

A Examples of Glitch Tokens

In this section, we present a subset of special tokens identified in the DeepSeek-V3-0324 model. Due to space constraints, we focus on glitch tokens composed solely of English alphabetic characters.

Note that the leading ‘_’ in tokens such as `_CreatureTPL` indicates a leading space.

Repeat-Type Glitch Tokens:

`_kinabugnawan`; `ugnawan`; `_kinainitan`; `_giiniton`; `ebabkan`; `eredReader`; `Beskjeftigelse`; `_ngalan`; `inheritdoc`; `_gihabogon`; `_CreatureTPL`; `jeftigelse`; `_nM`; `ahabogang`; `_zituzten`; `_mediabestanden`; `Koordenatuak`; `sweise`; `ordenatuak`; `_anhianhi`; `_zeuden`; `dfunding`; `Administrazioa`; `Tallennettuna`; `eltemperaturen`; `ennettuna`; `armaceut`; `_kasadpan`; `Siyentipikinhong`; `_kahaboga`; `Siyentipik`; `_nahimutangan`; `_nahimut`; `Kaliwatan`; `_Noruwega`; `_amihanhan`; `_habagatan`; `asarangang`; `_rozpoc`; `_kahenera`; `asilkan`; `_kinaugahan`; `_kinabasaan`; `_kinaug`; `_burujabe`; `_kabanay`; `Kasipak`; `eredWriter`; `_kinahabogang`; `_Nameeee`; `_numbersaplenty`; `_mPa`; `_factorisate`; `_kasarangang`; `Ginhadi`; `_everydaycalculation`; `nig`; `asterxml`; `_nalukop`; `_pagklasipika`; `_pagklas`; `hematica`; `adrado`; `_Tsayah`; `_hilabihan`; `_Substantiivi`; `MentionsView`; `HasColumnType`; `_kasarigan`; `Kalkulado`; `tanler`; `Siyentipiko`; `_Nahimutang`; `_matoanteny`; `_ulohan`; `_udalerria`; `_matoant`; `DelaLika`; `DelaL`; `Oppslagsverk`; `itetsdata`; `ulagway`; `Azalera`; `_itandi`; `dasarkan`; `_kinadul`; `_Kokoteksti`; `ftigelse`; `Dentsitatea`; `ellationToken`; `alohany`; `_kontsultatua`; `ultatua`; `iyembre`; `engono`; `asadpan`; `_basihan`; `_kabungtoran`; `_kabungtor`; `asadpang`; `_einges`; `idisciplinary`; `Nig`; `Tinipong`; `owanych`; `_frantsay`; `ahimut`; `_Gikuha`; `izacj`; `_sidlakan`; `_talagsaon`; `_talags`; `_jednine`; `_suicide`; `ebizitta`; `Tiganos`; `superscript-subscript`; `Kadaghanon`; `Kadaghan`; `_Pagbuok`; `_Britonhon`; `_Nieukerken`; `_kainiton`; `Kasarangang`; `kowych`; `Siyent`; `_nahilalakip`; `tanleria`; `nisone`; `_munisipyo`; `_iombonana`; `Erreferentziak`; `visiae`; `_habagatang`; `ytocin`; `referentziak`; `ricula`; `delete`; `entsitatea`; `_sabwag`; `_kondado`; `Kahanay`; `Kahutong`; `Kaginharian`; `_Pagklasipikar`; `_Pagklas`; `Kabanay`; `onimy`; `Kahenera`; `_Viitattu`; `inharian`; `ret`; `_pakigbingkil`; `Kapunoang`; `bingkil`; `_Vertaisarvioitu`; `_Frantsay`; `aisarvioitu`; `Bitzanleria`; `rapist`; `unoang`; `_ploraly`; `ahimutang`; `jonalitet`; `jektiv`; `_CategoryTreeLabel`; `itattu`;

Spell-Type Glitch Tokens:

`Longrightarrow`; `radation`; `rinsic`; `_kinabugnawan`; `ugnawan`; `_kinainitan`; `igtauseend`; `iteatea`; `_giiniton`; `ulinum`; `ebabkan`; `eredReader`; `_udaler`; `opsida`; `_niini`; `Beskjeftigelse`; `UIKit`; `ercase`; `_CreatureTPL`; `_gihabogon`; `jeftigelse`; `_palibot`; `ordable`; `orylation`; `iedenis`; `Bungtod`; `cohol`; `ruptedException`; `opausal`; `rebbero`; `_mediabestanden`; `_zituzten`; `bernetes`; `ahabogang`; `_nalista`; `Koordenatuak`; `niesze`; `_anhianhi`; `chnung`; `sweise`; `ordenatuak`; `_zeuden`; `_ngOnInit`; `atieve`; `dfunding`; `_mosunod`; `Administrazioa`; `etCode`; `usztus`; `eltemperaturen`; `utnya`; `_daerah`; `yalgia`; `Hakutulos`; `Tallennettuna`; `_estekak`; `ennettuna`; `ispiele`; `yskland`; `rattutto`; `pskohrvatski`; `erequisite`; `_anglis`; `otechnol`; `utterstock`; `_kasadpan`; `ziako`; `_ibabaw`; `rophot`; `_FullEDMFunc`; `EDMFunc`; `_adtong`; `_Noruwega`; `_nahimutangan`; `_nahimut`; `_kahaboga`; `abogon`; `Kaliwatan`; `Siyentipikinhong`; `anyahu`; `indeer`; `uencias`; `reedom`;

`Siyentipik`; `imilar`; `atiotemporal`; `Espesye`; `niefszych`; `_amihanhan`; `ICAgICAgICAgICAg`; `ifically`; `_burujabe`; `ipzig`; `_habagatan`; `_faharoa`; `_ankehit`; `asilkan`; `_gihulagway`; `uerite`; `_kahenera`; `unisipyo`; `alnya`; `ttemberg`; `izzazione`; `asarangang`; `skiej`; `Kasipak`; `_kinaugahan`; `_kinabasaan`; `_kinaug`; `_filaza`; `ihilation`; `_kabanay`; `eredWriter`; `iconduct`; `roviral`; `rahydro`; `uerak`; `_kinahabogang`; `_Nameeee`; `enchymal`; `Rightarrow`; `oliopsida`; `ozilla`; `ithelial`; `ramient`; `_Numbermatics`; `pskoh`; `enuhi`; `Ginhadi`; `Arkivert`; `ubMed`; `_bitzanle`; `_waarin`; `umerable`; `asterxml`; `_pagklasipika`; `_pagklas`; `_numbersaplenty`; `lichkeit`; `arithms`; `uliflower`; `ormais`; `_eeuw`; `_hilabihan`; `_factorisate`; `ausanne`; `genstein`; `HasColumnType`; `_kasarangang`; `entukan`; `zheimer`; `aksanakan`; `_everydaycalculation`; `unjukkan`; `_nalukop`; `_IOException`; `_Substantiivi`; `_nahimutang`; `lisiry`; `razioa`; `ignty`; `uwega`; `leneck`; `paRepository`; `kiego`; `adrado`; `rossover`; `veyard`; `_Tsayah`; `Siyentipiko`; `_kasarigan`; `hesda`; `_udalerria`; `_Wikibolana`; `atchewan`; `Oppslagsverk`; `itetsdata`; `_MentionsView`; `ococcus`; `ivamente`; `_pridjeva`; `ibolana`; `xjzy`; `Azalera`; `znego`; `_diperlukan`; `Kalkulado`; `_nyelven`; `zonych`; `ismiss`; `ococcal`; `cdktf`; `aliwanan`; `_Nahimutang`; `_matoanteny`; `ocalorie`; `_ulohan`; `ricanes`; `uhnya`; `ftigelse`; `boBox`; `cznego`; `_voalohany`; `_licensierad`; `Dentsitatea`; `_DelaLika`; `_DelaL`; `_mediefiler`; `_matoant`; `_UIImage`; `_itandi`; `_singiolary`; `arnaast`; `alohany`; `ulagway`; `Kondado`; `_kinadul`; `ikoak`; `Numbermatics`; `_Moroccan`; `entiful`; `_enpresak`; `iyembre`; `_zuten`; `ellationToken`; `ikuuta`; `smanship`; `idopsis`; `_kontsultatua`; `ionali`; `ICAgICAg`; `ultatua`; `athering`; `tterlig`; `ococc`; `ycznej`; `ropolis`; `subscriptsuperscript`; `PERSRIPT`; `_Kokoteksti`; `_kabungtoran`; `_kabungtor`; `asadpang`; `ungtod`; `qquad`; `izacj`; `engono`; `oelectron`; `aseous`; `AxisAlignment`; `arashtra`; `_frantsay`; `tschaft`; `yczaj`; `ertoools`; `yarakat`; `issionais`; `istoitu`; `iblical`; `asadpan`; `_jednine`; `phabet`; `gillus`; `ymenoptera`; `_basihan`; `inical`; `ipoises`; `idisciplinary`; `ebizitta`; `_sidlakan`; `idable`; `_waardoor`; `_talagsaon`; `umlah`; `upaten`; `izophren`; `ospatial`; `_talags`; `igheden`; `slagsverk`; `_Tinipong`; `kowych`; `akukan`; `antsay`; `utzt`; `leqlant`; `superscripts subscript`; `atuak`; `ectetur`; `_nahilalakip`; `ahimut`; `_Gikuha`; `ikuha`; `heastern`; `teness`; `_niadtong`; `_Naamsvermelding`; `ujemy`; `_nakalista`; `itimate`; `_iombonana`; `iotensin`; `_Erreferentziak`; `Kadaghanon`; `erView`; `Kadaghan`; `Tinubdan`; `visiae`; `_zituen`; `roplasty`; `_Pagbuok`; `_Britonhon`; `_Nieukerken`; `ukerken`; `tanleria`; `oelectric`; `alakip`; `arkeit`; `_kadaghan`; `Tiganos`; `_habagatang`; `oteksti`; `iolary`; `entsitatea`; `_kainiton`; `Kasarangang`; `inescent`; `ellaneous`; `Siyent`; `adaghan`; `appelijke`; `_etxek`; `referentziak`; `ILABLE`; `owship`; `uellement`; `thello`; `onsumsi`; `atility`; `itosan`; `englanniksi`; `_sabwag`; `enderita`; `icznich`; `_ginhulagway`; `oelect`; `nsics`; `tagHelper`; `kcji`; `_kondado`; `enstein`; `cznich`; `znych`; `_Abucay`; `indsight`; `onimy`; `_proiektuak`; `Kahanay`; `Kapunoang`; `Kahutong`; `Kaginharian`; `_Pagklasipikar`; `pshire`; `urezza`; `_Pagklas`; `anniksi`; `recated`; `Kabanay`; `UIImage`; `ipikar`; `Bitzanleria`; `arollo`; `_nameeee`; `ivables`; `ometimes`; `ioxid`; `unoang`; `jonalitet`; `kuuta`; `htaking`; `owired`; `aintiff`; `apeake`; `Kahenera`; `eningen`; `umably`; `ngulo`; `rinnings`; `_Frantsay`; `iqueument`; `hetical`; `unakan`; `inharian`; `romycin`; `_ploraly`; `_pakigbingkil`; `_besoins`; `stackrel`; `bingkil`; `etz`; `cznej`; `_Viitattu`; `orschung`; `ropract`; `ategories`; `hidupan`; `_incluso`; `_CategoryTreeLabel`; `_gihapon`; `izarre`; `_Vertaisarvioitu`; `aisarvioitu`; `aisarv`; `ICAg`;

ioitu; ahimutang; itattu;

Length-Type Glitch Tokens:

_kinabugnawan; _kinainitan; _CreatureTPL;
 _mediabestanden; Administrazioa; _FullEDMFunc;
 _nahimutangan; Siyentipikinhong; Siyentipik; _habagatan;
 asarangang; _kinahabogang; _IllegalArgumentException;
 _kasarangang; _numbersplenty; _Substantivi;
 _everydaycalculation; _Tsiah; Oppslagsverk;
 _MentionsView; _Nahimutang; _licensierad; _DelaLika;
 _mediefiler; _singolary; Numbermatics; _kontsultatua;
 subscriptsuperscript; _kabungtoran; _kabungtor; sup-
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 _Naamsvermelding; Kadaghanon; referentziak; _kainiton;
 Kasarangang; Kahutong; ; Kaginharian; _Pagklasipikar;
 _Pagklas; _ginhulagway; ; Biztanleria; _pakigbingkil; ;
 _CategoryTreeLabel; _Vertaisarvioitu; aisarvioitu; eltemper-
 aturen;

B Filtered Tokens of Different Models

In this section, we present the number of SPECIAL, UN-DECODEABLE, and UNREACHABLE tokens identified across several models.

Model	SPC	UNC	URC
Llama-2-7b-chat-hf	3	2	224
Gemma-2b-it	156	7	344
Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.1	3	1	253
Qwen-7B-Chat	208	92	21983
Yi-6B-Chat	230	3	238

Table 1: Statistics of SPC (SPECIAL), UNC (UNCODE), and URC (UNREACH) categories for each model.

C Computation of Wasserstein Distance Between Activations

In this section, we describe how to compute the Wasserstein distance between intermediate activations. Specifically, we focus on activations from the *Attention Output*, *MLP Gate*, *MLP Data*, *MLP Post*, and *MLP Output* components. For each token, the corresponding activation has a shape of [seq, dim], where *seq* denotes the sequence length and *dim* represents the feature dimensionality of the layer. For multiple tokens, the activations form a tensor of shape [token number, seq, dim].

To reflect the model’s reasoning over the entire input prompt while simplifying computation, we extract the activation at the final position in the sequence dimension, yielding a tensor of shape [token number, dim]. For each feature dimension, we compute the Wasserstein distance between the activations of glitch and normal tokens, and take the average across all dimensions as the representative distance for the component.

In the case of the *Attention Head Output*, whose activation shape is [seq, num_heads, head_dim], we first reshape it into [seq, num_heads × head_dim] and then apply the same procedure.

D Analysis of Glitch and Normal Token Activations in Multiple Models

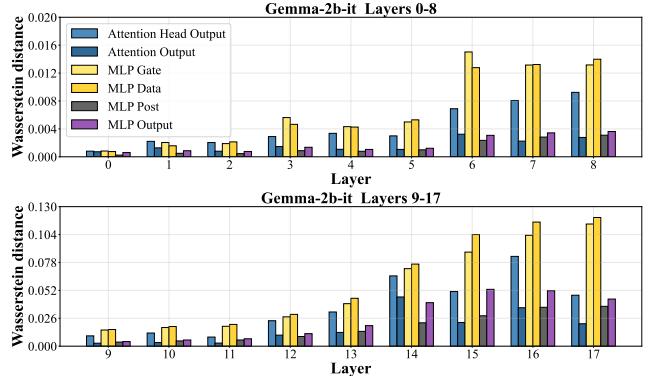


Figure 1: Wasserstein distance between the activations of glitch tokens and normal tokens across different components within Transformer blocks in the Gemma-2b-it model.

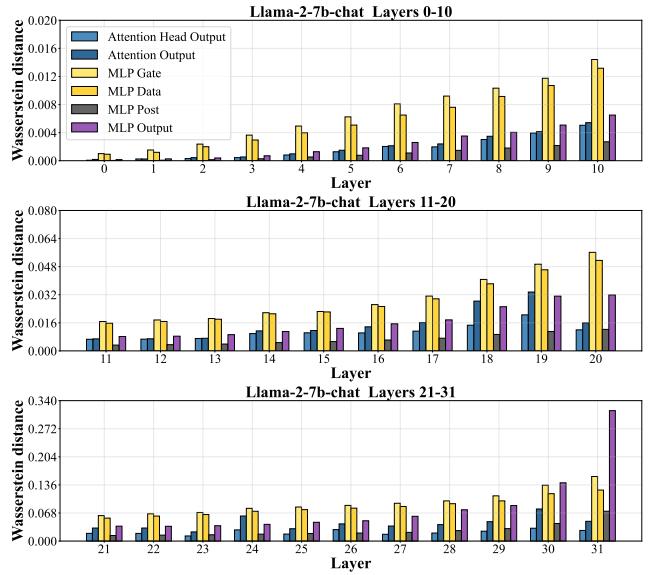


Figure 2: Wasserstein distance between the activations of glitch tokens and normal tokens across different components within Transformer blocks in the Llama-2-7b-chat model.

In this section, we report the Wasserstein distances between the activation values of glitch tokens and normal tokens across different layers and components of the Gemma-2b-it, Llama-2-7b-chat, Yi-6B-Chat and Qwen-7B-Chat models. The results are shown in the Figure 1, Figure 2, Figure 3 and Figure 4.

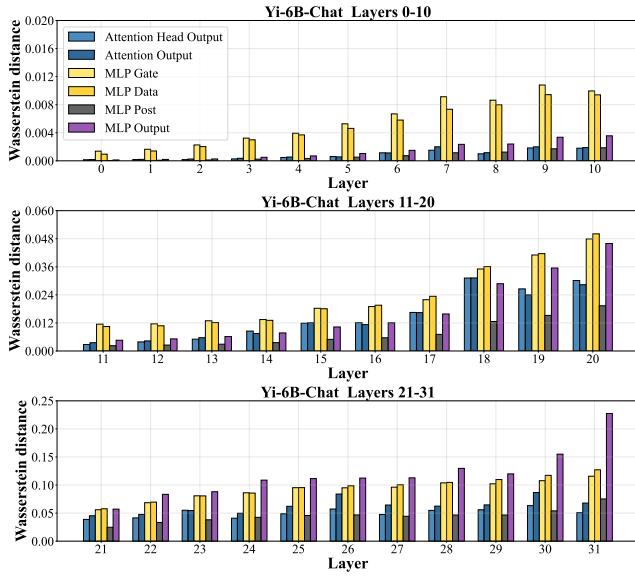


Figure 3: Wasserstein distance between the activations of glitch tokens and normal tokens across different components within Transformer blocks in the Yi-6B-Chat model.

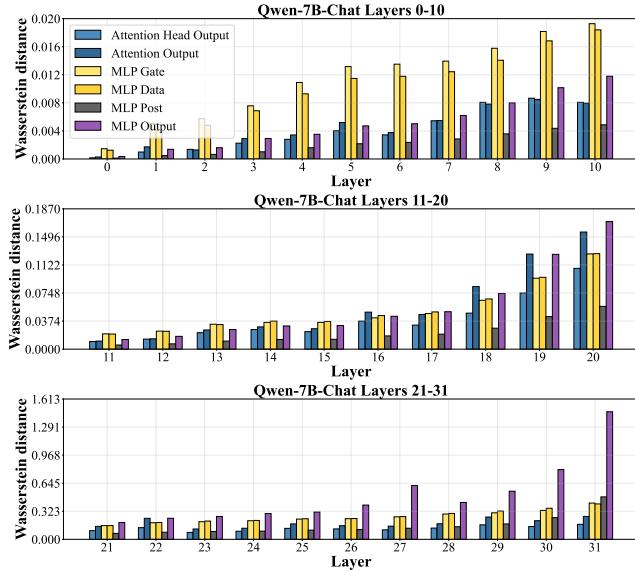


Figure 4: Wasserstein distance between the activations of glitch tokens and normal tokens across different components within Transformer blocks in the Qwen-7B-Chat model.

The results are consistent with those in the main text: the discrepancy between glitch and normal tokens increases with layer depth and is particularly pronounced in the MLP Gate and MLP Data components.

We also observed that, in certain layers of specific models—such as LLaMA-2-7B-Chat, Yi-6B-Chat, and Qwen-7B-Chat—the MLP Output components exhibited notable differences. To investigate this, we additionally injected

gated LoRA branches into the MLP Output layers of these models. However, as shown in Table 2, experimental results showed no performance improvement compared to configurations without LoRA branches in the MLP Output. Therefore, we chose not to include gated LoRA branches in the MLP Output layers.

Model	w/o	w/
Llama-2-7b-chat-hf	88.76%	88.61%
Yi-6B-Chat	92.68%	93.03%
Qwen-7B-Chat	88.79%	89.81%

Table 2: Repair rates with and without gated LoRA branches in the MLP Output of each model.

E Repair test on attention pattern

To test the difference between repairing MLP activation values and repairing attention pattern activation values, we add gated LoRA branches to the attention score computation components in key model layers. Specifically, we incorporate gated LoRA branches into the query and key parameter matrices of the attention modules and test the repair performance using the filtered glitch tokens. The results in Table 3 show that adding LoRA branches to the attention components degrades the repair effectiveness, particularly for the Gemma-2b-it model.

Model	Mlp	Attention
Llama-2-7b-chat	88.76%	81.36%
Gemma-2b-it	69.38%	16.38%
Mistral-7B-Instruct-v0.1	94.80%	68.77%
Qwen-7B-Chat	88.79%	83.72%
Yi-6B-Chat	92.68%	75.52%
Deepseek-llm-7b-chat	97.86%	85.91%
Average	88.71%	68.61%

Table 3: Comparison of repair rates after adding gated LoRA branches to the MLP and attention pattern components.

F Impact of different r and α

To evaluate the impact of different parameters on Glitch-Cleaner, we conduct a series of experiments using various values of r and α .

We first fix α to $2 \times r$ and experiment various values of r . The results, shown in Figure 5, indicate that even

with very small r , the LORA branches can already achieve strong repair performance, while maintaining low computational cost. This phenomenon may be attributed to the specific function of LoRA branches: they correct parameters in the MLP that deviate from normal activation ranges back to their expected values, while leaving normal activations unchanged. Consequently, only a small number of parameters are required to achieve effective repair.

In addition, we fix $r = 4$ and experimented with different values of α . The results are shown in Figure 6. The α factor controls the influence of the LoRA branch on the model’s prediction, balancing the contributions of the LoRA branch and the original model’s activation values to the output. Generally, it is set as a multiple of r . The results show that setting α too high leads to unstable training and increased training difficulty, especially for Gemma-2b-it.

G Prompts used for detection and repair

When filtering and repairing Spelling and Length glitch tokens, different models respond in varying formats, unlike simple repetitive tasks. For instance, when answering questions about length, both “six” and “6” can be considered correct answers. Therefore, to standardize response formats, we incorporate a small number of correct examples in the prompts to maximize the accuracy of glitch token filtering. Table 4 shows the prompts used to filter these two types of glitch tokens.

H More Discussions

GlitchCleaner demonstrates high repair rates; however, its effectiveness relies heavily on the accurate detection of glitch tokens and the construction of corresponding high-quality datasets. This highlights the critical importance of precise identification of various glitch tokens and the availability of reliable training data. Glitch tokens are typically obscure or anomalous elements in the training corpus—such as nonsensical usernames, special characters in network logs, or words originating from other languages—making them particularly difficult to detect and address. When large language models are deployed for domain-specific tasks, such as data processing or user management, these tokens may introduce unpredictable behaviors and thus pose potential risks. Consequently, special attention must be paid to ensuring that tokenizers offer appropriate and context-aware vocabularies tailored to the target application domain.

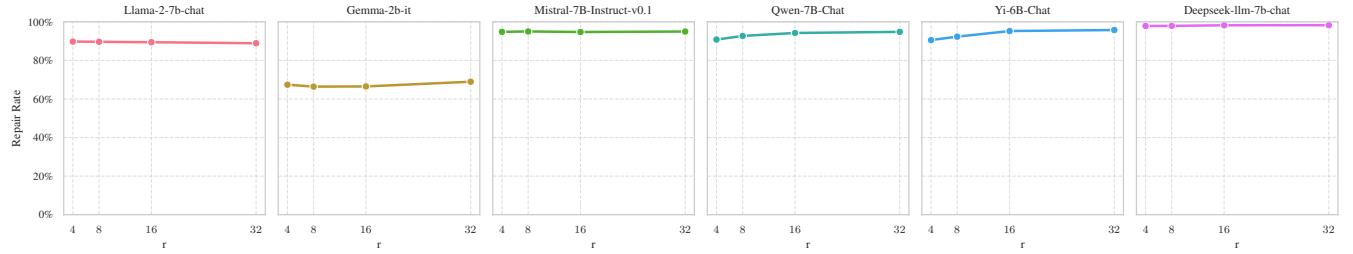


Figure 5: Impact of different r on GlitchCleaner’s performance

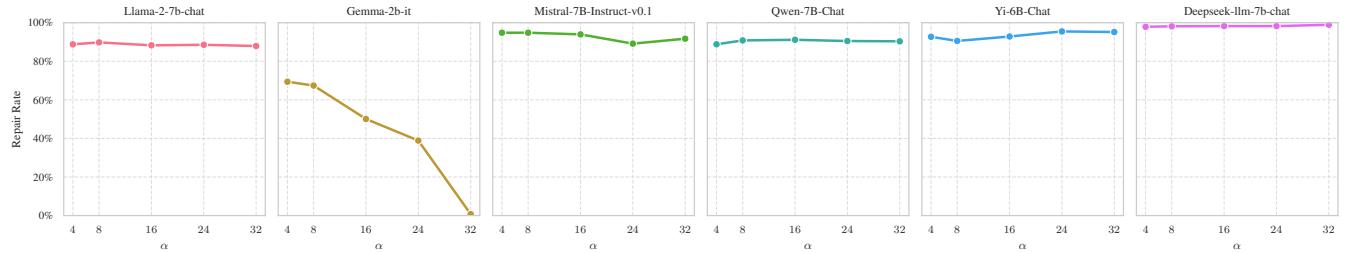


Figure 6: Impact of different α on GlitchCleaner’s performance

Category	Type	Examples
Spelling	few-shots	Question: Please can you spell out the string ‘token’ with hyphens between each letter? Answer: Of course! The spelling of the string is:t-o-k-e-n
		Question: Please can you spell out the string ‘215’ with hyphens between each letter Answer: Of course! The spelling of the string is:2-1-5
		Question: Please can you spell out the string ‘#%’ with hyphens between each letter? Answer: Of course! The spelling of the string is: #-%-
		Question: Please can you spell out the string ‘token’ with hyphens between each letter? Answer: Of course! The spelling of the string is:
		Question: What is the length of this string ‘token’? Answer: The length of this string is:5
		Question: What is the length of this string ‘215’? Answer: The length of this string is:3
		Question: What is the length of this string ‘#%’? Answer: The length of this string is:4
Length	few-shots	Question: What is the length of this string ‘token’? Answer: The length of this string is:

Table 4: The prompts containing few-shots examples used for filtering Spelling and Length glitch tokens and constructing the corresponding datasets.