Automatic Generation of Smell-free Unit

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Key Word

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test smell

bad programming practice
用来描述测试代码中可能存在的
设计问题、代码质量问题或测试
方法不当的情况，这些问题可能
导致测试代码的可读性、可维护
性和可靠性下降。

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Evosuite

an automated software test
case generation tool
本研究就是基于Evosuite已有的
搜索算法设计新的方法来辅助其
生成无异味的测试用例。

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secondary criteria

test smell metrics
将经过筛选的测试异味指标纳入
Evosuite的二级标准中对原有二
级标准进行优化，来提高自动生
成的测试用例的质量，并确保生
成的测试代码符合良好的编程实
践。

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test smell metrics

测试异味指标

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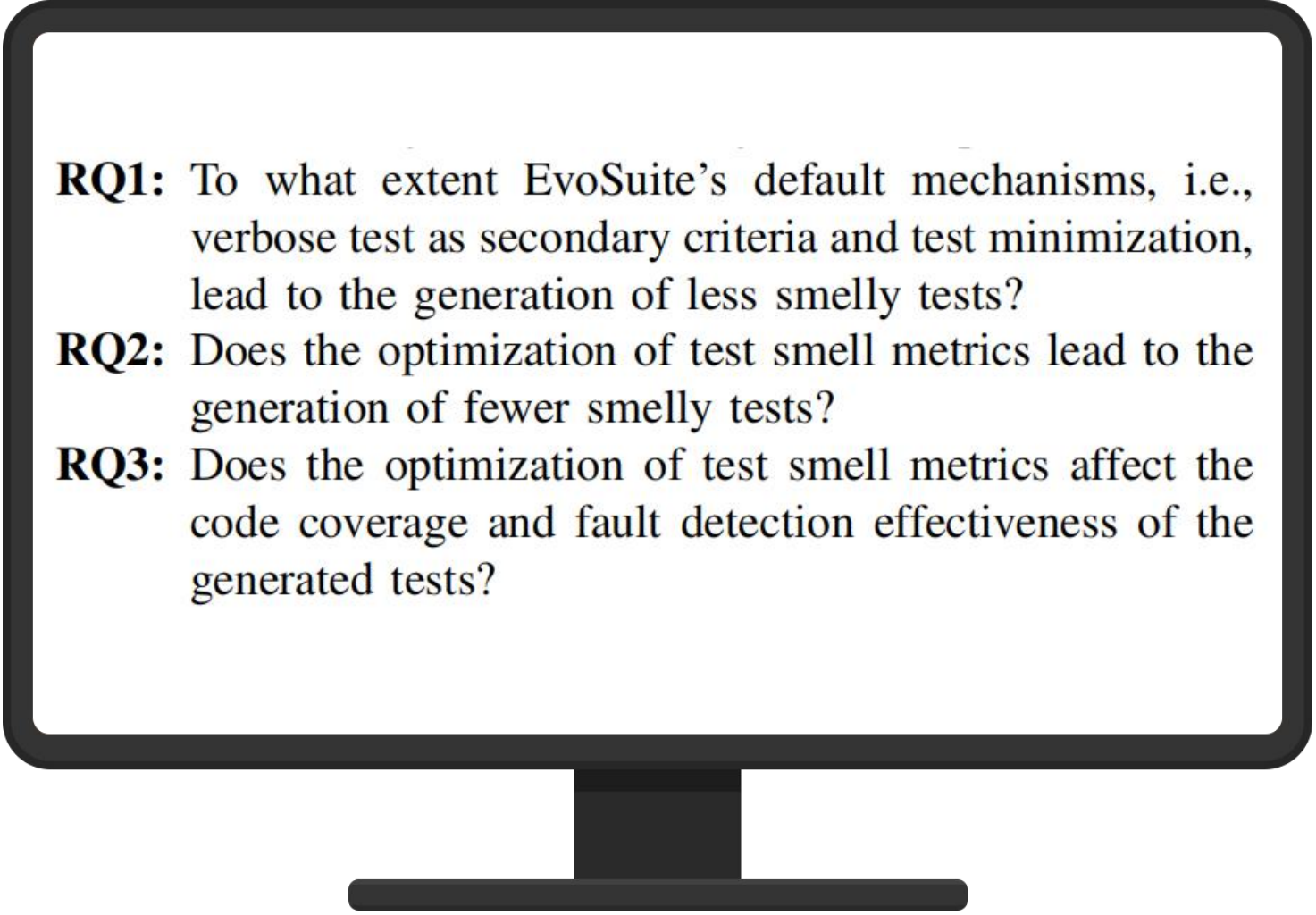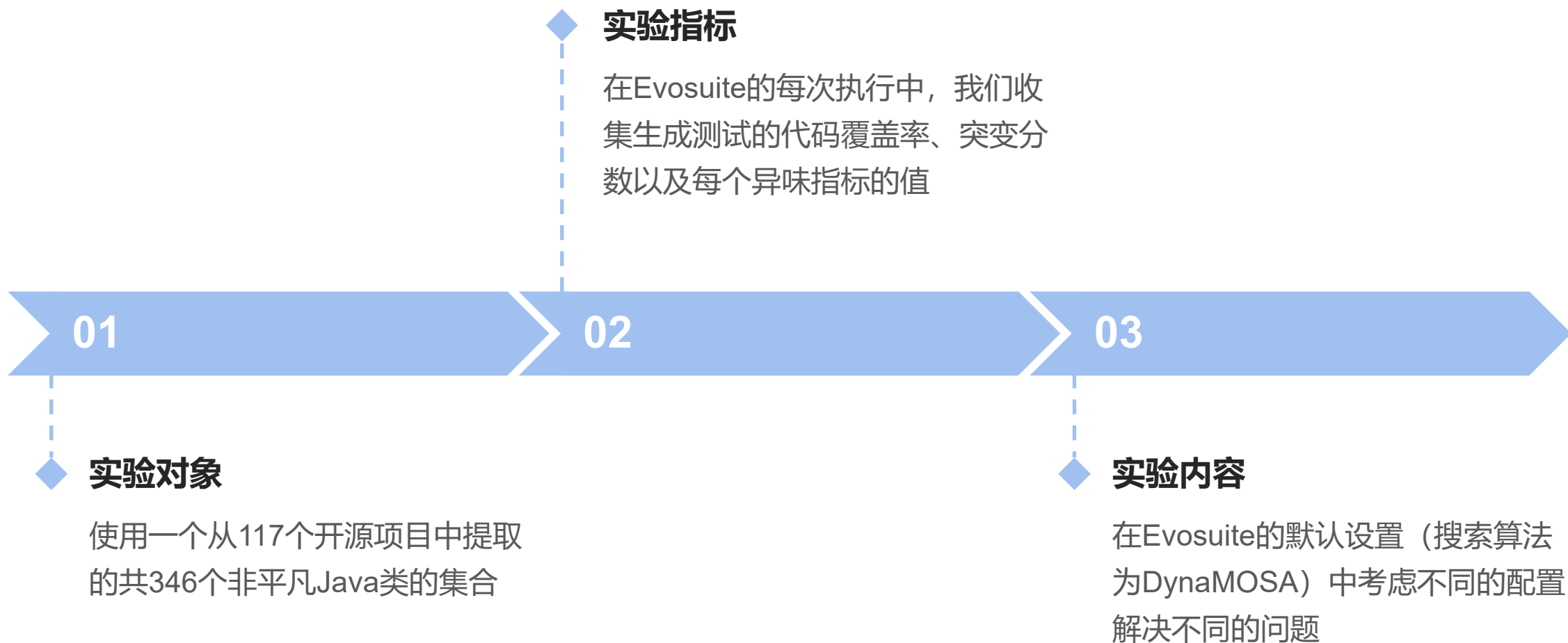| Metric |
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| AssertionRoulette |
| DuplicateAssert |
| EagerTest |
| IndirectTesting |
| LackOfCohesionOfMethods |
| LazyTest |
| LikelyIneffectiveObjectComparison |
| ObscureInlineSetup |
| Overreferencing |
| RedundantAssertion |
| RottenGreenTests |
| TestRedundancy |
| UnknownTest |
| UnrelatedAssertions |
| UnusedInputs |
| VerboseTest |

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实例研究

1.EvoSuite's default mechanisms

2.the effect of the optimization of test smell metrics

Research Questions

RQ1: To what extent EvoSuite's default mechanisms, i.e., verbose test as secondary criteria and test minimization, lead to the generation of less smelly tests?

RQ2: Does the optimization of test smell metrics lead to the generation of fewer smelly tests?

RQ3: Does the optimization of test smell metrics affect the code coverage and fault detection effectiveness of the generated tests?

研究过程

实验指标

在Evosuite的每次执行中，我们收集生成测试的代码覆盖率、突变分数以及每个异味指标的值

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实验对象

使用一个从117个开源项目中提取的共346个非平凡Java类的集合

实验内容

在Evosuite的默认设置（搜索算法为DynaMOSA）中考虑不同的配置解决不同的问题

RQ1

To what extent EvoSuite's default mechanisms, i.e., verbose test as secondary criteria and test minimization, lead to the generation of less smelly tests?

- CONF-A: EvoSuite with no secondary criteria[1] and minimization disabled.
- CONF-B: EvoSuite with no secondary criteria and minimization enabled.
- CONF-C: EvoSuite with default secondary criteria (i.e., verbose test) and minimization disabled.
- VANILLA: EvoSuite's default configuration, i.e, default secondary criteria (i.e., verbose test) and minimization enabled.

where each configuration was executed 30 times on the set of 346 classes. We then performed pairwise comparisons between all configurations.

Remaining Research Questions

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RQ2

one additional configuration of EvoSuite:

• $S_{MELLESS}$: EvoSuite's secondary criteria configured with the combination of all smell metrics that could be optimized as a secondary criteria (i.e., Eager Test, Indirect Testing,Likely Ineffective Object Comparison,Obscure InlineSetup,Overreferencing, Rotten Green Tests,and Verbose Test)

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RQ3

perform a pairwise comparison between V_{ANILLA} and $S_{MELLESS}$ and assess whether the $S_{MELLESS}$ configuration generates tests that are as effective (in terms of coverage and mutation score) as those generated by the V_{ANILLA} configuration.

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实验结果评估

Table III: Diffusion of test smells on the tests generated by the CONF-A configuration vs. CONF-B, CONF-C, and VANILLA configurations, on the 63 classes under test for which all configurations achieved similar coverage. Column $\bar{x}$ reports the ratio of smelly tests generated by each configuration. $\hat{A}_{12}$ reports the effect size of X vs. Y. Note that statistically significantly effect size values, i.e., p-value ≤ 0.05, are annotated in **bold face**. Column 'Rel. impr.' reports the relative improvement of X over Y regarding the percentage of smelly tests generated by both configurations.

| | CONF-A | CONF-B | | | CONF-C | | | VANILLA | | |
Metric	$\bar{x}$	$\bar{x}$	$\hat{A}_{12}$	Rel. impr.	$\bar{x}$	$\hat{A}_{12}$	Rel. impr.	$\bar{x}$	$\hat{A}_{12}$	Rel. impr.
AssertionRoulette	0.90%	2.37%	0.44	163.47%	1.82%	0.43	102.10%	3.24%	0.44	260.29%
DuplicateAssert	1.71%	0.49%	0.60	-71.14%	0.88%	0.55	-48.90%	0.36%	0.62	-79.23%
EagerTest	51.47%	6.57%	**0.88**	-87.23%	20.51%	**0.87**	-60.15%	3.36%	**0.89**	-93.47%
IndirectTesting	84.98%	51.20%	**0.95**	-39.76%	56.08%	**0.95**	-34.00%	37.90%	**0.98**	-55.41%
LackOfCohesionOfMethods	0.00%	0.00%	**0.50**	0.00%	0.00%	**0.50**	0.00%	0.00%	**0.50**	0.00%
LazyTest	0.00%	0.00%	**0.50**	0.00%	0.00%	**0.50**	0.00%	0.00%	**0.50**	0.00%
LikelyIneffectiveObjectComparison	0.24%	0.05%	**0.51**	-77.18%	0.06%	**0.51**	-73.99%	0.03%	**0.51**	-85.97%
ObscureInlineSetup	84.44%	6.21%	**1.00**	-92.64%	32.06%	**0.99**	-62.03%	1.15%	**1.00**	-98.64%
Overreferencing	51.60%	18.99%	**0.94**	-63.20%	20.62%	**0.95**	-60.05%	5.16%	**0.97**	-89.99%
RedundantAssertion	1.74%	0.00%	**0.69**	-99.84%	1.04%	0.54	-40.07%	0.00%	**0.69**	-99.85%
RottenGreenTests	57.98%	7.08%	**0.97**	-87.79%	27.63%	**0.95**	-52.35%	1.51%	**0.98**	-97.40%
TestRedundancy	0.00%	0.00%	**0.50**	0.00%	0.00%	**0.50**	0.00%	0.00%	**0.50**	0.00%
UnknownTest	73.62%	51.17%	0.90	-30.49%	56.58%	**0.90**	-23.14%	46.42%	**0.92**	-36.95%
UnrelatedAssertions	9.55%	16.14%	0.30	68.93%	14.32%	0.31	49.95%	16.77%	0.31	75.57%
UnusedInputs	84.89%	42.19%	**0.95**	-50.31%	56.00%	**0.96**	-34.03%	29.22%	**0.96**	-65.59%
VerboseTest	91.00%	6.29%	**1.00**	-93.09%	37.31%	**1.00**	-59.00%	0.94%	**1.00**	-98.97%
Average	37.13%	13.05%	**0.73**	-35.02%	20.31%	**0.71**	-24.73%	9.13%	**0.74**	-35.35%

Table IV: Diffusion of test smells on the tests generated by the SMELLESS configuration. The rows highlighted in gray correspond to the smells metrics optimized by SMELLESS. Columns $\bar{x}$, standard deviation (σ), and confidence intervals (CI) using bootstrapping at 95% significance level, report the distribution of test smell metrics.

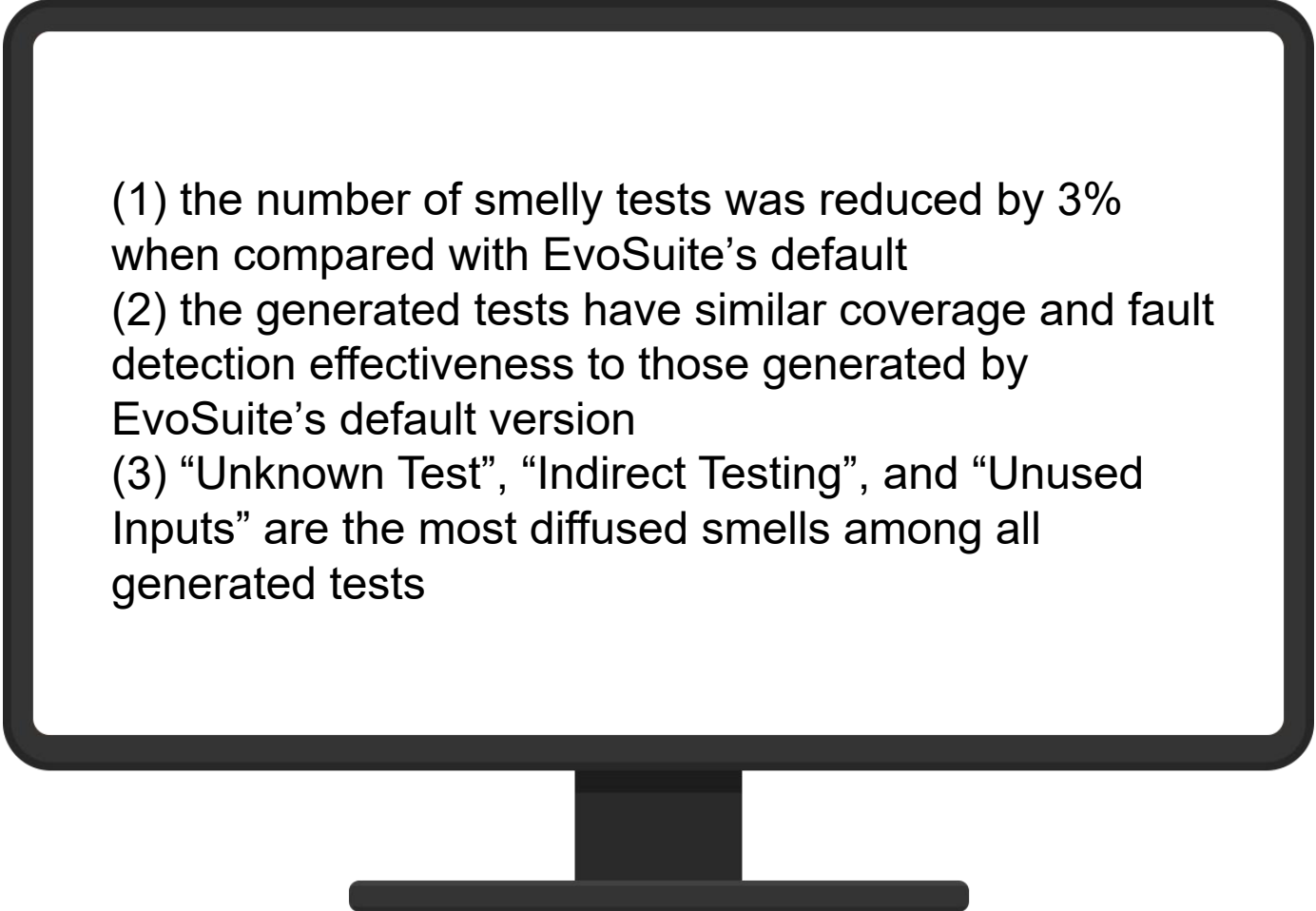| Metric	$\bar{x}$	σ	CI
AssertionRoulette	2.68%	0.09	[0.02, 0.04]
DuplicateAssert	0.62%	0.04	[0.00, 0.01]
EagerTest	3.98%	0.12	[0.03, 0.05]
IndirectTesting	33.05%	0.27	[0.30, 0.36]
LackOfCohesionOfMethods	0.33%	0.06	[-0.01, 0.01]
LazyTest	0.00%	0.00	[0.00, 0.00]
LikelyIneffectiveObjectComparison	0.01%	0.00	[0.00, 0.00]
ObscureInlineSetup	1.58%	0.05	[0.01, 0.02]
Overreferencing	4.69%	0.15	[0.03, 0.06]
RedundantAssertion	0.02%	0.00	[0.00, 0.00]
RottenGreenTests	0.78%	0.03	[0.00, 0.01]
TestRedundancy	0.00%	0.00	[0.00, 0.00]
UnknownTest	45.97%	0.27	[0.43, 0.49]
UnrelatedAssertions	16.31%	0.20	[0.14, 0.18]
UnusedInputs	25.76%	0.24	[0.23, 0.28]
VerboseTest	1.54%	0.06	[0.01, 0.02]
Average (optimized smells)	6.52%	0.10	[0.05, 0.07]
Average (all smells)	8.58%	0.10	[0.07, 0.10]

Table V: Diffusion of test smells on the tests generated by the VANILLA configuration vs. the SMELLESS configuration, on the 165 classes under test for which both configurations achieved similar coverage.

Metric	VANILLA	SMELLESS	$\hat{A}_{12}$	Rel. impr.
AssertionRoulette	2.00%	2.10%	0.49	5.26%
DuplicateAssert	0.26%	0.23%	0.50	-10.31%
EagerTest	3.58%	3.70%	0.49	3.39%
IndirectTesting	35.97%	34.37%	0.57	-4.44%
LackOfCohesionOfMethods	0.00%	0.00%	**0.50**	0.00%
LazyTest	0.00%	0.00%	**0.50**	0.00%
LikelyIneffectiveObjectComparison	0.02%	0.01%	**0.50**	-39.45%
ObscureInlineSetup	1.38%	1.64%	0.48	18.68%
Overreferencing	4.16%	3.63%	0.52	-12.66%
RedundantAssertion	0.03%	0.03%	**0.50**	-6.90%
RottenGreenTests	0.71%	0.68%	0.50	-3.97%
TestRedundancy	0.00%	0.00%	**0.50**	0.00%
UnknownTest	45.97%	45.95%	0.51	-0.03%
UnrelatedAssertions	17.39%	17.51%	0.49	0.68%
UnusedInputs	28.17%	27.76%	0.50	-1.43%
VerboseTest	1.55%	1.69%	0.49	9.46%
Average (optimized smells)	6.77%	6.53%	0.51	-4.14%
Average (all smells)	8.82%	8.71%	0.50	-2.61%

结论

conclusion

(1) the number of smelly tests was reduced by 3% when compared with EvoSuite's default
(2) the generated tests have similar coverage and fault detection effectiveness to those generated by EvoSuite's default version
(3) "Unknown Test", "Indirect Testing", and "Unused Inputs" are the most diffused smells among all generated tests

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