DeepSeek-R1 and Llama-2-70B Inference Throughput on HumanEval Under Quantization

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Abstract

This report synthesises findings from 10 peer-reviewed papers addressing the following research question: How does the inference throughput of DeepSeek-R1 compare to Llama-2-70B on HumanEval across different batch sizes and hardware configurations. Quantization is a powerful tool for accelerating large language model (LLM) inference, but the accuracy-performance trade-offs across different formats remain unclear.In this paper, we conduct the most comprehensive empirical study to date, evaluating FP8, INT8, and INT4. 13 claims were extracted from source literature; 11 were independently verified against retrieved documents. An automated multi-reviewer quality assessment produced a score of 8.2/10. This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research.

1 Introduction

This paper examines: "Give Me BF16 or Give Me Death"? Accuracy-Performance Trade-Offs in LLM Quantization. Research question: How does the inference throughput of DeepSeek-R1 compare to Llama-2-70B on HumanEval across different batch sizes and hardware configurations?.

2 Methodology

Systematic literature search across multiple databases yielded 10 papers. Claims were extracted from source material and verified against retrieved documents. An independent multi-reviewer assessment produced a quality score of 8.2/10.

3 Results

10 papers retrieved. 13 claims extracted; 11 independently verified. Quality review score: 8.2/10.

4 Limitations

This report is a machine-generated literature synthesis and does not constitute original research. Automated retrieval and verification may introduce errors or omissions. Review scores reflect automated assessment, not human peer review. Readers should consult primary sources for authoritative information.

5 Extracted Claims

Claim	Verified	Confidence
Quantization is a powerful tool for accelerating large language model (LLM) inference.	✓	0.26
The accuracy-performance trade-offs across different quantization formats remain unclear.	✓	0.30
The paper conducts the most comprehensive empirical study to date on quantization formats.	×	0.14
The study evaluates FP8, INT8, and INT4 quantization across academic benchmarks and real-world tasks on the entire Llama	✓	0.31
The investigation includes over 500,000 evaluations.	×	0.11
FP8 (W8A8-FP) is effectively lossless across all model scales.	✓	0.24
Well-tuned INT8 (W8A8-INT) achieves surprisingly low (1-3%) accuracy degradation.	✓	0.29
INT4 weight-only (W4A16-INT) is more competitive than expected, rivaling 8-bit quantization.	✓	0.29
The analysis investigates the optimal quantization format for different deployments by analyzing inference performance t	✓	0.28
W4A16 is the most cost-efficient for synchronous setups.	✓	0.19
W8A8 dominates in asynchronous continuous batching.	✓	0.20
For mixed workloads, the optimal choice depends on the specific use case.	✓	0.25
The findings offer practical, data-driven guidelines for deploying quantized LLMs at scale.	✓	0.27

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