Organized Thesis Ideas

Here are the organized and refined thesis ideas based on existing notes:

1. Attention Mechanisms and Information Retrieval

- **Rectangular Attention for Triples:** Explore using rectangular attention to focus transformer models on specific "triples" within a sequence, ensuring that the triples themselves are not self-attending and the rest of the context is also considered. This concept builds upon rectangular attention.
- Attention with Subdivisions and Matching: Develop a project that combines the <u>attention idea</u> with matching techniques, potentially similar to those used in <u>RetroLLM</u>. This could involve subdividing text and creating triples (fact -> citation, and other combinations). The idea also extends to quantifying counterfactuals to measure credit for past actions, leading to more effective policy gradient methods for limited data.
- Efficient Search with Data Structures: Investigate the use of the <u>Burrows–Wheeler transform</u> and <u>FM-index</u> for efficient citation generation and context matching within the model. Additionally, explore the <u>Wavelet Tree</u> for efficient search operations.

2. Large Language Models (LLMs) and Agent-Based Systems

- **LLMs as Meta-Agents:** Propose a system where LLMs act as meta-agents, responsible for creating plans, scheduling actions, and either executing them or delegating tasks to other LLMs. This aligns with the concept of meta agent.
- **LLM Workflow for Explanations:** Design an LLM-driven workflow that integrates <u>Manim</u> for visualizations and <u>Speech synthesis</u> for audio, to generate comprehensive explanations. This forms the basis of a <u>manim agent</u>.
- **Structured Input Formats:** Define an input format for LLMs where content is primarily media (audio, PDF, images) with accompanying text at the end. This is crucial for <u>input format</u>.
- **Framework for Thesis Development:** Establish a "smarter to smaller" framework for thesis development, focusing on high-level "vibe coding" and then detailing specific instructions and relations, avoiding over-complication in smaller steps. This is outlined in framework these
- Guides as Consistent Scratchpads: Implement the concept of creating guide files that function as consistent scratchpads for intermediate computations with language models, inspired by <u>Show Your Work: Scratchpads for Intermediate Computation with Language Models</u>.
- Digital Twins for Intelligent Agents: Explore the use of digital twins to provide intelligent agents with a mechanism for verifying information and actions, as seen in small rooms.
- **Agent Research Workflow:** Define a precise two-step workflow for agent research:
 - 1. **Accurate Factual Extraction:** Utilizing methods like Claimify (as seen in <u>metropolitanskyEffectiveExtractionEvaluation2025</u>), ensure precise factual extraction.
 - 2. **Consistent Idea Entailing:** Employ techniques like Chain of Thought from <u>Prompt engineering</u> for coherent idea development. This is a core part of <u>research agents workflow idea</u>.
- Report Writer Agent: Develop an agent that can generate text in markdown files within Obsidian and automatically cite sources, functioning as a report writer.
- Query and Workflow Agent: Implement a workflow where a model first generates a plan to identify relevant text and relational information from semi-structured data, and then an LLM agent traverses this data to extract the necessary information. This is the basis for a <u>query and workflow idea</u>.

3. Multimodal LLMs and Spatial Understanding

- **Spatial Understanding with Gaussian Splatting:** Investigate the integration of <u>Gaussian splatting</u> within <u>Large language models</u> to facilitate a form of spatial understanding. This is a key aspect of <u>spatial understanding</u>.
- Native Image Generation from PDFs: Explore the use of <u>Gemini</u>'s <u>Native Image Generation</u> capabilities to extract and include images from PDF documents into <u>Surveys</u>. This concept is explored in <u>figures gemini</u>.