- 1 We thank all three reviewers for their time and comments. Their suggestions will help us clarify the contributions of our
- work as we incorporate them in the next revision of our paper.
- 3 In the following, we respond to several specific points raised by the reviewers.
- 4 Reviewer #1: You mentioned that the paper is at the end not self-contained because we didn't include a summary of
- 5 how the quasi-concave optimization (RecConcave) works. We take it into our attention and in the body of the final
- 6 version we will try to add a short summary of how it works, and to add more details in the appendix.
- 7 Reviewer #2: You wrote "it might be helpful if the authors were to offer some thoughts on whether a linear dependence
- 8 on $\log^* X$ is possible in higher dimensions". We take it into our attention. In the final version we will mention this
- 9 question, and write that one option for answering it is by finding a different 1-dimensional quasi-concave optimization
- that is linear (or almost linear) in $\log^* X$, since RecConcave, the optimization that we are using, requires exponential
- dependency in $\log^* X$. Indeed, a recent work of Kaplan, Ligett, Mansour, Naor, and Stemmer [COLT 2020] shows
- dependency in $\log^* X$. Indeed, a recent work of Rapian, Eigett, Mansour, Naor, and Steinmer [COLI 2020] shows an (almost) linear dependency in $\log^* X$ for 1-dimensional thresholds, which is a special case of a quasi-concave
- optimization, and it still remains open whether this result can be extended to the quasi-concave optimization case.
- 14 Reviewer #2: You wrote that it would be nice to offer some possible uses or obstacles to using the generalized
- 15 QuasiConcave paradigm. Indeed, as you mentioned, for the linear feasibility it was more involved to define the domain
- at each iterative step, and might be even more involved for other d-dimensional functions. The point is that this technical
- issue is inherent for privately optimizing such functions (at least if the optimization is done coordinate by coordinate),
- because we know that we must pay at least \log^* of the domain size by any private algorithm. So we cannot get away
- 19 from finding finite domains. But, if we can find such domains with some finite bound on their sizes, even if it is very
- 20 large and not tight at all, it is usually should be enough since we are going to pay just \log^* of these sizes in the sample
- 21 complexity. We will try to emphasize this point in the paper.
- Reviewer #3: You wrote "it will be more clear if the authors can define the problem of learning half spaces in the
- introduction or preliminary, ..." and "it is worth mentioning that the results in this paper can be easily generalized into
- the statistical setting". We take all your suggestions into our attention. We will try to address them in the final version.