



Entropy algorithm

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Location entropy of 1 user

- ▶ Given a user u and its cloaked area R ,
 - ▶ R is partitioned into m cells.
- ▶ $S(R) = \{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m\}$: set of cells inside R
- ▶ C_U : the cell that contains user U
 - ▶ random variable with possible values $\{c_1, c_2, \dots, c_m\}$
- ▶ The entropy of C_U is

$$\left[\frac{x_u - x_{\min} - d}{x_{\max} - x_{\min} - d} p \right], \left[\frac{y_u - y_{\min}}{y_{\max} - y_{\min}} q \right]$$

where P_i is the probability user U is located in c_i

$$P_i = \Pr(C = c_i) = \{\text{Prob} : l_u \in c_i, c_i \in S(R)\}$$

- ▶ l_u : location of user u

Location entropy of 1 user

- ▶ Let R_1, R_2, \dots , and R_n be the stream of cloaked areas of user U generated at time t_1, t_2, \dots , and t_n .
 - ▶ where $t_1 < t_2 \dots < t_n$
- ▶ $C(t_j)$: the cell that contains user U at time t_j
- ▶ The probability user U is located in c_i

$$P_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n [C_U(t_j) = c_i]}{n}$$

Location entropy of 1 user

$$0 \leq H(C) \leq \log m$$

- ▶ $H(C) = 0$: There is a cell that has 100% chance to be the cell that contain of user. i.e., the adversary can identify exactly the cell that the user is located.
- ▶ $H(C) = \log m$: every cells in R has an equal chance to be the cell that contain of user

Location entropy of k users

- ▶ Given k users $\{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$ in the simulation
- ▶ Because the cells that contains users in a cloaked region are mutually independent, entropy:

$$H = H(C_1, C_2, \dots, C_k) = \sum_{l=1}^k H(C_l) = - \sum_{l=1}^k \sum_{i=1}^m P_i \log P_i$$

$$\text{where } P_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n [C_1(t_j) = c_i]}{n}$$

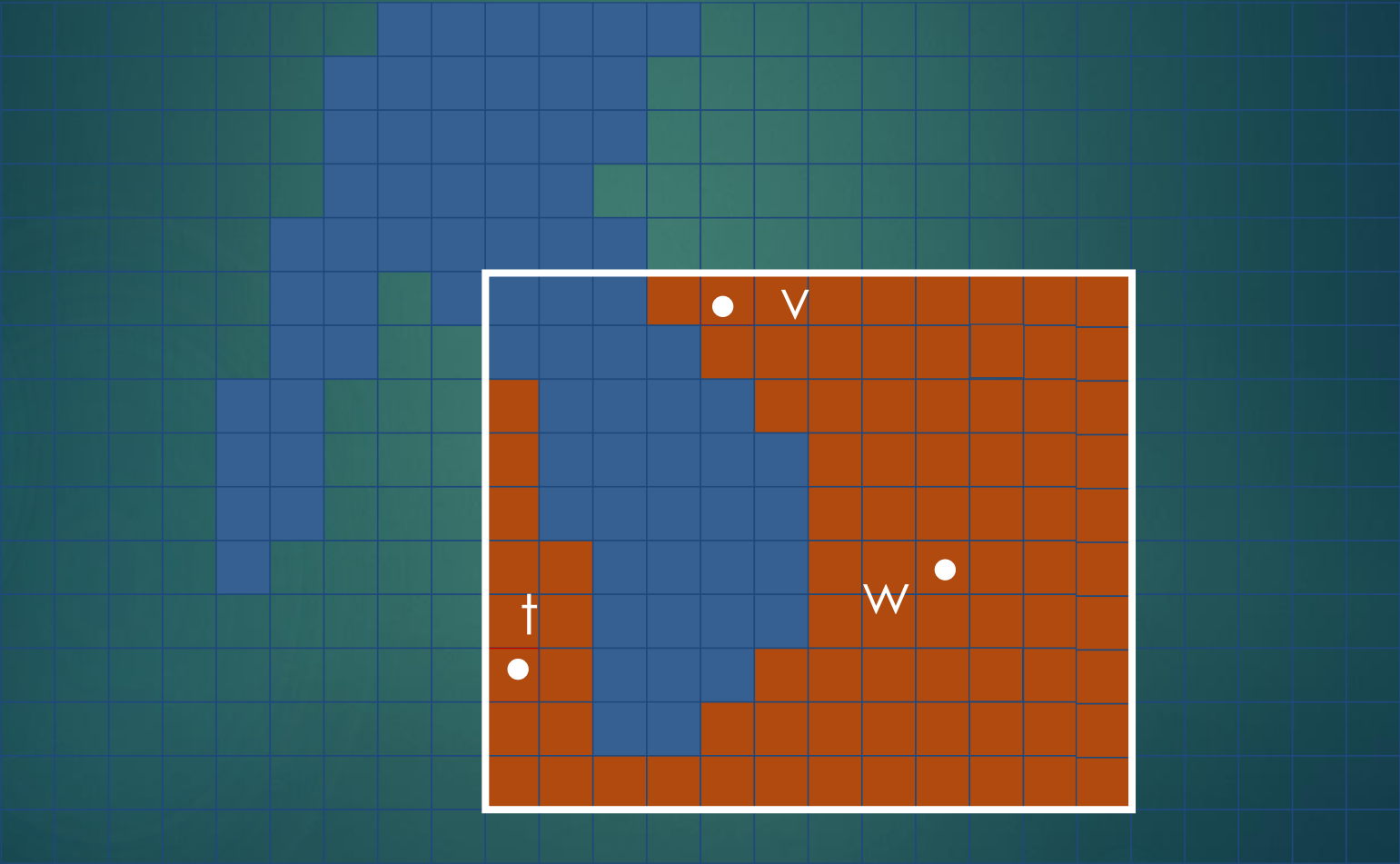
- ▶ $C_l(t_j)$: the cell that contains user u_l at time t_j

Algorithm

- ▶ **Input:** Location of each user,
- ▶ **Output:** Entropy

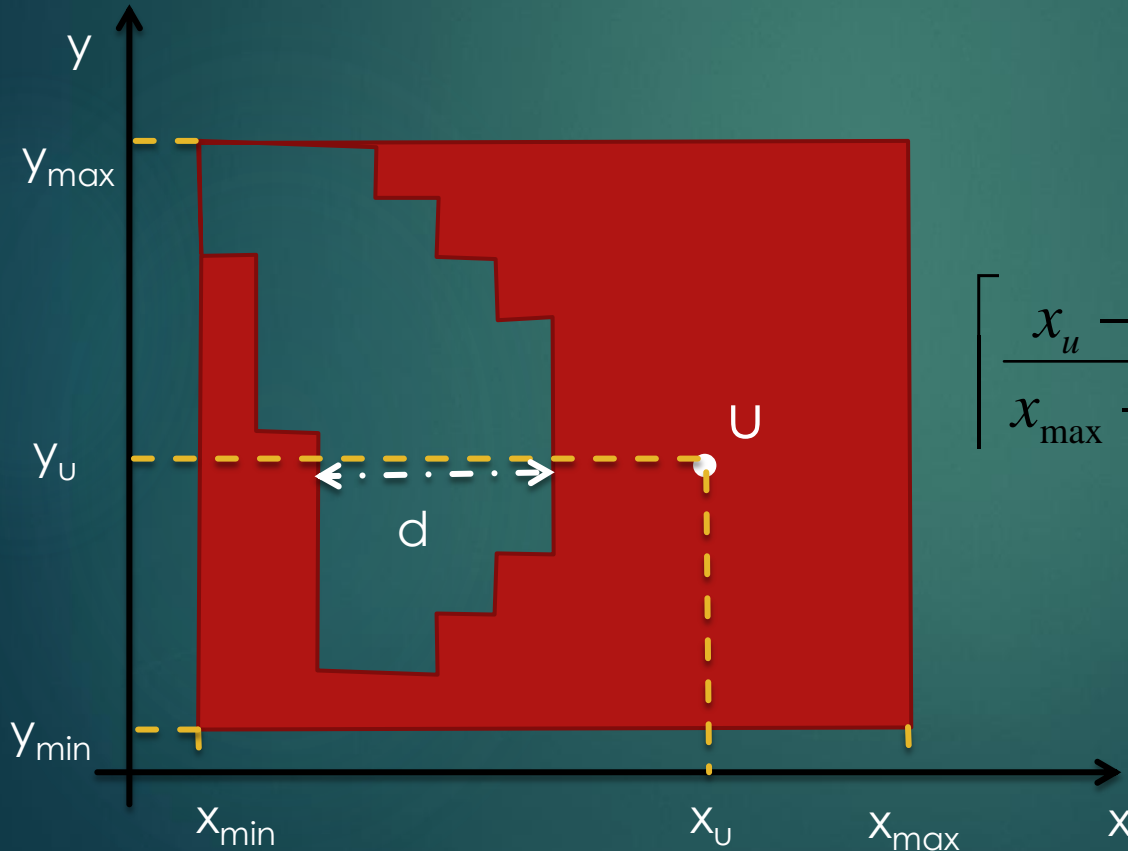
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1. for each user  $u_1$  do
2.   for each cell  $c_i$  do
3.     for each cloaked region  $R_j$  at time  $t_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq n$ ) do
4.       if  $u_1$  is located in cell  $c_i$  then
5.         count ++;
6.        $P_i \leftarrow \text{count}/n$ ;
7.        $H_1 \leftarrow -\sum P_i \log P_i$ 
8.  $H \leftarrow \sum H_1$ 
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- ▶ R is partitioned into $m = p \times q$ cells
- ▶ Coordinate of user U: x_U, y_U



- ▶ Index of cell that contains user U

$$\left[\frac{x_u - x_{\min} - d}{x_{\max} - x_{\min} - d} p \right], \left[\frac{y_u - y_{\min}}{y_{\max} - y_{\min}} q \right]$$

