

Mixture of Diverse Size Experts

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Abstract

The Sparsely-Activated Mixture-of-Experts (MoE) has gained increasing popularity for scaling up large language models (LLMs) without exploding computational costs. Despite its success, the current design faces a challenge where all experts have the same size, limiting the ability of tokens to choose the experts with the most appropriate size for generating the next token. In this paper, we propose the Mixture of Diverse Size Experts (MoDSE), a new MoE architecture with layers designed to have experts of different sizes. Our analysis of difficult token generation tasks shows that experts of various sizes achieve better predictions, and the routing path of the experts tends to be stable after a training period. However, having experts of diverse sizes can lead to uneven workload distribution. To tackle this limitation, we introduce an expert-pair allocation strategy to evenly distribute the workload across multiple GPUs. Comprehensive evaluations across multiple benchmarks demonstrate the effectiveness of MoDSE, as it outperforms existing MoEs by allocating the parameter budget to experts adaptively while maintaining the same total parameter size and the number of experts.

1 Introduction

Large Language Models (LLMs) have demonstrated remarkable performance in a variety of NLP tasks and have become valuable assistants through a wide range of applications. The scaling law (Kaplan et al., 2020) demonstrates that larger models exhibit superior performance. However, training larger models requires increased computational resources, posing a critical challenge. Mixture-of-Experts (MoE) (Fedus et al., 2022; Lepikhin et al., 2021) address this challenge by using sparse activation to scale up the trainable parameters while maintaining high training and inference efficiency. Recent MoE-based architectures, such as Mixtral of Experts (Jiang et al., 2024), DeepSeekMoE (Dai

et al., 2024), and OpenMoE (Xue et al., 2024) have shown superior performance in various tasks.

Specifically, Dai et al. (2024) discuss two main issues in the design of the MoE Feed-Forward Networks (FFNs) architecture: Knowledge Hybridity, where each expert covers diverse knowledge due to the limited number of experts, and Knowledge Redundancy, where multiple experts share common knowledge. To address these issues, they propose Fine-Grained Expert Segmentation by splitting the FFN intermediate hidden dimension and Shared Expert Isolation by isolating certain experts to be always activated as shared experts. Additionally, Zhao et al. (2024) introduce Hypernetworks and HyperExperts modules to capture the cross-expert and cross-layer knowledge.

However, almost all existing MoE architectures consist of experts with identical structures and sizes. This homogeneous architecture becomes a significant bottleneck when generating tokens with varying difficulty; some tokens are easier to predict, while others are more challenging. To deal with the varied difficulty, we propose the Diverse Size Experts structure for each FFN layer, where each expert has a different parameter size to handle generating tasks of varying difficulty. Note that we find a similar recent work called Heterogeneous the Mixture of Experts (Wang et al., 2024), which shares a similar motivation and utilizes parameter penalty loss and router entropy loss to control the size and number of activated experts.

Our contributions are summarized as follows:

- **Diverse Size Experts** We introduce the Mixture of Diverse Size Experts (MoDSE) in Section 3, a new type of FFN layer designed for the MoE framework. Unlike conventional MoEs, which consist of experts of the same size, MoDSE has experts of different sizes. It assigns each token to the expert that best matches its prediction needs in terms of capa-

bility, thereby enhancing the model’s ability.

- **Load Balance** GPU nodes containing larger experts in MoDSE will have a heavier workload. To address this issue, we propose the expert-pair allocation method in Section 3.2, which ensures that each GPU node carries an even distribution of parameters, thus maintaining load balance.
- **Empirical Validation** MoDSE outperforms conventional MoE with a lower loss value across a diverse set of benchmarks in the $700M \times 8$ model setting, confirming the effectiveness of our approach. We present the evaluation results in Section 4.2.

- **Token Routing Analysis** We collect the routing distribution of tokens in both the MoE baseline model and MoDSE, and conduct a thorough analysis in Section 4.3. MoDSE exhibits an equally even distribution as the baseline. Additionally, we analyze tokens that are more difficult to predict and find that they are better predicted when routed to an expert which is better suited to handle them.

2 Preliminaries: Mixture of Experts

MoE models are usually constructed by replacing dense FFNs layers in the Transformer (Vaswani et al., 2017) with MoE layers. An MoE layer typically consists of multiple experts $E_1(\cdot) \dots E_N(\cdot)$ and the corresponding gate model $G_1(\cdot) \dots G_N(\cdot)$, N indicates the number of the experts. The gate model (Shazeer et al., 2017) with trainable weight matrices $W_g \in \mathcal{R}^{h_{input} \times h}$ and $W_n \in \mathcal{R}^{h_{input} \times h}$ selects the top k experts and combines the outputs of experts to produce the output $y \in \mathcal{R}^h$, where h_{input} is the dimension of input x and h is the dimension of the hidden layer. Fedus et al. (2022) set k as one, while Lepikhin et al. (2021); Jiang et al. (2024) set as two. The outputs of experts are added with the noise to help with load balance. The noise generated from the input hidden vector x is multiplied by W_n and processed by *Softplus* and the Root Mean Square Layer Normalization function (RMSNorm), where γ is a learnable coefficient.

$$y = \sum_{i=1}^N G_i(x) E_i(x) \quad (1)$$

$$G(x) = \text{Softmax}(\text{KeepTopK}(H(x), k)) \quad (2)$$

$$H(x)_i = (x \cdot W_g)_i + \text{RMSNorm}(f((x \cdot W_n)_i))$$

$$\text{KeepTopK}(v, k)_i = \begin{cases} v_i & v_i \in \text{topk}(v) \\ -\infty & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

$$\text{RMSNorm}(x) = \gamma \cdot \frac{x}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 + \epsilon}} \quad (4)$$

$$f(\cdot) = \text{Softplus}(\cdot) = \log(1 + \exp(\cdot)) \quad (5)$$

3 MoDSE Architecture

Predicting the next token is easier within frequently appearing token pairs in the corpus. Tokens within the same word or phrase are easier to generate than those between two phrases or words. Analogous to the human brain, the amount of thought required to generate the next word varies among different words. Inspired by the fact that the difficulty of generating each next token varies, we propose MoDSE as shown in Figure 1. In our work, the size of the expert parameters is used to quantify the amount of thinking involved. We assign experts a range of parameter sizes by setting the dimensions of the hidden layers to various lengths. However, the imbalance in expert size leads to an uneven workload. To address this issue, we propose a meticulously designed expert-pair allocation method to ensure each GPU node’s workload is evenly distributed.

3.1 Diverse Size Experts

In a traditional MoE structure (Fedus et al., 2022; Lepikhin et al., 2021), the gating network combines a set of experts with the same size. We here adjust the scale of experts to ensure that different experts can handle tasks of varying difficulty. Note that we denote the designed Diverse Size Experts as $\{\hat{E}_1(\cdot), \dots, \hat{E}_N(\cdot)\}$, and the dimension of the hidden layer for $\hat{E}_i(\cdot)$ is \hat{h}_i .

$$\hat{y} = \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{G}_i(x) \hat{E}_i(x) \quad (6)$$

$$(i_1^1, i_1^2), \dots, (i_n^1, i_n^2), \text{ with } n = \frac{N}{2} \quad (7)$$

$$\hat{h}_{i_k^1} + \hat{h}_{i_k^2} = 2 \times h, \text{ with } k \in 1 \dots n \quad (8)$$

To maintain the overall parameter size, the experts are grouped into pairs (i_k^1, i_k^2) , where $k \in 1 \dots n$ indicates the pair of the experts. The average value of \hat{h}_i within each pair equals h , with one expert being larger than the average size and the other smaller. Typically, the number of experts is even, ensuring the experts can be grouped into pairs, thus the total parameter size of the MoDSE model matches that of the vanilla MoE model.

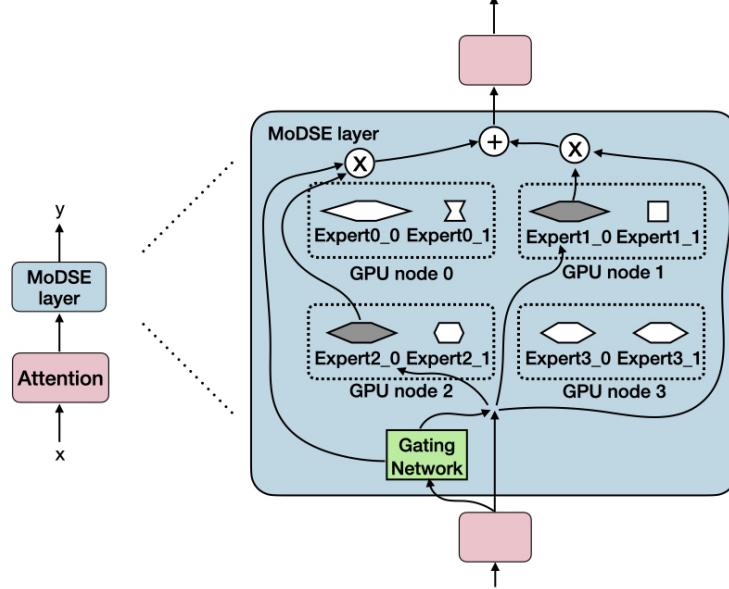


Figure 1: Overview of a MoDSE layer with different sizes of experts. In this case, expert1_0 and expert2_0 are selected. With the output of the gating network, the outputs of two experts are integrated.

3.2 Load Balance Consideration

In MoDSE, experts with hidden layer sizes larger than the average have a higher workload due to the increased number of parameters, both during training and inference phrases. To address this load imbalance problem, we propose the **expert-pair allocation** strategy, which places each pair of experts on the same GPU and ensures that each GPU contains an equal number of parameters. For instance, in Figure 1, expert pairs are enclosed by dotted line frames, with expert 0 and expert 1 on the same GPU, and so forth.

Besides the standard cross entropy (CE) loss, we use the auxiliary load balance loss L_a from Switch Transformers (Fedus et al., 2022) to penalize the unbalanced routing distribution among experts. Consequently, each expert has the same frequency of being routed. In Section 4.3, we will demonstrate that after the entire training process, all tokens in the pre-training dataset are evenly spread across all experts. Along with the expert-pair allocation method, this ensures that the final workload of each GPU is balanced.

$$L_a = \alpha \cdot N \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N f_i \cdot P_i, \quad (9)$$

where α is a scalar hyperparameter. f_i is the fraction of tokens routed to expert i , $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$:

$$f_i = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{x \in \text{Batch}} \mathbf{1}\{\text{argmax } p(x) = i\}, \quad (10)$$

$$p(x) = [p_1(x), p_2(x), \dots, p_N(x)], \quad (11)$$

where T is the number of tokens and P_i is the fraction of the router probability for expert i :

$$P_i = \frac{1}{T} \sum_{x \in \text{Batch}} p_i(x) \quad (12)$$

4 Experiments

4.1 Experimental Setup

Models Our baseline MoE structure is based on the Llama 2 model (Touvron et al., 2023) with the dense FFNs layers replaced by expert layers. Table 1 summarises the model architecture parameters. For the MoDSE setting, we adjust the expert sizes in baseline by modifying the dimensions of the hidden layers in $300M \times 8$ and $700M \times 8$ settings, as listed in Table 2. There are 8 experts grouped into 4 pairs, with the ratio to the input size as (4.5, 0.5), (4.0, 1.0), (3.0, 2.0), and (2.5, 2.5). We train byte pair encoding (BPE) (Sennrich et al., 2016) tokenizer with both English and Chinese datasets, and use it in the following experiments.

Training configurations We utilize the Adam optimizer (Kingma and Ba, 2017), with hyperparameters $\beta_1 = 0.9$, $\beta_2 = 0.95$, $\text{eps} = 1e-8$,

Parameter	$300M \times 8$	$700M \times 8$
dim	1536	2048
n_layers	8	12
# heads	12	32
# expert	8	8
top k	2	2
vocal_size	30064	30064
h	3840	5120

Table 1: MoE model architecture with $300M \times 8$ and $700M \times 8$ parameters, both with identical expert sizes.

Model	Expert size pairs
$300M \times 8$	$[(6912, 768), (6144, 1536), (4608, 3072), (3840, 3840)]$
$700M \times 8$	$[(9216, 1024), (8192, 2048), (6144, 4096), (5120, 5120)]$

Table 2: The list of expert pair sizes in $300M \times 8$ and $700M \times 8$ parameters.

weight decay = 0.1 and gradient clipping = 1.0. We use a cosine learning rate schedule (Loshchilov and Hutter, 2017), such that the initial learning rate is 2e-7, the warm-up update steps are 2000 and the minimal learning rate is 3e-5. We employ the ZERo optimization (Rajbhandari et al., 2020) for distributed training. All experiments are carried out on clusters equipped with NVIDIA A800 GPUs. The A800 cluster features 8 GPUs per node, interconnected using NVLink and NVSwitch within nodes. Two nodes are used for the $300M \times 8$ setting, and 8 nodes are used for the $700M \times 8$ setting.

Datasets We collected 100B tokens training data from various reputable sources for pre-training. This dataset includes both English and Chinese language, and spans multiple fields, including CommonCrawl (Wenzek et al., 2020), code, academic papers, books, mathematics, and Q&A.

4.2 Main Results

Evaluations We evaluate models in downstream tasks using in-context learning including AGIEval (Zhong et al., 2024), MMLU (Hendrycks et al., 2021a), GSM8K (Cobbe et al., 2021), LAMBADA (Paperno et al., 2016), MATH (Hendrycks et al., 2021b), TriviaQA (Joshi et al., 2017), PIQA (Bisk et al., 2020), SIQA (Sap et al., 2019), and INTENT from Tech (2024) which contains 43 different user intention classes. The model with identical expert sizes is used as the baseline, all the evaluation results are listed in Table 3.

Benchmark	Baseline	MoDSE
AGIEval (Acc.)	26.2	28.1
MMLU (Acc.)	26.5	29.9
INTENT (Acc.)	13.6	16.5
GSM8K (EM)	5.9	7.7
LAMBADA (EM)	36.8	38.9
MATH (EM)	0.8	2.6
TriviaQA (EM)	5.2	8.3
PIQA (EM)	53.1	57.6
SIQA (EM)	42.9	60.9

Table 3: Comparison between MoE baseline and MoDSE on size of $700M \times 8$. The bold font indicates the better. With the same parameter, MoDSE achieves better performance than the baseline. All the tasks are fewshot in context learning, and GSM8k includes 8 shots examples and others include 5 shots examples.

Training convergence As shown in Figure 2, in both $300M \times 8$ and $700M \times 8$ settings, MoSDE demonstrates an earlier convergence and exhibits a lower cross-entropy loss value, compared to the baseline throughout the entire training process in both $300M \times 8$ and $700M \times 8$ settings. Additionally, MoSDE on both settings outperforms the baseline on the validation set.

We use the average hidden size of the chosen experts with 10B tokens data to represent the model workload. The experiment shows that the average workload across experts in MoSDE is 4045, compared to 3840 in the baseline. We also conduct experiments on 4045 as the same size as MoSDE, which corresponds to Baseline 105% in Figure 2. The result shows that the curve of Baseline 105% aligns closely with the original baseline. Thus, MoSDE shows better convergence features even without the benefits of a slightly larger workload capacity. We analyze the benefits of distinct expert sizes in the following section.

During training, the distribution of tokens routed to each expert in MoDSE becomes more and more balanced. As illustrated in Figure 3, the distribution is initially uneven, with smaller experts receiving more tokens and the largest expert receiving the fewest, as shown in Figure 3 (c). By the end of the training process, as depicted in Figure 3 (d), the distribution evens out, ensuring the workload balance described in Section 3.2.

Decoding efficiency We record the inference duration for both the baseline and MoDSE models during the evaluation of downstream tasks, with the

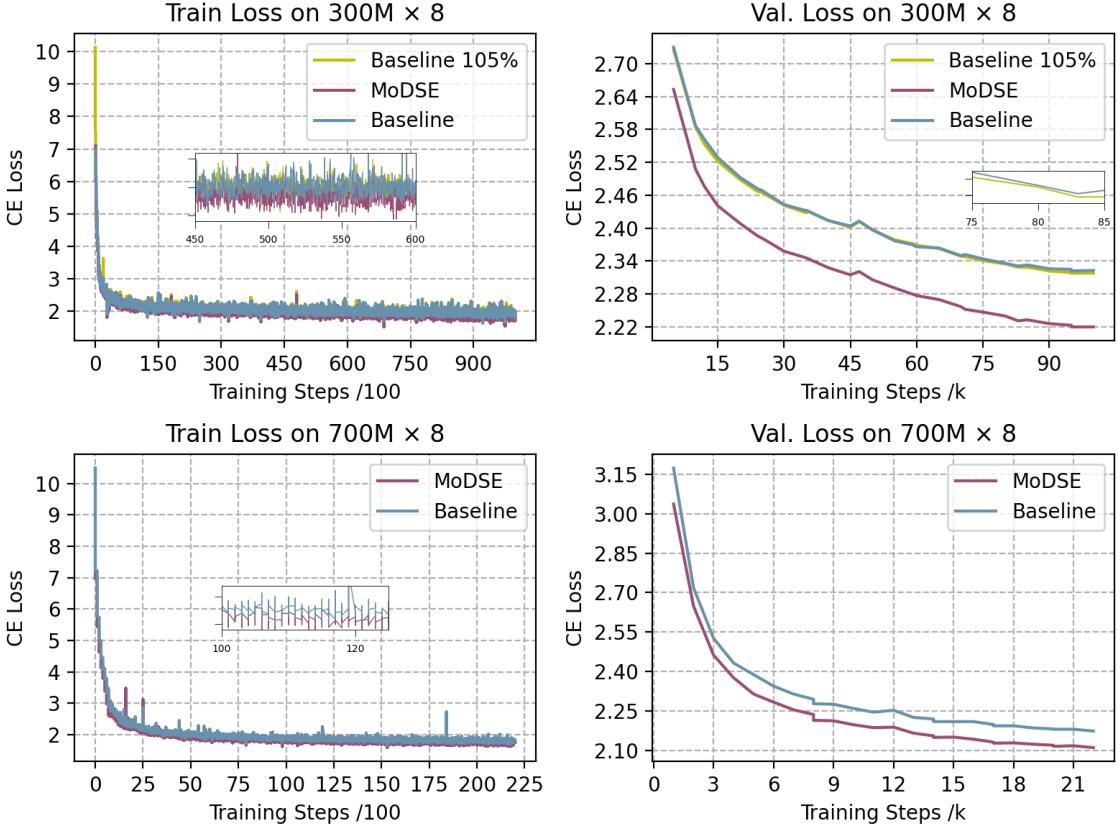


Figure 2: Training and validation loss curves for the $300M \times 8$ and $700M \times 8$ models, with cross-entropy loss values indicated on the curves.

results presented in Table 4. The inference times for both models are quite comparable. As illustrated in Figure 3 (d) and the final table in Table 8, tokens are nearly uniformly distributed across different experts in the last training epoch. Given the expert-pair allocation strategy described in Section 3.2, the inference speeds of the baseline and MoDSE models should be similar.

Benchmark	MoE	MoDSE
AGIEval	48s	59s
MMLU	3min 26s	3min 27s
INTENT	1min 31s	1min 34s
GSM8K	20min 26s	20min 43s
LAMBADA	40min44s	40min48s
MATH	21min 21s	21min 34s
TriviaQA	46min 53s	48min 55s
PIQA	44min56s	43min34s
SIQA	2min35s	2min36s

Table 4: The inference duration of the baseline and MoDSE models on downstream tasks. The AGIEval task contains 615 examples, the MMLU task contains 2341 examples, the INTENT task contains 741 examples and the rest tasks with 100 examples.

4.3 Analysis on Token Routing

We further conduct the experiments on 10B tokens data, to analyze the choices of tokens. The statistics from the 2nd to the 7th epoch are listed in Appendix A. The baseline model shows an even distribution of experts' workload. The ratio between the largest and the smallest number of tokens routed to the experts ranges from 1.2 to 3.0. The statistics for the MoDSE setting show a non-uniform distribution, with ratios larger than 3.0 appearing, particularly in the first 2 layers of the model and for the experts with the second largest probability.

However, after the entire training process, in the last epoch, only one ratio remains larger than 3.0, with the others ranging from 1.5 to 3.0, indicating that the token distribution among experts becomes more balanced by the end of the training.

As shown in Figure 3 (c, d) and Table 8, it is notable that the experts chosen by the most tokens are not always the ones with larger sizes. Conversely, experts with larger sizes can sometimes be the least visited by the tokens.

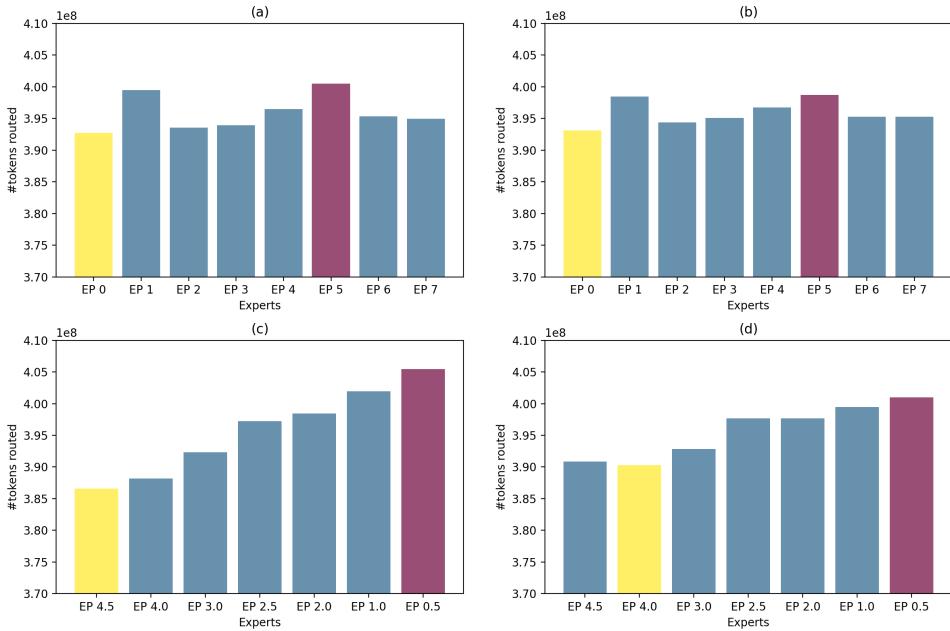


Figure 3: The number of tokens routed to each expert. The bar is the sum of the number across the layers. Figure (a) shows results in Baseline in epoch 2, and (b) in the last epoch. Figure (c) shows results in MoDSE in epoch 2, and (d) in the last epoch. The purple bar indicates the most routed expert, and the yellow indicates the least.

Analysis on Difficult Tokens We track the tokens in the MoDSE setting which exhibits a higher cross entropy (CE) loss than the mean value of 1.05 in the baseline, considering them having greater prediction difficulty. The average CE loss values in the MoDSE setting are lower than those in the baseline, indicating that MoDSE improves generating ability. This improvement is achieved by routing tokens that are more difficult to predict to the expert whose size better fits the token’s generating task. Table 5 shows the results for the tokens with a higher CE loss than the mean loss value. The tokens in the higher loss threshold show a larger loss decline in the MoDSE setting, demonstrating that the MoDSE model performs better on more difficult tokens.

loss threshold	avg. loss red.	#tokens
2.0	0.58	180
1.8	0.46	222
1.6	0.36	337
1.4	0.32	730
1.2	0.22	1991
1.05	0.18	3633

Table 5: Average CE loss reduction across different intervals. The higher the initial CE loss, the more significant the improvement demonstrated by the MoDSE model. The avg. loss red. stands for the average CE loss decrease from baseline to MoDSE.

Difficult Tokens Routing Distribution To identify which experts handle the difficult tokens, further analysis is conducted on the 180 tokens with a CE loss greater than 2.0 in the baseline setting. We track the distribution of these 180 difficult tokens across the distinct experts in the 10B tokens data using the converged training model checkpoint. The full tracking results can be found in Appendix B.

For these difficult tokens, as shown in Figure 4 and Table 6, more tokens choose the larger experts, while fewer tokens select the smaller experts. This phenomenon is even more pronounced when only considering the top one expert. More than twice as many tokens (6215) chose the larger experts compared to the smaller ones (3085). This result indicates that the larger experts, with capabilities to handle tokens with more difficult prediction tasks, are more frequently chosen by tokens facing more challenging next-token generation tasks.

5 Related Work

5.1 FFNs Designs

In the field of FFNs structure designs, there have been several notable works. DeepSeekMoE (Dai et al., 2024) introduces two strategies, namely Fine-Grained Expert Segmentation and Shared Expert Isolation. By utilizing a finer granularity of expert size, experts can focus on more specific knowl-

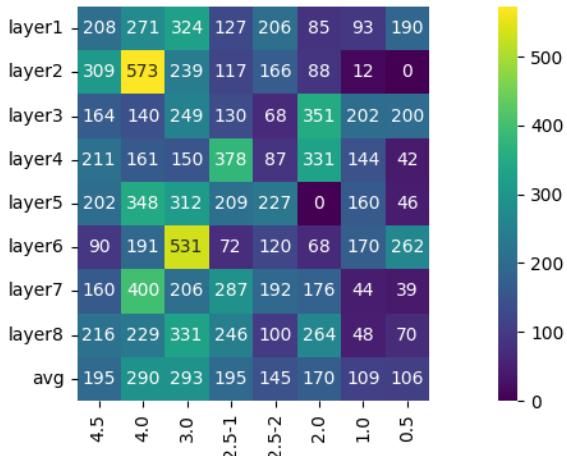


Figure 4: The top one expert choice of difficult tokens across eight layers. More tokens are routed to larger experts, distributed on the left half of the heat map.

Expert Size	#tokens to top1 & 2	#tokens to top1
4.5	2649	1560
4.0	3729	2313
3.0	4095	2342
2.5	2332	1166
2.5	2933	1566
2.0	2877	1363
1.0	2972	873
0.5	2477	849
sum(L)	10473	6215
sum(S)	8326	3085

Table 6: The distribution of difficult tokens across different experts. The sum(L) stands for the total token number routed to larger experts (4.5, 4.0, 3.0), and the sum(S) stands for the total token number routed to smaller experts (2.0, 1.0, 0.5).

edge domains. In contrast, conventional expert sizes tend to cover a wider range of knowledge. The isolated shared experts handle common knowledge across various contexts, ensuring no shared parameters among experts, thereby compressing the parameter space. To tackle the issue of Knowledge Redundancy, HyperMoE (Zhao et al., 2024) also introduces HyperNetworks that contain Hyper-Experts to facilitate knowledge transfer between experts through conditional generation. In addition, DeLighT (Mehta et al., 2021) and Apple OpenELM (McKinzie et al., 2024) introduce block-wise scaling and layer-wise scaling, respectively. These modifications involve adjusting the width of the hidden dimension for FFNs and the number of at-

tention heads on a per-layer basis, leading to more efficient parameter allocation and improved model performance.

In contrast to previous works, our research focuses on the allocation of expert parameters within a single MoE layer. This approach aims to equip experts with diverse predictive capacities while ensuring load balance across computational nodes.

5.2 Load Balance

The LSTM MoE (Shazeer et al., 2017) achieves load balance by incorporating the coefficient of variation of the load function as part of the auxiliary loss. This represents the probability of the gating network being non-zero. GShard, Switch Transformers, and ST-MoE (Lepikhin et al., 2021; Fedus et al., 2022; Zoph et al., 2022) also use a similar auxiliary load balance loss setting by introducing the average probability of each expert being routed across all tokens in the batch in the loss function. DeepSeekMoE (Dai et al., 2024) introduces the expert-level balance loss and the device-level balance loss to deal with the load imbalance issue caused by routing collapse. The expert-level balance loss adjusts the auxiliary loss in Switch Transformers by multiplying a coefficient to fit the different numbers of experts in DeepSeekMoE. The device-level balance loss changes the expert-level balance loss from being expert-wise to device-wise.

In our work, we utilize the balance loss from Switch Transformers (Fedus et al., 2022). Additionally, we propose an expert-pair allocation strategy to address the imbalance in expert sizes.

6 Conclusion

In this paper, we propose MoDSE, a novel structure for MoE layers. Inspired by the varying difficulties of next-token-generating tasks, we introduce the diverse size expert design, providing each expert with different prediction abilities. Our analysis of token routing distribution shows that MoDSE directs tokens to experts whose sizes are best suited for specific token generation tasks. This enhancement improves the MoE model’s performance in auto-regression tasks and demonstrates superior results compared to the conventional MoE structure. Additionally, we present the expert-pair allocation method to address the issue of load imbalances in the diverse size expert design, making the MoDSE design more practical.

Limitations

While MoDSE demonstrates superior performance, our work is subject to several limitations:

- Due to limitations in computational and data resources, current experiments are conducted on small-scale MoE models, leaving the model’s scalability to larger sizes unclear.
- We obtain the aforementioned intriguing findings while training our own MoE LLM. Hence, the tokenizer and data utilized for pretraining are not available as open-source resources. We plan to apply this model design to open-source resources in our future work.

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A Statistic of Tokens Routed to Each Expert

epoch 2	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	max	min	max/min
layer0 top0	29283650	27843096	28313260	20797332	19968428	21664288	22561424	27503554	29283650	19968428
layer0 top1	19824524	21266044	21180018	28489262	29444552	28108250	27324640	22297848	29444552	19824524
layer1 top0	26913132	31578272	23496192	21154950	27854644	20922060	22826458	23189448	31578272	20922060
layer1 top1	22222698	18116484	25943200	28347640	21870444	28522010	26619972	26292908	28522010	18116484
layer2 top0	28038104	24858142	15980771	20697046	22659866	20584172	30048836	35068336	35068336	15980771
layer2 top1	21097924	25165510	32719222	27925764	27441736	28744420	20168096	14672427	32719222	14672427
layer3 top0	24783870	22814628	26997544	23256474	24942200	25505410	23122696	26512526	26997544	22814628
layer3 top1	25017684	27073428	22917520	27105674	24284552	23305772	25765682	22464726	27105674	22464726
layer4 top0	20504824	29644628	23287546	20758712	22245472	32806136	29163984	19523712	32806136	19523712
layer4 top1	28734220	20754090	25719624	28659708	26982360	17935024	19967576	29182360	17935024	1.627
layer5 top0	19569102	19177988	21984416	22605320	27261858	29841404	31757410	25737580	31757410	19177988
layer5 top1	29239018	30149084	27629824	26208280	22335860	20934212	18233828	23205144	30149084	18233828
layer6 top0	21706828	25536640	25639752	25918792	27380762	22439950	26282752	23029752	27380762	21706828
layer6 top1	26835964	24048912	23777924	23997912	22667788	26549958	23598524	26458106	26835964	22667788
layer7 top0	22935412	22115236	21804254	23135292	24885640	33355516	26846896	22856914	33355516	21804254
layer7 top1	26036148	29349648	26147774	24882052	24260728	19236964	21050220	26971512	29349648	19236964

epoch 3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	max	min	max/min
layer0 top0	28840466	27370498	30216292	20019128	18389208	21972636	22685108	26016832	30216292	18389208
layer0 top1	19648160	21190408	18650852	28781896	30648440	27082024	26291904	23216488	30648440	18650852
layer1 top0	25124312	32307928	24555956	21069208	28992488	20350840	21091528	22018010	32307928	20350840
layer1 top1	23455204	16594616	24372516	27749024	19862196	28540498	27946122	26990122	28540498	16594616
layer2 top0	26050934	25051684	14964775	18084310	21737804	20938274	31295864	37386630	37386630	14964775
layer2 top1	22030484	24361996	33255022	29913992	28102548	27683300	18286386	11876560	33255022	11876560
layer3 top0	24287220	23189684	27490796	23700824	23515964	25244772	21362132	26178792	27490796	21362132
layer3 top1	25154034	26214716	21516016	26275100	24873752	23033064	26755628	21688000	26755628	21516016
layer4 top0	23147116	31119130	22808192	19547710	19158316	34343890	28756656	16629383	34343890	16629383
layer4 top1	25875282	18430068	25610864	29503740	29509824	15279539	19579790	31721152	31721152	15279539
layer5 top0	18971828	18990532	21079480	23400124	27013948	29703460	30990896	25359884	30990896	18971828
layer5 top1	28894136	29686768	28161108	24903848	22162318	20255040	18251820	23195066	29686768	18251820
layer6 top0	20292758	25357464	26143508	24792624	27778304	22373168	26254332	22518332	27778304	20292758
layer6 top1	27724460	23550082	22739724	24591060	21575154	26145808	22859178	26324766	27724460	21575154
layer7 top0	21360940	23354032	21291492	22724448	24471290	33274024	26836740	22197482	33274024	21291492
layer7 top1	26940196	27452420	26136296	24861000	24253588	18341180	20699808	26825868	27452420	18341180

epoch 4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	max	min	max/min
layer0 top0	28177806	26205268	29848370	20502658	18368704	23512666	24301080	24921296	29848370	18368704
layer0 top1	20477908	22517138	19002768	28426338	30753764	25536248	24805638	24318394	30753764	19002768
layer1 top0	24486260	32865268	24768350	21399328	29389690	20514932	20790064	21623978	32865268	20514932
layer1 top1	24175758	16210355	24277948	27526860	19510736	28411286	28305024	27419952	28411286	16210355
layer2 top0	25388504	25202212	15168777	17673690	21703876	21467830	31400740	37832188	37832188	15168777
layer2 top1	22868272	24293568	33133348	30445224	28177000	27162674	18271324	11486587	33133348	11486587
layer3 top0	24301124	23543448	27943036	23910156	23123616	25087200	20971268	26958054	27943036	20971268
layer3 top1	25241526	25779044	21227178	26019144	25399780	23255366	27269776	21646016	27269776	21227178
layer4 top0	24653782	31112368	23021088	18943114	18418254	34773010	28994840	15921632	34773010	15921632
layer4 top1	24501658	18376552	25436966	30145152	30334528	14855924	19638156	32549024	14855924	1.291
layer5 top0	18966856	19332450	20709060	24054276	27065230	29431880	30795558	25482724	30795558	18966856
layer5 top1	29097756	29473352	28618584	24468104	22223408	20072908	18480540	23403384	29473352	18480540
layer6 top0	20231524	25377478	26450518	24341292	27651192	22354528	26578036	22853380	27651192	20231524
layer6 top1	28003118	23502284	22447872	25048596	21713974	26333100	22695000	26094096	28003118	21713974
layer7 top0	21097412	23748068	21571990	22617964	24818876	33164832	27007072	21811842	33164832	21097412
layer7 top1	27303976	26917442	26225232	25201868	23978868	18211832	20889888	27108728	27303976	18211832

epoch 5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	max	min	max/min	
layer0 top0	27640100	25441882	29647460	21241878	18274912	24762444	25336264	24279444	29647460	18274912	1.622
layer0 top1	21129604	23449436	19473076	27852372	31048840	24560112	23888028	25223032	31048840	19473076	1.594
layer1 top0	24318636	33099916	24923964	21510252	29676472	20671040	20782416	21641632	33099916	20671040	1.601
layer1 top1	24532970	16079311	24389856	27571050	19394450	28418796	28562626	27675378	28562626	16079311	1.776
layer2 top0	24691036	25399028	15454448	17672260	21904492	21993528	31282512	38227050	38227050	15454448	2.474
layer2 top1	23575500	24352420	33107372	30690030	28263692	26762368	18544144	11328960	33107372	11328960	2.922
layer3 top0	24333048	24191826	28251336	24135400	22934528	25159592	20704260	26914344	28251336	20704260	1.365
layer3 top1	25414176	25530358	21180268	25910624	25791562	23370284	27649692	21777442	27649692	21180268	1.305
layer4 top0	25475936	31272128	23376136	18702604	18103712	35131736	28930218	15631867	35131736	15631867	2.247
layer4 top1	23939468	18453714	25330284	30688508	30782726	14711187	19640652	33077688	33077688	14711187	2.248
layer5 top0	18863452	19334572	20713320	24381928	27191186	29867766	30909460	25362790	30909460	18863452	1.639
layer5 top1	29341192	29495452	28880048	24284640	22366760	20127358	18637652	23491400	29495452	18637652	1.583
layer6 top0	20187984	25671320	26792992	24321364	27735252	22291844	26839598	22784132	27735252	20187984	1.374
layer6 top1	28230784	23459290	22348614	25389868	21783972	26528494	22648400	26235628	28230784	21783972	1.296
layer7 top0	21058634	23947552	21657804	22652136	24852470	33789624	27133720	21532354	33789624	21058634	1.605
layer7 top1	27577342	26754720	26126350	25440070	23922912	18136314	21047364	27619294	27619294	18136314	1.523

epoch 6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	max	min	max/min	
layer0 top0	26846484	24682704	29175398	21595708	17889516	25458556	26141992	23768864	29175398	17889516	1.631
layer0 top1	21720052	23962840	19688954	27256824	31071132	23524024	22923076	25412416	31071132	19688954	1.578
layer1 top0	23970390	32957156	24850036	21550080	29649160	20983372	20266464	21332620	32957156	20266464	1.626
layer1 top1	24615920	16029619	24296116	27293240	19129692	27855064	28678440	27661146	28678440	16029619	1.789
layer2 top0	24160788	25256292	15526006	17374408	21852992	22145898	31014000	38229356	38229356	15526006	2.462
layer2 top1	23802056	24234480	32763260	30754656	28037184	26299932	18572224	11095649	32763260	11095649	2.953
layer3 top0	24031084	24316842	28304424	24218504	22555140	24962168	20376476	26794692	28304424	20376476	1.389
layer3 top1	25410476	25146612	20883846	25574196	25927360	23198196	27669428	21749112	27669428	20883846	1.325
layer4 top0	25794096	31133182	23389222	18229158	17763396	35173150	28886412	15190830	35173150	15190830	2.315
layer4 top1	23375276	18321250	25078334	30842988	30831220	14479100	19571344	33059992	33059992	14479100	2.283
layer5 top0	18669122	19318624	20485616	24327212	27046536	29875798	30585600	25250880	30585600	18669122	1.638
layer5 top1	29264464	29195324	28836416	23974280	22287292	19906832	18627116	23467564	29264464	18627116	1.571
layer6 top0	19864484	25685672	26756706	24084936	27591836	22115090	26707852	22752840	27591836	19864484	1.389
layer6 top1	28177424	23158786	22044774	25351584	21744648	26504960	22454412	26122880	28177424	21744648	1.296
layer7 top0	20737748	24132738	21625242	22406252	24876214	34050120	26750882	20980428	34050120	20737748	1.642
layer7 top1	27594586	26342784	25947932	25486712	23611280	17790616	21069788	27715816	27715816	17790616	1.558

epoch 7	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	max	min	max/min	
layer0 top0	26519198	24218488	28953328	21836288	17812270	26098962	26883908	2335252	28953328	17812270	1.625
layer0 top1	22122820	24452392	19954368	26980316	31297434	22854180	22180588	25815554	31297434	19954368	1.568
layer1 top0	23771000	33043956	24818558	21663006	29826730	21030540	20202044	21301794	33043956	20202044	1.636
layer1 top1	24850038	15888879	24379124	27168056	19063252	27815306	28791152	27701936	28791152	15888879	1.812
layer2 top0	23988830	25309446	15628023	17329964	21766516	22406928	30893032	38334904	38334904	15628023	2.453
layer2 top1	24134764	24225440	32670312	30796492	28074640	26089040	18707036	10960111	32670312	10960111	2.981
layer3 top0	23971746	24471868	28462596	24349324	22371052	24883704	20294232	26853268	28462596	20294232	1.402
layer3 top1	25502458	24931664	20719930	25453108	26088546	23382672	27901442	21695736	27901442	20719930	1.347
layer4 top0	26156924	31130480	23445364	18048268	17619310	35298460	28960064	14998750	35298460	14998750	2.353
layer4 top1	23028430	18366356	25067708	31043456	31054450	14317949	19509402	33269836	33269836	14317949	2.324
layer5 top0	18640536	19517980	20426106	24615804	27060210	29621514	30458084	25317490	30458084	18640536	1.634
layer5 top1	29351362	29124874	28839340	23870808	22280166	19958440	18799694	23432892	29351362	18799694	1.561
layer6 top0	19830384	25798716	26884716	23954710	27487748	21989570	26767928	22944108	27487748	19830384	1.386
layer6 top1	28284866	23061998	21942802	25499504	21823700	26600504	22435532	26008718	28284866	21823700	1.296
layer7 top0	20550378	24216228	21652904	22279728	25031802	34292704	26815672	20818174	34292704	20550378	1.669
layer7 top1	27857508	26084144	26014746	25682830	23529792	17450062	21134866	27903840	27903840	17450062	1.599

Table 7: The statistical results in the $300M \times 8$ Baseline setting. We collected results from the 2nd to the 7th epochs, across 8 layers, for the top 2 selected experts. The value 2.5 indicates the size ratio to the input size. The ratio of the token number from the experts chosen by the most tokens to the one chosen by the least tokens varies between 1.2 and 3.0.

epoch 2	4.5	4	3	2.5	2.5	2	1	0.5	max	min	max/min
layer0 top0	16663346	14628973	21024906	17747456	23583046	26680430	33502182	44104732	44104732	14628973	3.01
layer0 top1	31319104	34020424	28208976	31751180	26096736	23151636	16667122	6719973	34020424	6719973	5.06
layer1 top0	17406648	18198192	17334890	21769320	14180341	24756332	40767830	43521696	43521696	14180341	3.07
layer1 top1	30763940	30499152	31573372	27645132	35765450	25284810	9587062	6816535	35765450	6816535	5.25
layer2 top0	19586976	24325616	19972962	21368884	25082528	21148536	27489000	38960490	38960490	19586976	1.99
layer2 top1	29188392	24619568	29219772	28441550	24441280	28347452	22529818	11147030	29219772	11147030	2.62
layer3 top0	24790510	24190516	19007708	24061990	23809120	25574976	27734804	28765556	28765556	19007708	1.51
layer3 top1	23839056	22489640	29992352	25760418	25223820	25166316	23124848	22338664	29992352	22338664	1.34
layer4 top0	27174548	18227520	25778452	27703114	29949966	23631480	21916040	23553684	29949966	18227520	1.64
layer4 top1	20633598	29841016	23545232	22325076	19747388	25945652	28058832	27838264	29841016	19747388	1.51
layer5 top0	32875096	21471548	28785028	21209278	23987440	23401328	21315420	24889864	32875096	21209278	1.55
layer5 top1	15750462	27894836	20562046	27668516	25120124	26419736	28766852	25752564	28766852	15750462	1.83
layer6 top0	26510264	31096148	21029284	33691620	33050888	23400900	14529893	14626092	33691620	14529893	2.32
layer6 top1	21158036	17818752	27687472	16161102	18211424	25090494	35724830	36082348	36082348	16161102	2.23
layer7 top0	23482102	25891350	28035666	25327708	27056196	28193712	21074048	18964562	28193712	18964562	1.49
layer7 top1	25425668	22966264	20549536	24670248	21567910	22219540	29143860	31392108	31392108	20549536	1.53

epoch 3	4.5	4	3	2.5	2.5	2	1	0.5	max	min	max/min
layer0 top0	15070334	13846719	19615932	18835360	23114544	27241136	33706816	44079416	44079416	13846719	3.18
layer0 top1	32792030	34324150	29158670	30107926	25970210	21752000	15895181	5510120	34324150	5510120	6.23
layer1 top0	15652447	17078474	16281597	20633648	15702416	27111552	41650892	41399150	41650892	15652447	2.66
layer1 top1	32261372	31324932	32228116	28184544	33815110	22183816	7716909	7795222	33815110	7716909	4.38
layer2 top0	20773524	24170344	20823566	20389088	24895298	21765220	25850792	36842330	36842330	20389088	1.81
layer2 top1	27737780	24446652	27813852	28880324	24027404	27219380	23115968	12268924	28880324	12268924	2.35
layer3 top0	28003176	22162362	19275456	22070700	25331670	25927628	27578004	25161460	28003176	19275456	1.45
layer3 top1	20803522	24583920	29069288	27076532	23650454	23825340	22095564	24405668	29069288	20803522	1.40
layer4 top0	24875758	19542666	24944756	27656664	30196344	23059784	22450966	22783388	30196344	19542666	1.55
layer4 top1	22453692	27764828	23695014	21778676	18927704	26069284	26904948	27916178	27916178	18927704	1.47
layer5 top0	33885692	20740372	27821278	19510794	23755644	23893832	20512968	25389572	33885692	19510794	1.74
layer5 top1	14058357	27672176	20976378	28795244	24877254	25698686	28904132	24527914	28904132	14058357	2.06
layer6 top0	27157542	30087632	21600174	34075000	31486940	22504516	13894310	14704162	34075000	13894310	2.45
layer6 top1	20037940	18032380	26100716	15473520	19144308	25556118	35847340	35318004	35847340	15473520	2.32
layer7 top0	22960884	26115624	27224172	24175604	26466420	27367512	23344556	17855398	27367512	17855398	1.53
layer7 top1	25201832	22280822	20429580	25269804	21565168	22624818	26466540	31671918	31671918	20429580	1.55

epoch 4	4.5	4	3	2.5	2.5	2	1	0.5	max	min	max/min
layer0 top0	15435647	14424511	19267660	19955780	22824916	27606192	33108890	43214240	43214240	14424511	3.00
layer0 top1	32627864	33921668	29578384	29058948	26266084	21411746	16575395	6397746	33921668	6397746	5.30
layer1 top0	16210196	17697972	16761166	20585098	16109636	27657434	40953704	39862828	40953704	16109636	2.54
layer1 top1	31886634	30836780	31875292	28227962	33457668	21601356	8556339	9395979	33457668	8556339	3.91
layer2 top0	21672204	24096032	21556108	20462240	25123902	22063704	24916960	35946790	35946790	20462240	1.76
layer2 top1	26986194	24387230	27165614	28871512	23857438	27019294	24182450	13368521	28871512	13368521	2.16
layer3 top0	28994772	22228140	19796632	21475498	25780208	26539278	27200108	23823090	28994772	19796632	1.46
layer3 top1	19976316	24762380	28725508	27635016	23333142	23185024	22405388	25815018	28725508	19976316	1.44
layer4 top0	24433650	21353102	24672932	27729990	30954992	22579784	22541248	21572176	30954992	21353102	1.45
layer4 top1	23059784	26280060	24006662	21838500	18430140	26384424	26827508	29011080	29011080	18430140	1.57
layer5 top0	34726308	21184472	27752292	19445436	23694244	23783572	20210142	25131420	34726308	19445436	1.79
layer5 top1	13491518	27315996	21001964	28987466	25046010	25852086	29379572	24763488	29379572	13491518	2.18
layer6 top0	27976890	29705776	22562828	34037224	30612308	22620372	13733925	14588376	34037224	13733925	2.48
layer6 top1	19584804	18414852	25582216	15466340	19674354	25633752	36068596	35412988	36068596	15466340	2.33
layer7 top0	23271108	26458132	27607128	23974988	26374770	26601528	23802304	17747908	27607128	17747908	1.56
layer7 top1	25215760	22191064	20278950	25685524	21774488	23145478	25903480	31643244	31643244	20278950	1.56

epoch 5	4.5	4	3	2.5	2.5	2	1	0.5	max	min	max/min
layer0 top0	15816975	14795466	19211764	20713912	22816944	28268640	32588158	42412492	42412492	14795466	2.87
layer0 top1	32425422	33840080	29914948	28515312	26559608	21030924	17185960	7152014	33840080	7152014	4.73
layer1 top0	16937188	18572358	17226836	20836300	16317747	28219744	40081050	38433108	40081050	16317747	2.46
layer1 top1	31335500	30244788	31519254	28300250	33484212	21352168	9475388	10912962	33484212	9475388	3.53
layer2 top0	22269012	24339112	22272828	20470234	25373524	22265468	24100492	35533990	35533990	20470234	1.74
layer2 top1	26563754	24564608	26593544	29018298	23795360	27004666	25167544	13916547	29018298	13916547	2.09
layer3 top0	29869056	22211220	19869612	21278794	26273476	27061280	27096040	22964868	29869056	19869612	1.50
layer3 top1	19441688	24847130	28660172	28119290	23145240	22912556	22789072	26709200	28660172	19441688	1.47
layer4 top0	24508792	22050232	24995746	27896464	31264136	22514264	22550062	20844706	31264136	20844706	1.50
layer4 top1	23225490	25618340	24122212	21880170	18145540	26635318	27017360	29980044	29980044	18145540	1.65
layer5 top0	35033496	21404792	28073844	19516444	23752160	23848520	19989096	25006046	35033496	19516444	1.80
layer5 top1	13156733	27109468	21048224	29123844	25202292	26070064	29727016	25186798	29727016	13156733	2.26
layer6 top0	28212076	30261626	22599006	34282910	30538828	22703038	13543943	14482998	34282910	13543943	2.53
layer6 top1	19355896	18356678	25408908	15519957	19995936	25682232	36492304	35812544	36492304	15519957	2.35
layer7 top0	23494016	26171188	28317832	23879434	26252242	26539664	24251280	17718726	28317832	17718726	1.60
layer7 top1	25207116	22500134	19737372	25972076	22005236	23537612	25601974	32062880	32062880	19737372	1.62

epoch 6	4.5	4	3	2.5	2.5	2	1	0.5	max	min	max/min
layer0 top0	16093812	14975561	18904252	21328946	22726964	28518560	31707898	41303384	41303384	14975561	2.76
layer0 top1	31988220	33395532	29916626	27632404	26316634	20541796	17784288	7983688	33395532	7983688	4.18
layer1 top0	17366028	19162654	17884344	20815082	16328843	28165524	38934130	36902910	38934130	16328843	2.38
layer1 top1	30695232	29425808	30632800	28014732	33238308	21063830	10297974	12190800	33238308	10297974	3.23
layer2 top0	22550560	24133716	22691192	20426912	25260080	22143472	23408098	34945200	34945200	20426912	1.71
layer2 top1	26069272	24452460	25918728	28838422	23511292	26797668	25641308	14330145	28838422	14330145	2.01
layer3 top0	30186092	21894216	20074012	20984920	26390656	27066260	26549148	22414152	30186092	20074012	1.50
layer3 top1	18939456	24843012	28350640	28135678	22795104	22636304	22879156	26980088	28350640	18939456	1.50
layer4 top0	24114636	22645464	24971540	27665830	31490024	22283970	22382662	20005112	31490024	20005112	1.57
layer4 top1	23324716	24843156	23884476	21761596	17779744	26601500	26862890	30501228	30501228	17779744	1.72
layer5 top0	35146936	21452108	28001672	19414108	23622068	23658632	19755110	24508796	35146936	19414108	1.81
layer5 top1	12861604	26821580	20815188	28907844	25152160	25959822	29715866	25325488	29715866	12861604	2.31
layer6 top0	28441412	29818608	22813578	34151300	30129660	22669204	13298102	14237526	34151300	13298102	2.57
layer6 top1	19040744	18366774	25150260	15378771	19936480	25517180	36495400	35673652	36495400	15378771	2.37
layer7 top0	23468158	26267900	28489168	23416328	26003720	26155488	24326500	17432104	28489168	17432104	1.63
layer7 top1	25049572	22341700	19325668	25975586	21985580	23565524	25260574	32055100	32055100	19325668	1.66

epoch 7	4.5	4	3	2.5	2.5	2	1	0.5	max	min	max/min
layer0 top0	16658651	15442565	18865092	21987256	22649968	29079684	30773936	40200720	40200720	15442565	2.60
layer0 top1	31597378	33059774	30060398	27050224	26408984	19951794	18559190	8969750	33059774	8969750	3.69
layer1 top0	18063836	20016284	18673120	20885180	16292779	28121420	38053416	35551428	38053416	16292779	2.34
layer1 top1	30096644	28622178	29861340	27973456	33291506	21119694	11155827	13537093	33291506	11155827	2.98
layer2 top0	22710728	24359604	23164804	20338066	25331580	22210746	22980136	34562164	34562164	20338066	1.70
layer2 top1	25877828	24435708	25434154	28942052	23496814	26774384	25992528	14703959	28942052	14703959	1.97
layer3 top0	30709220	21912764	20278002	20798168	26468278	27283772	26290068	21915842	30709220	20278002	1.51
layer3 top1	18660948	24972224	28166296	28336400	22801280	22345112	23052706	27376696	28336400	18660948	1.52
layer4 top0	24377520	23335664	25058708	27551086	31763206	22082748	22259234	19229592	31763206	19229592	1.65
layer4 top1	23237720	24367640	23926294	21888152	<u>17474778</u>	26663284	26885158	31214610	31214610	17474778	1.79
layer5 top0	35550316	21401108	28219244	<u>19543368</u>	23572724	23538660	19663774	24168460	35550316	19543368	1.82
layer5 top1	12647932	26792236	20775084	28832044	25121424	26005564	29843172	25640084	29843172	12647932	2.36
layer6 top0	28698550	29936944	23038958	34159024	29855548	22724280	<u>13175215</u>	14069042	34159024	13175215	2.59
layer6 top1	18882852	18490492	24931360	15474659	20093408	25468612	36602344	35713964	36602344	15474659	2.37
layer7 top0	23527058	26429900	28726416	23302828	25849284	26074966	24495250	<u>17251952</u>	28726416	17251952	1.67
layer7 top1	25090384	22189846	19117056	26012520	22251508	23652908	25092852	32250640	32250640	19117056	1.69

Table 8: The statistical results in the $300M \times 8$ MoDSE setting. Results from the 2nd to the 7th epochs are collected, across 8 layers, for the top 2 selected experts. The values 4.5, 4, ... indicate the size ratio to the input size. Bold font in the last column indicates ratios larger than 3.00, which is the ratio of the token number from the experts chosen by the most tokens to the one chosen by the least tokens. Bold font in the middle 8 columns indicates the number of tokens from the experts chosen by the most tokens, and the underlined number is the number of tokens from the experts chosen by the least tokens.

B Difficult Tokens Distribution across Experts

	4.5	4	3	2.5	2.5	2	1	0.5	sum of larger experts	sum of smaller experts
layer1 top0	208	271	324	206	127	85	93	190	-	-
layer1 top1	46	159	255	122	191	135	334	262	-	-
layer2 top0	309	573	239	166	117	88	12	0	-	-
layer2 top1	248	125	429	149	131	216	187	19	-	-
layer3 top0	164	140	249	68	130	351	202	200	-	-
layer3 top1	66	274	288	49	112	365	300	50	-	-
layer4 top0	211	161	150	87	378	331	144	42	-	-
layer4 top1	84	44	168	117	366	287	320	118	-	-
layer5 top0	202	348	312	227	209	0	160	46	-	-
layer5 top1	110	243	142	325	155	54	280	195	-	-
layer6 top0	90	191	531	120	72	68	170	262	-	-
layer6 top1	216	198	109	149	85	124	212	411	-	-
layer7 top0	160	400	206	192	287	176	44	39	-	-
layer7 top1	237	135	141	128	176	134	221	332	-	-
layer7 top0	216	229	331	100	246	264	48	70	-	-
layer7 top1	82	238	221	127	151	199	245	241	-	-
top1+top2	2649	3729	4095	2332	2933	2877	2972	2477	10473	8326
top 1	1560	2313	2342	1166	1566	1363	873	849	6215	3085

Table 9: The distribution of difficult tokens across different experts.