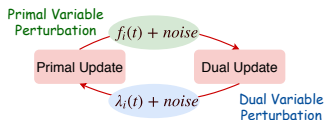


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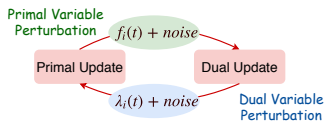


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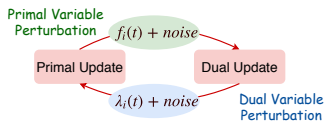
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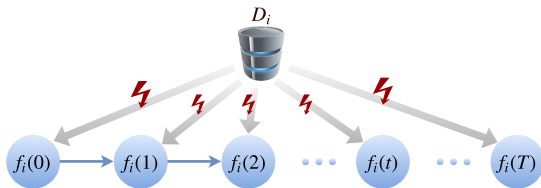
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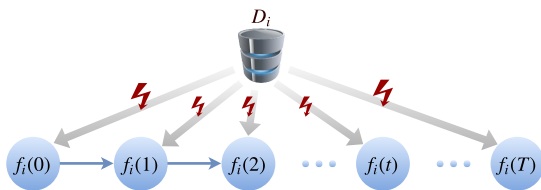
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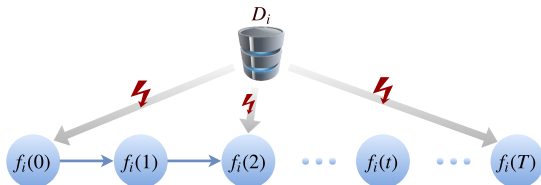


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# Recycled ADMM

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- Even updates: a variant of gradient descent

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## Differentially Private Recycled ADMM

- Odd updates: dual variable perturbation

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_i(2k-1) &= \underset{f_i}{\operatorname{argmin}} \{ O(f_i, D_i) + (2\lambda_i(2k-2) + \epsilon_i(2k-1))^\top f_i \\
 &\quad + \eta \sum_{j \in \mathcal{V}_i} \left\| \frac{1}{2} (f_i(2k-2) + f_j(2k-2)) - f_i \right\|_2^2 \} ; \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

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 &\quad \left. + 2\lambda_i(2k-1) + \underbrace{\epsilon_i(2k-1) + \nabla O(f_i(2k-1), D_i)}_{\text{the existing computation by KKT}} \right\} ; \\
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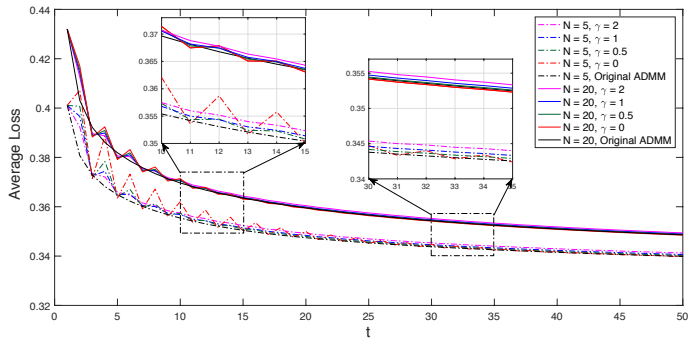
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$$\ln \frac{\Pr(\{\{f_i(t)\}_{i=1}^N\}_{t=0}^{2K} \in S | D_{all})}{\Pr(\{\{f_i(t)\}_{i=1}^N\}_{t=0}^{2K} \in S | \hat{D}_{all})} \leq \max_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{2C}{B_i} \left( \frac{1.4c_1}{\left(\frac{\rho}{N} + 2\eta V_i\right)} + \alpha_i(k) \right) \right\}$$

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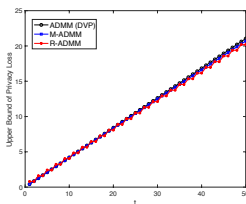
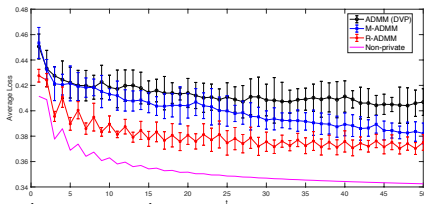
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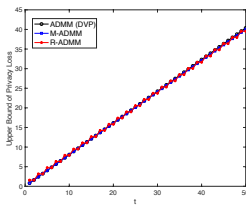
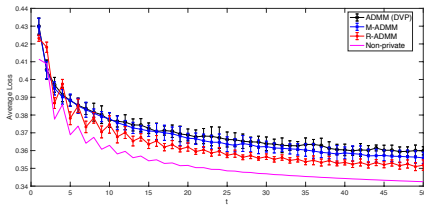
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- Accuracy comparison under the same privacy guarantee

$\alpha_i = 2$  (more private)



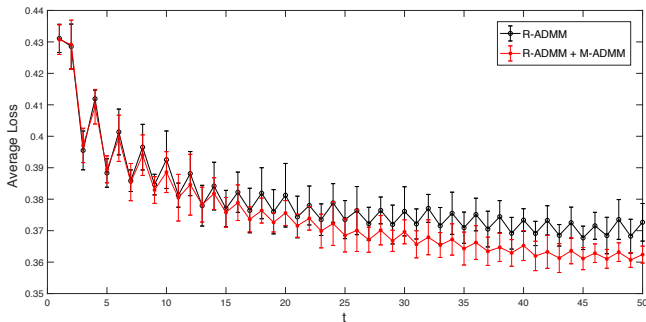
$\alpha_i = 4$  (less private)



- ADMM (DVP): T. Zhang, et al. IEEE Trans. Inf. Forensic Secur. (2017)
- M-ADMM: X. Zhang, et al. ICML (2018)

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- Incorporate the idea from X. Zhang, et al. ICML (2018): Decrease the step-size (increase  $\eta$  and  $\gamma$ ) over iterations to stabilize the algorithm.





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