# TOMAS GONZALEZ LARA

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## **EDUCATION** •

#### Carnegie Mellon University, School of Computer Science

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, US

Ph.D. in Machine Learning

2023-present

Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Institute for Mathematical and Computational Engineering

Santiago, Chile

Master of Science in Engineering

2023

Advisor: Prof. Cristobal Guzman

Thesis: "Stochastic first-order methods for differentially private machine learning"

Graduated with Maximum Distinction

Bachelor of Science in Engineering 2021

Major: Math for Data Science. Minor: Math for Theory of computation. Graduated with Distinction

## **PUBLICATIONS**

1. **Tomás González**, Cristóbal Guzmán and Courtney Paquette, "Mirror Descent Algorithms with Nearly Dimension-Independent Rates for Differentially-Private Stochastic Saddle-Point Problems". Conference on Learning Theory (COLT) 2024.

2. Raman Arora, Raef Bassily, **Tomás González**, Cristóbal Guzmán, Michael Menart, and Enayat Ullah, "Faster Rates of Convergence to Stationary Points in Differentially Private Optimization". International Conference in Machine Learning (ICML) 2023.

# **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE** -

Google Deepmind Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Student Researcher, Statistical Learning and Optimization team

Sep 2022 - Apr 2023

Supervisors: Courtney Paquette and Fabian Pedregosa.

Research: A Mirror Descent Method for Differentially Private Stochastic Saddle-Point Problems in 11 geometry.

#### **Pontifical Catholic University of Chile**

Santiago, Chile

Undergraduate Research Assistant

2019, 2021

Supervisor: Prof. Cristobal Guzman

Research: Non-Euclidean Differentially Private Stochastic Convex Optimization (2021)

Research: Sequential Games for Dynamic Inspection Problems (2019)

# FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Graduate Fellowship, Machine Learning Department, School of Computer Science, Carnegie Mellon University (2023).
- Best Student Award, Institute for Mathematical and Computational Engineering, Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile (2023).
- Best Student in Mathematics Award (out of 750 students), Instituto Nacional High School (2016).
- High School Mathematical Olympiads:
  - o International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO): Honorific Mention (Hong Kong, 2016).
  - o Iberoamerican Mathematical Olympiad: Honorific Mention (Puerto Rico, 2015).
  - o Southern Cone Mathematical Olympiad: Bronze Medal (Chile, 2015).
  - o Chilean Mathematical Olympiad: Gold medal (2014), Silver medal (2015, 2013), Bronze medal (2016).

# **TALKS**

- 1. "Differentially Private Stochastic Saddle-Point Problems in £1 geometry", SIAM Conference on Optimization (OP23), June 2023.
- 2. "Differentially Private Statistical Synthetic Data Generation", Tea Talks, Google Brain, January 2023.
- 3. "Differentially private stochastic non-convex optimization", Random Matrix Theory + Optimization + Machine Learning seminar at McGill University, October 2022.
- 4. "Differentially private stochastic non-convex optimization", International Conference on Continuos Optimization (ICCOPT), July 2022.
- 5. "Differentially private stochastic non-convex optimization", Algorithms, Combinatorics, Game Theory and Optimization seminar at University of Chile, July 2022.

# **EMPLOYMENT** -

Perceptron Santiago, Chile

Data Science Intern May 2022 - Jul 2022

### **Pontifical Catholic University of Chile**

Santiago, Chile

Teaching assistant of undergraduate courses

2018-2022

- 1. (Head teaching assistant) Probability and algorithms (2021)
- 2.(Grading and teaching) Linear algebra (2018, 2019, 2022)
- 3. (Teaching) Discrete mathematics (2021)
- 4. (Grading) Discrete mathematics (2019, 2020)
- 5. (Grading and teaching) Calculus II (2020)

Teaching assistant of postgraduate courses

2021-2022

- 1.(Grading) Visual recognition (2021)
- 2.(Grading) Relational and reinforcement models (2021, 2022)

## **SERVICE**

- Reviewer for the Optimization for Machine Learning Workshop at NeurIPS (2022, 2023).
- Math tutor at 'Instituto Nacional' High School in . In charge of preparing a group of 25 high school students to participate in math olympiads at a national and international level.

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