

1 We thank all reviewers for their comments. Minor comments will be addressed in the final version.

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3 **Comparison with related work** Thanks for the references to work of Ross & Bagnell, Saha et al., and Arora et al. All  
4 of these papers investigate the relationship between regret and stability of an online learning algorithm and a comparison  
5 between different stability conditions certainly makes sense. However, note that these papers do *not* investigate any  
6 of the following (that we do in our paper): connections with differential privacy, first order regret bounds, and partial  
7 information settings (Arora et al. do consider partial information). We will add a comparison in the final version along  
8 with a pointer to different types of stability conditions existing in the literature.

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10 **Comment 1.** Your questioning of the dimension dependence in Theorem 3.2 and Corollary 3.3 is valid. Indeed  
11 OGD/FTRL algorithms in these settings will not incur the dimension dependence. However, note that it is not at all  
12 clear whether this dimension dependence is due to the use of privacy tools and techniques. Indeed, even the best known  
13 *zero-order* bound (ref. [1] in our paper) for OLO in the  $\ell_2/\ell_2$  setting via FTPL has a  $d^{1/4}$  dependence on dimension  $d$ .  
14 To the best of our knowledge, there is no existing analysis, whether privacy/stability based or otherwise, of *any* FTPL  
15 algorithm which does not incur at least this much dependence. It is unknown whether this is an intrinsic limitation of  
16 currently available analysis tools or of FTPL methods themselves. In fact, it is somewhat surprising that using the DP  
17 based analysis we get first-order regret bounds with a dimension dependence that is the best possible given currently  
18 available techniques. Further, this dimension dependence only arises in Theorem 3.2 and Corollary 3.3. Other results  
19 in the paper, e.g. experts setting result (Theorem 3.6) and multi-armed bandit result (Theorem 4.2) do not incur any  
20 avoidable polynomial dimension dependence.

21 **Comment 2.** You're right, Algorithm 1 has to solve a convex optimization problem at each step. But it shares this  
22 property with FTRL algorithms that have to do the same. As you mentioned, deriving a perturbed OGD type algorithm  
23 with a more efficient update will be an interesting topic for future work.

24 **Comment 3.** The analysis of geometric resampling that takes error due to finite number of samples is already given by  
25 Neu & Bartok (ref. [26] in our paper). They showed that error due to drawing  $M$  samples contributes an extra  $KT/M$   
26 term in the regret where  $K$  is the number of arms in a bandit problem. For zero-order  $O(\sqrt{T})$  regret bounds, one can  
27 therefore choose  $M$  of the order of  $\sqrt{T}$  (however the expected number of samples needed can be shown to be *constant*  
28 per time step, see their Theorem 2). For first-order bounds, one would have to choose a larger  $M$  of the order of  $T$   
29 which increases the computation. We will add more discussion about this in the final version.

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31 **adding DP definition to the paper** Yes, we can do that.

32 **rank one Hessian of loss functions** Yes, we are quite positive that the restriction can be removed (personal communi-  
33 cation with one of the top experts in DP). In particular, the corresponding DP result should hold for higher ranks at the  
34 cost of some degradation in the privacy parameter  $\epsilon$ . Our online learning result will immediately inherit such a future  
35 improvement when it occurs in the DP literature.

36 **first-order bounds for non-convex problems** This is an intriguing suggestion! The regret bound of the fictitious  
37 algorithm  $\mathcal{A}^+$  does not use convexity! The only reason convexity is required in Theorem 3.2 is because the DP result of  
38 Kifer et al. required convexity. So if one had a DP guarantee for a perturbed ERM algorithm even with non-convex  
39 losses, everything would work. Of course, computing the perturbed ERM would involve non-convex optimization so  
40 efficient computation may not be possible.

41 **GPBA for OCO** The best in hindsight action in OLO is  $\operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_t \ell_t^\top x = \operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathcal{X}} L_T^\top x =$   
42  $\operatorname{argmax}_{x \in \mathcal{X}} (-L_T)^\top x$ . This is simply the gradient of the support function of the set  $\mathcal{X}$ ,  $y \mapsto \max_{x \in \mathcal{X}} y^\top x$ , eval-  
43 uated at  $y = -L_T$ . The gradient mapping does not arise in this natural way when the best in hindsight action  
44  $\operatorname{argmin}_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \sum_t f_t(x)$  is considered in the case of convex functions  $f_t$ .

45 **DC assumption seems more applicable to the bandit setting** A clarification is needed here: DC assumption was  
46 indeed introduced by Abernethy et al. (ref. [2] in our paper) in the bandit setting but note that it is actually an assumption  
47 on the *potential function*. If you look at the (short!) proof of Theorem 3.6 in Appendix B.3, you will see that DC  
48 property of a set of potentials also leads to regret bounds in the full-information experts setting. To summarize, the DC  
49 assumption is an assumption on potential functions. Certain potential functions (e.g., those that satisfy DC with a larger  
50 exponent  $\gamma$ ) are better suited for bandit settings but the assumption itself is not at all tied to the bandit setting.