

Chapter 10

Suggesting New Techniques and Methods for Big Data Analysis: Privacy–Preserving Data Analysis Techniques

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ABSTRACT

New privacy rules and responsible data use are pushing companies to find clever ways to learn from data without exposing personal details. This chapter explains different techniques that protect privacy while still gaining insights. They provide strong privacy guarantees so organizations can use and share data safely. Real-world examples show how companies in marketing, healthcare, banking, and other industries apply these techniques to drive business value through secure collaboration and accelerated innovation. Recommendations help teams choose and test the right privacy tools for their needs. With the proper privacy toolbox, market intelligence can thrive in an era of ethical data analysis. Organizations that embrace privacy-first practices will gain a competitive advantage and consumer trust. This chapter equips teams to adopt modern privacy-preserving approaches to tap hidden insights in data while respecting user confidentiality.

INTRODUCTION

The digital age has ushered in an unprecedented era of data generation and collection, offering a treasure trove of insights for organizations across sectors. According to IDC, the global datasphere is expected to grow to 175 zettabytes by 2025 (Reinsel, 2018). While this abundance of data presents immense opportunities for market intelligence, it also poses significant challenges in safeguarding sensitive in-

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formation. The stakes are high; mishandling data can lead to severe financial penalties and irreparable damage to the brand's reputation.

In this complex landscape, privacy-preserving data analytics has emerged as a cornerstone for responsible data utilization. It is no longer a matter of choice but a business imperative driven by regulatory pressures, technological advancements, and evolving consumer expectations. According to a Gartner report, by 2023, 65% of the world's population will have its personal information covered under modern privacy regulations, up from 10% today (Gartner, 2020)

Privacy-preserving data analytics techniques serve as the linchpin that allows organizations to unlock the value of data without compromising privacy. These techniques transform raw data into a format that retains its analytical utility but obscures individual identifiers. This dual capability enables multi-party data analytics, where insights can be derived from combined datasets without exposing each party's sensitive information. A seminal paper by Cynthia Dwork introduced the concept of differential privacy in 2006, marking a significant milestone in the field (Dwork Cynthia, 2006).

The journey of privacy-preserving analytics has been transformative. What began as cryptographic protocols in academic circles in the late 1990s has evolved into mature technologies like differential privacy, federated learning, and secure multi-party computation. These technologies have practical applications across industries, from healthcare and finance to marketing and supply chain management. With the right strategies and tools, organizations can comply with stringent privacy regulations, gain a competitive edge, foster partnerships, and build consumer trust.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The interplay among computerized databases, big data analytics, and privacy has been an evolving area of research and discussion over the past few decades. The U.S. Privacy Act of 1974 was enacted in an era where the growth of computerized databases raised significant concerns about personal data privacy (DOJ, 2020). This period saw the rapid expansion of government databases, leading to fears about the potential misuse of personal information. The Act was influenced by earlier studies and reports, such as the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Automated Personal Data Systems (1973) report, highlighting the risks of automated data systems to personal privacy (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, n.d.). The Act restricted the disclosure of personal data by federal agencies, requiring consent from individuals for most disclosures. The Privacy Act of 1974 contributed to a societal and academic environment and played a significant role in raising awareness about the importance of data privacy, both among the public and within the academic and technical communities. The Act's heightened awareness likely influenced the direction of research in fields related to data privacy, including cryptography. One of the seminal works is the paper "Cryptographic Approaches to Privacy" by Yao in 1982, which proposed protocols for secure computation between two parties without revealing their inputs (Yao, A. C, 1982). This laid the foundations for secure multi-party computation, a core privacy-preserving technique. The U.S. Privacy Act and Yao's research represent parallel developments in addressing privacy concerns - one through policy and regulation, the other through technological innovation. In the late 1990s and early 2000s, key research emerged on privacy-preserving data mining and statistical databases. Agrawal and Srikant proposed data perturbation techniques like additive noise for privacy in data mining (Rakesh Agrawal & Ramakrishnan Srikant, 2000). These works highlighted the privacy risks in data mining and the need for privacy-enhancing solutions. The concept of differential privacy, which today is one of the

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