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EDUCATION

•B.E. in Computer Science

Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST)

Sept. 2020 - Jun. 2024

GPA: 3.92/4.00

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

•Exploiting Code Symmetries for Learning Program Semantics

Advisor: Kexin Pei, Suman Jana

Columbia University

Mar. 2023 - Aug. 2023

Using a rigorous group-theoretic framework, we introduced a novel variant of self-attention that preserves program symmetries, demonstrating its effectiveness in generalization and robustness through detailed experimental evaluations across different binary and source code analysis tasks.

- Employed Tree-sitter to construct PDGs based on data/control dependencies between statements.
- Applied 9 types of semantic-preserving source transformations: Permute Statement, which I extended existing work beyond only two-instruction permutation to all possible PDG automorphisms; Variable Renaming; Loop Exchange; Boolean Exchange; Unused Statement; Switch to If; Confusion Remove; Operand Swap; and Block Swap.
- Evaluated baselines for method name prediction, which performs an “extreme summarization” of the function behavior.

•Automatic identification of Bug Inducing Commits

With CASTLE Lab, HKUST

Advisor: Ming Wen

Oct. 2022 - Present

- Systematically validated bug-fixing and associated bug-inducing commits for 237 bugs across 5 large open-source Java projects. Employed bisection method for precise identification.
- Reproduced SZZ Unleashed algorithm using Defects4J database, establishing a foundational baseline for performance benchmark.
- Reproduced "Reducing the Search Space of BICs using Failure Coverage". Expanded the research by intersecting its results with those of the SZZ Unleashed.

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

•Real-time Traffic Sign Recognition via CNN and Advanced Augmentation

National University of Singapore (NUS) School of Computing

Advisor: Terence Sim

May. 2022 - Aug. 2022

Developed a real-time traffic sign recognition system based on the GTSRB Dataset.

- Constructed a Convolutional Neural Network with TensorFlow Keras, tuning hyperparameters to distill the most performant configuration.
- Implemented a suite of innovative data augmentation techniques, notably Random Erasing method, randomly erasing regions within input images to heighten model robustness and generalize to diverse scenarios.

The system demonstrated a remarkable F1-score of 98.5%, outperforming human eye recognition benchmarks and affirming its efficacy in real-world traffic sign identification.

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Languages: C/C++, Java, Python (Pytorch, Tensorflow)

Tools: Git, Linux, L^AT_EX, CodeQL, JavaParser, and Tree-sitter

Areas of Interest: Software Engineering, Security, Compilers, and Machine Learning

PUBLICATION

Symmetry-Preserving Program Representations for Learning Code Semantics

Kexin Pei, Weichen Li*, Qirui Jin*, **Shuyang Liu**, Scott Geng, Lorenzo Cavallaro, Junfeng Yang, Suman Jana
Accepted by the 7th Symposium on Machine Programming (MAPS), 2023.

Submitted to the 12th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2024. Under Review.