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## Academic positions

**Since Sept. 2021** Professor Assistant Tenure Track, Head of the DOLA (Dynamics Of Learning Algorithms) chair, Institute of Mathematics, EPFL, Switzerland

**2019-2021** CNRS researcher “Chargé de Recherches”, Laboratoire de Mathématiques d’Orsay, Université Paris-Saclay, France

**2018** Post-doctoral researcher, INRIA and École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France. Advisor: Francis Bach

## Education

**2017** Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics, PSL Research University, France (prepared at Université Paris-Dauphine)  
Thesis: “Unbalanced Optimal Transport: Models, Numerical Methods, Applications”  
Advisors: Gabriel Peyré and François-Xavier Vialard

**2014** M.S. in Applied Mathematics, École Normale Supérieure, Cachan, France

**2013** Master’s degree in “Science and Executive Engineering”, École des Mines de Paris, France

## Publications in journals or conferences with peer review

- L. Chizat, S. Zhang, M. Heitz, G. Schiebinger, Trajectory Inference via Mean-field Langevin in Path Space, *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2022.
- F. Bach, L. Chizat, Gradient Descent on Infinitely Wide Neural Networks: Global Convergence and Generalization. *Proceedings of the ICM*, 2022.
- L. Chizat, Convergence Rates of Gradient Methods for Convex Optimization in the Space of Measures. *Open Journal of Mathematical Optimization*, 3, 1-19, 2022.
- L. Chizat, Mean-Field Langevin Dynamics: Exponential Convergence and Annealing. *Transactions on Machine Learning Research*, 2022.
- L. Chizat. Sparse Optimization on Measures with Over-parameterized Gradient Descent. *Mathematical Programming*, 2021. [**Best paper award, SIAM Activity Group on Imaging Science, 2022**]
- A. Thibault, L. Chizat, C. Dossal, N. Papadakis. Overrelaxed Sinkhorn-Knopp Algorithm for Regularized Optimal Transport. *Algorithms*, 14(5), 143, 2021.
- L. Chizat, F. Bach. Implicit Bias of Gradient Descent for Wide Two-layer Neural Networks Trained with the Logistic Loss. *Conference on Learning Theory (COLT)*, 2020.
- L. Chizat, P. Roussillon, F. Léger, FX Vialard, G. Peyré. Faster Wasserstein Distance Estimation with the Sinkhorn Divergence. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2020.
- K. Nadjahi, A. Durmus, L. Chizat, S. Kolouri, S. Shahrampour, U. Şimşekli. Statistical and Topological Properties of Sliced Probability Divergences. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2020.
- L. Chizat, E. Oyallon, F. Bach. On Lazy Training in Differentiable Programming. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2019.

- A. Genevay, L. Chizat, F. Bach, M. Cuturi, G. Peyré. Sample Complexity of Sinkhorn divergences. *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)*, PMLR 89:1574-1583, 2019.
- L. Chizat, S. Di Marino. A Tumor Growth Model of Hele-Shaw Type as a Gradient Flow. *ESAIM: Control, Optimisation and Calculus of Variations*, 2019.
- L. Chizat, F. Bach. On the Global Convergence of Gradient Descent for Over-parameterized Models using Optimal Transport. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 3036-3046, 2018.
- L. Chizat, G. Peyré, B. Schmitzer, F-X. Vialard. Unbalanced Optimal Transport: Dynamic and Kantorovich Formulations. *Journal of Functional Analysis*, 274(11):3090-3123, 2018.
- L. Chizat, G. Peyré, B. Schmitzer, F-X. Vialard. Scaling Algorithms for Unbalanced Optimal Transport Problems. *Mathematics of Computation*, 87(314):2563-2609, 2018.
- L. Chizat, G. Peyré, B. Schmitzer, F-X. Vialard. An Interpolating Distance Between Optimal Transport and Fisher–Rao Metrics, *Foundations of Computational Mathematics*, 18(1):1-44, 2018.
- G. Peyré, L. Chizat, F-X. Vialard, J. Solomon. Quantum Entropic Regularization of Matrix-valued Optimal Transport. *European Journal of Applied Mathematics*, 1-24, 2017.
- L. Chizat. Unbalanced Optimal Transport: Models, Numerical Methods, Applications. PhD thesis, PSL Research University, 2017.

## Technical reports (submitted for publication)

- L. Chizat, Doubly Regularized Entropic Wasserstein Barycenters, *Submitted*, 2023.
- L. Chizat, M. Colombo, X. Fernández-Real, A. Figalli, Infinite-width limit of deep linear neural networks, *Submitted*, 2022.
- G. Wang, L. Chizat, An Exponentially Converging Particle Method for the Mixed Nash Equilibrium of Continuous Games, *Submitted*, 2022.
- G. Carlier, L. Chizat, M. Laborde, Lipschitz Continuity of the Schrödinger Map in Entropic Optimal Transport, *Submitted*, 2022.
- K. Hajjar, L. Chizat, C. Giraud, Training Integrable Parameterizations of Deep Neural Networks in the Infinite-Width Limit, *Submitted*, 2021.

## Service

- **Area Chair** NeurIPS, ICML, MSML.
- **Reviews** for journals (Journal of Differential Equations, the Annals of Statistics, Mathematical Programming, Journal of Machine Learning Research, etc) and conferences (NeurIPS, COLT, ICML, etc).

## Teaching

- Topics in Mathematics of Machine Learning, EPFL, Fall 2022.
- Analyse 1, EPFL, Fall 2021 & Fall 2022.
- Introduction to Optimal Transport, M2 Optimisation Orsay (with L. Nenna), Spring 2019 and 2020.
- Statistical Learning Theory, M2 ICFP ENS Paris (with F. Bach), Spring 2019 and 2020.

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