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Hello there!

Welcome to this survey! We are a group of researchers from Dalhousie University, Canada. Recently, we conducted an empirical study involving 85 reproducible bugs from Stack Overflow posts. Our aim was to understand two main aspects: (1) the edit actions that can be employed to complete code snippets for bug reproduction and (2) the information that enhances the reproducibility of bug reports. Our investigation has yielded several interesting findings, and we are seeking your feedback on them.

We reproduced 85 bugs and discovered they could be reproduced using 10 edit actions. To enhance their reproducibility, 5 main information categories need to be present. The edit actions and information categories are described below.

Edit Actions

Input Data Generation: Generating input data which simulates the data used for training the model.

Neural Network Construction: Reconstructing or modifying the neural network based on the information provided

Hyperparameter Initialization: Initializing the hyperparameters for training, such as batch size and number of epochs

Import Addition and Dependency Resolution: Determining the dependencies in the code snippet and adding the missing imports.

Logging: Adding appropriate logging statements to capture relevant information during reproduction

Obsolete Parameter Removal: Removing outdated parameters or functions to match the parameters of the latest library versions

Compiler Error Resolution: Debugging and resolving compiler errors that arise due to the errors in the provided code snippet.

Dataset Procurement: Acquiring the datasets and using them to train the model

Downloading Models & Tokenizers: Fetching pre-trained models and tokenizers from external sources.

Version Migration: Updating the code to adapt the changes introduced in newer library or framework versions.

Information Categories

Data: Shape of the input data, type of data, data distribution.

Model: Neural network architecture, number of layers, neurons, activation function for layers.

Hyperparameters: Batch size, epochs, optimizers, loss function.

Code Snippet: Training code snippet, evaluation script, data preprocessing, and transformation operations.

Logs: Compiler error logs, training error logs

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Demographics

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Question 1

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1. What is your relevant work experience with deep learning?

- ☐ <1 Year
- ☐ 1-5 Years
- ☐ 5-10 Years
- ☐ >10 Years

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Question 2

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2. What is your relevant experience with deep learning bug fixing?

- ☐ <1 Year
- ☐ 1-5 Years
- ☐ 5-10 Years
- ☐ >10 Years

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Question 3

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3. What is your current occupation?

- ☐ Software Practitioner (Software Engineer, Deep Learning Engineer, Machine Learning Engineer etc.)
- ☐ Researcher (Masters/Doctoral Student, PostDoc, Faculty)

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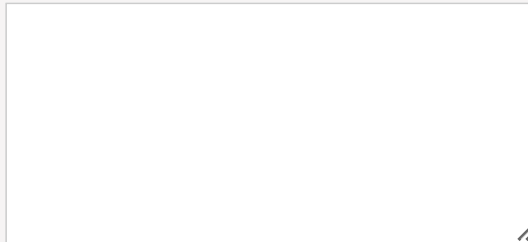
4. What are the deep learning frameworks you have worked with?

- ☐ Tensorflow
- ☐ PyTorch
- ☐ Keras
- ☐ Other

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5. What challenges are associated with reproducing deep learning bugs in your day-to-day activities?



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Bug #1

Given the issue description and the code snippet. Please reproduce the bug and select the most appropriate edit operations and critical information needed to reproduce this bug.

To help the reproduction process, we have provided the sample edit operations [here](#).

Original Issue Report: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/59325381/low-accuracy-after-training-a-cnn>

Description:

I try to train a CNN model that classifies the handwritten digit using Keras, but I am getting low accuracy in the training (lower than 10%) and a big error. I tried a simple neural network without convolutions and it didn't work as well.

Could anyone advice me on how to improve my model?

Code Snippet: You can use this Colab notebook as the base notebook to start the reproduction process: <https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1k9dPnV43s-RSCSR3aKNkpVKxb1s97Q-d?usp=sharing>

Hints:

1. Code Snippet, Logs, and Data can be useful information for reproducing the bug.
2. Input Data Generation, Import Addition, Version Migration, Hyperparameter Initialization and Compiler Error Resolution can be useful edit actions for reproducing the bug.
3. Focus on the statement: "I tried a simple neural network without convolutions and it didn't work as well".

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Question 6

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6. What are the edit operations that could be used to reproduce this bug?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Input Data Generation | <input type="checkbox"/> Neural Network Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hyperparameter Initialization | <input type="checkbox"/> Import Addition and Dependency Resolution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Logging | <input type="checkbox"/> Obsolete Parameter Removal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compiler Error Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Dataset Procurement |
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Question 7

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7. Why do you think these edit operations could prove useful in reproducing the bug?

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8. What are the critical information components that could help the reproducibility of this bug?

- ☐ Data
- ☐ Hyperparameters
- ☐ Model
- ☐ Code Snippet
- ☐ Logs

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9. How do you think the selected critical information could be useful in reproducing the bug?

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10. Did you implement any additional operations or actions beyond those suggested by us? Please let us know your thoughts.

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Bug #2

Given the issue description, and the code snippet. Please reproduce the bug, select the most appropriate edit operations and critical information needed to reproduce this bug.

To help the reproduction process, we have provided the sample edit operations here.

Original Issue Report: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/48221692/create-a-square-function-estimator-with-keras>

Description:

I'm still very new to neural networks. I try to achieve the following with Keras:

I have a set of data where $f(x) = x^2 + 3$. Like this

x	f(x)
-10	103
-9.9	101.01
-9.8	99.04
-9.7	97.09
...	
9.7	97.09
9.8	99.04
9.9	101.01
10	103

So I try to build a model that can predict values $f(x)$ based on x . I think that must be a simple thing but I couldn't find any hint. I get only outputs ranging from 0 to 1 (I guess due to normalization?) and they also seem to be bad.

I suspect I need to somehow cater for the fact that expect an interval value as an output, not a nominal or ordinal value. Any idea?

Code Snippet: You can use this Colab notebook as the base notebook to start the reproduction process:
https://colab.research.google.com/drive/1xbP-Gl1VqRzychl9pFGvrGJPWr_7Yj1E?usp=sharing

Hints:

1. Logs, Model and Code Snippet can be useful information for reproducing the bug.
2. Neural Network Construction, Import Addition, Hyperparameter Initialization, Logging, and Dataset Procurement can be useful edit actions for reproducing the bug.
3. Focus on the statement: "I get only outputs ranging from 0 to 1 (I guess due to normalization?) and they also seem to be bad."

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11. What are the edit operations that could be used to reproduce this bug?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hyperparameter Initialization | <input type="checkbox"/> Import Addition and Dependency Resolution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Logging | <input type="checkbox"/> Obsolete Parameter Removal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compiler Error Resolution | <input type="checkbox"/> Dataset Procurement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downloading Models and Tokenizers | <input type="checkbox"/> Version Migration |

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12. Why do you think these edit operations could prove useful in reproducing the bug?

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13. What are the critical information components that could help the reproducibility of this bug?

- ☐ Data
- ☐ Hyperparameters
- ☐ Model
- ☐ Code Snippet
- ☐ Logs

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14. How do you think the selected critical information could be useful in reproducing the bug?

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15. Did you implement any additional operations or actions beyond those suggested by us? Please let us know your thoughts.

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16. Please use this secure [link](#), and enter the Unique ID generated in the following textbox.

If you want to withdraw from the survey, email us with this Unique ID at shahmehil@dal.ca, and we will delete your response.

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