**Project Proposal**

**1. Team Information**

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**2. Selected Metrics and Correlation analysis**

**Metric 1: Statement Coverage**

**Metric 2: Branch Coverage**

**Metric 3: Mutation Score**

**Metric 4: Cyclomatic Complexity (McCabe)**

**Metric 5: Adaptive Maintenance Effort Model (AMEffMo)**

Adaptive Maintenance Model help us to predict maintenance effort required in terms of person & hours.

**Metric 6: QMOOD – Quality Metrics in Object Oriented Design**

**Number of classes added**

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| **Quality Factor** | **Definition** |
| Reusability | Shows how easily a design can be applied to a new problem without significant efforts if there are object-oriented design characteristics present in the system. |
| Flexibility | Shows how easily changes can be incorporated in a design. The ability of a design to be adapted to provide functionality related capabilities. |
| Understandability | Shows how easily properties of designs can be learned and comprehended. Understandability relates directly to the complexity of design structure. |
| Functionality | This is the responsibility that has been assigned to the classes of a Design, which can be accessed through the public interfaces. |
| Extendibility | Refers to their presence and usage of properties in an existing design that allow for the incorporation of new requirements in the design. |
| Effectiveness | This shows how the Object-Oriented Design concepts have been included in the design to achieve the desired functionality and behaviour. |

**Definition of QMOOD design properties**

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| **Design Property** | | **Definition** | |
| Design Size (DSC) | | A measure of number of classes used in the design. | |
| Hierarchies (NOH) | | Hierarchies are used to represent different generalization – specialization aspects of the design. Classes in a design which have one or more descendants exhibit this property. | |
| Abstraction (ANA) | | A measure of generalization- specialization aspect of design. Classes in a design which have one or more descendent exhibit this property of abstraction. | |
| Encapsulation (DAM) | | Defined as the enclosing of data and behavior within a single construct. In object oriented designs the property specifically refers to designing classes that prevent access to attribute declarations defining them to be private, thus protecting the internal representation by of the objects. | |
| Coupling (DCC) | | Defines the inter dependency of an object on other objects in a design. It is the measure of the number of other objects that would be accessed by an object for that object to function correctly. | |
| Cohesion (CAM) | | Accesses the relatedness of methods and attributes in a class. Strong overlap in method parameters and attribute types is an indication of strong cohesion. | |
| Composition (MOA) | | Measures the “part-of,” “has”, “consists –of”, or “part-whole” relationships, which are aggregation relationships in object-oriented design. | |
| Inheritance (MFA) | | A measure of the “is-a” relationship between classes. This relationship is related to a level of nesting of classes in an inheritance hierarchy. | |
| Polymorphism (NOP) | | The ability to substitute objects whose interfaces match for one another at runtime. It is a measure of services that are dynamically determined at run-time in an object. | |
| Messaging (CIS) | | A count of number of public methods that are available as services to other classes. This is the measure of the services that a class provides. | |
| Complexity (NOM) | | A measure of the degree of difficulty in understanding and comprehending the internal and external structure of classes and their relationships. | |

**QMOOD Quality Factors and Design Properties Relationships**

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| **Quality Factor** | **Relationship** |
| Reusability | -0.25\*Coupling+0.25\*Cohesion +0.5\*Messaging +0.5\*Design Size |
| Flexibility | 0.25\*Encapsulation-0.25\*Coupling +0.5\*Composition+0.5\*Polymorphism |
| Understandability | -0.33\*Abstraction+0.33\*Encapsulation- 0.33\*Coupling+0.33\*Cohesion -0.33\*Polymorphism–0.33\*Complexity –0.33\* Design Size |
| Functionality | 0.12\*Cohesion+0.22\*Polymorphism +0.22\*Messaging+ 0.22\*Design Size +0.22\*Hierarchies |
| Extendibility | 0.5\*Abstraction– 0.5\*Coupling+0.5\*Inheritance +0.5\* Polymorphism |
| Effectiveness | 0.2\*Abstraction+0.2\*Encapsulation +0.2\*Composition+0.2\*Inheritance +0.2\*Polymorphism |

**Co-Relation**

* **Between Statement Coverage (M-1) and Mutation Score (M-3):**

The more statements are covered for Mutation score i.e. the more statements we change from the source code to do mutation testing, better is the test suite effectiveness.

* **Between Branch Coverage (M-2) and Mutation Score (M-3):**

Mutation Testing generates different versions (mutants) of a program under test by introducing small changes that are supposed to be defects in the code and we know that the branch coverage criterion requires that all control transfers in the program under test are exercised during testing. Hence if branch coverage is more i.e. if all control transfers are tested then the bugs introduced through mutation testing will be detected there by increasing the test suite effectiveness.

* **Between Statement Coverage (M-1), Branch Coverage (M-3) and QMOOD (M-4):**

Classes with low test coverage (considering both statement coverage and branch coverage) contain more bugs is the rationale we are defining. There is a co-relation as we can see that from the metric 6, as the size of the code base i.e. as the number of lines increases the test coverage will generally decrease as it becomes increasing daunting to have more coverage as the LOC increases by a large factor and hence the number of defects go up.

* **Between Statement Coverage (M-1), Branch Coverage (M-2) and Cyclomatic Complexity (M-4):**

Source code with high value of cyclomatic complexity contains a greater number of linearly independent path. For both statement and branch coverage, we need to find paths (from start to end of flowchart) that go through all statements and branch. Hence as the value of cyclomatic complexity increases we need a greater number of test cases for 100% statement and branch coverage.

* **Between Metric 5 and Metric 6**

**3. Related Work**

* 1. **Statement Coverage and Branch Coverage**

**Objective:**

Code coverage analysis is the process of ﬁnding portions of a program not used by a set of test cases, thereby resulting a quantitative measure of code coverage, which is an indirect measure of code quality. It can also help in creating additional test cases to increase the coverage and may identify unreachable portions of the code. Additionally, it can identify redundant test cases that do not increase coverage, as well as help in testing changes made to the code during regression testing.

**Hypothesis:**

Coverage measures based on various code-elements such as methods, statements, blocks, branches, predicates are most widely employed for coverage-based testing. The coverage analysis tools are language dependent. Coverage analyzers work by adding probe instructions in the program which increment counters.

**Methodology:**

Input: The java program to be analysed and their test-cases.

Output: The statements and branches covered in the test-cases.

Step 1: Construction of flow graph

Step 2: Initial path selection

Step 3: Derivation of linear constraints

Step 4: Detection of infeasible paths

Step 5: Consistent subset of linear constraints

Step 6: Path switching

**Results:**

The results produced by the branch and test coverage can be used to provide valuable input to the test-cases run for the program. It can help the team responsible for testing provide more test cases so that the branch and statement coverage is 100% to be sure that everything in the given java program was properly tested and documented.

* 1. **Mutation Score:**

**Objective:**

Mutation testing is a type of testing in which we try to make changes to the source code so that we can check whether the test cases can find the errors in the code or the code runs without any errors. This type of testing is used only for the Unit Testing methods to make sure that each part of a source code is properly tested.

Mutation Score is calculated as the percentage of the ratio of number of mutants killed by the total number of mutants in the SLOC.

* Mutation Score = (Killed Mutants / Total number of Mutants) \* 100

**Hypothesis:**

Mutation Score is based on several code elements wherein the SLOC is taken and a test case is designed according to it so that the code runs without any anomaly. Then the code is change to introduce a fault in the system so that we can check whether the test case is able to site any faults in the source code. If the test case doesn’t find any faults, then the test case is not correctly coded and thus the **mutation score=0%.** But, if all the faults are recognized then according to the formula of mutation score the value of **mutation score=100%.**

**Methodology:**

Input: 1. Code to be analyzed.

2. Mutant code with faults included.

3. Test cases for analyzing the faults.

Output: Mutation score of the mutant code when run along with the test cases. (According to the formula of Mutation Score)

Step 1: Enter the correct SLOC.

Step 2: Create Unit Tests for that SLOC.

Step 3: Create a mutation of the SLOC provided above with some faults introduced in it.

Step 4: Run the Unit Tests with the mutated code and check for the errors in the code.

Step 5: Calculate the Mutation Score from the formula:

* Mutation Score = (Killed Mutants / Total number of Mutants) \* 100

Step6: If mutation score= 0% the test cases are not written correctly on the contrary mutation score=100% means that all the faults are recognized completely.

**Results:**

The results produced by the Mutation score can be used to determine the amount of cases in the test cases which are not yet been recognized by the unit tests and are not included. This can be useful for creating better unit tests so that there is complete coverage of all the possible faults that can exist in a code.

The result produced by the mutation score can be used as an incremental method for the better development of the unit test cases for covering most of the unseen faults.

* 1. **Cyclomatic Complexity (McCabe):**

**Objective:**

Cyclomatic complexity is a quantitative measure of the number of linearly independent paths through program’s source code. Cyclomatic complexity is used as a benchmark to compare two different source code. The program with high cyclomatic complexity is more error prone and require more understanding for testing. It also helps us in determining the number of test cases that will be required for complete branch coverage.

Cyclomatic complexity is calculate with the help of number of edges(E), number of nodes(N) and number of connected point(P).

* Cyclomatic Complexity = E – N + 2P

Cyclomatic complexity can also be determined with the help of number of control predicate (D):

* Cyclomatic Complexity = D + 1

**Hypothesis:**

McCabe proposed a way in which we can determine the complexity of a method, which basically counts one for each place whenever the flow changes from a linear flow. In general, a McCabe complexity of low is good to have, A high complexity (>10) makes the method more complex. A large switch statement can be clear to understand but in result it will give very high count of Cyclomatic complexity.

**Methodology:**

Input: The source Code to be analyzed.

Output: Cyclomatic complexity of the method/class.

Step 1: Start with a count of 1 for each method.

Step 2: Increment the count for each of the following element found in the source code:

* Selection: if, else, case, default.
* Loops: for, do-while, while, break and continue.
* Exception: catch, finally, throw.
* Operators: &&, ||.
* Returns: Each return statement which the last statement of the method is not.

Step 3: Determine the class complexity by adding complexity of each individual method.

**Conclusion:**

Complexity can have many meanings. It is used as a benchmark for predicating cost. It is also used to determine the number of test cases. Cyclomatic complexity cannot be used efficiently in doing the code comparison to determine the code efficiency, two code with same number of control predicate can have different complexity, A nested loop with a billion iteration will have more computational complexity then a loop with hundred iteration.

* 1. **Adaptive Maintenance Effort Model (AMEffMo)**

**Objective:**

This model aims on calculating maintenance effort in terms of person-hours. There is various metric which are found to be strongly correlated to maintenance effort. This metrics can be number of lines changed and number of operators changed.

**Hypothesis:**

This model hypothesis that maintenance effort for a software depends on measurable metrics derived from software development process. In this model, metrics that affects estimation effort required for maintaining project is identified first. Then, correlation is established between identified metric and maintenance effort.

**Metrics**:

Table 1: Metrics and their description

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|  | **Metric** | **Description** |
| 1 | %Operators Changed | Percent difference in total number of operators in the application after maintenance |
| 2 | LOC Difference (DLOC) | Lines of code edited, added or deleted during maintenance |
| 3 | % Mod change/add | % Code modules changed during Maintenance |
| 4 | Noprtr | Total number of operators |
| 5 | CF | Coupling factor |
| 6 | CR | Comment Ratio |
| 7 | Hdiff | Halstead’s difficulty |
| 8 | LCOM | Lack of cohesion in methods |
| 9 | AC | Attribute Complexity |
| 10 | CC | Cyclomatic Complexity |
| 11 | TCR | True Comment Ratio |
| 12 | PM | Perceived maintainability |
| 13 | MP | Maintainability product |
| 14 | Classes Changed | Number of classes modified |
| 15 | MI | Welker’s Maintainability Index |
| 16 | HPVol | Halstead program volume |
| 17 | Classes Added | Number of classes added |
| 18 | Heff | Halstead’s effort |
| 19 | LOC | Total lines of code |

**Methodology:**

Step 1: Identify metric which affect estimation effort

Step 2: Perform simple regression.

Step 3: In Regression, use datapoint collected from data source and use least square method to produce the following model:E = -40 +6.56 DLOC

Step 4: Use another variable number of operators changed (DNoprtr), to generate following model: E = -124 +7.5 DNoprtr

* 1. **QMOOD metric sets to assess quality of java program**

**Objective:**

Here a model to evaluate and grade java programs, based on QMOOD which is hierarchical model that defines relation between qualities attributes and design properties with the help of equations. This paper focuses on only MOOD and QMOOD. Different types of java programs are shown as input and result have been evaluated and featured with the help of 2D graph. ISO/lEC 9126 is one of the most popular quality standards.

**Hypothesis:**

The methodology used in the development of hierarchical QMOOD assessment extends Dromey's generic quality model methodology and involves the four levels(Ll through L4) and three mappings(Mapping Quality, Assigning design metrics to design properties and Linking design Properties to Quality Attributes).

**Design Metrics**:

Design size (DSC)- It measures the number of classes used in design

Hierarchies (NOH)- Number of class hierarchies is represented as number of root classes in class design.

Abstraction (ANA) - it measures generalization and specialization in class design.

Encapsulation (DAM) - an enclosure of data and behaviour within single construct.

Coupling (DCC) - Interdependency of an object on other object in a design.

Cohesion (CAM) - It assesses how attributes and methods are related.

Composition (MOA) - Measure of aggregation relationship.

Inheritance (MFA)-Measure of IS-A relationship.

Polymorphism (NOP)-Ability to take different forms in a design.

Messaging (CIS)-Measure of services that a class provides.

Complexity (NOM)-Represents how difficult understand and comprehend the internal and external structure of classes and relationships.

**Methodology:**

From the design quality attribute values, the total quality index was calculated as:

Input: java program to be evaluated.

Output: evaluation results.

Step 1: Compute all the design metrics from the java program taken as input

Step 2: Normalize all the values of the design metrics.

Step 3: Find all the design properties from the design metrics

Step 4: Compute all the quality attributes from the formulas

Step 5: Add the values of all quality attributes to compute the total quality index.

**Results:**

* Design that was having single class has lowest TQI and as the design metrics like design size, inheritance, abstraction, inheritance is increased TQI is increased but it can also be seen that decrease in complexity increase the TQI.
* As the design metrics change TQI varies. As the classes and other properties are included TQI is increased. Further when more private attributes are included that is DAM IS included there is further increase in TQI.
* Coupling and complexity are inversely proportional to the quality of software while others to some extent gives the positive result that is directly proportional to quality.
* The system concludes that it's not necessary that every time increasing the positive parameter would result in better quality.

**4. Projects**

Below is the list of projects among which 5 Projects will be considered for our Analysis purposes.

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| **Projects** | **Version** |
| Apache Ant | 1.10.5 |
| JRuby | 9.2.5.0 |
| JMeter | 5.0 |
| JFreeChart | 1.0.19 |
| BlueJ | 4.1.4 |
| Mockito | 2.23.20 |

These are open source software systems which are built using Java programming language. These projects fall under different ecosystems as Apache Ant is a software tool for automating software build processes, JRuby is a software used for development of Ruby programming language, JMeter is software used as a load testing tool for analyzing and measuring performance of a variety of services, Jfreechart is used for creation of wide variety of both interactive and non interactive charts, BlueJ is a IDE(integrated development environment) for the Java programming language, developed mainly for educational purposes, but also suitable for small-scale software development and Mockito is a testing framework used for the purpose of test-driven development or behavior-driven development.

These projects have high volume of users and commits. Several developers have worked on these projects which provide a good base to start our analysis on different metrics which we have studied. These projects have several bugs and features reported which provide insight to understand the metrics. They have many version releases which helps to understand the system better with stable builds.

**6. Resource Planning.**

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| **Metric 1** | Karthik and Himen |
| **Metric 2** | Karthik and Rohan |
| **Metric 3** | Rohan |
| **Metric 4** | Chetan and Sandeep |
| **Metric 5** | Himen |
| **Metric 6** | Sandeep and Chetan |

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