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Abstract

The increasing security vulnerabilities have become an important concern in the field of software industry and network security, which indicates that the current vulnerability detection methods need to be further improved. The vigorous development of open source software community makes a large number of software codes available, which enables machine learning and data mining technology to make use of rich patterns in software codes. In particular, the recent breakthrough application of deep learning in speech recognition and machine translation shows the great potential of neural models in natural language understanding. This has inspired researchers in the software engineering and network security communities to apply deep learning to learning. In this paper, we review the recent research on using deep learning to detect vulnerabilities, aiming at explaining how they use the latest neural technology to capture possible vulnerability code patterns. Later, we pointed out some interesting findings in all the papers and the challenges that need to be overcome to make progress in this field.

Keywords: Deep learning; vulnerability detection; software vulnerability; representation learning

Software Vulnerability Detection Using Deep Learning Techniques

1 Introduction

With more and more industries using software as their business carrier, code has become one of the most basic elements to support the normal operation of society, and the security of software is also becoming a fundamental and basic problem in today's society. The quality of software has directly affected people's daily lives. Due to the exposure of software vulnerabilities, computer systems are being attacked by such attacks as buffer overflow, denial of service (DoS) and XSSCross site script (XSS). The latest CVE report shows that the number of vulnerabilities collected in the first two quarters of 2022 increased by 31.4% compared with the same period in 2021^[1]; According to a technical report of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the economic loss caused by software defects in the United States is as high as \$60 billion every year^[2]. The study of using software defects or vulnerabilities before or after they appear is an important topic in the field of program security.

With the vigorous development of open source software, researchers can get more and more information about code and defects. Established in 2008, GitHub, an open source project hosting website, has more than 50 million users, 100 million open source projects and 200 million submission requests by 2020, covering more than 428 million files. By September 2021, NVD, a defect directory website, has collected 171,178 pieces of defect data, which provide a sufficient data base for the study of defect detection based on learning.

In recent years, the large-scale data and the increasing computing power of hardware have enabled deep learning technology to make breakthrough progress in many tasks in the fields of image processing, speech recognition, natural language processing, and contributed to the third wave of artificial intelligence. Therefore, researchers have gradually begun to apply deep learning in the code field to try to replace traditional research methods, hoping to solve some problems that cannot be solved by existing methods through deep learning.

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After several years' exploration, the ability of deep learning to mine defect code features has been verified to some extent, and more and more researchers have been attracted to use deep learning from traditional defect detection methods. At the same time, the application of deep learning method to source code defect detection still faces many challenges in data set construction and model design. This paper focuses on the research of software vulnerability detection technology based on deep learning.

1.1 Software Vulnerability Detection Based on Traditional Machine Learning

Aiming at the defect detection of large-scale complex software systems, researchers try to break through the bottleneck of traditional defect detection methods by optimizing and reforming existing methods, and on the other hand, try to explore new intelligent software defect detection methods. Intuitively, most defect-related information can be obtained through code analysis, that is, the ability to mine software defects is closely related to the ability to analyze code data. Learning-based method is very suitable for discovering and learning rules from massive data. In theoretical research, Hindle^[3] et al. compared programming languages with natural languages by statistical methods. The results show that they have very similar statistical characteristics, and even the programming languages are more regular, thus putting forward the hypothesis of "natural theory" of codes. Inspired by this hypothesis, researchers gradually realized the feasibility of analyzing and generalizing the rules contained in codes by statistical learning methods.

Early research on defect detection based on learning mainly used machine learning methods. For example, VCCFinder^[4] designed artificial features for data morphology and made statistics to get differentiated feature items. After One-Hot coding the sample feature values, support vector machine was used to classify them. However, this kind of method has great shortcomings in efficiency and effect: on the one hand, most machine learning methods still need experts to construct features as input, and its detection ability is limited by the quality of feature engineering; On the other hand, the current machine learning method has a high false positive rate in the actual detection effect, and it

is difficult to meet the needs of practical application. The fundamental reason is that the machine learning model has limited ability to mine deep features.

1.2 Software Vulnerability Detection Based on Deep Learning

Thanks to the great success of deep neural network in image recognition, natural language processing and other tasks, people have found that deep learning method has more advantages in mining deep features. Some researchers have begun to try to introduce it into source code defect detection tasks. The current results show that deep learning also has incomparable advantages in defect detection tasks compared with traditional methods and machine learning methods. Moreover, due to its relatively short research history, There is still a lot of room for researchers to explore. The core components of using deep learning to detect defects are two parts: defect code data set and deep learning defect detection model. The defect code data set is the learning foundation and feature source of deep learning model, and it needs to have enough code data to represent defect codes and non-defect codes. The deep learning defect detection model needs to set up an appropriate network structure according to the characteristics of codes, so as to fully tap the features in the defect code data set and obtain the ability to distinguish defect codes from non-defect codes.

2 Related work

2.1 Code vector representation method

At present, many methods, including variable name and type, AST, program dependency graph and data dependency, have been tried to represent the syntax and semantic information contained in the code, as shown in Figure 1. In addition to the single representation method, many researches have also focused on multi-dimensional mixed representation methods, which have brought certain performance improvement to the model. Among them, AST can extract the syntax and structural features in the code well. Therefore, it is widely used

ed in the code representation stage of various models, but how to embed the source code into the vector space without losing the grammatical structure characteristics and semantic information content, so as to better complete the code representation work, still needs researchers to continue to explore.

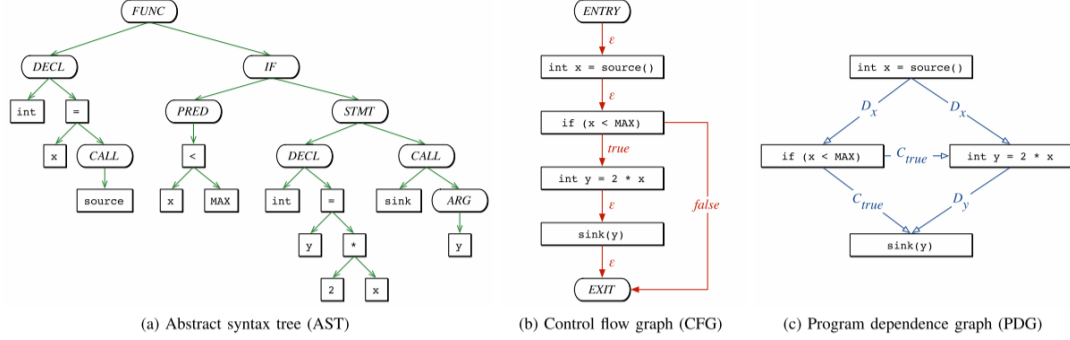


Fig. 1. Three methods of code vector representation

2.2 Deep learning method

Aiming at the problem of vulnerability detection, many researchers have designed different detection methods based on deep learning, mainly using GNN, Transformer, CNN, RNN, LSTM and other structures. The following is a brief introduction to GNN, Transformer and LSTM.

2.2.1 GNN

GNN (Graph neural network) is a kind of deep learning model with graph structure data as input. It embeds the nodes and edges in the graph into a low-dimensional vector space for further processing and analysis. The core idea of GNN is information transmission and aggregation based on local neighborhood information. GNN is a kind of neural network model developed in recent years, which is used to model and predict graph structure data and has made important applications in many fields. For example, in social network analysis, GNN can be used for tasks such as community discovery, node classification and mining influence subgraphs. In chemical molecular analysis, GNN can be used for molecular representation, ligand screening and drug design. From the perspective of computer vision and natural language processing, GNN can also be applied to image classification, object detection, emotion analysis and other tasks.

The whole GNN process is shown in Figure 2. Simply put, for each node, the embedded expression of the node is constantly updated by continuously aggregating the information of related nodes to the node. When this process is extended to the whole graph, the embedded expressions of all nodes on the whole graph can be updated, so that the characteristics of all nodes can be summarized and classified by using this characteristic.

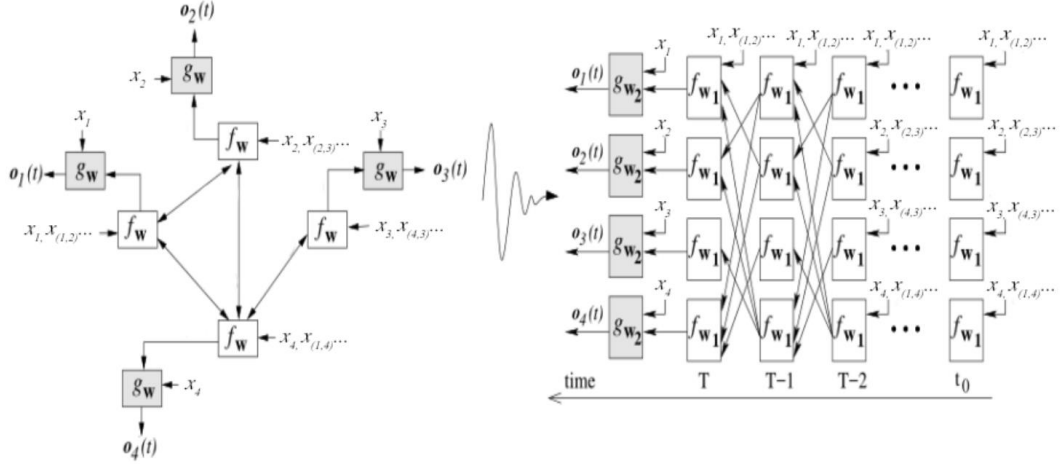


Fig. 2. GNN operation principle

2.2.2 Transformer

Transformer is a neural network model based on self-attention mechanism, proposed by Vaswani et al. in 2017. It has achieved significant breakthroughs in natural language processing tasks and has become a standard model in many NLP applications, such as machine translation, text generation, and language understanding. Unlike traditional recurrent neural networks (RNNs) or convolutional neural networks (CNNs), Transformer adopts a completely attention-based architecture, discarding the sequential nature of traditional models and enabling parallelization and efficiency.

The core idea of Transformer is to model the dependencies between different positions in the input sequence using self-attention mechanism. Self-attention allows the model to capture the interactions between each position and all other positions in the input sequence, leading to a better understanding of the contextual information. As shown in Figure 3, in Transformer, the input sequence is first embedded into a high-dimensional vector space and then passed through multiple layers of encoders and decoders. The encoder converts the input sequence into a series of semantically rich representations, while the decoder utilizes the encoder's output and self-attention mechanism to generate the target sequence step by step. The self-attention mechanism consists of query

s, keys, and values. By calculating the similarity between queries and keys, the model can determine the attention weights for each position with respect to other positions and apply these weights to the values. This mechanism allows the model to automatically allocate importance to different positions based on the semantic features of the input sequence. In addition to self-attention mechanism, Transformer also introduces techniques such as residual connections and layer normalization to improve model stability and training effectiveness. Furthermore, Transformer uses positional encoding to introduce positional information for different positions in the input sequence, enabling the model to handle the order of the sequence.

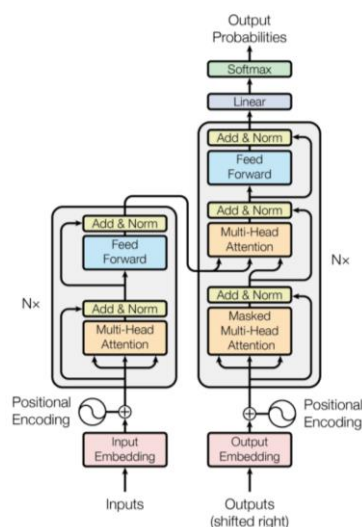


Fig. 3. Transformer structure

2.2.3 LSTM

LSTM (Long Short-Term Memory) is a special type of Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) architecture proposed by Hochreiter and Schmidhuber in 1997.

Compared to traditional RNN, LSTM is capable of handling long sequential data more effectively and capturing and maintaining long-term dependencies.

LSTM structure, as shown in Figure 4, incorporates gate units to control information flow and retention. It consists of three types of gate units: input gate, forget gate, and output gate. The input gate determines which information should be updated and incorporated into the cell state. It uses a sigmoid function to produce a value between 0 and 1, indicating the importance of each input. Additionally, it employs a hyperbolic tangent function to generate a value between -1 and 1 as a candidate update for the input. The forget gate decides which information from the previous time step in the cell state should

be discarded. It uses a sigmoid function to generate a value between 0 and 1, indicating the extent to which certain parts of the cell state should be forgotten. The output gate determines the hidden state to be output based on the current cell state. It uses a sigmoid function to determine which parts of the cell state should be output, and employs a hyperbolic tangent function to generate a value between -1 and 1 for producing the hidden state. Through the collaboration of these gate units, LSTM can adaptively update the cell state based on the input sequence and previous memory, and generate meaningful hidden states for the current task.

LSTM has achieved excellent performance in various tasks, especially when dealing with sequential data in natural language processing tasks such as language modeling, machine translation, and text generation. It effectively addresses the problems of vanishing and exploding gradients, while capturing and maintaining long-term dependencies, enabling the model to better understand and generate sequential data.

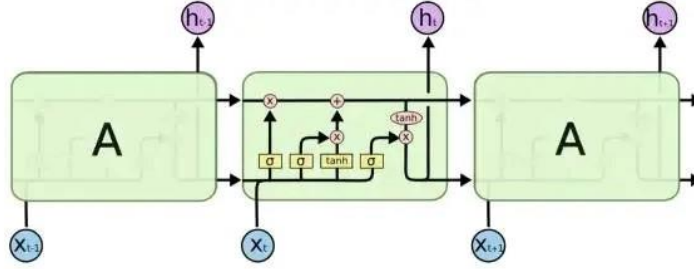


Fig. 4. LSTM structure

3 Vulnerable code dataset

Due to the recent rise of using deep learning for defect detection research in the past few years, there is currently no unified and accepted dataset for evaluating defect detection models in contrast to some classical and mature deep learning tasks. Currently, researchers often have to construct their own defect code datasets as a basis for evaluating model performance. This leads to the usage of different self-built datasets in various studies. However, comparing different models based on numerical metrics on different datasets is not realistic. Therefore, the comparison between models is often avoided in this field of research. So far, no research has specifically pointed out the issues caused by the lack of dataset standardization. Additionally, the process of constructi

ng self-built defect code datasets also suffers from ambiguity or approximations, and even involves some unreasonable operations, which can significantly impact the training performance of models.

Unlike tasks such as image processing and natural language processing that have mature and widely-used datasets, using deep learning for defect detection faces significant challenges in terms of dataset availability. There are two core difficulties at the heart of these challenges:

- The number of defect samples in known real-world projects is limited.
- The difficulty and cost of manual annotation or automated generation are extremely high.

3.1 Classification of construction methods of defect code dataset

The process of constructing defect code data set can be divided into three main technical links: the acquisition of defect items, the extraction and processing of defect codes, and the labeling of processed samples. Therefore, corresponding to each technical link, we classify it according to data source, sample granularity and label source, as shown in Figure 5.

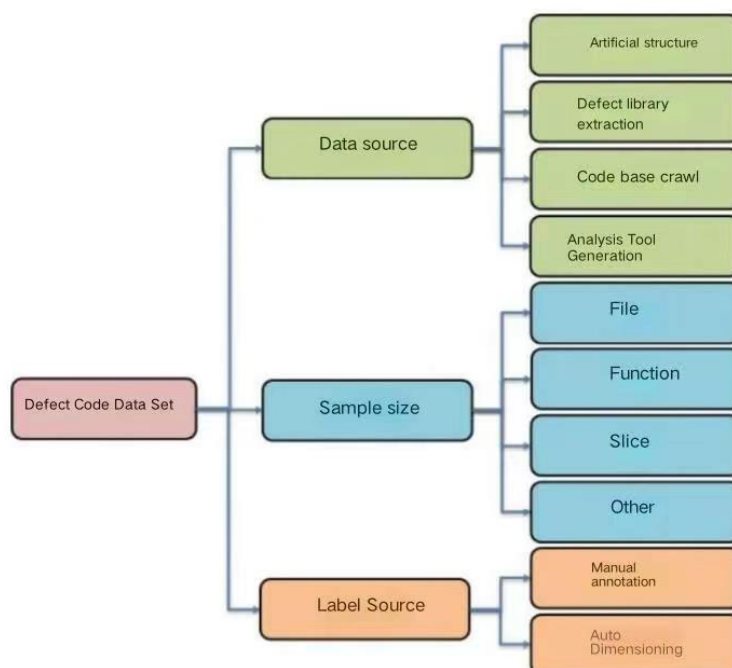


Fig. 5. Classification of construction methods of defect code dataset

Constructing a dataset of defective code requires acquiring defect data by

finding code related to defects. Based on the data source, there are currently four main types of defect data sources: manual creation, extraction from defect databases, crawling code repositories, and generating using analysis tools:

- Manual creation involves transforming correct code into defective code using manual rules.
- Extraction from defect databases involves extracting entries of specific defect types from publicly available defect databases and extracting corresponding defective code.
- Crawling code repositories involves directly searching code repositories and scraping submitted code with defective features.
- Generating using analysis tools involves using defect analysis tools to detect defects in source code and using the results as labels for whether they contain defects.

Once it is confirmed that defects exist in the code, selecting an appropriate granularity becomes a critical issue. If the granularity is too large, it could introduce more noise and redundancy. If it's too small, it might result in the loss of defect characteristics. Moreover, different granularities require different network structures. Good granularity combined with a suitable network can help the model better capture defect features. Currently, the main sample granularities are file-level, function-level, slice-level, and other categories:

- File-level mainly involves splitting projects into file-level to form a dataset.
- Function-level mostly obtains file data first and then divides it into individual samples based on functions.
- Slice-level requires parsing the code and slicing it according to predetermined rules.

After obtaining processed samples, they need to be labeled for whether they contain defects:

- If the defective samples are generated using manual rules, they already have labels, which can be automatically annotated.
- When extracting defect data from defect databases if adopted using the same granularity as the data source, the labels are often already obtained, and they can be automatically annotated.

- For finer granularity defect labeling, researchers need to perform manual labeling work themselves. Currently, the main methods of obtaining labels are automatic annotation and manual annotation. For ease of explanation, we use the data source as a classification dimension to introduce the current methods for constructing defect code datasets.

3.2 Comparison of data set construction methods

As shown in Table I, the representative data set construction methods in recent years are listed according to the technical route of each technical link, and the advantages and disadvantages of each technical route are evaluated.

From the point of view of data source, different data sources mean different sample complexity. For example, NVD extraction data widely used in defect library extraction and Sard test set data widely used in artificial construction: the former comes from real industrial code, which is highly complex and modular, and the dependency and call relationship between components are complex; The latter comes from artificially written test cases, and its complexity is low, and it mainly focuses on the expression of defects, but mostly ignores its real function. Therefore, it is an independent program fragment, and there is almost no long-range dependence and complex calling relationship between components. From the perspective of practical application, the defect detection system needs to have the ability to detect real industrial codes. That is to say, the ideal defect code data set should come from industrial codes such as NVD instead of manually written test cases, but the difficulty and cost of obtaining industrial code defect data are much greater than that of test cases, which requires more perfect sample extraction technology and a lot of inevitable manual review.

From the point of data granularity, there is a gap in completeness and redundancy between different data granularities. File-level data can contain more paths, but it inevitably brings a lot of irrelevant noise. Function-level data is extremely low in cost when it is divided, and it is not necessary to analyze the tested code (just cut it into functions) in the detection process. However, Function-level data is based on the naive assumption that defects occur within the scope of functions. This is obviously difficult to support in large-scale i

ndustrial code, especially in the case of modularity. The declaration and use of data often do not exist in a single function. Slicing-level data can support cross-functional defect paths, but slicing operations need to analyze the data flow and control flow of the code when building data sets and detecting the code under test, which requires a lot of resources and time costs.

In terms of labeling methods, different labeling methods make the accuracy of labels different from the acquisition cost. Manual labeling by security-related personnel can ensure the quality of labels, but its acquisition cost is high and the labeling speed is slow, so it takes a long-term accumulation to reach the data scale required by deep learning model. Automated labeling with heuristic method can generate labels quickly and in large quantities, but its labeling accuracy is difficult to achieve the ideal labeling effect.

Table I Summary of data set construction methods

Technical link	Technology roadmap	document	advantage	disadvantage
data source	Artificial structure	[5,6]	Low cost and large quantity.	The construction rules are simple and the complexity is low.
	Defect library extraction	[7,8] [9,10]	High complexity, close to industrial scene, and manual confirmation.	The cost is high and the number of excavations is small.
	Code base crawling		High complexity, close to the industrial scene	High cost, lack of defect types
	Analysis tool generation	[11]	Low cost and large quantity.	Limited by tool accuracy
Sample granularity	document	[6,12]	Natural division, low cost	Coarse granularity and more redundant information.
	function	[5,9]	Natural division, low cost	Cross-functional defects are not supported, and there are many redundant information.
	slice up	[7,8]	Support cross-functional defects, less redundant information	Computational resources are expensive and slow.
	other	[13]		
Label source	Manual marking	[10]	High labeling accuracy	The cost is extremely high and the speed is slow
	Automatic labeling	[7,8]	Low cost and high speed.	Low labeling accuracy

4 Vulnerability detection model based on deep learning

4.1 Vulnerability detection based on software metrics

The vulnerability prediction model based on software metrics represents information related to software vulnerabilities by artificially designing software f

eatures, and then uses machine learning algorithms to predict and identify components related to vulnerabilities. The vulnerability prediction model uses metrics such as complexity, code change, developer activity, coupling and cohesion, and uses machine learning algorithms such as LR, SVM, J48, DT, RF, NB and BN to predict components related to vulnerabilities.

Literature [14] makes a case study of JavaScript engine in Mozilla, and finds that nine complexity metrics (including McCabe, SLOC, etc.) can be used to predict vulnerabilities, but the false positive rate is high. The author of literature [14] finds that the complexity metrics of vulnerability function and defect function are only significantly different in complexity. Therefore, complexity can distinguish vulnerabilities from defect functions. Literature [15] uses metrics such as source code lines and code changes to predict vulnerabilities, and the results show that the regression tree model achieves 100% recall rate and 8% false positive rate in the best case. Literature [16] studies the relationship between developer collaboration structure and vulnerabilities, and it is found that, Files changed by 9 or more developers are 16 times more likely to have vulnerabilities than files changed by less than 9 developers. Literature [17] studies whether three software metrics (complexity, code change and developer activity) can distinguish vulnerable files to guide security inspection and testing. The results show that, At least 24 of the 28 metrics can distinguish vulnerable files and neutral files of two projects, and these three metrics can provide valuable guidance for security inspection and testing. Reference [18] developed a vulnerability prediction framework based on complexity, coupling and cohesion, which can correctly predict most files affected by vulnerabilities in Mozilla Firefox with a low false positive rate.

The research on vulnerability prediction based on software metrics puts forward a large number of indicators, trying to manually extract vulnerability-related features from software code as completely as possible. However, these artificially defined features may not fully understand the meaning of the code itself, so there are still many shortcomings in actual vulnerability prediction. For example, the two Python codes in Figure 6 all pop up five data from the top of the stack in terms of function. However, when there are less than five data in the stack, there is a risk of code 1 spilling down, while code 2 does not. However, these two pieces of code have the same software metrics, cod

e tags and frequencies, and it is difficult to distinguish them only by manually extracted indicators. Therefore, an algorithm that can extract the grammatical structure features and semantic information content of the code is needed.

1 $x=0$	1 $x=0$
2 <code>if <i>stack.is Empty()</i>:</code>	2 <code>while $x<5$:</code>
3 <code>while $x<5$:</code>	3 <code>if <i>stack.is Empty()</i>:</code>
4 <code>$y=stack.pop()$</code>	4 <code>$y=stack.pop()$</code>
5 <code>$x=x+1$</code>	5 <code>$x=x+1$</code>

Fig. 6. Code example

4.2 Vulnerability detection based on grammar and semantics

Grammatical-semantic-based vulnerability mining extracts feature information from software code through text mining, AST, etc., and transforms it into digital representation of vectors, and then uses machine learning (ML) or deep learning (DL) to classify it. Graph algorithm or attention mechanism can also be used to specifically locate possible vulnerabilities. The research based on grammatical semantics mainly focuses on exploring different feature extraction methods and various training models.

Literature [19] proposes a method that relies on source code text analysis, and converts each file into a feature vector. This method regards each letter combination of source code as a feature. Using the counting value of the given letter combination in the source code of a given file, this research has achieved 87% accuracy, 85% accuracy and 88% recall on the open source mobile application. Literature [20] takes the code mark and frequency in the file as the text features of the code to predict the components that may have vulnerabilities. Compared with the software metric model of PHP application, this model achieves a higher recall rate. However, for the word bag model, it ignores the syntactic structure information between codes, and the semantic information hidden in the program can help vulnerable codes provide richer representation, thus improving the effect of the vulnerability prediction model. Later research introduced AST to characterize the syntactic structure. Literature [21] extracts AST from codes and determines the structural pattern of trees, and automatically compares codes according to the structural pattern of trees. This method can predict vulnerabilities only by checking a small number of code bases. Literature [22] uses Antlr to extract AST from C/C++ source files, extrac

ts vectors from AST with each function as the basic unit, and uses this vector to train classifiers to predict buffer vulnerabilities.

Many deep learning techniques have also been applied to the task of vulnerability prediction. Deep learning techniques can automatically obtain deeper feature information from complex codes to characterize the syntax and semantic features of programs. Literature [23] uses deep neural network, combined with N-gram analysis and feature selection to construct features on token-level data. This model can achieve high precision, high accuracy and high recall in Java Android application vulnerability prediction. Literature [24] uses LSTM to capture the context in the source code and learn the syntax and semantic features of the code. The results show that this method is superior to the traditional software measurement model. Xian studied the value of word embedding algorithm in vulnerability prediction based on text mining. Word2vec and fast-text models are used to learn the syntax and semantic relationship between code tags, and CNN and RNN models are used to predict whether there are loopholes in files. The author of reference found that the F2-score of the model increases when the algorithm used to generate word embedding vectors is used, and the word2vec algorithm has the best effect. The vulnerability prediction model based on deep learning has also become a research hotspot.

Document proposed the VulDeePecker system, which introduced the deep neural network BiLSTM into the vulnerability prediction task, and collected a data set for evaluating the vulnerability detection effect. Document [25] established a vulnerability prediction system based on deep learning, which can make coarse-grained prediction for input files or functions, and also for a small code block in a new example. Fine-grained prediction and bit estimation of some vulnerabilities are carried out. Literature [26] puts forward Devign model based on GNN, and extracts four attributes AST, CFG, data flow graph, DFG) and the code sequence in natural language to complete the representation of the code. The SySeVR model proposed by reference [27] uses semantic information based on data dependency to represent the code. The IVDetect model proposed by reference extracts the data in the code and controls the dependency to generate a vector representation of five dimensions, which is uniformly trained and learned by RNN model. The experimental results show that, The IVDetect model improves the accuracy and can locate the function block

where the bug is located. Based on this, the reference proposes the LineVul model, which uses the CodeBERT pre-training model to complete the word vector transformation of the code, uses the line granularity data set for training, and uses GNN to capture the dependency in the text. The model can get higher prediction accuracy and locate the code line where the bug is located.

Extracting the vulnerability features in files from the perspective of text mining can more fully capture the syntax and semantic features of codes. The improvement of computer computing power and the introduction of deep learning methods also enable researchers to extract rich features from complex and lengthy codes. Scholars in this field mainly focus on how to complete the transformation from codes to continuous value vectors and build deep learning models to optimize and improve vulnerability prediction tasks. Through summary, it is found that the code features are In the stage of characterization, AST and RNN are chosen by most researchers. AST can help to understand the logical structure in code, while RNN can capture long-distance dependencies in files with huge code. In addition to AST and RNN, the work in recent years has gradually turned to large-scale language models (such as CodeBERT). These large-scale language models have been pre-trained on programming language tasks, so they can better capture and understand programming language features and apply them to various downstream tasks related to programming languages.

5 Summary and prospect

This section summarizes the challenges and opportunities faced by these two research fields at this stage by combing and summarizing the research results of vulnerability detection tasks, as shown in Table II.

Table II Opportunities and Challenges of Vulnerability Detection Task

challenge	opportunity
Source and processing of data set	Establish a high-quality balanced and noise-free benchmark data set.
Representation method of code vector	Construct a representation method that contains grammatical and semantic information to the greatest extent.
Improvement of pre-training model	Improve the performance of the model by embedding word vectors trained in other fields.
Exploration of deep learning model	Explore a deep learning model that is more suitable for specific forecasting tasks.
Fine-grained prediction technology	More accurately locate the possible locations of defects and vulnerabilities.
Migration of pre-training model	Save time and resource costs through model migration.

Software vulnerability detection can reduce the cost of software repair and improve the quality of products by means of machine learning or deep learning. Studying open source software vulnerability detection can improve the understanding of software defects in various projects and better guide code detection and testing. This paper investigates and analyzes the relevant literature in the field of software prediction research, taking machine learning and deep learning as the starting point. Two kinds of prediction models based on software metrics and syntax semantics are sorted out. Finally, six hot issues of software prediction are analyzed in detail, and the future development direction of software vulnerability detection is pointed out. By summarizing the research related to software defect prediction, this paper holds that the future research direction can be carried out from four aspects:

- creating a high-quality defect data set is helpful to predict defects, improve resource allocation and repair defective codes;
- Construct a grammar with maximum implication.

The representation method of semantic information and word vector embedding trained in other fields can improve the performance of defect prediction model;

- Adapting to fine-grained prediction technology can locate the possible positions of defects and vulnerabilities more accurately;
- Developing a general model to distinguish defects from vulnerabilities can better predict the vulnerable code locations.

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