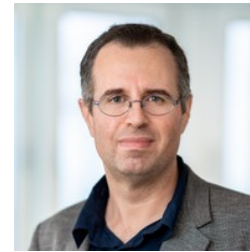




A Unified Approach to Differentially Private Bayes Point Estimation

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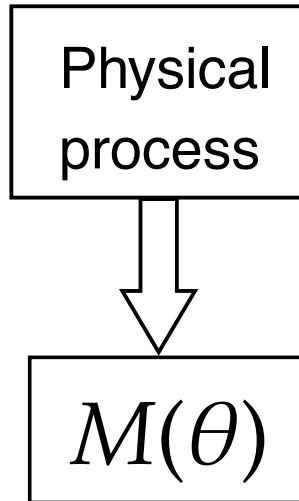


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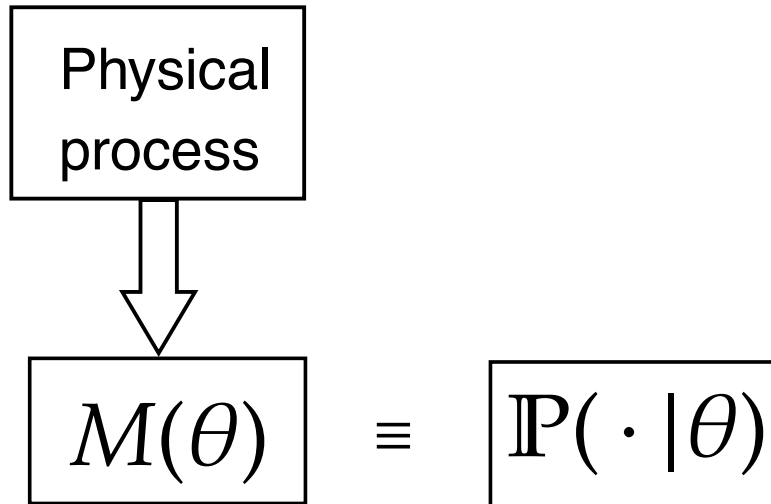


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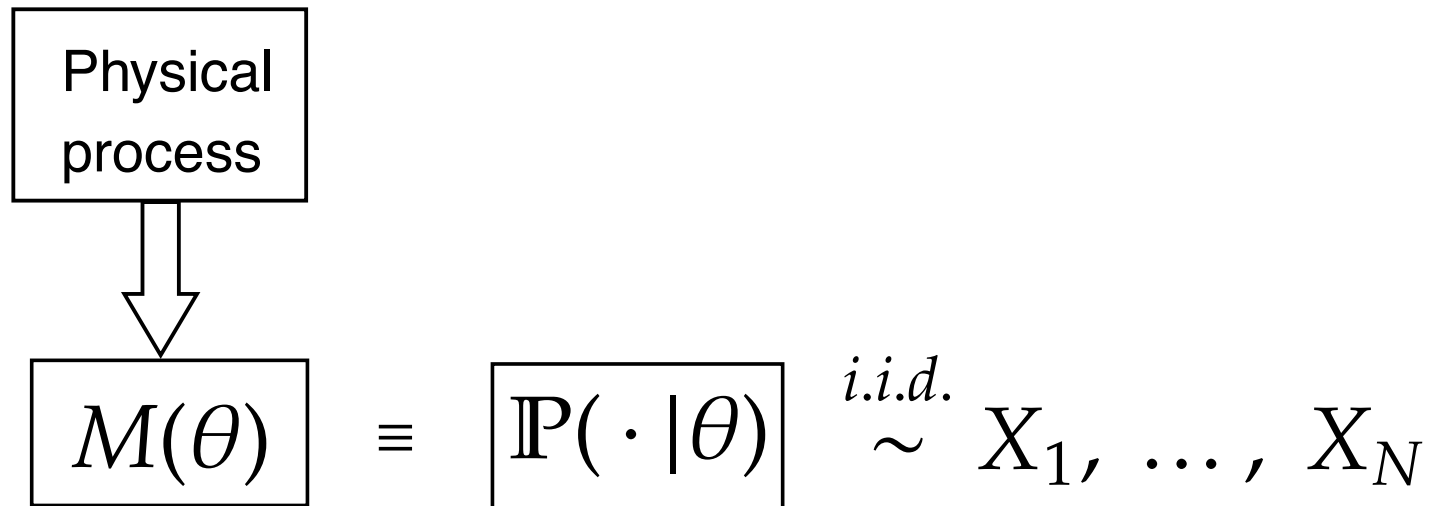
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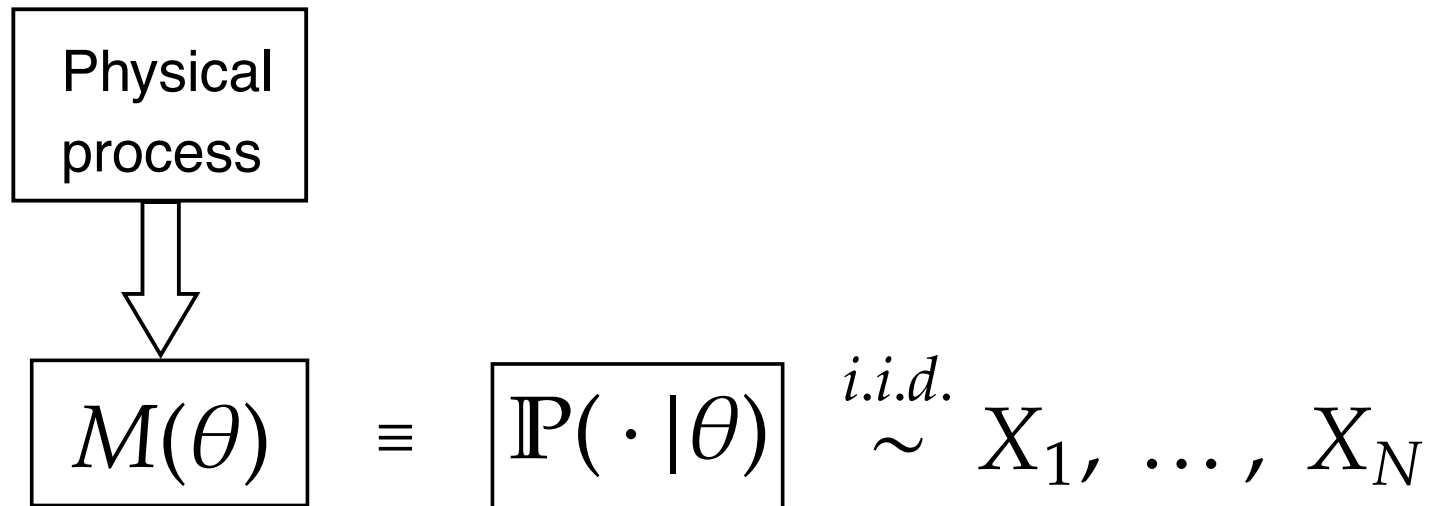
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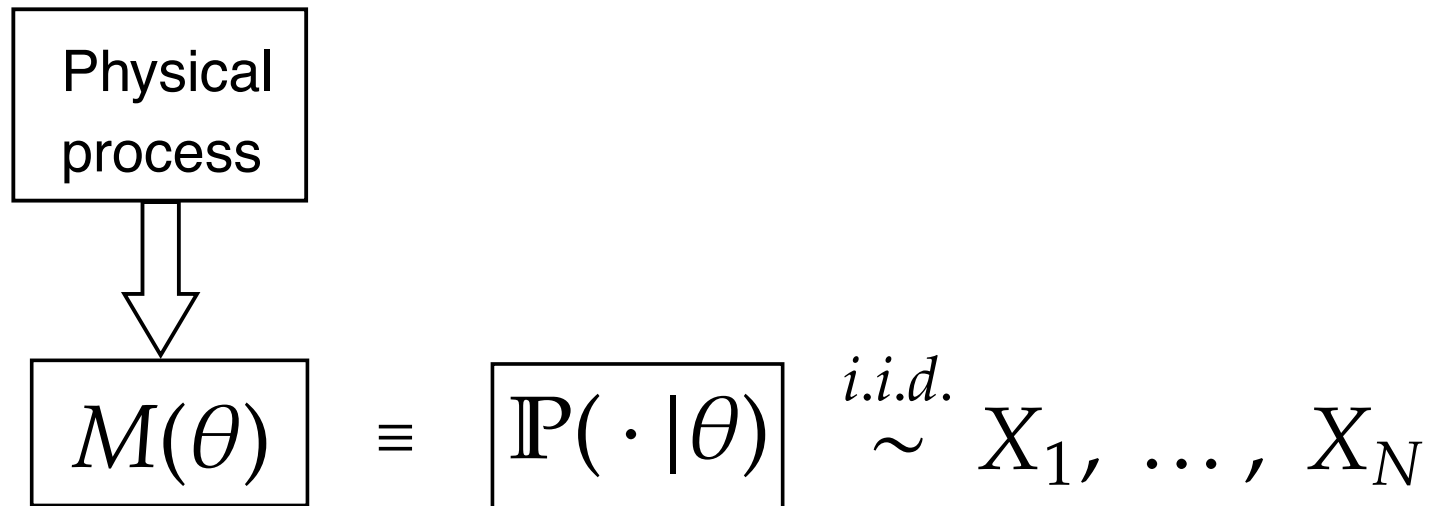


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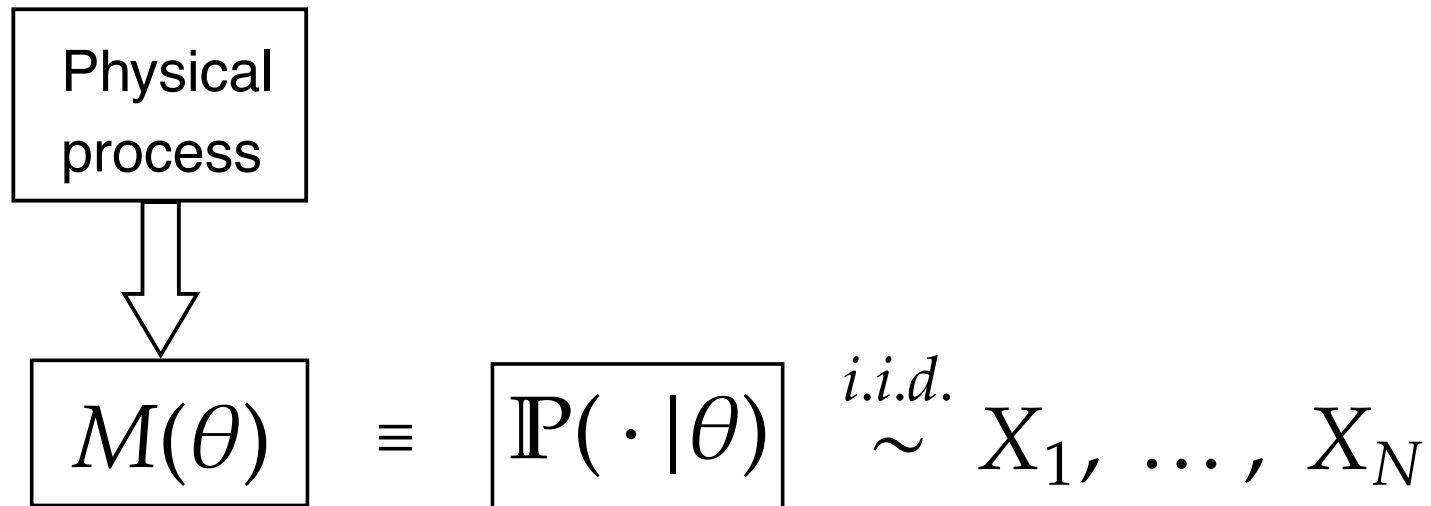
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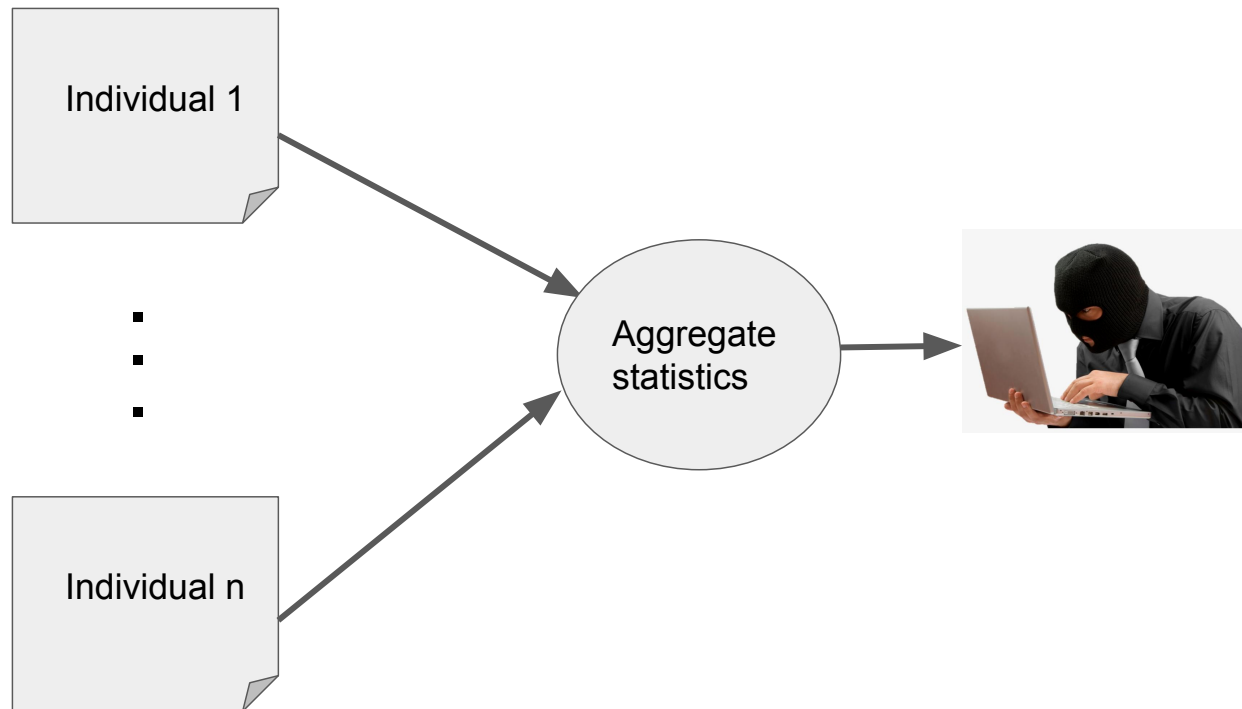


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- ▶ Examples:

- ▶ $\text{Ber}(\theta)$: $\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$

- ▶ $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$: $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i - \mu)^2$

Need for Privacy in Point Estimates

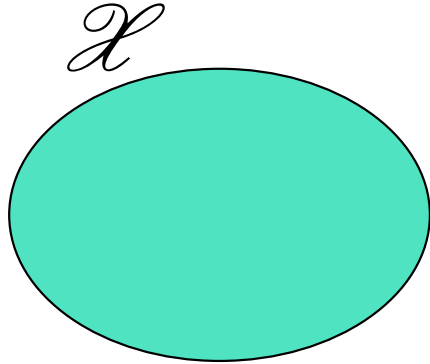


- ▶ Aggregate statistics: Sample mean, sample covariance,...
- ▶ Possible to infer an individual¹

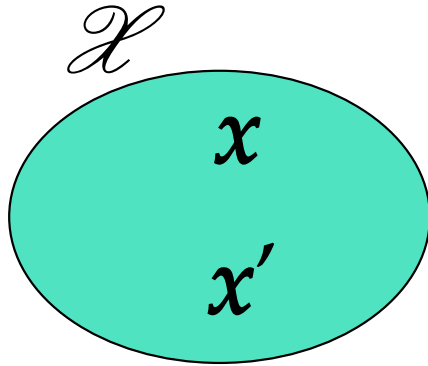
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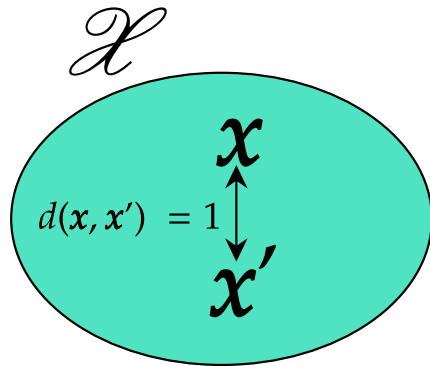
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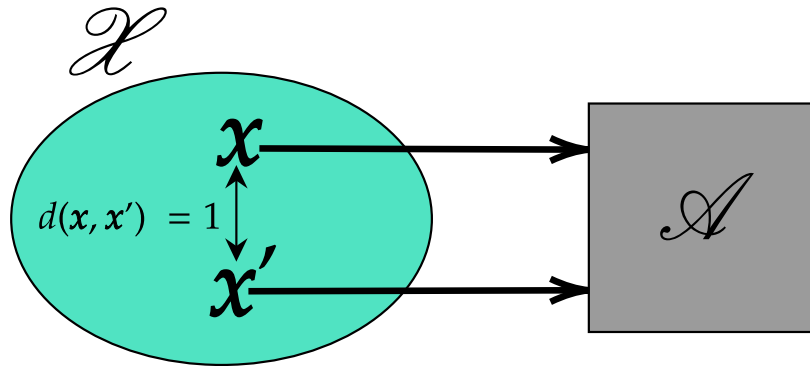
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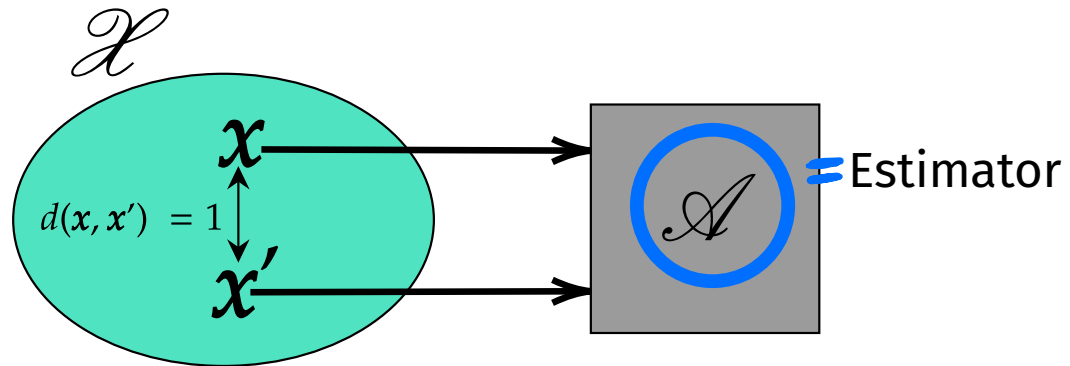
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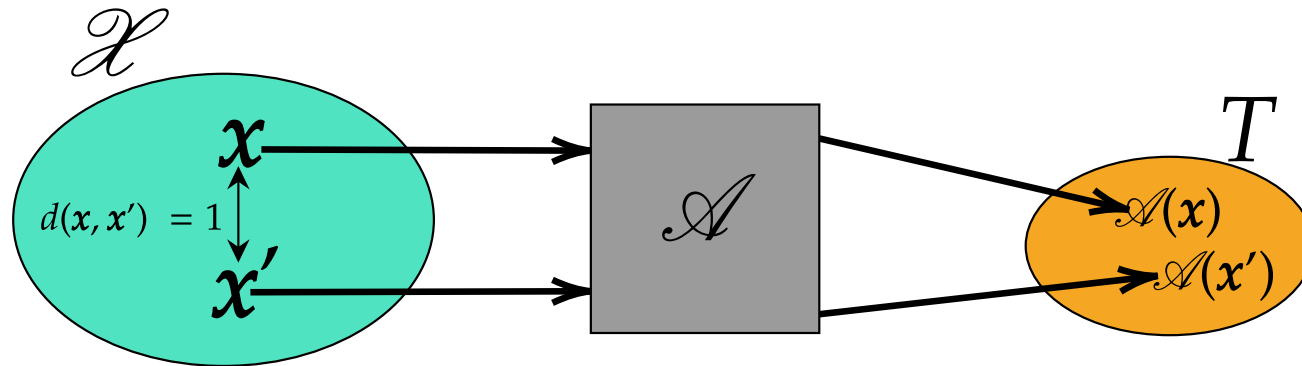
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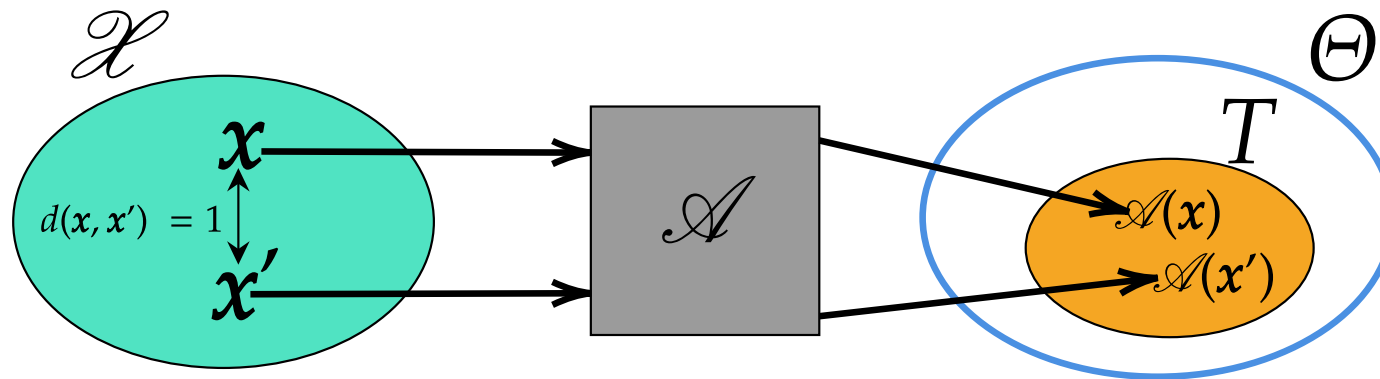
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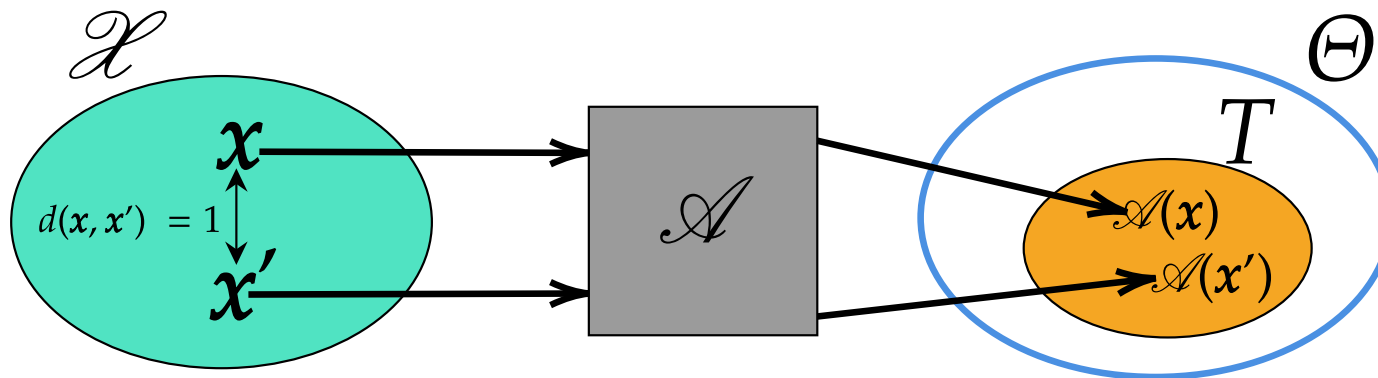
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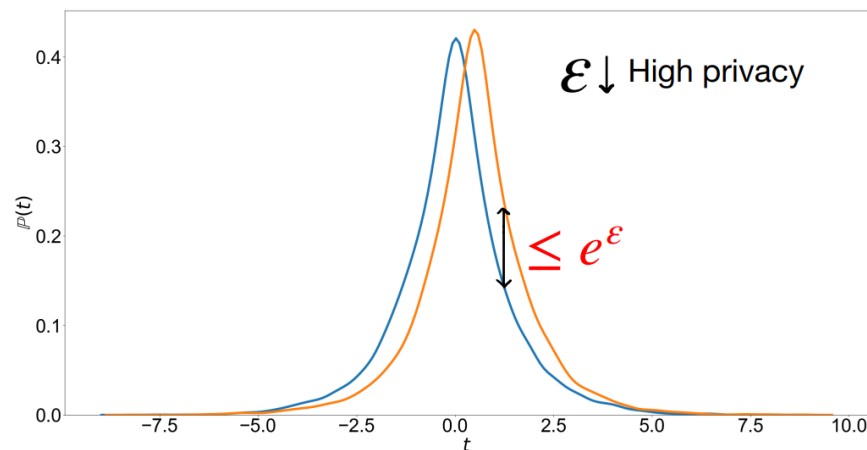
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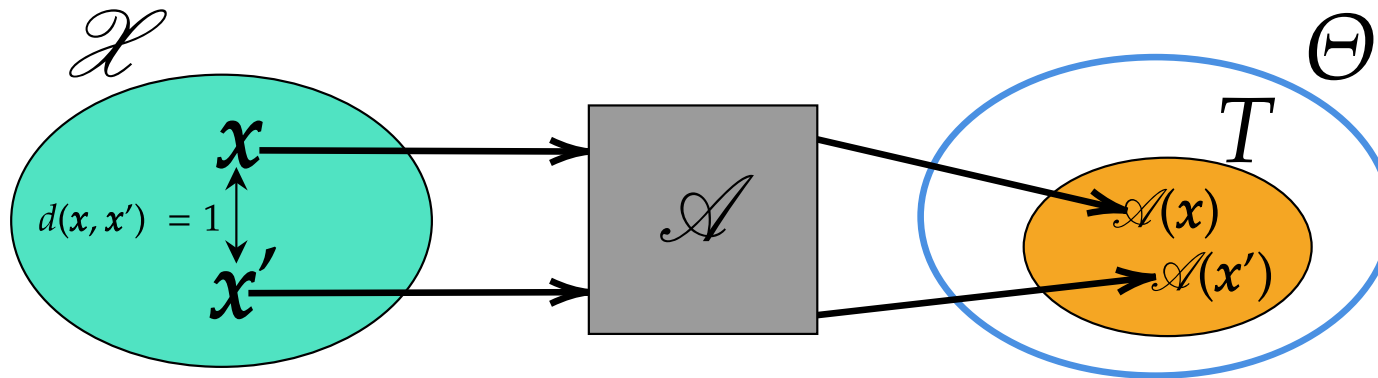


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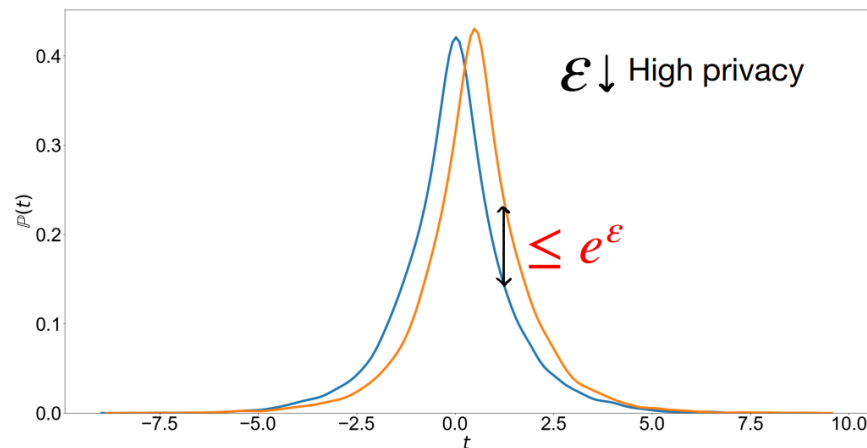


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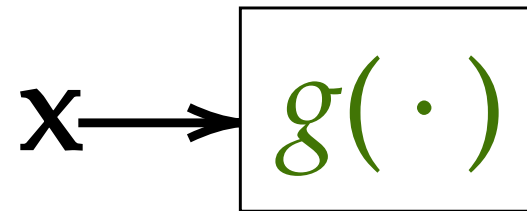


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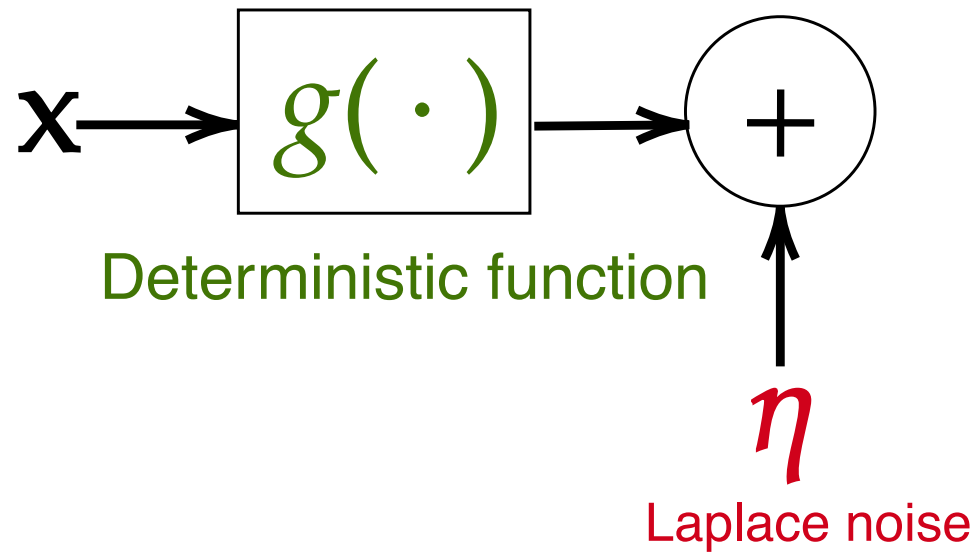
How to design \mathcal{A} ?

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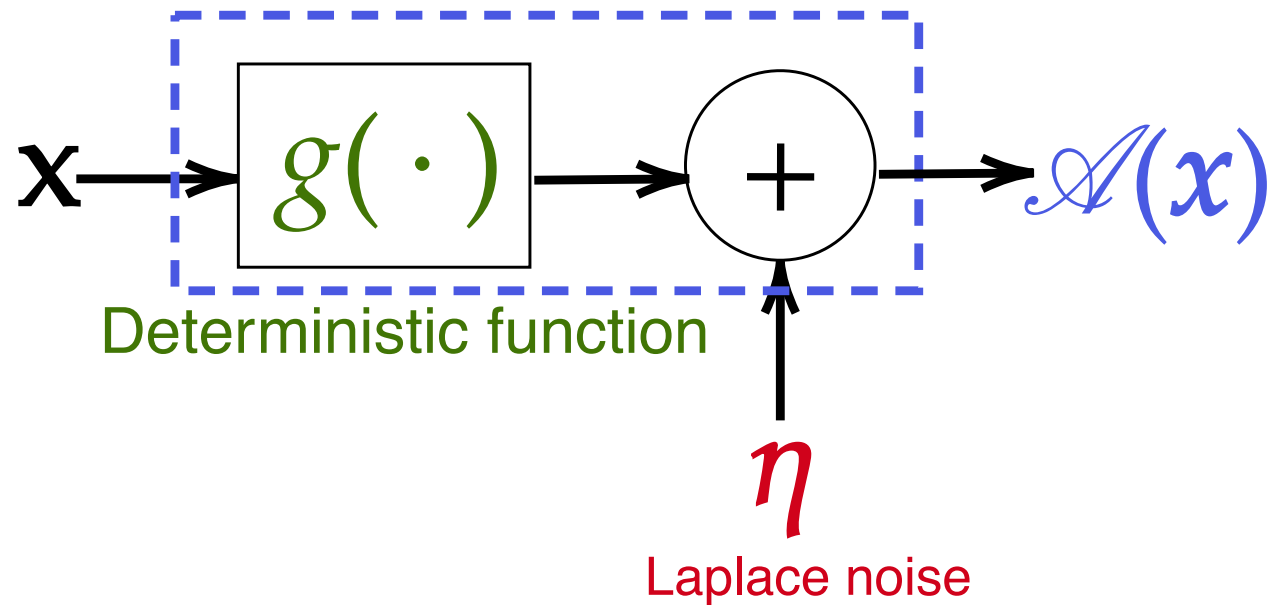


Deterministic function

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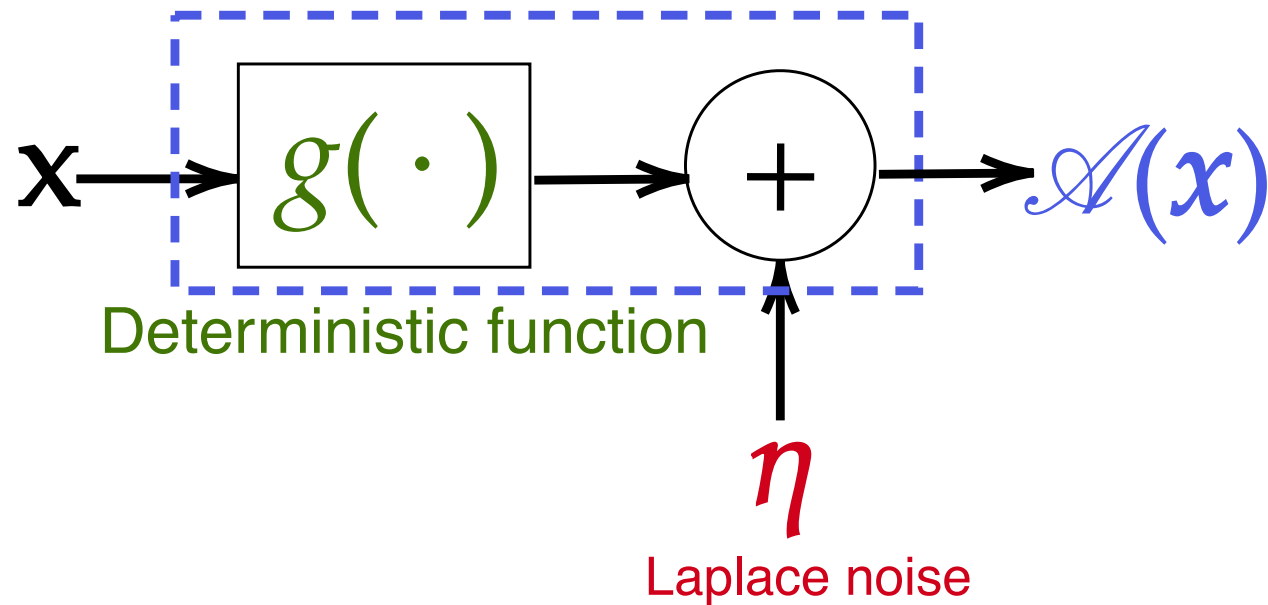


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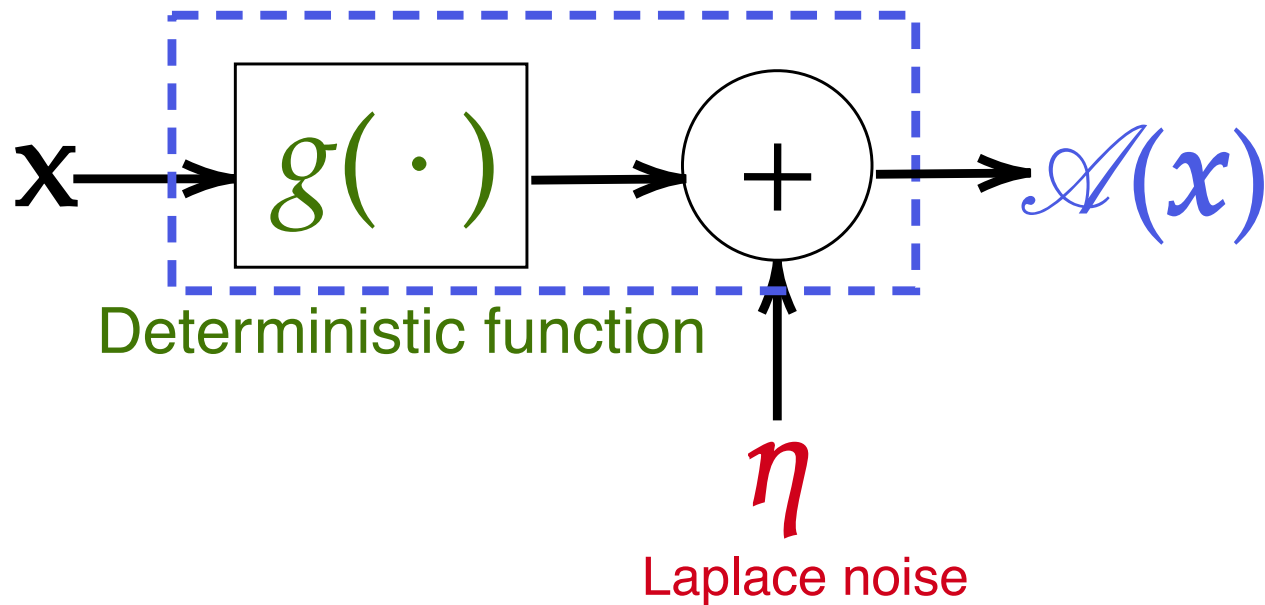
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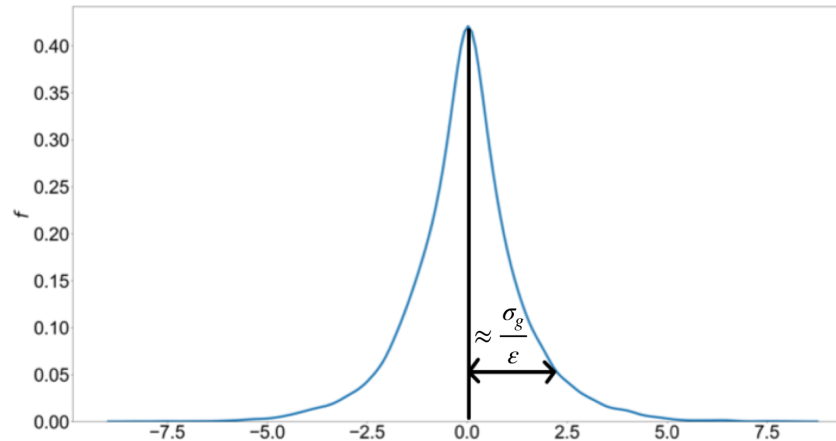
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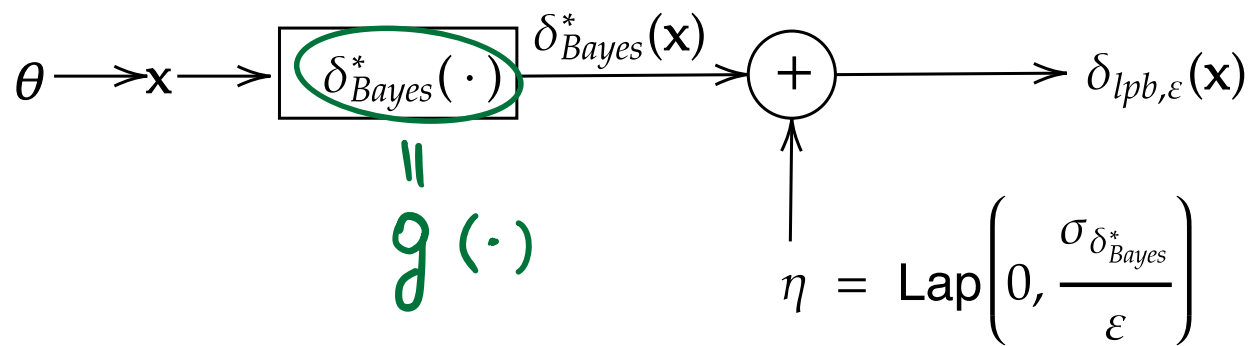
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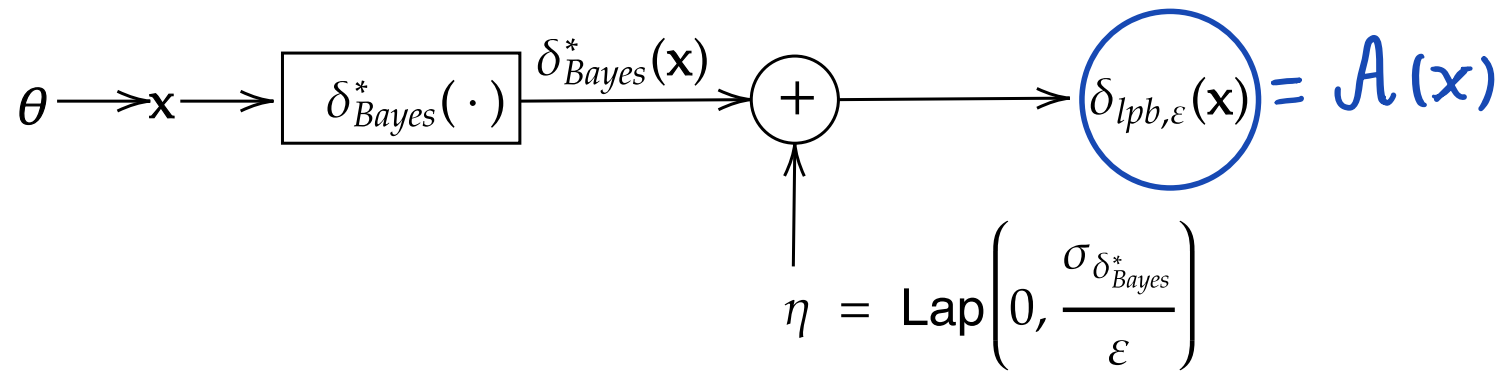
- ▶ Laplace mechanism enforces DP³
- ▶ DP via Laplace mechanism encounters accuracy-privacy trade off

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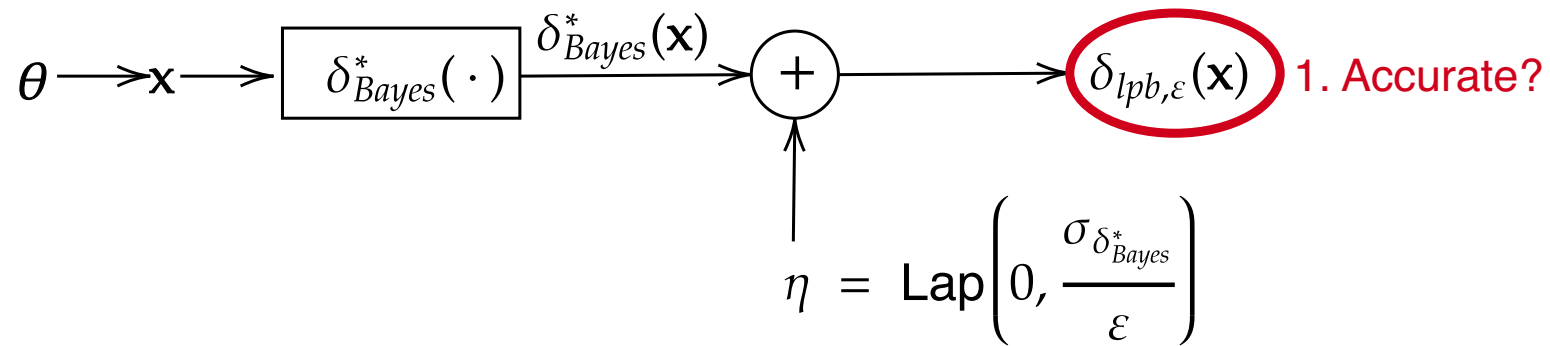
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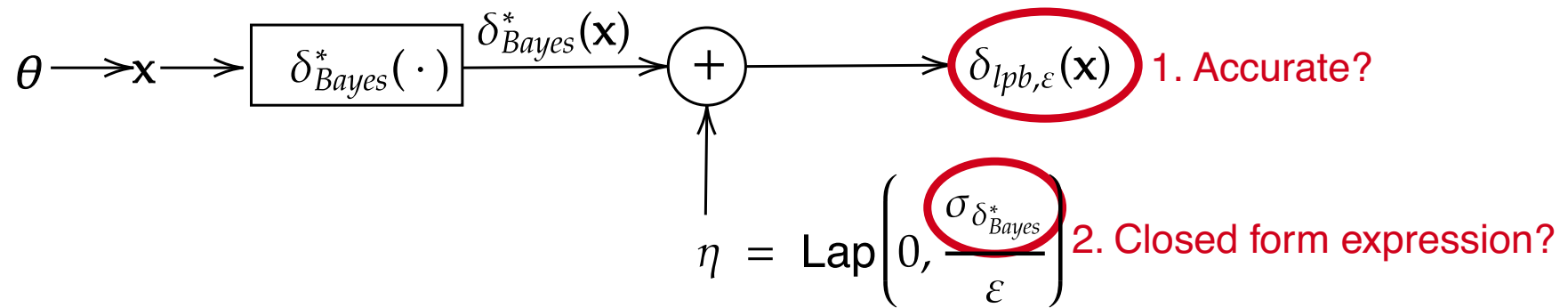
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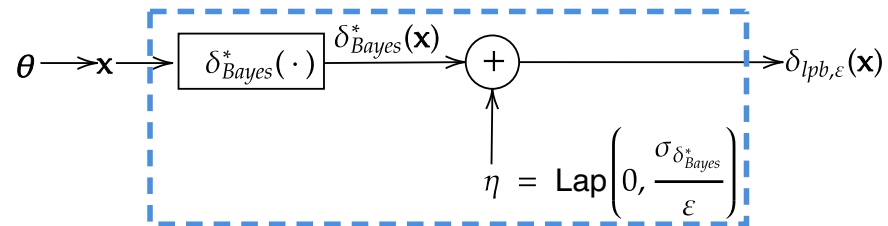
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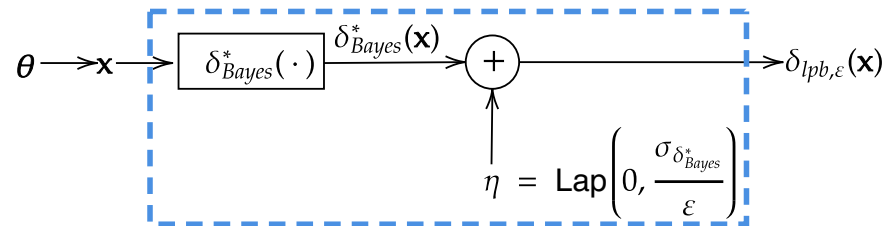
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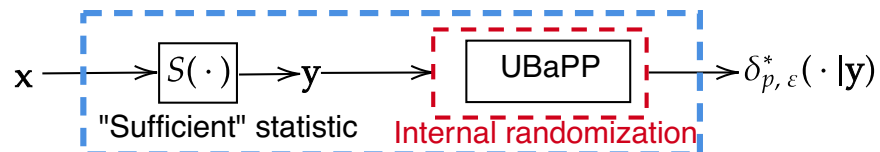


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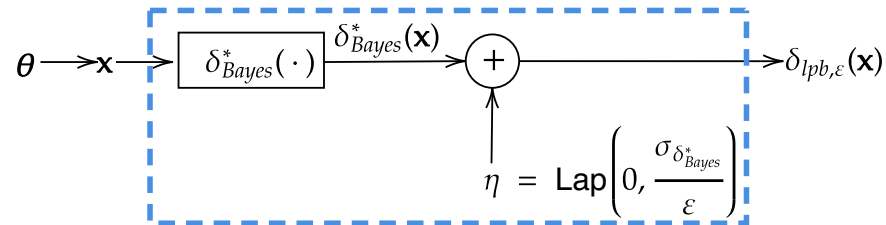


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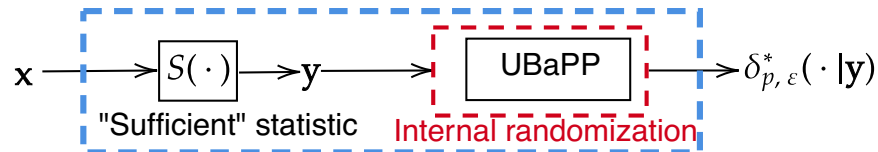


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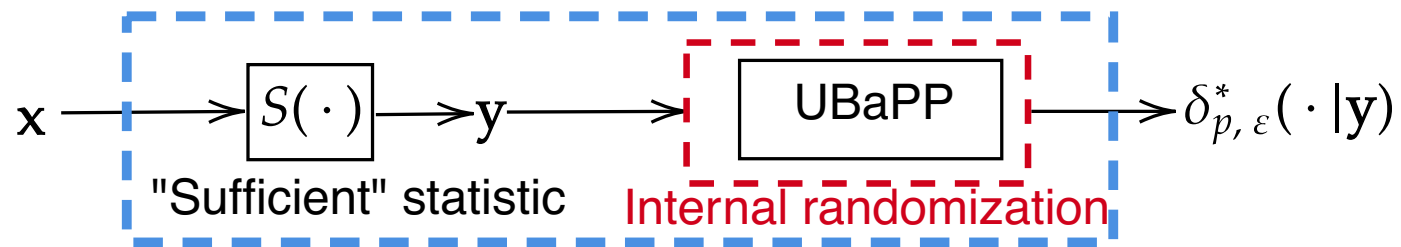
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Randomized estimator (our approach)

DP is enforced by randomizing the estimator directly

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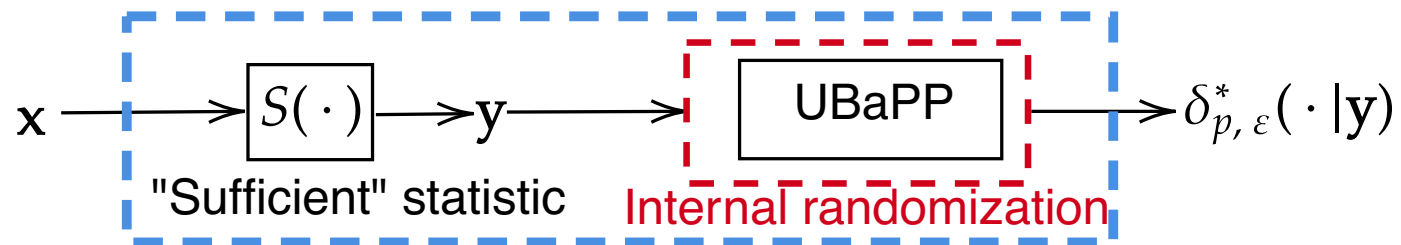


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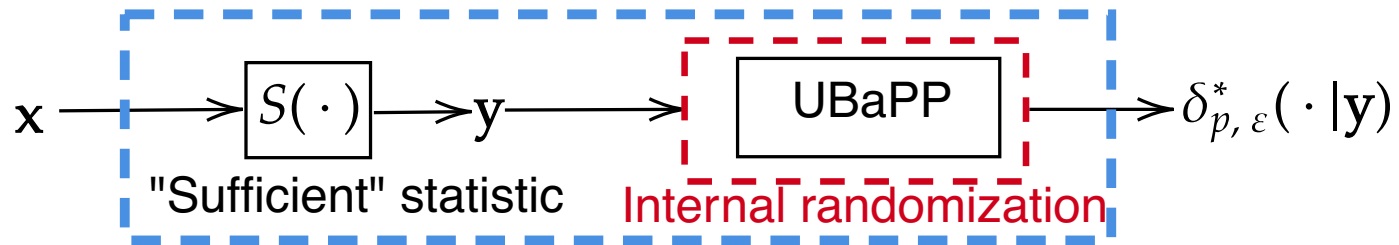
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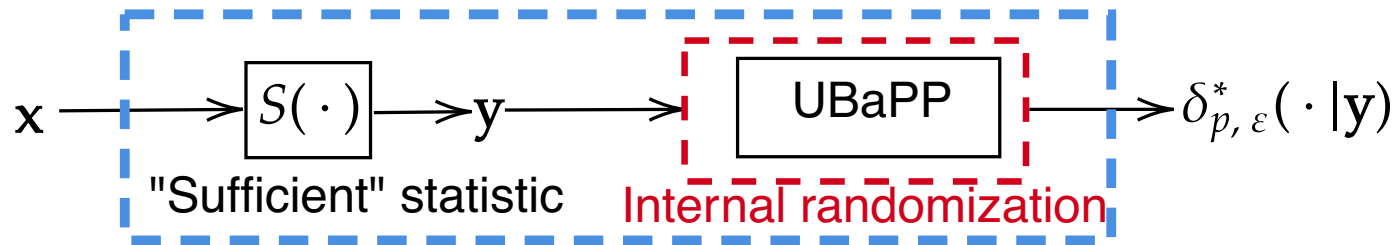
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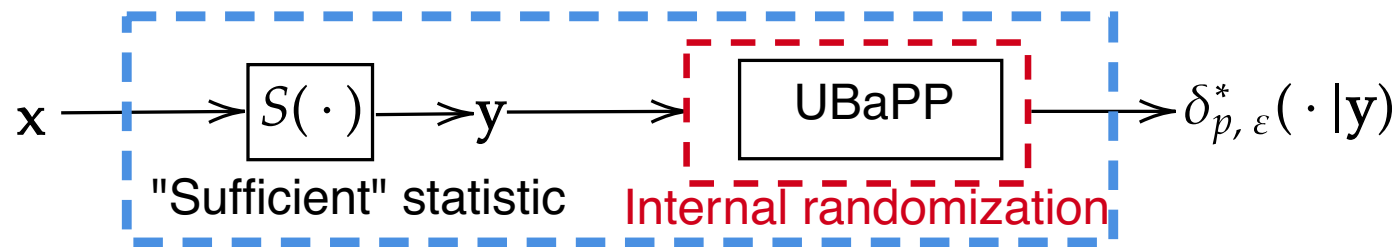
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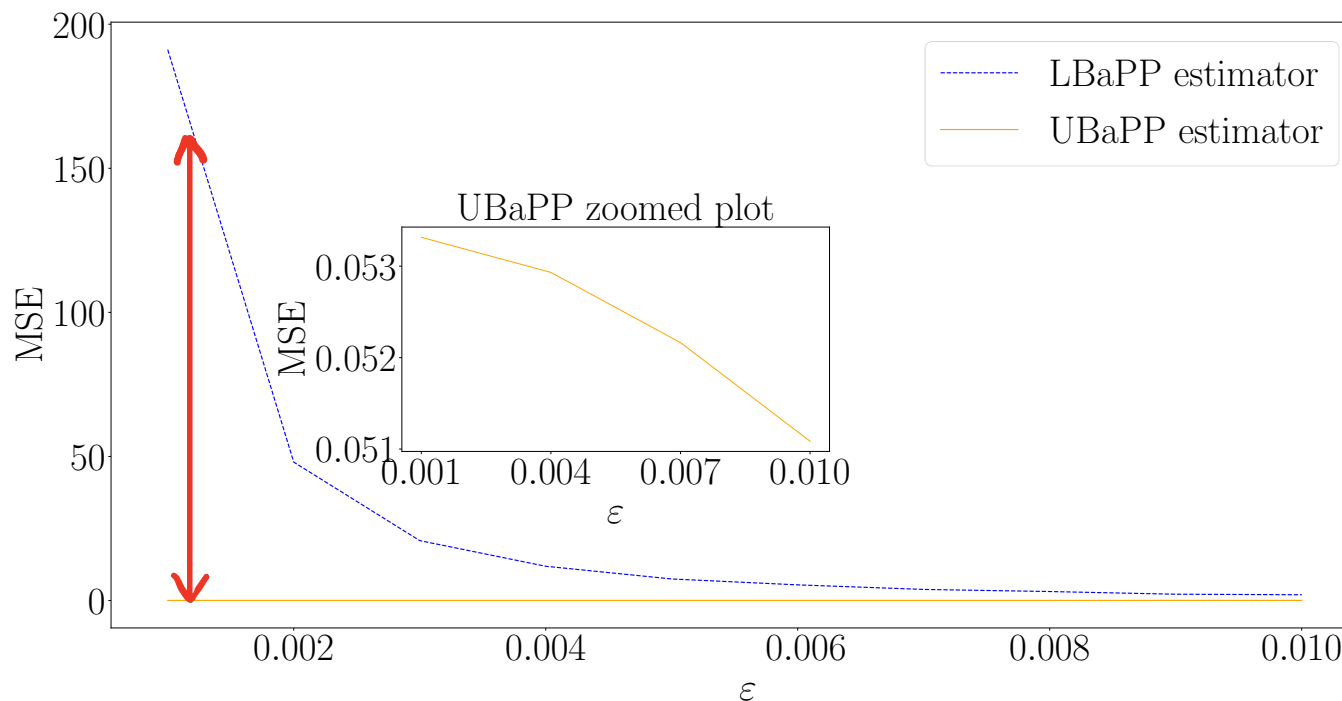
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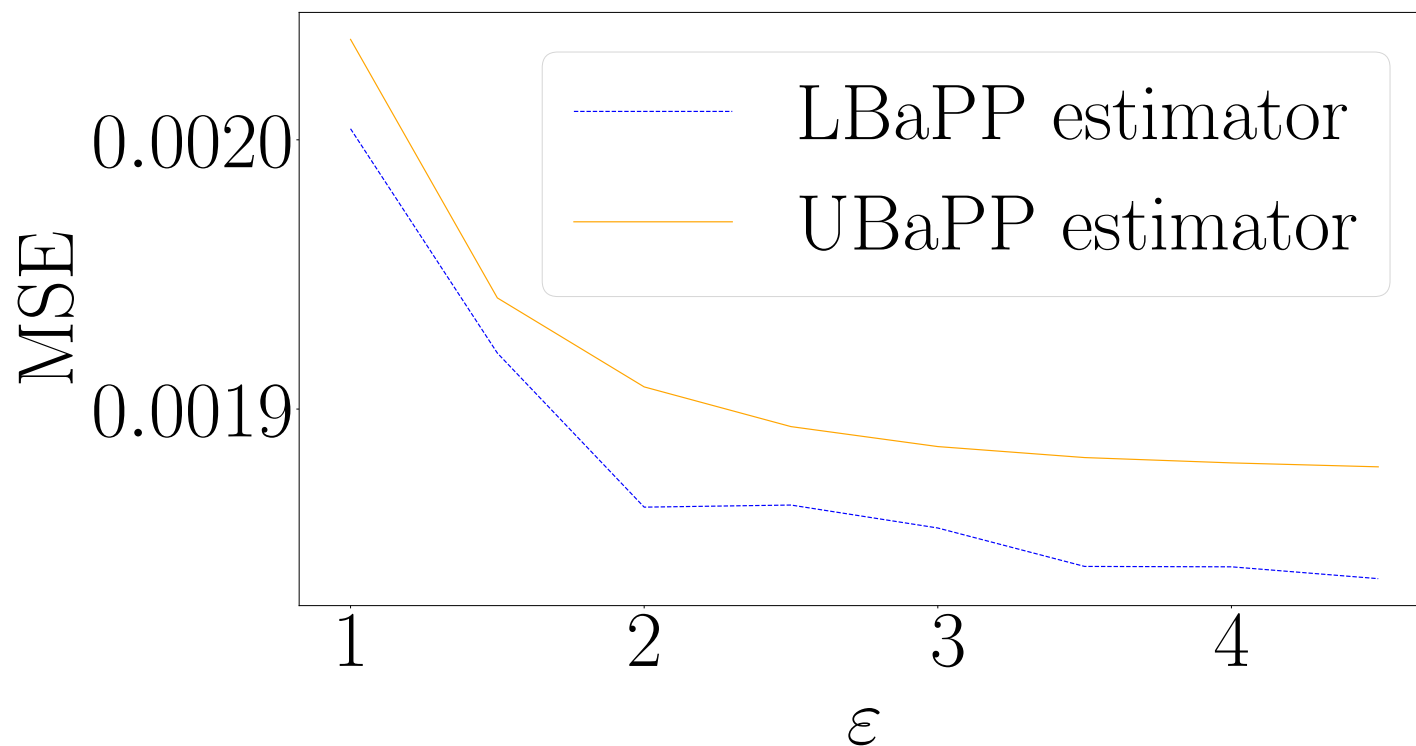


High accuracy is achieved by our approach!

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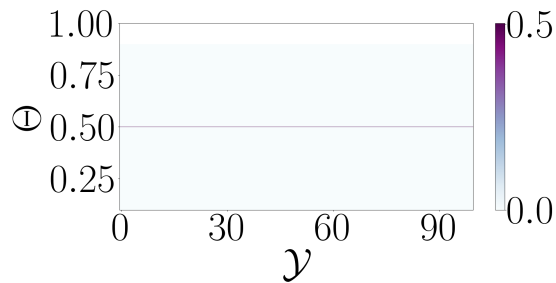
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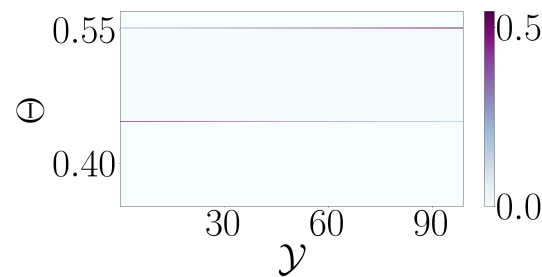


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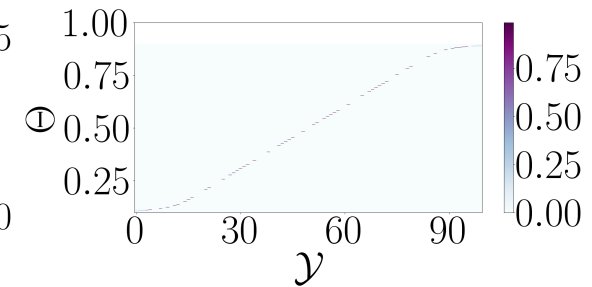
Heat Maps



$\varepsilon = 10^{-4}$



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- ▶ $\varepsilon = 10^{-4}$: Deterministic estimate, independent of \mathbf{y} , no inference about \mathbf{x}
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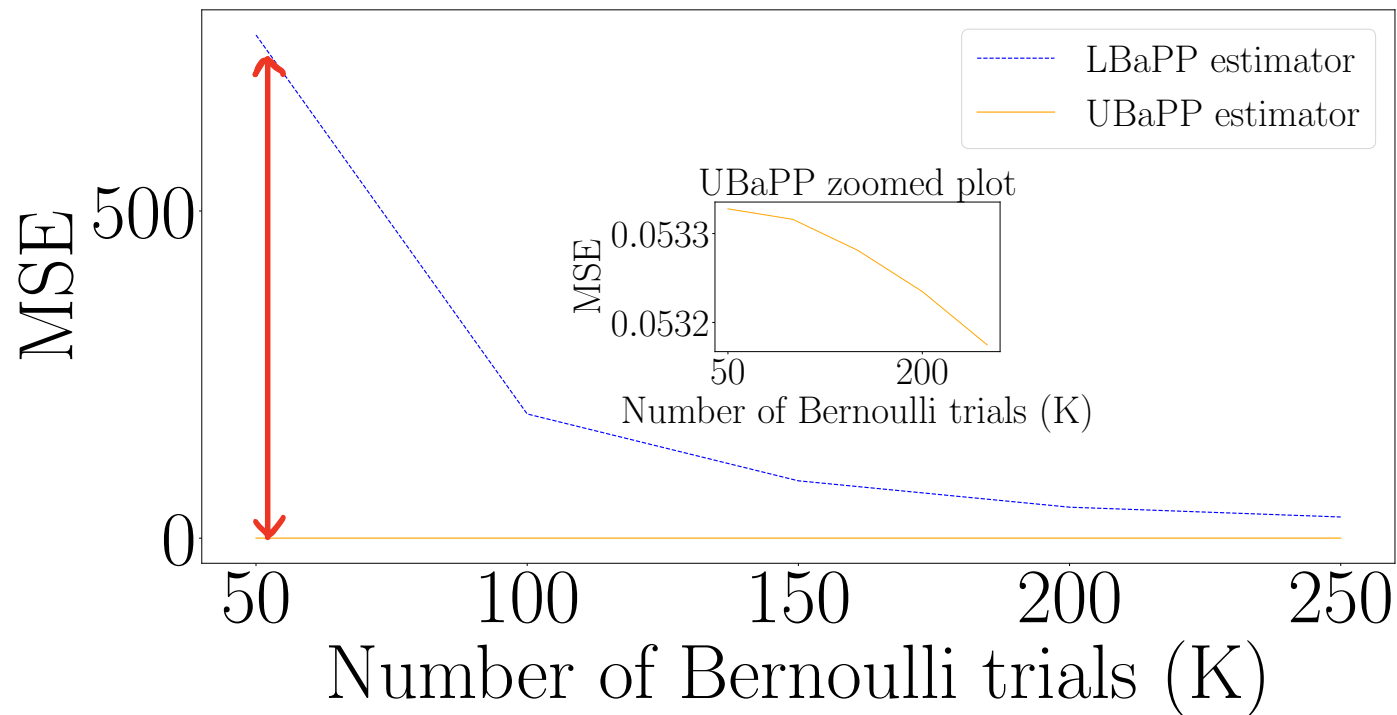
- ▶ Provided a unified approach to yield Bayes point estimate subject to differential privacy
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Thank You

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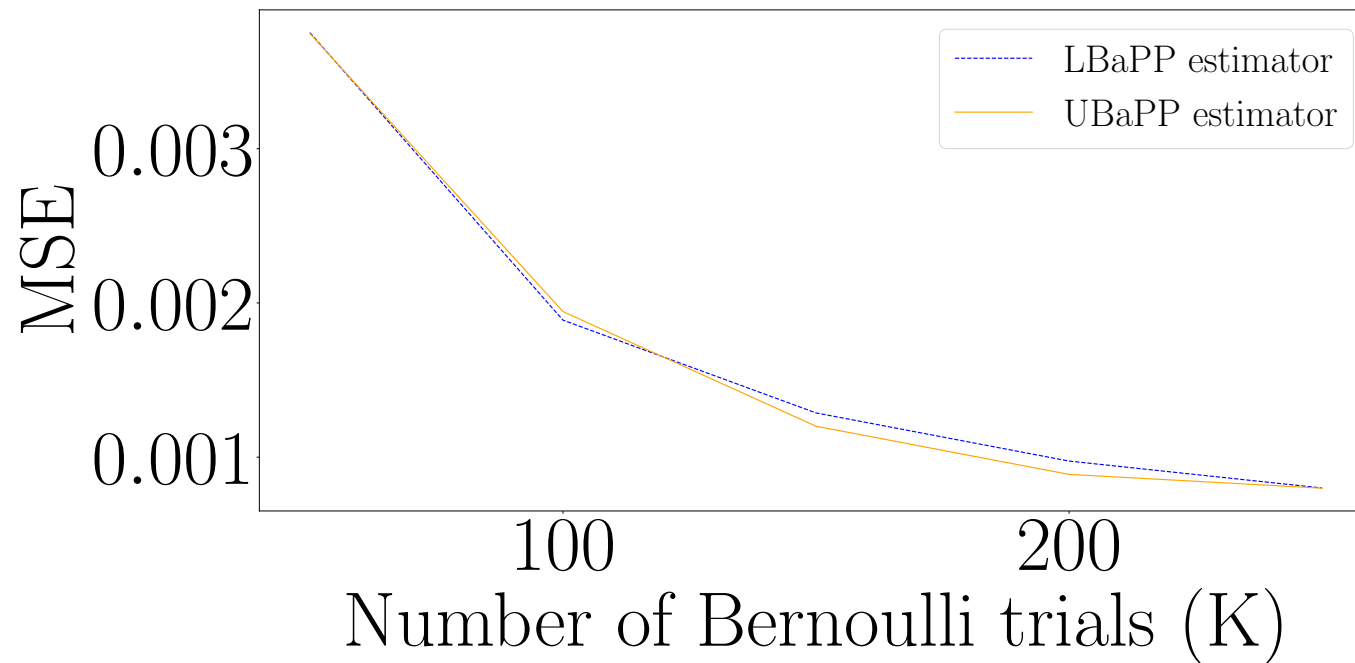
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High gain in sample complexity!

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