

- Today: - **Recap MW guarantee**
- Query release via Synthetic Data Distributions
  - Online learning  $\Rightarrow$  Query Release: MW-EM.

What will we get?  $k$  queries (linear)  
 $m$ : size of the universe.

Gaussian/Laplace:  $l_\infty$  error  $\propto \alpha$  when  $n \geq n_{\text{Gauss}} = c_{\epsilon, \delta} \frac{\sqrt{k \log k}}{\alpha}$

Projection:  $l_2$  error  $\propto \alpha$  when  $n \geq n_{\text{Proj}} = \frac{c'_{\epsilon, \delta} \sqrt{\log(m)}}{\alpha^2}$

MW-EM:  **$l_\infty$**  error  $\propto \alpha$  when  $n \geq n_{\text{MWEM}} = \frac{c''_{\epsilon, \delta} (\log k) \sqrt{\log m}}{\alpha^2}$

Think of  $\log m \approx$  data dimension

Thresholds:  $k=m$ .  $n_{\text{MWEM}} \gtrsim \frac{\log^{3/2}(m)}{\alpha^2}$  vs.  $n_{\text{Gauss}} \gtrsim \frac{\log^{3/2}(m)}{\alpha}$  with binary tree

"Pairwise marginals"

$$U = \{0, 1\}^d$$

$$p_{ij}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_i = x_j = 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

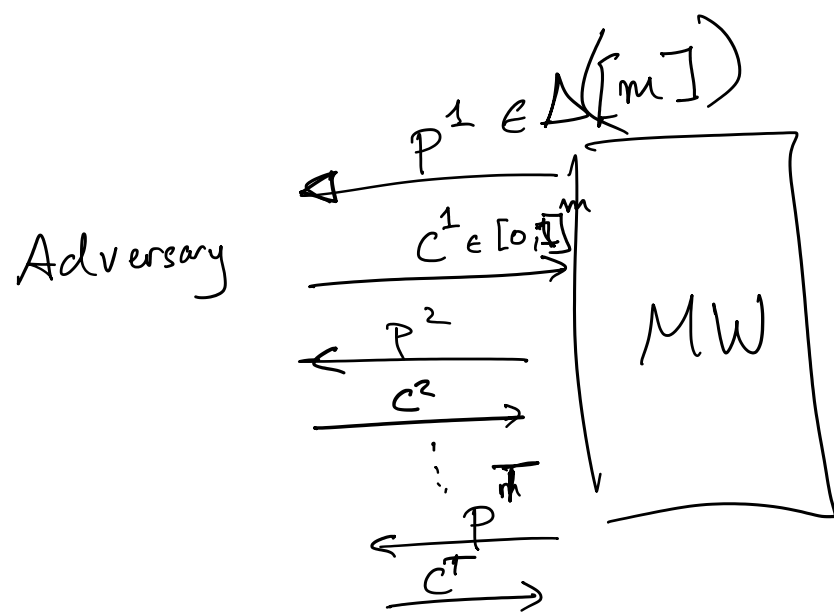
$$m = 2^d$$

$$k = d^2$$

$$n_{\text{MWEM}} \gtrsim \frac{\sqrt{d} \cdot \log(d)}{\alpha^2} \text{ vs. } \frac{d \sqrt{\log(d)}}{\alpha} \text{ for Gaussian}$$

MW outputs as vectors:

- Last time: MW takes a (random) action at each time.
- Today: MW outputs a vector  $p^t \in \Delta([m])$  at each time



Theorem:  $\forall$  adversary  $\forall p^* \in \Delta([m])$

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \langle c^t, p^t \rangle - \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \langle c^t, p^* \rangle \leq 2 \sqrt{\frac{\ln(m)}{T}}$$

$\mathbb{E}_{\text{adv}^t} \langle c_a^t, p^* \rangle$

with prob. 1!

Proof: Look at equation (10) 😊

$$\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \langle c^t, p^* \rangle = \mathbb{E}_{\text{adv}^t} \left( \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T c_a^t \right) \geq \min_{a^*} \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T c_a^t$$

# Query Release Via Synthetic Data Distributions

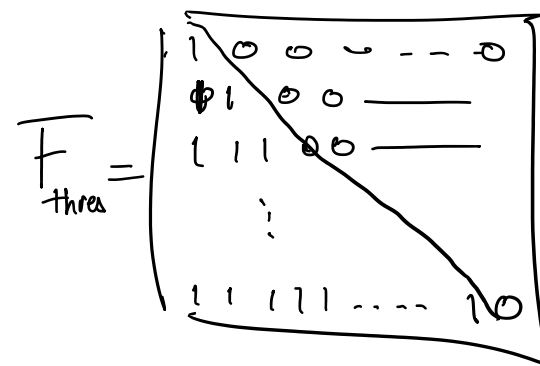
→ Given  $F = \{f_1, \dots, f_k\}$  .  $f_i(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \varphi_i(x_j)$

$\varphi_i: \mathcal{U} \rightarrow [0, 1]$

→ Histogram  $(h_x)_u = \frac{\#\{j: x_j = u\}}{n}$

→ Want  $\vec{a} \approx F h_x$

Thresholds:  $\mathcal{U} = \{1, \dots, m\}$   
 $\varphi_i(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \leq i \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$



Idea #1: Release a distribution  $\hat{p}$  on  $\mathcal{U} = \{1, \dots, m\}$ .

s.t.  $\text{error}(\hat{p}) = \|F \hat{p} - F h_x\|_{\infty} \leq \alpha$

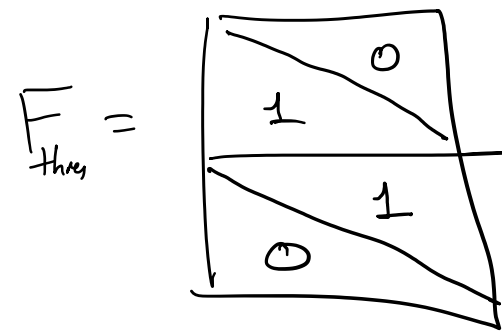
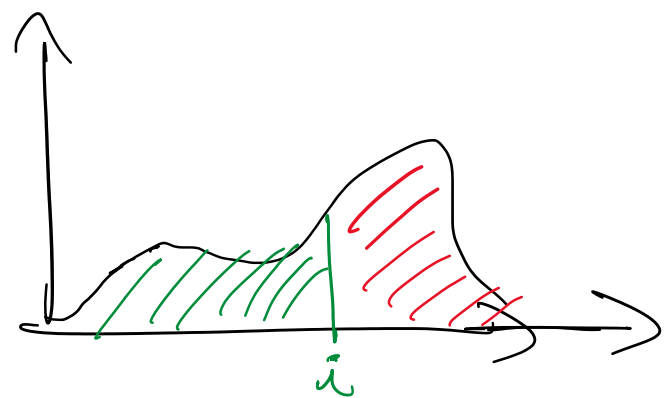
$\hookrightarrow \forall i=1, \dots, k: \left| \mathbb{E}_{x \sim \hat{p}} \varphi_i(x) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \varphi_i(x_j) \right| \leq \alpha$   
 $|\langle \varphi_i, \hat{p} \rangle - \langle \varphi_i, h_x \rangle| \leq \alpha$

- Absolute values (||)

- Trick: consider sets of queries closed under complements.

If  $\varphi_i \in F \implies \varphi'_i = 1 - \varphi_i$  is also in  $F$ .

For thresholds, add  $\varphi'_i(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \leq i \\ 1 & \text{if } x > i \end{cases}$



-  $|y| = \max(y, -y)$ .

$|\langle \varphi_i, \hat{p} - h_x \rangle| = \max(\langle \varphi_i, \hat{p} - h_x \rangle, \langle -\varphi_i, \hat{p} - h_x \rangle)$   
 $= \max(\langle \varphi_i, \hat{p} - h_x \rangle, \langle \mathbf{1} - \varphi_i, \hat{p} - h_x \rangle)$

entries add to 0

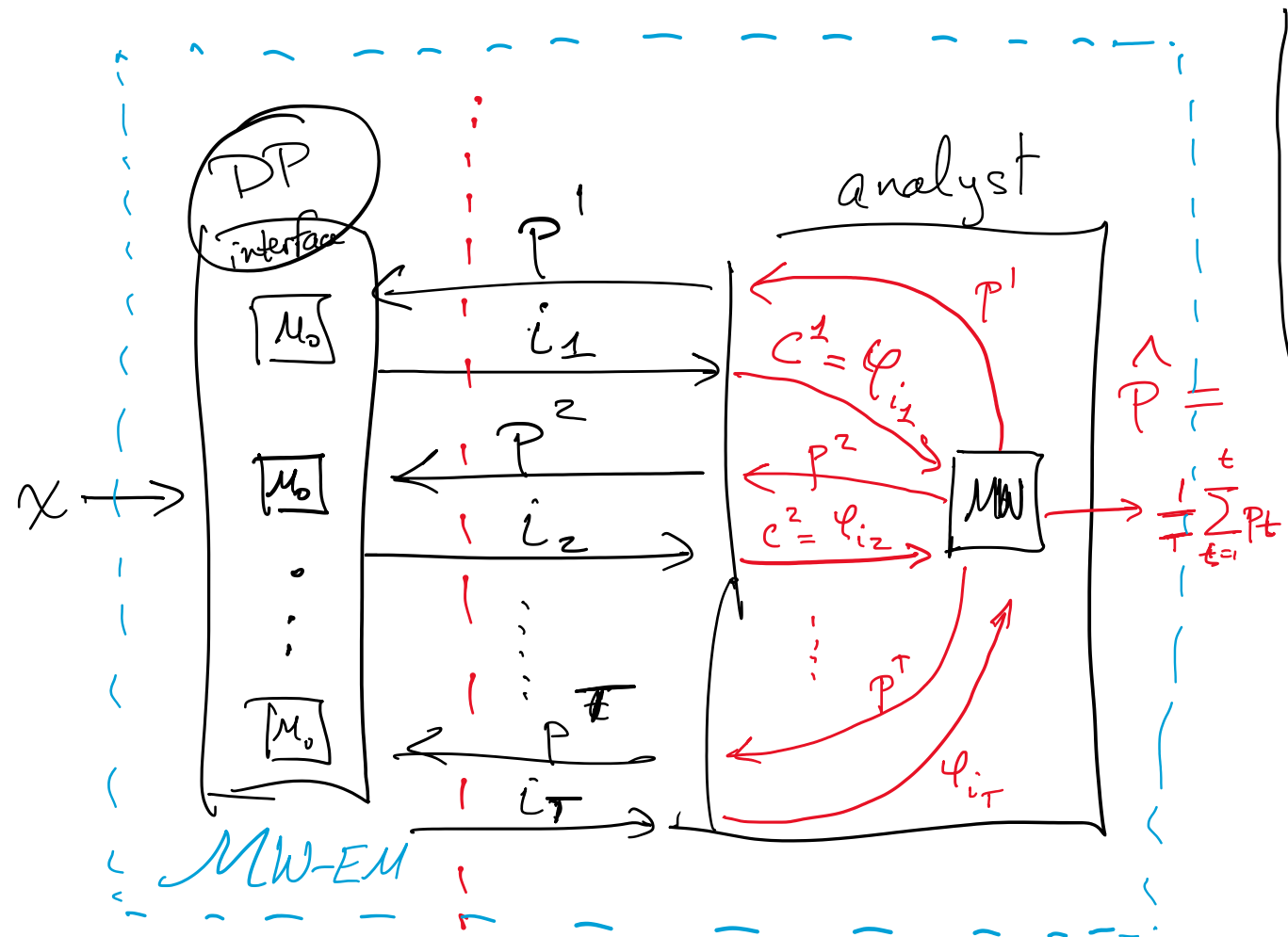
If  $F$  is closed under comp, then

$\text{error}(\hat{p}) = \max_{i=1, \dots, k} \langle \varphi_i, \hat{p} - h_x \rangle$



# From Online Learning to Query Release

Goal: Design  $M$ :  $x \rightarrow \boxed{M} \rightarrow \hat{p}$  s.t.  $\max_{i=1, \dots, k} \langle \varphi_i, \hat{p} - h_x \rangle \leq \alpha$   
with high prob.



Design  $M$  as an interaction between:

- analyst who propose sequence  $p^1, p^2, \dots, p^T \in \Delta([m])$

- DP "interface" run  $T$  executions of exp. mech.

$M_0$ :   
 Goal: Find  $i^*$  s.t.  $\langle \varphi_{i^*}, p^t - h_x \rangle \approx \text{error}(p^t)$   
 Input:  $x, \epsilon_0, p^t$   
 Output:  $i$ .  $\Pr(M_0 = i) \propto e^{\epsilon_0 \cdot \text{score}(i; x) / 2}$   
  $\text{score}(i; x) = \langle \varphi_i, \hat{p} - h_x \rangle$

Observer:  $\text{error}(p^t) = \max_i \text{score}(i; x)$

• Sensitivity of score? If  $x, y$  neighbors

$$\begin{aligned} & |\langle \varphi_i, p^t - h_x \rangle - \langle \varphi_i, p^t - h_y \rangle| \\ &= |\langle \varphi_i, h_x - h_y \rangle| \\ &= \frac{1}{n} |\langle \varphi_i, (x_{\text{old}} - x_{\text{new}}) \rangle| \\ &\leq 1/n \end{aligned}$$

$\vec{x}, \vec{y}$  differ in one record  
 $x_{\text{old}} \rightarrow x_{\text{new}}$

MW-EM ( $x, F, \epsilon, \delta$ )

$p^1 \leftarrow (1, \dots, 1)$  - length  $m$

for  $t=1$  to  $T$ :

$i_t \leftarrow M_0(x, \epsilon_0, p^t)$

$c^t \leftarrow \varphi_{i_t}$

$p^{t+1} \leftarrow \text{MW-Update}(p^t, c^t, \eta)$

Return  $\frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T p^t$

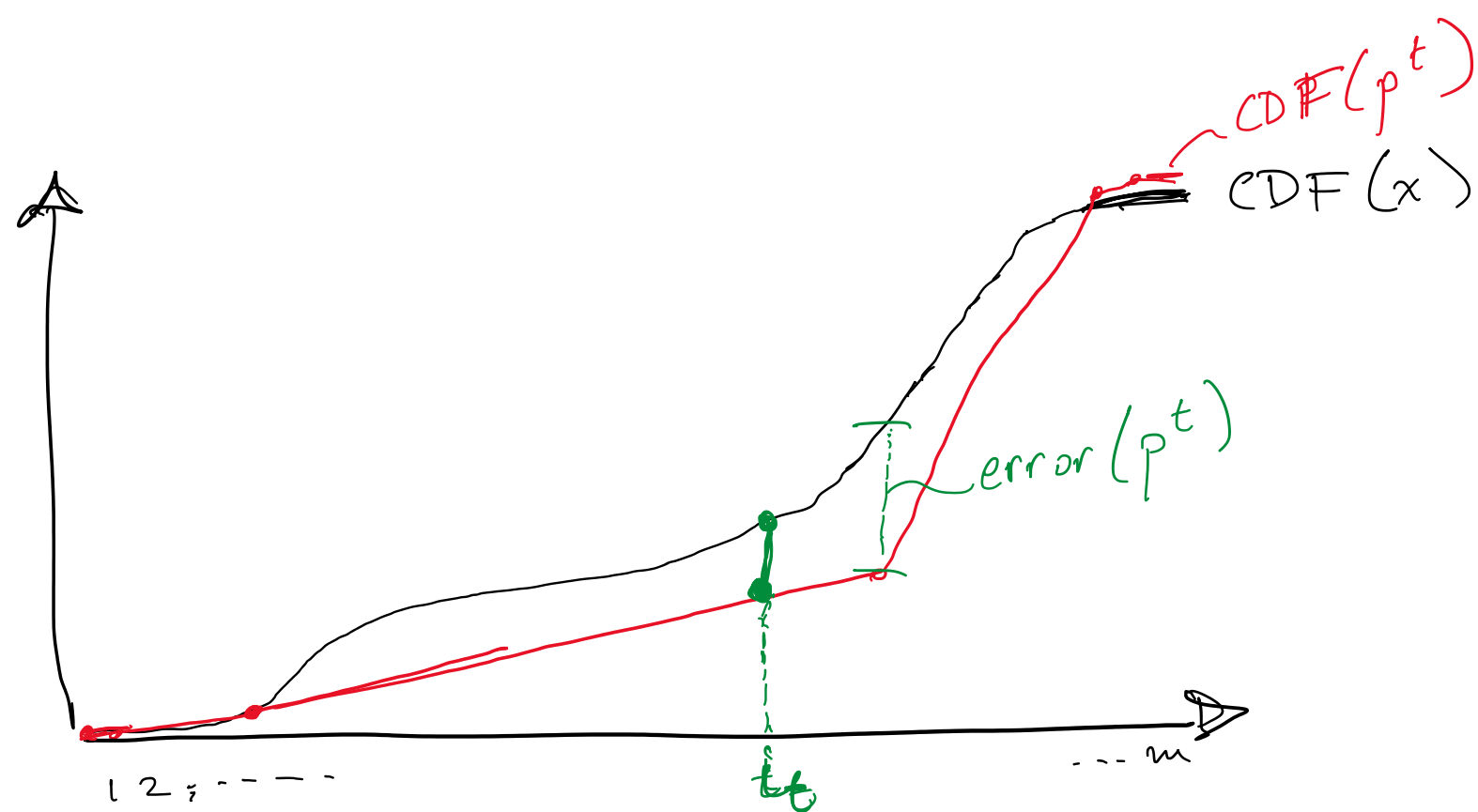
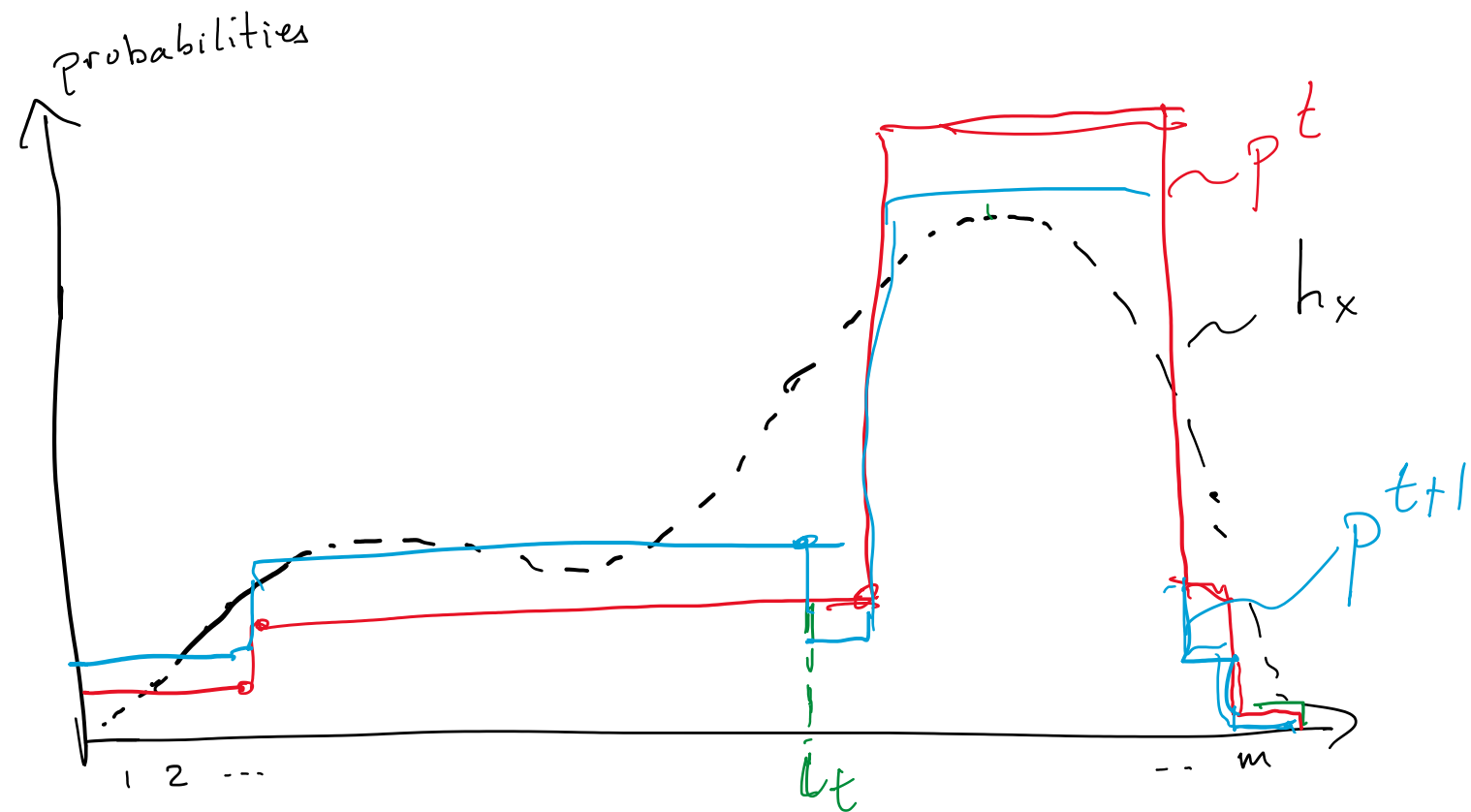
Why is this not crazy?

- At each stage,  $p^t$  gets "closer" to  $h_x$

- We will use MW as a black box.

(but can show that "KL divergence"  $D(h_x \| p^t)$  decreases).

# Example: Thresholds



$$C^t = \langle c_{i_t} \rangle \left[ \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{00000000} \\ \hline \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{|c|} \hline \text{11111111} \\ \hline \end{array} \right. \right]$$

How does the analysis work?

- Exp. Mech  $i_t$  s.t.  $\langle c_{i_t}, p^t - h_x \rangle \approx \text{error}(p^t)$
- Suppose  $\text{error}(p^t) \geq \alpha$  at all  $T$  time steps.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Regret}_{\text{relative to } h_x} &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_t \langle c^t, p^t \rangle - \frac{1}{T} \sum_t \langle c^t, h_x \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \sum_t \langle c^t, p^t - h_x \rangle \approx \frac{1}{T} \sum_t \alpha = \alpha. \end{aligned}$$

• Theorem  $\Rightarrow \alpha \leq \text{Regret} \leq 2 \sqrt{\frac{\ln(m)}{T}}$

So ...?  $T \leq \ln(m) / \alpha^2$  ...

When  $T$  is large, average error will be small 😊

Privacy: MWEM is composition of  $T$  alg's, each  $(\epsilon_0, 0)$ -DP.  
 $\circ \circ (\epsilon, \delta)$ -DP for  
 $\epsilon = \epsilon_0 \sqrt{2T \ln(1/\delta)} + T \cdot \epsilon_0 \frac{e^{\epsilon_0} - 1}{e^{\epsilon_0} + 1} = \Theta\left(\epsilon_0 \sqrt{T \ln(1/\delta)}\right)$  (when  $\epsilon < 1$ )  
 $\therefore \epsilon_0 \approx \frac{\epsilon}{\sqrt{T \ln(1/\delta)}} = \frac{1}{c_{\epsilon, \delta} \sqrt{T}}$  Lecture 9.?

Accuracy?

Lecture 6  $\Rightarrow$  With prob  $\geq 1 - \beta/T$ , each execution of Exp. Mech.

$$\langle \psi_i, p^t - h_x \rangle \geq \text{error}(p^t) - \frac{4 \ln(k \cdot T/\beta)}{\epsilon_0 n} \propto \alpha$$

$\uparrow$  max. score

$\text{error}(\hat{p}) = \max_i \langle \psi_i, \hat{p} - h_x \rangle$   $\leftarrow$  convex function of  $\hat{p}$  because it's a max of linear functions.

$$\leq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \max_i \langle \psi_i, p^t - h_x \rangle \leftarrow \text{by Jensen's ineq.}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{error}(p^t)}$

with prob  $\geq 1 - \beta$

$$\leq \frac{1}{T} \sum_{t=1}^T \left( \langle c^t, p^t - h_x \rangle + \alpha_0 \right)$$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{1}{T} \sum_t \langle c^t, p^t \rangle}_{\text{regret}} - \frac{1}{T} \sum_t \langle c^t, h_x \rangle + \alpha_0$$

$$\leq 2 \sqrt{\frac{\ln(m)}{T}} + \frac{4 \ln(k \cdot T/\beta)}{n} \cdot c_{\epsilon, \delta} \sqrt{T}$$

$$\alpha = \tilde{O}\left(\frac{c_{\epsilon, \delta}^{1/2} \ln^{1/4}(m) \cdot \ln^{1/2}(k/\beta)}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

$$T = \frac{\ln(m) \cdot \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{\ln(k \cdot T/\beta)} c_{\epsilon, \delta}}$$

$\circ \circ$   $\text{Error}(\hat{p}) \leq \alpha$  w.p.  $\geq 1 - \beta$  when  $n \geq \tilde{O}\left(\frac{c_{\epsilon, \delta} \ln(k/\beta) \sqrt{\ln(m)}}{\alpha^2}\right)$ .

(dropping  $\log \log m$ ).

