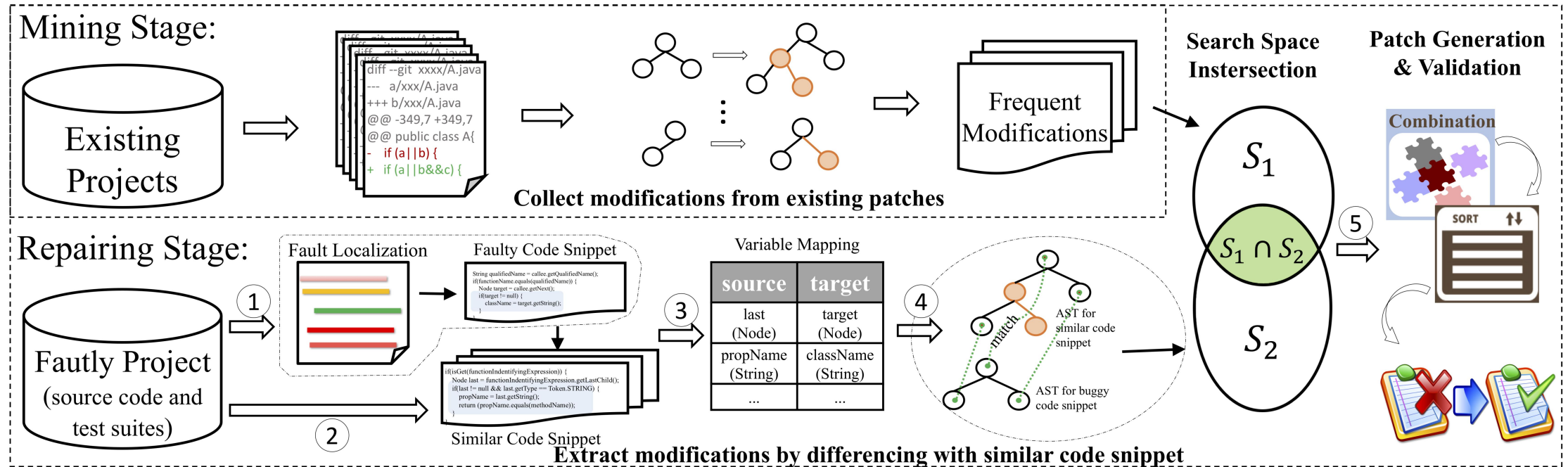# Tool: SimFix

Shaping Program Repair Space with Existing Patches and Similar Code (ISSTA'18)
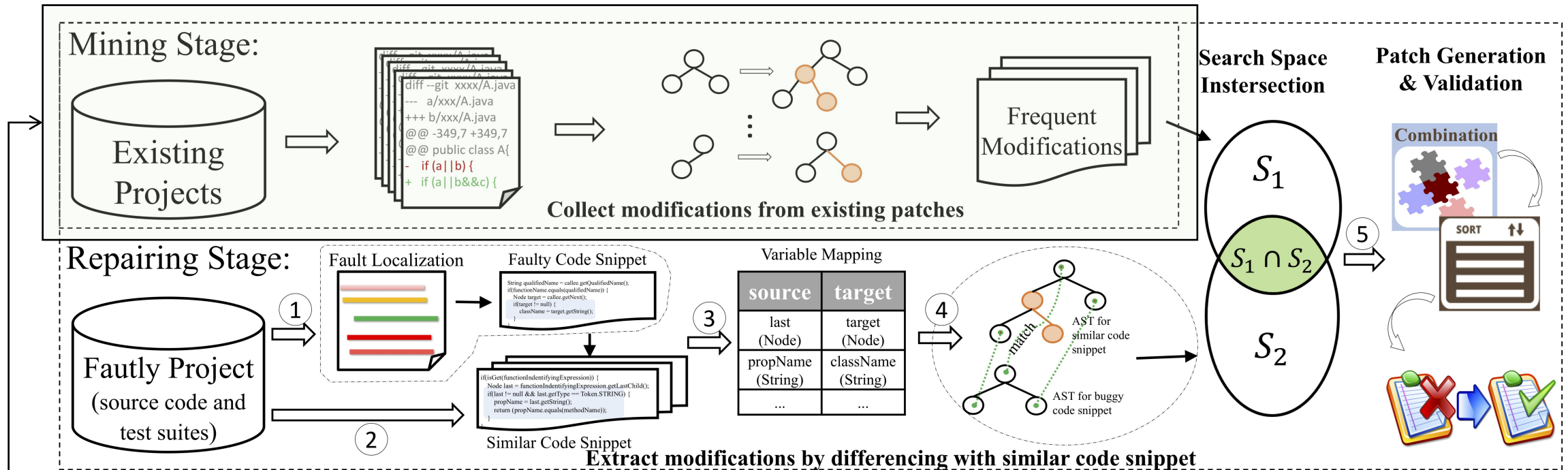
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About SimFix

SimFix is an **automatic program repair** technique, which leverages exisiting patches from other projects and similar code snippets in the same project to generate patches. The following figure is the workflow of our approach.
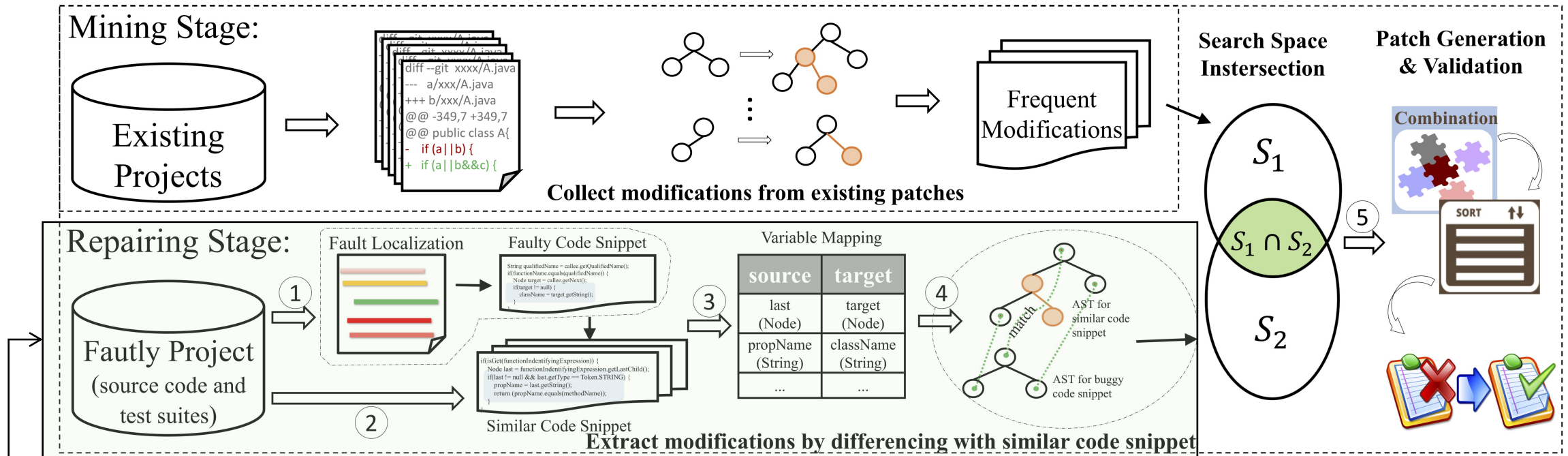
Idea of SimFix

Mining Stage:

Existing Projects

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Collect modifications from existing patches

Repairing Stage:

Faulty Project (source code and test suites)

Fault Localization

Faulty Code Snippet

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Similar Code Snippet

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}
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Variable Mapping

source	target
last (Node)	target (Node)
propName (String)	className (String)
...	...

AST for similar code snippet

AST for buggy code snippet

Extract modifications by differencing with similar code snippet

Search Space Insterection

S_1

$S_1 \cap S_2$

S_2

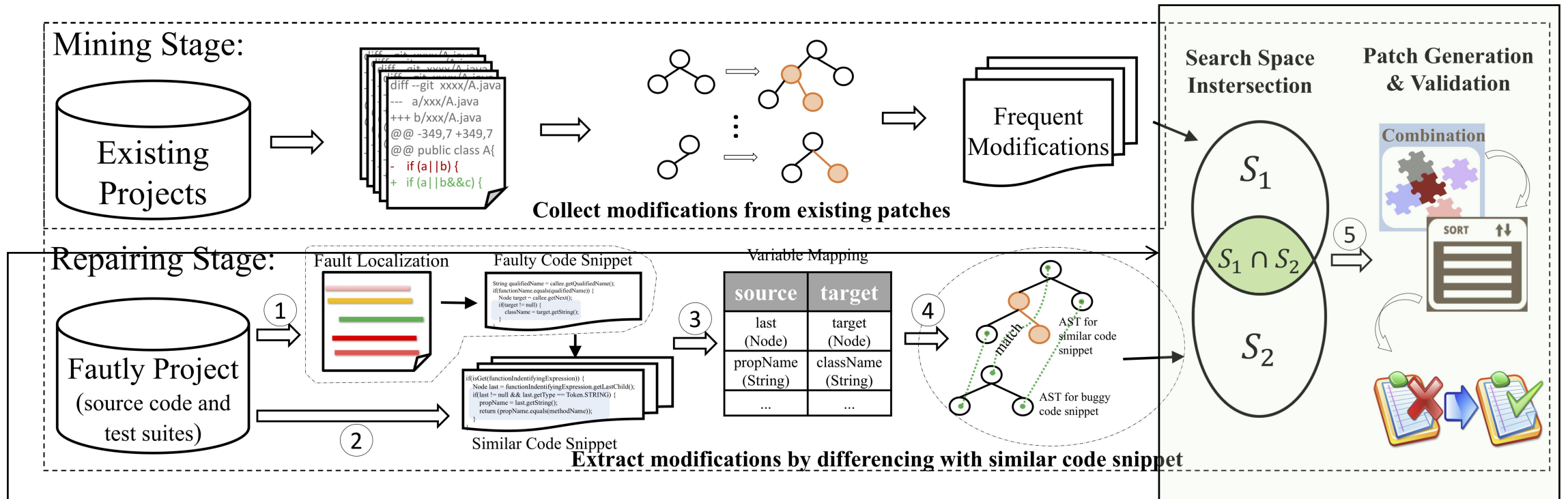**Patch Generation & Validation**

Combination

SORT

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Mining Stage. Mine repair patterns from existing open-source projects, after which we can **obtain a set of frequent repair patterns**. Those patterns **can be reused for other repairing** scenarios as well.

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Search Space Instersection

Patch Generation & Validation

- **Fault localization** involves ranking candidate faulty statements and extracting their code snippets.

- **Identifying and evaluating similarities between the faulty snippet and candidates** using three metrics, producing a list ordered by similarity.

- Variable mapping **establishes relationships between variables in faulty and similar snippets** via a mapping table.

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S_2

Patch Generation & Validation

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Modification Extraction & Patch Generation & Validation : generate repair patches by applying extracted code modifications to the faulty code snippet with combining and ranking whose modifications, then using the test suite to validate the correctness of candidate patches until a correct patch found or timeout.

The performence of SimFix

Proj.	SimFix	jGP	jKali	Nopol	ACS	HDR	ssFix	ELIXIR	JAID
Chart	**4**	0	0	1	2	-(2)	3	**4**	2(4)
Closure	**6**	0	0	0	0	-(7)	2	0	5(9)
Math	**14**	5	1	1	12	-(7)	10	12	1(7)
Lang	**9**	0	0	3	3	-(6)	5	8	1(5)
Time	1	0	0	0	1	-(1)	0	**2**	0(0)
Total	**34**	5	1	5	18	13(23)	20	26	9(25)
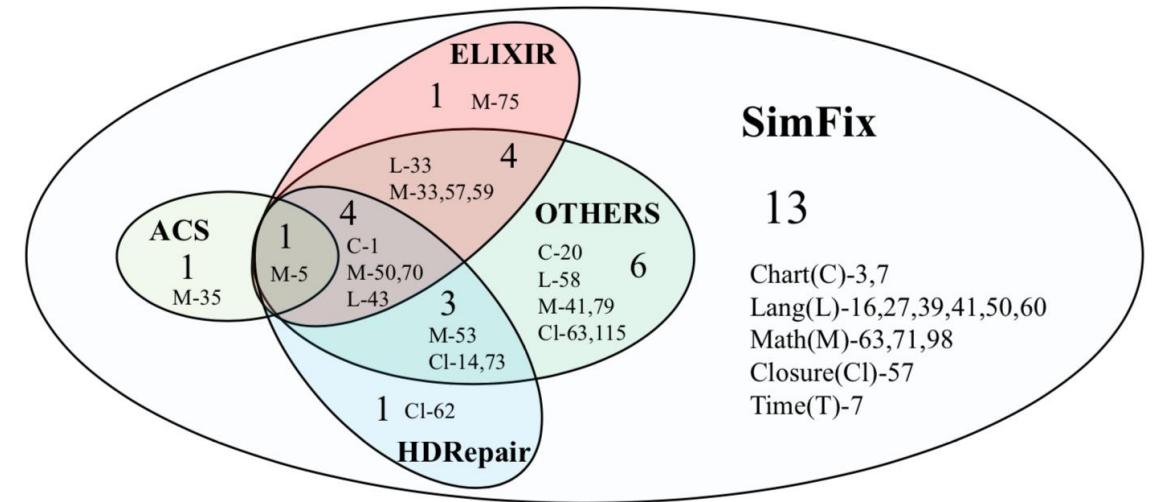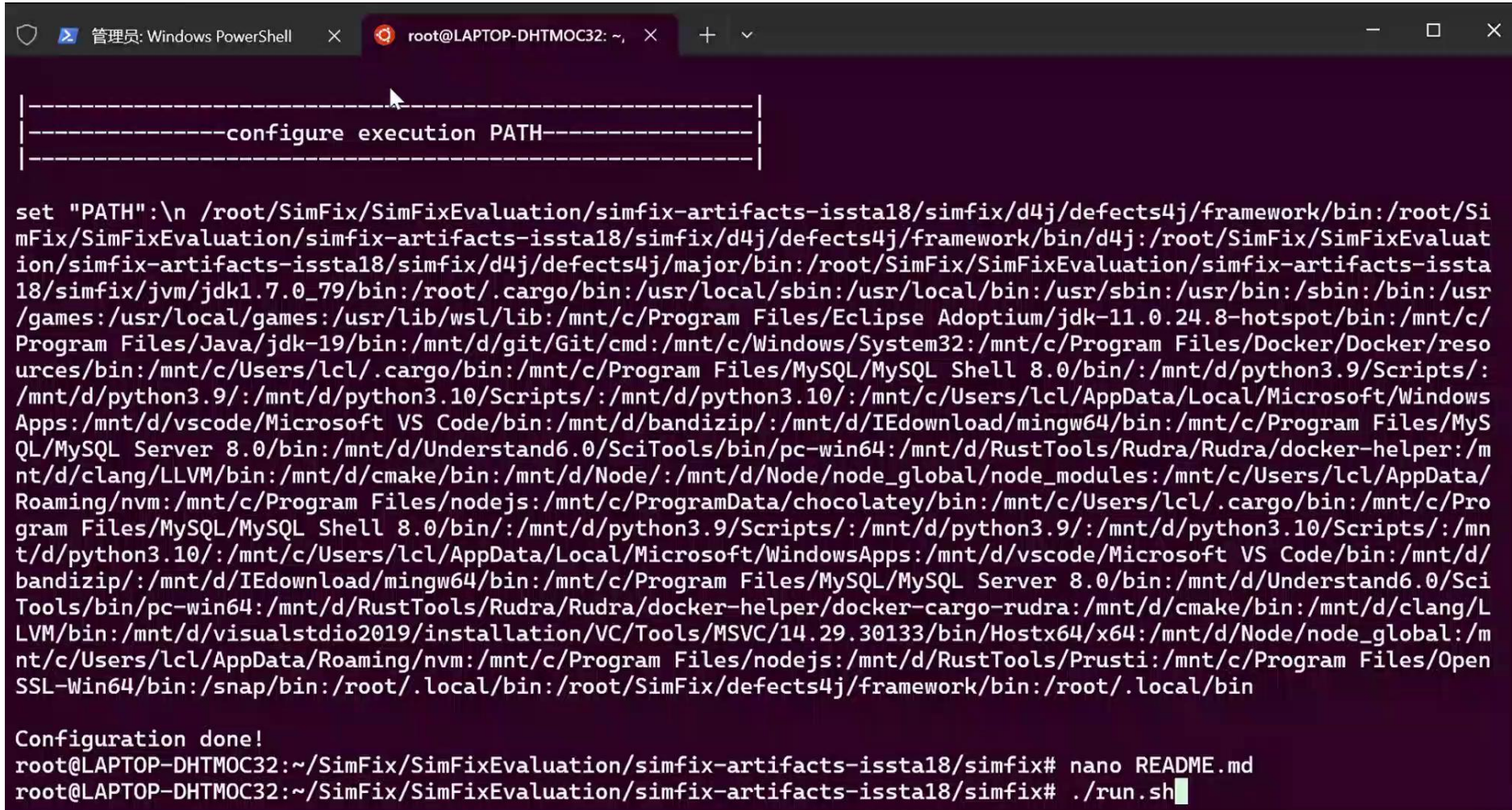
Totally, SimFix successfully repair 34 bugs among 357 bugs in Defects4J v1.0 benchmark, better than other tools.

Limitation：
1. Time-consuming.
2. Limited usefulness.
3. Almost rely on other bug-fixing experience and the accurary of similarity calculation.

Show the tool demo with a example.

valification

名称	修改日期	类型	大小
📄 1.src.patch	2025/2/3 19:21	PATCH 文件	2 KB
📄 1.test.patch	2025/2/3 19:21	PATCH 文件	2 KB
📄 2.src.patch	2025/2/3 19:21	PATCH 文件	1 KB
📄 2.test.patch			
📄 3.src.patch			
📄 3.test.patch			
📄 4.src.patch			
📄 4.test.patch			
📄 5.src.patch			
📄 5.test.patch			

Simfix's log

5.src.patch - 记事本

文件(F) 编辑(E) 格式(O) 查看(V) 帮助(H)

```
diff --git a/src/main/java/org/apache/commons/math3/complex/Complex.java b/src/main/java/or
index ac8185b..22b23f2 100644
--- a/src/main/java/org/apache/commons/math3/complex/Complex.java
+++ b/src/main/java/org/apache/commons/math3/complex/Complex.java
@@ -302,7 +302,7 @@ public class Complex implements FieldElement<Complex>, Serializable {
    }

    if (real == 0.0 && imaginary == 0.0) {
-           return INF;
+           return NaN;
    }

    if (isInfinite) {
```

patch code (green box around `- return INF;`)

Buggy code (red box around `+ return NaN;`)

Terminal window

管理员: Windows PowerShell | root@LAPTOP-DHTMOC32: ~,

```
  GNU nano 7.2                        5.log
Time : 25/02/03 19:01
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Original source code : [/root/SimFix/SimFixEvaluation/simfix-artifacts-issta18/simfix/d4j/projects/math/math_5_b
if(real==0.0&&imaginary==0.0){
return NaN;
}

Time : 25/02/03 19:01
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Find a patch : [/root/SimFix/SimFixEvaluation/simfix-artifacts-issta18/simfix/d4j/projects/math/math_5_buggy/sr
if(real==0.0&&imaginary==0.0){
return INF;
}

Time : 25/02/03 19:01
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Success time : 25/02/03 19:01

^G Help      ^O Write Out    ^W Where Is    ^K Cut      ^T Execute    ^C Location    M-U Undo
^X Exit      ^R Read File    ^R Replace     ^U Paste    ^J Justify    ^_ Go To Line  M-E Redo
```

patch from Defects4j

Thanks