Kristy (Luyan) Zhang

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Education Experience

Northeastern University

09/2023 - 12/2024

Master of Science in Computer Science

University of Toronto

01/2019 - 06/2023

Bachelor of Arts with Honours: Double Major in New Media Studies & Studio Art

Professional Experience

AI Product Manager Lead, Wondershare Tech. (Listed AI company)

02/2025 - Current

- AI Mate (LLM - based Chatbot)

- Directed the development and launch of Filmora's AI Mate chatbot, which was showcased at **Microsoft's 2025 BUILD** global developer conference **keynote and demonstrated live by Microsoft VP**
- Developed a high-performance dual-path system achieving 92% feature identification accuracy
- Implemented **RAG** retrieval for precise matching of video resources and filters
- Integrated LangChain with LangGraph integrated with GPT-40 to constrain knowledge within video editing and software functionality domains
- Strategized and delivered an offline version of AI Mate utilizing **Phi Silica LLM**, enhancing product versatility through **NPU execution** optimization and **LoRA fine-tuning** techniques

- Large-Scale Audio Model (AIGC)

- Led the development of a Large-Scale Audio Generation Model for TTS in 20+ low-resource languages, achieving native-like accents in English, Spanish, Japanese, and Korean
- Applied VITS, HiFi-GAN, and language-adaptive pretraining to improve multilingual prosody and pronunciation
- Built a 1.2M+ audio-text dataset spanning voice-overs, public speeches, conversations, and regional radio, across entertainment, education, marketing, and social media domains
- Enabled tag-to-music generation for video editing by training on 300K+ labeled tracks from film scores, ambient sounds, games, and user-contributed music

Co-Founder & Marketing Director, XT Media

04/2021 - 01/2023

- Pioneered micro-influencer matrix strategy that reduced user acquisition costs by 30% and reached 5M+ views
- Established partnerships with Bobbi Brown and Adidas, driving \$200K annual revenue through influencer campaigns
- Orchestrated 80+ product campaigns across 3,000 influencers, ensuring seamless execution and brand alignment

Brand Marketing Specialist, Lamborghini Toronto

10/2022 - 11/2022

- Developed Urus Performante campaign achieving 30% increase in search visibility and 25% boost in engagement
- Created data-driven customer personas using SQL, driving 12% customer growth and 10% business growth

Visual Creative Designer, ByteDance

05/2020 - 06/2020

 Created engaging TikTok ad campaigns aligned with brand goals, delivering compelling visual narratives that increased user engagement

Research Experience

EvoLoRA: Synergizing Low-Rank Adaptation and Evolutionary Prompts for Resource-Efficient ASR Error Correction

Abstract - Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) systems often produce errors in noisy environments. Proposed the EvoLoRA framework integrating low-rank adaptation (LoRA) with evolutionary prompt optimization for efficient ASR error correction. Reduced Qwen2.5-7B's Word Error Rate from 1503.20% to 6.25% and

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TinyLlama-1.1B's to **7.47%**, approaching the ASR baseline (5.31%). **LoRA** reduced trainable parameters by **98%**, with TinyLlama requiring only **2.3 GPU hours** of training, validating the 'lightweight model + efficient optimization' approach for resource-constrained scenarios and edge devices.

Ensemble learning of text detection for large language models based on integrated language features

• Abstract - The rapid development of large language models has greatly facilitated daily life and work, but it has also posed challenges for individuals and society. Therefore, there is an urgent need for tools capable of detecting text generated by large language models. To balance detection performance and generalization ability, this paper proposes a text detection method based on ensemble learning of linguistic features, called EBF Detection. This method integrates fine-tuned pretrained language models with advanced natural language statistical features and employs a decision mechanism to detect text generated by large language models. Experimental results demonstrate that EBF Detection achieved an average detection accuracy of 98.72% on in-domain data and 96.79% on out-of-domain data.

Projects Experiences

VanEats (Food Recommendation App for Desktop & Mobile)

09/2024 - 12/2024

Full Stack Developer

- Developed a cross-platform food recommendation application using **React.js** that integrates with **Yelp's Fusion API** to deliver real-time restaurant data, reviews, and personalized recommendations
- Implemented responsive UI/UX design with advanced filtering capabilities (location-based suggestions, cuisine filters, price ranges) ensuring seamless experience across both desktop and mobile platforms
- Improved application performance by implementing **API request batching**, strategic caching with **localStorage**, **debouncing user input** to enhance responsiveness and user experience

Tetris AI (Tetris Game with AI Challenge)

01/2024 - 06/2024

Full Stack Developer

- Built a responsive Tetris game using **React**, **Next.js**, and **Tailwind CSS**, playable across devices: tetris.zackhu.com
- Optimized AI competition mode by migrating backend from Firebase to AWS EC2, reducing response time from 5s to milliseconds
- Secured the server with Let's Encrypt and created custom API endpoints for seamless front-end-AI communication

Susu & Snow (AR Game Design Project)

09/2022 - 11/2022

- Developed an AR game and picture book to teach children about **privacy**, using **Unity**, **Blender**, and **InDesign**.
- Through **user research**, found that children often used **iPads** but struggled to scan book-based AR markers; subsequently **adapted the app for mobile phones** to improve accessibility.
- Executed end-to-end design, from planning and prototyping to testing and iteration, with regular feedback-driven improvements.

Technical Skills

- Programming Languages: Python, Java, C++, C#, JavaScript, HTML, CSS, R, SQL
- Frameworks and Libraries: React, Next.js, Node.js, Tailwind CSS, Spark
- Tools and Platforms: PyTorch, Transformer, React, Node.js, Express, Unity, p5.js

Personal Skills

- Languages: Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (Professional Proficiency)
- Product Management: LLM Integration, Prompt Engineering, RAG Implementation (LangChain), Multimodal AI Design, TTS Optimization (LoRA), Data-Driven Decision Making (GA, SQL), Cross-functional Collaboration
- UI/UX: Wireframing & Prototyping (Figma, Sketch, Adobe XD, Edraw, Mermaid)