

Replication project

Source code properties of defective infrastructure as code scripts

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I. PROBLEM STATEMENT

- 1) The original study’s problem statement.

II. RESEARCH QUESTIONS

A. *RQ1: What source code properties characterize defective infrastructure as code scripts?*

B. *RQ3: How can we construct defect prediction models for infrastructure as code scripts using the identified source code properties?*

III. APPROACH

- 3) Methodologies for answering each RQ (How to mine the repositories, the tools employed, and ML models they’ve used).

A. *Repository mining*

B. *RQ1: What source code properties characterize defective infrastructure as code scripts?*

For this research question we used the reported data from the paper¹. We used the *Mann-Whitney U* test with the Scikit Learn package to evaluate which properties had the biggest influence on defective files. The null hypothesis is that the property is not different between defective and neutral files, and the alternative hypothesis is that the property is larger for defective than neutral files. As in the paper, we consider a significance level of 95% which means we reject the null hypothesis when $p - \text{value} < 0.05$.

We also used *Cliff’s Delta*² to measure how large the difference between the distribution of each characteristics for defective and neutral files is.

¹<https://figshare.com/s/ad26e370c833e8aa9712>

²<https://github.com/neilernst/cliffsDelta>

C. *RQ3: How can we construct defect prediction models for infrastructure as code scripts using the identified source code properties?*

Before using statistical learners, we completed a PCA analysis to determine what properties should be used. We only used the principal component that accounted for at least 95% of the total variance as the input for the statistical learners. We can see in Table I that only one or two principle components account for 95% of the total variance depending on the dataset.

With the component created, we than used it as the input for the different statistical learners. Like the paper, we used Scikit Learn packages to construct the models. The learners that were used are Classification Tree (CART), K Nearest Neighbor (KNN), Logistic Regression (LR), Naive Bayer (NB) and Random Forest (RF).

To evaluate the performance of the different classification models, we used the same metrics as the paper (i.e. precision, recall, AUC, F-measure).

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. *RQ1: What source code properties characterize defective infrastructure as code scripts?*

B. *RQ3: How can we construct defect prediction models for infrastructure as code scripts using the identified source code properties?*

TABLE I
NUMBER OF PRINCIPLE COMPONENTS FOR THE MODELS

Dataset	Number of components
Mirantis	1
Mozilla	1
Openstack	2
Wikimedia	2

V. CONCLUSION

- 5) conclusion

TABLE II
CROSS-VALIDATION RESULTS FOR MIRANTIS

	RF	NB	LR	KNN	CART
AUC	0.701661	0.714252	0.750981	0.693334	0.659597
Recall	0.707425	0.407360	0.649691	0.672546	0.707425
Precision	0.701199	0.846909	0.798322	0.667389	0.701199
F1-measure	0.695896	0.541781	0.708236	0.663964	0.698448

TABLE III
CROSS-VALIDATION RESULTS FOR MOZILLA

	RF	NB	LR	KNN	CART
AUC	0.731664	0.699599	0.756323	0.713161	0.691230
Recall	0.649017	0.392519	0.565923	0.619417	0.627106
Precision	0.642651	0.831862	0.706600	0.604170	0.642550
F1-measure	0.645764	0.532261	0.626990	0.608864	0.633393

TABLE IV
CROSS-VALIDATION RESULTS FOR OPENSTACK

	RF	NB	LR	KNN	CART
AUC	0.647741	0.694343	0.659972	0.659195	0.574832
Recall	0.667616	0.368902	0.731321	0.687022	0.660176
Precision	0.653112	0.847009	0.643218	0.661449	0.655685
F1-measure	0.660440	0.512676	0.682243	0.673287	0.657360

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TABLE V
CROSS-VALIDATION RESULTS FOR WIKIMEDIA

	RF	NB	LR	KNN	CART
AUC	0.664721	0.709438	0.736270	0.699140	0.583164
Recall	0.591171	0.366128	0.586200	0.627349	0.587493
Precision	0.664007	0.885945	0.774041	0.732415	0.666620
F1-measure	0.628276	0.515651	0.663515	0.673132	0.623400