

Sarah Chen

AI Research Engineer | Large Language Model Specialist

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Professional Summary

Innovative AI Research Engineer with 5+ years of experience in developing and optimizing large language models. Specialized in computational efficiency and model distillation techniques. Published researcher with expertise in few-shot learning approaches and multilingual capabilities for LLMs. Strong track record of balancing theoretical research with practical implementation.

Professional Experience

Senior AI Engineer

Lexicon AI Labs, Cambridge, MA (Jan 2021 - Present)

- Led development of a 15B-parameter multilingual language model, improving cross-lingual transfer by 35%.
- Implemented knowledge distillation techniques reducing model size by 40% while maintaining 95% of performance.
- Designed efficient fine-tuning protocols for domain adaptation, reducing training time by 60%.
- Mentored team of 3 junior engineers in advanced NLP techniques and best practices.

NLP Research Engineer

TechFrontier Inc., Boston, MA (Mar 2018 - Dec 2020)

- Developed specialized attention mechanisms for improved long-context understanding in transformer models.
- Created custom tokenization strategies for technical and scientific domains, improving domain-specific performance by 22%.
- Implemented RLHF (Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback) systems for aligning model outputs with human preferences.

AI Research Associate

NeuralLabs Research, Providence, RI (Jun 2016 - Feb 2018)

- Conducted research on transformer architecture optimizations for memory efficiency.
- Built evaluation frameworks for assessing model capabilities across various NLP tasks.
- Published research on efficient pre-training methodologies for language models.

Technical Skills

- **Programming Languages:** Python, C++, Julia
 - **ML Frameworks:** PyTorch, JAX, HuggingFace Transformers, Keras
 - **Model Architectures:** GPT variants, BERT, T5, PaLM, LLaMA, BLOOM
 - **Optimization Techniques:** Quantization, Knowledge Distillation, Sparse Attention
 - **Distributed Training:** DeepSpeed, Megatron-LM, PyTorch DDP
 - **Evaluation Methods:** MMLU, HELM, BIG-bench, GLUE, SuperGLUE
 - **Cloud Infrastructure:** AWS, Google Cloud Platform
 - **MLOps:** Docker, Kubernetes, MLflow
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Education

PhD, Machine Learning

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA (Graduated: May 2016)

- Dissertation: “Efficient Training Methods for Large-Scale Language Models” - Published 4 papers in top ML conferences (NeurIPS, ICML)

Master of Science, Computer Science

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY (Graduated: Jun 2012)

- Thesis: “Attention Mechanisms for Natural Language Understanding”

Bachelor of Science, Mathematics and Computer Science

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI (Graduated: May 2010)

- Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

Research Publications

- Chen, S., et al. (2022). “Scaling Laws for Efficient Model Distillation.” *ICLR*.
 - Chen, S., et al. (2020). “Multilingual Transfer Learning with Minimal Supervision.” *ACL*.
 - Chen, S., et al. (2018). “Memory-Efficient Transformer Architectures.” *EMNLP*.
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Certifications

- NVIDIA Deep Learning Institute Certified Instructor (2022)
 - Google Cloud Professional ML Engineer (2021)
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Languages: English (native), Mandarin Chinese (native), French (intermediate)