Getting Back to Basics: The Why and How of Statistical Disclosure Limitation vs. Privacy Protection

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There is a clear difference between confidentiality and the preservation of privacy which is of major import to the field of statistical disclosure limitation for the release of governmental statistical and survey data. We begin by discussing this distinction and then provide a quick overview of methods used in the two domains. We focus on the relaxation of the strict formal guarantees of the method of differential privacy emanating from the cryptography community for the field of statistical disclosure limitation.