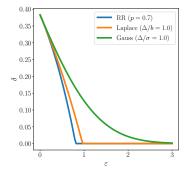
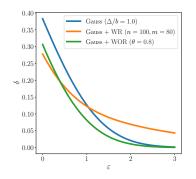
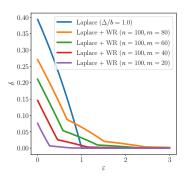
## **A** Plots of Privacy Profiles



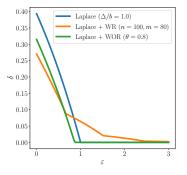
(a) Privacy profiles with mechanisms calibrated to provide the same  $\delta$  at  $\varepsilon = 0$ . Profile expressions are given in Section 5 (RR), Theorem 3 (Laplace), and Theorem 4 (Gauss).



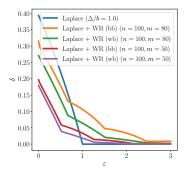
(b) Subsampled Gaussian mechanism. Comparison between sampling without replacement (Theorem 9) and with replacement (Theorem 10, with white-box group privacy), both with the same subsampled dataset sizes.



(d) Subsampled Laplace mechanism. Impact of group-privacy effect in sampling with replacement (white-box group privacy).



(c) Subsampled Laplace mechanism. Comparison between sampling without replacement (Theorem 9) and with replacement (Theorem 10, with white-box group privacy), both with the same subsampled dataset sizes.



(e) Subsampled Laplace mechanism. Impact of white-box vs. black-box group-privacy in sampling with replacement.

Figure 1: Plots of privacy profiles. Results illustrate the notion of privacy profile and the different subsampling bounds derived in the paper.

## **B Proofs from Section 3**

*Proof of Theorem 2.* It suffices to check that for any  $z \in Z$ ,

$$[\mu(z) - \alpha'\mu'(z)]_{+} = \eta \left[\mu_{1}(z) - \alpha \left((1 - \beta)\mu_{0}(z) + \beta \mu_{1}'(z)\right)\right]_{+}$$

Plugging this identity in the definition of  $D_{\alpha'}$  we get the desired equality

$$D_{\alpha'}(\mu \| \mu') = \eta D_{\alpha}(\mu_1 \| (1 - \beta) \mu_0 + \beta \mu'_1) \quad .$$

*Proof of Theorem 3.* Suppose  $x \simeq_X x'$  and assume without loss of generality that y = f(x) = 0 and  $y' = f(x) = \Delta > 0$ . Plugging the density of the Laplace distribution in the definition of  $\alpha$ -divergence we get

$$D_{e^{\varepsilon}}(\mathsf{Lap}(b)\|\Delta + \mathsf{Lap}(b)) = \frac{1}{2b} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[ e^{-\frac{|z|}{b}} - e^{\varepsilon} e^{-\frac{|z-\Delta|}{b}} \right]_{+} dz$$

Now we observe that the quantity inside the integral above is positive if and only if  $|z - \Delta| - |z| \ge \varepsilon b$ . Since  $||z + \Delta| - |z|| \le \Delta$ , we see that the divergence is zero for  $\varepsilon > \Delta/b$ . On the other hand, for  $\varepsilon \in [0, \Delta/b]$  we have  $\{z : |z - \Delta| - |z| \ge \varepsilon b\} = (-\infty, (\Delta - \varepsilon b)/2]$ . Thus, we have

$$\frac{1}{2b} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left[ e^{-\frac{|z|}{b}} - e^{\varepsilon} e^{-\frac{|z-\Delta|}{b}} \right]_{+} dz = \frac{1}{2b} \int_{-\infty}^{(\Delta-\varepsilon b)/2} e^{-\frac{|z|}{b}} dz - \frac{e^{\varepsilon}}{2b} \int_{-\infty}^{(\Delta-\varepsilon b)/2} e^{-\frac{|z-\Delta|}{b}} dz$$

Now we can compute both integrals as probabilities under the Laplace distribution:

$$\begin{split} \frac{1}{2b} \int_{-\infty}^{(\Delta - \varepsilon b)/2} e^{-\frac{|z|}{b}} dz &= \Pr\left[\mathsf{Lap}(b) \leq \frac{\Delta - \varepsilon b}{2}\right] \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{2} \exp\left(\frac{\varepsilon b - \Delta}{2b}\right) \ , \\ \frac{e^{\varepsilon}}{2b} \int_{-\infty}^{(\Delta - \varepsilon b)/2} e^{-\frac{|z - \Delta|}{b}} dz &= e^{\varepsilon} \Pr\left[\mathsf{Lap}(b) \leq \frac{-\Delta - \varepsilon b}{2}\right] \\ &= \frac{e^{\varepsilon}}{2} \exp\left(\frac{-\varepsilon b - \Delta}{2b}\right) \ . \end{split}$$

Putting these two quantities together we finally get, for  $\varepsilon \leq \Delta/b$ :

$$D_{e^{\varepsilon}}(\mathsf{Lap}(b)\|\Delta + \mathsf{Lap}(b)) = 1 - \exp\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2} - \frac{\Delta}{2b}\right) \ .$$

*Proof of Theorem 6.* Let  $\varphi = \varphi_{\mathcal{M}}^{x,x'}$ ,  $L = L_{\mathcal{M}}^{x,x'}$ ,  $\tilde{\varphi} = \varphi_{\mathcal{M}}^{x',x}$ , and  $\tilde{L} = L_{\mathcal{M}}^{x',x}$ . Recall that for any non-negative random variable z one has  $\mathsf{E}[z] = \int_0^\infty \mathsf{Pr}[z > t] dt$ . We use this to write the moment generating function of the corresponding privacy loss random variable for  $s \ge 0$  as follows:

$$\begin{split} \varphi(s) &= \int_0^\infty \Pr[e^{sL} > t] dt \\ &= \int_0^\infty \Pr\left[\frac{p(\mathbf{z})}{q(\mathbf{z})} > t^{1/s}\right] dt \end{split}$$

where  $\mathbf{z} \sim \mu$ , and p and q represent the densities of  $\mu$  and  $\nu$  with respect to a fixed base measure. Next we observe the probability inside the integral above can be decomposed in terms of a divergence and a second integral with respect to q:

$$\begin{split} \Pr\left[\frac{p(\mathbf{z})}{q(\mathbf{z})} > t^{1/s}\right] &= \Pr[p(\mathbf{z}) > t^{1/s}q(\mathbf{z})] \\ &= \mathsf{E}_{\mu}\left[\mathbb{I}[p > t^{1/s}q]\right] \\ &= \int \mathbb{I}[p(z) > t^{1/s}q(z)]p(z)dz \\ &= \int \mathbb{I}[p(z) > t^{1/s}q(z)](p(z) - t^{1/s}q(z))dz + t^{1/s}\int \mathbb{I}[p(z) > t^{1/s}q(z)]q(z)dz \\ &= \int [p(z) - t^{1/s}q(z)]_{+}dz + t^{1/s}\int \mathbb{I}[p(z) > t^{1/s}q(z)]q(z)dz \\ &= D_{t^{1/s}}(\mu||\mu') + t^{1/s}\int \mathbb{I}[p(z) > t^{1/s}q(z)]q(z)dz \quad . \end{split}$$

Note the term  $D_{t^{1/s}}(\mu \| \mu')$  above is not a divergence when  $t^{1/s} < 1$ . The integral term above can be re-written as a probability in terms of  $\tilde{L}$  as follows:

$$\begin{split} \int \mathbb{I}[p(z) > t^{1/s}q(z)]q(z)dz &= \Pr[p(\mathbf{z}') > t^{1/s}q(\mathbf{z}')] \\ &= \Pr\left[\frac{p(\mathbf{z}')}{q(\mathbf{z}')} > t^{1/s}\right] \\ &= \Pr\left[e^{-\tilde{L}} > t^{1/s}\right] \ , \end{split}$$

where  $\mathbf{z}' \sim \mu'$ . Thus, integrating with respect to t we get an expression for  $\varphi(s)$  involving two terms that we will need to massage further:

$$\varphi(s) = \int_0^\infty D_{t^{1/s}}(\mu \| \mu') dt + \int_0^\infty t^{1/s} \Pr\left[ e^{-\tilde{L}} > t^{1/s} \right] dt \ .$$

To compute the second integral in the RHS above we perform the change of variables  $dt' = t^{1/s} dt$ , which comes from taking  $t' = t^{1+1/s}/(1+1/s)$ , or, equivalently,  $t = ((1+1/s)t')^{1/(1+1/s)}$ . This allows us to introduce the moment generating function of  $\tilde{L}$  as follows:

$$\begin{split} \int_{0}^{\infty} t^{1/s} \Pr\left[e^{-\tilde{L}} > t^{1/s}\right] dt &= \int_{0}^{\infty} \Pr\left[e^{-\tilde{L}} > ((1+1/s)t')^{1/(s+1)}\right] dt' \\ &= \int_{0}^{\infty} \Pr\left[\frac{s}{s+1}e^{-(s+1)\tilde{L}} > t'\right] dt' \\ &= \frac{s}{s+1} \mathsf{E}\left[e^{-(s+1)\tilde{L}}\right] \\ &= \frac{s}{s+1}\tilde{\varphi}(-s-1) \ . \end{split}$$

Putting the derivations above together and substituting  $\tilde{\varphi}(-s-1)$  for  $\varphi(s)$  we see that

$$\varphi(s) = \frac{s}{s+1}\varphi(s) + \int_0^\infty D_{t^{1/s}}(\mu \| \mu') dt \ ,$$

or equivalently:

$$\varphi(s) = (s+1) \int_0^\infty D_{t^{1/s}}(\mu \| \mu') dt \ .$$

Now we observe that some terms in the integral above cannot be bounded using an  $\alpha$ -divergence between  $\mu$  and  $\mu'$ , e.g. for  $t \in (0, 1)$  the term  $D_{t^{1/s}}(\mu \| \mu')$  is not a divergence. Instead, using the definition of  $D_{t^{1/s}}(\mu \| \mu')$  we can see that these terms are equal to by  $1 - t^{1/s} + t^{1/s}D_{t^{-1/s}}(\mu' \| \mu)$ ,

where the last term is now a divergence. Thus, we split the integral in the expression for  $\varphi(s)$  into two parts and obtain

$$\begin{split} \varphi(s) &= (s+1) \int_0^1 \left( 1 - t'^{1/s} + t'^{1/s} D_{t'^{-1/s}}(\mu' \| \mu) \right) dt' + (s+1) \int_1^\infty D_{t^{1/s}}(\mu \| \mu') dt \\ &= 1 + (s+1) \int_0^1 t'^{1/s} D_{t'^{-1/s}}(\mu' \| \mu) dt' + (s+1) \int_1^\infty D_{t^{1/s}}(\mu \| \mu') dt \ . \end{split}$$

Finally, we can obtain the desired equation by performing a series of simple changes of variables t' = 1/t,  $\alpha = t^{1/s}$ , and  $\alpha = e^{\varepsilon}$ :

$$\begin{split} \varphi(s) &= 1 + (s+1) \int_{1}^{\infty} t^{-2-1/s} D_{t^{1/s}}(\mu' \| \mu) dt + (s+1) \int_{1}^{\infty} D_{t^{1/s}}(\mu \| \mu') dt \\ &= 1 + s(s+1) \int_{1}^{\infty} \left( \alpha^{s-1} D_{\alpha}(\mu \| \mu') + \alpha^{-s-2} D_{\alpha}(\mu' \| \mu) \right) d\alpha \\ &= 1 + s(s+1) \int_{0}^{\infty} \left( e^{s\varepsilon} D_{e^{\varepsilon}}(\mu \| \mu') + e^{-(s+1)\varepsilon} D_{e^{\varepsilon}}(\mu' \| \mu) \right) d\varepsilon \quad . \end{split}$$

*Proof of Theorem* 7. The result follows from a few simple observations. The first observation is that for any coupling  $\pi \in C(\nu, \nu')$  and  $y \in \text{supp}(\nu')$  we have

$$\begin{split} \sum_{y'} \pi_{y,y'} \delta_{\mathcal{M},d(y,y')}(\varepsilon) &\geq \sum_{y'} \pi_{y,y'} \delta_{\mathcal{M},d(y,\mathsf{supp}(\nu'))}(\varepsilon) \\ &= \sum_{y} \nu_y \delta_{\mathcal{M},d(y,\mathsf{supp}(\nu'))}(\varepsilon) \ , \end{split}$$

where the first inequality follows from  $d(y, y') \ge d(y, \operatorname{supp}(\nu'))$  and the fact that  $\delta_{\mathcal{M},k}(\varepsilon)$  is monotonically increasing with k. Thus the RHS of (6) is always a lower bound for the LHS. Now let  $\pi$  be a  $d_Y$ -compatible coupling. Since the support of  $\pi$  only contains pairs (y, y') such that  $d(y, y') = d(y, \operatorname{supp}(\nu'))$ , we see that

$$\sum_{y,y'} \pi_{y,y'} \delta_{\mathcal{M},d(y,y')}(\varepsilon) = \sum_{y,y'} \pi_{y,y'} \delta_{\mathcal{M},d(y,\mathsf{supp}(\nu'))}(\varepsilon) = \sum_{y} \nu_y \delta_{\mathcal{M},d(y,\mathsf{supp}(\nu'))}(\varepsilon) \quad .$$

The result follows.

## C Proofs from Section 4

*Proof of Theorem 8.* Using the tools from Section 3, the analysis is quite straightforward. Given  $x, x' \in 2^{\mathcal{U}}$  with  $x \simeq_r x'$ , we write  $\omega = S_{\eta}^{\mathsf{wo}}(x)$  and  $\omega' = S_{\eta}^{\mathsf{wo}}(x')$  and note that  $\mathsf{TV}(\omega, \omega') = \eta$ . Next we define  $x_0 = x \cap x'$  and observe that either  $x_0 = x$  or  $x_0 = x'$  by the definition of  $\simeq_r$ . Let  $\omega_0 = S_{\eta}^{\mathsf{po}}(x_0)$ . Then the decompositions of  $\omega$  and  $\omega'$  induced by their maximal coupling have either  $\omega_1 = \omega_0$  when  $x = x_0$  or  $\omega'_1 = \omega_0$  when  $x' = x_0$ . Noting that applying advanced joined convexity in the former case leads to an additional cancellation we see that the maximum will be attained when  $x' = x_0$ . In this case the distribution  $\omega_1$  is given by  $\omega_1(y \cup \{v\}) = \omega_0(y)$ . This observation yields an obvious  $d_{\simeq_r}$ -compatible coupling between  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_0 = \omega'_1$ : first sample y' from  $\omega_0$  and then build y by adding v to y'. Since every pair of datasets generated by this coupling has distance one with respect to  $d_{\simeq_r}$ , Theorem 7 yields the bound  $\delta_{\mathcal{M}'}(\varepsilon') \leq \eta \delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\varepsilon)$ .

Proof of Theorem 9. The analysis proceeds along the lines of the previous proof. First we note that for any  $x, x' \in \mathcal{Z}_n^{\mathcal{U}}$  with  $x \simeq_s x'$ , the total variation distance between  $\omega = \mathcal{S}_m^{\text{wo}}(x)$  and  $\omega' = \mathcal{S}_m^{\text{wo}}(x')$  is given by  $\eta = \text{TV}(\omega, \omega') = m/n$ . Applying advanced joint convexity (Theorem 2) with the decompositions  $\omega = (1 - \eta)\omega_0 + \eta\omega_1$  and  $\omega' = (1 - \eta)\omega_0 + \eta\omega_1'$  given by the maximal coupling, the analysis of  $D_{e^{\varepsilon'}}(\omega M \| \omega' M)$  reduces to bounding the divergences  $D_{e^{\varepsilon}}(\omega_1 M \| \omega_0 M)$  and  $D_{e^{\varepsilon}}(\omega_1 M \| \omega_1' M)$ . In this case both quantities can be bounded by  $\delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\varepsilon)$  by constructing appropriate  $d_{\simeq_s}$ -compatible couplings and combining (5) with Theorem 7.

We construct the couplings as follows. Suppose  $v, v' \in \mathcal{U}$  are the elements where x and x' differ:  $x_v = x'_v + 1$  and  $x'_{v'} = x_{v'} + 1$ . Let  $x_0 = x \cap x'$ . Then we have  $\omega_0 = S_m^{wo}(x_0)$ . Furthermore, writing  $\tilde{\omega}_1 = S_{m-1}^{wo}(x_0)$  we have  $\omega_1(y) = \tilde{\omega}_1(y \cap x_0)$  and  $\omega'_1(y) = \tilde{\omega}_1(y \cap x_0)$ . Using these definitions we build a coupling  $\pi_{1,1}$  between  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega'_1$  through the following generative process: sample  $y_0$  from  $\tilde{\omega}_1$  and then let  $y = y_0 \cup \{v\}$  and  $y' \cup \{v'\}$ . Similarly, we build a coupling  $\pi_{1,0}$  between  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_0$  as follows: sample  $y_0$  from  $\tilde{\omega}_1$ , sample u uniformly from  $x_0 \setminus y_0$ , and then let  $y = y_0 \cup \{v\}$  and  $y' = y_0 \cup \{v\}$  and  $y' = y_0 \cup \{v\}$ . It is obvious from these constructions that  $\pi_{1,1}$  and  $\pi_{0,1}$  are both  $d_{\simeq_s}$ -compatible. Plugging these observations together, we get  $\delta_{\mathcal{M}'}(\varepsilon') \leq (m/n)\delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\varepsilon)$ .

Proof of Theorem 10. To bound the privacy profile of the subsampled mechanism  $\mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{S}_m^{wr}}$  on  $2_n^{\mathcal{U}}$  with respect to  $\simeq_s$  we start by noting that taking  $x, x' \in 2_n^{\mathcal{U}}, x \simeq_s x'$ , the total variation distance between  $\omega = \mathcal{S}_m^{wr}(x)$  and  $\omega' = \mathcal{S}_m^{wr}(x')$  is given by  $\eta = \mathsf{TV}(\omega, \omega') = 1 - (1 - 1/n)^m$ . To define appropriate mixture components for applying the advanced joint composition property we write v and v' for the elements where x and x' differ and  $x_0 = x \cap x'$  for the common part between both datasets. Then we have  $\omega_0 = \mathcal{S}_m^{wr}(x_0)$ . Furthermore,  $\omega_1$  is the distribution obtained from sampling  $\tilde{y}$  from  $\tilde{\omega}_1 = \mathcal{S}_{m-1}^{wr}(x)$  and building y by adding one occurrence of v to  $\tilde{y}$ . Similarly, sampling y' from  $\omega'_1$  corresponds to adding v' to a multiset sampled from  $\mathcal{S}_{m-1}^{wr}(x')$ .

Now we construct appropriate distance-compatible couplings. First we let  $\pi_{1,1} \in \mathbb{P}(\mathbb{N}_m^{\mathcal{U}} \times \mathbb{N}_m^{\mathcal{U}})$  be the distribution given by sampling y from  $\omega_1$  as above and outputting the pair (y, y') obtained by replacing each v in y by v'. It is immediate from this construction that  $\pi_{1,1}$  is a  $d_{\simeq_s}$ -compatible coupling between  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega'_1$ . Furthermore, using the notation from Theorem 7 and the construction of the maximal coupling, we see that for  $k \ge 1$ :

$$\omega_1(Y_k) = \frac{\omega(Y_k) - (1 - \eta)\omega_0(Y_k)}{\eta} = \frac{\Pr_{y \sim \omega}[y_v = k]}{\eta} = \frac{1}{\eta} \binom{m}{k} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{m-k}$$

where we used  $\omega_0(Y_k) = 0$  since  $\omega_0$  is supported on multisets that do not include v. Therefore, the distributions  $\mu_1 = \omega_1 M$  and  $\mu'_1 = \omega'_1 M$  satisfy

$$\eta D_{e^{\varepsilon}}(\mu_1 \| \mu_1') \le \sum_{k=1}^m \binom{m}{k} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{m-k} \delta_{\mathcal{M},k}(\varepsilon) \quad .$$

$$\tag{7}$$

On the other hand, we can build a  $d_{\simeq_s}$ -compatible coupling between  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_0$  by first sampling y from  $\omega_1$  and then replacing each occurrence of v by an element picked uniformly at random from  $x_0$ . Again, this shows that  $D_{e^{\varepsilon}}(\mu_1 || \mu_0)$  is upper bounded by the right hand side of (7).

Therefore, we conclude that

$$\delta_{\mathcal{M}'}(\varepsilon') \leq \sum_{k=1}^{m} {m \choose k} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{m-k} \delta_{\mathcal{M},k}(\varepsilon) \quad .$$

Proof of Theorem 11. Suppose  $x \simeq_r x'$  with |x| = n and |x'| = n - 1. This is the worst-case direction for the neighbouring relation like in the proof of Theorem 8. Let  $\omega = S_m^{wr}(x)$  and  $\omega = S_m^{wr}(x')$ . We have  $\eta = \text{TV}(\omega, \omega') = 1 - (1 - 1/n)^m$ , and the factorization induced by the maximal coupling has  $\omega_0 = \omega'_1 = \omega'$  and  $\omega_1$  is given by first sampling  $\tilde{y}$  from  $S_{m-1}^{wr}(x)$  and then producing y by adding to  $\tilde{y}$  a copy of the element v where x and x' differ. This definition of  $\omega_1$  suggests the following coupling between  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_0$ : first sample y from  $\omega_1$ , then produce y' by replacing each copy of v with a element from x' sampled independently and uniformly. By construction we see that this coupling is  $d_{\simeq_s}$ -compatible, so we can apply Theorem 7. Using the same argument as in the proof of Theorem 10 we see that  $\eta \omega_1(Y_k) = {m \choose k} (1/n)^k (1 - 1/n)^{m-k}$ . Thus, we finally get

$$D_{e^{\varepsilon'}}(\mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{S}_m^{wr}}(x) \| \mathcal{M}^{\mathcal{S}_m^{wr}}(x')) = \eta D_{e^{\varepsilon}}(\omega_1 M \| \omega_0 M)$$
  
$$\leq \eta \sum_{k=1}^m \omega_1(Y_k) \delta_{\mathcal{M},k}(\varepsilon)$$
  
$$= \sum_{k=1}^m \binom{m}{k} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{m-k} \delta_{\mathcal{M},k}(\varepsilon) .$$

**Theorem 14.** Let  $\mathcal{M} : 2^{\mathcal{U}} \to \mathbb{P}(Z)$  be a mechanism with privacy profile  $\delta_{\mathcal{M}}$  with respect to  $\simeq_s$ . Then the privacy profile with respect of  $\simeq_s$  of the subsampled mechanism  $\mathcal{M}' = \mathcal{M}^{S^{\mathsf{po}}_{\gamma}} : 2^{\mathcal{U}}_n \to \mathbb{P}(Z)$ on datasets of size n satisfies the following:

$$\delta_{\mathcal{M}'}(\varepsilon') \leq \gamma \beta \delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\varepsilon) + \gamma (1-\beta) \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \tilde{\gamma}_k \delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\varepsilon_k) + \tilde{\gamma}_n \right) ,$$
  
where  $\varepsilon' = \log(1 + \gamma(e^{\varepsilon} - 1)), \beta = e^{\varepsilon'}/e^{\varepsilon}, \varepsilon_k = \varepsilon + \log(\frac{\gamma}{1-\gamma}(\frac{n}{k} - 1)), \text{ and } \tilde{\gamma}_k = \binom{n-1}{k-1} \gamma^{k-1} (1 - \gamma)^{n-k}.$ 

Proof of Theorem 14. Suppose  $x, x' \in 2_n^{\mathcal{U}}$  are sets of size n related by the substitution relation  $\simeq_s$ . Let  $\omega = S_{\eta}^{po}(x)$  and  $\omega' = S_{\eta}^{po}(x')$  and note that  $\mathsf{TV}(\omega, \omega') = \eta$ . Let  $x_0 = x \cap x'$  and  $v = x \setminus x_0$ ,  $v' = x' \setminus x_0$ . In this case the factorization induced by the maximal coupling is obtained by taking  $\omega_0 = S_{\eta}^{\mathsf{po}}(x_0), \omega_1(y \cup \{v\}) = \omega_0(y), \text{ and } \omega_1'(y \cup \{v'\}) = \omega_0(y).$  From this factorization we see it is easy to construct a coupling  $\pi_{1,1}$  between  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega'_1$  that is  $d_{\sim *}$ -compatible. Therefore we have  $D_{e^{\varepsilon}}(\omega_1 M \| \omega_1' M) \le \delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\varepsilon).$ 

Since we have already identified that no  $d_{\simeq_s}$ -compatible coupling between  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_0$  can exist, we shall further decompose these distributions "by hand". Let  $\nu_k = S_k^{\text{wo}}(x_0)$  and note that  $\nu_k$  corresponds to the distribution  $\omega_0$  conditioned on |y| = k. Similarly, we define  $\tilde{\nu}_k$  as the distribution corresponding to sampling  $\tilde{y}$  from  $\mathcal{S}_{k-1}^{\mathsf{wo}}(x_0)$  and outputting the set y obtained by adding v to  $\tilde{y}$ . Then  $\tilde{\nu}_k$  equals the distribution of  $\omega_1$  conditioned on |y| = k. Now we write  $\gamma_k = \Pr_{y \sim \omega_0}[|y| = k] = {\binom{n-1}{k}}\gamma^k(1-\gamma)^{n-1-k}$  and  $\tilde{\gamma}_k = \Pr_{y \sim \omega_1}[|y| = k] = {\binom{n-1}{k-1}}\gamma^{k-1}(1-\gamma)^{n-k}$ . With these notations we can write the decompositions  $\omega_0 = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \gamma_k \nu_k$  and  $\omega_1 = \sum_{k=1}^n \tilde{\gamma}_k \tilde{\nu}_k$ . Further, we observe that the construction of  $\tilde{\nu}_k$  and  $\nu_k$  shows there exist  $d_{\simeq s}$ -compatible couplings between these pairs of distributions when  $1 \le k \le n-1$ , leading to  $D_{e^{\varepsilon}}(\tilde{\nu}_k M \| \nu_k M) \le \delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\varepsilon)$ . To exploit this fact we first write

$$D_{e^{\varepsilon}}(\omega_1 M \| \omega_0 M) = D_{e^{\varepsilon}} \left( \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \tilde{\gamma}_k \tilde{\nu}_k M + \tilde{\gamma}_n \tilde{\nu}_n M \right\| \gamma_0 \nu_0 M + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \gamma_k \nu_k M \right) .$$

Now we use that  $\alpha$ -divergences can be applied to arbitrary non-negative measures, which are not necessarily probability measures, using the same definition we have used so far. Under this relaxation, given non-negative measures  $\nu_i, \nu'_i, i = 1, 2$ , on a measure space Z we have  $D_{\alpha}(\nu_1 + \nu_2 \|\nu'_1 + \nu_2\|\nu'_1)$  $v'_{2} \leq D_{\alpha}(v_{1}\|v'_{1}) + D_{\alpha}(v_{2}\|v'_{2}), D_{\alpha}(av_{1}\|bv_{2}) = aD_{\alpha b/a}(v_{1}\|v_{2}) \text{ for } a \geq 0 \text{ and } b > 0, \text{ and } b$  $D_{\alpha}(\nu_1 \| 0) = \nu_1(Z)$ . Using these properties on the decomposition above we see that

$$D_{e^{\varepsilon}}(\omega_{1}M\|\omega_{0}M) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \tilde{\gamma}_{k} D_{e^{\varepsilon_{k}}}(\tilde{\nu}_{k}M\|\nu_{k}M) + \tilde{\gamma}_{n}$$
$$\leq \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \tilde{\gamma}_{k} \delta_{\mathcal{M}}(\varepsilon_{k}) + \tilde{\gamma}_{n} ,$$

where  $e^{\varepsilon_k} = (\gamma_k / \tilde{\gamma}_k) e^{\varepsilon} = (\gamma / (1 - \gamma))(n/k - 1) e^{\varepsilon}$ .

## **Proofs from Section 5** D

where

*Proof of Lemma 12.* We start by observing that for any  $x \in X$  the distribution  $\mu = \mathcal{M}_{v,p}^{\mathcal{S}}(x)$  must be a mixture  $\mu = (1 - \theta)\nu_0 + \theta\nu_1$  for some  $\theta \in [0, 1]$ . This follows from the fact that there are only two possibilities  $\nu_0$  and  $\nu_1$  for  $\mathcal{M}_{v,p}(y)$  depending on whether  $v \notin y$  or  $v \in y$ . Similarly, taking  $x \simeq_X x'$  we get  $\mu' = \mathcal{M}_{v,p}^{\mathcal{S}}(x')$  with  $\mu' = (1 - \theta')\nu_0 + \theta'\nu_1$  for some  $\theta' \in [0, 1]$ . Assuming (without loss of generality)  $\theta \ge \theta'$ , we use the advanced joint convexity property of  $D_{\alpha}$  to get

$$D_{e^{\varepsilon'}}(\mu \| \mu') = \theta D_{e^{\varepsilon}}(\nu_1 \| (1 - \theta'/\theta)\nu_0 + (\theta'/\theta)\nu_1)$$
  
$$\leq \theta (1 - \theta'/\theta) D_{e^{\varepsilon}}(\nu_1 \| \nu_0) = (\theta - \theta')\psi_p(\varepsilon) \leq \theta \psi_p(\varepsilon) ,$$

where  $\varepsilon' = \log(1 + \theta(e^{\varepsilon} - 1))$  and  $\beta = e^{\varepsilon'}/e^{\varepsilon}$ , and the inequality follows from joint convexity. Now note the inequalities above are in fact equalities when  $\theta' = 0$ , which is equivalent to the fact  $v \notin x'$  because S is a natural subsampling mechanism. Thus, observing that the function  $\theta \mapsto \theta \psi_p(\log(1 + (e^{\varepsilon'} - 1)/\theta))$  is monotonically increasing, we get

$$\sup_{x \simeq_X x'} D_{e^{\varepsilon'}}(\mathcal{M}_{v,p}^{\mathcal{S}}(x) \| \mathcal{M}_{v,p}^{\mathcal{S}}(x')) = \sup_{x \simeq_X x', v \notin x'} \theta \psi_p(\log(1 + (e^{\varepsilon'} - 1)/\theta))$$
$$= \eta \psi_p(\log(1 + (e^{\varepsilon'} - 1)/\eta)) = \eta \psi_p(\varepsilon) .$$