

Design

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0.1 Research questions

The research questions is what will guide the study, with the help of the set research questions we will explain how we are going to find the answers for each RQ. The following subsections will walk-through the thought process and methods for finding the answers.

Need to define RQ in back-ground/theory or introduction

Continuation on our approach to solve the RQs, the design of the experimentation i.e. the constant parts vs the dynamic part

RQ 1. Is it possible to map software architectural concerns in java source code through machine learning?

RQ 2. Which input is most suitable for creating a classifier?

RQ 3. How large dataset is needed to create a satisfactory classifier?

RQ 4. Which of the chosen classifiers is the best for the task?

0.1.1 RQ:1

RQ:1 Is it possible to map software architectural concerns in java source code through machine learning? This is answered straightforwardly by implementing a model that can map concerns in java coded systems through machine learning, and answering the following RQs will result in the need to implement said classifier which in turn answers the RQ:1.

0.1.2 RQ:2

RQ:2 Which input is most suitable for creating a classifier?

Work in progress

To find the most suitable input for a classifier, we split the experiment into three parts, the experimentation, comparison and representation.

The experimentation revolves around testing different pre-processing to find models with satisfactory performance.

0.1.3 RQ:3

When training a machine learning model, oftentimes, the models are trained with a large set of data so that the model becomes well adapted for various types of situations. However, the total dataset becomes limited by the number of files the system carries in our situation. Not only is the dataset limited, but also the number of files specified for training. We want to use as little training data as possible but still archive high performance in successful mapping. When using a small training set, a realistic scenario occurs, in which we only know the subset of a system, and we want to map the rest with the help of the subset.

To test how the classifiers perform with various training sizes, we decide to create

two different ways of splitting the data between training and testing. The first test is based on the ratio between concerns in the system. That is, splitting data into training and test samples based on the ratio. This approach does not represent a realistic scenario, as often, information about the ratio between concerns are unknown. Even if the split is not realistic, the results can still be used to see how well the classifiers perform under specific training sizes.

In the second approach, we base our training data on an absolute value instead of the ratio between concerns. As a subset of the system is known, we use this subset to train the classifier. To simulate this, we extract x number of files from each concern. As this approach does not take the ratio into account, another problem arises: when the number of files x is greater than the total number of files that the concern carries. We have decided to set a threshold value; if the number of files does not exceed the threshold value, the concern will be dropped and not included when performing the tests.

0.1.4 RQ:4

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The classifiers that is tested in this experiment are Naive-Bayes, Support-Vector-Machine(=SVM) and Maximum entropy. Naive-Bayes is picked because of its simplicity, as well as the performance that was achieved when ? used Naive-Bayes to map architectural concerns. Maximum entropy has showed to be a great

0.2 Subject systems

The three open-sourced systems that are the subject for this study was provided by the supervisor . The biggest reason for choosing these systems as the subjects of this study is that mapping the concerns was done prior to this study and was provided along with the source files. This saves time from finding and correctly mapping the concerns and

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Table 1: Subject systems

System name	Version #	Lines of code	Lines of comments	# of java files	# of concerns
Jabref	3.7	88,562	17,187	845	6
ProM	6.9	69,492	22,763	867	15
TeamMates	5.110	102,072	12,514	812	6

shifts the focus of the study to the implementation and study of the machine learning models.

The systems that were provided is jabref, ProM and TeamMates. JabRef is an acronym for Java Alver Batada Reference. It is a cross-platform citation, and reference management software that uses BibTeX and BibLatex. ProM is an extensible framework for Process Mining which is from where the name stems. The framework provides means for monitoring and analysis of real-life processes. TeamMates is an online peer feedback system for student team projects.

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reference for
jabref and the
other systems

Table 1 shows the size of the subject systems used in the study by specifying the lines of code, lines of comments, the number of java source files and the number of architectural concerns.