



1. **Acute Leukemia (ALL and AML) Classification Using Learning Vector Quantization (LVQ.1) With Blood Cell Imagery Extraction**

Asadi, F.; Chiung-An Chen; Ting-Wei Liu; Syafria, F. **Source:** *International Journal of Modeling and Optimization*, v 9, n 3, 171-6, June 2019; **ISSN:** 2010-3697; **DOI:** 10.7763/IJMO.2019.V9.705; **Publisher:** IACSIT Press, Singapore

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**Abstract:** The biggest cancer disease invading children based on the health ministry 2015 is blood cancer or leukemia. One of the type leukemias is acute leukemia which consists of acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) and acute myelogenous leukemia (AML). Acute leukemia can be diagnosed according to the calculation of a complete blood in the bone marrow, but the calculation process still has several problems, such as when leukemia blood cells are manually counted by microscope, it needs more power, takes too much time, and costs very expensive. This disease can be identified and classified by combining neural network and imaging processing techniques. Learning Vector Quantization (LVQ.1) is used as the neural network approach by extracting leukemia cells of ALL and AML. The image extraction used in this study is to use the color extraction of Hue saturation value color space and the texture feature of Gray level co-occurrence matrix. The experimental results show that the highest accuracy achieved by the proposed algorithm in identifying ALL is about 93.33% trained with 80%

training data and tested with 20% testing data. On average, the proposed work yields about 70.31% accuracy to identify both blood cell types. In this sense, the proposed algorithm can classify ALL and AML well. (7 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** biomedical optical imaging - blood - bone - cancer - cellular biophysics - diseases - feature extraction - image classification - image colour analysis - image texture - learning (artificial intelligence) - medical image processing - neural nets - vector quantisation

**Uncontrolled terms:** acute leukemia - complete blood - leukemia blood cells - Learning Vector Quantization - leukemia cells - blood cell types - AML - learning Vector Quantization - blood cell imagery extraction - biggest cancer disease - blood cancer - type leukemias - acute myelogenous leukemia

**Classification Code:** A8770E Patient diagnostic methods and instrumentation - A8760F Optical and laser radiation (medical uses) - B6135 Optical, image and video signal processing - B7510 Biomedical measurement and imaging - C5260B Computer vision and image processing techniques - C6170K Knowledge engineering techniques - C7330 Biology and medical computing

**IPC Code:** G01N33/48 - G06F15/18 - G06F19/00 - G06T - G06T7/40 - G06N5/04

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

## 2. **Direct Modeling of Inductor Saturation Behavior in a SPICE-Like Transient Analysis**

Winkler, P.; Guumlnter, W. **Source:** *International Journal of Modeling and Optimization*, v 9, n 3,

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**Abstract:** In this paper we demonstrate how the saturation behavior of an inductor can be directly inserted as a software function into the mathematical description of a circuit and included in a SPICE-like numerical simulation. Within the numerical computation of the circuit the inductance value changes in dependence on the actual inductor current, following the real life behavior of the choke. The shown procedure leads to more exact and realistic simulation results then assuming the inductance to be a constant value, which is the common way in SPICE-programs. Based on an example choke we show how any saturation curve, derived from measurement data or core manufacturer information, can be inserted in a computational model of the inductance. This is a significant advantage over the possibilities to model inductor saturation, which different SPICE programs are offering, what is also shown in the paper. On the application of a boost converter the impact of the consideration of the saturation on the simulation result is presented and compared to a simulation with a constant inductor. (9 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** inductors - numerical analysis - transient analysis

**Uncontrolled terms:** direct modeling - inductor saturation behavior - SPICE-like transient analysis - software function - mathematical description - SPICE-like numerical simulation - numerical computation - inductance value changes - actual inductor - life behavior - exact simulation results - realistic simulation results - SPICE-programs - saturation curve - core manufacturer information - computational model - model inductor saturation - different SPICE programs - constant inductor

**Classification Code:** B2140 Inductors and transformers - B0290Z Other numerical methods

**IPC Code:** H01F27/00

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

3. **Multivariate Scenario Generation -An Arima and Copula Approach**

Mishra, S.; Wuumlrsig, C.; Bordin, C.; Palu, I. **Source:** *International Journal of Modeling and Optimization*, v 9, n 3, 146-9, June 2019; **ISSN:** 2010-3697; **DOI:** 10.7763/IJMO.2019.V9.700; **Publisher:** IACSIT Press, Singapore

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**Abstract:** In mathematical optimization uncertainty is expressed through scenarios. auto-regressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) is one of the known practice to generate scenarios. This paper is about scenario generation using multivariate data: electrical power demand, wind power generation and energy market price. An ARIMA model along with Copula is implemented for scenario generation. The results are presented and discussed. (12 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** autoregressive moving average processes - power markets - pricing

**Uncontrolled terms:** multivariate scenario generation -an - mathematical optimization uncertainty -

auto-regressive integrated moving average - known practice - multivariate data - electrical power demand - wind power generation - ARIMA model - Copula

**Classification Code:** B0240Z Other topics in statistics - B0260 Optimisation techniques - B8110B Power system management, operation and economics - C1140Z Other topics in statistics

**Treatment:** Economic (ECO); Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

4. **Numerical Analysis of Rail Wear Behavior in Railway Systems**

Biao Li; Fei Shen; Lichun Bai; Kho, K.; Kun Zhou **Source:** *International Journal of Modeling and Optimization*, v 9, n 3, 166-70, June 2019; **ISSN:** 2010-3697; **DOI:** 10.7763/IJMO.2019.V9.704; **Publisher:** IACSIT Press, Singapore

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**Abstract:** Wear of rails is one of the most crucial problems in railway systems. Understanding rail wear behavior is essential in determining the optimal maintenance schedules. This work numerically studied the rail wear behavior for curved tracks. A railway vehicle/track multibody dynamics model is established based on the commercial software Universal Mechanism, in which car body, wheelset and suspension subsystem of the train are included in the model. Archard's wear model is used to describe

the wear evolution at the contact patch. The effects of train velocity, track radius and track super-elevation on the rail wear behaviors are studied. It was found that fast wear of the outer rail occurs at high train velocity, whereas the inner rail wear rate is increased when the train velocity decreases. The rail wear is sensitive to the track curvature. Larger track curvature leads to faster wear of the outer rail, and thus shorter grinding intervals are required. Moreover, for the outer rail, slower wear of outer rail is achieved when the super-elevation equilibrium velocity approximates the train velocity. Careful selection of super-elevation is important in reducing rail wear. (13 refs.) **Inspec controlled**

**terms:** grinding - maintenance engineering - mechanical contact - numerical analysis - rails - railway engineering - railways - vehicle dynamics - wear - wheels

**Uncontrolled terms:** rail wear behavior - railway systems - archard - wear evolution - train velocity - fast wear - outer rail - inner rail wear rate - faster wear - slower wear

**Classification Code:** E3650E Railway industry - E1020 Maintenance and reliability - E2140 Tribology (mechanical engineering) - E2210 Mechanical components - E2220 Vehicle mechanics

**IPC Code:** B24B1/00 - B60B - B61 - B61F - E01B - E01B5/02

**Treatment:** Theoretical or Mathematical (THR); Experimental (EXP)

**Database:** Inspec

5. **Opponent Modelling with Eligibility Trace for Multi-agent Reinforcement Learning**

Hao Chen; Jian Huang; Jianxing Gong **Source:** *International Journal of Modeling and Optimization*, v 9, n 3, 140-5, June 2019; **ISSN:** 2010-3697; **DOI:** 10.7763/IJMO.2019.V9.699; **Publisher:** IACSIT

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**Abstract:** Markov games and reinforcement learning algorithms are applied successfully in multi-agent learning systems such as Minimax-Q. Because of the interdependence between agents, it's time consuming to find the optimal policy when agents learning concurrently. Some algorithms accelerate convergences through spatial or action generalization, which requires domain-dependent prior knowledge. In order to improve learning efficiency directly, the opponent modelling Q( $\lambda$ ) algorithm is proposed which combines fictitious play in game theory and eligibility trace in reinforcement learning. A series of empirical evaluations were conducted in the classical soccer domain. Compared with several other algorithms, it is proved that the algorithm contributed in this paper significantly enhances the learning performance of multi-agent systems. (12 refs.) **Inspected terms:** game theory - learning (artificial intelligence) - Markov processes - multi-agent systems

**Uncontrolled terms:** eligibility trace - multiagent reinforcement learning - markov games - reinforcement learning algorithms - multiagent learning systems - optimal policy - spatial action generalization - multiagent systems - learning performance - classical soccer domain - game theory - opponent modelling - learning efficiency - domain-dependent prior knowledge

**Classification Code:** C6170K Knowledge engineering techniques - C1140E Game theory - C1140J Markov processes - C1180 Optimisation techniques

**IPC Code:** G06F15/18 - G06N5/04

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

6. **Solution of the Fractional Epidemic Model by a Modified Approach of the Fractional Variation Iterative Method Using a Radial Basis Functions**

Al-Towaiq, M.; Ababnah, A.A.; Al-Dalahmeh, S. **Source:** *International Journal of Modeling and Optimization*, v 9, n 3, 150-4, June 2019; **ISSN:** 2010-3697; **DOI:** 10.7763/IJMO.2019.V9.701; **Publisher:** IACSIT Press, Singapore

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**Abstract:** In this paper, we propose an efficient modification of the variation iteration method called the fractional interpolated variation iteration method, which uses a radial basis functions to find an approximate solution to a fractional differential equation. We used the fractional-order epidemic problem as a case study. Numerical results show that the proposed method is very efficient, accurate, applicable, and more accurate than some existing methods in the literature. (14 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** approximation theory - differential equations - interpolation - iterative methods - radial basis function networks - variational techniques

**Uncontrolled terms:** fractional variation iterative method - fractional epidemic model - fractional-order epidemic problem - fractional differential equation - approximate solution - radial basis functions - fractional interpolated variation iteration method - efficient modification



**Classification Code:** A0260 Numerical approximation and analysis - A0230 Function theory, analysis - B0290F Interpolation and function approximation (numerical analysis) - C4130 Interpolation and function approximation (numerical analysis)

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

7. **A co-kriging multi-fidelity surrogate model assisted robust optimization approach**

Hansi Xu; Qi Zhou; Ping Jiang; Tingli Xie **Source:** *International Journal of Modeling and Optimization*, v 9, n 3, 155-9, June 2019; **ISSN:** 2010-3697; **DOI:** 10.7763/IJMO.2019.V9.702; **Publisher:** IACSIT Press, Singapore

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**Abstract:** The goal of the robust optimization is to obtain the optimal solution while ensuring that the objective function value is not too sensitive to the uncertainties and the constraints are still feasible under the worst case of the variations of the uncertainty. The effectuation of engineering applications robust design optimization relies on the expensive simulation analysis, which is so time consuming that experimenters turned to mathematical models. In this work, a Co-Kriging multi-fidelity surrogate model assisted robust optimization approach is proposed to improve the efficiency of the robustness optimization. In the developed approach, the Co-Kriging multi-fidelity surrogate model is constructed to integrate the sample data from both low-fidelity (LF) and high-fidelity (HF) models. What is more,

the concurrent treatment of the uncertainties from the multi-fidelity surrogate model, design variables, and noise parameters are investigated. The effectiveness and merits of the developed approach are illustrated on a benchmark numerical case. (16 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** acoustic noise - approximation theory - design engineering - design of experiments - genetic algorithms - statistical analysis

**Uncontrolled terms:** engineering applications robust design optimization - co-kriging multifidelity surrogate model - robust optimization approach - robustness optimization - optimal solution - objective function value - high-fidelity models - HF models - low-fidelity model - LF model

**Classification Code:** E1400 Design - E2170 Acoustic properties (mechanical engineering) - E0210G Optimisation - E0210J Statistics - E0210L Numerical analysis

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

8. **Differential Evolution Based Model Selection Approach for Machine Learning**

Yi-Chuan Chiu; Hsin-Hung Lin; Yung-Tsan Jou **Source:** *International Journal of Modeling and Optimization*, v 9, n 3, 135-9, June 2019; **ISSN:** 2010-3697; **DOI:** 10.7763/IJMO.2019.V9.698; **Publisher:** IACSIT Press, Singapore

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**Abstract:** As the application of big data becomes more and more popular, machine learning algorithms are changing with each passing day, and the models produced by machine learning are increasingly diversified. The focus of big data applications has gradually shifted to the prediction and inference of models. How to choose the most suitable model for enterprise application scenarios among many machine learning models has become a topic of research that has attracted much attention. Ensemble methods have been proposed to discover best model by multiple training phase. Studies of finding best combination within multiple modes are still few. Configuring different machine learning models with appropriate parameters and looking for parameters is an NP-hard problem, which requires an optimization algorithm. This study proposes to apply differential evolution algorithm to integrate multiple trained machine learning models into an appropriate model. In this paper, the regression model is taken as an example and the differential evolution algorithm is compared with the particles swarm optimization algorithm. The results show that the differential evolution algorithm has better performance. (16 refs.) **Inspection controlled terms:** Big Data - evolutionary computation - learning (artificial intelligence) - particle swarm optimisation - regression analysis

**Uncontrolled terms:** multiple trained machine learning models - regression model - differential evolution algorithm - particles swarm optimization algorithm - model selection approach - machine learning algorithms - big data applications - enterprise application scenarios - multiple training phase - multiple modes - NP-hard problem

**Classification Code:** C6170K Knowledge engineering techniques - C1140Z Other topics in statistics - C1180 Optimisation techniques - C6130 Data handling techniques

**IPC Code:** G06F7/00 - G06F15/18 - G06F17/30 - G06N5/04

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

9. **Continuously variable transmission vehicle modeling and control algorithm considering fuel efficiency and driveline efficiency**

Beomjoon Pyun; Chulwoo Moon; Changhyun Jeong; Dohyun Jung **Source:** *International Journal of Modeling and Optimization*, v 9, n 3, 128-34, June 2019; **ISSN:** 2010-3697; **DOI:** 10.7763/IJMO.2019.V9.697; **Publisher:** IACSIT Press, Singapore

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**Abstract:** From the perspective of vehicle driving, the relation between driveline efficiency and fuel efficiency is a trade-off. Moreover, there are differences in each driver's preference in the ranges of driveline efficiency and fuel efficiency. For these reasons, the optimization between driveline efficiency and fuel efficiency is applied considering personal driving characteristics. Study using a Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT) control algorithm has advantageous because continuous gears have a lot of freedom for control. Therefore, the Target Probability, which is related to the driving characteristics, is applied to the CVT gear shifting control algorithm based on a CVT vehicle model and verified. (9 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** fuel economy - gears - power transmission (mechanical) - variable speed gear - vehicle dynamics

**Uncontrolled terms:** CVT gear shifting control algorithm - target probability - continuously variable transmission vehicle modeling - driveline efficiency - fuel efficiency - variable

transmission vehicle modeling - continuously variable transmission control algorithm

**Classification Code:** C3360 Transportation system control - E2330 Mechanical drives and transmissions - E2220 Vehicle mechanics - E1550 Control technology and theory - E3650 Transportation industry

**IPC Code:** B60K - F16H - F16H9/00 - F16H15/00 - F16H15/04 - G05D1/00

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

**10. A linear programming approach to land allocation in vegetable production: a case study from Croatia**

Grubiscaronicacutē, M.; Kolarec, B.; Mamiacutē, M. **Source:** *International Journal of Modeling and Optimization*, v 9, n 3, 160-5, June 2019; **ISSN:** 2010-3697; **DOI:** 10.7763/IJMO.2019.V9.703; **Publisher:** IACSIT Press, Singapore

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**Abstract:** We set up a linear programming problem of agricultural land allocation in vegetable production on a case study of a family farm in Croatia. It was solved by Excels' tool Solver. We discuss on setting up the problem, the solution and the obtained sensitivity report. Further, we set up and solve a dynamical optimization problem to determine the optimal production for the second year respecting

crop rotation rules. (9 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** agriculture - crops - linear programming

**Uncontrolled terms:** agricultural land allocation - vegetable production - Croatia - dynamical optimization problem - linear programming approach - crop rotation rule - Excel tool Solver

**Classification Code:** E3010 Agriculture - E0210G Optimisation - E1780 Products and commodities

**IPC Code:** A01

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

## 11. **GoF Design Patterns in a Smart City System**

Ngaogate, W. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 5, 220-6, May 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.5.220-226; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** This paper demonstrates how GoF software design patterns can be applied in a smart city system. By giving a case study, observer pattern and composite pattern are used. SoA architecture is applied for showing how a system with heterogeneous devices is structured. Novice software engineers might use this demonstration as a guide for building up a smart city system. (27 refs.) **Inspec**

**controlled terms:** service-oriented architecture - smart cities

**Uncontrolled terms:** smart city system - GoF software design patterns - observer pattern - composite pattern - SoA architecture - novice software engineers

**Classification Code:** C7100 Business and administrative computing - C6110B Software engineering techniques

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44 - G06Q10/00 - H04L29/00

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

12. **Using Complex Numbers in Website Ranking Calculations: A Non-ad hoc Alternative to Google's PageRank**

Sugihara, K. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 2, 58-64, Feb. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.2.58-64; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** This paper presents an alternative to Google's PageRank, i.e., it presents an algorithm used to calculate the score for a webpage using complex numbers that overcomes the problems inherent in Google's method. This algorithm was inspired by eigenvector centrality in social network analyses and

is designed to reproduce the ranking results of Google's PageRank and to satisfy the condition of soundness. This algorithm can be developed further to achieve more desirable outcomes. (16 refs.)

**Inspec controlled terms:** eigenvalues and eigenfunctions - number theory - search engines - social networking (online) - Web sites

**Uncontrolled terms:** complex numbers - Google PageRank - Website ranking calculations - eigenvector centrality - social network analyses

**Classification Code:** C7210N Information networks - C1160 Combinatorial mathematics - C7250N Search engines - C4140 Linear algebra (numerical analysis)

**IPC Code:** G06F17/30

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

### 13. **A Service-Oriented Non-intrusive Software Fault-Tolerant Programming Model**

Shuanghui Yi; Rong Li **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 8, 350-5, Aug. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X;

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**Abstract:** Only through good design can we obtain the high dependability of the software. How to



establish the high dependability of the software from the design is the current problem to be solved. Existing objectoriented programming methods and techniques cannot adapt to service-oriented credibility design requirements. This paper will propose a non-intrusive software fault-tolerant programming model based on the research of the fault-tolerant ability of service-affecting service. By establishing service fault-tolerant design and development model, the flexible compilation of trusted attributes is realized. (5 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** object-oriented methods - object-oriented programming - service-oriented architecture - software fault tolerance

**Uncontrolled terms:** service-oriented credibility design requirements - service fault-tolerant design - service-affecting service - service-oriented nonintrusive software fault-tolerant programming model

**Classification Code:** C6110B Software engineering techniques - C6110F Formal methods - C6110J Object-oriented programming

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

14. **Color Image Watermarking Based on Octonion Discrete Cosine Transform**

Shuang She; Guoheng Huang; Lianglun Cheng **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 1, 13-23, Jan. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.1.13-23; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** There are few watermarking algorithms for color images. In most traditional watermarking algorithms, transforms are applied to each component of the color model individually resulting in less robust experimental results. Therefore, we propose a color image watermarking algorithm which is a high-dimensional algorithm. First, Octonion Discrete Cosine Transform (ODCT) and its inverter transform (IODCT) are proven. Then, a novel color image watermarking technique based on ODCT is proposed. Experimental results show that it not only has good anti to compression ability, but also has robustness to noise, filtering and rotation attacks. (16 refs.) **Inspecc controlled terms:** discrete cosine transforms - image coding - image colour analysis - image watermarking - watermarking

**Uncontrolled terms:** Octonion Discrete Cosine Transform - color images - traditional watermarking algorithms - color model - robust experimental results - color image watermarking algorithm - high-dimensional algorithm - novel color image watermarking technique

**Classification Code:** B6135 Optical, image and video signal processing - B6135C Image and video coding - B0230 Integral transforms - C5260B Computer vision and image processing techniques - C1130 Integral transforms

**IPC Code:** G06T - G06T1/00 - G06T9/00

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

15. **On Auto-measuring of Applications Usability for Blind People**

Mohamed, M.H.; Elfaki, A.O.; Johar, M.G.M. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 4, 146-52, April 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.4.146-152; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** Usability of computer systems is the most important successful factor for blind people. AutoMeasuring of usability is a recent concept that guarantees the result is clear from human biases. This paper investigates the metrics that could be used to develop usability auto-measuring system. First, metrics are extracted from literature, and then directed questionnaire has been conducted to prove the correctness of the selected metrics. The results of questionnaires proved the correctness of the selected metrics. Finally, we have prepared for experiment to test the selected the metrics. (9 refs.)

**Inspec controlled terms:** handicapped aids - human factors

**Uncontrolled terms:** selected metrics - applications usability - blind people - computer systems - human biases - usability auto-measuring system - successful factor - directed questionnaire

**Classification Code:** C7850 Computer assistance for persons with handicaps - C0240 Ergonomic aspects of computing

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

16. **Strengths and weakness of traditional and agile processes - a systematic review**

Mirza, M.S.; Datta, S. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 5, 209-19, May 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.5.209-219; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** In the software industry, there are several processes and methodologies that exist. The traditional processes and Agile methodologies have their own strengths and weaknesses. Agile methodologies overcome some of the weaknesses of traditional processes. Although in the recent years Agile methodologies have been used by software development companies, there is still a high ratio of software failures when compared with core engineering processes. The adoption of these processes in software development could alleviate software failures. This systematic study reviews the strengths and weaknesses of both traditional processes and Agile processes. The search strategy resulted in 91 papers, of which 25 primary studies are investigated between 2012 and 2019. The detailed search strategy has been presented in this study along with future directions. (25 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** DP industry - software development management - software prototyping

**Uncontrolled terms:** agile methodologies - software development companies - software failures - core engineering processes - agile processes - systematic review - software industry

**Classification Code:** C6110B Software engineering techniques - C0310F Software management

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

17. **The Software Gene-Based Test Set Automatic Generation Framework for Antivirus Software**  
Liang Bai; Yu Rao; Shiwei Lu; Xu Liu; Yiyi Hu **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 10, 449-56, Oct. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.10.449-456; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** After studying the existing test set generation methods of antivirus software and sample analysis methods based on manual experience, the paper proposes a software gene-based test set automatic generation framework for antivirus software. Most of current test set automatic generation frameworks have problems of unstable performance, time-consuming, and the fact that its test set cannot well reflect the density distribution character of the original dataset. In this paper, some improvements are made to resolve above problems. Experiment results show that the framework can efficiently generate the test sample set with the volume no more than one tenth of the original data set, meanwhile the distribution characteristics of the original dataset can be retained. (24 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** computer viruses - program testing

**Uncontrolled terms:** software gene-based test set automatic generation framework - antivirus software - test sample set - sample analysis - density distribution character

**Classification Code:** C6150G Diagnostic, testing, debugging and evaluating systems - C6130S Data

security

**IPC Code:** G06F11/36 - G06F21/00

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

**18. A Structural Complexity Metric Method for Complex Information Systems**

Aimin Luo; Mengmeng Zhang; Yi Mao; Yuxiao Kou; Xiaoxue Zhang **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 7, 332-9, July 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.7.332-339; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** A system structure is deemed as a trade-off between requirements and complexity. An effective measurement of structural complexity is the basis of choosing a reasonable system structure. In this paper, a structural complexity evaluation model of information systems is established through three factors: subsystem complexity, interactional complexity, and topological complexity. In addition, we introduce quantitative calculation methods related to the three factors. Finally, the proposed model is verified by the case of an air defense suppression system. (21 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** information systems - software metrics

**Uncontrolled terms:** structural complexity metric method - complex information systems - reasonable system structure - structural complexity evaluation model - subsystem complexity - interactional complexity - topological complexity - quantitative calculation methods - air defense suppression system

**Classification Code:** C7100 Business and administrative computing - C6110S Software metrics

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44 - G06Q10/00

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

19. **An Empirical Investigation of Effort Estimation in Mobile Apps Using Agile Development Process**

Altaleb, A.; Gravell, A. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 8, 356-69, Aug. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.8.356-369; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** Effort estimation is essential in order for a project manager and development team members to be able to successfully plan for a software project. The planning and development of mobile applications present many challenges. The aim of this study is to provide and report an overview on the

state of the practice of effort estimation techniques that companies use for their mobile app projects. This study focuses on organisations which apply the Agile development process during their projects. We conducted structured and semi-structured interviews with 20 Agile practitioners at 18 different organisations. The results revealed that Planning Poker (PP) and Expert Judgment (EJ) were the most frequently used estimation techniques in mobile app projects. (25 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** mobile computing - project management - software development management - software maintenance - software prototyping - team working

**Uncontrolled terms:** mobile applications - effort estimation techniques - mobile app projects - Agile development process - Agile practitioners - Planning Poker - project manager - development team members - software project - structured interviews - semi-structured interviews - Expert Judgment

**Classification Code:** B6250F Mobile radio systems - C6190V Mobile, ubiquitous and pervasive computing - C6110B Software engineering techniques - C0310F Software management

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44 - H04B7/00 - H04B7/26 - H04W

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

20. **Comparing DSP Software Performance Prediction Models at Source Code Level - From Analytical to Statistical**

Erh-Wen Hu; Weihua Liu; Bogong Su; Jian Wang **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 6, 247-56, June



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**Abstract:** Efficient performance prediction at source code level is essential in reducing the turnaround time of software development, particularly when the source code is subject to changes due to modification of problem specification. In this paper, we investigate and compare five performance prediction models from practical standpoint to determine the usefulness of these models. To verify the effectiveness of these models, we select a set of functions from PHY DSP Benchmark and TIC64 DSP processor for experiment. Comparing the predicted performance to the actual measured execution time, we observed that the relative prediction error generated from two of the five models are low and can thus be used for practical purposes. (14 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** digital signal processing chips - software performance evaluation

**Uncontrolled terms:** relative prediction error - DSP software performance prediction models - source code level - efficient performance prediction - turnaround time - software development - PHY DSP Benchmark - TIC64 DSP processor - predicted performance - actual measured execution time

**Classification Code:** C1140Z Other topics in statistics - C6110B Software engineering techniques - C6110R Software performance evaluation

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

21. **Functional Requirement on Proofreading System**

Sari, D.L.; Niswatin, C. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 5, 192-9, May 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.5.192-199; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** This research aims to have an analysis on functional requirements to build the proofreading system. It is used to justify the appropriateness of functional requirements which gained from interview to the project owners and end users' questionnaires. Kano method is applied to compare both of data from interview and questionnaires. It classifies the provides features into some categories to measure the users' satisfaction level. The result of Kano evaluation shows that only one out of 17 features is not important in the perspective of users. In contrast, other features are important for them, however, each of features should be determined into its priority to develop the system using Kano. The system development must be started from features which are prioritized the criteria be (M) followed by one-dimensional (O) then attractive (A). There are 6 features which are differently perceived between lectures' and students' point of view. This differentiation makes project owners difficult to prioritize the features development since the weaknesses of Kano which could not disclose the users' reasons.. (12 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** human factors - natural language processing

**Uncontrolled terms:** features development - system development - Kano evaluation - end users -

project owners - proofreading system - functional requirement

**Classification Code:** C6180N Natural language processing - C0240 Ergonomic aspects of computing

**IPC Code:** G06F17/20

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

22. **Applying Spring Security Framework and OAuth2 To Protect Microservice Architecture API**  
Quy Nguyen; Baker, O. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 6, 257-64, June 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X;  
**DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.6.257-264; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** Since 2014, Microservice Architecture (MSA) has been widely applied and deployed by big companies such as Google, Netflix and Twitter. This is a way of architecting software systems in which the services of a single application are decomposed then deployed and executed separately. This research examines the possibility of applying Spring Security Framework and OAuth2 to secure microservice APIs which are built on top of Spring Framework. By developing a Proof of Concept (POC) of an Inventory Management System using MSA on top of Spring Framework, Spring Security Framework and OAuth2. we have conducted security tests over the POC using unit testing and manual

testing techniques to examine if there are any vulnerabilities and we were able to show and confirm the effectiveness of the Spring Security Framework and OAuth2 in securing Spring-based APIs. (12 refs.)

**Inspec controlled terms:** application program interfaces - authorisation - program testing - software architecture

**Uncontrolled terms:** MSA - OAuth2 - security tests - securing Spring-based APIs - Microservice Architecture API - architecting software systems - microservice APIs - spring security framework - Google - Netflix - Twitter - proof of concept - inventory management system - unit testing technique - manual testing technique

**Classification Code:** C6130S Data security - C6150E General utility programs - C6150G Diagnostic, testing, debugging and evaluating systems - C6110B Software engineering techniques

**IPC Code:** G06F9/00 - G06F9/44 - G06F11/36 - G06F21/00

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

23. **EFTSA: evaluation framework for twitter sentiment analysis**

Alsaeedi, A. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 1, 24-35, Jan. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.1.24-35; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** Sentiment analysis is a characteristic task that aims to detect the sentiment of opinions in content. Twitter sentiment analysis (TSA) is a promising field that has gained attention in the last decade. Investigators in the TSA field have faced difficulties comparing existing TSA techniques, as there is no agreed systematic framework. This means that the evaluation of existing techniques relies on selecting different datasets without meaningful justification. Another issue that arises when comparing different TSA techniques is that there are no unified metrics. Some researchers select classification accuracy and others choose recall, precision, and F-measure metrics. In this paper, we propose a framework called Evaluation Framework for Twitter Sentiment Analysis (EFTSA) for TSA evaluation based on individual or multiple datasets. This would help researchers compare their Twitter sentiment approaches against others. (37 refs.) **Inspection controlled terms:** data mining - natural language processing - pattern classification - social networking (online) - text analysis

**Uncontrolled terms:** evaluation framework - twitter sentiment analysis - TSA field - existing TSA techniques - agreed systematic framework - comparing different TSA techniques - TSA evaluation - Twitter sentiment approaches

**Classification Code:** C1140Z Other topics in statistics - C6130 Data handling techniques - C6130D Document processing techniques - C6170K Knowledge engineering techniques - C6180N Natural language processing - C7120 Financial computing - C7210N Information networks - C0230 Economic, social and political aspects of computing

**IPC Code:** G06F7/00 - G06F15/18 - G06F17/20 - G06F17/21 - G06Q30/00 - G06Q40/00 - G06N5/04

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

24. **Software Productivity in DevOps**

Qin Liu; Yidan Qin; Hongming Zhu; Hongfei Fan **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 3, 129-37, March 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.3.129-137; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** The investigation of multi-source, heterogeneous, multi-cycle data in DevOps has been attracting lots of attention in recent years. Although productivity is crucial for assuring instant release of DevOps, it has not been well studied based on merging effort features and unobserved cost features for open source software. An innovative software productivity estimation model in DevOps is proposed in this paper by recasting the definition of effort and cost. The proposed productivity model takes account of committed "outcomes" as cost instead of traditional man-month, and extended effort to consist of various commits (code, issue, scripts). Four open source projects are studied, with 95481 commits and 95828 issues in total. The experiment results illustrate the productivity changes with life cycle. The non-traditional code work ratio in productivity can represent iteration frequency of a software production and increases drastically before important releases. Thus we can monitor the life cycle and predicting large change of a production with productivity. (10 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** innovation management - iterative methods - productivity - project management - public domain software - software development management

**Uncontrolled terms:** innovative software productivity estimation model - DevOps - productivity model - committed outcomes - traditional man-month - open source projects - productivity changes - life cycle - nontraditional code work ratio - software production - multisource - multicycle data - instant release - effort features - unobserved cost features - open source software

**Classification Code:** C6110B Software engineering techniques - C0310F Software management

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

**25. Point Cloud Data Processing and Analysis for 3D Measurement of Ship Hull Plate**

Guiyang Deng; Lianglun Cheng; Xiaoqing Dong **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 4, 182-91, April 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.4.182-191; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** In this paper, the 3D measurement of the hull plate is used as the background. It analyzes the principle of laser three-dimensional scanning. The independent k-neighbor problem is considered to improve the method of law loss propagation adjustment, at point cloud data segmentation. It improves the K-neighbor point cloud data boundary feature extraction algorithm. A point cloud reduction

algorithm based on K-d tree space partitioning and local curvature threshold is proposed, and the algorithm flow is given. Finally, the related algorithms are simulated and tested, and the results also verify the feasibility of the above method, meet the needs of hull plate measurement. (13 refs.) **Inspection controlled terms:** cloud computing - feature extraction - plates (structures) - ships

**Uncontrolled terms:** laser three-dimensional scanning - independent k-neighbor problem - law loss propagation adjustment - point cloud data segmentation - K-neighbor point cloud data boundary feature extraction algorithm - point cloud reduction algorithm - local curvature threshold - algorithm flow - hull plate measurement - point cloud data processing - 3D measurement - ship hull plate - K-d tree space partitioning

**Classification Code:** C6190J Internet software - C7210N Information networks

**IPC Code:** B63B - G06F9/44

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

26. **Using Reverse Engineering for Building Ontologies with Deeper Taxonomies from Relational Databases**

Sbai, S.; Louhdi, M.R.C.; Behja, H.; Zemmouri, E.-M.; Rabab, C. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 3, 138-45, March 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.3.138-145; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland



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**Abstract:** The relational model is characterized by its high quality and has been widely used by information systems. However, unlike the conceptual model, the relational model is semantically poor since it doesn't enable the representation of inheritance. In this paper, we present an algorithmic approach to extract generalization/ specialization inheritance hierarchies. We perform a reverse engineering by analyzing stored data. Finally, we evaluated our approach by conducting several experiments on relational databases. The results were satisfying in terms of recovering the tables lost during the transformation from the entity relationship model to the relational model. (18 refs.) **Inspected terms:** entity-relationship modelling - inheritance - ontologies (artificial intelligence) - relational databases - reverse engineering

**Uncontrolled terms:** building ontologies - deeper taxonomies - relational databases - relational model - information systems - conceptual model - reverse engineering - entity relationship model - specialization inheritance hierarchy

**Classification Code:** C6170K Knowledge engineering techniques - C6120 File organisation - C6160D Relational databases

**IPC Code:** G06F12/00 - G06F15/18 - G06F17/30 - G06N5/04

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

**27. Reliability Centered Multi-objective Optimization Analysis Method for Equipment-intensive Systems**

Li Jingyao; Cheng Lianglun; Huang Guoheng **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 12, 559-72, Dec. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.12.559-572; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** Aiming at the lack of foundation for the maintenance strategy of equipment-intensive enterprises. This paper is based on the analytic hierarchy process to obtain the importance of equipment in the system, which qualify the equipment operation data and expert experience data by layer. Firstly, the system is modeled according to correlation, and then the consistency evaluation matrix is constructed. Finally, the reliability ratio can be used to simplify the system model. For the equipment-intensive systems such as a metro station system, the experimental data can match well with the empirical data. This method is able to achieve reliability-centered, which can also make the system a promotion efficiency of maintenance decisions and a reduction in the cost of operation and maintenance. (11 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** analytic hierarchy process - decision making - fuzzy reasoning - fuzzy set theory - maintenance engineering - optimisation - reliability

**Uncontrolled terms:** reliability centered multiobjective optimization analysis method - equipment-intensive systems - maintenance strategy - equipment-intensive enterprises - analytic hierarchy

process - equipment operation data - expert experience data - reliability ratio - system model - metro station system - empirical data - reliability-centered

**Classification Code:** B0260 Optimisation techniques - C1180 Optimisation techniques - C1160 Combinatorial mathematics - E1020 Maintenance and reliability

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

## 28. **Ideal Pattern of Business and IS Alignment for Improving e-Government Services in Saudi Arabia**

Alfadhel, S.A.; Shaofeng Liu; Oderanti, F.O. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 2, 92-106, Feb. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.2.92-106; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** Over the past few years, governments from all over the world are losing general public trust. This lack of public trust presents a significant challenge to public officers, citizens and politicians as it decreases community confidence in public officers and political performance and generates disappointment with community support and services. Alignment is a process where every stakeholder in the government infrastructure works together to achieve common business objectives. The aim of this paper is to study a comprehensive pattern (strategic, structural, social and cultural) of alignment

with the aim of improving government services in Saudi Arabia. The data has been collected from different e-government experts from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Study result indicates that public trust and e-government goals can be attained through establishing strong alignment between information systems (IS) departments and other government agencies. (32 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** business data processing - government data processing - information systems - organisational aspects - politics - public administration - strategic planning

**Uncontrolled terms:** different e-government experts - e-government goals - strong alignment - comprehensive pattern - common business objectives - government infrastructure works - community support - political performance - public officers - community confidence - politicians - general public trust - governments - Saudi Arabia - improving e-government services - government agencies

**Classification Code:** C7130 Public administration - C7210N Information networks - C7100 Business and administrative computing

**IPC Code:** G06Q10/00 - G06Q50/26

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

## 29. Towards Denial-of-Service Memory Vulnerabilities

Tianhan Lu; Yu-Ju Lee; Wen-Wei Liao **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 9, 36-49, Sept. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.9.423-436; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** We address the problem of verifying a program to be free of Denial-of-Service memory vulnerabilities. More specifically, we define a program to be safe from DoS attacks if its memory usage at any time during execution is linear to sizes of its inputs. We design an analysis algorithm that verifies if a program satisfies this definition, and reports code snippets in the program that may cause a nonlinear amount of memory usage in case the verification fails. We also formally prove the correctness of our algorithm w.r.t. the above definition. Our experimental results indicate that the analysis algorithm is both effective and efficient. (17 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** computer network security - program diagnostics - program verification - security of data - software reliability - storage management - telecommunication security

**Uncontrolled terms:** memory usage - analysis algorithm - towards Denial-of-Service memory - Denial-of-Service memory vulnerabilities - DoS attacks - reports code snippets

**Classification Code:** B6210L Computer communications - C6130S Data security - C6150G Diagnostic, testing, debugging and evaluating systems - C6110B Software engineering techniques - C6120 File organisation

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44 - G06F11/36 - G06F12/00 - G06F21/00 - H04K1/00 - H04L12/28 - H04W12/00

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

30. **Programming is diagramming is programming**

Al-Fedaghi, S.; Haidar, E. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 9, 410-22, Sept. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.9.410-422; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** It is said that “programming is writing is programming.” Both programming and writing involve high-level plans. Programming involves understanding the problem, creating a design, and coding. In this paper, we further explore the nature of programming based on the concept that “programming is diagramming.” A diagram can be coded, and both the code and diagram approximate the conceptual (mental) form of the programmer behind both. We adopt a new diagramming technique called a thinging machine (TM) and build a TM diagram of the solution to the involved problem, which is sliced to produce program statements, much as flowcharts are converted to code. The TM introduces a simplified form with its five basic operations, which are repeated throughout the flow of events until reaching the end of the solution description. A case study is given that establishes an account through which a user can apply for a modeled job. The resulting diagram and program point to a viable approach to developing computer programs. (21 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** flowcharting - software engineering

**Uncontrolled terms:** program statements - program point - computer programs - high-level plans  
- diagram approximate - diagramming technique - thinging machine - TM diagram - flowcharts

**Classification Code:** C6110B Software engineering techniques

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

**31. An Effective Recommendation Algorithm Based on Multi-Source Information**

Tang, L.; Wang, K. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 3, 107-15, March 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X;  
**DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.3.107-115; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** This paper proposes an effective recommendation algorithm based on multi-source information, which employs the user feature information and image feature information to handle the problems in recommender system, such as data sparsity, cold start user problem and cold start item problem. The proposed algorithm is as follow. Firstly, this paper presents a denoising auto-encoder to handle the problem of data sparsity and cold start user problem. It can learn the hidden features with

nonlinearity of user and item. In addition, the paper proposes collaborative filtering algorithm based on multi-features of items. This approach employs the convolutional neural network to extract features of the image. Then combine the features of the image and the activities of the users to solve the problems of data sparsity and cold start item problem. The proposed method mentioned above is tested with dataset called MovieLens. The results of the experiment show that the proposed method has competitive performance. (15 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** collaborative filtering - convolutional neural nets - feature extraction - learning (artificial intelligence) - recommender systems

**Uncontrolled terms:** cold start user problem - hidden features - collaborative filtering algorithm - data sparsity - cold start item problem - effective recommendation algorithm - multisource information - user feature information - recommender system - image feature information - convolutional neural network - MovieLens

**Classification Code:** C7210N Information networks - C7250R Information retrieval techniques - C5260B Computer vision and image processing techniques - C6170K Knowledge engineering techniques

**IPC Code:** G06F15/18 - G06F17/30 - G06T - G06N5/04 - H04N21/466 - G06N3/02

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

32. **Theme Division and Team Activities Interactive Teaching Method for Software Engineering**  
Yi Yang; Dekuang Yu **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 7, 340-9, July 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X;



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**Abstract:** With abstract content and complex process relationship in software engineering course, under the traditional classroom teaching method, students find it hard to grasp the core of this subject, let alone apply it in actual software projects. In order to improve the learning outcomes of software engineering, we proposed the theme division and team activity interactive teaching method by which students can truly understand and use the tools, processes and methods of modern software engineering. Based on the content attributes of the software life cycle and each stage, the themes are extracted and constructed. With instructor's guidance, students carry out team activities, including team form-up, tasks collection, group learning, topic reporting, defense review, and team feedback. The interactive teaching ways between the instructors and the learners promote the latter to actively participate in problem research and discussion, use software engineering principles and methods to solve design, development and management problems in software engineering, and enhance their technique ability and teamwork awareness. (7 refs.) **Inspection controlled terms:** computer aided instruction - computer science education - educational courses - engineering education - software engineering - teaching - team working

**Uncontrolled terms:** theme division - team activities interactive teaching method - complex process relationship - software engineering course - traditional classroom teaching method - actual software projects - team activity interactive teaching method - modern software engineering - software life cycle - interactive teaching ways

**Classification Code:** B0120 Education and training - C0220 Computing education and training -

C0110 Control education and training - C6110B Software engineering techniques - C7810C Computer-aided instruction - E0250 Education and training

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44 - G09B5/00

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

**33. Color Classification of Vehicles Based on Two-Layer Saliency, Illumination-Invariant Transformation, and Adaptive KNN**

Qihua Huang; Qilv Li; Guoheng Huang **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 10, 479-87, Oct. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.10.479-487; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** In the process of color classification of vehicles, the accurate segmentation of color regions and the elimination of non-color interference regions remain to be dealt with. Therefore, a vehicle color algorithm based on two-layer saliency map, illumination invariant transformation, and adaptive KNN is proposed in this paper. A two-layer saliency map is used to remove interference regions independent of the color of vehicles. The graph is transformed and finally classified based on the adaptive k nearest neighbor algorithm. The experimental results demonstrate that the method can accurately extract the body of the vehicles to a certain extent, and preprocessed with illumination invariance transformation, colors of vehicles can be accurately classified even in dark and reflective environments. The further

work of this study is to extract slightly deeper features and directly obtain the preliminary saliency graph based on the decoder processing. (10 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** feature extraction - image classification - image colour analysis - image segmentation - nearest neighbour methods - object detection

**Uncontrolled terms:** color classification - two-layer saliency - illumination-invariant transformation - adaptive KNN - color regions - noncolor interference regions - vehicle color algorithm - two-layer saliency map - illumination invariant transformation - adaptive k nearest neighbor algorithm - illumination invariance transformation - preliminary saliency graph - decoder processing

**Classification Code:** B6135 Optical, image and video signal processing - C5260B Computer vision and image processing techniques - C6266

**IPC Code:** G06F17/18 - G06N5/00 - G06T - G06N20/00

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

#### 34. **A Theoretical Validation of Component Point**

Wijayasiriwardhane, T.; Lai, R. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 1, 1-12, Jan. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.1.1-12; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** The system-level size measures are important in software project management as tasks such as planning and estimating the cost and schedule of software development can be performed more accurately when a size estimate of the entire system is available. However, due to the black-box nature of software components, traditional software measures are not adequate for Component-Based Systems (CBS). We have developed a Function Point (FP) like measure, named Component Point (CP), for measuring the system-level size of a CBS specified in Unified Modeling Language. In this paper, we present a theoretical validation of the CP measure using mathematics and show that not only the CP measure holds all the mathematical conditions necessary for a size measure, but it can also be used in Component-Based Software Development (CBSD) in a similar way that FP and its extensions are used in other software development paradigms. (41 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** project management - software development management - software metrics - Unified Modeling Language

**Uncontrolled terms:** Component-Based Systems - CBS - Function Point - FP - Unified Modeling Language - theoretical validation - CP measure - Component-Based Software Development - software development paradigms - system-level size measures - software project management - black-box nature - software components - traditional software measures - Component Point

**Classification Code:** C6110B Software engineering techniques - C6110F Formal methods - C6110S Software metrics - C0310F Software management

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

**35. Design and Implementation of Smart Travel System Based on Android**

Wenxiao Zhan; Dayu Dai; Zhongliang Cai **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 9, 400-9, Sept. 2019; ISSN: 1796-217X; DOI: 10.17706/jsw.14.9.400-409; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** With the rapid development of the mobile GIS, LBS and its extended application bring lots of convenience to people's life. Under such circumstances, using LBS mobile applications to do travel itinerary planning has become a popular new trend. However, existing LBS systems can only mechanically recommend one kind of tourist attractions at the same time and do route planning from one attraction to the next, which is very inconvenient and cumbersome. To revise this defect, this paper develops a smart travel mobile electronic map system based on android. Besides the traditional functions such as real-time positioning, this system can intelligently recommend the tourist attractions which the users may be interested in due to the relevant information input by the users. At the same time, it can also provide the overall route planning among these attractions, as well as the weather conditions during the tour, which realize the intelligent planning of travel itinerary. (10 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** geographic information systems - mobile computing - planning - travel industry

**Uncontrolled terms:** real-time positioning - smart travel mobile electronic map system - LBS systems - popular new trend - LBS mobile applications - people - extended application - mobile

GIS - android - smart travel system - intelligent planning - attraction - route planning - tourist attractions

**Classification Code:** B6250F Mobile radio systems - C6190V Mobile, ubiquitous and pervasive computing - C6170K Knowledge engineering techniques - C7840 Geography and cartography computing

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44 - H04B7/00 - H04B7/26 - H04W - G06N5/04

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

36. **Software defect data mining: a survey of severity analysis**

Wenjie Liu **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 10, 457-78, Oct. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.10.457-478; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** Open source software USES software defect tracking system, which can effectively manage the related information of software defects, and build software defect data warehouse in the form of defect report. The severity attribute of software defect report can determine the important indicators such as the repairers, solving time and repairing rate of software defect. Much research on software defects focuses on severity analysis. In order to evaluate the work in the field of severity analysis, this

paper reviews the existing studies. In particular, this paper introduces the main methods of severity study, and expounds the statistical characteristics analysis of severity attribute in software defect report data set. According to the research status, the research of severity analysis is divided into qualitative analysis and quantitative analysis, and analyzed in detail. At the same time, each part is empirically analyzed based on data from the Mozilla project and Eclipse project datasets. On this basis, this paper summarizes the existing work of severity analysis of defect report, and points out some possible problems in the work. (88 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** data mining - data warehouses - public domain software - software metrics - software quality - software reliability

**Uncontrolled terms:** severity attribute - software defect report data - severity analysis - software defect data mining - open source software - software defect tracking system - software defect data warehouse - severity study - statistical characteristics analysis

**Classification Code:** C6110B Software engineering techniques - C6110S Software metrics - C6130 Data handling techniques - C6160Z Other DBMS - C6170K Knowledge engineering techniques - C1140Z Other topics in statistics

**IPC Code:** G06F7/00 - G06F9/44 - G06N5/04

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

### 37. **Command Information System Structure Complexity Analysis Method**

Yuxiao Kou; Aimin Luo; Yi Mao; Xiaoxue Zhang; Zhen Shu **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 8,

370-9, Aug. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.8.370-379; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** Based on the structural characteristics of command information system, the super-network model of the system is established. In the system, the four types of basic units with different functions are the supernetwork nodes. And the information flow motifs defined by the specific information flow structure are the edges of the super-network. Then, based on the entropy theory, the x- information flow motif entropy, the n- information flow motif entropy and the n(t) information flow motif entropy are defined. The three levels of entropy are superimposed as an index to measure the structural complexity of the CISR system. Verification is carried out through a case of a joint air defense system in a certain area. (6 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** command and control systems - entropy - graph theory - military computing - military systems - network theory (graphs)

**Uncontrolled terms:** information flow motifs - information flow structure - entropy theory - structural complexity - joint air defense system - command information system structure complexity analysis method - structural characteristics - super-network model - CISR system - n-information flow motif entropy - x-information flow motif entropy

**Classification Code:** C7465 Military engineering computing - C1160 Combinatorial mathematics

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)



**Database:** Inspec

**38. AMPM<sub>3</sub> criteria of algorithm summation for classifying datamining of software quality management**

Yangyuen, K.T.; Suppamit, T.; Mungsing, S. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 1, 36-46, Jan. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.1.36-46; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** This research has the objective to present the algorithm summation method of AMPM<sub>3</sub> criteria for reducing attributes in data mining classification of software quality management. Moreover, the programs used to analyze in this research are WE-KA and MATLAB and the techniques used to predict the equation and the accuracy are Decision Tree, Rule-Based, Naïve Bayesian and KNN. Besides, the results of analyzing the Algorithm with AMPM<sub>3</sub> criteria are to reduce the attributes from searching from the relationship of regression analyzing and the regression analysis that are the analyzing from the relationships between 2 variables for finding the similarities between questions and model documents by searching from the patterns of designing. Then, it has the steps as these following: 1) Preparation of Information 2) Selection of Information 3) Practicing Information Set and Test 4) Processing of Information 5) Creation of Model for analyzing the information relationship and effectiveness measurement to reduce attributions. (21 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** data mining - decision trees - pattern classification - quality management - regression analysis - software

quality

**Uncontrolled terms:** algorithm summation method - AMPM3 criteria - data mining classification - software quality management - regression analyzing - Information 2 - Information 5 - information relationship - attributions

**Classification Code:** C6170K Knowledge engineering techniques - C1140Z Other topics in statistics - C1160 Combinatorial mathematics - C6110B Software engineering techniques - C6130 Data handling techniques

**IPC Code:** G06F7/00 - G06F9/44 - G06F15/18 - G06N5/04

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

### 39. **PLAC: Partitioning Based Lazy Classification**

Wei Song; He Jiang; Fan Ma; Qinbao Song; Guangtao Wang **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 2, 65-91, Feb. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.2.65-91; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** Traditional classification methods cannot well capture the characteristics of complex problems, thus leading to poor performance. In this paper, we propose a new framework named Partition based LAzy Classification (PLAC) to better characterize complex problems by dividing the training data space into smaller and easier-to-learn partitions. In PLAC, only the nearest partition of a new instance is used to train a local classifier that is finally used to classify the new instance. As the partitioning is performed based on information gain before receiving a new instance, the resulting partitions are groups of similar instances and the chance of the nearest instances of the new instance coming from different regions by accident is reduced. Moreover, our method uses only one partition to conduct a prediction and employs the caching mechanism to avoid work replication during classification, thus efficiency is improved. An extensive experimental evaluation on 40 real world data sets shows that PLAC effectively improves the performance of base classifiers and outperforms existing mainstream ensemble methods. (33 refs.) **Inspection controlled terms:** learning (artificial intelligence) - pattern classification

**Uncontrolled terms:** PLAC - partitioning based lazy Classification - traditional classification methods - complex problems - Partition based LAzy Classification - training data space - nearest partition - resulting partitions - similar instances - nearest instances - base classifiers

**Classification Code:** C6170K Knowledge engineering techniques - C1160 Combinatorial mathematics - C6130 Data handling techniques

**IPC Code:** G06F7/00 - G06F15/18 - G06N5/04

**Treatment:** New development (NEW); Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

40. **A Prediction and Prevention Model of Requirements Change driven by the Improvement of Project Teams with Case Studies**

Yuqing Yan; Zhenhua Zhang **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 2, 47-57, Feb. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.2.47-57; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** Requirements change management is a vital part of software project management. The existing literature on requirements change focuses on its technical aspects and is less concerned with the combination of personnel and technology. Few studies have focused on predicting and preventing changes in requirements and finding change predictors from the sociotechnical viewpoint. In this study, we examined prediction and prevention mechanisms of requirements volatility based on the analysis of change causes by stressing both the human and technical roles. Two case studies (a questionnaire and an interview) were done to validate the study. An online questionnaire was used to quantitatively analyze and explain the significance of human factors, including the emotional characteristics of developers. The result of the interview was applied to qualitatively illustrate the necessity and importance of effectively constructing and managing project teams to decrease the requirements change rate and enhance the software success rate. The prediction and prevention model established in this study was validated by a model called "3P + 2C", described in the interview. The paper concludes by suggesting to researchers four practical issues around the proposed model for further study. (36 refs.)

**Inspec controlled terms:** formal specification - human factors - management of change - project

management - software development management - systems analysis

**Uncontrolled terms:** project teams - requirements change management - software project management - prevention mechanisms - human roles - technical roles - requirements change rate - prevention model - change predictors - sociotechnical viewpoint - emotional characteristics - software success rate

**Classification Code:** C0310F Software management - C6110F Formal methods - C0240 Ergonomic aspects of computing

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

41. **Automation Testing for Order to Cash Process in Microsoft Dynamics 365**

Roy, A.V.; Ali, S. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 11, 548-58, Nov. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.11.548-558; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** This discusses the software automation testing of Microsoft Dynamics (MSD) 365 in finance and operations modules. To perform automation testing, order to cash process was selected. The aim of

this research is to build an effective testing framework for order to cash process in MSD 365. A test for order to cash process was designed to do the automation testing in MSD. In this research, Agile-based Scrum method was followed. Adoption of Agile methodology is beneficial for whole team and daily stand-up meetings in agile methodology helped in raising the issues. Daily meetings with the development team have helped in getting valuable feedback on changes that needs to be incorporated for improving the quality of automation testing script. This approach helped us in reducing the overall time for implementation the code and leading to increase work productivity. However, the main contribution of this research is the proposed solution to overcome some of the key challenges faced during the automation of web application. The second main contribution of this research is the automation testing for order to cash process in MSD 365 which could be beneficial for organizations. This will help organizations in reducing the effort of manual testing and the overall time needed for test execution. (10 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** DP industry - program testing - software development management - software prototyping

**Uncontrolled terms:** cash process - software automation testing - Microsoft Dynamics 365 - effective testing framework - MSD 365 - agile methodology - automation testing script - manual testing - test execution

**Classification Code:** C6110B Software engineering techniques - C6150G Diagnostic, testing, debugging and evaluating systems - C0310F Software management

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44 - G06F11/36

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

42. **Advisor-Advisee Relationship Mining Based on Co-author Network**

Shaohong Zhang; Zongbao Yang; Jianyu Liu; Zhiqian Zhang; Xiaofei Xing; Ying Gao **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 9, 388-99, Sept. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.9.388-399; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** Advisor-advisee relationship among scholars is important in the academia circle. It contains abundant information about the academic inheritance, advisor recommendation and the forming of research communities, etc. The advisor-advisee relationship is always hiding behind the co-author network, however, there are some challenges when mining this kind of relationship. This relationship is always changing with time, the size of labeled data is limited and the authors' name ambiguity, etc. Previous works are focused on various aspects, including the citation network, the publication network and the co-author network, etc. To our best knowledge, all of these works are focused on the whole network, and none of them considered the credit allocation of the authors in each paper. Therefore, the relationship mining results may be influenced greatly by some high degree nodes. In this paper, we proposed a new method to solve this problem with the scholar data in DBLP. The credit allocation of each author is calculated, and the co-author network of DBLP is cut into smaller networks based on the characteristic. Then, the advisor-advisee relationship among researchers is mined based on these smaller co-author network. The results show that, the accuracy of this model is about 62.5%, however, this is an unsupervised method, which could save the time of training model and will not be influenced by the uncompleted training data set. (27 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** data mining - network

theory (graphs) - unsupervised learning

**Uncontrolled terms:** advisor-advisee relationship mining - citation network - publication network - smaller co-author network - unsupervised method - credit allocation - DBLP

**Classification Code:** C6130 Data handling techniques - C6170K Knowledge engineering techniques - C1160 Combinatorial mathematics

**IPC Code:** G06F7/00 - G06N5/04 - G06N20/00

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

**43. An Informative Test Code Approach in Code Writing Problem for Java Collections Framework in Java Programming Learning Assistant System**

Ei Ei Mon; Funabiki, N.; Kuribayashi, M.; Wen-Chung Kao **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 5, 200-8, May 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.5.200-208; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** To enhance Java programming educations, we have developed a Java Programming



Learning Assistant System (JPLAS). In JPLAS, the code writing problem asks a student to implement a source code that passes the given test code on JUnit, where the details of the implementation are described in the test code. Previously, we confirmed the effectiveness of this informative test code approach in studying three object-oriented programming concepts for Java. In this paper, we present its application to studying Java Collections Framework (JCF). JCF enables us to handle a group of objects by offering appropriate libraries, which is expected to be mastered by the students. For evaluations, we generated five informative test codes for JCF, and asked 19 students from Japan, Myanmar, China, and Indonesia to implement the source codes. Then, all of them completed the source codes passing the test codes, while certain students did not use the expected JCF library functions. (10 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** computer science education - Java - learning management systems - object-oriented programming - program testing

**Uncontrolled terms:** source code - informative test code approach - object-oriented programming concepts - Java Collections Framework - JCF - Java programming learning assistant system - Java programming educations - JPLAS - code writing problem - JUnit - Japan - Myanmar - China - Indonesia

**Classification Code:** C7810C Computer-aided instruction - C0220 Computing education and training - C6110J Object-oriented programming - C6150G Diagnostic, testing, debugging and evaluating systems

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44 - G06F11/36 - G09B5/00 - G06Q50/20

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

44. **Program Synthesis and Vulnerability Injection Using a Grammar VAE**

Kosta, L.; Seaman, L.; Hongwei Xi **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 6, 227-46, June 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.6.227-246; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** The ability to automatically detect and repair vulnerabilities in code before deployment has become the subject of increasing attention. Some approaches to this problem rely on machine learning techniques, however the lack of datasets-code samples labeled as containing a vulnerability or not-presents a barrier to performance. We design and implement a deep neural network based on the recently developed Grammar Variational Autoencoder (VAE) architecture to generate an arbitrary number of unique C functions labeled in the aforementioned manner. We make several improvements on the original Grammar VAE: we guarantee that every vector in the neural network's latent space decodes to a syntactically valid C function; we extend the Grammar VAE into a context-sensitive environment; and we implement a semantic repair algorithm that transforms syntactically valid C functions into fully semantically valid C functions that compile and execute. Users can control the semantic qualities of output functions with our constraint system. Our constraints allow users to modify the return type, change control flow structures, inject vulnerabilities into generated code, and more. We demonstrate the advantages of our model over other program synthesis models targeting similar applications. We also explore alternative applications for our model, including code plagiarism detection and compiler fuzzing, testing, and optimization. (23 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** context-

sensitive grammars - learning (artificial intelligence) - neural nets - program compilers - program testing - security of data

**Uncontrolled terms:** arbitrary number - aforementioned manner - original Grammar VAE - syntactically valid C function - context-sensitive environment - semantic repair algorithm - fully semantically valid C functions - semantic qualities - output functions - change control flow structures - inject vulnerabilities - program synthesis models - code plagiarism detection - compiler fuzzing - vulnerability - machine learning techniques - datasets-code samples - deep neural network - grammar variational autoencoder architecture

**Classification Code:** C6150G Diagnostic, testing, debugging and evaluating systems - C6170K Knowledge engineering techniques - C1160 Combinatorial mathematics - C4210L Formal languages and computational linguistics - C5290 Neural computing techniques - C6130S Data security - C6150C Compilers, interpreters and other processors

**IPC Code:** G06F11/36 - G06F21/00 - G06N5/04 - G06F8/41 - G06N20/00

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

**45. Software Reuse in Organizations: A Survey in Moroccan Software Industry Context**

Younoussi, S.; el Rhaffari, I.; Amoud, M.; Roudies, O. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 4, 153-67, April 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.4.153-167; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** A good software reuse process, contributes towards accelerating time to market of software products and reducing costs and efforts. Research raised that the adoption of software reuse is becoming a necessity for organizations to compete against others and stand out amongst them. Thereby many organizations try to invest in software reuse by identifying best reuse techniques, methods, and practices. This paper presents a complete survey method with findings backed up with statistics. The goal is to evaluate in practice the adoption of techniques, methods and practices proposed by academics, and highlight the motivations as well as the difficulties to implement a successful reuse program by different types of organizations in Morocco. A descriptive survey of 84 software participants with different backgrounds (software managers, analysts, engineers and software developers) has been conducted, in order to identify the current state of software reuse in practice inside the Moroccan software industry. A complete survey method is presented, including the process, data collection, and analysis phases, as well as a discussion on the study's validity...The survey consisted of 28 questions, grouped into 4 sections and backed up our findings with statistics. A discussion was also given based on the comparison of the survey results with related literature and presented the main of our finding. It has been shown through statistics that even if most of organizations are aware of the strengths and benefits of software reuse, they don't consider reuse as part of the company's culture, and most of them didn't implement efficient software reuse programs and not apply the most effective reuse strategies, methods and practices. (34 refs.) **Inspection controlled terms:** DP industry - software reusability

**Uncontrolled terms:** Moroccan software industry context - software products - efficient software reuse programs - software reuse process - cost reduction - data collection

**Classification Code:** C6110B Software engineering techniques

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

46. **SLA Compliance Checking and System Runtime Reconfiguration - A Model Based Approach**  
Abbasipour, M.; Khendek, F.; Toeroe, M. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 11, 488-518, Nov. 2019;  
**ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.11.488-518; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** Service providers aim at optimizing system resource utilization while ensuring the quality of service expressed in the Service Level Agreements (SLAs) is met. For this purpose, systems are reconfigured dynamically according to workload variations to satisfy the SLAs while using only the necessary resources. Whenever a dynamic reconfiguration is required because of low resource utilization or potential SLA violations, one or more triggers may be generated. These generated triggers invoke elasticity rules that define actions to be taken in each specific situation. The elasticity rules that are invoked at the same time may lead to actions that may impact each other. As a result, handling each trigger independently may threaten the stability of the system. In this paper, we propose a model-driven

framework, which manages the compliance of SLAs and enables dynamic reconfiguration. We use UML models to describe all the artifacts in the framework. All SLA models are transformed into an SLA compliance model which is used at runtime to check SLA compliance and generate triggers when a dynamic reconfiguration is required. In this framework, the actions of the elasticity rules invoked simultaneously are correlated before their application. The proposed correlation is based on the relations between the triggers. We perform a preliminary evaluation of the approach. (42 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** cloud computing - contracts - customer services - quality of service - service-oriented architecture - Unified Modeling Language - Web services

**Uncontrolled terms:** SLA compliance checking - system runtime reconfiguration - Service providers - system resource utilization - quality of service - Service Level Agreements - SLAs - necessary resources - dynamic reconfiguration - low resource utilization - trigger - elasticity rules - model-driven framework - UML models - SLA models - SLA compliance model

**Classification Code:** C6190J Internet software - C6110B Software engineering techniques - C6110F Formal methods

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

47. **Fast 3D Post Estimation of Human Based on Optical Flow and Particle Filter**

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**Abstract:** Aiming at the high computational complexity of the 3D pose estimation algorithm in the deep learning field, we propose a fast human pose estimation algorithm based on optical flow and particle filter. The temporal correlation between video frames is applied to the algorithm. The first frame of the video is defined as a keyframe, which will serve as the output of the 3D pose estimate. Then the next frame is determined by the key frame algorithm whether it is a key frame. The key frame is estimated by the 3D human pose estimation algorithm, and the output result of the key frame is propagated to the non-key frame through the optical flow mechanism. Non-key frames are subjected to pose estimation through particle filter. In the 3D human pose estimation problem, we propose a unified equation for 3D human pose estimation from the RGB image, combining 2D joint estimation and 3D pose reconstruction. The proposed approach outperforms all state-of-the-art methods on Human3.6m achieving a relative error reduction greater than 30% on average. Our method significantly improves detection performance compared to the original algorithm, and the detection speed can be increased by an average of 43.75%. (25 refs.) **Inspection controlled terms:** computational complexity - correlation methods - deep learning (artificial intelligence) - image reconstruction - particle filtering (numerical methods) - pose estimation - stereo image processing

**Uncontrolled terms:** 3D human pose estimation algorithm - key frame algorithm - video frames - deep learning field - high computational complexity - fast 3D pose estimation - 3D pose reconstruction - 2D joint estimation - particle filter - optical flow mechanism

**Classification Code:** B6135E Image recognition - B6140B Filtering methods in signal processing -

B0240G Monte Carlo methods - B0240J Markov processes - B0290F Interpolation and function approximation (numerical analysis) - C5260B Computer vision and image processing techniques - C6260 - C1140G Monte Carlo methods - C1140J Markov processes - C4130 Interpolation and function approximation (numerical analysis)

**IPC Code:** G06K9/00 - G06T - H04N13/00 - G06N3/02 - G06N20/00

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

**48. The impact of the implementation of capability maturity model integration on user satisfaction: case study on software companies in Jordan**

Abu-Baker, M.I.K.; Abu-Zaid, M.K.S.; Alsawalqah, H.; Al-Shamayleh, Y.; Al-Shboul, B. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 7, 293-311, July 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.7.293-311; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** The Capability Maturity Model Integration, as part of the software process improvement, has been receiving attention due to the belief of its relevance to the customer satisfaction factor. This research aims at offering software companies in Jordan an overview of Capability Maturity Model



Integration methodology and its benefits for the software industry. To study the impact of its implementation on customer satisfaction, through the quality of the software, and provide recommendations on increasing the awareness of Capability Maturity Model Integration, a quantitative study is designed. Four perspectives related to Capability Maturity Model Integration have been studied: the effect of its implementation on customer satisfaction as well as software quality, the effect of software quality on customer satisfaction, and the effect of its implementation on customer satisfaction through the software quality. The results concluded that there is a direct effect of implementing Capability Maturity Model Integration on customer satisfaction and software quality. It also shows that higher software quality positively affects customer satisfaction; i.e. software quality plays a mediation role between the effect of Capability Maturity Model Integration implementation and the customer satisfaction. (50 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** Capability Maturity Model - customer satisfaction - DP industry - software process improvement - software quality

**Uncontrolled terms:** offering software companies - customer satisfaction factor - software quality - capability maturity model integration implementation - Jordan - user satisfaction

**Classification Code:** C6110B Software engineering techniques - C0310F Software management

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

49. **Application of Rule-Based Expert Systems and DynamicLink Libraries to Enhance Hardware-in-**

## The-Loop Simulation Results

Ortega-Cabezas, P.M.; Colmenar-Santos, A.; Borge-Diez, D.; Blanes-Peiroacute, J.J. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 6, 265-92, June 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.6.265-292; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** New and innovative techniques to validate software are needed to reduce cost and increase software quality. This research focuses on the validation of engine electronic control unit software by using expert systems (EXs) and dynamic link libraries (dlls) with the aim of checking if this technique performs better than traditional ones. To do this, a test-case database was built and run by using hardware-in-the-loop (HIL) simulations to validate a series of software modules (SMs) by using these techniques: the tester-in-the-loop, automation by using a Python script, the model-based testing and EXs combined with dlls with the aim of assessing several factors such as: productivity gain, bug detection skills, functional coverage assessment, ease to automate test-cases among others. Dlls and EXs improve the HIL success rate by 4.8%, 6% and 20% at least, for simple, fairly-complex, and highly-complex SMs, respectively. Between 9 and 13 more bugs were found when using the EXs and dlls compared with other techniques. Two of the bugs would have required software not initially planned as they were linked to environmental policies. The proposed technique can be applied to any types of a SM, especially in those cases in which traditional validation techniques fail. (36 refs.) **Inspected terms:** database management systems - expert systems - program testing - software quality

**Uncontrolled terms:** software quality - engine electronic control unit software - EX - dynamic link libraries - test-case database - hardware-in-the-loop simulations - software modules - tester-in-the-loop - Python script - model-based testing - bug detection skills - functional coverage assessment - test-cases - HIL - SM - expert systems - dll

**Classification Code:** C6150G Diagnostic, testing, debugging and evaluating systems - C6160 Database management systems (DBMS) - C6170 Expert systems and other AI software and techniques - C0310F Software management - C6110B Software engineering techniques

**IPC Code:** G06F9/44 - G06F11/36 - G06F16/00

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA)

**Database:** Inspec

**50. Development of an Intelligent Job Recommender System for Freelancers using Client's Feedback Classification and Association Rule Mining Techniques**

Hossain, M.S.; Arefin, M.S. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 7, 312-31, July 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.7.312-331; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** Most of the freelancer's time is killed in finding suitable jobs due to the huge number of freelance marketplaces. Freelancing sites send email notifications or show in newsfeed about posted jobs but most of them are irrelevant. Recommending relevant jobs to freelancers to minimize job finding time has drawn the attraction of researchers. Here, in this paper, we propose a recommender system to find out appropriate jobs for freelancers using client's feedback classification and Association rule mining techniques. After collecting the previous work history of freelancers, we analyze the sentiment of client's feedback using Logistic Regression and Linear Support Vector Machine model to classify the completed jobs into two categories: positive and negative. We apply the Association rule mining technique to find out freelancer's frequent skillsets used in both categories of completed jobs. Then, we find out the jobs matched with the positive frequent skillsets using set operations. We also discard jobs that contain negative frequent skillsets. Finally, a collaborative filtering algorithm is applied considering the client's overall rating, the minimum budget/ hourly rate, deadline, re-hire, etc. to generate a more accurate recommendation. After extensive experiments on the real dataset collected from different online marketplaces, we are able to prove that our proposed method correctly recommends the appropriate jobs with 83.40% (Logistic Regression) and 84.03% (Linear SVM) accuracy. (43 refs.) **Inspected controlled terms:** collaborative filtering - data mining - pattern classification - recommender systems - regression analysis - sentiment analysis - set theory - support vector machines

**Uncontrolled terms:** freelancers - linear support vector machine model - association rule mining technique - positive frequent skillsets - negative frequent skillsets - intelligent job recommender system - freelance marketplaces - job finding time - clients feedback classification - freelancing sites - email notifications - sentiment analysis - logistic regression - set operations - collaborative filtering algorithm - linear SVM

**Classification Code:** C7250N Search engines - C7250R Information retrieval techniques - C6130D Document processing techniques - C6170K Knowledge engineering techniques - C7210N Information networks - C1140Z Other topics in statistics - C1160 Combinatorial mathematics

**IPC Code:** G06F17/21 - G06F17/27 - G06F17/28 - G06N5/04 - H04N21/466 - G06F16/00

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

**51. Fault Detection in Liquid-Propellant Rocket Engines Based on Improved PSO-BP Neural Network**

Ningning Li; Wei Xue; Xiang Guo; Liang Xu; Yuyang Wu; Yuan Yao **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 8, 380-7, Aug. 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.8.380-387; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** A method that uses an improved particle swarm optimization (PSO) algorithm combined with a backpropagation (BP) neural network is proposed to solve the problem of liquid-propellant rocket engine (LRE) failure detection. In the improved PSO algorithm, the global extremum is

randomly perturbed by adding disturbance factor using the degree of particle aggregation around the global optimal value, and the individual extremum is randomly perturbed by adding disturbance factor using the number of particle extreme stagnation steps, disturbance factors are randomly added to individual extremum to disturb the particle's current search path, increasing the probability of particles jumping out of local extremum, avoiding the occurrence of local extremum, premature convergence or stagnation. In this paper, the improved algorithm is applied to the fault detection of a typical liquid rocket engine in steady state process. The simulation results show that, under the same conditions, the convergence speed of this PSO-BP method is obviously higher than that of BP neural network, and it does not fall into the local extreme value. The accuracy of fault detection is also improved significantly.

(14 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** backpropagation - failure analysis - fault diagnosis - mechanical engineering computing - neural nets - particle swarm optimisation - propellants - rocket engines

**Uncontrolled terms:** improved particle swarm optimization algorithm - backpropagation neural network - disturbance factor - particle aggregation degree - fault detection - local extreme value - liquid-propellant rocket engines - improved PSO-BP neural network - particle extreme stagnation - premature convergence - random perturbation

**Classification Code:** C7440 Civil and mechanical engineering computing - C1180 Optimisation techniques - C5290 Neural computing techniques - E1020 Maintenance and reliability - E2320 Engines - E0210G Optimisation - E0410H Mechanical engineering applications of IT

**IPC Code:** F02K9/00 - F41A1/00 - G06N20/00

**Treatment:** Practical (PRA); Theoretical or Mathematical (THR)

**Database:** Inspec

**52. Software adaptability metrics model using ordinary logistic regression**

Udo, E.N.; Akwukwuma, V.V.N. **Source:** *Journal of Software*, v 14, n 3, 116-28, March 2019; **ISSN:** 1796-217X; **DOI:** 10.17706/jsw.14.3.116-128; **Publisher:** Academy Publisher, Finland

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**Abstract:** Adaptability is an important software quality characteristic and a major non-functional requirement in software and should therefore be given adequate attention during software quality measurement and predictions especially now that the environment in which software products operate becomes highly unpredictable due to rapid changes in hardware platform as well as changes in the operating system requirements. In this work the results from the analysis of object-oriented software source code using our previously developed software analyser to measure the values of some internal properties using object-oriented software metrics based on formulation of decision rules in conjunction with binary logic combination of the possible internal software properties which aided in the prediction of adaptability level of a given software, is used as the dataset for ordinal logistic regression analysis. This analysis was used to formulate the adaptability model based on proportional odds assumption. The results showed that software with low coupling, inheritance and complexity were more likely to be adaptable than those with high values. Conversely, software with low cohesion were less likely to be adaptable than those with high cohesion. High cohesion was associated with adaptability since its odds ratio (low/high) was 7.97 ( $>1$ ) while low coupling, inheritance and complexity were associated with adaptability since their odds ratios (low/high) were 0.15, 0.22 and 0.05 ( $<1$ ) respectively. The resulted

model fitted the data well and the estimated cumulative odds were the same across all the ordinal categories, thus the proportional odds assumption held. (24 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** object-oriented programming - regression analysis - software metrics - software quality

**Uncontrolled terms:** low coupling - inheritance - odds ratio - resulted model - proportional odds assumption - software adaptability metrics model - ordinary logistic regression - important software quality characteristic - nonfunctional requirement - adequate attention - software quality measurement - software products - hardware platform - operating system requirements - object-oriented software source code - developed software analyser - internal properties - object-oriented software metrics - binary logic combination - possible internal software properties - adaptability level - given software - ordinal logistic regression analysis - adaptability model - low cohesion - high cohesion

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### 53. **How Does the Data Set and the Number of Categories Affect CNN-based Image Classification Performance?**

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**Abstract:** Convolution neural network(CNN) has been widely applied in many fields and achieved excellent results, especially in image classification tasks. As we all know, many factors affect the performance of image classification. In particular, the size of training data sets and the number of categories are important factors affecting performance. While for most people, a large number of training data set are difficult to obtain or need to do a classification task with a large number of categories. Thus, we consider two questions of this approach: How does the size of the data set affect performance? How does the number of categories affect performance? In order to figure out these two questions, we constructed two types of experiment: Experiment 1, changing the number of categories and exploring how the number of categories affects performance in image classification task. There are 7 groups experiment performed by increasing the number of categories and performed 5 times experiment in each group (35 times experiment in total). Observe the change in accuracy to analyze the impact of the number of categories on performance. Experiment 2, changing data set size and exploring how the data set size affect performance. For each k-classification experiment, we do 5 groups by increasing the size of the training set. There are 35 groups experiment performed 5 times experiment in each group (175 times experiment in total). Observe changes in accuracy to analyze the effect of data set size on performance. For the CNN-based network, the results of experiment 1 show that the more categories, the worse the performance, and the less categories, the better the performance. In addition, when the number of categories to be classified is large, sometimes better accuracy can be obtained. The results of experiment 2 show that the larger the training set, the higher the test accuracy. When the

training data set are insufficient, better results can be obtained. Therefore, in classification experiment, when the data set size is small or the number of categories is large, we can do more experiments and retain the best results. Results of this paper not only can guide us to do experiments on image classification, but also have important guiding significance for other experiments based on deep learning. (37 refs.) **Inspec controlled terms:** image classification - learning (artificial intelligence) - neural nets - pattern classification

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