

YINLIN DENG

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RESEARCH INTEREST

My research interest lies broadly in the intersection of software engineering and machine learning. I am interested in developing intelligent analysis, testing, verification, and synthesis techniques to improve the reliability, robustness, and performance of software systems, especially for machine learning systems.

Currently, I focus on testing machine learning libraries, which serve as the foundation for building, training, and deploying deep learning models. My previous work has helped to find **275** real-world bugs in popular open-source deep learning libraries including [PyTorch](#), [TensorFlow](#), [JAX](#), and [OneFlow](#).

EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana Champaign (UIUC)

Ph.D. student in Computer Science

Advisor: [Prof. Lingming Zhang](#)

Illinois, USA

Aug. 2021–May 2026(expected)

Peking University

B.Sc. in Computer Science, Turing Class

Beijing, China

Sept. 2017–June 2021

PUBLICATIONS

Large Language Models are Zero-Shot Fuzzers: Fuzzing Deep-Learning Libraries via Large Language Models ISSTA 2023

Yinlin Deng, Chunqiu Steven Xia, Haoran Peng, Chenyuan Yang, Lingming Zhang [\[paper\]](#)

Fuzzing Automatic Differentiation in Deep-Learning Libraries ICSE 2023

Chenyuan Yang, **Yinlin Deng**, Jiayi Yao, Yuxing Tu, Hanchi Li, Lingming Zhang [\[paper\]](#)[\[code\]](#)

Fuzzing Deep-Learning Libraries via Automated Relational API Inference ESEC/FSE 2022

Yinlin Deng*, Chenyuan Yang*, Anjiang Wei, Lingming Zhang [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

Free Lunch for Testing: Fuzzing Deep-Learning Libraries from Open Source ICSE 2022

Anjiang Wei, **Yinlin Deng**, Chenyuan Yang, and Lingming Zhang [\[paper\]](#)[\[code\]](#)

Coverage-Guided Tensor Compiler Fuzzing with Joint IR-Pass Mutation OOPSLA 2022

Jiawei Liu, Yuxiang Wei, Sen Yang, **Yinlin Deng**, and Lingming Zhang [\[paper\]](#)[\[code\]](#)[\[artifact\]](#)

** denotes to equal contribution.*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Intern at Fujitsu Research of America

May 2022–Aug. 2022

Topic: Feature engineering for Automated Machine Learning (AutoML)

Manager: Mukul Prasad, Mentor: Mehdi Bahrami

Research Intern at Microsoft Research, Asia

June 2020–Jan. 2021

Topic: Table range detection for [Spreadsheet Intelligence](#)

Manager: Shi Han, Mentor: Xiao Lv

STEP Intern at Google

July 2019–Sept. 2019

Topic: Static deep learning model compression for [Federated Learning](#)

HONORS & AWARDS

- NSF travel award for ICSE 2023
- SIGSOFT CAPS Travel Grant for ESEC/FSE 2022
- Gold Medal in the ICPC Asia-East Continent Final contest 2019
- Gold Medal in the ICPC Asia Regional Contest Nanjing Site 2019

- Most innovative Project in Google AI/ML Winter Camp Beijing Site 2019
- Merit student in Peking University 2017
- Silver Medal in the National Olympiad in Informatics (NOI) 2015