

# Automatically Filtering Stable Bug Fixing Patches in Linux Kernel

## ABSTRACT

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

## 2 RELATED WORK

## 3 APPROACH

### 3.1 Formalization

Let  $S$  be a set of stable bug fixing patches and  $P$  a set of all bug fixing patches in Linux kernel. We call  $U \in (S \cap P)$  is a set of unknown bug fixing. In our problem, we try to provide a bug fixing patches ranking  $\subset P^2$  for a developer, where each bug fixing patch has to meet the following properties:

- *Totality*:  $\forall i, j \in P : i \neq j \Rightarrow (i > j) \vee (j > i)$
- *Antisymmetry*:  $\forall i, j \in P : (i > j) \wedge (j > i) \Rightarrow i = j$
- *Transitivity*:  $\forall i, j, k \in P : (i > j) \vee (j > k) \Rightarrow i > k$

### 3.2 Bug Fixing Patch Ranking

The architecture of bug fixing patch ranking is represented in Fig. ?? . Our model based on convolutional neural network [?] to map bug fixing patches to vectors, which can be used to compute their ranking score. In the following, we describe how the model computes the ranking score given by a pair of bug fixing patches. We briefly explain each component (i.e., hidden layer, logistic function, etc.) of our model.

### 3.3 Learning Relationship Between Text and Code in Single Patch

In Linux kernel, each patch contains both a textual commit message and commit code. The commit message, which can help a developer to speed up the reviewing process, is a short description of source code change. The commit code is the changes that are applied on the buggy file.

### 3.4 Hidden Layer

### 3.5 Feature Representation

### 3.6 Output Layer

### 3.7 Training

Our model is trained by minimizing the cross-entropy lost function:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= -\log \prod_{i,j \in P}^N p(y_{ij}|p_i, p_j) + \lambda \|\theta\|_2^2 \\ &= -\sum_{i,j \in P}^N [y_{ij} * \log \mathbf{a}_{ij} + (1 - y_{ij}) * \log(1 - \mathbf{a}_{ij})] + \lambda \|\theta\|_2^2 \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where  $N$  is the total number pairs of bug fixing patches,  $y_{ij} \in \{0, 1\}$  determines a rank order between two pair of patch  $p_i$  and  $p_j$ .  $\mathbf{a}_{ij}$  is the output of our ranking model and can be decomposed as:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a}_{ij} &= \sigma(\mathbf{a}_i - \mathbf{a}_j) \\ &= \sigma(\mathbf{mean}(\tilde{x}_{p_i}) - \mathbf{mean}(\tilde{x}_{p_j})) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

to satisfy the properties mentioned in Sec. ?? .  $\sigma(\cdot)$  represents the logistic function to identify the rank order of patches pair.  $\tilde{x}_{p_i}$  and  $\tilde{x}_{p_j}$  are the feature representations of two patches  $p_i$  and  $p_j$  respectively (see Fig. ??).  $\mathbf{mean}(\cdot)$  returns the mean of vector elements of each feature representation.

### 3.8 Regularization

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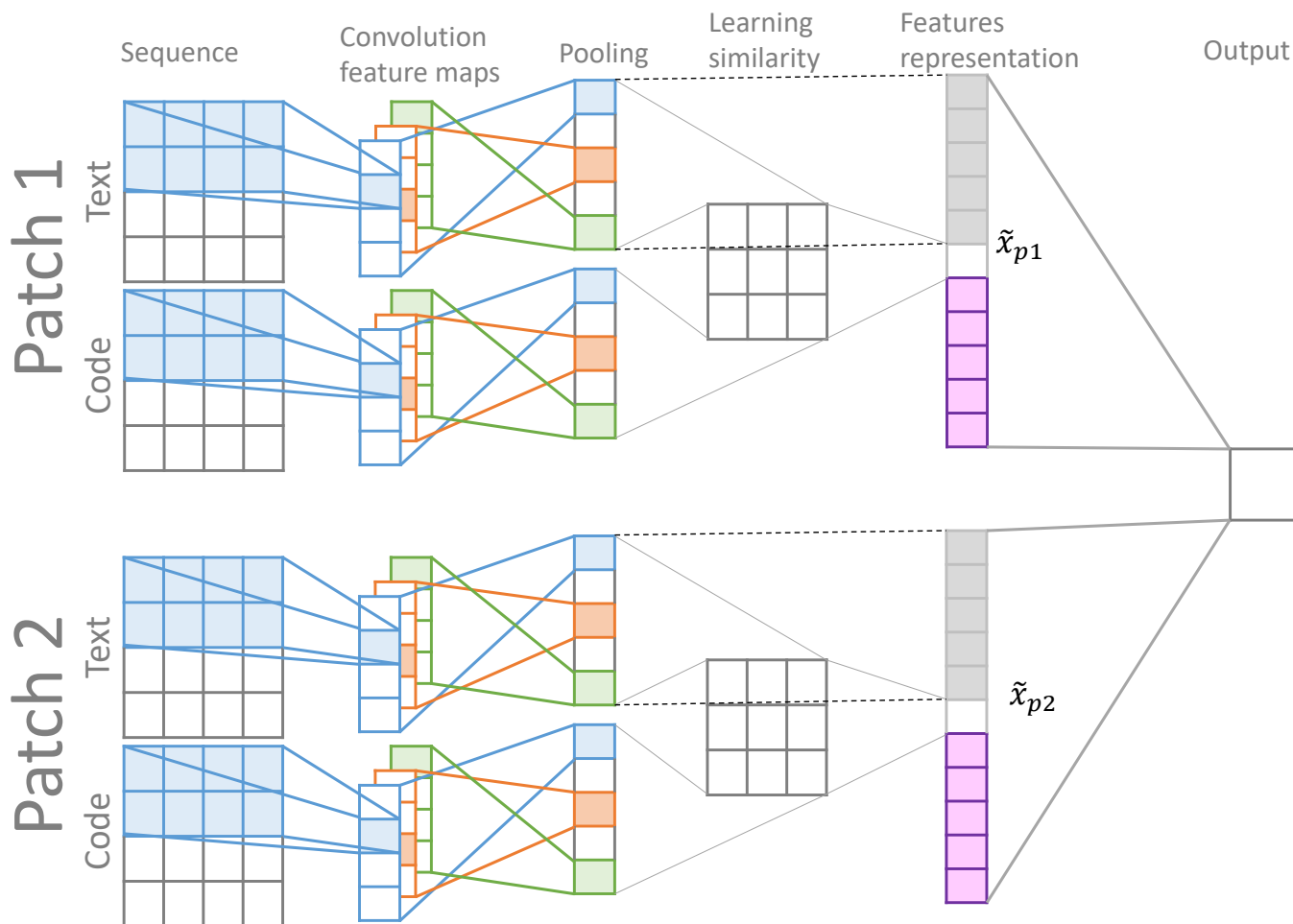


Figure 1: An architecture of bug fixing patches ranking model in Linux kernel.