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Title	Publication source	Year
Using co-change histories to improve bug localization performance	SNPD	2013
An Approach to Detecting Duplicate Bug Reports Using Natural Language and Execution Information	ICSE	2008
<b>Combining Word Embedding with Information Retrieval to Recommend Similar Bug Reports</b>	ISSRE	2016
Poster: DWEN: Deep Word Embedding Network for Duplicate Bug Report Detection in Software Repositories	ICSE	2018
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# Combining Word Embedding with Information Retrieval to Recommend Similar Bug Reports

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# INTRODUCTION

## Similar Bug

Bugs handle of many common source code files.

TABLE I  
BUG 355616 IN ECLIPSE'S BUG TRACKING SYSTEM

Item	Content
Bug ID	355616
Component	Common-Debug
Product	DLTK
Title	Path mapping not done for "Run to line" break-points
Description	When using "Run to line", the created breakpoint contains the path for original file without any mapping. The proposed patch just adds this mapping before creating the breakpoint.

TABLE II  
BUG 399991 IN ECLIPSE'S BUG TRACKING SYSTEM

Item	Content
Bug ID	399991
Component	Common
Product	DLTK
Title	Blocking breakpoint command
Description	When a breakpoint is added a "set breakpoint" command is sent to each thread (session) ... This problem is also available for the other commands manage by ScriptBreakpointManager

- Not **Duplicate** !
- Same product
- Same component
- Handle the same file  
"core/plugins/org.eclipse.dltk.debug/src/org/eclipse/dltk/internal/debug/core/model/ScriptBreakpointManager.java"

# INTRODUCTION

## Word Embedding

- **CBOW** model predicts the current word based on its context
- **Skip-gram** model predicts the surrounding words given the current word

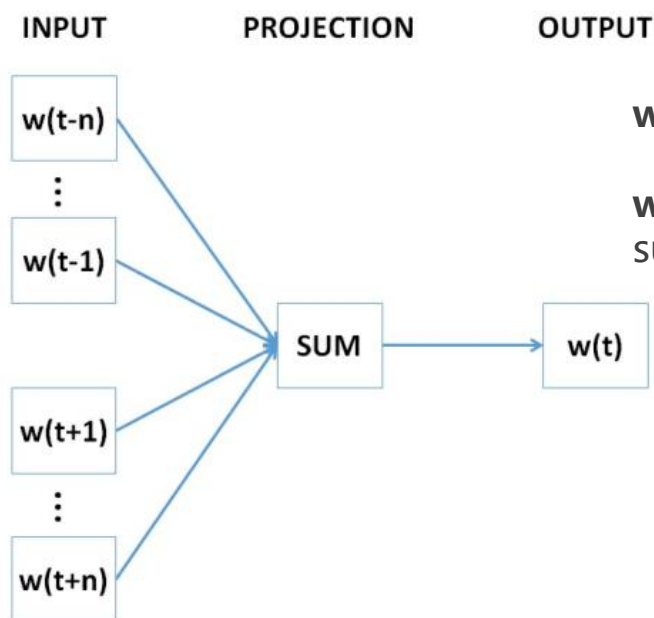


Fig. 1. The Architectures of CBOW Models

$w(t)$  represents the current word  
 $w(t \pm i)$  ( $i=1,2,\dots,n$ ) represents the surrounding words of  $w(t)$

distributional hypothesis



distributional semantic models (DSMs)



count-based models



based on neural network, word embedding

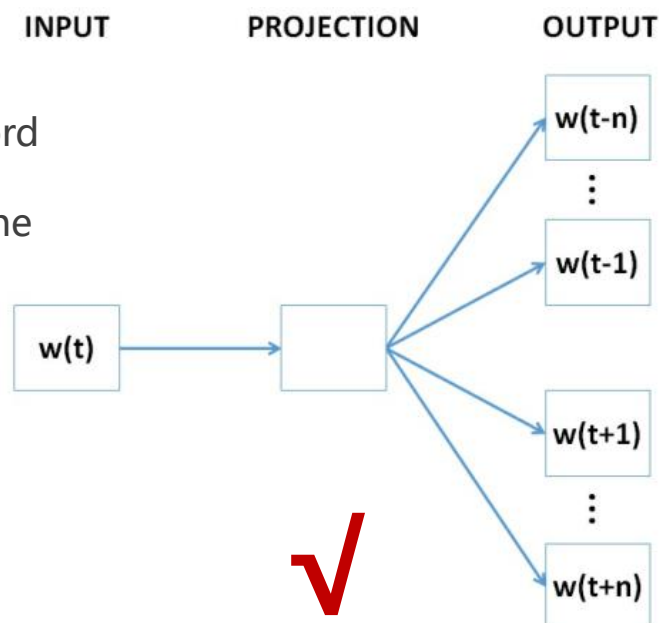


Fig. 2. The Architectures of Skip-gram Models

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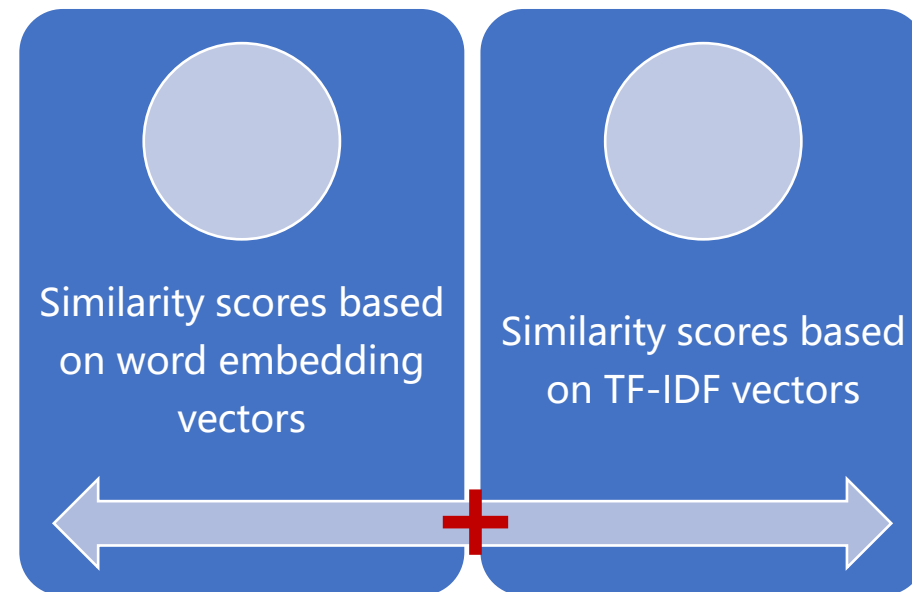
## Word Embedding

- focus more on the relationship of words considering the context they appear

**Complementary**

## Traditional IR Techniques

- focus more on the relationship of different documents in the whole corpus, such as TF-IDF



Compute and combine two similarity scores

# DATA COLLECTION & PREPROCESSING

**Collect** bug reports from Eclipse and Mozilla, bug ids range from [1,400000]

**Extract** its title and description, the product and component information

**Combine** its title and description into a single document

**Preprocess** the document

**Integrate** the product and component information as a set

Preprocess the document

extract all the terms (i.e., words) from the document

remove stop words, numbers, punctuation marks and other non-alphabetic characters

use the Snowball stemmer to transform the remaining terms to their root forms

## Extracting Information From Bug Reports

- ❑ **Note:** use bug reports submitted at least 3 years ago
- ❑ **For the product and component information:** directly extract them from two fields of bug reports, **product field** and **component field**
- ❑ each bug corresponds to a set, **set** = {**p**, **c**}, p - product information, c - component information

# DATA COLLECTION & PREPROCESSING

**Collect** 3,838,708 commit logs of Eclipse and Mozilla from GitHub

Use the approach proposed by Sliwerski et al. to **extract** bug ids from commit messages

**Union** the committed file lists which correspond to the same bug id

**Link** bug reports and committed file lists according to the bug ids

## Building Ground Truth

- ❑ use the method proposed by Rocha et al. to **label** similar bugs
- ❑ given two **bugs** **x** and **y**, calculate the ratio of mutually committed files —  $Mutual(x, y)$
- ❑ set a **threshold** for  $Mutual(x, y)$
- ❑ compare each pair of bugs and label all the similar bugs as the ground truth

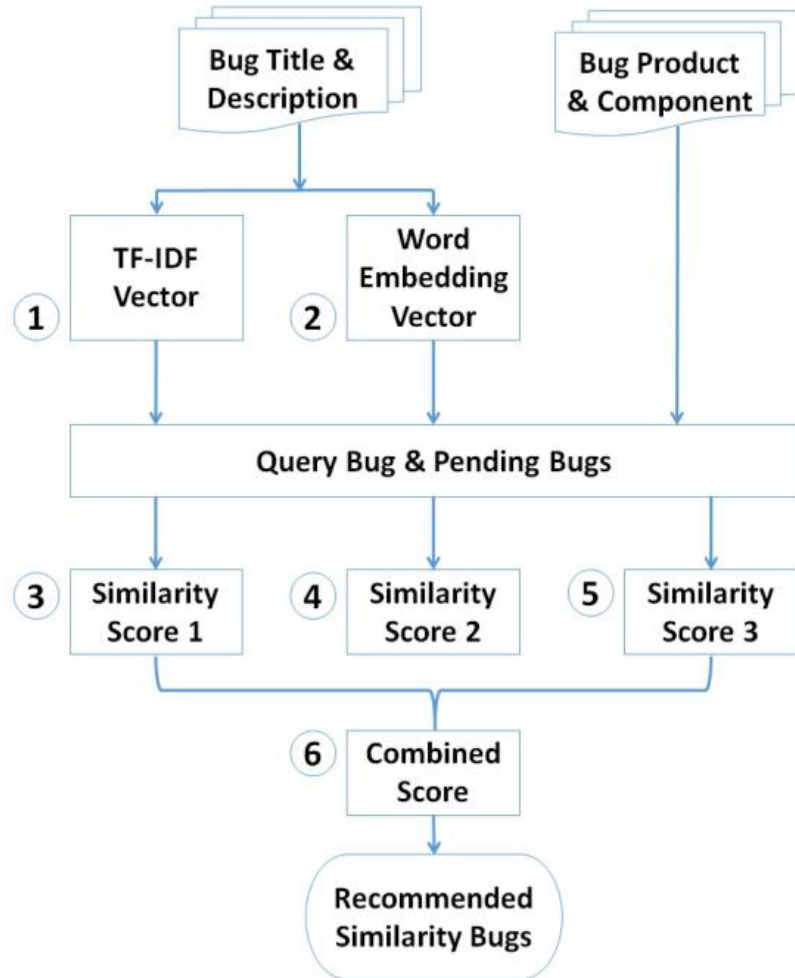
$$Mutual(x, y) = \frac{|F_x \cap F_y|}{\min(|F_x|, |F_y|)}$$

**F<sub>x</sub>** and **F<sub>y</sub>** represents the committed file lists of x and y

- ❑ **13,337,653** pairs of similar bugs in **Eclipse**
- ❑ **10,596,675** pairs of similar bugs in **Mozilla**



# PROPOSED APPROACH — OVERALL FRAMEWORK



Four components

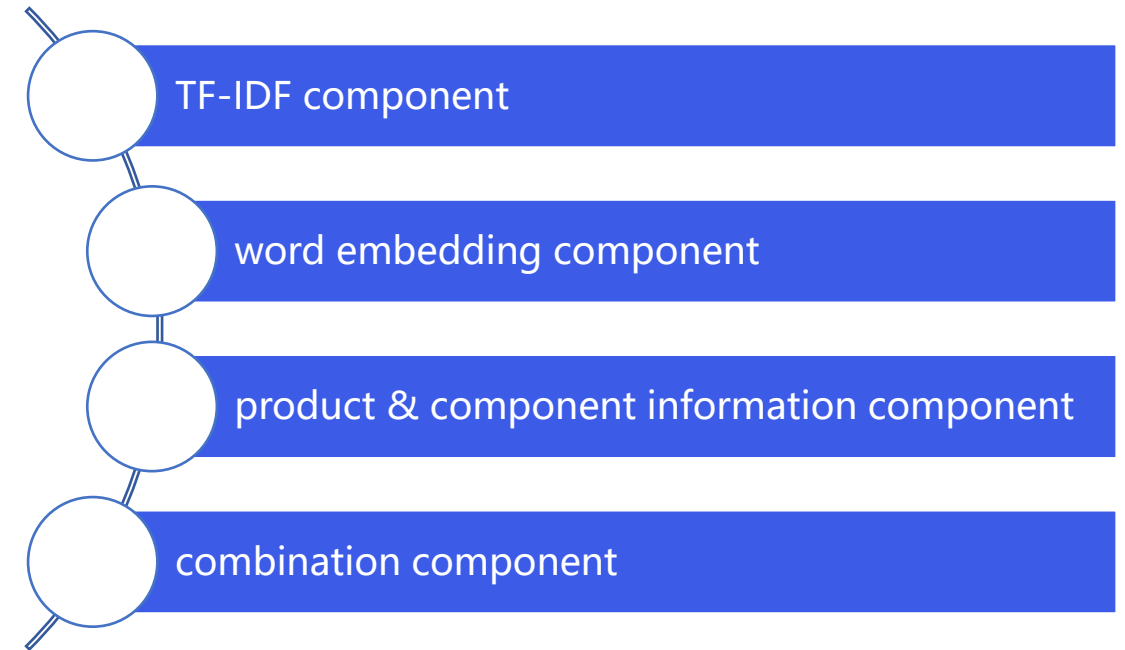


Fig. 3. The Overall Framework of Our Approach.

# PROPOSED APPROACH

## TF-IDF Vectors

Given a term **t** and a document **d**, define TF and IDF as follows:

$$TF(t, d) = \frac{\text{Number of times } t \text{ appears in } d}{\text{Number of terms in } d}$$

$$IDF(t) = \log \frac{\text{Total number of documents}}{\text{Number of documents that contain } t + 1}$$



$$TF\text{-}IDF(t, d) = TF(t, d) \times IDF(t)$$

Given two TF-IDF vectors **v1 v2**

cosine similarity

$$Score_1 = \frac{v_1 \cdot v_2}{|v_1| * |v_2|}$$

## Word Embedding Vectors

Given a word **w**, the set of the surrounding context words of **w** as **Cw**.

The objective function **J** of a skip-gram model:

$$J = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{w_j \in C_{w_i}} \log p(w_j | w_i)$$

vector representation of the word **w**

$$p(w_j \in C_{w_i} | w_i) = \frac{\exp(v_{w_j}^T v_{w_i})}{\sum_{w \in W} \exp(v_w^T v_{w_i})}$$

vocabulary of all words

given a document matrix that has **n** rows  
the **i**-th row of the matrix as **ri**  
transformed document vector **vd**

$$v_d = \frac{\sum_i r_i}{n}$$

cosine similarity

Score2

# PROPOSED APPROACH

## Product & Component Information

Almost all similar bugs are in the same product and component.

Given two bugs, denote their corresponding sets as **set1** and **set2**. The similarity score Score3 is:

$$Score_3 = \frac{|set_1 \cap set_2|}{|set_1 \cup set_2|}$$

## Similar Bug Recommendation

- **Score1** is generated based on **TF-IDF vectors**, which focus more on relationship of **different documents** in the whole corpus.
- **Score2** is generated based on **word embedding vectors**, which focus more on the relationship of **words** considering the context they appear.
- **Score3** can be seen as a **filter**.

$$Score = (Score_1 + Score_2) \times Score_3$$



# EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

## Evaluation Metrics

- ❑ **Recall-rate@k:** checks whether a top-k recommendation is useful.
- ❑ **MAP (Mean Average Precision):** the mean of the Average Precision (AvgP) values obtained for all the evaluation queries.
- ❑ **MRR (Mean inverse Rank):** the mean of the Reciprocal Rank (RR) values obtained for all the evaluation queries.

## Experimental Settings

- ❑ All bugs in our datasets are regarded as query bugs once.
- ❑ Given a query bug **q**, only recommend its potential similar bugs whose **bug ids are less than that of q**.
- ❑ **Word embedding technique** is applied by using the python package **gensim1**.

# EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

How effective is the approach to recommend similar bugs

- Compare the approach against NextBug
- Set the threshold as 0.3 for NextBug
- **Improvement:** nearly **60%** for the Eclipse dataset and nearly **85%** for the Mozilla dataset in terms of all the metrics

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TABLE III  
PERFORMANCE OF OUR APPROACH COMPARED WITH NEXTBUG FOR THE ECLIPSE DATASET

Project	NextBug	Our Approach	Improvement
Recall-Rate@1	0.1140	0.1691	48.33%
Recall-Rate@5	0.2499	0.3791	58.90%
Recall-Rate@10	0.3176	0.4867	53.24%
MAP	0.1696	0.2669	57.37%
MRR	0.2858	0.4489	57.07%

TABLE IV  
PERFORMANCE OF OUR APPROACH COMPARED WITH NEXTBUG FOR THE MOZILLA DATASET

Project	NextBug	Our Approach	Improvement
Recall-Rate@1	0.1093	0.1993	82.34%
Recall-Rate@5	0.2349	0.4342	84.84%
Recall-Rate@10	0.2908	0.5373	84.77%
MAP	0.1821	0.3330	82.87%
MRR	0.3202	0.5905	84.42%

# EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

Does the combined similarity score generated by the approach works better than the three individual similarity scores?

- Compare the approach with three incomplete versions – **Sub-1**, **Sub-2** and **Sub-3**.
- For Sub-1, only use the first similarity score, TF-IDF vectors;
- For Sub-2, only use the second similarity score, word embedding vectors;
- For Sub-3, only use the third similarity score, product and component information;

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TABLE VIII  
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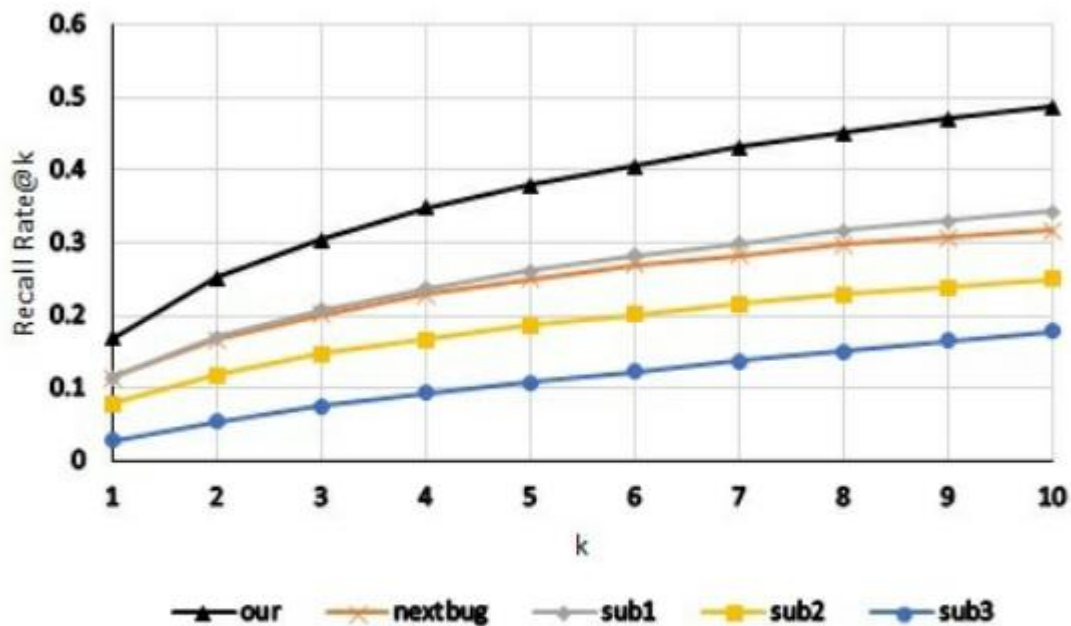
Metrics	Sub-1	Sub-2	Sub-3	Our Approach
Recall-Rate@1	0.1153	0.0781	0.0280	0.1691
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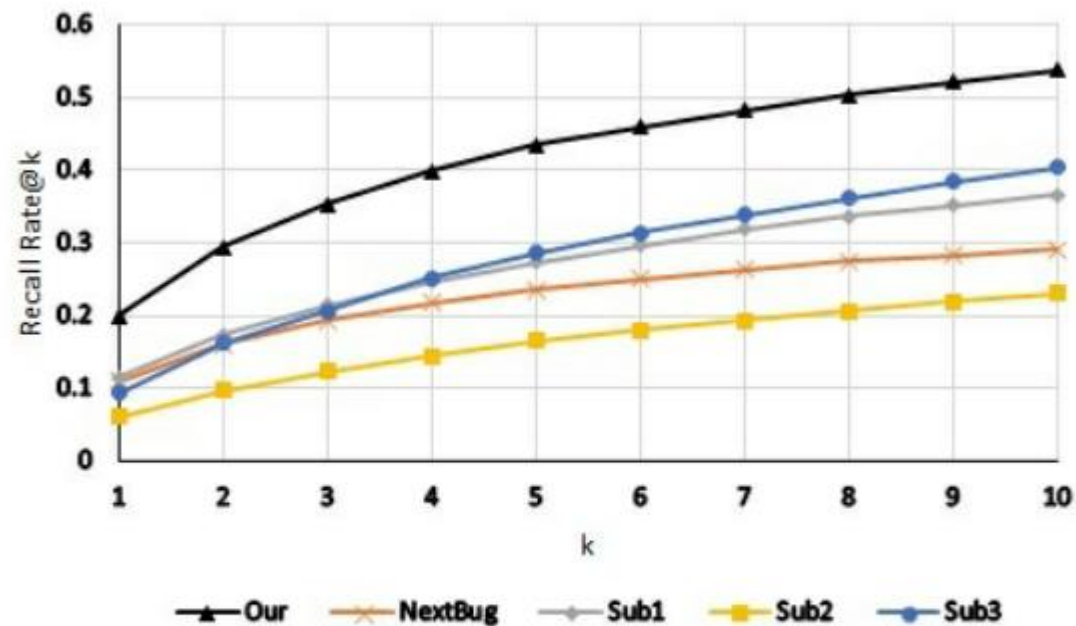
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MAP	0.1821	0.1013	0.2204	0.3330
MRR	0.3202	0.1821	0.4073	0.5905

# EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

Recommendation performance of the approach steadily rises with the increase of  $k$  and is better than those of the other four approaches by a large margin.



(a) Eclipse



(b) Mozilla

Fig. 4. The recall-rate@k of five approaches when varying the parameter  $k$  in top- $k$  recommendation on the Eclipse and Mozilla datasets



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