

# Bug Study Instrument

*First please filter whether this issue contains a defect and is related to a reproducibility process. If not, move on to the next issue !!! (but remember to **record the issue ID** in the spreadsheets)*

*\*Sometimes there is a **one-to-many** relationship between an issue report and the underlying defect(s). Please use multiple rows in such a case, with the same GitHub Issue ID number but **different details**.*

*\*If you spend more than 10 minutes on a single question, please **mark the question & issue**. We may need to discuss about that during our meetings.*

*\*If the comments are in another language rather than English, please use translation tools to help your understanding. Also please mark the info you got by translation, e.g. highlighting, commenting.*

1. What framework does the owner use?
  - a. TensorFlow
  - b. Pytorch
  - c. Keras
  - d. Caffe
  - e. Other
2. What is the project type of the repository?
  - a. Zoo
  - b. Solo (Prototype)
  - c. Solo (Replication)
3. What is the type of the issue reporter?
  - a. Re-user: uses the same code and same data.
  - b. Adaptor: adapts the code to other tasks and find inconsistency compared to expectations due to different datasets (optionally also code).
  - c. Enhancer: adds new features in the code (e.g., layer modification, hyper-parameter tuning, multi-GPU training configuration).
  - d. Replicator: Attempts to use the documented algorithm + same data + configuration, but with a distinct implementation (e.g., porting an implementation from TensorFlow to PyTorch).
4. Did the work use the same data?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Not mentioned

5. Did the work use the same code?
  - a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Not mentioned
6. Which deep learning stage does the defect exist in?
  - a. Environment
  - b. Data pipeline
  - c. Modeling
  - d. Training
7. What is the **Bug Manifestation** of the work?
  - a. *Basic defects*: the code does not run (e.g. it crashes, behaves very incorrectly, runs out of memory).
  - b. *Reproducibility defects*: the code using the same data runs without basic defects, but does not match the documented performance (e.g., accuracy, latency).
  - c. *Evolutionary defects*: the code and/or data has been changed to adapt to the user's needs. It runs without basic defects but does not match the specification/desired performance.
8. What are the **Impacts** of the defect? (Check all that apply)
  - a. Bad Performance (lower speed)
  - b. Bad Performance (lower accuracy)
  - c. Bad speed – performance balance
  - d. Bad data quality
  - e. Numerical instability: The results are Inf, NaN or Zero which are caused by division ( i.e., division by zero returns not-a-number value), logarithm ( i.e., logarithm of zero returns  $-\infty$  that could be transformed into not-a-number); Or the results appear random for each running; Or floating point overflow.
  - f. Crash: The system stops unexpectedly
  - g. Data Corruption: The data is corrupted as it flows through the model and causes unexpected outputs
  - h. Hang: It ceases to respond to inputs
  - i. Incorrect Functionality: The system behaves in an unexpected way without any runtime or compile-time error/warning.
  - j. Memory Exhaustion: The software halts due to unavailability of the memory resources. This can be caused by, either the wrong model structure or not having enough computing resources to train a particular model.
  - k. Other
9. What **kind** of defect is it? (**General Code Error**)

- a. Syntax error: an error in the syntax of a sequence of characters or tokens, such that the program is not valid in the language ("It does not compile").
- b. Algorithm/method: an error in the sequence or set of steps used to solve a particular problem or computation, including mistakes in computations, incorrect implementation of algorithms, or calls to an inappropriate function for the algorithm being implemented.
- c. Assignment/Initialization: a variable or data item that is assigned a value incorrectly or is not initialized properly or where the initialization scenario is mishandled (e.g. incorrect publish or subscribe, incorrect opening of file, etc.).
- d. Checking: Inadequate checking for potential error conditions, or an inappropriate response is specified for error conditions.
- e. Data Structure: Error in specifying or manipulating data items, incorrectly defined data structure, pointer or memory allocation errors, or incorrect type conversions.(i.e. Array, Linked List, Stack, Queue, Trees, Graphs)
- f. External Interface: Errors in the user interface (including usability problems) or the interfaces with other systems. (e.g. API error)
- g. Internal Interface: Errors in the interfaces between system components, including mismatched calling sequences and incorrect opening, reading, writing or closing of files and databases.
- h. Logic: Incorrect logical conditions, including incorrect blocks, incorrect boundary conditions being applied, or incorrect expression.
- i. Non-functional Defects: Includes non-compliance with standards, failure to meet non-functional requirements such as portability and performance constraints, and lack of clarity of the design or code to the reader.
- j. Timing/Optimization: Errors that will cause timing or performance problems
- k. Memory Exhaustion
- l. Other

10. What are the **root causes** of the defect?

- a. Data Pipeline defect:

- i. Data Preprocessing Bug: If an input to the deep learning software is not properly formatted, cleaned, well before supplying it to the deep learning model.
    - ii. Corrupt Data (Data Flow Bug): Due to the type or shape mismatch of input data after it has been fed to the DL model.
    - iii. Training Data Quality
  - b. Modeling defect:
    - i. Layers
      - 1. Activation Function
      - 2. Layer Properties
      - 3. Missing/Redundant/Wrong Layer
    - ii. Model Type & Properties
      - 1. Model/Weight
      - 2. Network structure
      - 3. Multiple initialization
  - c. Training defect
    - i. Optimizer
    - ii. Loss Function
    - iii. Evaluation
    - iv. Hyperparameters
    - v. Training Configuration
    - vi. Other Training Process
  - d. API defect: Caused by APIs, this includes API mismatch, API misuse, API change, etc.
    - i. API – DL libraries (e.g. Pytorch, TensorFlow, Keras, CUDA, etc.)
    - ii. API – data science libraries (e.g. Numpy, matplotlib, pandas, seaborn, scikit-learn, etc.)
    - iii. API - other
  - e. GPU Usage bug
  - f. Environment Configuration Error
  - g. Insufficient/Incorrect Documentation
  - h. Other