## Methods and Tools for the Analysis of Legacy Software Systems

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### Chapter 1

## Extracting software dependencies

### 1.1 Tool for measuring software dependencies

In order to build structural and logical dependencies we have developed a tool that takes as input the source code repository and builds the required software dependencies [28]. The workflow can be delimited by three major steps as it follows (Figure 1-1):

- Step 1: Extracting structural dependencies.
- Step 2: Extracting logical dependencies.
- Step 3: Processing the information extracted.

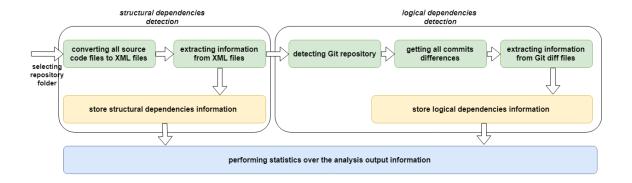


Figure 1-1: Processing phases

### 1.2 Extracting structural dependencies

A dependency is created by two elements that are in a relationship and indicates that an element of the relationship, in some manner, depends on the other element of the relationship [5], [8].

Structural dependencies can be found by analyzing the source code [25], [6]. A structural dependency between two classes A and B is given by the fact that A statically depends on B, meaning that A cannot be compiled without knowing about B. In object oriented system, this dependency can be given by many types of relationships between the two classes: A extends B, A implements B, A has attributes of type B, A has methods which have type B in their signature, A uses local variables of type B, A calls methods of B.

We use an external tool called srcML [9], [10] to convert all source code files from the current release into XML files. All the information about classes, methods, calls to other classes are afterwards extracted by our tool parsing the XML files and building a dependencies data structure. We have chosen to rely on srcML as a preprocessing tool because it reduces a significant number of syntactic differences from different programming languages and can make easier the parsing of source code written in different programming languages such as Java, C++ and C#.

### 1.3 Extracting logical dependencies

Logical dependencies (a.k.a logical coupling) can be found by software history analysis and can reveal relationships that are not always present in the source code (structural dependencies).

Software engineering practice has shown that sometimes modules which do not present structural dependencies still appear to be related. Co-evolution represents the phenomenon when one component changes in response to a change in another component [31], [7]. Those changes can be found in the software history maintained by the versioning system. Gall [15], [16] identified as logical coupling between two modules the fact that these modules repeatedly change together during the historical evolution of the software system [3].

The versioning system contains the long-term change history of every file. Each project change made by an individual at a certain point of time is contained into a commit [11]. All the commits are stored in the versioning system chronologically and each commit has a parent. The parent commit is the baseline from which development began, the only exception to this rule is the first commit which has no parent. We will take into consideration only commits that have a parent since the first commit can include source code files that are already in development (migration from one versioning system to another) and this can introduce redundant logical links [1].

The tool looks through the main branch of the project and gets all the existing commits. For each commit a diff against the parent will be made and stored. Here we have the option to ignore commits that contain more files than a threshold value for commit size. Also, we have the option to check whether the differences are in actual code or if they affect only parts of source files that are only comments. Finally after all the difference files are stored, all the files are parsed and logical dependencies are build. For a group of files that are committed together, logical dependencies are added between all pairs formed by members of the group. Adding a logical dependency increases an occurrence counter for the logical link.

### Chapter 2

# Filtering extracted logical dependencies

#### 2.1 Data set used

We have analyzed a set of open-source projects found on GitHub<sup>1</sup> [17] in order to extract the structural and logical dependencies between classes. Table 2.1 enumerates all the systems studied. The 1st column assigns the projects IDs; 2nd column shows the project name; 3rd column shows the number of entities(classes and interfaces) extracted; 4th column shows the number of most recent commits analyzed from the active branch of each project and the 5th shows the language in which the project was developed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>http://github.com/

Table 2.1: Summary of open source projects studied.

ID	Project	Nr. of	Nr. of	Type
		entites	commits	
1	bluecove	586	894	java
2	aima-java	987	818	java
3	powermock	1084	893	java
4	restfb	783	1188	java
5	rxjava	2673	2468	java
6	metro-jax-ws	1103	2222	java
7	mockito	1409	1572	java
8	grizzly	1592	3122	java
9	$_{ m shipkit}$	242	1483	java
10	OpenClinica	1653	3749	java
11	robolectric	2050	5029	java
12	aeron	541	5101	java
13	antlr4	1381	3449	java
14	mcidasv	805	3668	java
15	$\operatorname{Share}X$	919	2505	csharp
16	aspnetboilerplate	2353	1615	csharp
17	orleans	3485	3353	csharp
18	cli	767	2397	csharp
19	cake	2250	1853	csharp
20	Avalonia	1677	2445	csharp
21	EntityFramework	7107	2443	csharp
22	jellyfin	2179	4065	csharp
23	PowerShell	861	2033	csharp
24	WeiXinMPSDK	8 <sup>2029</sup>	2723	csharp
25	ArchiSteamFarm	117	2181	csharp
26	VisualStudio	1016	4417	csharp
27	CppSharp	259	3882	csharp

# 2.2 Filtering based on the size of commit transactions

A big commit transaction can indicate that a merge with another branch or that a renaming has been made. In this case, a series of irrelevant logical dependencies can be introduced since not all the files are updated in the same time for a development reason. Different works have chosen fixed threshold values for the maximum number of files accepted in a commit. Cappiluppi and Ajienka, in their works [1], [2] only take into consideration commits with less then 10 source code files changed in building the logical dependencies.

The research of Beck et al [4] only takes in consideration transactions with up to 25 files. The research [20] provided also a quantitative analysis of the number of files per revision; Based on the analysis of 40,518 revisions, the mean value obtained for the number of files in a revision is 6 files. However, standard deviation value shows that the dispersion is high.

We analyzed the overall transaction size trend for 27 open-source cpp and java systems. The results are presented in Figure 2-1, based on them we can say that 90% of the total commit transactions made are with less than 10 source code files changed. This percent allows us to say that setting a threshold of 10 files for the maximum size of the commit transactions will not affect so much the total number of commit transactions from the systems since it will still remain 90% of the commit transactions from where we can extract logical dependencies [28].

As we can see in Figure 2-2 even though only 5% of the commit transactions have more than 20 files changed (20 < cs < inf) they generate in average 80% of the total amount of logical dependencies extracted from the systems. The high number

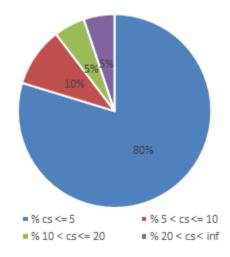


Figure 2-1: Commit transaction size(cs) trend in percentages

of logical dependencies extracted from such a small number of commit transactions is caused by big commit transactions. One single big commit transaction can lead to a large amount of logical dependencies. For example in RxJava we have a very few commit transactions with 1030 source code files, this means that those files can generate  ${}^{n}C_{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} = \frac{1030!}{2!(1028)!} = 529935$  logical dependencies. By setting a threshold on the commit transaction size we can avoid the introduction of those logical dependencies into the system.

So filtering 10% of the total amount of commit transactions can indeed lead to a significant decrease of the amount of logical dependencies and that is why we choose the value of 10 files as our fixed threshold for the maximum size of a commit transaction [28].

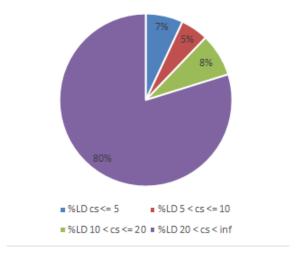


Figure 2-2: Percentages of LD extracted from each commit transaction size(cs) group

### 2.3 Filtering based on the number of occurrences

One occurrence of a co-change between two software entities can be a valid logical dependency, but can also be a coincidence. Taking into consideration only co-changes with multiple occurrences as valid dependencies can lead to more accurate logical dependencies and more accurate results. On the other hand, if the project studied has a relatively small amount of commits, the probability to find multiple updates of the same classes in the same time can be small, so filtering after the number of occurrences can lead to filtering all the logical dependencies extracted. Giving the fact that we will study multiple projects of different sizes and number of commits, we will analyze also the impact of this filtering on different projects.

We have performed a series of analysis on the test systems, incrementing the threshold value occ from 1 to 4. In each of the cases the extracted logical dependencies from commit transaction with less or equal to 10 changed source code files were also filtered by the minimum number of occurrences established and all the log-

ical dependencies that did not exceeded the minimum number of occurrences were discarded.

The results of the analysis are presented in Table 2.2 as percentages of logical dependencies (LD) that are also structural dependencies and Table 2.3 as ratio of the number of logical dependencies (LD) to the number of structural dependencies (SD).

Table 2.2: Percentage of LD that are also SD

ID		entage of 1		
	$occ \ge 1$	$occ \ge 2$	$occ \ge 3$	$occ \ge 4$
1	7,13	7,77	7,99	19,71
2	19,54	25,76	29,55	32,16
3	6,66	8,58	11,82	14,87
4	1,16	1,17	0,91	0,80
5	3,99	3,96	7,75	7,49
6	13,92	20,16	22,91	22,77
7	8,38	9,28	14,93	14,58
8	6,70	9,73	14,20	15,60
9	16,98	23,34	29,22	32,89
10	8,94	9,15	11,05	10,59
11	4,99	6,92	8,88	11,08
12	13,19	17,15	18,60	19,57
13	2,43	5,59	8,33	8,21
14	13,27	18,88	19,02	19,28
15	12,90	21,95	25,51	27,01
16	13,33	17,34	18,53	16,24
17	6,09	6,18	6,41	6,44
18	9,73	10,60	14,27	18,80
19	10,26	13,54	13,64	12,60
20	12,83	18,36	21,00	25,72
21	2,86	4,65	5,70	4,98
22	5,20	6,56	8,18	8,90
23	8,23	13,64	17,04	17,65
24	6,77	10,89	14,47	16,05
25	9,85	10,15	11,65	11,33
26	8,65	10,79	12,78	14,34
27	7,04	8,78	9,87	10,08
Avg	8,93	11,88	14,23	15,55

Table 2.3: Ratio of number of LD to number of SD

ID	$occ \ge 1$	$occ \ge 2$	$occ \ge 3$	$occ \ge 4$
1	4,13	1,94	1,23	0,26
2	0,81	0,33	0,16	0,10
3	5,12	1,93	0,78	0,38
4	53,36	42,00	38,31	36,30
5	4,27	2,90	0,88	0,72
6	1,07	0,46	0,30	0,23
7	4,09	2,38	0,99	0,73
8	4,06	1,57	0,76	0,49
9	3,64	2,03	1,14	0,77
10	1,41	1,01	0,47	0,34
11	7,91	4,47	2,93	2,03
12	3,92	2,15	1,47	1,07
13	10,15	3,18	1,22	1,03
14	3,07	1,53	1,16	0,97
15	2,34	0,84	0,48	0,33
16	1,21	0,47	0,26	0,19
17	2,99	1,83	1,11	0,84
18	2,26	1,37	0,67	0,40
19	2,32	1,38	0,76	0,67
20	1,24	0,58	0,35	0,18
21	5,33	2,12	1,27	1,05
22	3,38	1,88	0,99	0,74
23	3,62	1,22	0,76	0,37
24	2,57	1,22	0,67	0,46
25	7,47	5,36	4,16	3,73
26	4,03	2,16	1,50	1,15
27	7,46	4,26	2,99	2,43
Avg	5,67	3,43	2,51	2,15

Based on Table 2.2 we can say that only a small percentage of the extracted logical dependencies are also structural dependencies. This is consistent with the findings of related works [1], [2]. The percentage of LD which are also SD increases with the minimum number of occurrences because the number of logical dependencies from the systems decreases with the minimum number of occurrences. We calculate the overlapping between logical and structural dependencies not only because we want to get an idea of how many structural dependencies are reflected in the versioning system through logical dependencies but also because we want to eliminate logical dependencies that are also structural dependencies since they don't bring any new information to the systems.

We stopped the minimum occurrences threshold to 4 because we observed that for systems with ID 2, 6, 10 and 16 from Table 2.3 the ratio number is lower than 1 which means that the number of SD is higher than the number of LD. On the other hand for systems with ID 4, 11, 25, 27 the threshold of 4 for minimum number of occurrences does not change the discrepancy between the number of logical and structural dependencies. If we try to go higher with the occurrences threshold we will risk to filter all the existing logical dependencies for some of the systems. So, filtering with a threshold of 4 for the minimum number of occurrences will indeed filter the logical dependencies but for some of the systems the remaining number of logical dependencies will still be significantly higher compared to the number of structural dependencies.

# 2.4 Overlaps between structural and logical dependencies

A logical dependency can be also a structural dependency and vice-versa, so studying the overlapping between logical and structural dependencies while filtering is important since the intention is to introduce those logical dependencies among with structural dependencies in architectural reconstruction systems. Current studies have shown a relatively small percentage of overlapping between them with and without any kind of filtering [1]. This means that a lot of non related entities update together in the versioning system, the goal here is to establish the factors that determine such a small percentage of overlapping [27].

In the main series of experiments, for each system, we extracted the structural dependencies and the logical dependencies and determined the overlap between the two dependencies sets, in various experimental conditions.

One variable experimental condition is whether changes located in comments contribute towards logical dependencies. This condition distinguishes between two different cases:

- with comments: a change in source code files is counted towards a logical dependency, even if the change is inside comments in all files
- without comments: commits that changed source code files only by editing comments are ignored as logical dependencies

In all cases, we varied the following threshold values:

• commit size (cs): the maximum size of commit transactions which are accepted to generate logical dependencies. The values for this threshold were 5, 10, 20

and no threshold (infinity).

• number of occurrences (occ): the minimum number of repeated occurrences for a co-change to be counted as logical dependency. The values for this threshold were 1, 2, 3 and 4.

The six tables below present the synthesis of our experiments. We have computed the following values:

- the mean ratio of the number of logical dependencies (LD) to the number of structural dependencies (SD)
- the mean percentage of structural dependencies that are also logical dependencies (calculated from the number of overlaps divided to the number of structural dependencies)
- the mean percentage of logical dependencies that are also structural dependencies (calculated from the number of overlaps divided to the number of logical dependencies)

In all the six tables, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.9 we have on columns the values used for the commit size cs, while on rows we have the values for the number of occurrences threshold occ. The tables contain median values obtained for experiments done under all combinations of the two threshold values, on all test systems. In all tables, the upper right corner corresponds to the most relaxed filtering conditions, while the lower left corner corresponds to the most restrictive filtering conditions.

In order to assess the influence of comments, we compare pairwise Tables 2.4 and 2.5, Tables 2.6 and 2.7 and Tables 2.8 and 2.9. We observe that, although there are some differences between pairs of measurements done in similar conditions with and without comments, the differences are not significant.

Table 2.4: Ratio of number of LD to number of SD, case with comments

	$cs \leq 5$	$cs \le 10$	$cs \le 20$	$cs < \infty$
$occ \ge 1$	3,39	5,67	9,00	80,31
$occ \geq 2$	2,24	3,47	5,02	60,14
$occ \geq 3$	1,04	$2,\!53$	3,52	44,68
$occ \ge 4$	0,90	2,16	2,88	33,47

Table 2.5: Ratio of number of LD to number of SD, case without comments

	$cs \leq 5$	$cs \le 10$	$cs \le 20$	$cs < \infty$
$occ \ge 1$	3,24	5,33	7,90	67,16
$occ \ge 2$	1,35	3,27	4,72	47,39
$occ \ge 3$	1,00	1,67	2,49	32,39
$occ \ge 4$	0,43	1,26	1,93	22,15

Table 2.6: Percentage of SD that are also LD, case with comments

	$cs \leq 5$	$cs \le 10$	$cs \le 20$	$cs < \infty$
$occ \ge 1$	19,75	29,86	39,29	76,59
$occ \ge 2$	12,50	$20,\!20$	$27,\!68$	66,11
$occ \ge 3$	8,49	14,22	19,94	55,99
$occ \ge 4$	6,58	10,95	15,76	47,12

Table 2.7: Percentage of SD that are also LD, case without comments

	$cs \leq 5$	$cs \le 10$	$cs \le 20$	$cs < \infty$
$occ \ge 1$	18,88	28,47	37,44	71,12
$occ \ge 2$	11,87	19,03	25,93	$59,\!58$
$occ \ge 3$	8,00	13,09	18,15	48,65
$occ \ge 4$	5,85	9,94	14,27	39,07

Table 2.8: Percentage of LD that are also SD, case with comments

	$cs \leq 5$	$cs \le 10$	$cs \le 20$	$cs < \infty$
$occ \ge 1$	12,02	8,86	6,72	1,79
$occ \ge 2$	15,05	11,71	9,38	2,21
$occ \ge 3$	17,45	13,97	11,57	2,86
$occ \ge 4$	18,96	15,28	12,94	3,67

Table 2.9: Percentage of LD that are also SD, case without comments

	$cs \leq 5$	$cs \le 10$	$cs \le 20$	$cs < \infty$
$occ \ge 1$	12,05	9,02	6,98	1,93
$occ \ge 2$	15,08	12,03	9,66	2,42
$occ \ge 3$	17,78	14,37	12,24	3,28
$occ \ge 4$	19,22	15,59	13,30	4,21

On the other hand, the overlap between structural and logical dependencies is given by the number of pairs of classes that have both structural and logical dependencies. We evaluate this overlap as a percentage relative to the number of structural dependencies in Tables 2.6 and 2.7, respectively as a percentage relative to the number of logical dependencies in Tables 2.8 and 2.9.

A first observation from Tables 2.6 and 2.7 is that not all pairs of classes with structural dependencies co-change. The biggest value for the percentage of structural dependencies that are also logical dependencies is 76.5% obtained in the case when no filterings are done.

From Tables 2.8 and 2.9 we notice that the percentage of logical dependencies which are also structural is always low to very low. This means that most co-changes are recorded between classes that have no structural dependencies to each other [27].

### Chapter 3

# Usage of the extracted dependencies

#### 3.1 Data set used

To extract the key classes based on logical dependencies, we took the same set of data used in another research involving key class detection. The research of I. Sora et al [22] takes into consideration structural public dependencies that are extracted using static analysis techniques and was performed on the object-oriented systems presented in table 3.1.

The requirements for a system to qualify as suited for investigations using logical dependencies are: has to be on GitHub, has to have release tags to identify the version, and also has to have an increased number of commits. From the total of 14 object-oriented systems listed in the paper [22], 13 of them have repositories in Github 3.2. And from the found repositories we identified only 6 repositories that have the same release tag as the specified version from table 3.1. It is important

to identify the correct release tag for each repository to limit the commits further analyzed by date. Only commits that were made until the specified release are considered and analyzed. The commits number found on the remaining 6 repositories varies from 19108 commits for Tomcat Catalina to 149 commits for JHotDraw. In order to have more accurate results, we need a significant number of commits, so we reached the conclusion that only 3 systems can be used for key classes detection using logical dependencies: Apache Ant, Hibernate, and Tomcat Catalina. From all the systems mentioned in table 3.1 Apache Ant is the most used and analyzed in other works [27], [14], [32], [18].

Table 3.1: Analyzed software systems in previous research paper.

ID	System	Description	Version
		Java library and command line tool that drive the	
Sl	Apache Ant	build processes as targets and extension points	1.6.1
		depending upon each other	
Go	A 112.61	UML modelling tool with support for all UML	0.05
S2	Argo UML	diagrams.	0.9.5
Co	CWT D. Alak	Open source web framework for building GWT	0.051.4
S3	GWT Portlets	(Google Web Toolkit) Applications.	0.9.5 beta
S4	Hibernate	Persistence framework for Java.	5.2.12
S5	javaclient	Java distributed application for playing with robots	2.0.0
S6	jEdit	Java mature text editor for programmers.	5.1.0
S7	JGAP	Genetic Algorithms and Genetic Programming Java	3.6.3
51	JGAP	library.	5.0.5
S8	   JHotDraw	JHotDraw is a two-dimensional graphics framework for	6.0b.1
50	JHOtDraw	structured drawing editors that is written in Java.	0.00.1
S9	JMeter	JMeter is a Java application designed to load test	2.0.1
39	Jivietei	functional behavior and measure performance	2.0.1
S10	Log4j	Logging Service	2.10.0
		The Mars Simulation Project is a Java project that	
S11	Mars	models and simulates human settlements on Mars	3.06.0
		planet	
S12	Maze	The Maze-solver project simulates an artificial	1.0.0
512	wiaze	intelligence algorithm on a maze	1.0.0
S13	Neuroph	Neuroph is a Java neural network framework.	2.2.0
		The Apache Tomcat project is an open-source	
S14	Tomcat Catalina	implementation of JavaServlet and JavaServerPages	9.0.4
		technologies	
Q1E	Wro4J	The Wro4J is a web resource (JS and CSS) optimizer	169
S15	VV1O4J	for Java.	1.6.3

Table 3.2: Found systems and versions of the systems in GitHub.

ID	System	Version	Release Tag name	Commits number
Sl	Apache Ant	1.6.1	rel/1.6.1	6713
S2	Argo UML	0.9.5	not found	0
S3	GWT Portlets	0.9.5 beta	not found	0
S4	Hibernate	5.2.12	5.2.12	6733
S5	javaclient	2.0.0	not found	0
S6	jEdit	5.1.0	not found	0
S7	$_{ m JGAP}$	3.6.3	not found	0
S8	${\it JHotDraw}$	6.0b.1	not found	149
S9	JMeter	2.0.1	$v2_{-}1_{-}1$	2506
S10	Log4j	2.10.0	$v1_2_10$ -recalled	634
S11	Mars	3.06.0	not found	0
S12	Maze	1.0.0	not found	0
S13	Neuroph	2.2.0	not found	0
S14	Tomcat Catalina	9.0.4	9.0.4	19108
S15	Wro4J	1.6.3	v1.6.3	2871

# 3.2 Identifying key classes using logical dependencies

#### 3.2.1 Definition and previous work

Zaidman et al [33] were the first to introduce the concept of key classes and it refers to classes that can be found in documents written to provide an architectural overview of the system or an introduction to the system structure. Tahvildari and Kontogiannis have a more detailed definition regarding key classes concept: "Usually, the most important concepts of a system are implemented by very few key classes which can be characterized by the specific properties. These classes, which we refer to as key classes, manage many other classes or use them in order to implement their functionality. The key classes are tightly coupled with other parts of the system. Additionally, they tend to be rather complex, since they implement much of the legacy system's functionality" [30]. Also, other researchers use a similar concept as the one defined by Zaidman but under different terms like important classes [19] or central software classes [29].

In previous works, the approach for finding key classes is based on ranking the classes with a page ranking algorithm [12], [21], [22], [26]. The page ranking algorithm is a customization of PageRank, the algorithm used to rank web pages [23]. The PageRank algorithm works based on a recommendation system. If one node has a connection with another node, then it recommends the second node. In previous works, connections are established based on structural dependencies extracted from static code analysis. If A has a structural dependency with B, then A recommends B, and also B recommends A.

### 3.2.2 Metrics to determine key classes

In order to identify the key classes of an object-oriented system, we have to determine what metrics can be used in order to get a good overview of the system and its most important classes [13], [33], [24]. The metrics used in previous research can be grouped into the following categories:

• class size metrics: number of fields (NoF), number of methods (NoM), global

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size (Size = NoF+NoM).
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- class connection metrics, any structural dependency between two classes:
  - CONN-IN, the number of distinct classes that use a class;
  - CONN-OUT, the total number of distinct classes that are used by a class;
  - CONN-TOTAL, the total number of distinct classes that a class uses or are used by a class (CONN-IN + CONN-OUT).
  - CONN-IN-W, the total weight of distinct classes that use a class.
  - CONN-OUT-W, the total weight of distinct classes that are used by a class.
  - CONN-TOTAL-W, the total weight of all connections of the class (CONN-IN-W + CONN-OUT-W) [22].
- class pagerank values, previous research use pagerank values computed on both directed and undirected, weighted and unweighted graphs:
  - PR value computed on the directed and unweighted graph;
  - PR-W value computed on the directed and weighted graph;
  - PR-U value computed on the undirected and unweighted graph;
  - PR-U-W value computed on the undirected and weighted graph;
  - PR-U2-W value computed on the weighted graph with back-recommendations [12], [21], [22], [26].

Table 3.3: Measurements for Ant											
	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	Previous
PR_U2_W	0.70	0.64	0.75	0.66	0.63	0.75	0.81	0.87	0.79	0.79	0.93
PR	0.70	0.64	0.75	0.66	0.63	0.75	0.81	0.87	0.79	0.79	0.86
PR_U	0.70	0.64	0.75	0.66	0.63	0.75	0.81	0.87	0.79	0.79	0.93
CONN_TOTAL_W	0.73	0.70	0.67	0.66	0.65	0.73	0.80	0.84	0.80	0.80	0.93
CONN_TOTAL	0.73	0.70	0.67	0.66	0.65	0.73	0.80	0.84	0.80	0.80	0.94

Table 3.4: Measurements for Hibernate										
	50	60	70	80	90	100	Previous			
PR_U2_W	0.61	0.64	0.65	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.96			
PR	0.61	0.64	0.65	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.95			
PR_U	0.61	0.64	0.65	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.95			
CONN_TOTAL_W	0.61	0.64	0.65	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.94			
CONN_TOTAL	0.61	0.64	0.65	0.66	0.66	0.66	0.95			

Table 3.5: Measurements for Tomcat Catalina												
		10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	Previous
	PR_U2_W	0.70	0.63	0.63	0.71	0.74	0.77	0.79	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.92
	PR	0.67	0.62	0.63	0.71	0.74	0.77	0.79	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.93
	$PR_{-}U$	0.67	0.62	0.63	0.71	0.74	0.77	0.79	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.93
	CONN_TOTAL_W	0.68	0.60	0.62	0.71	0.74	0.77	0.79	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.93
	CONN_TOTAL	0.64	0.59	0.62	0.71	0.74	0.77	0.79	0.80	0.80	0.80	0.94

#### 3.2.3 Measurements

# 3.3 Comparison of the extracted data with FAN-IN and FAN-OUT metric

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