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:

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

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:

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

to satisfy the properties mentioned in Sec. **??**. $\sigma(.)$ 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. **??**). $\mathbf{mean}(.)$ returns the mean of vector elements of each feature representation.

3.8 Regularization

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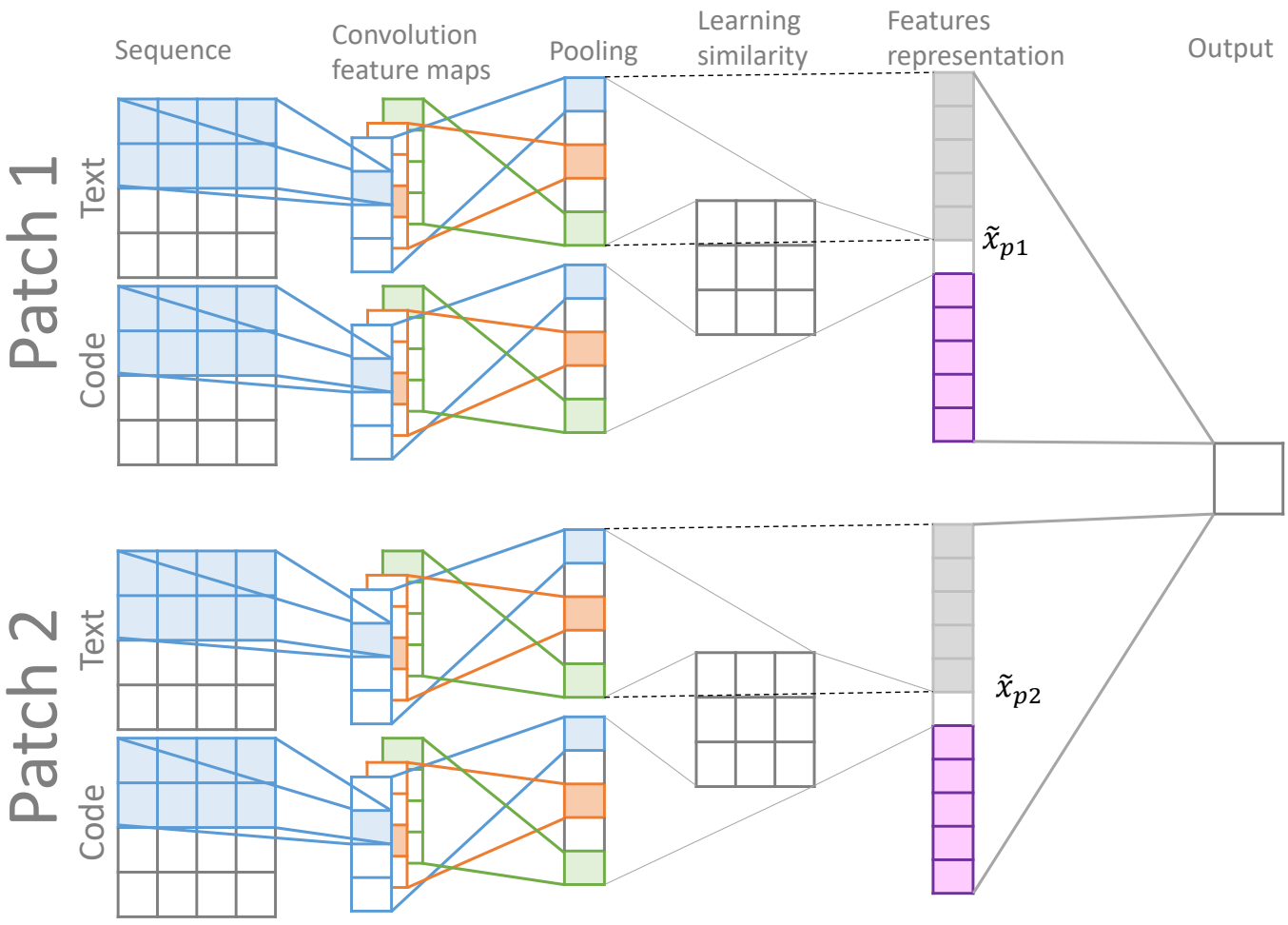

Figure 1: An architecture of bug fixing patches ranking model in Linux kernel.