

# Supplementary Material

## A Related Work

Among the several main challenges in the recently developed FL framework (see Kairouz et al. [2019] and references therein), we focus in this paper on the combination of privacy and communication efficiency, and examining its impact on model learning. We briefly review some of the main developments in related papers on these topics below.

### A.1 Communication-Privacy Trade-offs

Distributed mean estimation and its use in training learning models has been studied extensively in the literature (see [Alistarh et al., 2017, Gandikota et al., 2019, Mayekar and Tyagi, 2020, Suresh et al., 2017] and references therein). In [Suresh et al., 2017], the authors have proposed a communication efficient scheme for estimating the mean of set a of vectors distributed over multiple clients. Acharya et al. [2019] studied the discrete distribution estimation under LDP. They proposed a randomized mechanism based on Hadamard coding which is optimal for all privacy regime and requires  $\mathcal{O}(\log(d))$  bits per client, where  $d$  denotes the support size of the discrete distribution. In [Acharya and Sun, 2019], the authors consider both private and public coin mechanisms, and show that the Hadamard mechanism is near optimal in terms of communication for both distribution and frequency estimation. Recently, Chen et al. [2020] proposed a communication efficient scheme for mean estimation under local differential privacy constraints. This work is done concurrently and independently of our work. Furthermore, it focuses on mean estimation for bounded  $\ell_2$ -norm vectors, in contrast to our optimization approach, privacy amplification through sampling and shuffling. Also, this work considers the existence of public randomness, while we do not need public randomness.

LDP mechanisms suffer from the utility degradation that motivates other work to find alternative techniques to improve the utility under LDP. One of new developments in privacy is the use of anonymization to amplify the privacy by using secure shuffler. In [Balle et al., 2019c, 2020a, Cheu et al., 2019], the authors studied the mean estimation problem under LDP with secure shuffler, where they show that the shuffling provides better utility than the LDP framework without shuffling.

### A.2 Private Optimization

Chaudhuri et al. [2011] studied *centralized* privacy-preserving machine learning algorithms for convex optimization problem. The authors proposed a new idea of perturbing the objective function to preserve privacy of the training dataset. Bassily et al. [2014] derived lower bounds on the empirical risk minimization under *central* differential privacy constraints. Furthermore, they proposed a differential privacy SGD algorithm that matches the lower bound for convex functions. In [Abadi et al., 2016], the authors have generalized the private SGD algorithm proposed in [Bassily et al., 2014] for non-convex optimization framework. In addition, the authors have proposed a new analysis technique, called moment accounting, to improve on the strong composition theorems to compute the central differential privacy guarantee for iterative algorithms. However, the works mentioned, Abadi et al. [2016], Bassily et al. [2014], Chaudhuri et al. [2011], assume that there exists a trusted server that collects the clients' data. This motivates other works to design a distributed SGD algorithms, where each client perturbs her own data without needing a trusted server. For this, the natural privacy framework is *local* differential privacy or LDP (*e.g.*, see [Bhowmick et al., 2018, Duchi et al., 2013, Evfimievski et al., 2004, Warner, 1965]). However, it is well understood that LDP does not give good performance guarantees as it requires significant local randomization to give privacy guarantees [Duchi et al., 2013, Kairouz et al., 2016, Kasiviswanathan et al., 2011]. The two most related papers to our work are [Agarwal et al., 2018, Erlingsson et al., 2020] which we describe below.

Erlingsson et al. [2020] proposed a distributed local-differential-privacy gradient descent algorithm, where each client has one sample. In their proposed algorithm, each client perturbs the gradient of her sample using an LDP mechanism. To improve upon the LDP performance guarantees, they use the newly proposed anonymization/shuffling framework [Balle et al., 2019c]. Therefore in their work, gradients of all clients are passed through a secure shuffler that eliminates the identities of the clients to amplify the central privacy guarantee. However, their proposed algorithm is not communication efficient, where each client has to send the full-precision gradient without compression. Our work is different from [Erlingsson et al., 2020], as we propose a communication

efficient mechanism for each client that requires  $O(\log d)$  bits per client, which can be significant for large  $d$ . Furthermore, our algorithm consider multiple data samples at client, which is accessed through a mini-batch random sampling at each iteration of the optimization. This requires a careful combination of compression and privacy analysis in order to preserve the variance reduction of mini-batch as well as privacy.<sup>8</sup> In addition we obtain a gain in privacy by using the fact that (anonymized) clients are sampled (*i.e.*, not all clients are selected at each iteration) as motivated by the federated learning framework.

Agarwal et al. [2018] proposed a communication-efficient algorithm for learning models with central differential privacy. Let  $n$  be the number of clients per round and  $d$  be the dimensionality of the parameter space. They proposed cp-SGD, a communication efficient algorithm, where clients need to send  $O(\log(1 + \frac{d}{n}\epsilon^2) + \log \log \log \frac{nd}{\epsilon\delta})$  bits of communication *per coordinate*, *i.e.*,  $O(d \{\log(1 + \frac{d}{n}\epsilon^2) + \log \log \log \frac{nd}{\epsilon\delta}\})$  bits per round to achieve the same local differential privacy guarantees of  $\epsilon_0$  as the Gaussian mechanism. Their algorithm is based on a Binomial noise addition mechanism and secure aggregation. In contrast, we propose a generic framework to convert any LDP algorithm to a central differential privacy guarantee and further use recent results on amplification by shuffling, that also achieves better compression in terms of number of bits per client.

## B Background tools

### B.1 Differential Privacy

In this section, we formally define local differential privacy (LDP) and (central) differential privacy (DP). First we recall the standard definition of LDP [Kasiviswanathan et al., 2011].

**Definition 3** (Local Differential Privacy - LDP [Kasiviswanathan et al., 2011]). For  $\epsilon_0 \geq 0$  and  $b \in \mathbb{N}^+ := \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ , a randomized mechanism  $\mathcal{R} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is said to be  $\epsilon_0$ -local differentially private (in short,  $\epsilon_0$ -LDP), if for every pair of inputs  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathcal{X}$ , we have

$$\Pr[\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}] \leq \exp(\epsilon) \Pr[\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}') = \mathbf{y}], \quad \forall \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}. \quad (13)$$

In our problem formulation, since each client has a communication budget on what it can send in each SGD iteration while keeping its data private, it would be convenient for us to define two parameter LDP with privacy and communication budget.

**Definition 4** (Local Differential Privacy with Communication Budget - CLDP). For  $\epsilon_0 \geq 0$  and  $b \in \mathbb{N}^+$ , a randomized mechanism  $\mathcal{R} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is said to be  $(\epsilon_0, b)$ -communication-limited-local differentially private (in short,  $(\epsilon_0, b)$ -CLDP), if for every pair of inputs  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathcal{X}$ , we have

$$\Pr[\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{y}] \leq \exp(\epsilon) \Pr[\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}') = \mathbf{y}], \quad \forall \mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{Y}. \quad (14)$$

Furthermore, the output of  $\mathcal{R}$  can be represented using  $b$  bits.

Here,  $\epsilon_0$  captures the privacy level, lower the  $\epsilon_0$ , higher the privacy. When we are not concerned about the communication budget, we succinctly denote the corresponding  $(\epsilon_0, \infty)$ -CLDP, by its correspondence to the classical LDP as  $\epsilon_0$ -LDP [Kasiviswanathan et al., 2011].

Let  $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$  denote a dataset comprising  $n$  points from  $\mathcal{X}$ . We say that two datasets  $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n\}$  and  $\mathcal{D}' = \{\mathbf{x}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}'_n\}$  are neighboring if they differ in one data point. In other words,  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}'$  are neighboring if there exists an index  $i \in [n]$  such that  $\mathbf{x}_i \neq \mathbf{x}'_i$  and  $\mathbf{x}_j = \mathbf{x}'_j$  for all  $j \neq i$ .

**Definition 5** (Central Differential Privacy - DP [Dwork and Roth, 2014, Dwork et al., 2006]). For  $\epsilon, \delta \geq 0$ , a randomized mechanism  $\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is said to be  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -differentially private (in short,  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -DP), if for all neighboring datasets  $\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{D}' \in \mathcal{X}^n$  and every subset  $\mathcal{E} \subseteq \mathcal{Y}$ , we have

$$\Pr[\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{D}) \in \mathcal{E}] \leq \exp(\epsilon) \Pr[\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{D}') \in \mathcal{E}] + \delta. \quad (15)$$

**Remark 4.** For any  $\epsilon_0$ -LDP mechanism  $\mathcal{R} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$ , it is easy to verify that the randomized mechanism  $\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{X}^n \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  defined by  $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) := (\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_1), \dots, \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_n))$  is  $(\epsilon_0, 0)$ -DP.

<sup>8</sup>The naive method of quantizing the aggregated mini-batch gradient will fail to preserve the required variance reduction.

**Remark 5.** Note that in this paper we make a clear distinction between the notation used for central differential privacy, denoted by  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -DP (see Definition 5), local differential privacy  $\epsilon_0$ -LDP (see definition 3) and communication limited local differential privacy, denoted by  $(\epsilon_0, b)$ -CLDP (see Definition 4).

The main objective of this paper is to make SGD differentially private and communication-efficient, suitable for federated learning. For that we compress and privatize gradients in each SGD iteration. Since the parameter vectors in any iteration depend on the previous iterations, so do the gradients, which makes this procedure a sequence of many adaptive DP mechanisms. We can calculate the final privacy guarantees achieved at the end of this procedure by using composition theorems.

## B.2 Strong Composition [Dwork et al., 2010]

Let  $\mathcal{M}_1(\mathcal{I}_1, \mathcal{D}), \dots, \mathcal{M}_T(\mathcal{I}_T, \mathcal{D})$  be a sequence of  $T$  adaptive DP mechanisms, where  $\mathcal{I}_i$  denotes the auxiliary input to the  $i$ th mechanism, which may depend on the previous mechanisms' outputs and the auxiliary inputs  $\{(\mathcal{I}_j, \mathcal{M}_j(\mathcal{I}_j, \mathcal{D})) : j < i\}$ . There are different composition theorems in literature to analyze the privacy guarantees of the composed mechanism  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{D}) = (\mathcal{M}_1(\mathcal{I}_1, \mathcal{D}), \dots, \mathcal{M}_T(\mathcal{I}_T, \mathcal{D}))$ .

Dwork et al. [2010] provided a strong composition theorem (which is stronger than the basic composition theorem in which the privacy parameters scale linearly with  $T$ ) where the privacy parameter of the composition mechanism scales as  $\sqrt{T}$  with some loss in  $\delta$ . Below, we provide a formal statement of that result from Dwork and Roth [2014].

**Lemma 6** (Strong Composition, [Dwork and Roth, 2014, Theorem 3.20]). *Let  $\mathcal{M}_1, \dots, \mathcal{M}_T$  be  $T$  adaptive  $(\bar{\epsilon}, \bar{\delta})$ -DP mechanisms, where  $\bar{\epsilon}, \bar{\delta} \geq 0$ . Then, for any  $\delta' > 0$ , the composed mechanism  $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{M}_1, \dots, \mathcal{M}_T)$  is  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -DP, where*

$$\epsilon = \sqrt{2T \log(1/\delta')} \bar{\epsilon} + T \bar{\epsilon} (e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1), \quad \delta = T \bar{\delta} + \delta'.$$

*In particular, when  $\bar{\epsilon} = \mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{\frac{\log(1/\delta')}{T}}\right)$ , we have  $\epsilon = \mathcal{O}\left(\bar{\epsilon} \sqrt{T \log(1/\delta')}\right)$ .*

Note that training large-scale machine learning models (e.g., in deep learning) typically requires running SGD for millions of iterations, as the dimension of the model parameter is quite large. We can make it differentially private by adding noise to the gradients in each iteration, and appeal to the strong composition theorem to bound the privacy loss of the entire process (which in turn dictates the amount of noise to be added in each iteration).

## B.3 Privacy Amplification

In this section, we describe the techniques that can be used for privacy amplification. The first one amplifies privacy by subsampling the data (to compute stochastic gradients) as well as the clients (as in FL), and the other one amplifies privacy by shuffling.

### B.3.1 Privacy Amplification by Subsampling

Suppose we have a dataset  $\mathcal{D}' = \{U_1, \dots, U_{r_1}\} \in \mathcal{U}^{r_1}$  consisting of  $r_1$  elements from a universe  $\mathcal{U}$ . A subsampling procedure takes a dataset  $\mathcal{D}' \in \mathcal{U}^{r_1}$  and subsamples a subset from it as formally defined below.

**Definition 6** (Subsampling). The subsampling operation  $\text{samp}_{r_1, r_2} : \mathcal{U}^{r_1} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}^{r_2}$  takes a dataset  $\mathcal{D}' \in \mathcal{U}^{r_1}$  as input and selects uniformly at random a subset  $\mathcal{D}''$  of  $r_2 \leq r_1$  elements from  $\mathcal{D}'$ . Note that each element of  $\mathcal{D}'$  appears in  $\mathcal{D}''$  with probability  $q = \frac{r_2}{r_1}$ .

The following result states that the above subsampling procedure amplifies the privacy guarantees of a DP mechanism.

**Lemma 7** (Amplification by Subsampling, [Kasiviswanathan et al., 2011]). *Let  $\mathcal{M} : \mathcal{U}^{r_1} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  be an  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -DP mechanism. Then, the mechanism  $\mathcal{M}' : \mathcal{U}^{r_1} \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  defined by  $\mathcal{M}' = \mathcal{M} \circ \text{samp}_{r_1, r_2}$  is  $(\epsilon', \delta')$ -DP, where  $\epsilon' = \log(1 + q(e^\epsilon - 1))$  and  $\delta' = q\delta$  with  $q = \frac{r_2}{r_1}$ . In particular, when  $\epsilon < 1$ ,  $\mathcal{M}'$  is  $(\mathcal{O}(q\epsilon), q\delta)$ -DP.*

Note that in the case of subsampling the data for computing stochastic gradients, where client  $i$  selects a mini-batch of size  $s$  from its local dataset  $\mathcal{D}_i$  that has  $r$  data points, we take  $\mathcal{D}' = \mathcal{D}_i$ ,  $r_1 = r$ , and  $r_2 = s$ . In the case of subsampling the clients,  $k$  clients are randomly selected from the  $m$  clients, we take  $\mathcal{D}' = \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ ,  $r_1 = m$ , and  $r_2 = k$ . An important point is that such a sub-sampling is not uniform overall (i.e., this does not imply that any subset of  $ks$  data points is chosen with equal probability) and we cannot directly apply the above result. We need to revisit the proof of Lemma 7 to adapt it to our case, and we do it in Lemma 3, which is proved in Appendix C. In fact, the proof of Lemma 3 is more general than just adapting the amplification by subsampling to our setting, it also incorporates the amplification by shuffling, which is crucial for obtaining strong privacy guarantees. We describe it next.

### B.3.2 Privacy Amplification by Shuffling

Consider a set of  $m$  clients, where client  $i \in [m]$  has a data  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{X}$ . Let  $\mathcal{R} : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  be an  $\epsilon_0$ -LDP mechanism. The  $i$ -th client applies  $\mathcal{R}$  on her data  $\mathbf{x}_i$  to get a private message  $\mathbf{y}_i = \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_i)$ . There is a secure shuffler  $\mathcal{H}_m : \mathcal{Y}^m \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}^m$  that receives the set of  $m$  messages  $(\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_m)$  and generates the same set of messages in a uniformly random order.

The following lemma states that the shuffling amplifies the privacy of an LDP mechanism by a factor of  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{m}}$ .

**Lemma 8** (Amplification by Shuffling). *Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be an  $\epsilon_0$ -LDP mechanism. Then, the mechanism  $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_m) := \mathcal{H}_m \circ (\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_1), \dots, \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_m))$  satisfies  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -differential privacy, where*

1. [Balle et al., 2019c, Corollary 5.3.1]. *If  $\epsilon_0 \leq \frac{\log(m/\log(1/\delta))}{2}$ , then for any  $\delta > 0$ , we have*  

$$\epsilon = \mathcal{O}\left(\min\{\epsilon_0, 1\}e^{\epsilon_0} \sqrt{\frac{\log(1/\delta)}{m}}\right).$$
2. [Erlingsson et al., 2019, Corollary 9]. *If  $\epsilon_0 < \frac{1}{2}$ , then for any  $\delta \in (0, \frac{1}{100})$  and  $m \geq 1000$ , we have*  

$$\epsilon = 12\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{\log(1/\delta)}{m}}.$$

In our proposed algorithm, only  $k \leq m$  clients send messages and each client sends a mini-batch of  $s$  gradients. So, in total, shuffler applies the shuffling operation on  $ks$  gradients. In our algorithm, though sampling and shuffling are applied one after another (first  $k$  clients are sampled, then each client samples  $s$  data points, and then shuffling of these  $ks$  data points is performed), we analyze the privacy amplification we get using both of these techniques by analyzing them together; see Lemma 3 proved in Appendix C.

## B.4 Compressed and Private Mean Estimation via Minimax Risk

Recall that in each SGD iteration, server sends the current parameter vector to all clients, upon receiving which they compute stochastic gradients from their local datasets and send them to the server, who then computes the average/mean of received gradients and updates the parameter vector. Note that these gradients (over the entire execution of algorithm) may also leak information about the datasets. As mentioned in Section 1, we also compress the gradients to mitigate the communication bottleneck.

In this section, we formulate the generic minimax estimation framework for mean estimation of a given set of  $n$  vectors that preserves privacy and is also communication-efficient. We then apply that method at the server in each SGD iteration for aggregating the gradients. We derive upper and lower bounds for various  $\ell_p$  geometries for  $p \geq 1$  including the  $\ell_\infty$ -norm. Let us setup the problem. For any  $p \geq 1$  and  $d \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\mathcal{B}_p^d(a) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d : \|\mathbf{x}\|_p \leq a\}$  denote the  $p$ -norm ball with radius  $a$  centered at the origin in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ ,<sup>9</sup> where  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_p = \left(\sum_{j=1}^d |\mathbf{x}_j|^p\right)^{1/p}$ . Each client  $i \in [n]$  has an input vector  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{B}_p^d(a)$  and the server wants to estimate the mean  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i$ . We have two constraints: (i) each client has a communication budget of  $b$  bits to transmit the information about its input vector to the server, and (ii) each client wants to keep its input vector private from the server. We develop *private-quantization* mechanisms to simultaneously address these constraints. Specifically, we design mechanisms  $\mathcal{M}_i : \mathcal{B}_p^d(a) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^d$  for  $i \in [n]$  that are quantized in the sense that they produce a  $b$ -bit output and are also locally differentially private. In other words,  $\mathcal{M}_i$  is  $(\epsilon_0, b)$ -LDP for some  $\epsilon_0 \geq 0$  (see Definition 4).

<sup>9</sup>Assuming that the ball is centered at origin is without loss of generality; otherwise, we can translate the ball to origin and work with that.

The procedure goes as follows. client  $i \in [n]$  applies a private-quantization mechanism  $\mathcal{M}_i$  on her input  $\mathbf{x}_i$  and obtains a private output  $\mathbf{y}_i = \mathcal{M}_i(\mathbf{x}_i)$  and sends it to the server. Upon receiving  $\mathbf{y}^n = [\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_n]$ , server applies a decoding function to estimate the mean vector  $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i$ . Our objective is to design private-quantization mechanisms  $\mathcal{M}_i : \mathcal{B}_p^d(a) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}^d$  for all  $i \in [n]$  and also a (stochastic) decoding function  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} : (\{0, 1\}^d)^n \rightarrow \mathcal{B}_p^d$  that minimizes the worst-case expected error  $\sup_{\{\mathbf{x}_i\} \in \mathcal{B}_p^d} \mathbb{E} \|\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)\|_2^2$ . In other words, we are interested in characterizing the following quantity.

$$r_{\epsilon, b, n}^{p, d}(a) = \inf_{\{\mathcal{M}_i \in \mathcal{Q}(\epsilon, b)\}} \inf_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}} \sup_{\{\mathbf{x}_i\} \in \mathcal{B}_p^d(a)} \mathbb{E} \|\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)\|_2^2, \quad (16)$$

where  $\mathcal{Q}(\epsilon, b)$  is the set of all  $(\epsilon, b)$ -LDP mechanisms, and the expectation is taken over the randomness of  $\{\mathcal{M}_i : i \in [n]\}$  and the estimator  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ . Note that in (16) we do not assume any probabilistic assumptions on the vectors  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$ .

Now we extend the formulation in (16) to a probabilistic model. Let  $\mathcal{P}_p^d(a)$  denote the set of all probability density functions on  $\mathcal{B}_p^d(a)$ . For every distribution  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_p^d(a)$ , let  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}}$  denote its mean. Since the support of each distribution  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_p^d$  is  $\mathcal{B}_p^d(a)$  and  $\ell_p$  is a norm, we have that  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} \in \mathcal{B}_p^d(a)$ . For a given unknown distribution  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_p^d(a)$ , client  $i \in [n]$  observes  $\mathbf{x}_i$ , where  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  are i.i.d. according to  $\mathbf{q}$ , and the goal for the server is to estimate  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}}$ , while satisfying the same two constraints as above, i.e., only  $b$  bits of communication is allowed from any client to the server while preserving the privacy of clients' inputs. Analogous to (16), we are interested in characterizing the following quantity.

$$R_{\epsilon, b, n}^{p, d}(a) = \inf_{\{\mathcal{M}_i \in \mathcal{Q}(\epsilon, b)\}} \inf_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}} \sup_{\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_p^d(a)} \mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)\|_2^2, \quad (17)$$

where the expectation is taken over the randomness of the output  $\mathbf{y}^n$  and the estimator  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$ .

In this paper, we design private-quantization mechanisms  $\{\mathcal{M}_1, \dots, \mathcal{M}_n\}$  such that they are symmetric (i.e.,  $\mathcal{M}_i$ 's are same for all  $i \in [n]$ ) and any client uses only private source of randomness that is not accessible by any other party in the system.

## C Proof of Lemma 3

This entire section is devoted to proving Lemma 3. For convenience, we restate the lemma below.

**Lemma** (Restating Lemma 3). *Let  $s = 1$  and  $q = \frac{k}{mr}$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{R}$  is an  $\epsilon_0$ -LDP mechanism, where  $\epsilon_0 \leq \frac{\log(qn/\log(1/\tilde{\delta}))}{2}$  and  $\tilde{\delta} > 0$  is arbitrary. Then, for any  $t \in [T]$ , the mechanism  $\mathcal{M}_t$  is  $(\bar{\epsilon}, \bar{\delta})$ -DP, where  $\bar{\epsilon} = \ln(1 + q(e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} - 1))$ ,  $\bar{\delta} = q\tilde{\delta}$  with  $\tilde{\epsilon} = \mathcal{O}\left(\min\{\epsilon_0, 1\}e^{\epsilon_0} \sqrt{\frac{\log(1/\tilde{\delta})}{qn}}\right)$ . In particular, if  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ , we get  $\bar{\epsilon} = \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{q \log(1/\tilde{\delta})}{n}}\right)$ .*

Recall that the input dataset at client  $i \in [m]$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{D}_i = \{d_{i1}, d_{i2}, \dots, d_{ir}\} \in \mathfrak{S}^r$  and  $\mathcal{D} = \bigcup_{i=1}^m \mathcal{D}_i$  denotes the entire dataset. Recall from (12) that the mechanism  $\mathcal{M}_t$  on input dataset  $\mathcal{D}$  can be defined as:

$$\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}) = \mathcal{H}_{ks} \circ \text{samp}_{m, k}(\mathcal{G}_1, \dots, \mathcal{G}_m), \quad (18)$$

where  $\mathcal{G}_i = \text{samp}_{r, s}(\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_{i1}^t), \dots, \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_{ir}^t))$  and  $\mathbf{x}_{ij}^t = \nabla_{\theta_t} f(\theta_t; d_{ij}), \forall i \in [m], j \in [r]$ . We define a mechanism  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{(t)}) = \mathcal{H}_{ks}(\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_1^t), \dots, \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_{ks}^t))$  which is a shuffling of  $ks$  outputs of local mechanism  $\mathcal{R}$ , where  $\mathcal{D}^{(t)}$  denotes an arbitrary set of  $ks$  data points and we index  $\mathbf{x}_i^t$ 's from  $i = 1$  to  $ks$  just for convenience. From the amplification by shuffling result [Balle et al., 2019c, Corollary 5.3.1] (also see Lemma 8), the mechanism  $\mathcal{Z}$  is  $(\tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{\delta})$ -DP, where  $\tilde{\delta} > 0$  is arbitrary, and, if  $\epsilon_0 \leq \frac{\log(ks/\log(1/\tilde{\delta}))}{2}$ , then

$$\tilde{\epsilon} = \mathcal{O}\left(\min\{\epsilon_0, 1\}e^{\epsilon_0} \sqrt{\frac{\log(1/\tilde{\delta})}{ks}}\right). \quad (19)$$

Furthermore, when  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ , we get  $\tilde{\epsilon} = \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{\log(1/\tilde{\delta})}{ks}}\right)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{T} \subseteq \{1, \dots, m\}$  denote the identities of the  $k$  clients chosen at iteration  $t$ , and for  $i \in \mathcal{T}$ , let  $\mathcal{T}_i \subseteq \{1, \dots, r\}$  denote the identities of the  $s$  data points chosen at client  $i$  at iteration  $t$ .<sup>10</sup> For any  $\mathcal{T} \in \binom{[m]}{k}$  and  $\mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s}, i \in \mathcal{T}$ , define  $\bar{\mathcal{T}} = (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T})$ ,  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_i} = \{d_{ij} : j \in \mathcal{T}_i\}$  for  $i \in \mathcal{T}$ , and  $\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}} = \{\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_i} : i \in \mathcal{T}\}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T}$  are random sets, where randomness is due to the sampling of clients and of data points, respectively. The mechanism  $\mathcal{M}_t$  can be equivalently written as  $\mathcal{M}_t = \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}})$ .

Observe that our sampling strategy is different from subsampling of choosing a uniformly random subset of  $ks$  data points from the entire dataset  $\mathcal{D}$ . Thus, we revisit the proof of privacy amplification by subsampling (see, for example, Ullman [2017]) – which is for uniform sampling – to compute the privacy parameters of the mechanism  $\mathcal{M}_t$ , where sampling is non-uniform. Define a dataset  $\mathcal{D}' = (\mathcal{D}'_1) \cup (\cup_{i=2}^m \mathcal{D}_i) \in \mathfrak{S}^n$ , where  $\mathcal{D}'_1 = \{d'_{11}, d_{12}, \dots, d_{1r}\}$  is different from the dataset  $\mathcal{D}_1$  in the first data point  $d_{11}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}'$  are neighboring datasets – where, we assume, without loss of generality, that the differing elements are  $d_{11}$  and  $d'_{11}$ .

In order to show that  $\mathcal{M}_t$  is  $(\tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{\delta})$ -DP, we need show that for an arbitrary subset  $\mathcal{S}$  of the range of  $\mathcal{M}_t$ , we have

$$\Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}) \in \mathcal{S}] \leq e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}') \in \mathcal{S}] + \tilde{\delta} \quad (20)$$

$$\Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}') \in \mathcal{S}] \leq e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}) \in \mathcal{S}] + \tilde{\delta} \quad (21)$$

Note that both (20) and (21) are symmetric, so it suffices to prove only one of them. We prove (20) below.

Let  $q = \frac{ks}{mr}$ . We define conditional probabilities as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{11} &= \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | 1 \in \mathcal{T} \text{ and } 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1] \\ A'_{11} &= \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}'^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | 1 \in \mathcal{T} \text{ and } 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1] \\ A_{10} &= \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | 1 \in \mathcal{T} \text{ and } 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1] = \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}'^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | 1 \in \mathcal{T} \text{ and } 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1] \\ A_0 &= \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | 1 \notin \mathcal{T}] = \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}'^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | 1 \notin \mathcal{T}] \end{aligned}$$

Let  $q_1 = \frac{k}{m}$  and  $q_2 = \frac{s}{r}$ , and hence  $q = q_1 q_2$ . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}) \in \mathcal{S}] &= q A_{11} + q_1 (1 - q_2) A_{10} + (1 - q_1) A_0 \\ \Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}') \in \mathcal{S}] &= q A'_{11} + q_1 (1 - q_2) A_{10} + (1 - q_1) A_0 \end{aligned}$$

Note that the mechanism  $\mathcal{Z}$  is  $(\tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{\delta})$ -DP. Therefore, we have

$$A_{11} \leq e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} A'_{11} + \tilde{\delta} \quad (22)$$

$$A_{11} \leq e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} A_{10} + \tilde{\delta} \quad (23)$$

Here (22) is straightforward, but proving (23) requires a combinatorial argument, which we give at the end of this proof.

We prove (20) separately for two cases, first when  $s = 1$  and other when  $s > 1$ ;  $k$  is arbitrary in both cases.

### C.1 For $s = 1$ and arbitrary $k \in [m]$

Since the mechanism  $\mathcal{Z}$  is  $(\tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{\delta})$ -DP, in addition to (22)-(23), since  $s = 1$ , we also have the following inequality:

$$A_{11} \leq e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} A_0 + \tilde{\delta} \quad (24)$$

Similar to (23), proving (24) requires a combinatorial argument, which we will give at the end of this proof. Note that (24) only holds for  $s = 1$  and may not hold for arbitrary  $s$ .

<sup>10</sup>Though  $\mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T}$  may be different at different iteration  $t$ , for notational convenience, we suppress the dependence on  $t$  here.

Inequalities (22)-(24) together imply  $A_{11} \leq e^{\bar{\epsilon}} \min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}, A_0\} + \tilde{\delta}$ . Now we prove (20) for  $\bar{\epsilon} = \ln(1 + q(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1))$  and  $\tilde{\delta} = q\tilde{\delta}$ . Note that when  $s = 1$ , we have  $q_1 = \frac{k}{m}$ ,  $q_2 = \frac{1}{r}$ , and  $q = \frac{k}{mr}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}) \in \mathcal{S}] &= qA_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0 \\
 &\leq q\left(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} \min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}, A_0\} + \tilde{\delta}\right) + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0 \\
 &= q\left((e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1) \min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}, A_0\} + \min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}, A_0\}\right) + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0 + q\tilde{\delta} \\
 &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} q(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1) \min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}, A_0\} + qA'_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0 + q\tilde{\delta} \\
 &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} q(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1)(qA'_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0) + (qA'_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0) + q\tilde{\delta} \\
 &= (1 + q(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1))(qA'_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0) + q\tilde{\delta} \\
 &= e^{\ln(1 + q(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1))} \Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}') \in \mathcal{S}] + q\tilde{\delta}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Here, (a) follows from  $\min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}, A_0\} \leq A'_{11}$ , and (b) follows from the fact that minimum is upper-bounded by the convex combination. By substituting the value of  $\bar{\epsilon}$  from (19) and using  $ks = qn$ , we get that for  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ , we have  $\bar{\epsilon} = \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{q \log(1/\tilde{\delta})}{n}}\right)$ .

## C.2 For $s > 1$ and arbitrary $k \in [m]$

Note that (22)-(23) together imply  $A_{11} \leq e^{\bar{\epsilon}} \min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}\} + \tilde{\delta}$ . Now we prove (20) for  $\bar{\epsilon} = \ln(1 + q_2(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1))$  and  $\tilde{\delta} = q\tilde{\delta}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}) \in \mathcal{S}] &= qA_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0 \\
 &\leq q\left(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} \min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}\} + \tilde{\delta}\right) + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0 \\
 &= q\left((e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1) \min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}\} + \min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}\}\right) + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0 + q\tilde{\delta} \\
 &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} q(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1) \min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}\} + qA'_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0 + q\tilde{\delta} \\
 &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} q\left((e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1)(q_2A'_{11} + (1 - q_2)A_{10})\right) + (qA'_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0) + q\tilde{\delta} \\
 &= q_2\left((e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1)(q_1q_2A'_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10})\right) + (qA'_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0) + q\tilde{\delta} \\
 &\stackrel{(c)}{\leq} q_2\left((e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1)(qA'_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10}) + (1 - q_1)A_0\right) + (qA'_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0) + q\tilde{\delta} \\
 &= (1 + q_2(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1))(qA'_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10}) + (1 - q_1)A_0 + q\tilde{\delta} \\
 &= e^{\ln(1 + q_2(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1))} \Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}') \in \mathcal{S}] + q\tilde{\delta}
 \end{aligned}$$

Here, (a) follows from  $\min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}\} \leq A'_{11}$ , (b) follows from the fact that minimum is upper-bounded by the convex combination, and (c) holds because  $(1 - q_1)A_0 \geq 0$ . By substituting the value of  $\bar{\epsilon}$  from (19) and using  $ks = qn$ , we get that for  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ , we have  $\bar{\epsilon} = \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{q_2 \log(1/\tilde{\delta})}{q_1 n}}\right)$ . Note that when  $q_1 = 1$  (i.e., we select all the clients in each iteration), then this gives the desired privacy amplification of  $q = q_2$ .

The proof of Lemma 3 is complete, except for that we have to prove (23) and (24). Before proving (23) and (24), we state an important remark about the privacy amplification in both the cases.

**Remark 6.** Note that when  $s = 1$  and  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ , we have  $\bar{\epsilon} = \ln(1 + q(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1)) = \mathcal{O}(q\bar{\epsilon})$ . So we get a privacy amplification by a factor of  $q = \frac{ks}{mr}$  - the sampling probability of each data point from the entire dataset. Here, we get a privacy amplification from both types of sampling, of clients as well of data points.

On the other hand, when  $s > 1$  and  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ , we have  $\bar{\epsilon} = \ln(1 + q_2(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1)) = \mathcal{O}(q_2\bar{\epsilon})$ , which, unlike the case of  $s = 1$ , only gives the privacy amplification by a factor of  $q_2 = \frac{s}{r}$  - the sampling probability of each data point from a client. So, unlike the case of  $s = 1$ , here we only get a privacy amplification from sampling of data points, not from sampling of clients. Note that when  $k = m$  and any  $s \in [r]$  (which implies  $q_1 = 1$  and  $q = q_2$ ), we have  $\bar{\epsilon} = \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{q_2 \log(1/\tilde{\delta})}{n}}\right)$ , which gives the desired amplification when we select all the clients in each iteration.

**Proof of (23).** First note that the number of subsets  $\mathcal{T}_1 \subset [r]$  such that  $|\mathcal{T}_1| = s, 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1$  is equal to  $\binom{r-1}{s-1}$  and the number of subsets  $\mathcal{T}_1 \subset [r]$  such that  $|\mathcal{T}_1| = s, 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1$  is equal to  $\binom{r-1}{s}$ . It is easy to verify that  $(r-s)\binom{r-1}{s-1} = s\binom{r-1}{s}$ .

Consider the following bipartite graph  $G = (V_1 \cup V_2, E)$ , where the left vertex set  $V_1$  has  $\binom{r-1}{s-1}$  vertices, one for each configuration of  $\mathcal{T}_1 \subset [r]$  such that  $|\mathcal{T}_1| = s, 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1$ , the right vertex set  $V_2$  has  $\binom{r-1}{s}$  vertices, one for each configuration of  $\mathcal{T}_1 \subset [r]$  such that  $|\mathcal{T}_1| = s, 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1$ , and the edge set  $E$  contains all the edges between neighboring vertices, i.e., if  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in V_1 \times V_2$  is such that  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  differ in only one element, then  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in E$ . Observe that each vertex of  $V_1$  has  $(r-s)$  neighbors in  $V_2$  – the neighbors of  $\mathcal{T}_1 \in V_1$  will be  $\{(\mathcal{T}_1 \setminus \{1\}) \cup \{i\} : i \in [m] \setminus \mathcal{T}_1\} \in V_2$ . Similarly, each vertex of  $V_2$  has  $s$  neighbors in  $V_1$  – the neighbors of  $\mathcal{T}_1 \in V_2$  will be  $\{(\mathcal{T}_1 \setminus \{i\}) \cup \{1\} : i \in \mathcal{T}_1\} \in V_1$ .

Now, fix any  $\mathcal{T} \in \binom{[m]}{k}$  s.t.  $1 \in \mathcal{T}$ , and for  $i \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\}$ , fix any  $\mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s}$ , and consider an arbitrary  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in E$ . Since the mechanism  $\mathcal{Z}$  is  $(\tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{\delta})$ -DP, we have

$$\Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid 1 \in \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_1 = \mathbf{u}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\} \right] \leq e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid 1 \in \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_1 = \mathbf{v}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\} \right] + \tilde{\delta}. \quad (25)$$

Now we are ready to prove (23).

$$\begin{aligned} A_{11} &= \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid 1 \in \mathcal{T} \text{ and } 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1 \right] \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \binom{[m]}{k} : 1 \in \mathcal{T} \\ \mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s} : 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1 \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\}}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T} \mid 1 \in \mathcal{T} \text{ and } 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1] \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m] \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \binom{[m]}{k} : 1 \in \mathcal{T} \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\}}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\} \mid 1 \in \mathcal{T}] \sum_{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s} : 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1} \Pr[\mathcal{T}_1 \mid 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1] \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m] \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \binom{[m]}{k} : 1 \in \mathcal{T} \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\}}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\} \mid 1 \in \mathcal{T}] \frac{1}{(r-s)\binom{r-1}{s-1}} \sum_{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s} : 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1} (r-s) \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m] \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \binom{[m]}{k} : 1 \in \mathcal{T} \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\}}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\} \mid 1 \in \mathcal{T}] \frac{1}{s\binom{r-1}{s}} \sum_{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s} : 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1} (r-s) \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m] \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \binom{[m]}{k} : 1 \in \mathcal{T} \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\}}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\} \mid 1 \in \mathcal{T}] \frac{1}{s\binom{r-1}{s}} \sum_{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s} : 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1} s \left( e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m] + \tilde{\delta} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \binom{[m]}{k} : 1 \in \mathcal{T} \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\}}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\} \mid 1 \in \mathcal{T}] \sum_{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s} : 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1} \Pr[\mathcal{T}_1 \mid 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1] \left( e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m] + \tilde{\delta} \right) \\ &\stackrel{(c)}{=} \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \binom{[m]}{k} : 1 \in \mathcal{T} \\ \mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s} : 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1 \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in \mathcal{T} \setminus \{1\}}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T} \mid 1 \in \mathcal{T} \text{ and } 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1] \left( e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m] + \tilde{\delta} \right) \\ &\leq e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid 1 \in \mathcal{T} \text{ and } 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1 \right] + \tilde{\delta} \\ &= e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} A_{10} + \tilde{\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

Here, (a) and (c) follow from the fact that clients sample the data points independent of each other, and (b) follows from (25) together with the fact that there are  $(r-s)\binom{r-1}{s-1} = s\binom{r-1}{s}$  edges in the bipartite graph  $G = (V_1 \cup V_2, E)$ , where degree of vertices in  $V_1$  is  $(r-s)$  and degree of vertices in  $V_2$  is  $s$ .

**Proof of (24).** First note that the number of subsets  $\mathcal{T} \in [m]$  such that  $|\mathcal{T}| = k, 1 \in \mathcal{T}$  is equal to  $\binom{m-1}{k-1}$  and the number of subsets  $\mathcal{T} \subset [m]$  such that  $|\mathcal{T}| = k, 1 \notin \mathcal{T}$  is equal to  $\binom{m-1}{k}$ . It is easy to verify that  $(m-k)\binom{m-1}{k-1} = k\binom{m-1}{k}$ .



Consider the following bipartite graph  $G = (V_1 \cup V_2, E)$ , where the left vertex set  $V_1$  has  $\binom{m-1}{k-1}r^{k-1}$  vertices, one for each configuration of  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i : i \in \mathcal{T})$  such that  $\mathcal{T} \subset [m]$ ,  $|\mathcal{T}| = k$ ,  $1 \in \mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{T}_1 = 1$ , the right vertex set  $V_2$  has  $\binom{m-1}{k}r^k$  vertices, one for each configuration of  $(\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i : i \in \mathcal{T})$  such that  $\mathcal{T} \subset [m]$ ,  $|\mathcal{T}| = k$ ,  $1 \notin \mathcal{T}$ , and the edge set  $E$  contains all the edges between neighboring vertices, i.e., if  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in V_1 \times V_2$  is such that  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  differ in only one element, then  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in E$ . Observe that each vertex of  $V_1$  has  $r(m-k)$  neighbors in  $V_2$ . Similarly, each vertex of  $V_2$  has  $k$  neighbors in  $V_1$ .

Consider an arbitrary edge  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in E$ . By construction, there exists  $\mathcal{T} \in \binom{[m]}{k}$  with  $1 \in \mathcal{T}$  and  $\mathcal{T}_i \in [r], i \in \mathcal{T}$  such that  $\mathbf{u} = (\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i : i \in \mathcal{T})$  and  $\mathcal{T}' \in \binom{[m]}{k}$  with  $1 \notin \mathcal{T}'$  and  $\mathcal{T}'_i \in [r], i \in \mathcal{T}'$  such that  $\mathbf{v} = (\mathcal{T}', \mathcal{T}'_i : i \in \mathcal{T}')$ . Note that, since  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in E$ ,  $(\mathcal{T}_i : i \in \mathcal{T})$  and  $(\mathcal{T}'_i : i \in \mathcal{T}')$  have  $k-1$  elements common. Now, since the mechanism  $\mathcal{Z}$  is  $(\tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{\delta})$ -DP, we have

$$\Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T} \right] \leq e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}'})} \in \mathcal{S} \mid \mathcal{T}', \mathcal{T}'_i, i \in \mathcal{T}' \right] + \tilde{\delta}. \quad (26)$$

Now we are ready to prove (24).

$$\begin{aligned} A_{11} &= \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid 1 \in \mathcal{T} \text{ and } \mathcal{T}_1 = 1 \right] \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \binom{[m]}{k} : 1 \in \mathcal{T} \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in [r] \text{ for } i \in \mathcal{T} : \mathcal{T}_1 = 1}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T} \mid 1 \in \mathcal{T} \text{ and } \mathcal{T}_1 = 1] \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T}] \\ &= \frac{1}{\binom{m-1}{k-1}r^{k-1}} \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \binom{[m]}{k} : 1 \in \mathcal{T} \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in [r] \text{ for } i \in \mathcal{T} : \mathcal{T}_1 = 1}} \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T}] \\ &= \frac{1}{(m-k)\binom{m-1}{k-1}r^k} \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \binom{[m]}{k} : 1 \in \mathcal{T} \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in [r] \text{ for } i \in \mathcal{T} : \mathcal{T}_1 = 1}} r(m-k) \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T}] \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \frac{1}{k\binom{m-1}{k}r^k} \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \binom{[m]}{k} : 1 \in \mathcal{T} \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in [r] \text{ for } i \in \mathcal{T} : \mathcal{T}_1 = 1}} r(m-k) \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T}] \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \frac{1}{k\binom{m-1}{k}r^k} \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \binom{[m]}{k} : 1 \notin \mathcal{T} \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in [r] \text{ for } i \in \mathcal{T}}} k \left( e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T}] + \tilde{\delta} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\binom{m-1}{k}r^k} \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \binom{[m]}{k} : 1 \notin \mathcal{T} \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in [r] \text{ for } i \in \mathcal{T}}} \left( e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T}] + \tilde{\delta} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T} \in \binom{[m]}{k} : 1 \notin \mathcal{T} \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in [r] \text{ for } i \in \mathcal{T}}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T} \mid 1 \notin \mathcal{T}] \left( e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid \mathcal{T}, \mathcal{T}_i, i \in \mathcal{T}] + \tilde{\delta} \right) \\ &= e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\overline{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid 1 \notin \mathcal{T} \right] + \tilde{\delta} \\ &= e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} A_0 + \tilde{\delta} \end{aligned}$$

Here, (a) uses  $(m-k)\binom{m-1}{k-1} = k\binom{m-1}{k}$ , and (b) follows from (26) together with the fact that there are  $r(m-k)\binom{m-1}{k-1}r^{k-1} = k\binom{m-1}{k}r^k$  edges in the bipartite graph  $G = (V_1 \cup V_2, E)$ , where degree of vertices in  $V_1$  is  $r(m-k)$  and degree of vertices in  $V_2$  is  $k$ .

This completes the proof of Lemma 3.

## D Compressed and Private Mean Estimation

In this section, we provide additional results on compressed and private mean estimation and also prove the results stated in Section 4.2.

### D.1 Main Results

**Theorem** (Restating Theorem 2). *For any  $d, n \geq 1$ ,  $a, \epsilon_0 > 0$ , and  $p \in [1, \infty]$ , the minimax risk in (4) satisfies*

$$r_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{p, d}(a) \geq \begin{cases} \Omega\left(a^2 \min\left\{1, \frac{d}{n\epsilon_0^2}\right\}\right) & \text{if } 1 \leq p \leq 2, \\ \Omega\left(a^2 d^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \min\left\{1, \frac{d}{n \min\{\epsilon_0, \epsilon_0^2\}}\right\}\right) & \text{if } p \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 5.** *For any  $d, n \geq 1$ ,  $a, \epsilon_0 > 0$ , and  $p \in [1, \infty]$ , we have the minimax risk in (17) satisfies*

$$R_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{p, d}(a) \geq \begin{cases} \Omega\left(a^2 \min\left\{1, \frac{d}{n\epsilon_0^2}\right\}\right) & \text{if } 1 \leq p \leq 2, \\ \Omega\left(a^2 d^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \min\left\{1, \frac{d}{n \min\{\epsilon_0, \epsilon_0^2\}}\right\}\right) & \text{if } p \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

**Theorem** (Restating Theorem 3). *For any private-randomness, symmetric mechanism  $\mathcal{R}$  with communication budget  $b < \log(d)$  bits per client, and any decoding function  $g: \{0, 1\}^b \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ , when  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g(\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_i))$ , we have<sup>11</sup>*

$$r_{\epsilon, b, n}^{p, d}(a) > a^2 \max\left\{1, d^{1-\frac{2}{p}}\right\}.$$

For convenience, we will write Theorem 4 in three separate theorems.

**Theorem 6** ( $\ell_1$ -norm). *For any  $d, n \geq 1$ ,  $a, \epsilon_0 > 0$ , we have*

$$r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{1, d}(a) \leq \frac{a^2 d}{n} \left(\frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}\right)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{1, d}(a) \leq \frac{4a^2 d}{n} \left(\frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}\right)^2,$$

for  $b = \log(d) + 1$ .

**Theorem 7** ( $\ell_2$ -norm). *For any  $d, n \geq 1$ ,  $a, \epsilon_0 > 0$ , we have*

$$r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{2, d}(a) \leq \frac{6a^2 d}{n} \left(\frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}\right)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{2, d}(a) \leq \frac{14a^2 d}{n} \left(\frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}\right)^2,$$

for  $b = d \log(e) + 1$ .

**Theorem 8** ( $\ell_\infty$ -norm). *For any  $d, n \geq 1$ ,  $a, \epsilon_0 > 0$ , we have*

$$r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{\infty, d}(a) \leq \frac{a^2 d^2}{n} \left(\frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}\right)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{\infty, d}(a) \leq \frac{4a^2 d^2}{n} \left(\frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}\right)^2,$$

for  $b = \log(d) + 1$ .

Note that when  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ , then the upper and lower bounds on minimax risks match for  $p \in [1, 2]$ . Furthermore, when  $\epsilon_0 \leq 1$ , then they match for all  $p \in [1, \infty]$ .

Now we give a general achievability result for any  $\ell_p$ -norm ball  $\mathcal{B}_p^d(a)$  for any  $p \in [1, \infty]$ . For this, we use standard inequalities between different norms, and probabilistically use the mechanisms for  $\ell_1$ -norm or  $\ell_2$ -norm with expanded radius of the corresponding ball. We assume that every work can pick any mechanisms with the same probability  $\bar{p} \in [0, 1]$ . This gives the following result, which we prove in Section D.8.

**Corollary 1** (General  $\ell_p$ -norm,  $p \in [1, \infty]$ ). *Suppose clients pick the mechanism for  $\ell_1$ -norm with probability  $\bar{p} \in [0, 1]$ . Then, for any  $d, n \geq 1$ ,  $a, \epsilon_0 > 0$ , we have:*

$$r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{p, d}(a) \leq \bar{p} d^{2-\frac{2}{p}} \cdot r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{1, d}(a) + (1 - \bar{p}) \max\left\{d^{1-\frac{2}{p}}, 1\right\} \cdot r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{2, d}(a), \quad (27)$$

<sup>11</sup>Note that Theorem 3 works only when the estimator  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  applies the decoding function  $g$  on individual responses and then takes the average. We leave its extension for arbitrary decoders as a future work.

$$R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{p, d}(a) \leq \bar{p} d^{2-\frac{2}{p}} \cdot R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{1, d}(a) + (1 - \bar{p}) \max \left\{ d^{1-\frac{2}{p}}, 1 \right\} \cdot R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{2, d}(a). \quad (28)$$

for  $b = \bar{p} \log(d) + (1 - \bar{p})d \log(e) + 1$ . Note that this communication is in expectation, which is taken over the sampling of selecting  $\ell_1$  or  $\ell_2$  mechanisms.

We can recover Theorem 6 by setting  $p = 1$  and  $\bar{p} = 1$  and Theorem 7 by setting  $p = 2$  and  $\bar{p} = 0$ .

In this section, we study the private mean-estimation problem in the minimax framework given in Section B.4. Note that in this section we focus on giving  $(\epsilon_0, b)$ -CLDP) privacy-communication guarantees for the mean-estimation problem and give the performance of schemes in terms of the associated minimax risk. This framework is applied at each round of the optimization problem, and is then converted to the eventual central DP privacy guarantees using the shuffling framework in Section 5.3, yielding the main result Theorem 1 stated in Section 4.

We prove the lower bound results (Theorems 5, 2) in the first two subsections and the achievable results (Theorems 6, 7, 8, and Corollary 1) in the last four subsections, respectively.

We prove lower bounds for private mechanisms with no communication constraints, and for clarity, we denote such mechanisms by  $(\epsilon, \infty)$ -CLDP mechanisms. Our achievable schemes use finite amount of randomness.

For lower bounds, for simplicity, we assume that the inputs come from an  $\ell_p$ -norm ball of unit radius – the bounds will be scaled by the factor of  $a^2$  if inputs come from an  $\ell_p$ -norm ball of radius  $a$ . For convenience, we denote  $\mathcal{B}_p^d(1)$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_p^d(1)$ ,  $r_{\epsilon, b, n}^{p, d}(1)$ , and  $R_{\epsilon, b, n}^{p, d}(1)$  by  $\mathcal{B}_p^d$ ,  $\mathcal{P}_p^d$ ,  $r_{\epsilon, b, n}^{p, d}$ , and  $R_{\epsilon, b, n}^{p, d}$ , respectively.

## D.2 Lower Bound on $R_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{p, d}$ : Proof of Theorem 5

Theorem 5 states separate lower bounds on  $R_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{p, d}$  depending on whether  $p \geq 2$  or  $p \leq 2$  (at  $p = 2$ , both bounds coincide), and we prove them below in Section D.2.1 and Section D.2.2, respectively.

### D.2.1 Lower bound for $p \in [2, \infty]$

The main idea of the lower bound is to transform the problem to the private mean estimation when the inputs are sampled from Bernoulli distributions. Recall that  $\mathcal{P}_p^d$  denote the set of all distributions on the  $p$ -norm ball  $\mathcal{B}_p^d$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}_{p, d}^{\text{Bern}}$  denote the set of Bernoulli distributions on  $\left\{0, \frac{1}{d^{1/p}}\right\}^d$ , i.e., any element of  $\mathcal{P}_{p, d}^{\text{Bern}}$  is a product of  $d$  independent Bernoulli distributions, one for each coordinate. We first prove a lower bound on  $R_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{p, d}$  when the input distribution belongs to  $\mathcal{P}_{p, d}^{\text{Bern}}$ .

**Lemma 9.** *For any  $p \in [2, \infty]$ , we have*

$$\inf_{\{\mathcal{M}_i\} \in \mathcal{Q}(\epsilon, \infty)} \inf_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}} \sup_{\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_{p, d}^{\text{Bern}}} \mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)\|_2^2 \geq \Omega \left( d^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \min \left\{ 1, \frac{d}{n \min\{\epsilon, \epsilon^2\}} \right\} \right). \quad (29)$$

*Proof.* The proof is straightforward from the proof of [Duchi and Rogers, 2019, Corollary 3]. In their setting,  $\mathcal{P}_{p, d}^{\text{Bern}}$  is supported on  $\{0, 1\}^d$ , and they proved a lower bound of  $\Omega \left( \min \left\{ 1, \frac{d}{n \min\{\epsilon, \epsilon^2\}} \right\} \right)$ . In our setting, since  $\mathcal{P}_{p, d}^{\text{Bern}}$  is supported on  $\left\{0, \frac{1}{d^{1/p}}\right\}^d$ , we can simply scale the elements in the support of  $\mathcal{P}_{p, d}^{\text{Bern}}$  by a factor of  $1/d^{1/p}$ , which will also scale the mean  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}}$  by the same factor. Note that the best estimator  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  will be equal to the scaled version of the best estimator from [Duchi and Rogers, 2019, Corollary 3] with the same value  $1/d^{1/p}$ . This proves Lemma 9.  $\blacksquare$

In order to use Lemma 9, first observe that for every  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{P}_{p, d}^{\text{Bern}}$ , we have  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_p \leq 1$ , which implies that  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{P}_p^d$ . Thus we have  $\mathcal{P}_{p, d}^{\text{Bern}} \subset \mathcal{P}_p^d$ . Now our bound on  $R_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{p, d}$  trivially follows from the following inequalities:

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{p, d} &= \inf_{\{\mathcal{M}_i\} \in \mathcal{Q}(\epsilon, \infty)} \inf_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}} \sup_{\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_p^d} \mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)\|_2^2 \geq \inf_{\{\mathcal{M}_i\} \in \mathcal{Q}(\epsilon, \infty)} \inf_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}} \sup_{\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_{p, d}^{\text{Bern}}} \mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)\|_2^2 \\ &\geq \Omega \left( d^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \min \left\{ 1, \frac{d}{n \min\{\epsilon, \epsilon^2\}} \right\} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (30)$$

where the last inequality follows from (29).

### D.2.2 Lower bound for $p \in [1, 2]$

Fix an arbitrary  $p \in [1, 2]$ . Note that  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_p \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$ , which implies that  $\mathcal{B}_1^d \subset \mathcal{B}_p^d$ , and therefore, we have  $\mathcal{P}_1^d \subset \mathcal{P}_p^d$ . These imply that the lower bound derived for  $\mathcal{P}_1^d$  also holds for  $\mathcal{P}_p^d$ , i.e.,  $R_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{p, d} \geq R_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{1, d}$  holds for any  $p \in [1, 2]$ . So, in the following, we only lower-bound  $R_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{1, d}$ .

The main idea of the lower bound is to transform the problem to the private discrete distribution estimation when the inputs are sampled from a discrete distribution taken from a simplex in  $d$  dimensions. Recall that  $\mathcal{P}_1^d$  denotes all probability density functions  $q$  over the 1-norm ball  $\mathcal{B}_1^d$ . Note that  $q$  may be a continuous distribution supported over all of  $\mathcal{B}_1^d$ . Let  $\widehat{\mathcal{P}}_1^d$  denote a set of all discrete distributions  $\mathbf{q}$  supported over the  $d$  standard basis vectors  $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_d$ , i.e., the distribution has support on  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_d\}$ . Since  $\{\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_d\} \subset \mathcal{B}_1^d$ , we have  $\widehat{\mathcal{P}}_1^d \subset \mathcal{P}_1^d$ . Moreover, since any  $q \in \widehat{\mathcal{P}}_1^d$  is a discrete distribution, by abusing notation, we describe  $q$  through a  $d$ -dimensional vector  $\mathbf{q}$  of its probability mass function. Note that, for any  $\mathbf{q} \in \widehat{\mathcal{P}}_1^d$ , the average over this distribution is  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_q = \mathbb{E}_q[\mathbf{U}]$ , where  $\mathbb{E}_q[\cdot]$  denotes the expectation over the distribution  $\mathbf{q}$  for a discrete random variable  $\mathbf{U} \sim q$ , where we denote  $q_i = \Pr[\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{e}_i]$ . Therefore we have  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_q = \sum_{i=1}^d q_i \mathbf{e}_i = (q_1, \dots, q_d)^T = \mathbf{q}$ , for every  $\mathbf{q} \in \widehat{\mathcal{P}}_1^d$ . Let  $\Delta_d$  denote the probability simplex in  $d$  dimensions. Since the discrete distribution  $q \in \widehat{\mathcal{P}}_1^d$  is representable as  $\mathbf{q} \in \Delta_d$ , we have an isomorphism between  $\Delta_d$  and  $\widehat{\mathcal{P}}_1^d$ , i.e., we can equivalently think of  $\widehat{\mathcal{P}}_1^d = \Delta_d$ . Fix arbitrary  $(\epsilon, \infty)$ -CLDP mechanisms  $\{\mathcal{M}_i : i \in [n]\}$  and an estimator  $\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$ . Using the above notations and observations, we have:

$$\sup_{q \in \mathcal{P}_1^d} \mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_q - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)\|_2^2 \geq \sup_{q \in \widehat{\mathcal{P}}_1^d} \mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_q - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)\|_2^2 = \sup_{q \in \widehat{\mathcal{P}}_1^d} \mathbb{E} \|\mathbf{q} - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)\|_2^2. \quad (31)$$

Using  $\widehat{\mathcal{P}}_1^d = \Delta_d$ , and taking the infimum in (31) over all  $(\epsilon, \infty)$ -CLDP mechanisms  $\{\mathcal{M}_i : i \in [n]\}$  and estimators  $\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$ , we get

$$\inf_{\{\mathcal{M}_i \in \mathcal{Q}(\epsilon, \infty)\}} \inf_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \sup_{q \in \mathcal{P}_1^d} \mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_q - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)\|_2^2 \geq \inf_{\{\mathcal{M}_i \in \mathcal{Q}(\epsilon, \infty)\}} \inf_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \sup_{q \in \Delta_d} \mathbb{E} \|\mathbf{q} - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)\|_2^2. \quad (32)$$

Girgis et al. [Girgis et al., 2020, Theorem 1] lower-bounded the RHS of (32) in the context of characterizing a privacy-utility-randomness tradeoff in LDP. When specializing to our setting, where we are not concerned about the amount of randomness used, their lower bound result gives  $\inf_{\{\mathcal{M}_i \in \mathcal{Q}(\epsilon, \infty)\}} \inf_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \sup_{q \in \Delta_d} \mathbb{E} \|\mathbf{q} - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)\|_2^2 \geq \Omega\left(\min\left\{1, \frac{d}{n\epsilon^2}\right\}\right)$ . Substituting this in (32) gives

$$R_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{1, d} = \inf_{\{\mathcal{M}_i \in \mathcal{Q}(\epsilon, \infty)\}} \inf_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \sup_{q \in \mathcal{P}_1^d} \mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_q - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)\|_2^2 \geq \Omega\left(\min\left\{1, \frac{d}{n\epsilon^2}\right\}\right). \quad (33)$$

### D.3 Lower Bound on $r_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{p, d}$ : Proof of Theorem 2

Similar to Section D.2, we prove the lower bound on  $r_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{p, d}$  separately depending on whether  $p \geq 2$  or  $p \leq 2$  (at  $p = 2$ , both bounds coincide) below in Section D.3.1 and Section D.3.2, respectively. In both the proofs, the main idea is to transform the worst-case lower bound to the average case lower bound and then use relation between different norms.

#### D.3.1 Lower bound for $p \in [2, \infty]$

Fix arbitrary  $(\epsilon, \infty)$ -CLDP mechanisms  $\{\mathcal{M}_i : i \in [n]\}$  and an estimator  $\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$ . It follows from (30) that there exists a distribution  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_p^d$ , such that if we sample  $\mathbf{x}_i^{(q)} \sim \mathbf{q}$ , i.i.d. for all  $i \in [n]$  and letting  $\mathbf{y}_i = \mathcal{M}_i(\mathbf{x}_i^{(q)})$ , we would have  $\mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_q - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)\|_2^2 \geq \Omega\left(d^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \min\left\{1, \frac{d}{n \min\{\epsilon, \epsilon^2\}}\right\}\right)$ . We have

$$\sup_{\{\mathbf{x}_i\} \in \mathcal{B}_p^d} \mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n) \right\|_2^2 \stackrel{(a)}{\geq} \mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i^{(q)} - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n) \right\|_2^2$$

$$\stackrel{(b)}{\geq} \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \left\| \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n) \right\|_2^2 - \mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i^{(q)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} \right\|_2^2 \quad (34)$$

$$\stackrel{(c)}{\geq} \Omega \left( d^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \min \left\{ 1, \frac{d}{n \min\{\epsilon, \epsilon^2\}} \right\} \right) - \frac{d^{1-\frac{2}{p}}}{n}$$

$$\stackrel{(d)}{\geq} \Omega \left( d^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \min \left\{ 1, \frac{d}{n \min\{\epsilon, \epsilon^2\}} \right\} \right) \quad (35)$$

In the LHS of (a), the expectation is taken over the randomness of the mechanisms  $\{\mathcal{M}_i\}$  and the estimator  $\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$ ; whereas, in the RHS of (a), in addition, the expectation is also taken over sampling  $\mathbf{x}_i$ 's from the distribution  $\mathbf{q}$ . Moreover (a) holds since the LHS is supremum  $\{\mathbf{x}_i\} \in \mathcal{B}_p^d$  and the RHS of (a) takes expectation w.r.t. a distribution over  $\mathcal{B}_p^d$  and hence lower-bounds the LHS. The inequality (b) follows from the Jensen's inequality  $2\|\mathbf{u}\|_2^2 + 2\|\mathbf{v}\|_2^2 \geq \|\mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v}\|_2^2$  by setting  $\mathbf{u} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i^{(q)} - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)$  and  $\mathbf{v} = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i^{(q)}$ . In (c) we used  $\mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i^{(q)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} \right\|_2^2 \leq \frac{d^{1-\frac{2}{p}}}{n}$ , which we show below. In (d), we assume  $\min\{\epsilon, \epsilon^2\} \leq \mathcal{O}(d)$ .

Note that for any vector  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , we have  $\|\mathbf{u}\|_2 \leq d^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{p}} \|\mathbf{u}\|_p$ , for any  $p \geq 2$ . Since each  $\mathbf{x}_i^{(q)} \in \mathcal{B}_p^d$ , which implies  $\|\mathbf{x}_i^{(q)}\|_p \leq 1$ , we have that  $\|\mathbf{x}_i^{(q)}\|_2 \leq d^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{p}}$ . Hence,  $\mathbb{E} \|\mathbf{x}_i^{(q)}\|_2^2 \leq d^{1-\frac{2}{p}}$  holds for all  $i \in [n]$ . Now, since  $\mathbf{x}_i$ 's are i.i.d. with  $\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}_i^{(q)}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}}$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i^{(q)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} \right\|_2^2 = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \|\mathbf{x}_i^{(q)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}}\|_2^2 \stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \|\mathbf{x}_i^{(q)}\|_2^2 \leq \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n d^{1-\frac{2}{p}} = \frac{d^{1-\frac{2}{p}}}{n}, \quad (36)$$

where (a) uses  $\mathbb{E} \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}]\|_2^2 \leq \mathbb{E} \|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2$ , which holds for any random vector  $\mathbf{x}$ .

Taking supremum in (35) over all  $(\epsilon, \infty)$ -CLDP mechanisms  $\{\mathcal{M}_i : i \in [n]\}$  and estimators  $\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$ , we get

$$r_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{p, d} = \inf_{\{\mathcal{M}_i \in \mathcal{Q}(\epsilon, \infty)\}} \inf_{\widehat{\mathbf{x}}} \sup_{\{\mathbf{x}_i\} \in \mathcal{B}_p^d} \mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n) \right\|_2^2 \geq \Omega \left( d^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \min \left\{ 1, \frac{d}{n \min\{\epsilon, \epsilon^2\}} \right\} \right). \quad (37)$$

### D.3.2 Lower bound for $p \in [1, 2]$

Similar to the argument given in Section D.2.2, since  $r_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{p, d} \geq r_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{1, d}$  holds for any  $p \in [1, 2]$ , it suffices to lower-bound  $r_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{1, d}$ .

Fix arbitrary  $(\epsilon, \infty)$ -CLDP mechanisms  $\{\mathcal{M}_i : i \in [n]\}$  and an estimator  $\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$ . It follows from (33) that there exists a distribution  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_p^d$ , such that if we sample  $\mathbf{x}_i^{(q)} \sim \mathbf{q}$ , i.i.d. for all  $i \in [n]$  and letting  $\mathbf{y}_i = \mathcal{M}_i(\mathbf{x}_i^{(q)})$ , we would have  $\mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)\|_2^2 \geq \Omega \left( \min \left\{ 1, \frac{d}{n\epsilon^2} \right\} \right)$ . Now, by the same reasoning using which we obtained (34), we have

$$\sup_{\{\mathbf{x}_i\} \in \mathcal{B}_p^d} \mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n) \right\|_2^2 \geq \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)\|_2^2 - \mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i^{(q)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} \right\|_2^2$$

$$\stackrel{(a)}{\geq} \Omega \left( \min \left\{ 1, \frac{d}{n\epsilon^2} \right\} \right) - \frac{1}{n} \stackrel{(b)}{\geq} \Omega \left( \min \left\{ 1, \frac{d}{n\epsilon^2} \right\} \right) \quad (38)$$

In (a) we used

$$\mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{x}_i^{(q)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} \right\|_2^2 \leq \frac{1}{n}, \quad (39)$$

which can be obtained by first noting that for any  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , we have  $\|\mathbf{u}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{u}\|_p$  for  $p \in [1, 2]$ , and then using this in the set of inequalities which give (36). In (b), we assume  $\epsilon \leq \mathcal{O}(\sqrt{d})$ .

Taking supremum in (35) over all  $(\epsilon, \infty)$ -CLDP mechanisms  $\{\mathcal{M}_i : i \in [n]\}$  and estimators  $\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$ , we get  $r_{\epsilon, \infty, n}^{1, d} \geq \Omega \left( \min \left\{ 1, \frac{d}{n\epsilon^2} \right\} \right)$ .

#### D.4 Lower Bound on $r_{\epsilon,b,n}^{p,d}$ : Proof of Theorem 3

Let  $M = 2^b < d$  be the total number of possible outputs of the mechanism  $\mathcal{R}$ . Let  $\{o_1, o_2, \dots, o_M\}$  be the set of  $M$  possible outputs of  $\mathcal{R}$ . For every  $i \in [M]$ , let  $q_i = g(o_i)$ . We can write the  $M$  possible outputs of  $\mathcal{R}$  as columns of a  $d \times M$  matrix  $Q = [q_1, \dots, q_M]$ . Since  $M < d$ , the rank of the matrix  $Q$  is at most  $M$ . Let  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$  be a vector in the null space of the matrix  $Q$ , i.e.,  $\mathbf{x}^T q_j = 0$  for all  $j \in [M]$ . Then, we set the sample of each client by  $\mathbf{x}_i = \bar{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_p}$  for all  $i \in [n]$ , and hence,  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{B}_p^d$ . Observe that the estimator  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g(\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_i))$  is in the column space of the matrix  $Q$ . Thus, we get

$$r_{\epsilon,b,n}^{p,d} \geq \mathbb{E} \left\| \bar{\mathbf{x}} - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g(\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_i)) \right\|_2^2 \stackrel{(a)}{=} \|\bar{\mathbf{x}}\|_2^2 + \mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g(\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_i)) \right\|_2^2 \geq \max \left\{ 1, d^{1-\frac{2}{p}} \right\}$$

where step (a) follows from the fact that  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  is in the null space of  $Q$ , while the estimator  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  is in the column space of  $Q$ . This completes the proof of Theorem 3.

#### D.5 Achievability for $\ell_1$ -norm Ball: Proof of Theorem 6

In this section, we propose an  $\epsilon_0$ -LDP mechanism that requires  $\mathcal{O}(\log(d))$ -bits of communication per client using private randomness and 1-bit of communication per client using public randomness. In other words we can guarantee  $(\epsilon_0, \mathcal{O}(\log(d)))$ -CLDP with private randomness and  $(\epsilon_0, 1)$ -CLDP using public randomness. The proposed mechanism is based on the Hadamard matrix and is inspired from the Hadamard mechanism proposed by Acharya et al. [2019]. We assume that  $d$  is a power of 2. Let  $\mathbf{H}_d$  denote the Hadamard matrix of order  $d$ , which can be constructed by the following recursive mechanism:

$$\mathbf{H}_d = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{H}_{d/2} & \mathbf{H}_{d/2} \\ \mathbf{H}_{d/2} & -\mathbf{H}_{d/2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \mathbf{H}_1 = [1]$$

Client  $i$  has an input  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{B}_1^d(a)$ . It computes  $\mathbf{y}_i = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \mathbf{H}_d \mathbf{x}_i$ . Note that each coordinate of  $\mathbf{y}_i$  lies in the interval  $[-a/\sqrt{d}, a/\sqrt{d}]$ . Client  $i$  selects  $j \sim \text{Unif}[d]$  and quantize  $y_{i,j}$  privately according to (40) and obtains  $\mathbf{z}_i \in \left\{ \pm a \mathbf{H}_d(j) \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right) \right\}$ , which can be represented using only 1-bit. Here,  $\mathbf{H}_d(j)$  denotes the  $j$ -th column of the Hadamard matrix  $\mathbf{H}_d$ . Server receives the  $n$  messages  $\{\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_n\}$  from the clients and outputs their average  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{z}_i$ . We present this mechanism in Algorithm 3 – we only present the client-side part of the algorithm, as server only averages the messages received from the clients.

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#### Algorithm 3 $\ell_1$ -MEAN-EST ( $\mathcal{R}_1$ : the client-side algorithm)

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- 1: **Input:** Vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}_1^d(a)$ , and local privacy level  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ .
- 2: Construct  $\mathbf{y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \mathbf{H}_d \mathbf{x}$
- 3: Sample  $j \sim \text{Unif}[d]$  and quantize  $y_j$  as follows:

$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{cases} +a \mathbf{H}_d(j) \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right) & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{d} y_j}{2a} \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1} \\ -a \mathbf{H}_d(j) \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right) & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{d} y_j}{2a} \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1} \end{cases} \quad (40)$$

- 4: Return  $\mathbf{z}$ .
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**Lemma 10.** *The mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_1$  presented in Algorithm 3 satisfies the following properties, where  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ :*

1.  $\mathcal{R}_1$  is  $(\epsilon_0, \log(d) + 1)$ -CLDP and requires only 1-bit of communication using public randomness.
2.  $\mathcal{R}_1$  is unbiased and has bounded variance, i.e., for every  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}_1^d(a)$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{R}_1(\mathbf{x})] = \mathbf{x} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E} \|\mathcal{R}_1(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq a^2 d \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2.$$

*Proof.* We show these properties one-by-one below.

1. Observe that the output of the mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_1$  can be represented using the index  $j \in [d]$  and one bit of the sign of  $\{\pm a \mathbf{H}_d(j) \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)\}$ . Hence, it requires only  $\log(d) + 1$  bits for communication. Furthermore, the randomness  $j \sim \text{Unif}[d]$  is independent of the input  $\mathbf{x}$ . Thus, if the client has access to a public randomness  $j$ , then the client needs only to send one bit to represent its sign. Now, we show that the mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_1$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -LDP. Let  $\mathcal{Z} = \{\pm a \mathbf{H}_d(j) \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right) : j = 1, 2, \dots, d\}$  denote all possible  $2d$  outputs of the mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_1$ . We get

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathcal{B}_1^d(a)} \sup_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Z}} \frac{\Pr[\mathcal{R}_1(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{z}]}{\Pr[\mathcal{R}_1(\mathbf{x}') = \mathbf{z}]} &\leq \sup_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathcal{B}_1^d(a)} \frac{\frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{d}|y_j|}{2a} \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1} \right)}{\frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{d}|y'_j|}{2a} \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1} \right)} \\ &= \sup_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathcal{B}_1^d(a)} \frac{\frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d \left( a(e^{\epsilon_0} + 1) + \sqrt{d}|y_j|(e^{\epsilon_0} - 1) \right)}{\frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d \left( a(e^{\epsilon_0} + 1) - \sqrt{d}|y'_j|(e^{\epsilon_0} - 1) \right)} \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \frac{2ae^{\epsilon_0}}{2a} = e^{\epsilon_0}, \end{aligned}$$

where (a) uses the fact that for every  $j \in [d]$ , we have  $|y_j| \leq a/\sqrt{d}$  and  $|y'_j| \leq a/\sqrt{d}$ .

2. Fix an arbitrary  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}_1^d(a)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Unbiasedness: } \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{R}_1(\mathbf{x})] &= \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d a \mathbf{H}_d(j) \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right) \left( \frac{\sqrt{d}y_j}{a} \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d \mathbf{H}_d(j) \sqrt{d}y_j \stackrel{(b)}{=} \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d \mathbf{H}_d(j) \mathbf{H}_d^T(j) \mathbf{x} \stackrel{(c)}{=} \mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

where (b) uses  $\mathbf{y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \mathbf{H}_d \mathbf{x}$  and (c) uses  $\sum_{j=1}^d \mathbf{H}_d(j) \mathbf{H}_d^T(j) = \mathbf{H}_d \mathbf{H}_d^T = d \mathbf{I}_d$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bounded variance: } \mathbb{E} \|\mathcal{R}_1(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 &\leq \mathbb{E} \|\mathcal{R}_1(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 = \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{R}_1(\mathbf{x})^T \mathcal{R}_1(\mathbf{x})] \\ &= \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d a^2 \mathbf{H}_d(j)^T \mathbf{H}_d(j) \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2 \\ &= a^2 d \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2 \quad (\text{Since } \mathbf{H}_d(j)^T \mathbf{H}_d(j) = d, \forall j \in [d]) \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 10. ■

Now we are ready to prove Theorem 6. Let  $\mathcal{R}_1(\mathbf{x})$  denote the output of Algorithm 3 on input  $\mathbf{x}$ . As mentioned above, the server employs a simple estimator that simply averages the  $n$  received messages, i.e., the server outputs  $\widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{z}^n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{z}_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathcal{R}_1(\mathbf{x}_i)$ . In the following, first we show the bound on  $r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{1, d}(a)$  and then on  $R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{1, d}(a)$  for  $b = \log(d) + 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{1, d}(a) : \quad \sup_{\{\mathbf{x}_i\} \in \mathcal{B}_1^d(a)} \mathbb{E} \|\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{z}^n)\|_2^2 &= \sup_{\{\mathbf{x}_i\} \in \mathcal{B}_1^d(a)} \mathbb{E} \left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathcal{R}_1(\mathbf{x}_i)) \right\|_2^2 \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \sup_{\{\mathbf{x}_i\} \in \mathcal{B}_1^d(a)} \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E} \|\mathbf{x}_i - \mathcal{R}_1(\mathbf{x}_i)\|_2^2 \stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \frac{a^2 d}{n} \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2, \end{aligned} \quad (41)$$

where (a) uses the fact that all clients use independent private randomness (which makes the random variables  $\mathbf{x}_i - \mathcal{R}_1(\mathbf{x}_i)$  independent for different  $i$ 's and also that  $\mathcal{R}_1$  is unbiased. (b) uses that  $\mathcal{R}_1$  has bounded variance. Taking infimum in (41) over all  $(\epsilon_0, b)$ -CLDP mechanisms (where  $b = \log(d) + 1$ ) and estimators  $\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$ , we have that  $r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{1, d}(a) \leq \frac{a^2 d}{n} \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2$ , which is  $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{a^2 d}{n \epsilon_0^2}\right)$  when  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{For } R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{1, d}(a) : \quad & \sup_{\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_1^d(a)} \mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{z}^n)\|_2^2 \stackrel{(c)}{\leq} \sup_{\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_1^d(a)} \left[ 2\mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}\|_2^2 + 2\mathbb{E} \|\bar{\mathbf{x}} - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{z}^n)\|_2^2 \right] \\
 & \stackrel{(d)}{\leq} \frac{2a^2}{n} + \frac{2a^2 d}{n} \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2
 \end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

In the LHS of (c), for any  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_1^d(a)$ , first we generate  $n$  i.i.d. samples  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  and then compute  $\mathbf{z}_i = \mathcal{R}_1(\mathbf{x}_i)$  for all  $i \in [n]$ . We use the Jensen's inequality in (c). We used  $\mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}\|_2^2 \leq \frac{a^2}{n}$  (see (39)) in (d). Taking infimum in (42) over all  $(\epsilon_0, b)$ -CLDP mechanisms (where  $b = \log(d) + 1$ ) and estimators  $\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$ , we have that  $R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{1, d}(a) \leq \frac{2a^2}{n} + \frac{2a^2 d}{n} \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2$ , which is  $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{a^2 d}{n \epsilon_0^2}\right)$  when  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ .

This completes the proof of Theorem 6.

## D.6 Achievability for $\ell_2$ -norm Ball: Proof of Theorem 7

In this section, we propose an  $\epsilon_0$ -LDP mechanism that requires  $\mathcal{O}(d)$ -bits of communication per client using private randomness. Our proposed mechanism is a combination of the private-mechanism  $\text{Priv}$  from [Duchi et al., 2018, Section 4.2.3] and the non-private quantization mechanism  $\text{Quan}$  from [Mayekar and Tyagi, 2020, Section 4.2]. For completeness, we describe both these mechanisms in Algorithm 5 and Algorithm 6, respectively, and our proposed mechanism in Algorithm 4. Each client  $i$  first privatize its input  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{B}_2^d(a)$  using  $\text{Priv}$  and then quantize the privatized result using  $\text{Quan}$  and sends the final result  $\mathbf{z}_i = \text{Quan}(\text{Priv}(\mathbf{x}_i))$  to the server, which outputs the average of all the received  $n$  messages. Since the server is only taking an average of the received messages, we only present the client side of our mechanism in Algorithm 4.

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**Algorithm 4**  $\ell_2$ -MEAN-EST ( $\mathcal{R}_2$ : the client-side algorithm)

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- 1: **Input:** Vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}_2^d(a)$ , and local privacy level  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ .
  - 2: Apply the randomized mechanism  $\mathbf{y} = \text{Priv}(\mathbf{x})$ .
  - 3: Return  $\mathbf{z} = \text{Quan}(\mathbf{y})$ .
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**Algorithm 5**  $\text{Priv}$  (a private mechanism from Duchi et al. [2018])

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- 1: **Input:** Vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}_2^d(a)$ , and local privacy level  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ .
  - 2: Compute  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{cases} +a \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2} & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2}{2a} \\ -a \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2} & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\|\mathbf{x}\|_2}{2a} \end{cases}$
  - 3: Sample  $U \sim \text{Bernoulli}\left(\frac{e^{\epsilon_0}}{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}\right)$
  - 4:  $M \triangleq a \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{d-1}{2} + 1)}{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2} + 1)} \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}$
  - 5:  $\mathbf{z} = \begin{cases} \text{Unif}(\mathbf{y} : \mathbf{y}^T \tilde{\mathbf{x}} > 0, \|\mathbf{y}\|_2 = M) & \text{if } U = 1 \\ \text{Unif}(\mathbf{y} : \mathbf{y}^T \tilde{\mathbf{x}} \leq 0, \|\mathbf{y}\|_2 = M) & \text{if } U = 0 \end{cases}$
  - 6: Return  $\mathbf{z}$ .
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**Lemma 11** ([Duchi et al., 2018, Appendix I.2]). *The mechanism  $\text{Priv}$  presented in Algorithm 5 is unbiased and outputs a bounded length vector, i.e., for every  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}_2^d(a)$ , we have*

$$\mathbb{E}[\text{Priv}(\mathbf{x})] = \mathbf{x} \quad \text{and} \quad \|\text{Priv}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 = M^2 \leq a^2 d \left( \frac{3\sqrt{\pi}}{4} \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2.$$

**Lemma 12** ([Mayekar and Tyagi, 2020, Theorem 4.2]). *The mechanism  $\text{Quan}$  presented in Algorithm 6 is unbiased and has bounded variance, i.e., for every  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}_2^d(a)$ , we have*

$$\mathbb{E}[\text{Quan}(\mathbf{x})] = \mathbf{x} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}\|\text{Quan}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq 2\|\mathbf{x}\|^2 \leq 2a^2.$$

Furthermore, it requires  $d(\log(e) + 1)$ -bits to represent its output.



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**Algorithm 6** Quan (a quantization mechanism from Mayekar and Tyagi [2020])
 

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- 1: **Input:** Vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}_2^d(a)$ , where  $a$  is the radius of the ball.
  - 2: Compute  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}} = \begin{cases} \frac{\mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_1} & \text{w.p. } \frac{1+\|\mathbf{x}\|_1}{2a\sqrt{d}} \\ -\frac{\mathbf{x}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_1} & \text{w.p. } \frac{1-\|\mathbf{x}\|_1}{2a\sqrt{d}} \end{cases}$
  - 3: Generate a discrete distribution  $\boldsymbol{\mu} = (|\tilde{x}_1|, \dots, |\tilde{x}_d|)$  where  $\Pr[\boldsymbol{\mu} = i] = |\tilde{x}_i|$ .
  - 4: Construct a  $d$ -dimensional vector  $\mathbf{y}$  by sampling  $y_j \sim \boldsymbol{\mu}$  for  $j \in [d]$
  - 5: Return  $\mathbf{z} = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d \left( a\sqrt{d} \cdot \text{sgn}(\tilde{x}_{y_j}) \cdot \mathbf{e}_{y_j} \right)$ .
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Note that the radius  $a$  in Lemma 12 is equal to the length of any output of Priv, which is  $M$  (see line 4 of Algorithm 5).

**Lemma 13.** *The mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_2$  presented in Algorithm 4 satisfies the following properties, where  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ :*

1.  $\mathcal{R}_2$  is  $(\epsilon_0, d(\log(e) + 1))$ -CLDP.
2.  $\mathcal{R}_2$  is unbiased and has bounded variance, i.e., for every  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}_2^d(a)$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{R}_2(\mathbf{x})] = \mathbf{x} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}\|\mathcal{R}_2(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq 6a^2d \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2.$$

*Proof.* We prove these properties one-by-one below.

1. It was shown in [Duchi et al., 2018, Section 4.2.3] that Priv is an  $\epsilon_0$ -LDP mechanism. Now, since  $\mathcal{R}_2 = \text{Quan} \circ \text{Priv}$  is a post-processing of a differentially-private mechanism Priv and post-processing preserves differential privacy, we have that  $\mathcal{R}_2$  is also  $\epsilon_0$ -LDP. The claim that  $\mathcal{R}_2$  uses  $d(\log(e) + 1)$  bits of communication follows because  $\mathcal{R}_2$  outputs the result of Quan, which produces an output which can be represented using  $d(\log(e) + 1)$  bits; see [Mayekar and Tyagi, 2020].
2. Unbiasedness of  $\mathcal{R}_2$  follows because  $\mathcal{R}_2 = \text{Quan} \circ \text{Priv}$  and both Priv and Quan are unbiased. To prove that variance is bounded, fix an  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}_2^d(a)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\|\mathcal{R}_2(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 &= \mathbb{E}\|\text{Quan}(\text{Priv}(\mathbf{x})) - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \\ &= \mathbb{E}\|\text{Quan}(\text{Priv}(\mathbf{x})) - \text{Priv}(\mathbf{x}) + \text{Priv}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \mathbb{E}\|\text{Quan}(\text{Priv}(\mathbf{x})) - \text{Priv}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 + \mathbb{E}\|\text{Priv}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} 2\|\text{Priv}(\mathbf{x})\|^2 + \mathbb{E}\|\text{Priv}(\mathbf{x})\|^2 \\ &\stackrel{(c)}{\leq} 3\|\text{Priv}(\mathbf{x})\|^2 \stackrel{(d)}{\leq} 6d \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

In (a) we used the fact that Quan and Priv are unbiased, which implies that the cross multiplication term is zero. In (b) we used Lemma 12 to write  $\mathbb{E}\|\text{Quan}(\text{Priv}(\mathbf{x})) - \text{Priv}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 \leq 2\|\text{Priv}(\mathbf{x})\|^2$  and used the unbiasedness of Priv together with the fact that variance is bounded by the second moment to write  $\mathbb{E}\|\text{Priv}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq \mathbb{E}\|\text{Priv}(\mathbf{x})\|^2$ . In (c) we used that the length of Priv on any input remains fixed, i.e.,  $\mathbb{E}\|\text{Priv}(\mathbf{x})\|^2 = \|\text{Priv}(\mathbf{x})\|^2 = M^2$  (where  $M$  is from the line 4 of Algorithm 5) holds for any  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}_2^d(a)$ . In (d) we used the bound on  $\|\text{Priv}(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2$  from Lemma 11.

This completes the proof of Lemma 13. ■

Now we are ready to prove Theorem 7. In order to bound  $r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{2, d}(a)$  for  $b = d(\log(e) + 1)$ , we follow exactly the same steps that we used to bound  $r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{1, d}(a)$  and arrived at (41). This would give  $r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{2, d}(a) \leq \frac{6a^2d}{n} \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2$ , which is  $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{a^2d}{n\epsilon_0^2}\right)$  when  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ . To bound  $R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{2, d}(a)$ , first note that when  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \in \mathcal{B}_2^d(a)$ , then we have from (39)

that  $\mathbb{E} \|\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} - \bar{\mathbf{x}}\|_2^2 \leq \frac{a^2}{n}$ . Here  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_2^d(a)$  and  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  are sampled from  $\mathbf{q}$  i.i.d. Now, following exactly the same steps that we used to bound  $R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{1, d}(a)$  and arrived at (42). This would give  $R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{2, d}(a) \leq \frac{2a^2}{n} + \frac{12a^2 d}{n} \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2$  for  $b = d(\log(e) + 1)$ . Note that  $R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{2, d}(a) = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{a^2 d}{n \epsilon_0^2}\right)$  when  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ .

This completes the proof of Theorem 7.

### D.7 Achievability for $\ell_\infty$ -norm Ball: Proof of Theorem 8

In this section, we propose an  $\epsilon_0$ -LDP mechanism that requires  $\mathcal{O}(\log(d))$ -bits per client using private randomness and 1-bit of communication per client using public randomness. Each client  $i$  has an input  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{B}_\infty^d(a)$ . It selects  $j \sim \text{Unif}[d]$  and quantize  $x_{i,j}$  according to (43) and obtains  $\mathbf{z}_i \in \left\{ \pm ad \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right) \mathbf{e}_j \right\}$ , which can be represented using only 1 bit, where  $\mathbf{e}_j$  is the  $j$ 'th standard basis vector in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . Client  $i$  sends  $\mathbf{z}_i$  to the server. Server receives the  $n$  messages  $\{\mathbf{z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{z}_n\}$  from the clients and outputs their average  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{z}_i$ . We present this mechanism in Algorithm 7 – we only present the client-side part of the algorithm, as server only averages the messages received from the clients.

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**Algorithm 7**  $\ell_\infty$ -MEAN-EST ( $\mathcal{R}_\infty$ : the client-side algorithm)

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- 1: **Input:** Vector  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}_\infty^d(a)$ , and local privacy level  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ .
- 2: Sample  $j \sim \text{Unif}[d]$  and quantize  $x_j$  as follows:

$$\mathbf{z} = \begin{cases} +ad \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right) \mathbf{e}_j & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{2} + \frac{x_j}{2a} \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1} \\ -ad \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right) \mathbf{e}_j & \text{w.p. } \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x_j}{2a} \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1} \end{cases} \quad (43)$$

where  $\mathbf{e}_j$  is the  $j$ 'th standard basis vector in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

- 3: Return  $\mathbf{z}$ .
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**Lemma 14.** *The mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_\infty$  presented in Algorithm 7 satisfies the following properties, where  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ :*

1.  $\mathcal{R}_\infty$  is  $(\epsilon_0, \log(d) + 1)$ -CLDP and requires only 1-bit of communication using public randomness.
2.  $\mathcal{R}_\infty$  is unbiased and has bounded variance, i.e., for every  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}_\infty^d(a)$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathcal{R}_\infty(\mathbf{x})] = \mathbf{x} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E} \|\mathcal{R}_\infty(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq a^2 d^2 \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2.$$

*Proof.* We prove these properties one-by-one below.

1. Observe that the output of the mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_\infty$  can be represented using the index  $j \in [d]$  and one bit for the sign of  $\left\{ \pm ad \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right) \mathbf{e}_j \right\}$ . Hence, it requires only  $\log(d) + 1$  bits for communication. Furthermore, the randomness  $j \sim \text{Unif}[d]$  is independent of the input  $\mathbf{x}$ . Thus, if the client has access to a public randomness  $j$ , then the client needs only to send one bit for its sign. Now, we show that the mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_\infty$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -LDP. Let  $\mathcal{Z} = \left\{ \pm ad \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right) \mathbf{e}_j : j = 1, 2, \dots, d \right\}$  denote all possible  $2d$  outputs of the mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_\infty$ . We get

$$\sup_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathcal{B}_\infty^d(a)} \sup_{\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{Z}} \frac{\Pr[\mathcal{R}_\infty(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{z}]}{\Pr[\mathcal{R}_\infty(\mathbf{x}') = \mathbf{z}]} \leq \sup_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathcal{B}_\infty^d(a)} \frac{\frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{|x_j|}{2a} \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1} \right)}{\frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{|x'_j|}{2a} \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1} \right)} \quad (44)$$

$$= \sup_{\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in \mathcal{B}_\infty^d(a)} \frac{\frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d (a(e^{\epsilon_0} + 1) + |x_j|(e^{\epsilon_0} - 1))}{\frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d (a(e^{\epsilon_0} + 1) - |x'_j|(e^{\epsilon_0} - 1))} \quad (45)$$

$$\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \frac{2ae^{\epsilon_0}}{2a} = e^{\epsilon_0}, \quad (46)$$

where in (a) we used the fact that for every  $j \in [d]$ , we have  $|x_j| \leq a$  and  $|x'_j| \leq a$ .

2. Fix an arbitrary  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}_\infty^d$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Unbiasedness: } \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{R}_\infty(\mathbf{x})] &= \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d \mathbf{e}_j a d \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right) \left( \frac{x_j e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}{a e^{\epsilon_0} + 1} \right) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^d \mathbf{e}_j x_j \\ &= \mathbf{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bounded variance: } \mathbb{E}\|\mathcal{R}_\infty(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 &\leq \mathbb{E}\|\mathcal{R}_\infty(\mathbf{x})\|_2^2 = \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{R}_\infty(\mathbf{x})^T \mathcal{R}_\infty(\mathbf{x})] \\ &= \frac{1}{d} \sum_{j=1}^d a^2 d^2 \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2 \\ &= a^2 d^2 \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Lemma 14. ■

Now we are ready to prove Theorem 8. In order to bound  $r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{\infty, d}(a)$  for  $b = \log(d) + 1$ , we follow exactly the same steps that we used to bound  $r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{1, d}(a)$  and arrived at (41). This would give  $r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{\infty, d}(a) \leq \frac{a^2 d^2}{n} \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2$ , which is  $\mathcal{O}\left(\frac{a^2 d^2}{n \epsilon_0^2}\right)$  when  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ . To bound  $R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{\infty, d}(a)$ , first note that when  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n \in \mathcal{B}_\infty^d(a)$ , then we have from (36) (by substituting  $p = \infty$ ) that  $\mathbb{E}\|\boldsymbol{\mu}_q - \bar{\mathbf{x}}\|_2^2 \leq \frac{a^2 d}{n}$ . Here  $\mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{P}_\infty^d(a)$  and  $\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n$  are sampled from  $\mathbf{q}$  i.i.d. Now, following exactly the same steps that we used to bound  $R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{1, d}(a)$  and arrived at (42). This would give  $R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{\infty, d}(a) \leq \frac{2a^2 d}{n} + \frac{2a^2 d^2}{n} \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^{2, d}$  for  $b = \log(d) + 1$ . Note that  $R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{\infty, d}(a) = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{a^2 d^2}{n \epsilon_0^2}\right)$  when  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ .

This completes the proof of Theorem 8.

### D.8 Achievability for $\ell_p$ -norm Ball for $p \in [1, \infty)$ : Proof of Corollary 1

In this section, first we propose two  $\epsilon_0$ -LDP mechanisms for  $\ell_p$ -norm ball  $\mathcal{B}_p^d(a)$  for  $p \in [1, \infty)$  based on the inequalities between different norms, and our final mechanism will be chosen probabilistically from these two. The first mechanism, which we denote by  $\mathcal{R}_p^{(1)}$ , is based on the private mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_1$  (presented in Algorithm 3) that requires  $\mathcal{O}(\log(d))$  bits per client. The second mechanism, which we denote by  $\mathcal{R}_p^{(2)}$  is based on the private mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_2$  (presented in Algorithm 4) that requires  $\mathcal{O}(d)$  bits per client. Observe that for any  $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$ , using the relation between different norms ( $\|\mathbf{u}\|_q \leq \|\mathbf{u}\|_p \leq d^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}} \|\mathbf{u}\|_q$ ), we have

$$\mathcal{B}_q^d(a) \subseteq \mathcal{B}_p^d(a) \subseteq \mathcal{B}_q^d\left(ad^{\frac{1}{p} - \frac{1}{q}}\right). \quad (47)$$

1. *Description of the private mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_p^{(1)}$* : Each client has a vector  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{B}_p^d(a) \subseteq \mathcal{B}_1^d\left(ad^{1 - \frac{1}{p}}\right)$ . Thus, each client runs the private mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_1(\mathbf{x}_i)$  presented in Algorithm 3 with radius  $ad^{1 - \frac{1}{p}}$ . Thus, the mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_p^{(1)}$  for  $p \in [1, \infty)$  satisfies the following properties, where  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ :

- $\mathcal{R}_p^{(1)}$  is  $(\epsilon_0, \log(d) + 1)$ -CLDP and requires only 1-bit of communication using public randomness.
- $\mathcal{R}_p^{(1)}$  is unbiased and has bounded variance, i.e., for every  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}_p^d(a)$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\mathcal{R}_p^{(1)}(\mathbf{x})\right] = \mathbf{x} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}\|\mathcal{R}_p^{(1)}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \leq a^2 d^{3 - \frac{2}{p}} \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2.$$

2. *Description of the private mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_p^{(2)}$* : Each client has a vector  $\mathbf{x}_i \in \mathcal{B}_p^d(a) \subseteq \mathcal{B}_2^d\left(a \max\{d^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}}, 1\}\right)$ . Thus, each client runs the private mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_2(\mathbf{x}_i)$  presented in Algorithm 4 with radius  $a \max\{d^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{p}}, 1\}$ . Thus, the mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_p^{(2)}$  for  $p \in [1, \infty)$  satisfies the following properties, where  $\epsilon_0 > 0$ :

- $\mathcal{R}_p^{(2)}$  is  $(\epsilon_0, d(\log(e) + 1))$ -CLDP.
- $\mathcal{R}_p^{(2)}$  is unbiased and has bounded variance, i.e., for every  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{B}_p^d(a)$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \mathcal{R}_p^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}) \right] = \mathbf{x} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E} \left\| \mathcal{R}_p^{(2)}(\mathbf{x}) - \mathbf{x} \right\|_2^2 \leq 6a^2 \max\{d^{2-\frac{2}{p}}, d\} \left( \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1} \right)^2.$$

Note that  $\mathcal{R}_p^{(1)}$  requires low communication and has high variance, whereas,  $\mathcal{R}_p^{(2)}$  requires high communication and has low variance:  $\mathcal{R}_p^{(2)}$  requires exponentially more communication than  $\mathcal{R}_p^{(1)}$ , whereas,  $\mathcal{R}_p^{(1)}$  has a factor of  $d$  more variance than  $\mathcal{R}_p^{(2)}$ .

To define our final mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_p$  for any norm  $p \in [1, \infty)$ , we choose  $\mathcal{R}_p^{(1)}$  with probability  $\bar{p}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_p^{(2)}$  with probability  $(1 - \bar{p})$ , where  $\bar{p}$  is any number in  $[0, 1]$ . Note that  $\mathcal{R}_p$  is  $\epsilon_0$ -LDP and requires  $\bar{p} \log(d) + (1 - \bar{p})d \log(e) + 1$  expected communication, where expectation is taken over the sampling of choosing  $\mathcal{R}_p^{(1)}$  or  $\mathcal{R}_p^{(2)}$ . We have the following bounds on  $r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{p, d}(a)$  and  $R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{p, d}(a)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{p, d}(a) &\leq \bar{p} d^{2-\frac{2}{p}} r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{1, d}(a) + (1 - \bar{p}) \max\{d^{1-\frac{2}{p}}, 1\} r_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{2, d}(a) \\ \text{For } R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{p, d}(a) &\leq \bar{p} d^{2-\frac{2}{p}} R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{1, d}(a) + (1 - \bar{p}) \max\{d^{1-\frac{2}{p}}, 1\} R_{\epsilon_0, b, n}^{2, d}(a) \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof of Corollary 1.

## E Minimax Risk Estimation

**Lemma 15.** *For the minimax problems (16) and (17), the optimal estimator  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)$  is a deterministic function. In other words, the randomized decoder does not help in reducing the minimax risk.*

*Proof.* Towards a contradiction, suppose that the optimal estimator  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}$  is a randomized decoder defined as follows. For given clients' responses  $\mathbf{y}^n$ , let the probabilistic estimator generate an estimate  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)$  whose mean and trace of the covariance matrix are given by  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)} = \mathbb{E}[\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)]$  and  $\sigma_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)}^2 = \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n) - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)} \right\|_2^2 \mid \mathbf{y}^n \right]$ , respectively, where expectation is taken with respect to the randomization of the decoder, conditioned on  $\mathbf{y}^n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \bar{\mathbf{x}} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n) \right\|_2^2 \mid \mathbf{y}^n \right] &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n) \right\|_2^2 \mid \mathbf{y}^n \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)} \right\|_2^2 \mid \mathbf{y}^n \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n) \right\|_2^2 \mid \mathbf{y}^n \right] \\ &\quad + 2\mathbb{E} \left\langle \bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)}, \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n) \mid \mathbf{y}^n \right\rangle \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)} \right\|_2^2 \mid \mathbf{y}^n \right] + \sigma_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)}^2 \\ &> \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \bar{\mathbf{x}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)} \right\|_2^2 \mid \mathbf{y}^n \right] \end{aligned}$$

In (a), we used that  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)} = \mathbb{E}[\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)]$  to eliminate the last term. Similarly, we can prove that  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} - \hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n) \right\|_2^2 \mid \mathbf{y}^n \right] > \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\| \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{q}} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\mathbf{y}^n} \right\|_2^2 \mid \mathbf{y}^n \right]$ . Hence, the deterministic estimator  $\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n) = \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\hat{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{y}^n)}$  has a lower minimax risk than the probabilistic estimator.  $\blacksquare$

## F Optimization: Privacy, Communication, and Convergence Analyses

In this section, we establish the privacy, communication, and convergence guarantees of Algorithm 1 and prove Theorem 1. We show these three results on privacy, communication, and convergence separately in the next three subsections.

### F.1 Proof of Theorem 1: Privacy

We have already proven Lemma 3 in Appendix C. Now we use that to prove our final privacy parameter of our entire algorithm  $\mathcal{A}_{cdp}$ .

Note that the Algorithm  $\mathcal{A}_{cdp}$  is a sequence of  $T$  adaptive mechanisms  $\mathcal{M}_1, \dots, \mathcal{M}_T$ , where each  $\mathcal{M}_t$  for  $t \in [T]$  satisfies the privacy guarantee stated in Lemma 3. Now, we invoke the strong composition stated in Lemma 6 to obtain the privacy guarantee of the algorithm  $\mathcal{A}_{cdp}$ . We can conclude that for any  $\delta' > 0$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{cdp}$  is  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -DP for

$$\epsilon = \sqrt{2T \log(1/\delta')} \bar{\epsilon} + T \bar{\epsilon} (e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1), \quad \delta = qT\tilde{\delta} + \delta',$$

where  $\bar{\epsilon}$  is from Lemma 3. We have from Lemma 6 that if  $\bar{\epsilon} = \mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{\frac{\log(1/\delta')}{T}}\right)$ , then  $\epsilon = \mathcal{O}\left(\bar{\epsilon}\sqrt{T \log(1/\delta')}\right)$ .

If  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ , then we can satisfy this condition on  $\bar{\epsilon}$  by choosing  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{\frac{n \log(1/\delta')}{qT \log(1/\delta')}}\right)$ . By substituting the bound on  $\bar{\epsilon} = \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{q \log(1/\delta)}{n}}\right)$  from Lemma 3, we have  $\epsilon = \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{qT \log(1/\delta) \log(1/\delta')}{n}}\right)$ . By setting  $\tilde{\delta} = \frac{\delta}{2qT}$  and  $\delta' = \frac{\delta}{2}$ , we get  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}\left(\sqrt{\frac{n \log(2/\delta)}{qT \log(2qT/\delta)}}\right)$  and  $\epsilon = \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{qT \log(2qT/\delta) \log(2/\delta)}{n}}\right)$ . This completes the proof of the privacy part of Theorem 1.

### F.2 Proof of Theorem 1: Communication

The  $(\epsilon_0, b)$ -CLDP mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_p : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  used in Algorithm 1 has output alphabet  $\mathcal{Y} = \{1, 2, \dots, B = 2^b\}$ . So, the output of  $\mathcal{R}_p$  on any input can be represented by  $b$  bits. Therefore, the naïve scheme for any client to send the  $s$  compressed and private gradients requires  $sb$  bits per iteration. We can reduce this communication cost by using the histogram trick from Mayekar and Tyagi [2020] which was applied in the context of non-private quantization. The idea is as follows. Since any client applies the *same* randomized mechanism  $\mathcal{R}_p$  to the  $s$  gradients, the output of these  $s$  identical mechanisms can be represented accurately using the histogram of the  $s$  outputs, which takes value from the set  $\mathcal{A}_B^s = \{(n_1, \dots, n_B) : \sum_{j=1}^B n_j = s \text{ and } n_j \geq 0, \forall j \in [B]\}$ . Since the cardinality of this set is  $\binom{s+B-1}{s} \leq \left(\frac{e(s+B-1)}{s}\right)^s$ , it requires at most  $s(\log(e) + \log(\frac{s+B-1}{s}))$  bits to send the  $s$  compressed gradients. Since the probability that the client is chosen at any time  $t \in [T]$  is given by  $\frac{k}{m}$ , the expected number of bits per client in Algorithm  $\mathcal{A}_{cdp}$  is given by  $\frac{k}{m} \times T \times s(\log(e) + \log(\frac{s+B-1}{s}))$  bits, where expectation is taken over the sampling of  $k$  out of  $m$  clients in all  $T$  iterations.

This completes the proof of the second part of Theorem 1.

### F.3 Proof of Theorem 1 : Convergence

First we prove Lemma 4 and then using that we prove the convergence.

*Proof of Lemma 4.* Under the conditions of the lemma, we have from [Shalev-Shwartz et al., 2012, Lemma 2.6] that  $\|\nabla_{\theta} f(\theta; d)\|_p \leq L$  for all  $d \in \mathfrak{S}$ , which implies that  $\|\nabla_{\theta} F(\theta)\|_p \leq L$ . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\|\bar{\mathbf{g}}_t\|_2^2 &= \|\mathbb{E}[\bar{\mathbf{g}}_t]\|_2^2 + \mathbb{E}\|\bar{\mathbf{g}}_t - \mathbb{E}[\bar{\mathbf{g}}_t]\|_2^2 \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \max\{d^{1-\frac{2}{p}}, 1\}L^2 + \mathbb{E}\|\bar{\mathbf{g}}_t - \mathbb{E}[\bar{\mathbf{g}}_t]\|_2^2 \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \max\{d^{1-\frac{2}{p}}, 1\}L^2 + \frac{cL^2 \max\{d^{2-\frac{2}{p}}, d\}}{ks} \left(\frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}\right)^2, \end{aligned}$$

where  $c$  is a global constant, and  $c = 4$  if  $p \in \{1, \infty\}$  and  $c = 14$  otherwise. Step (a) follows from the fact that  $\|\nabla_{\theta} f(\theta; d)\|_p \leq L$  together with the norm inequality  $\|\mathbf{u}\|_q \leq \|\mathbf{u}\|_p \leq d^{\frac{1}{p}-\frac{1}{q}}\|\mathbf{u}\|_q$  for  $1 \leq p \leq q \leq \infty$ . The claim follows by substituting  $q = \frac{ks}{n}$ .  $\blacksquare$

Using the bound on  $G^2$  from Lemma 4, we have that the output  $\theta_T$  of Algorithm 1 satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}[F(\theta_T)] - F(\theta^*) \leq \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{LD \log(T) \max\{d^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{p}}, 1\}}{\sqrt{T}} \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{cd}{qn}} \left(\frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}\right)\right)\right), \quad (48)$$

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**Algorithm 8**  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{cldp}}$ : CLDP-SGD with New Sampling
 

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- 1: **Inputs:** Datasets  $\mathcal{D} = \bigcup_{i \in [m]} \mathcal{D}_i$ ,  $\mathcal{D}_i = \{d_{i1}, \dots, d_{ir}\}$ , loss function  $F(\theta) = \frac{1}{mr} \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^r f(\theta; d_{ij})$ , LDP privacy parameter  $\epsilon_0$ , gradient norm bound  $C$ , and learning rate  $\eta_t$ .
  - 2: **Initialize:**  $\theta_0 \in \mathcal{C}$
  - 3: **for**  $t \in [T]$  **do**
  - 4:     **for** each client  $i \in [m]$  **do**
  - 5:         **Sampling 1:** Client  $i$  chooses uniformly at random a set  $\mathcal{S}_{it}$  of  $s$  samples.
  - 6:         **for** Samples  $j \in \mathcal{S}_{it}$  **do**
  - 7:              $\mathbf{g}_t(d_{ij}) \leftarrow \nabla_{\theta_t} f(\theta_t; d_{ij})$
  - 8:              $\tilde{\mathbf{g}}_t(d_{ij}) \leftarrow \mathbf{g}_t(d_{ij}) / \max\left\{1, \frac{\|\mathbf{g}_t(d_{ij})\|_p}{C}\right\}$
  - 9:              $\mathbf{q}_t(d_{ij}) \leftarrow \mathcal{R}_p(\tilde{\mathbf{g}}_t(d_{ij}))$
  - 10:         Client  $i$  sends  $\{\mathbf{q}_t(d_{ij})\}_{j \in \mathcal{S}_{it}}$  to the shuffler.
  - 11:     **Sampling 2:** The shuffler selects a uniformly random subset of  $ks$  elements from  $\{\mathbf{q}_t(d_{ij})\}_{j \in \mathcal{S}_{it}}$ . Let  $\mathcal{U} \subseteq \{(i, j) : i \in [m], j \in \mathcal{S}_{it}\}$  denote the indices of these selected  $ks$  elements.
  - 12:     **Shuffling:** The shuffler randomly shuffles the elements in  $\{\mathbf{q}_t(d_{ij}) : (i, j) \in \mathcal{U}\}$  and sends them to the server.
  - 13:     **Aggregate:**  $\bar{\mathbf{g}}_t \leftarrow \frac{1}{ks} \sum_{(i,j) \in \mathcal{U}} \mathbf{q}_t(d_{ij})$ .
  - 14:     **Gradient Descent**  $\theta_{t+1} \leftarrow \prod_{\mathcal{C}} (\theta_t - \eta_t \bar{\mathbf{g}}_t)$
  - 15: **Output:** The final model parameters  $\theta_T$ .
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where we used the inequality  $\sqrt{1 + \frac{cd}{qn} \left(\frac{e^{\epsilon_0+1}}{e^{\epsilon_0-1}}\right)^2} \leq \left(1 + \sqrt{\frac{cd}{qn} \left(\frac{e^{\epsilon_0+1}}{e^{\epsilon_0-1}}\right)}\right)$ .

Note that if  $\sqrt{\frac{cd}{qn} \left(\frac{e^{\epsilon_0+1}}{e^{\epsilon_0-1}}\right)} \leq \mathcal{O}(1)$ , then we recover the convergence rate of vanilla SGD without privacy. So, the interesting case is when  $\sqrt{\frac{cd}{qn} \left(\frac{e^{\epsilon_0+1}}{e^{\epsilon_0-1}}\right)} \geq \Omega(1)$ , which gives

$$\mathbb{E}[F(\theta_T)] - F(\theta^*) \leq \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{LD \log(T) \max\{d^{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{p}}, 1\}}{\sqrt{T}} \sqrt{\frac{cd}{qn} \left(\frac{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}\right)}\right).$$

This completes the proof of the third part of Theorem 1.

#### F.4 Privacy Guarantee for a New Sampling Procedure

As mentioned in Remark 1, we can show a general privacy amplification by subsampling for  $q = \frac{ks}{mr}$  (instead of just by the factor of  $q = \frac{k}{mr}$  as in Theorem 1) by using a different sampling procedure, where all clients send  $s$  compressed and private gradients corresponding to a uniformly random subset of  $s$  data points from their datasets; shuffler selects a uniformly random subset of  $ks$  gradients from them and then sends the shuffled output to the server. Note that, in this procedure, each data point has a probability  $q = \frac{ks}{mr}$  of being picked, and we pick  $\frac{ks}{m}$  data points (in expectation) from each clients. Note that even for this sampling (which does not yield uniform sampling of  $ks$  points from  $mr$  points), the privacy amplification of this sampling mechanism does not directly follow from existing results.

For convenience, we describe the modified algorithm with this new sampling procedure in Algorithm 8. The final privacy guarantee of this algorithm is given below.

**Theorem 9.** *Let  $q = \frac{ks}{mr}$ . Under the above sampling procedure, Algorithm  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{cldp}}$  satisfies the following privacy guarantee: For  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ ,  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{cldp}}$  is  $(\epsilon, \delta)$ -DP, where  $\delta > 0$  is arbitrary, and*

$$\epsilon = \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{qT \log(2qT/\delta) \log(2/\delta)}{n}}\right). \quad (49)$$

*Proof.* Fix an iteration number  $t \in [T]$  in Algorithm 8. Let  $\mathcal{M}_t(\theta_t, \mathcal{D})$  denote the private mechanism at time  $t$  that takes the dataset  $\mathcal{D}$  and an auxiliary input  $\theta_t$  (which is the parameter vector at the  $t$ 'th iteration) and

generates the parameter  $\theta_{t+1}$  as an output. Thus, the mechanism  $\mathcal{M}_t$  on an input dataset  $\mathcal{D} = \bigcup_{i=1}^m \mathcal{D}_i \in \mathfrak{S}^n$  can be defined as:

$$\mathcal{M}_t(\theta_t; \mathcal{D}) = \mathcal{H}_{ks} \circ \text{samp}_{ms, ks}(\{\mathcal{G}_1, \dots, \mathcal{G}_m\}), \quad (50)$$

where  $\mathcal{G}_i = \text{samp}_{r,s}(\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_{i1}^t), \dots, \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_{ir}^t))$  and  $\mathbf{x}_{ij}^t = \nabla_{\theta_t} f(\theta_t; d_{ij}), \forall i \in [m], j \in [r]$ . Here,  $\mathcal{H}_{ks}$  denotes the shuffling operation on  $ks$  elements and  $\text{samp}_{a,b}$  denotes the sampling operation for choosing a random subset of  $b$  elements from a set of  $a$  elements.

Now we state the privacy guarantee of the mechanism  $\mathcal{M}_t$  for each  $t \in [T]$ .

**Lemma 16.** *Let  $q = \frac{ks}{mr}$ . Suppose  $\mathcal{R}$  is an  $\epsilon_0$ -LDP mechanism, where  $\epsilon_0 \leq \frac{\log(qn/\log(1/\delta))}{2}$  and  $\tilde{\delta} > 0$  is arbitrary. Then, for any  $t \in [T]$ , the mechanism  $\mathcal{M}_t$  is  $(\bar{\epsilon}, \bar{\delta})$ -DP, where  $\bar{\epsilon} = \ln(1 + q(e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} - 1)), \bar{\delta} = q\tilde{\delta}$  with  $\tilde{\epsilon} = \mathcal{O}\left(\min\{\epsilon_0, 1\}e^{\epsilon_0} \sqrt{\frac{\log(1/\tilde{\delta})}{qn}}\right)$ . In particular, if  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ , we get  $\bar{\epsilon} = \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{q \log(1/\tilde{\delta})}{n}}\right)$ .*

We prove Lemma 16 next in Appendix F.5.

Analogous to how we proved the privacy guarantee of Theorem 1 from Lemma 3 using strong composition (see Appendix F.1 for details), we can also prove Theorem 9 using Lemma 16, and we omit the details here. ■

## F.5 Proof of Lemma 16

This can be proved along the lines of the proof of Lemma 3. For completeness, we give a detailed proof below.

We define a mechanism  $\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{(t)}) = \mathcal{H}_{ks}(\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_1^t), \dots, \mathcal{R}(\mathbf{x}_{ks}^t))$  which is a shuffling of  $ks$  outputs of local mechanism  $\mathcal{R}$ , where  $\mathcal{D}^{(t)}$  denotes an arbitrary set of  $ks$  data points and we index  $\mathbf{x}_i^t$ 's from  $i = 1$  to  $ks$  just for convenience. From the amplification by shuffling result [Balle et al., 2019c, Corollary 5.3.1] (also see Lemma 8), the mechanism  $\mathcal{Z}$  is  $(\tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{\delta})$ -DP, where  $\tilde{\delta} > 0$  is arbitrary, and, if  $\epsilon_0 \leq \frac{\log(ks/\log(1/\tilde{\delta}))}{2}$ , then

$$\tilde{\epsilon} = \mathcal{O}\left(\min\{\epsilon_0, 1\}e^{\epsilon_0} \sqrt{\frac{\log(1/\tilde{\delta})}{ks}}\right). \quad (51)$$

Furthermore, when  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ , we get  $\tilde{\epsilon} = \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{\log(1/\tilde{\delta})}{ks}}\right)$ .

For  $i \in [m]$ , let  $\mathcal{T}_i \subseteq \{1, \dots, r\}$  denote the identities of the  $s$  data points chosen at client  $i$  at iteration  $t$  and define  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_i} = \{d_{ij} : j \in \mathcal{T}_i\}$ . Let  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}^{[m]}} = \{\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_i} : i \in [m]\}$ , which has  $ms$  elements. The shuffler selects  $ks$  elements from  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}^{[m]}}$  uniformly at random,<sup>12</sup> and we denote the resulting set by  $\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}$ , which has  $ks$  elements. Note that  $\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}$  is a random set, where randomness is due to the sampling of data points in both stages. The mechanism  $\mathcal{M}_t$  can be equivalently written as  $\mathcal{M}_t = \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}})$ .

Observe that our sampling strategy is different from subsampling of a uniformly random subset of  $ks$  data points from the entire dataset  $\mathcal{D}$ . Thus, we revisit the proof of privacy amplification by subsampling (see, for example, Ullman [2017]) – which is for uniform sampling – to compute the privacy parameters of the mechanism  $\mathcal{M}_t$ , where sampling is non-uniform. Define a dataset  $\mathcal{D}' = (\mathcal{D}'_1) \bigcup (\bigcup_{i=2}^m \mathcal{D}_i) \in \mathfrak{S}^n$ , where  $\mathcal{D}'_1 = \{d'_{11}, d_{12}, \dots, d_{1r}\}$  is different from the dataset  $\mathcal{D}_1$  in the first data point  $d_{11}$ . Note that  $\mathcal{D}$  and  $\mathcal{D}'$  are neighboring datasets – where, we assume, without loss of generality, that the differing elements are  $d_{11}$  and  $d'_{11}$ .

In order to show that  $\mathcal{M}_t$  is  $(\bar{\epsilon}, \bar{\delta})$ -DP, we need show that for an arbitrary subset  $\mathcal{S}$  of the range of  $\mathcal{M}_t$ , we have

$$\Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}) \in \mathcal{S}] \leq e^{\bar{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}') \in \mathcal{S}] + \bar{\delta} \quad (52)$$

$$\Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}') \in \mathcal{S}] \leq e^{\bar{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}) \in \mathcal{S}] + \bar{\delta} \quad (53)$$

<sup>12</sup>Though the shuffler selects  $ks$  gradients from the received  $ms$  gradients, but effectively, we can assume that it selects  $ks$  data points that correspond to these gradients.

Note that both (20) and (21) are symmetric, so it suffices to prove only one of them. We prove (20) below.

We define conditional probabilities as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{11} &= \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1} \text{ and } d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}} \right] \\ A'_{11} &= \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}'^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1} \text{ and } d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}} \right] \\ A_{10} &= \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1} \text{ and } d_{11} \notin \mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}} \right] = \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}'^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1} \text{ and } d_{11} \notin \mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}} \right] \\ A_0 &= \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid d_{11} \notin \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1} \right] = \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}'^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid d_{11} \notin \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1} \right] \end{aligned}$$

Let  $q_1 = \frac{s}{r}$ ,  $q_2 = \frac{ks}{ms} = \frac{k}{m}$ , and  $q = q_1 q_2 = \frac{ks}{mr}$ . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}) \in \mathcal{S}] &= qA_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0 \\ \Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}') \in \mathcal{S}] &= qA'_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0 \end{aligned}$$

We show the following inequalities:

$$A_{11} \leq e^{\bar{\epsilon}} A'_{11} + \bar{\delta}, \quad (54)$$

$$A_{11} \leq e^{\bar{\epsilon}} A_{10} + \bar{\delta}, \quad (55)$$

$$A_{11} \leq e^{\bar{\epsilon}} A_0 + \bar{\delta}. \quad (56)$$

Here, (54) is straightforward and follows because the mechanism  $\mathcal{Z}$  is  $(\bar{\epsilon}, \bar{\delta})$ -DP. However, proving (55) and (56) is not straightforward and requires a combinatorial argument, which we give after we show our final result below.

Inequalities (54)-(56) together imply  $A_{11} \leq e^{\bar{\epsilon}} \min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}, A_0\} + \bar{\delta}$ . Now we prove (52) for  $\bar{\epsilon} = \ln(1 + q(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1))$  and  $\bar{\delta} = q\tilde{\delta}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}) \in \mathcal{S}] &= qA_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0 \\ &\leq q \left( e^{\bar{\epsilon}} \min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}, A_0\} + \bar{\delta} \right) + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0 \\ &= q \left( (e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1) \min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}, A_0\} + \min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}, A_0\} \right) + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0 + q\bar{\delta} \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} q(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1) \min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}, A_0\} + qA'_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0 + q\bar{\delta} \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} q(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1) \left( qA'_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0 \right) + \left( qA'_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0 \right) + q\bar{\delta} \\ &= (1 + q(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1)) \left( qA'_{11} + q_1(1 - q_2)A_{10} + (1 - q_1)A_0 \right) + q\bar{\delta} \\ &= e^{\ln(1 + q(e^{\bar{\epsilon}} - 1))} \Pr[\mathcal{M}_t(\mathcal{D}') \in \mathcal{S}] + q\bar{\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

Here, (a) follows from  $\min\{A'_{11}, A_{10}, A_0\} \leq A'_{11}$ , and (b) follows from the fact that minimum is upper-bounded by the convex combination. By substituting the value of  $\bar{\epsilon}$  from (19) and using  $ks = qn$ , we get that for  $\epsilon_0 = \mathcal{O}(1)$ , we have  $\bar{\epsilon} = \mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon_0 \sqrt{\frac{q \log(1/\bar{\delta})}{n}}\right)$ .

### Proofs of (55) and (56)

As we see below, the proof of (55) is similar to the proof of (23), as the bipartite graphs in both the proofs have similar structure. However, the proof of (56) is different from these proofs (and also from the proof of (24)), as we prove it using a two stage bipartite graph, where the bipartite graph in the second stage has similar structure as the one in the proof of (23), but the bipartite graph in the first stage is irregular (i.e., different vertices in one side of the vertex set have different degrees), which requires a careful degree analysis.

**Proof of (55).** Fix any  $\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m \in \binom{[r]}{s}$  such that  $1 \in \mathcal{T}_1$ , i.e.,  $d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1}$ . For these fixed subsets, consider the following bipartite graph  $G = (V_1 \cup V_2, E)$ , where the left vertex set  $V_1$  has  $\binom{ms-1}{ks-1}$  vertices, one for each configuration of  $\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}} \subseteq \{\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1}, \dots, \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_m}\}$  such that  $|\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}| = ks$  and  $d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}$ , the right vertex set  $V_2$  has  $\binom{ms-1}{ks}$



vertices, one for each configuration of  $\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \subseteq \{\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1}, \dots, \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_m}\}$  such that  $|\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}| = ks$  and  $d_{11} \notin \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}$ , and the edge set  $E$  contains all the edges between neighboring vertices, i.e., if  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in V_1 \times V_2$  is such that  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  differ in only one element, then  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in E$ . Observe that each vertex of  $V_1$  has  $(ms - ks)$  neighbors in  $V_2$  – the neighbors of any  $\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V_1$  will be  $\{(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \setminus \{d_{11}\}) \cup \{d\} : d \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \setminus \{d_{11}\}\} \in V_2$ . Similarly, each vertex of  $V_2$  has  $ks$  neighbors in  $V_1$  – the neighbors of any  $\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V_2$  will be  $\{(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \setminus \{d\}) \cup \{d_{11}\} : d \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}\} \in V_1$ .

Consider an arbitrary  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in E$ . Since the mechanism  $\mathcal{Z}$  is  $(\tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{\delta})$ -DP, we have

$$\Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} = \mathbf{u} \right] \leq e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} = \mathbf{v} \right] + \tilde{\delta}. \quad (57)$$

Now we are ready to prove (55).

$$\begin{aligned} A_{11} &= \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1} \text{ and } d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \right] \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s} : 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1 \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in [m] \setminus \{1\}}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m | 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1] \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}] \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s} : 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1 \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in [m] \setminus \{1\}}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m | 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1] \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \subseteq \{\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1}, \dots, \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_m}\} : \\ |\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}| = ks, d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}}} \frac{1}{\binom{ms-1}{ks-1}} \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}] \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s} : 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1 \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in [m] \setminus \{1\}}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m | 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1] \frac{1}{(ms - ks) \binom{ms-1}{ks-1}} \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \subseteq \{\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1}, \dots, \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_m}\} : \\ |\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}| = ks, d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}}} (ms - ks) \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}] \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{=} \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s} : 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1 \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in [m] \setminus \{1\}}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m | 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1] \frac{1}{ks \binom{ms-1}{ks}} \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \subseteq \{\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1}, \dots, \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_m}\} : \\ |\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}| = ks, d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}}} (ms - ks) \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}] \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{\leq} \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s} : 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1 \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in [m] \setminus \{1\}}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m | 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1] \frac{1}{ks \binom{ms-1}{ks}} \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \subseteq \{\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1}, \dots, \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_m}\} : \\ |\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}| = ks, d_{11} \notin \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}}} ks \left( e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}] + \tilde{\delta} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s} : 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1 \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in [m] \setminus \{1\}}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m | 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1] \left( e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, d_{11} \notin \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}] + \tilde{\delta} \right) \\ &= e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1} \text{ and } d_{11} \notin \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \right] + \tilde{\delta} \\ &= e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} A_{10} + \tilde{\delta}. \end{aligned}$$

Here, (a) uses the identity  $(ms - ks) \binom{ms-1}{ks-1} = ks \binom{ms-1}{ks}$  and (b) follows from (57) together with the fact that there are  $(ms - ks) \binom{ms-1}{ks-1} = ks \binom{ms-1}{ks}$  edges in the bipartite graph  $G = (V_1 \cup V_2, E)$ , where degree of vertices in  $V_1$  is  $(ms - ks)$  and degree of vertices in  $V_2$  is  $ks$ .

**Proof of (56).** Fix any  $\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m \in \binom{[r]}{s}$  such that  $1 \in \mathcal{T}_1$ , i.e.,  $d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1}$ . Let  $\mathcal{T}'_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s}$  be such that  $1 \notin \mathcal{T}'_1$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1}$  &  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}'_1}$  are neighbors. First we show that

$$\Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \right] \leq e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}'_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m \right] + \tilde{\delta} \quad (58)$$

Note that, in (58),  $\mathcal{T}'_1, \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m \in \binom{[r]}{s}$  are fixed subsets such that  $1 \in \mathcal{T}_1$ ,  $1 \notin \mathcal{T}'_1$ , and  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1}$  &  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}'_1}$  are neighbors. Since  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1}$  and  $\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}'_1}$  are neighbors, we have  $|\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1} \cap \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}'_1}| = s - 1$ . Let  $d_{1i^*}$  be such that  $\{d_{1i^*}\} = \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}'_1} \setminus \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1}$ . Note that  $\{d_{11}\} = \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1} \setminus \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}'_1}$ .

In order to show (58), construct the following bipartite graph  $G_1 = (V_{11} \cup V_{12}, E_1)$ , where the left vertex set  $V_{11}$  has  $\binom{ms-1}{ks-1}$  vertices, one for each configuration of  $\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \subseteq \{\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1}, \dots, \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_m}\}$  such that  $|\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}| = ks$  and  $d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}$ , the right vertex set  $V_{12}$  has  $\binom{ms}{ks}$  vertices, one for each configuration of  $\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \subseteq \{\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}'_1}, \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_2}, \dots, \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_m}\}$  such that  $|\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}| = ks$  (note that  $d_{11} \notin \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}$  because  $d_{11} \notin \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}'_1}$ ), and the edge set  $E_1$  contains all the edges between neighboring vertices, i.e., if  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in V_{11} \times V_{12}$  is such that  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  differ in only one element, then  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in E_1$ .

Observe that each vertex of  $V_{11}$  has  $(ms - ks + 1)$  neighbors in  $V_{12}$  – the neighbors of any  $\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V_{11}$  are  $\{(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \setminus \{d_{11}\}) \cup \{d\} : d \in \{\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}'_1}, \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}'_2}, \dots, \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}'_m}\} \setminus \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}\} \in V_{12}$ . Note that  $\{\mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}'_1}, \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}'_2}, \dots, \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}'_m}\} \setminus \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}$  has  $(ms - ks + 1)$  elements.

In contrast, vertices in  $V_{12}$  have irregular degrees. To see this, we partition  $V_{12}$  in two parts  $V_{12} = V'_{12} \uplus V''_{12}$  (here  $\uplus$  denotes disjoint union), where

$$\begin{aligned} V'_{12} &= \{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V_{12} : d_{1i^*} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}\} \\ V''_{12} &= \{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V_{12} : d_{1i^*} \notin \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}\}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $|V'_{12}| = |V_{11}| = \binom{ms-1}{ks-1}$  and  $|V''_{12}| = \binom{ms}{ks} - |V'_{12}| = \binom{ms}{ks} - 1 = \binom{ms-1}{ks-1}$ . The vertices in  $V_{12}$  have the following degrees:

- Each vertex of  $V'_{12}$  has exactly one neighbor in  $V_{11}$  (by replacing  $d_{1i^*}$  by  $d_{11}$ ) and vice-versa. This implies (using  $(\tilde{\epsilon}, \tilde{\delta})$ -DP of the mechanism  $\mathcal{Z}$ ):

$$\sum_{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V'_{12}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \right] \leq \sum_{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V'_{12}} \left( e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}'_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \right] + \tilde{\delta} \right) \quad (59)$$

- Each vertex of  $V''_{12}$  has  $ks$  neighbors in  $V_{11}$  – the neighbors of any  $\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V''_{12}$  are  $\{(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \setminus \{d\}) \cup \{d_{11}\} : d \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}\} \in V_{11}$ . It can also be verified that each vertex of  $V_{11}$  has  $(ms - ks)$  neighbors in  $V''_{12}$ . This implies

$$\sum_{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V_{11}} (ms - ks) \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \right] \leq \sum_{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V''_{12}} ks \left( e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}'_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \right] + \tilde{\delta} \right) \quad (60)$$

Note that  $(ms - ks + 1)|V_{11}| = |V'_{12}| + ks|V''_{12}|$ .

Now we can prove (58).

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \right] &= \sum_{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V_{11}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \right] \\ &= \sum_{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V_{11}} \frac{1}{\binom{ms-1}{ks-1}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \right] \\ &= \frac{\frac{ms}{ks}}{\binom{ms}{ks}} \sum_{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V_{11}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\binom{ms}{ks}} \left( \sum_{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V_{11}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \right] + \frac{1}{ks} \sum_{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V_{11}} (ms - ks) \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \right] \right) \\ &\stackrel{(a)}{\leq} \frac{1}{\binom{ms}{ks}} \left( \sum_{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V'_{12}} \left( e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}'_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \right] + \tilde{\delta} \right) + \frac{1}{ks} \sum_{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V''_{12}} ks \left( e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}'_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \right] + \tilde{\delta} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\binom{ms}{ks}} \sum_{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V_{12}} \left( e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}'_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \right] + \tilde{\delta} \right) \\ &= e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \left( \frac{1}{\binom{ms}{ks}} \sum_{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V_{12}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}'_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, \mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \right] \right) + \frac{1}{\binom{ms}{ks}} \sum_{\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}} \in V_{12}} \tilde{\delta} \\ &= e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{T}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}'_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m \right] + \tilde{\delta}, \end{aligned}$$

where (a) follows from (59) and (60).

Now consider another bipartite graph  $G_2 = (V_{21} \cup V_{22}, E_2)$ , where the left vertex set  $V_{21}$  has  $\binom{r-1}{s-1}$  vertices, one for each configuration of  $\mathcal{T}_1 \subset [r]$  such that  $|\mathcal{T}_1| = s, 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1$ , the right vertex set  $V_{22}$  has  $\binom{r-1}{s}$  vertices, one for each configuration of  $\mathcal{T}_1 \subset [r]$  such that  $|\mathcal{T}_1| = s, 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1$ , and the edge set  $E_2$  contains all the edges between neighboring vertices, i.e., if  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in V_{21} \times V_{22}$  is such that  $\mathbf{u}$  and  $\mathbf{v}$  differ in only one element, then  $(\mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v}) \in E_2$ . Observe that each vertex of  $V_{21}$  has  $(r-s)$  neighbors in  $V_{22}$  – the neighbors of  $\mathcal{T}_1 \in V_{21}$  will be  $\{(\mathcal{T}_1 \setminus \{1\}) \cup \{i\} : i \in [m] \setminus \mathcal{T}_1\} \in V_{22}$ . Similarly, each vertex of  $V_{22}$  has  $s$  neighbors in  $V_{21}$  – the neighbors of  $\mathcal{T}_1 \in V_{22}$  will be  $\{(\mathcal{T}_1 \setminus \{i\}) \cup \{1\} : i \in \mathcal{T}_1\} \in V_{21}$ .

Fix any  $\mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m \in \binom{[r]}{s}$ . For these fixed subsets  $\mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m \in \binom{[r]}{s}$  and any  $(\mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}'_1) \in E_2$  (note that  $1 \in \mathcal{T}_1$  and  $1 \notin \mathcal{T}'_1$ ), we have from (58) that  $\Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}] \leq e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}'_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m] + \tilde{\delta}$ . Taking summation over all vertices and (taking into account their degrees), we have

$$\sum_{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s}: 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1} (r-s) \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}] \leq \sum_{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s}: 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1} s \left( e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}'_1, \mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m] + \tilde{\delta} \right) \quad (61)$$

Now we are ready to prove (56).

$$\begin{aligned} A_{11} &= \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} \mid d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1} \text{ and } d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}] \\ &= \sum_{\mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in [m] \setminus \{1\}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m] \sum_{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s}: 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1} \Pr[\mathcal{T}_1 | 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1] \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}] \\ &= \sum_{\mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in [m] \setminus \{1\}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m] \frac{1}{(r-s)\binom{r-1}{s-1}} \sum_{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s}: 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1} (r-s) \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}] \\ &\stackrel{(b)}{=} \sum_{\mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in [m] \setminus \{1\}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m] \frac{1}{s\binom{r-1}{s}} \sum_{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s}: 1 \in \mathcal{T}_1} (r-s) \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m, d_{11} \in \mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}] \\ &\leq \sum_{\mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in [m] \setminus \{1\}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m] \frac{1}{s\binom{r-1}{s}} \sum_{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s}: 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1} s \left( e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m] + \tilde{\delta} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in [m] \setminus \{1\}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}_2, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m] \sum_{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s}: 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1} \Pr[\mathcal{T}_1 | 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1] \left( e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m] + \tilde{\delta} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{\mathcal{T}_1 \in \binom{[r]}{s}: 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1 \\ \mathcal{T}_i \in \binom{[r]}{s} \text{ for } i \in [m] \setminus \{1\}}} \Pr[\mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m | 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1] \left( e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | \mathcal{T}_1, \dots, \mathcal{T}_m] + \tilde{\delta} \right) \\ &= e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | 1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1] + \tilde{\delta} \\ &\stackrel{(d)}{=} e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} \Pr[\mathcal{Z}(\mathcal{D}^{\bar{\mathcal{T}}}) \in \mathcal{S} | d_{11} \notin \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1}] + \tilde{\delta} \\ &= e^{\tilde{\epsilon}} A_0 + \tilde{\delta} \end{aligned}$$

Here, (b) uses  $(r-s)\binom{r-1}{s-1} = s\binom{r-1}{s}$ , (c) follows from (61), and (d) uses the equivalence of  $1 \notin \mathcal{T}_1$  and  $d_{11} \notin \mathcal{D}^{\mathcal{T}_1}$ .

This completes the proof of Lemma 16.