# SEARCHING STRENGTHENS LARGE LANGUAGE MOD ELS IN FINDING BUGS OF DEEP LEARNING LIBRARIES

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### ABSTRACT

011 Ensuring the quality of deep learning libraries is crucial, as bugs can have significant consequences for downstream software. Fuzzing, a powerful testing method, 012 generates random programs to test software. Generally, effective fuzzing requires 013 generated programs to meet three key criteria: rarity, validity, and variety, among 014 which rarity is most critical for bug detection, as it determines the algorithm's 015 ability to detect bugs. However, current large language model (LLM) based fuzzing 016 approaches struggle to effectively explore the program generation space which 017 results in insufficient rarity and the lack of post-processing leads to a large number 018 of invalid programs and inadequate validity. This paper proposes EvAFuzz, a novel 019 approach that combines Evolutionary Algorithms with LLMs to Fuzz DL libraries. For rarity, EvAFuzz uses a search algorithm to guide LLMs in efficiently exploring 021 the program generation space, iteratively generating increasingly rare programs. For validity, EvAFuzz incorporates a feedback scheme, enabling LLMs to correct invalid programs and achieve high validity. For variety, EvAFuzz constructs a 023 large parent selection space, enriching the diversity of selected parents, and thereby enhancing the variety of generated programs. Our experiments show that EvAFuzz 025 outperforms the previous state-of-the-art (SOTA) in several key metrics. First, in 026 the same version of PyTorch, EvAFuzz detects nine unique crashes, surpassing 027 the SOTA's seven. Next, our method achieves a valid rate of 38.80%, significantly 028 higher than the SOTA's 27.69%. Last, EvAFuzz achieves API coverage rates of 029 99.49% on PyTorch and 85.76% on TensorFlow, outperforming the SOTA's rates of 86.44% on PyTorch and 69.63% on TensorFlow. These results indicate that our 031 method generates programs with higher rarity, validity, and variety, respectively. 032

1 INTRODUCTION

With the advancement of deep learning (DL) technology, DL libraries such as PyTorch(PyTorch) and TensorFlow(TensorFlow) have been widely applied in various fields including scientific re-037 search(Jumper et al., 2021; Fawzi et al., 2022), entertainment(Wang et al., 2023a; Silver et al., 2016), and transportation(Yurtsever et al., 2020). However, similarly to other software systems, DL libraries may also harbor security vulnerabilities, which impacts the downstream applications relying on them. 040 To uncover potential errors within DL libraries, an effective approach is to generate a large number of 041 programs to trigger bugs in the libraries. This is known as fuzzing(Odena et al., 2019; Xia et al., 2024; 042 Mansur et al., 2020; Manès et al., 2021). Typically, the effectiveness of fuzzing is influenced by the 043 quality of the generated programs, e.g., rarity, validity, and variety. Compared to regular programs, a 044 rare and valid (namely correct) program is more likely to cover a certain edge case, which leads to a higher probability of triggering bugs. A diverse set of programs can comprehensively cover the code of the library being tested. Therefore, generating programs with these three characteristics is crucial 046 for enhancing the efficiency of fuzzing. 047

Recently, due to the promising code generation capabilities demonstrated by Large Language Models (LLMs), researchers have begun to explore how to harness these models to generate high-quality programs for fuzzing. Although some methods (Deng et al., 2023; 2024) have already enhanced the efficiency of fuzzing by using code generated by LLMs, relying entirely on LLMs to autonomously generate rare and valid programs remains challenging. There are two main reasons. On one hand, the training data for LLMs primarily consists of common programs that do not easily trigger errors in DL libraries, leading to difficulties for LLMs in generating rare programs that differ from the

training data. On the other hand, because rare programs share similarities with invalid error programs,
 LLMs need to carefully avoid generating invalid programs while attempting to produce rare ones.
 Consequently, the LLM-based fuzzing still grapples with the insufficient rarity and validity issue.

To tackle the aforementioned challenges, this paper presents a novel framework that synergistically combines LLMs with searching algorithms. At the heart of this framework lies the Evolutionary Algorithm and large language model based search for Fuzzing (EvAFuzz) algorithm, which employs 060 the search algorithm to guide LLMs to efficiently explore the program generation space, thereby 061 enhancing the rarity of the generated programs. By selecting high-scoring programs as parents and 062 using them as references to produce offspring, EvAFuzz dives deeper into the program generation 063 space, generating increasingly rare programs that cover special edge cases. To mitigate the low validity 064 issue, we propose a feedback scheme, where the execution result of each generated program is fed back to the LLM, enabling it to correct invalid programs and cover more edge cases. Additionally, 065 we construct a large parent selection space, enriching the diversity of selected parents, and thereby 066 enhancing the variety of generated programs. Figure 1 is an overview of our proposed framework. 067



The contributions of this paper are summarized as follows:

- We propose EvAFuzz, a novel approach that harnesses the power of the <u>Evolutionary</u> <u>Algorithm with LLMs to Fuzz</u> DL libraries. EvAFuzz utilizes a search algorithm to guide LLMs to explore the program generation space for rare programs. The design of EvAFuzz ensures a balance between search depth and breadth for both rarity and variety.
  - To enhance validity, we introduce a feedback scheme that feeds the execution results of generated programs back to the LLM, allowing it to correct invalid programs.
- Our comprehensive experiments show the superiority of EvAFuzz, outperforming the stateof-the-art methods in terms of rarity and validity, and comparable in variety. Moreover, our experiments confirm that EvAFuzz successfully searches for increasingly rare programs.

Notably, our approach has discovered several bugs in the current nightly version of PyTorch and TensorFlow. We show some examples in Appendix G.

- 2 BACKGROUND AND RELATED WORK
- 105 2.1 FUZZING TECHNIQUES

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Fuzzing (Liang et al., 2018; Li et al., 2018; Manès et al., 2021) is a software testing technique that involves generating random programs to detect potential security vulnerabilities, bugs, and

crashes. Traditional fuzzers can be categorized into two main types: generation-based (Livinskii et al., 2020; Yang et al., 2011) and mutation-based (Lemieux & Sen, 2018; Zhu et al., 2019). Generation-based fuzzers, also known as grammar-based (Liang et al., 2018) fuzzers, leverage grammar and knowledge of the target language and software semantics to generate complete programs. In contrast, mutation-based fuzzers generate programs by randomly mutating seed programs. Beyond traditional fuzzing approaches, researchers have explored the application of deep learning techniques to develop innovative fuzzing tools.

115 After generating programs, fuzzers employ an oracle (Wang et al., 2022; 2023b) to execute the 116 generated programs and detect potential bugs in libraries. Oracles are custom-designed for each 117 fuzzing scenario, and currently, there are three primary types of oracles for fuzzing deep learning 118 (DL) libraries: the crash oracle, the consistency oracle (Deng et al., 2023; Wei et al., 2022) and the automatic differentiation (AD) oracle (Yang et al., 2023). The crash oracle detects crashes during 119 program execution. If one occurs, this would be a serious bug. The consistency oracle (Deng et al., 120 2023; Wei et al., 2022) executes generated programs on diverse backends, such as CPU and GPU, 121 and verifies whether their outputs are consistent. Any inconsistencies detected indicate potential bugs 122 in DL libraries. In contrast, the AD oracle (Yang et al., 2023) leverages first-order and high-order 123 gradients of tensors to determine whether a bug in the DL libraries is triggered. 124

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  - 2.2 LLMs for Fuzzing

127 LLMs have demonstrated impressive capabilities in generating high-quality code, completing partial 128 code, and even writing entire programs from scratch. This has been achieved by training these models 129 on massive corpora of text data sourced from the Internet, including books, articles, and websites. In 130 contrast to fine-tuning methods, which involve updating the model weights by training on a specific 131 downstream task dataset to create specialized models, in-context learning uses the pre-trained LLM without modifying its weights. Instead, it constructs a prompt that includes multiple examples of 132 input-output demonstrations along with the final task to be solved. TitanFuzz(Deng et al., 2023) first 133 employs Codex(Chen et al., 2021) to generate high-quality seed programs and use InCoder(Fried 134 et al., 2023) to mutate these seed programs. Along these lines, FuzzGPT (Deng et al., 2024) prompt 135 historical buggy programs to LLMs. These works have demonstrated the feasibility of directly 136 utilizing modern LLMs for end-to-end fuzzing of real-world systems without fine-tuning. 137

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- 3 PROPOSED APPROACH
- 141 3.1 PRELIMINARIES
- We first clarify some concepts that will frequently appear in this paper.

Validity and Invalidity. Valid programs can run without any errors at least on one backend but
 may produce inconsistent results on different backends, such as CPU and GPU, due to bugs in
 libraries. Invalid programs refer to programs that have bugs themselves, such as syntax errors or
 using undefined variables, and trigger errors during execution. The valid rate refers to the proportion
 of valid programs relative to all the programs generated.

*Rarity.* A rare program is a program that covers a specific edge case, which typically differs
 significantly from usual programs and may resemble invalid programs closely. In our algorithm, a
 program is considered rarer if it is located at a deeper search depth.

Validity-Rarity Trade-off. The validity-rarity trade-off refers to the phenomenon where the rarity of generated programs improves at the expense of their validity, making it impossible for both to be high simultaneously. This observation was proposed by (Deng et al., 2024). This principle can aid in analyzing various aspects, such as determining changes in the rarity of generated programs by observing variations in their validity.

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- 158 3.2 EVOLUTIONARY ALGORITHM FRAMEWORK FOR FUZZING (EVAFUZZ) RARITY 159
- We first describe EvAFuzz in Algorithm 1. The motivation here is based on our observation, i.e.,
   directly prompting a LLM to generate programs is equivalent to a search of depth 1. It means that by simply prompting something like "Please write an unusual program using PyTorch" into a LLM, the

generated results will not meet this requirement. In other words, these generated results will still be
 very similar to the LLM's training data which mostly consists of correct programs that do not trigger
 bugs in DL libraries. Therefore, to enhance the ability of LLMs to generate rare programs, we use
 evolutionary algorithms (EA) for searching and generating increasingly rare programs iteratively.
 The proposed framework is given in Algorithm 1.

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168	A	Algorithm 1: Evolutionary Algorithm For Fuzzing (EvAFuzz)
169	Ī	<b>nput:</b> Programs of issues and PRs from GitHub, list of tested APIs ApiList, target number of
170		generated programs TargetNum, the number of seed programs selected at one time
171		NumPrograms, retry threshold MaxRetry
172	(	<b>Jutput:</b> The generated programs
173	1 I	initialize ( <i>ProgramList</i> , programs of issues and PRs from GitHub)
174	2 V	while NumCenerated < Target Num do
175	2 1	$\int Am To Generate - Select Dni(Am List)$
176	4	SeedPrograms = SelectPrograms(ProgramList NumPrograms)
177	5	NewPrograms = LLM(AniToGenerate, SeedPrograms)
178	6	for EachProgram in NewPrograms do
179	7	RepeatCnt = 0
180	8	ExecRes = Exec(NewProgram)
181	9	while $ExecRes$ is Failed and $RepeatCnt < MaxRetry$ do
182	10	FeedbackPrompt = ConstructPrompt(ExecRes)
183	11	EachProgram = LLM(FeedbackPrompt)
184	12	ExecRes = Exec(EachProgram)
185	13	RepeatCnt += 1
186	14	end
187	15	end (N D )
188	16	Scores = FitnessFunc(NewPrograms)
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195 The ApiList and ProgramList contain all the APIs provided by the test library and all the generated 196 programs, respectively. The initial *ProgramList* is constructed with programs from issues and pull requests on GitHub, with each program labeled with the API that triggers the tested library's bugs 197 and the title of the issue or pull request as a bug description. The algorithm begins by selecting an API from the ApiList that is used by the newly generated programs. The goal is to attempt to trigger 199 bugs in the tested library using this API. Next, it selects multiple programs from the ProgramList 200 to serve as the parent programs, i.e., seed programs, for this iteration. The selected API and seed 201 programs are then passed to the Large Language Model (LLM), which generates new offspring 202 programs. The algorithm then enters the feedback stage, where the LLM attempts to correct any 203 invalid programs that were generated. After the feedback stage, the newly generated programs are 204 scored using the FitnessFunc. Finally, the ApiList, ProgramList, and NumGenerated are 205 updated accordingly and the next iteration begins, continuing until the number of generated programs 206 reaches the desired value. We can see that the search algorithm, i.e., the evolutionary algorithm, guides the LLM in exploring the program generation space, iteratively producing programs 207 with increasing depth and rarity. 208

EvAFuzz is based on a few-shot learning approach, leveraging seed programs as exemplars in
Algorithm 1 line 5. We input these seeds into the LLM to facilitate learning the intrinsic characteristics
of rare programs, enabling the generation of similarly rare, bug-triggering programs. Each seed
contains an API declaration, a bug description, and the corresponding program. The LLM learns how
the program leverages the API declaration to trigger the described bug, allowing it to generate new
programs likely to uncover bugs in the API. Importantly, we use the full API declaration, not just the
name, to guide the LLM in learning proper API usage, such as input parameter characteristics. This
helps the LLM generate programs that effectively test the target library and trigger vulnerabilities.

216 The fitness function used in Algorithm 1 line 16 is defined as (Deng et al., 2023), which is used to 217 describe the amount of information contained in a program, i.e., its rarity. 218 FitnessFunc(C) = D + U - R(1)219 220 where C, D, U, and R are defined as: 221 222 • C: A program using tested library's APIs. • D: Depth of dataflow graph<sup>1</sup> which is constructed from C. Its edges represent the variable 224 dependencies between two operations in C. 225 • U: The number of unique library API calls in C. 226 • R: The number of repeated library API calls with the same inputs in C. 227 228 3.3 FEEDBACK SCHEME - VALIDITY 229 230 A clear challenge of using LLMs for fuzzing is the validity of generated programs, due to constraints 231 of syntax, semantics, tensor operations, and dimensionality. Previous study FuzzGPT(Deng et al., 232 2024) shows that the state-of-the-art LLM-generated programs have not exceeded a 30% valid rate. 233 To address this issue, we propose a feedback scheme as shown in Algorithm 1 line 6-15, which feeds 234 the execution results of generated programs back to the LLM, allowing it to correct the programs. 235 We categorize the issues with invalid programs into two types: exceptions occurring during runtime 236 and the failure to call given APIs. "ExecRes is Failed" in Algorithm 1 line 9 represents that at least 237 one of these two situations occurs. For these two scenarios, we design two corresponding **Feedback** 238 **Prompts: Exception Prompt** and **Not Call Prompt**. The content of **Exception Prompt** and **Not** 239 **Call Prompt** is explained in detail with an example in Appendix A. 240 The feedback scheme starts with executing the newly generated program. If it fails, we construct 241 an **Exception Prompt** based on the execution result for the LLM, supplying multi-faceted error 242 information to enable effective program correction. If the program runs successfully but fails to call 243 the specified API, we then construct a **Not Call Prompt** to guide the LLM in modifying the program 244 to call the given API. This iterative process continues until the program runs successfully or the 245 retry limit is met. Through the feedback scheme, we significantly improve the validity of the 246 generated programs. 247 248 3.4 SELECTION STRATEGIES - VARIETY 249 250 Algorithm 2: API Selection 251 252 **Input:** List of tested APIs ApiList 253 **Output:** The selected API 1 NumGeneratedList = []254 **2** for API in ApiList do 255 3 | NumGeneratedList.append(API.NumGenerated) 256 4 end 257 5 p = Softmax(-(NumGeneratedList - Avg(NumGeneratedList)) 258 6 ApiToGenerate = RandomChoice(ApiList, p)259 7 return ApiToGenerate 260 261 262 Below, we will highlight the details of selection strategies for the APIs (Algorithm 2) and the seed 263 programs (Algorithm 3). The core design is to balance rarity and variety, ensuring that the generated programs have high rarity while maximizing variety. 264 265

In Algorithm 2, we first retrieve the number of programs generated for each API and construct a list. Due to the large number of generated programs for each API, direct exponentiation would result in precision overflow. To mitigate this, we perform a centralization operation. Since our goal is to assign a higher probability to APIs with fewer generated programs, we take the negative value of

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>We explain the meaning of dataflow graph in the Appendix E

	Algorithm 3: Programs Selection
	<b>Input:</b> List of generated programs <i>ProgramList</i> , the number of seed programs selected at one
	time NumPrograms
	Output: The selected seeds
1	scoreList = []
2	2 for Seed in ProgramList do
-	3   ScoreList.append(Seed.Score)
4	4 end
5	p = Softmax(ScoreList)
(	$\mathbf{s}$ SeedPrograms = RandomChoice(ProgramList, p, NumPrograms)
7	7 return SeedPrograms

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the centralized result as the input for the *Softmax* function. The *Softmax* function subsequently yields the probability distribution for API selection, and we randomly select an API based on this probability distribution. The process of Algorithm 3 is similar, except that the input of Softmax is replaced with the score of each program. From the process of Algorithms 2 and 3, we can observe that during each iteration, the scope of selected APIs and seed programs encompasses the entirety of APIs and previously generated programs.

There are several advantages to these selection strategies. Firstly, the extensive selection space for seed programs, i.e., parent programs, enhances the diversity of chosen parents, thereby increasing the diversity of generated programs. Secondly, this approach is in contrast to prior LLM-based fuzzers, which limit seed program selection to those that have the same API as the current selected API. Our approach allows the LLM to learn the intrinsic characteristics of bug-triggering programs, rather than being confined to specific APIs. Lastly, we assign a higher probability of selection to programs with higher scores, which improves the rarity of the generated programs.

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4 EXPERIMENTS

- 300 In the subsequent experiments, we aim to investigate the following problems:
  - Can our proposed EvAFuzz outperform the previous state-of-the-art (SOTA) results in terms of the number of detected bugs and coverage on DL libraries?
  - Can the evolutionary algorithm successfully guide LLMs to explore the program generation space efficiently, generating programs that are increasingly rare and more likely to trigger bugs in the libraries?
    - Whether each component of our proposed EvAFuzz is effective?
    - What characteristics do the additional bugs we discover exhibit?
    - Does the validity-rarity trade-off hold?

Before delving into the specifics of our experiments, we would like to emphasize that our approach is
versatile and not limited to deep learning libraries. The primary reason for choosing deep learning
libraries is their significance within the AI ecosystem. In Appendix C, we demonstrate the versatility
of our method by conducting experiments on a broader range of libraries.

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4.1 Metric

319 We utilize the following metrics to measure the experimental results:

Line coverage and API coverage. The number of lines and APIs, respectively, of internal DL library code that are executed after running the generated programs. The corresponding rates are obtained by dividing by the total number of lines and APIs of the DL library code separately.

Valid Rate. It refers to the proportion of valid programs among all the generated programs.

324 Crash. This includes aborts, segmentation fault, and INTERNAL\_ASSERT\_FAILED. Crash 325 bugs can potentially lead to critical security issues, and library users are unable to resolve crash bugs 326 through their exception-handling code. 327

328 4.2 EXPERIMENTS SETUP

Hyperparameters of LLM inference and EvAFuzz. We utilize the state-of-the-art code generation 330 model, CodeQWen1.5-7B-Chat. We further explain our rationale for choosing the LLM and conduct 331 experiments on more diverse models in Appendix D. We set temperature = 0.8 and  $max_tokens =$ 332 1024. We choose NumPrograms = 2, which enables the model to learn the characteristics of rare 333 programs and avoid excessive restriction and leads to generating various programs. We generate five 334 new programs per iteration, and our default setting for MaxRetry is 1. 335

Tested libraries. We focus on fuzzing PyTorch and TensorFlow, the two most widely used deep 336 learning (DL) libraries, consistent with previous testing efforts. For metric calculation, we utilize 337 PyTorch 1.12.1 and TensorFlow 2.10.0, aligning with previous work. To uncover new bugs, we 338 leverage nightly versions of both libraries. 339

340 **Environment.** Our experiments are conducted on an Ubuntu 18.04 machine with 8 NVIDIA 3090 341 GPUs and an Intel(R) Xeon(R) Gold 6246R CPU. We utilize coverage.py(coveragepy) to accurately 342 measure coverage.

343 **Oracles.** After generating the program, we need oracles to execute the generated programs and 344 determine whether they trigger bugs in the libraries based on the execution results. Similar to (Deng 345 et al., 2023), we employ two types of oracles: the crash oracle and the consistency oracle. The crash 346 oracle detects whether a crash is triggered during program execution, which is the most severe type 347 of bug. The consistency oracle checks whether the program produces inconsistent results across different backends, such as CPU and GPU. 348

**Baselines.** All the results of the baselines are obtained from their respective papers.

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4.3 COMPARISON IN TERMS OF RARITY, VALIDITY, AND VARIETY

353 Firstly, We compare the number of unique detected crash bugs with previous works in Table 1. 354 Following (Deng et al., 2024), we excluded inconsistency bugs from this comparison, as crashes are more straightforward to quantify and can be used as a proxy to evaluate bug detection capabilities. 355 These results illustrate the rarity of programs generated by the method. EvAFuzz detects nine 356 unique crashes and outperforms the state-of-the-art (SOTA) FuzzGPT(Deng et al., 2024) which detects seven at most. This indicates the rarity of the generated program of our proposed algorithm 358 and proves that searching strengthens large language models in finding bugs. We list all crash bugs 359 detected by EvAFuzz in Appendix F. 360

Table 1: (Rarity) Comparing the number of unique crashes with previous works.

	TitanFuzz(Deng et al., 2023)	FuzzGPT(Deng et al., 2024)			EvAFuzz(Ours)
	1100111 022(2011 <b>g</b> 00 011, 2020)	Few Shot	Zero Shot	Fine Tune	
Crashes	3	7	7	2	9

368 Secondly, We compare the valid rate of the generated programs with previous LLM-based approaches(Deng et al., 2023; 2024) in Table 2. These results demonstrate the validity of programs 369 generated by the method. Notably, EvAFuzz achieves a valid rate of up to 38.8% on PyTorch and 370 34.04% on TensorFlow, respectively, outperforming the SOTA TitanFuzz(Deng et al., 2023) results 371 of 38.2% on PyTorch and 30.67% on TensorFlow. According to the validity-rarity trade-off, the low 372 number of crash bugs detected by TitanFuzz(Deng et al., 2023) implies that the generated programs 373 lack sufficient rarity, leading to their high validity. However, even so, the validity of the programs 374 generated by TitanFuzz(Deng et al., 2023) is not as good as that of our EvAFuzz. This improvement 375 underscores the significant effectiveness of our feedback scheme in generating valid programs. 376

Finally, we compare the line coverage and API coverage with several SOTA DL library fuzzers in 377 Table 3. These results indicate the variety of programs generated by the method. Our proposed

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	Method	Valid	All	Valid Rate(%)
	TitanFuzz(Deng et al., 2023)	6969	18245	38.20%
	FuzzGPT-FS(Deng et al., 2024)	42496	154904	27.43%
PyTorch	FuzzGPT-ZS(Deng et al., 2024)	7809	132111	5.91%
	FuzzGPT-FT(Deng et al., 2024)	31225	112765	27.69%
	EvAFuzz(Ours)	47574	122612	38.80%
	TitanFuzz(Deng et al., 2023)	5173	16865	30.67%
	FuzzGPT-FS(Deng et al., 2024)	54058	310483	17.41%
TensorFlow	FuzzGPT-ZS(Deng et al., 2024)	4650	233887	1.99%
	FuzzGPT-FT(Deng et al., 2024)	31105	253216	12.28%
	EvAFuzz(Ours)	20187	59308	34.04%

Table 2: (Validity) Comparison of valid rate with previous LLM-based fuzzers. The numbers in the Valid and All columns in the table represent the number of generated programs. 

EvAFuzz achieves a line coverage rate of 29.66% on PyTorch and 47.48% on TensorFlow, along with an API coverage rate of 99.49% on PyTorch and 85.76% on TensorFlow. These results outperform the SOTA FuzzGPT-Few Shot(Deng et al., 2024), which attains API coverage rates of 86.44% on PyTorch and 69.63% on TensorFlow. This indicates that the variety of programs generated by our method is comparable to that of the SOTA method.

Table 3: (Variety) Comparison on coverage with previous works.

	PyTorch		TensorFlow	
	Line Coverage	API Coverage	Line Coverage	API Coverage
Codebase Under Test	113538(100%)	1593(100%)	269448(100%)	3316(100%)
FreeFuzz(Wei et al., 2022)	15688(13.82%)	468(29.38%)	78548(29.15%)	581(17.52%)
DeepREL(Deng et al., 2022)	15794(13.91%)	1071(67.23%)	82592(30.65%)	1159(34.95%)
$\nabla$ Fuzz(Yang et al., 2023)	15860(13.97%)	1071(67.23%)	89722(33.3%)	1159(34.95%)
Muffin(Gu et al., 2022)	NA	NA	79283(29.42%)	79(2.38%)
TitanFuzz(Deng et al., 2023)	23823(20.98%)	1329(83.43%)	107685(39.97%)	2215(66.80%)
FuzzGPT-Few Shot(Deng et al., 2024)	35426(31.2%)	1377(86.44%)	146487(54.37%)	2309(69.63%)
FuzzGPT-Zero Shot(Deng et al., 2024)	38284(33.72%)	1237(77.65%)	126193(46.83%)	1460(44.03%)
FuzzGPT-Fine Tune(Deng et al., 2024)	36463(32.12%)	1223(77.65%)	125832(46.70%)	1834(55.31%)
EvAFuzz(Ours)	33678(29.66%)	1585(99.49%)	127953(47.48%)	2844(85.77%)

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### 4.4 ALGORITHMIC ANALYSIS

We want to explore whether there is a discernible trend in the relationship between the generated programs and their corresponding scores as the search progresses. In other words, we aimed to determine if the rarity of the generated programs, as measured by their scores, continues to improve over the search progress. To investigate this, we plot the average scores of the generated programs at intervals of 2000 against their IDs(the later the program is generated, the larger its ID), as shown in Figure 2(red). The results indicate that, in general, the programs generated later in the search process tend to have higher scores. This suggests that as the search progresses, the generated programs have increasing rarity. This observation aligns with our expectation that the search mechanism is effectively exploring the program generation space and generating programs with higher scores over time.

Additionally, we analyze the valid rates of the generated programs at intervals of 2000 and plot the trend in Figure 2(blue). The graph reveals a decline in valid rates as the search progresses. According to the validity-rarity trade-off, this phenomenon also indicates that the generated programs become increasingly rare, thereby validating the efficacy of our search algorithm. 

We further analyze the line coverage trend against the generated program IDs in Appendix B.





Figure 2: Relationship between score(red)/valid rate(blue) and generated program IDs.

Figure 3: Relationship between valid rate and score (validity-rarity trade-off).

### 4.5 ABLATION STUDY

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In this section, we will evaluate the effectiveness of each component of our proposed EvAFuzz algorithm.

453 Feedback Scheme. We set the NumGenerated parameter of Algorithm 1 to 5,000, generating 454 programs to test PyTorch both with and without the feedback scheme. The results are presented in 455 Table 4, which compares the valid rate, API coverage, and line coverage achieved with and without the 456 feedback scheme. As the table demonstrates, all three evaluation metrics - valid rate, API coverage, 457 and line coverage - are significantly improved when feedback is incorporated. This underscores the 458 effectiveness of the feedback mechanism in enhancing the overall validity and variety of the generated programs. Notably, the "Corrected" column indicates the rate of initially invalid programs that were 459 successfully corrected to be valid through the feedback process. We can observe that the valid rate -460 corrected rate of w/ feedback is greater than the valid rate of w/o feedback. We analyze that the 461 feedback scheme increases the proportion of valid programs selected as few-shot examples, thereby 462 reinforcing the generation of more valid programs. However, without the feedback scheme, invalid 463 programs dominate as seed programs, increasing the likelihood of generating more invalid programs. 464

Table 4: EvaFuzz w/ or w/o feedback scheme.

	Valid Rate(%)	Corrected Rate(%)	API Coverage	Line Coverage
w/ feedback	62.66%	16.01%	902(56.62%)	27660(24.36%)
w/o feedback	17.02%	NA	312(19.59%)	24372(21.47%)

472 Selection Strategies. We further evaluate the strategies for selecting APIs and seeds in Table 5, 473 using uniform random selection as the baseline. The three columns in the table refer to the valid 474 rate, API coverage, and line coverage, respectively. First, let's compare the results between Full 475 and UniformRandomSeeds. UniformRandomSeeds has a higher valid rate, which, according to the 476 validity-rarity trade-off, suggests that the generated programs lack rarity. Meanwhile, its high API 477 coverage indicates better variety. However, we prioritize having high rarity over validity and variety for programs as our primary goal is generating bug-triggering programs. Next, we compare the results 478 between Full and UniformRandomAPI. The much lower API coverage of UniformRandomAPI 479 indicates that the distribution of selected APIs is not uniform under this API selection strategy. We 480 hope to comprehensively test each API, so variety is the top priority when selecting APIs. These 481 results demonstrate that our designed API and seed program selection strategies effectively balance 482 the rarity and variety, achieving maximum rarity while maintaining variety. 483

In summary, these results fully demonstrate the effectiveness of our designed feedback scheme and
 selection strategies, enhancing the validity of our EvAFuzz generated programs while balancing both
 rarity and variety.

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	Valid Rate(%)	API Coverage	Line Coverage
Full	62.66%	902(56.62%)	27660(24.36%)
UniformRandomSeeds	67.56%	1010(63.40%)	25939(22.85%)
UniformRandomAPI	50.81%	646(40.55%)	25316(22.30%)

Table 5: EvaFuzz with different selection strategy of APIs and seed programs.

### 4.6 DETECTED BUGS



Figure 4: Example bugs found by EvAFuzz.

506 Figure 4 presents two examples of bugs that we discovered in the current nightly version of PyTorch 507 and TensorFlow - the one on the left is from PyTorch, while the one on the right is from TensorFlow. The INTERNAL\_ASSERT\_FAILED (a crash bug) occurs in the torch.sspaddmm module, which 509 is a fundamental component in the computation of sparse tensors used in both transformers and LLMs. The TensorFlow bug, on the other hand, is found in the tf.bitwise.left\_shift 510 operation, another basic function employed in novel designs such as mask and sparse attentions. 511 z = [-16, -4, 0, 1, 2] on CPU but z = [-16, -4, 0, 1, 0] on GPU, which is 512 inconsistent. These two examples further demonstrate the effectiveness of our system in uncovering 513 additional bugs beyond what previous approaches had identified. We show more detected bugs in 514 Appendix G.

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### 4.7 VALIDITY-RARITY TRADE-OFF

518 Finally, we want to verify whether the validity-rarity trade-off holds through experiments. This 519 phenomenon can be theoretically attributed to two key factors: rare programs diverge significantly from the training data of LLMs leading to an out-of-distribution problem, and they often bear similar-521 ities to invalid programs, making them more likely to generate invalid programs when attempting to 522 generate rare ones. To empirically validate this, we calculate the valid rates and average scores of 523 the generated programs at intervals of 2000, and then draw them in order of increasing scores, as 524 depicted in Figure 3. The results confirm two crucial findings: firstly, the validity-rarity trade-off is a real and existing phenomenon, and secondly, our FitnessFunc effectively captures the rarity 525 of programs. Notably, our experiment reveals an intriguing anomaly: the valid rate exhibits a rapid 526 increase as the score increases when the score is below 3, contradicting the expected validity-rarity 527 trade-off. This suggests that certain short and seemingly common programs can also trigger bugs in 528 the library, implying that the score based on *FitnessFunc* and rarity are not perfectly correlated, 529 but rather exhibit a certain degree of divergence. 530

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### 5 CONCLUSION

We propose EvAFuzz, a novel fuzzing approach that combines evolutionary algorithms and large
language models to search for rare programs in deep learning libraries. Our experiments demonstrate
that our proposed EvAFuzz outperforms state-of-the-art methods in terms of rarity and validity, and
achieves comparable variety. The extra bugs detected by EvAFuzz root in basic computations on
sparse matrices and bitwise left shift operations resulted in precision bugs in modern transformers
and LLMs. This highlights the effectiveness of the EvAFuzz approach in leveraging the power of
search algorithms to strengthen LLMs in finding bugs of deep learning libraries.

### 540 6 REPRODUCIBILITY 541

We provide all experiment setups of our method in Section 4.2. The programs used for initializing the *ProgramList* in our paper come from the issues and PRs of PyTorch(PyTorch) and Tensor-Flow(TensorFlow). We use the oracles from (Deng et al., 2023). The LLM CodeQWen1.5-7B-Chat we use is an open-source model, which can be obtained from HuggingFace(HuggingFace). The evolutionary algorithm we use is a well-established algorithm and is easy to reproduce. We need to organize the experiment code and write documentation, which will be made publicly available as soon as possible.

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# 702 A FEEDBACK PROMPT

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- Error Code:	API: torch.tensor x = torch.tensor([0.5, -1.2, 0.3])	- Code:	a = torch.randn(1, 3, requires_grad=True) b = torch.randn(1, 3, requires_grad=True)
- Exception Type: <u>SyntaxErro</u> - Exception Info	x = execute SyntaxError: invalid syntax	a = torch.randn(1, 3 b = torch.randn(1, 3	3, requires_grad=True) 3, requires_grad=True)

Figure 5: Two examples of Feedback Prompt, namely Exception Prompt(left) and Not Call Prompt(right).

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713 In this section, we will explain the details of the Feedback Prompt including Exception Prompt and Not Call Prompt. Figure 5 shows two instances.

The Exception Prompt consists of four parts. *Task Description*: Inform the LLM that it is receiving a program with errors and instruct it to correct the program. *Error Code*: The faulty program that needs correction. *Exception Type*: The types of errors that occur during execution, including *SyntaxError*, *RuntimeError*, etc. *Exception Info*: The detailed error information during execution, specifically the runtime traceback that appears after an error occurs.

The Not Call Prompt includes two parts. *Task Description*: Inform the LLM that it will receive a program and instruct it to rewrite the program to call the given API, with the description of the given API. *Code*: The program that needs to be modified.

## B LINE COVERAGE TREND



Figure 6: Line coverage trend of PyTorch(red) and TensorFlow(blue).

We show the line coverage trend of the EvAFuzz generated programs in this section. Figure 6 is the change in line coverage with the increase in the number of generated programs. We can observe that the trend remains consistently upward, and maintaining this trend even at the peak program counts(PyTorch: 122,611, TensorFlow: 59,307). This suggests that generating additional programs would likely further improve line coverage.

## C FINDING BUGS IN MORE THAN DEEP LEARNING LIBRARIES

Table 6: Apply our proposed EvAFuzz on more than deep learning libraries including NumPy(1.22.3) and SciPy(1.10.1).

752			NumPy		SciPy	
753		Line Coverage	API Coverage	Crash Bugs   Line Coverage	API Coverage	Crash Bugs
754	Code Under Test	106381(100%)	1293(100%)	NA   67139(100%)	1733(100%)	NA
755	EvAFuzz(Ours)	18149(17.06%)	1289(99.69%)	1   28451(42.38%)	1726(99.60%)	1

In this section, we conduct eexperiments on more libraries to demonstrate the generalization of our approach, which is not limited to deep learning libraries. Specifically, we experiment on NumPy 1.22.3 and SciPy 1.10.1, generating 21,430 and 12,539 programs, respectively. The results are presented in Table 6. For instance, our method detects 1 crash bug on SciPy, achieving 99.60% API coverage and 42.38% line coverage. These results demonstrate that our proposed EvAFuzz is generalizable and applicable to non-DL libraries. 

#### D **EXPERIMENTS WITH DIFFERENT LLMS**

Table 7: Line coverage and API coverage using other LLMs, including deepseek coder-7b-instructv1.5, Llama 3-8B-Instruct, and Nxcode-CQ-7B-orpo.

	PyTorch		TensorFlow	
	Line Coverage	API Coverage	Line Coverage	API Coverage
Codebase Under Test	113538(100%)	1593(100%)	269448(100%)	3316(100%)
deepseek coder-7b-instruct-v1.5 Llama 3-8B-Instruct	29422(25.19%) 27435(24.16%)	1568(98.43%) 1541(96.74%)	98239(36.46%) 92685(34.40%)	3113(93.88%) 947(28.56%)
Nxcode-CQ-7B-orpo CodeQwen1.5-7B-Chat	28249(24.88%) 26949(23.74%)	1562(98.05%) 1585(99,05%)	101570(37.70%) 99756(37.02%)	2918(88.00%) 2844(85.77%)



((b)) Line coverage trend on TensorFlow.

Figure 7: Trend of line coverage and API coverage using other LLMs.

In this section, we explain the basis for our selection of the LLM and conduct experiments on more LLMs. 

We selected CodeQWen1.5-7B-Chat for our experiments because it was the state-of-the-art code generation Large Language Model (LLM) at the time of our experiments, as indicated by the BigCode leaderboard on HuggingFace. 

Additionally, we conduct more experiments on models of similar size. We generate 10,000 programs each for PyTorch and TensorFlow using DeepSeek Coder-7b-instruct-v1.5, Llama 3-8B-Instruct, and Nxcode-CQ-7B-orpo, and compared them with CodeQwen1.5-7B-Chat. Table 7 shows the results, and Figure 7 illustrates the line coverage trend for different models on PyTorch and TensorFlow as the number of generated programs increases. We can notice that except for Llama3, which performs poorly on TensorFlow, the performance of the different models was generally similar. We want to emphasize that our approach is not tied to a specific model. Naturally, the stronger the model's performance, the better the results.

### 810 E DATAFLOW GRAPH

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The dataflow graph (DFG) is a concept of compilation. It is a graph that represents data dependencies between a number of operations, e.g., a dataflow graph  $a \rightarrow + \leftarrow b$  is related to a + b. We show an example in Figure 8. Each node of the graph is an input or a calculation result. Each edge of the graph is the calculation dependency.



Figure 8: An example of dataflow graph.

### F CRASH BUGS

In this section, we list all crash bugs detected by EvAFuzz in PyTorch version 1.12.1+cu113.

Listing 1: Crash Bug 1

error: segmentation fault

import torch
import torch.distributed as dist
import torch.distributed environment
dist.init\_process\_group("gloo", init\_method="tcp://localhost:12345", rank
=0, world\_size=1)
#Create a tensor
#1 tensor = torch.tensor([1, 2, 3, 4])
#2 # Send the tensor to rank 0

843 dist.send(tensor, dst=0)

*# Finalize the distributed environment* 

845 dist.destroy\_process\_group()

### Listing 2: Crash Bug 2

849	terminate called after throwing an instance of 'c10::Error'
850	what(): Error: cannot set number of interop threads after parallel work has started
851	or set_num_interop_threads called
852	Exception raised from set_num_interop_threads at/ aten/src/ATen/
853	ParallelThreadPoolNative . cpp:54 (most recent call first):
854	frame #0: c10::Error::Error(c10::SourceLocation, std::string) + 0x3e (0x7fe43af9520e in
855	/ lib/python3.8/ site – packages/torch/lib/libc10.so)
856	frame #1: c10:: detail :: torchCheckFail(char const *, char const *, unsigned int, char const
050	*) + 0x60 (0x7fe43af706a9 in/ lib/python3.8/ site – packages/torch/lib/libc10.so)
050	frame #2: <unknown function=""> + 0x178d38f (0x7fe464ea338f in/ lib /python3.8/ site –</unknown>
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859	frame #3: <unknown function=""> + 0x5e9dfa (0x7fe48cd44dfa in/ lib/python3.8/ site –</unknown>
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861	frame #4: python() [0x4e76fb]
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863	frame #9: python() [0x5a6541]
	frame #10: python() [0x5a554f]

frame #11: python() [0x45c485] 865 frame #13: python() [0x44fb81] 866 frame #15: \_\_libc\_start\_main + 0xe7 (0x7fe4a8294bf7 in / lib /x86\_64-linux-gnu/libc.so.6) 867 frame #16: python() [0x57a64d] ..... 868 import torch 869 torch.get\_num\_interop\_threads() 870 torch.get\_num\_threads() 871 torch.set\_num\_threads(1) 872 torch.set\_num\_threads(4) 873 torch.set\_num\_interop\_threads(1) 874 torch.set\_num\_interop\_threads(4) 875 876 Listing 3: Crash Bug 3 877 ..... 878 double free or corruption (out) 879 ..... 880 import torch 881 LU\_data = torch.tensor([[1, 2], [3, 4]], dtype=torch.float32) 882 LU\_pivots = torch.tensor([0, 1], dtype=torch.int32) 883 b = torch.tensor([[5], [6]], dtype=torch.float32) 884 torch.lu\_solve(b, LU\_data, LU\_pivots) 885 886 Listing 4: Crash Bug 4 887 ..... 888 error: segmentation fault 889 ..... 890 import torch 891 input = torch.randn(2, 1, 5, 5, 5)892 kernel\_size = (1, 2, 2)893 stride = (1, 2, 2)ceil\_mode = False 894 output\_size = (1, 3, 3, 3, 3) 895 indices = torch.empty(0) 896 output = torch.nn.functional.fractional\_max\_pool3d(input, 897 kernel\_size, stride, ceil\_mode, output\_size, indices) 898 print (output) 899 900 Listing 5: Crash Bug 5 901 ..... 902 error: segmentation fault 903 ..... 904 import torch 905 from torch.overrides import has\_torch\_function, 906 has\_torch\_function\_unary, has\_torch\_function\_variadic 907 a = torch.tensor(1)908 has\_torch\_function(a) 909 has\_torch\_function\_unary(a) has\_torch\_function\_variadic(a) 910 911 912 Listing 6: Crash Bug 6 913 ..... 914 error: segmentation fault ..... 915 import torch 916 import torch.overrides as overrides 917 def foo(self, x):

print(is\_overridden) # False

print ("All tests passed.")

if \_\_\_\_\_name\_\_\_ == "\_\_\_\_main\_\_\_'

main()

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class MyTensor(torch.Tensor):

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@overrides.has_torch_function(MyTensor)
def foo(self, x):
   pass
# Check if 'foo' overrides a Tensor property or method
is_overridden = overrides.is_tensor_method_or_property(foo)
print(is_overridden) #True
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# Check if 'foo' overrides a Tensor property or method

### Listing 7: Crash Bug 7

is\_overridden = overrides.is\_tensor\_method\_or\_property(foo)

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      error: segmentation fault
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      import torch
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      def main():
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         torch.manual_seed(0)
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         torch.set_num_threads(1)
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         torch.set_num_interop_threads(1)
         device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "
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             cpu")
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         @torch.overrides.wrap_torch_function(torch.sum)
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         def custom_sum(func, input):
             return torch.sum(input) * 2
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          input = torch.randn(2, 3, device=device) # Move input tensor to the same
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             device as the model parameters
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         output = custom_sum(input)
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Listing 8: Crash Bug 8
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      import torch
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      def main():
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          torch.manual_seed(0)
957
          torch.set_num_threads(1)
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          torch.set_num_interop_threads(1)
959
          device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "
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              cpu")
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          @torch.overrides.wrap_torch_function(torch.sum)
          def custom_sum(func, input):
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             return torch.sum(input) * 2
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          input = torch.randn(2, 3, device=device) # Move input tensor to the same
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             device as the model parameters
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          output = custom_sum(input)
966
          print ("All tests passed.")
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                  _ == "__main__":
       if ___name_
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          main()
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Listing 9: Crash Bug 9

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       terminate called after throwing an instance of 'c10::Error'
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         what(): Error: cannot set number of interop threads after parallel work has started
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             or set_num_interop_threads called
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            ParallelThreadPoolNative.cpp:54 (most recent call first):
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            .../ lib/python3.8/ site -packages/torch/lib/libc10.so)
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       frame #1: c10:: detail :: torchCheckFail(char const *, char const *, unsigned int, char const
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           *) + 0x60 (0x7ff1bd3886a9 in .../ lib/python3.8/ site - packages/torch/lib/libc10.so)
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       frame #2: <unknown function> + 0x178d38f (0x7ff1e72bb38f in .../ lib/python3.8/ site -
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           packages/torch/lib/libtorch_cpu.so)
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       frame #3: <unknown function> + 0x5e9dfa (0 x7ff20f15cdfa in .../ lib/python3.8/ site -
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           packages/torch/lib/libtorch_python.so)
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       frame #4: python() [0x4e76fb]
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       <omitting python frames>
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       frame #6: python() [0x4e4bd2]
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       frame #7: python() [0x5978d2]
       frame #8: python() [0x5b9cc2]
988
       frame #10: python() [0x4e8b8b]
989
       frame #18: python() [0x5a6541]
990
       frame #19: python() [0x5a554f]
991
       frame #20: python() [0x45c485]
992
       frame #22: python() [0x44fb81]
993
       frame #24: \__libc\_start\_main + 0xe7 (0x7ff22a68bbf7 in / lib / x86_64 - linux - gnu/libc.so.6)
994
       frame #25: python() [0x57a64d]
995
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996
       import torch
997
       from torch.utils.data import Sampler
998
       class RandomSampler(Sampler):
           def __init__(self, data_source):
999
               self.data_source = data_source
1000
               self.indices = list(range(len(data_source)))
1001
           def __iter__(self):
1002
              torch.manual_seed(0)
1003
              torch.set_num_threads(1)
1004
              torch.set_num_interop_threads(1)
1005
              torch.shuffle(self.indices)
               return iter(self.indices)
           def __len_(self):
1008
               return len(self.data_source)
1009
       def main():
1010
           torch.manual_seed(0)
           torch.set_num_threads(1)
1011
           torch.set_num_interop_threads(1)
1012
           device = torch.device("cuda" if torch.cuda.is_available() else "
1013
               cpu")
1014
           class MyDataset(torch.utils.data.Dataset):
1015
              def __len__(self):
1016
                  return 10
1017
              def __getitem__(self, index):
1018
                  return torch.randn(1, device=device), torch.randn(1,
1019
                       device=device)
1020
           dataset = MyDataset()
1021
           sampler = RandomSampler(dataset)
           for _ in range(10):
1022
               sample = next(iter(sampler))
1023
              print (sample)
1024
           print ("All tests passed.")
1025
       if ___name___ == "___main___":
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1026
          main()
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           DETECTED BUGS IN NIGHTLY VERSION OF PYTORCH AND TENSORFLOW
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       In these section, we show several detected bugs in nightly version of PyTorch and TensorFlow.
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                                   Listing 10: New Detected Bug 1
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1034
       API: torch.sspaddmm
1035
       Exception Type: CpuCrashCatch(420)
1036
       Error Message: RuntimeError self. is_sparse () INTERNAL ASSERT FAILED at "../aten/src/
1037
           ATen/native/SparseTensorUtils.h":28, please report a bug to PyTorch.
1038
           _internal_get_SparseTensorImpl : not a sparse tensor
1039
       .....
1040
       import torch
1041
       a = torch.randn(3, 3)
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       b = torch.randn(3, 3)
1043
       c = torch.randn(3, 3)
1044
       # Convert tensors to sparse tensors
1045
       a_sparse = a.to_sparse()
       b_sparse = b.to_sparse()
1046
       # Perform sparse matrix multiplication
1047
       torch.sspaddmm(c, a_sparse, b_sparse, beta=2.5, alpha=0.1)
1048
       torch.sspaddmm(c, a_sparse, b_sparse, beta=1.5, alpha=0.3)
1049
       torch.sspaddmm(c, a_sparse, b_sparse, beta=0.75, alpha=0.6)
1050
1051
                                   Listing 11: New Detected Bug 2
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1053
       API: torch.OUInt4x2Storage
1054
       Exception Type: GpuCrashCatch(420)
1055
       Error Message: RuntimeError cuda_dispatch_ptr INTERNAL ASSERT FAILED at "../aten/src/
1056
           ATen/native/DispatchStub.cpp":137, please report a bug to PyTorch. DispatchStub:
1057
           missing CUDA kernel
1058
       .....
1059
       import torch
       def quantize(tensor, scale, zero_point):
          return torch.quantize_per_tensor(tensor, scale, zero_point,
1061
               torch.quint4x2)
1062
       tensor = torch.tensor([[[[-0.1, -0.2], [-0.3, -0.4]], [[-0.5,
1063
           -0.6], [-0.7, -0.8]]], [[[0.1, 0.2], [0.3, 0.4]], [[0.5, 0.6],
1064
            [0.7, 0.8]]]])
1065
       tensor = tensor.float() # Convert to float tensor
1066
       scale = 0.5 # Define the scale
1067
       zero_point = 0 # Define the zero point
1068
       quantized_tensor = quantize(tensor, scale, zero_point)
1069
       print(quantized tensor)
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                                   Listing 12: New Detected Bug 3
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1073
       API: torch.onnx.is in
1074
       Exception Type: CpuCrashCatch(420)
1075
       Error Message: RuntimeError: 0 INTERNAL ASSERT FAILED at "../torch/csrc/jit/ir/
1076
           alias_analysis .cpp":608, please report a bug to PyTorch. We don't have an op for
           aten::mul but it isn't a special case. Argument types: Tensor, bool,
1077
       Candidates:
1078
              aten::mul.Tensor(Tensor self, Tensor other) -> (Tensor)
1079
              aten::mul.Scalar(Tensor self, Scalar other) -> (Tensor)
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aten::mul.out(Tensor self, Tensor other, *, Tensor(a!) out) \rightarrow (Tensor(a!))
1081
               aten::mul.Scalar_out(Tensor self, Scalar other, *, Tensor(a!) out) -> (Tensor(a
1082
                   !))
1083
               aten::mul. left_t (t[] l, int n) \rightarrow (t[])
1084
               aten::mul.right_(int n, t[] l) \rightarrow (t[])
               aten::mul.int(int a, int b) \rightarrow (int)
1085
               aten::mul.complex(complex a, complex b) -> (complex)
1086
               aten::mul. float (float a, float b) \rightarrow (float)
1087
               aten::mul.int_complex(int a, complex b) -> (complex)
1088
               aten::mul.complex_int(complex a, int b) -> (complex)
1089
               aten::mul.float_complex(float a, complex b) -> (complex)
1090
               aten::mul.complex_float(complex a, float b) -> (complex)
1091
               aten::mul. int_float (int a, float b) \rightarrow (float)
1092
               aten::mul. float_int (float a, int b) \rightarrow (float)
1093
               aten::mul(Scalar a, Scalar b) \rightarrow (Scalar)
       .....
1094
1095
       import torch
       import torch.onnx
1096
       class MyModel(torch.nn.Module):
           def forward(self, x):
1098
               return x * torch.onnx.is_in_onnx_export()
1099
       torch.manual_seed(0)
1100
       model = MyModel().cuda().eval()
1101
       x = torch.tensor([[0.1, 0.2]], device='cuda', dtype=torch.float32)
1102
       torch.onnx.export(model, (x, ), "test_is_in_onnx_export.onnx")
1103
1104
                                    Listing 13: New Detected Bug 4
1105
       .....
1106
       API: torch.QUInt4x2Storage
1107
       Exception Type: GpuCrashCatch(420)
1108
       Error Message: RuntimeError cuda_dispatch_ptr INTERNAL ASSERT FAILED at "../aten/src/
1109
           ATen/native/DispatchStub.cpp":137, please report a bug to PyTorch. DispatchStub:
1110
            missing CUDA kernel
       .....
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1112
       import torch
1113
       def quantize(tensor, scale, zero_point):
           return torch.quantize_per_tensor(tensor, scale, zero_point,
1114
               torch.quint4x2)
1115
       tensor = torch.tensor([[[-0.1, -0.2], [-0.3, -0.4]], [[-0.5,
1116
            -0.6], [-0.7, -0.8]]], [[[0.1, 0.2], [0.3, 0.4]], [[0.5, 0.6],
1117
             [0.7, 0.8]]])
1118
       tensor = tensor.float() # Convert to float tensor
1119
       scale = 0.5 # Define the scale
1120
       zero_point = 0 # Define the zero point
1121
       quantized_tensor = quantize(tensor, scale, zero_point)
1122
       print (quantized_tensor)
1123
1124
                                    Listing 14: New Detected Bug 5
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1126
       API: tf. bitwise . left
1127
       Origin Path: SummaryResults 20240522 133114 Full/tf/valid/tf. bitwise. left shift 2844 .py
1128
       Exception Type: VarInconsistentCatch (420)
1129
       Error Message:
1130
       z on CPU: [-16 - 4012]
       z on GPU: [-16 - 4010]
1131
1132
       import tensorflow as tf
1133
       x = tf.constant([-2, -1, 0, 1, 2])
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1134
       y = tf.constant([3, 2, 1, 0, -1])
1135
       z = tf.bitwise.left_shift(x, y)
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                                    Listing 15: New Detected Bug 6
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       API: torch.Tensor.msort
1140
       Exception Type: VarInconsistentCatch (420)
1141
       Error Message:
1142
       diff :[' indices ']
1143
       CPU: 'indices ': tensor ([ 1, 3, 6, 0, 9, 2, 4, 8, 10, 7, 5]),
1144
       GPU: 'indices': tensor ([ 1, 3, 6, 9, 0, 2, 10, 8, 4, 7, 5], device='cuda:0')
1145
       .....
1146
       import torch
1147
       # Create a tensor
       x = torch.tensor([3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 9, 2, 6, 5, 3, 5])
1148
       # Sort the tensor
1149
       sorted_tensor, indices = torch.sort(x)
1150
       print (sorted_tensor)
1151
       print (indices)
1152
1153
                                    Listing 16: New Detected Bug 7
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1155
       API: torch.cross
1156
       Exception Type: VarInconsistentCatch (420)
1157
       Error Message:
1158
       Result on CPU:
1159
       tensor ([[-0.8090, -1.8866, -0.1531, 0.9241],
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                         2.3039,
                                 0.7830, -0.6937],
               [ 0.9158,
1161
               [ 1.2427, -3.2395, 0.9753, -1.3094]])
1162
       Result on GPU:
1163
       tensor ([[-0.8090, -1.8866, -0.1531, 0.9241],
1164
               [0.0454, -0.0165, 2.6868, -0.4181],
1165
               [-1.8018, 1.4298, 2.3755, -0.9607]], device='cuda:0')
       .....
1166
       import torch
1167
       torch.manual_seed(0)
1168
       torch.cuda.manual_seed(0)
1169
       a = torch.randn(3, 4)
1170
       b = torch.randn(3, 4)
1171
       torch.cross(a, b, out=a)
1172
1173
                                    Listing 17: New Detected Bug 8
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1175
       Testcase ID: 13286
1176
       API: torch.empty
1177
       Origin Path: SummaryResults_20240522_133114_Full/torch/valid/torch.empty_strided_22538.
1178
           py
1179
       Exception Type: VarInconsistentCatch (420)
1180
       Error Message:
1181
                'PassFlattenCallTempVar1',
       diff :[
1182
            'PassLogTorchIntermediateTempVar1_PassFlattenCallTempVar1']
1183
       CPU:
1184
           'PassFlattenCallTempVar1': tensor ([[ 1.1649e-15, 7.8107e-02, 1.5172e+00],
               [0.0000e+00, -4.1399e-01, 4.7263e-02],
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               [7.8107e-02, 1.5172e+00, 8.4346e-01]]),
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           'PassLogTorchIntermediateTempVar1_PassFlattenCallTempVar1': tensor ([[ 1.1649e-15,
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               7.8107e-02, 1.5172e+00],
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              [0.0000e+00, -4.1399e-01, 4.7263e-02],
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              [7.8107e-02, 1.5172e+00, 8.4346e-01]])
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       GPU:
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           'PassFlattenCallTempVar1': tensor ([[6.7582e-15, 6.7582e-15, 1.8113e+00],
1192
              [4.5636e-41, 4.5636e-41, 7.9030e-01],
              [6.7582e-15, 1.8113e+00, 1.0308e-01]], device='cuda:0'),
1193
           'PassLogTorchIntermediateTempVar1_PassFlattenCallTempVar1': tensor ([[6.7582e-15,
1194
               6.7582e-15, 1.8113e+00],
1195
              [4.5636e-41, 4.5636e-41, 7.9030e-01],
1196
              [6.7582e-15, 1.8113e+00, 1.0308e-01]], device='cuda:0')
1197
       .....
1198
       import torch
1199
       torch.manual_seed(0)
1200
       torch.cuda.manual_seed(0)
1201
       torch.empty_strided((3,3), (1,2))
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1203
       import torch
1204
       torch.manual_seed(0)
1205
       torch.cuda.manual_seed(0)
       torch.empty_strided((3,3), (1,2)).cuda()
1206
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                                   Listing 18: New Detected Bug 8
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1210
       API: torch. linalg.cond
1211
       Exception Type: VarInconsistentCatch (420)
1212
       Error Message:
1213
       cond_num on CPU: tensor(1.6336e+08)
       cond_num on GPU: tensor(2.9279e+08, device='cuda:0')
1214
       .....
1215
       import torch
1216
       # Create a square matrix
1217
       a = torch.tensor([[1., 2., 3.], [4., 5., 6.], [7., 8., 9.]])
1218
       # Calculate the condition number
1219
       cond_num = torch.linalg.cond(a)
1220
       print ("Condition number (ord=2):", cond_num)
1221
       cond_num_inf = torch.linalg.cond(a, p=float('inf'))
1222
       print("Condition number(ord=inf):", cond_num_inf)
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                                   Listing 19: New Detected Bug 9
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       API: torch. linalg.eigh
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       Exception Type: VarInconsistentCatch (420)
1228
       Error Message: Detail is too long
1229
       v on CPU: tensor([[-0.8944, 0.4472],
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              [ 0.4472, 0.8944]], dtype=torch. float64)
1231
       v on GPU: tensor([[ 0.8944, 0.4472],
1232
              [-0.4472, 0.8944]], device='cuda:0', dtype=torch. float64)
       .....
1233
       import torch
1234
       A = torch.tensor([[1., 2.], [3., 4.]], dtype=torch.float64)
1235
       w, v = torch.linalg.eigh(A)
1236
       print(w.is_contiguous()) #True
1237
       A = torch.tensor([[1., 2.], [3., 4.]], dtype=torch.float64).T
1238
       w, v = torch.linalg.eigh(A)
1239
       print(w.is_contiguous()) # False
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Listing 20: New Detected Bug 10

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1242
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       API: torch. scatter
1244
       Exception Type: VarInconsistentCatch (420)
1245
       Error Message:
       Result on CPU: tensor([[3, 1, 2],
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               [5, 6, 2]])
1247
       Result on GPU: tensor([[1, 1, 2],
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               [4, 6, 2]], device='cuda:0')
1249
       .....
1250
       import torch
1251
       x = torch.LongTensor([[0, 1, 2], [0, 1, 2]])
1252
       src = torch.LongTensor([[1, 2, 3], [4, 5, 6]])
1253
       torch.scatter(x, 1, torch.LongTensor([[0, 0, 0], [0, 0, 1]]), src)
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