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Towards Automatically Generating Summary Comments for Java Methods

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Problem

Given a method signature and body statements for a method M , generate natural language text that summarizes the overall actions of M accurately, adequately, and concisely.

```
1 public void hello(String name) {  
2  
3 }
```

Challenge

- 1 Method names are inadequate summaries
- 2 Not all method body statements belong in a summary
- 3 Using names in the summary loses contextual information from the source code



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*An s_unit is a Java statement;
 s_unit is the control flow expression with one of the if, while, for or switch keywords.*

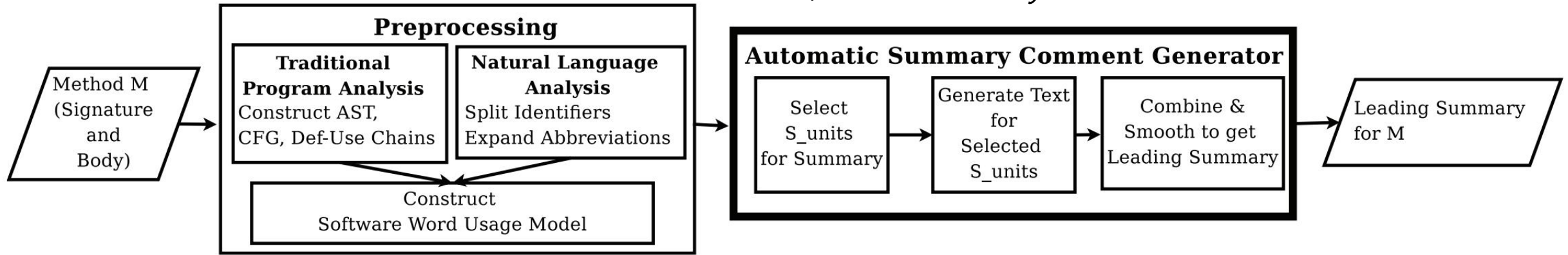


Figure 1: The Summary Comment Generation Process

action, theme, secondary arguments

<code>list.add(Item i)</code>	"add item to list."
<code>void saveImage()</code>	"save image"
<code>Image savedImage()</code>	"get saved image"

Given: `f.getContentPane().add(view.getComponent(), CENTER)`
We generate:
`/* Add component of drawing view to content pane of frame*/`



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GenProg & Par

Algorithm 1: The GenProg Algorithm

Input : Faulty program P
Input : Test cases T
Input : Mutation operator Mutate
Input : Crossover operator Crossover
Input : Full fitness predicate FullFitness
Input : Sampled fitness SampleFit
Input : Parameter PopSize
Output: One valid patch pt passing FullFitness

```
1  $C_{sub} \leftarrow \text{FaultLocalization}(P, T);$ 
2  $Pop \leftarrow \text{Mutate}(\text{PopSize}, P, C_{sub});$ 
3 repeat
4    $Fitnesses \leftarrow \text{SampleFit}(Pop);$ 
5    $Parents \leftarrow$ 
      $\text{TournSelect}(Pop, \text{PopSize}, Fitnesses);$ 
6    $Offsprings \leftarrow \text{Crossover}(Parents, P);$ 
7    $Pop \leftarrow \text{Mutate}(Parents, Offsprings);$ 
8 until  $\exists pt \in Pop. \text{FullFitness}(pt) = \text{Passed};$ 
9 return  $pt;$ 
```

Algorithm 2: The RSRepair Algorithm

Input : Faulty program P
Input : Test cases T
Input : Mutation operator Mutate
Output: One valid patch pt

```
1 index  $\leftarrow 0;$  // Initialize the index value
2  $\{n_0, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n\} \leftarrow T;$ 
3  $T \leftarrow \{(n_0, 1)(t_1, \text{index}), (t_2, \text{index}), \dots, (t_n, \text{index})\};$ 
4  $C_{sub} \leftarrow \text{FaultLocalization}(P, T);$ 
5  $\text{SuccessFlag} \leftarrow \text{false};$ 
6 repeat
7    $pt \leftarrow \text{Mutate}(P, C_{sub});$ 
8   for  $i \leftarrow 0$  to  $n$  do
9     //Check that whether  $pt$  is valid;
10     $(t_{\text{index}}, \text{index}) \leftarrow \text{GetTestcase}(T, i);$ 
11    if  $\text{PatchValidation}(P, pt, t_{\text{index}}) \neq \text{true}$  then
12       $\text{temp} \leftarrow (t_{\text{index}}, \text{index} + 1);$ 
13       $T \leftarrow \text{Prioritize}(T, \text{temp});$ 
14      break;
15    else if  $i = n$  then
16       $\text{SuccessFlag} \leftarrow \text{true};$ 
17    else
18      continue;
19    end
20  end
21 until  $\text{SuccessFlag} = \text{true};$ 
22 return  $pt;$ 
```



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RQ1: Whether can GenProg search a valid patch with fewer patch trials, compared to RSRepair?

RQ2: Does GenProg find a valid patch much faster than RSRepair in terms of requiring fewer Number of Test Case Executions (NTCE) within a successful repair process?



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Patch Overfitting

Traditionally, a patch is considered as correct if it passes all the test cases. However, the test suites in real world systems are usually weak such that most of the patches that pass all tests are incorrect.

Machine-generated Patches VS Developer-provided Patches

- Edit point--modified location
- Code modification--atomic operations : insertion, deletion, and replacement

SLSM

DLSM

SLDM

DLDM



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- RQ1: *How do machine-generated correct patches differ from developer-provided ones?*

APR-generated correct patches can be classified into four types based on their edit points and code modifications, while most of them (around 75%) are identical to their ground truth (i.e., SLSM patches).

- RQ2: How do different types of patches distribute?
- RQ3: Do APR tools tend to generate correct patches but different from the developer-provided ones for bugs with certain characteristics?



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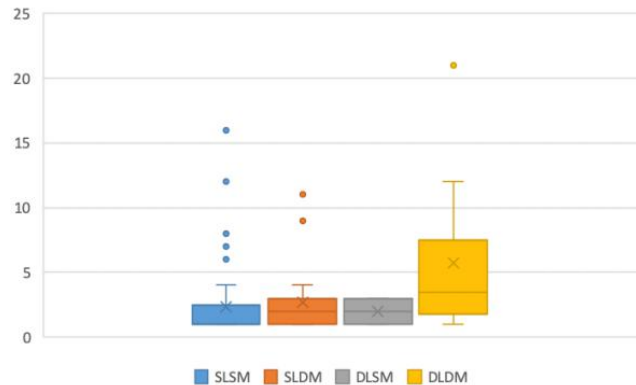
TABLE VIII. PATCH DISTRIBUTION FROM APR TECHNIQUES PERSPECTIVE

Technique	#SLSM	#SLDM	#DLSM	#DLDM	Total
CapGen	22	2	2	0	26
SimFix	23	6	0	4	33
AVATAR	18	8	0	0	26
Nopol	0	1	0	3	4
jGenProg	4	0	0	0	4
jKali	1	0	0	0	1
JAID	14	9	0	2	25
Elixir	22	4	0	0	26
ACS	16	0	0	1	17
ssFix	12	3	0	0	15
Total	132	33	2	10	177

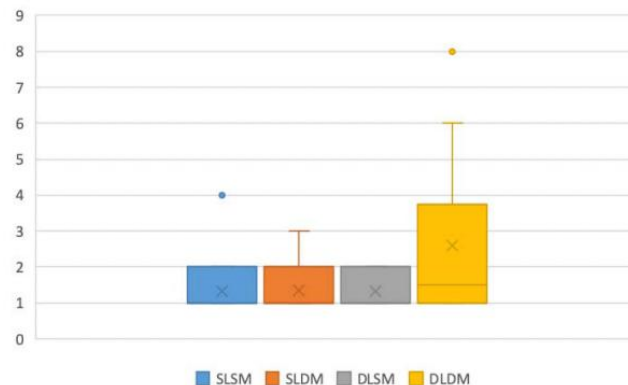


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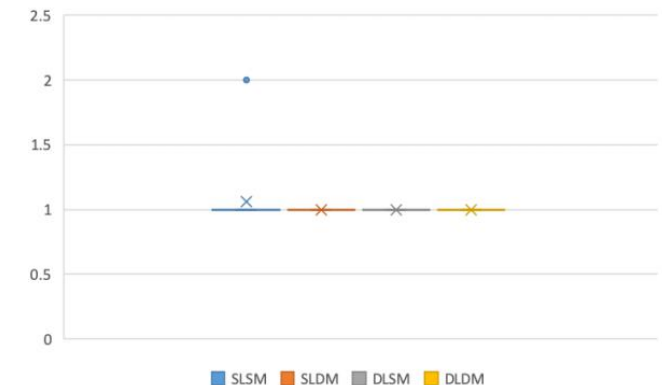
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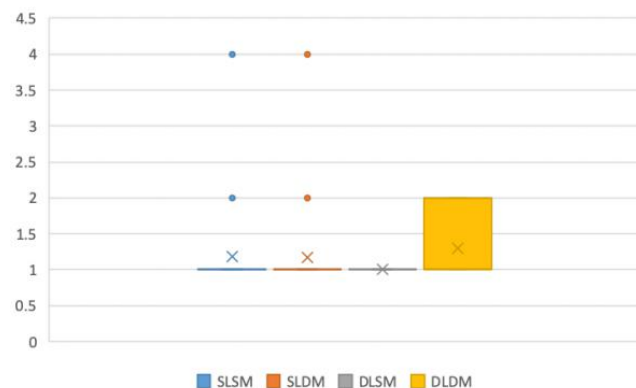
a) Patch size



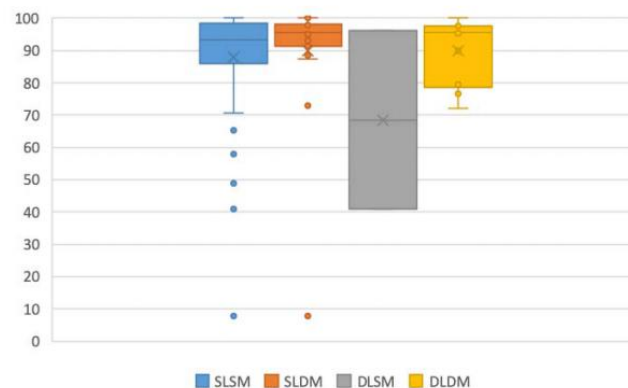
b) Number of chunks



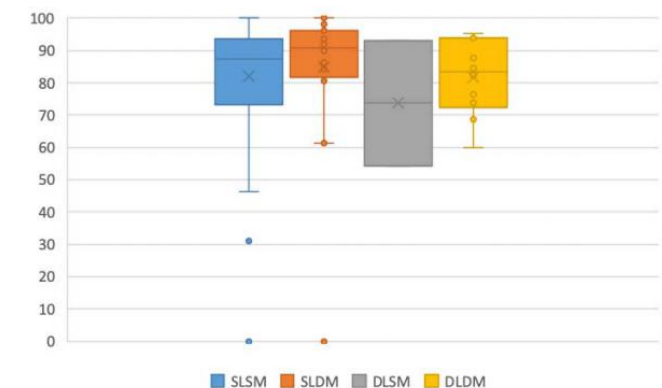
c) Number of modified files



d) Number of modified methods



e) Line coverage



f) Branch coverage

Fig. 4. Distributions of Bug Characteristics



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