

PROGRAM ANALYSIS FUELED SEARCH

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85% search for code
at least weekly [TOSEM
2014]

DEVELOPERS SEARCH THE WEB FOR CODE

Average of 12
queries per day [FSE
2015]

...BUT WEB SEARCH
WAS NOT BUILT FOR
CODE.

Code searches require
more effort. [MSR 2018]

CODE SEARCH IS
DIFFERENT.



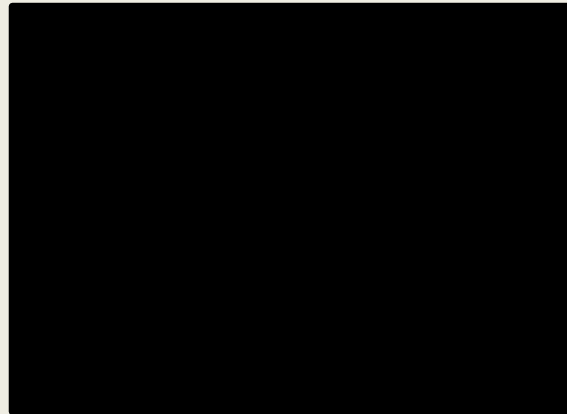
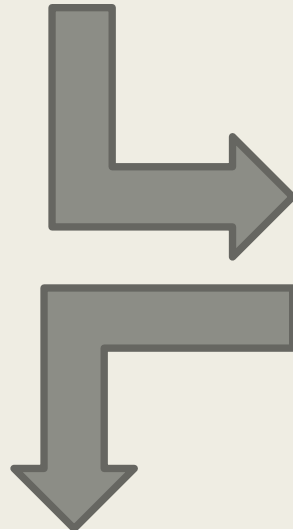
A different kind of search



```
▶ blackbox([6, 2, 3, 4])  
↳ 2
```

← Example input

← Example output



```
def min_py2(a):  
    return sorted(a)[0]
```

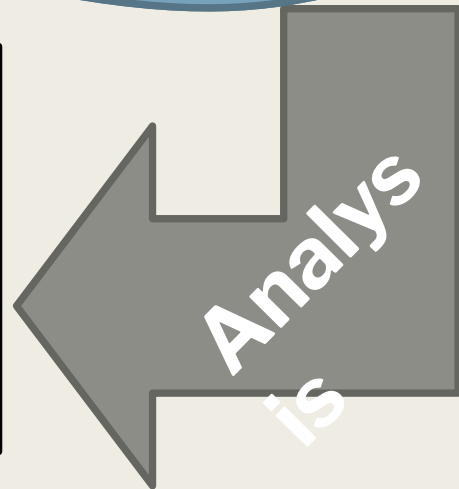
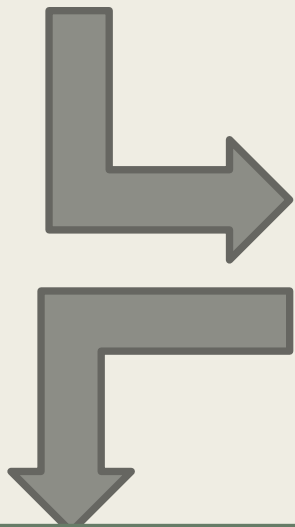
Specification

Code

Matching

Analysis

Result(s)



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STATIC ANALYSIS



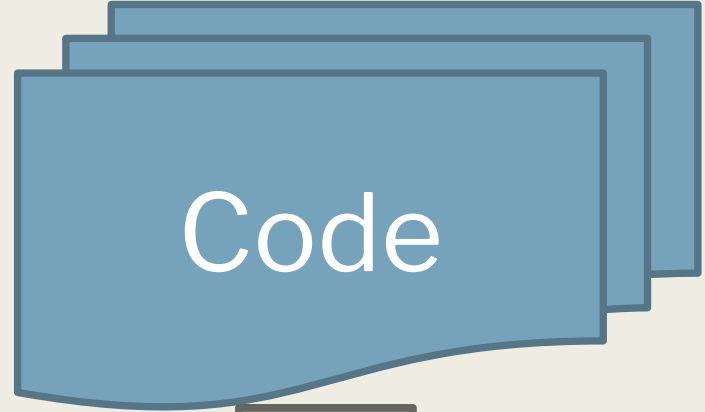
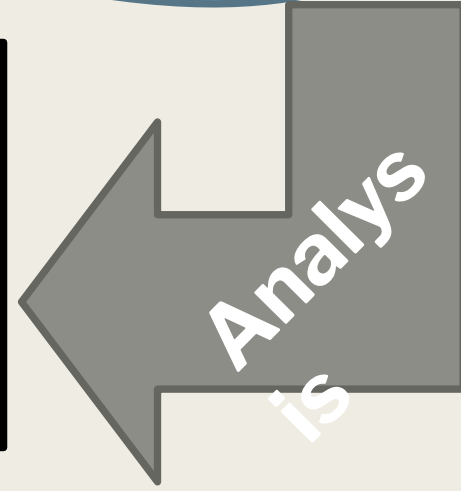
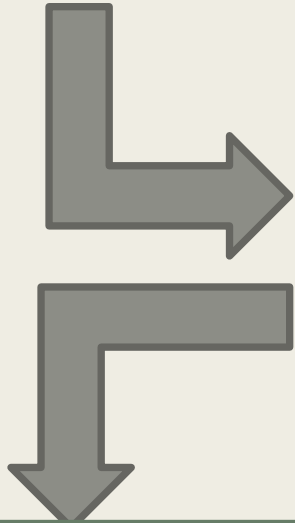
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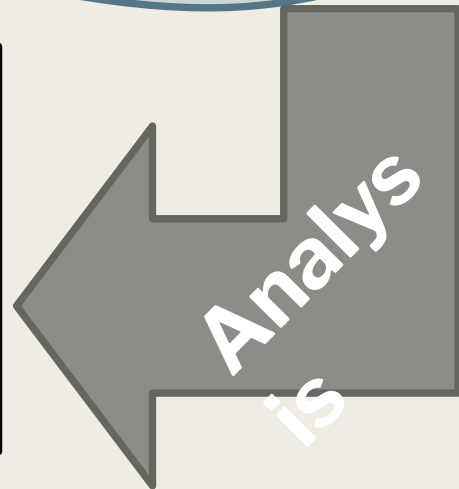
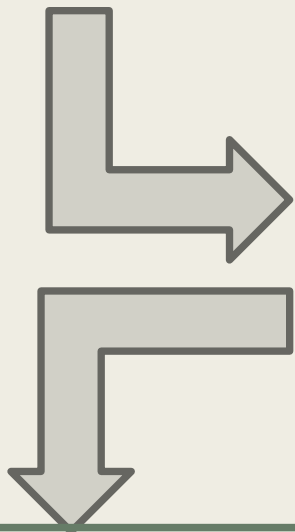
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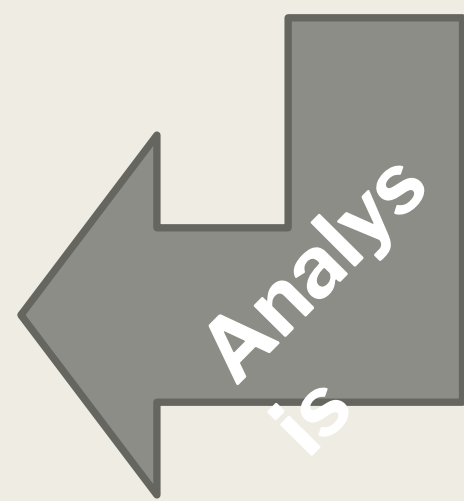
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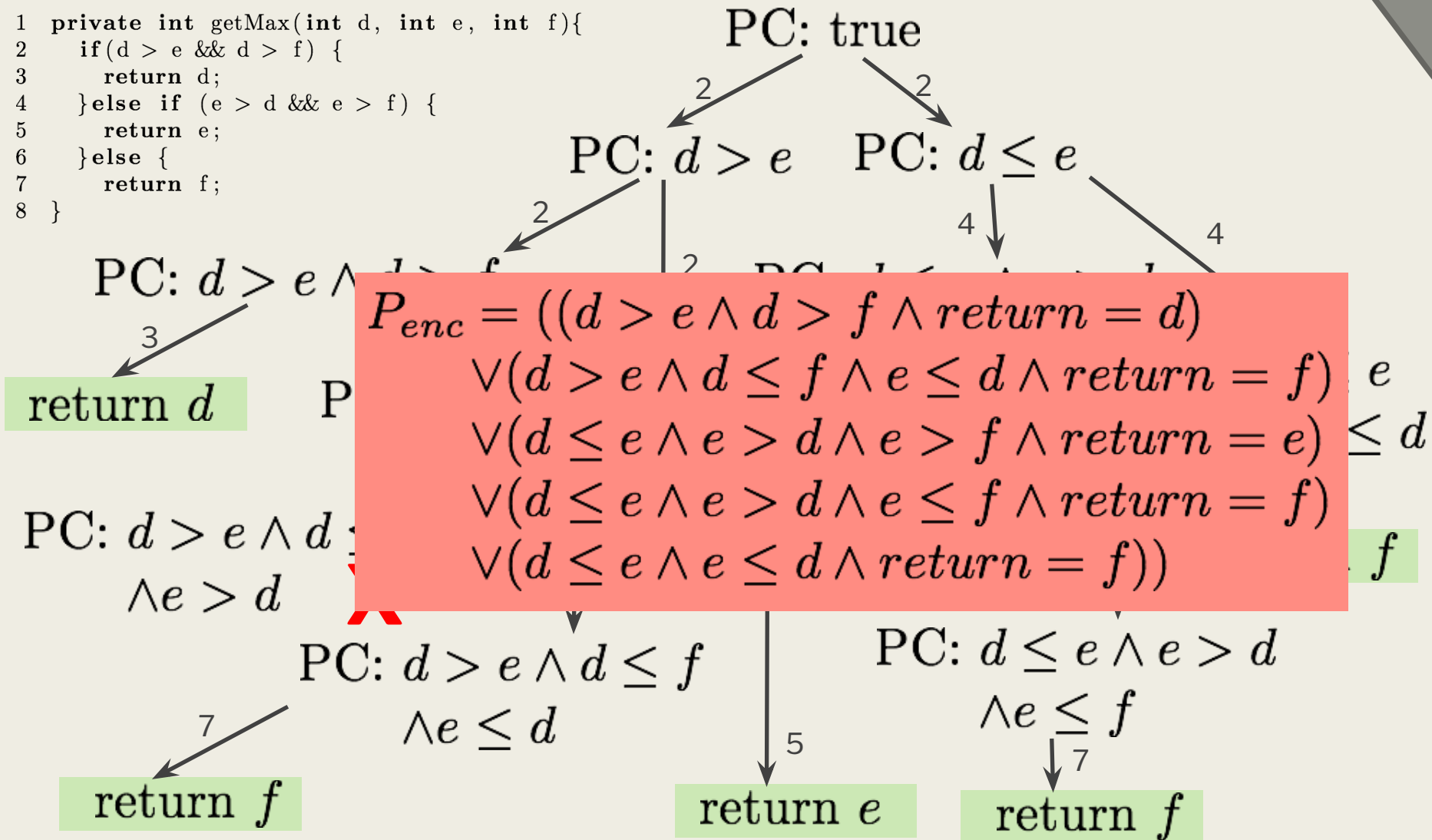
Result(s)



Symbolic Execution



```
1 private int getMax(int d, int e, int f){
2   if(d > e && d > f) {
3     return d;
4   }else if (e > d && e > f) {
5     return e;
6   }else {
7     return f;
8   }
```



SMT Solvers

Matching

Satisfiability **M**odulo **T**heory solvers determine if a logical formula is satisfiable

Facts	Assertions
$a \geq 0$	<code>(assert (>= a 0))</code>
$b = 2$	<code>(assert (= b 2))</code>
$c = 2$	<code>(assert (= c 2))</code>
$c = a * b$	<code>(assert (= (* a b) c))</code>

Result : **sat** $a \mapsto 1$

SMT Solvers

Matching

Satisfiability **M**odulo **T**heory solvers determine if a logical formula is satisfiable

Facts	Assertions
<code>a >= 0</code>	<code>(assert (>= a 0))</code>
<code>b = ?</code>	<code>(assert (= b ?))</code>
<code>c = 2</code>	<code>(assert (= c 2))</code>
<code>c = a * b</code>	<code>(assert (= (* a b) c))</code>

Result : **sat** $a \mapsto \perp \wedge b \mapsto \perp$

SMT Solvers

Matching

Satisfiability **M**odulo **T**heory solvers determine if a logical formula is satisfiable

Facts	Assertions
<code>a = 0</code>	<code>(assert (= a 0))</code>
<code>b = ?</code>	<code>(assert (= b ?))</code>
<code>c = 2</code>	<code>(assert (= c 2))</code>
<code>c = a * b</code>	<code>(assert (= (* a b) c))</code>

Result : **unsa**
t

SMT Matching

Encoding

Matching

```
private int getsum(int a, int b, int c){  
    return a + b + c;  
}
```

Potential Search
Result

```
(declare-fun a () Int)  
(declare-fun b () Int)  
(declare-fun c () Int)  
(declare-fun return () Int)  
(assert (= return (+ (+ a b) c)))  
(assert (and (= a 3) (= b 0)  
             (= c 0)))  
(assert (= return 3))
```

Query

Input

Output

Result

3, 4, 3

4

unsa

3, 0, 0

3

sa

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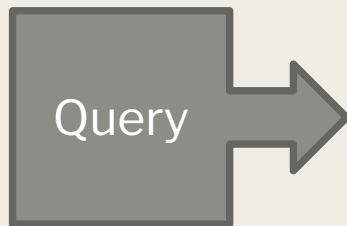
Not a Result!

Matching

Matching

```
1 private int getMax(int d, int e, int f){  
2   if(d > e && d > f) {  
3     return d;  
4   }else if (e > d && e > f) {  
5     return e;  
6   }else {  
7     return f;  
8   }
```

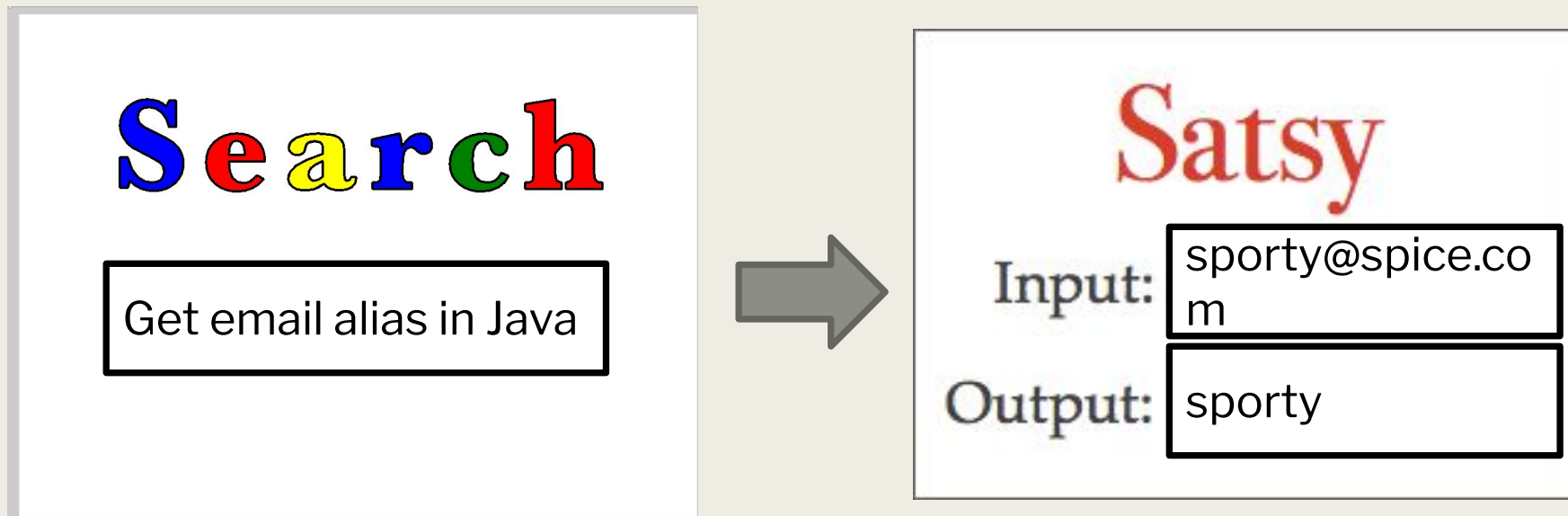
PC1: $d > e \wedge d > f \wedge \text{return} = d$
PC2: $d > e \wedge d \leq f \wedge e \leq d \wedge \text{return} = f$
PC3: $d \leq e \wedge e > d \wedge e > f \wedge \text{return} = e$
PC4: $d \leq e \wedge e > d \wedge e \leq f \wedge \text{return} = f$
PC5: $d \leq e \wedge e \leq d \wedge \text{return} = f$



Input	Output	Result
3, 4, 3	4	sa
3, 0, 0	3	fa
		t

This is a result!

SMT-based search



Satsy often returns more relevant search results than Google!



blackbox



2



This gets expensive!

```
def min_py1(arr):  
    least = arr[0]  
    for a in arr[1:]:  
        if a < least:  
            least = a  
    return least
```

```
def min_py2(a):  
    return sorted(a)[0]
```

```
def min_py3(a):  
    for i in range(len(a) - m + 1):  
        if a[i] < m)
```

FUELED BY:
DYNAMIC ANALYSIS



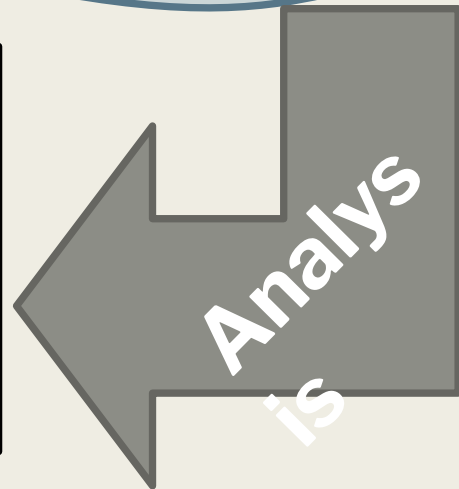
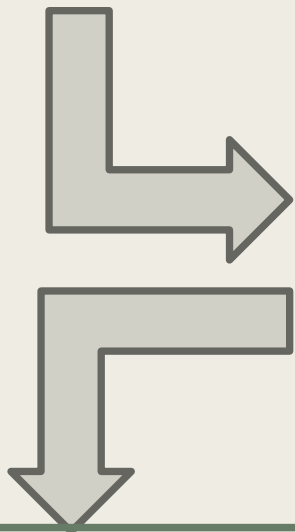
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Clone Detection

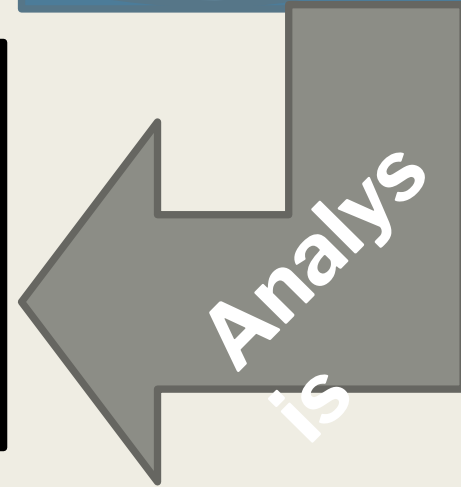
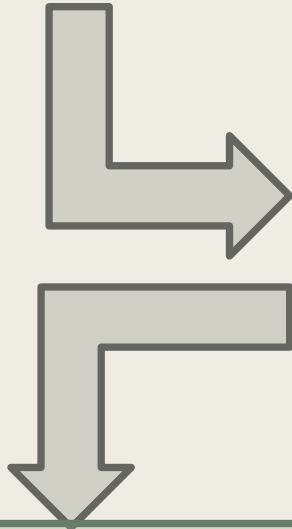
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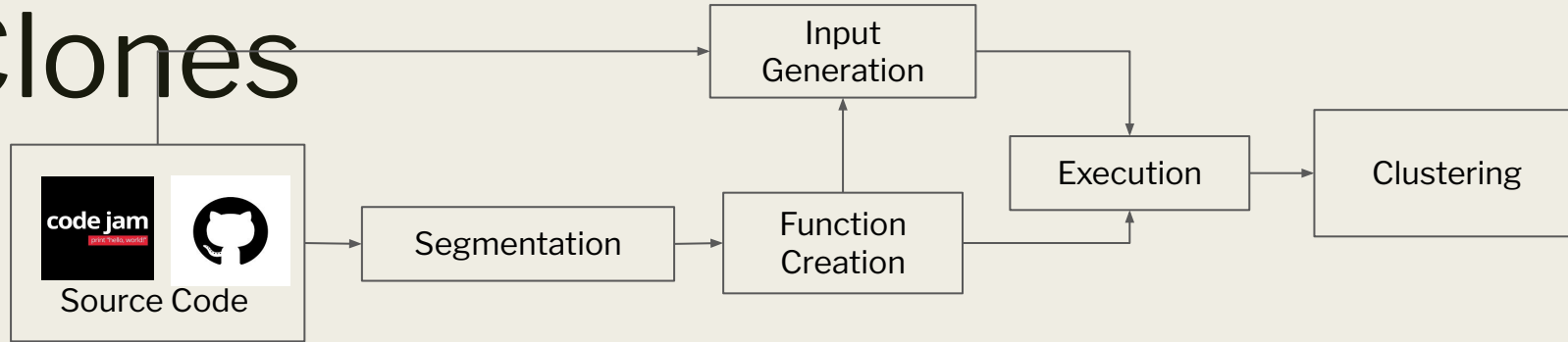
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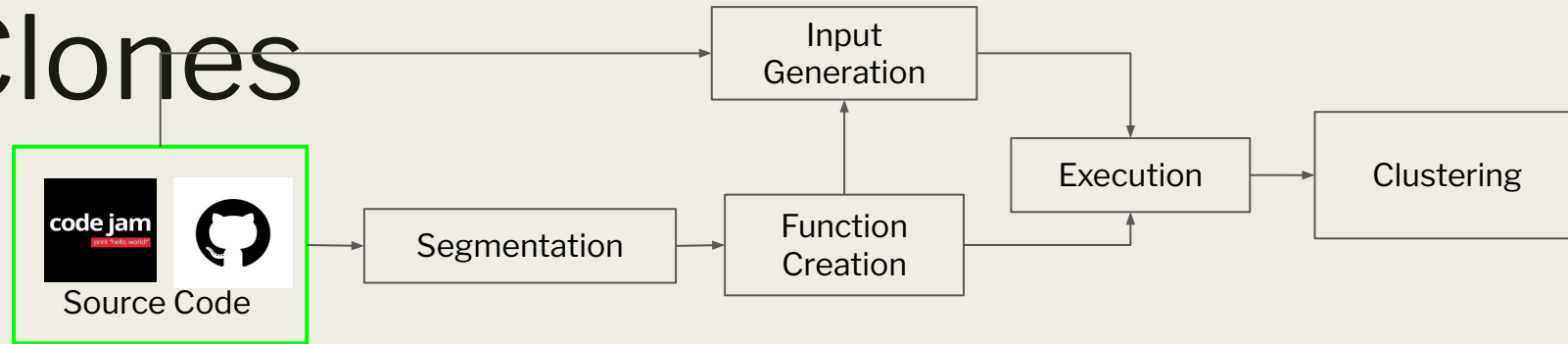
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Cross-Language Behavioral Clones



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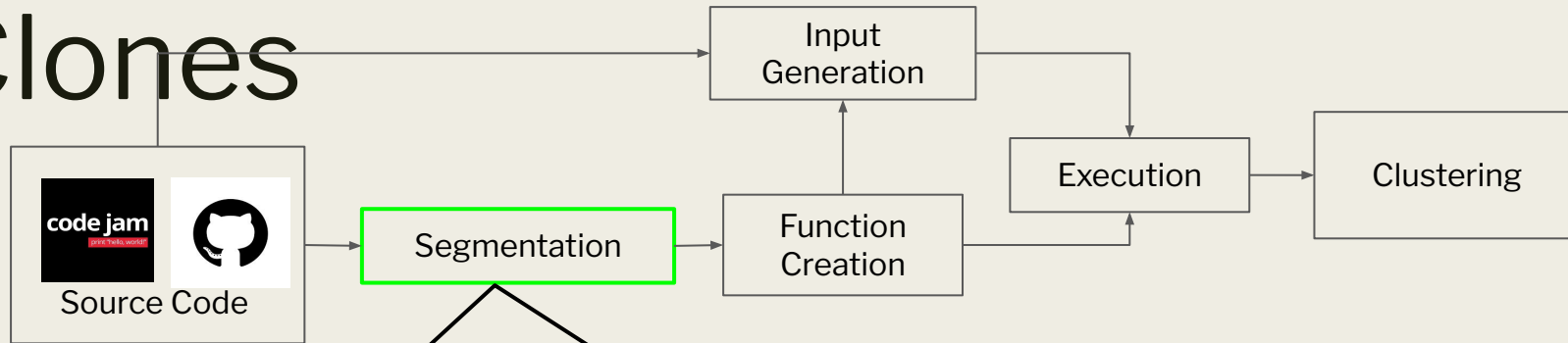


```
public String interleave(int[] a, int[] b) {
    String result = "";
    int i = 0;
    for( i = 0; i < a.length && i < b.length; i++ ) {
        result += a[i];
        result += b[i];
    }
    int[] remaining = a.length < b.length ? b : a;
    for( int j = i; j < remaining.length; j++ ) {
        result += remaining[j];
    }
    return result;
}
```

[Mathew, Parnin and Stoler. "SLACC: Simion-based Language Agnostic Code Clones."

ICSE 2020.]

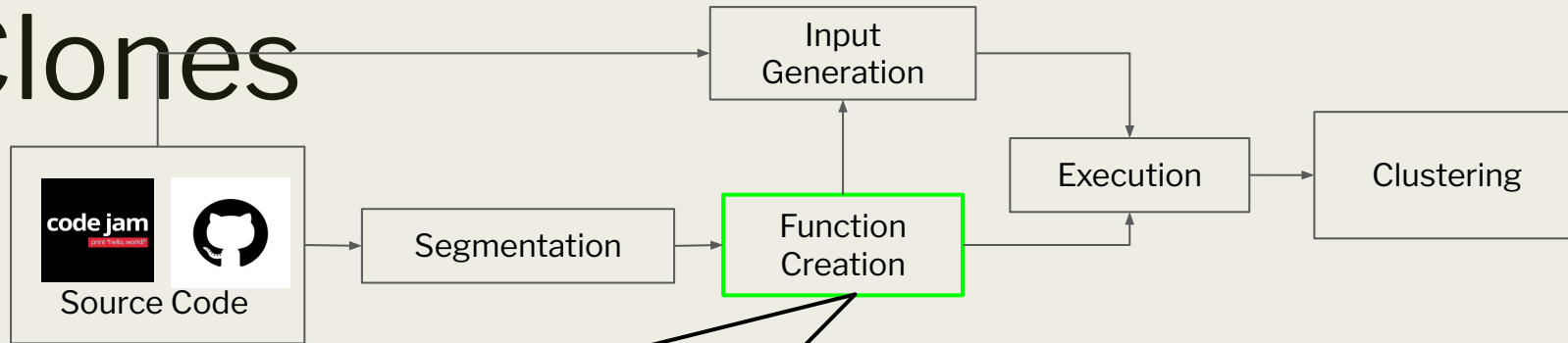
Cross-Language Behavioral Clones



```
String result = "";  
int i = 0;  
for( i = 0; i < a.length && i < b.length; i++ ) {  
    result += a[i];  
    result += b[i];  
}
```

```
int[] remaining = a.length < b.length ? b : a;  
for( int j = i; j < remaining.length; j++ ) {  
    result += remaining[j];  
}  
return result;
```

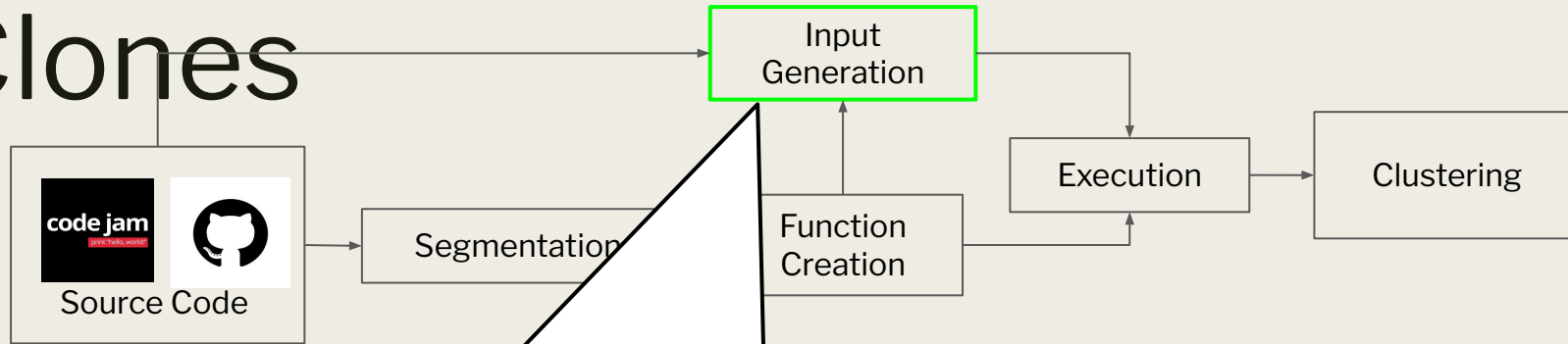
Cross-Language Behavioral Clones



```
public String func_b15f(int[] a, int[] b) {  
    String result = "";  
    int i = 0;  
    for( i = 0; i < a.length && i < b.length; i++ ) {  
        result += a[i];  
        result += b[i];  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

```
public String func_ea72(int[] a, int[] b, int i, String result) {  
    int[] remaining = a.length < b.length ? b : a;  
    for( int j = i; j < remaining.length; j++ ) {  
        result += remaining[j];  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```


Cross-Language Behavioral Clones



```
int[], int[]
```

```
• [1,2,3], [45, 16]
```

```
• [ ], [3,2,1]
```

```
⋮
```

```
256 times
```

```
⋮
```

```
• [4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 99], [ ]
```

```
int[], int[], int, String
```

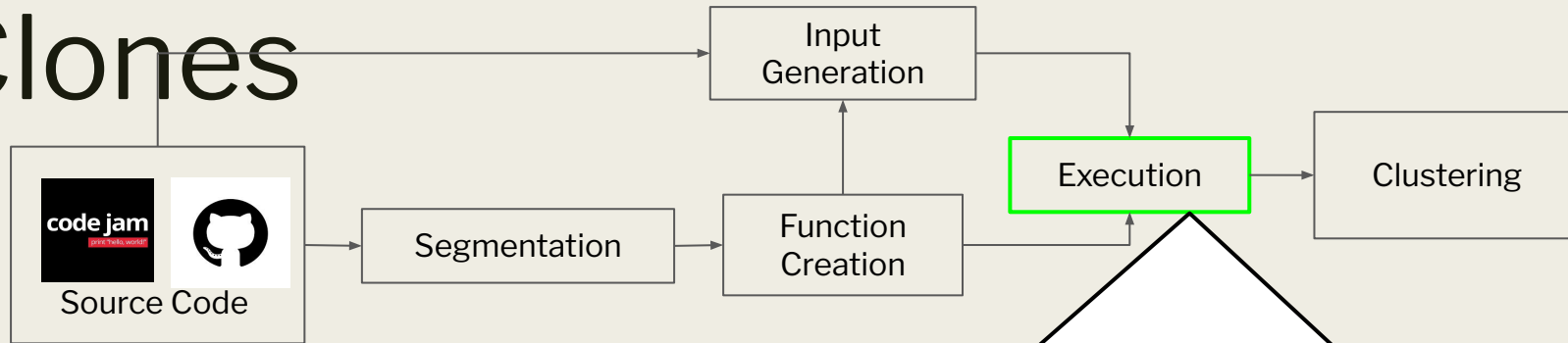
```
• [1,2,3], [45, 16], 0, "Hello  
World"
```

```
⋮
```

```
256 times
```

```
⋮
```

Cross-Language Behavioral Clones



```
func_b15f(int[] a, int[] b)
```

```
• func_b15f([1,2,3], [45, 16]) ⇒ 1452163
```

```
• func_b15f([ ], [3,2,1]) ⇒ 321
```

```
⋮
```

```
256 times
```

```
⋮
```

```
• func_b15f([4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 99], [ ]) ⇒ 4567899
```

```
• func_b15f([3], [2]) ⇒ 32
```

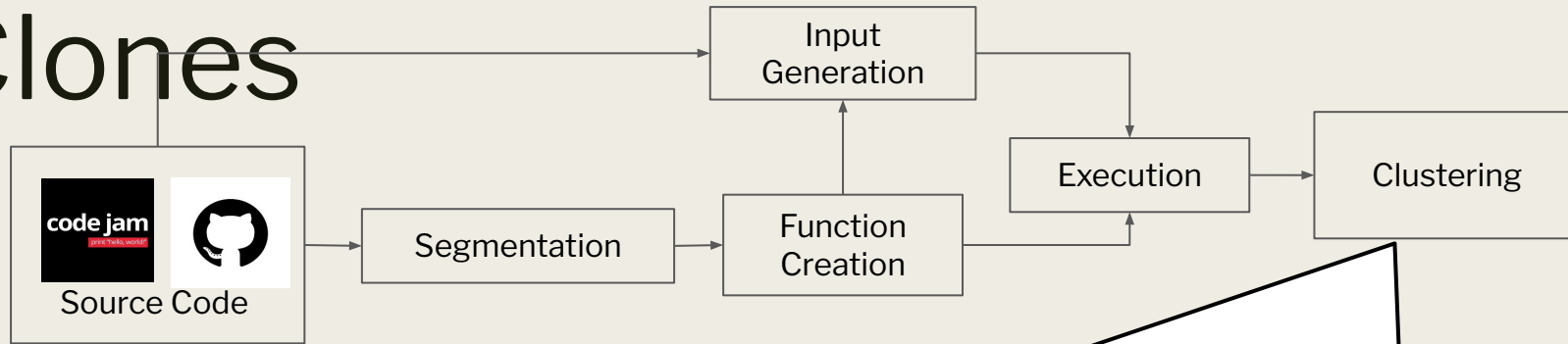
```
func_ea72(int[] a, int[] b, int i, String result)
```

```
• func_ea72([1,2,3], [45, 16], 0, "Hello World") ⇒  
Hello World123
```

```
⋮
```

```
256 times
```

Cross-Language Behavioral Clones



```
public String func_b15f(int[] a, int[] b) {  
    String result = "";  
    int i = 0;  
    for( i = 0; i < a.length && i < b.length; i++ ) {  
        result += a[i];  
        result += b[i];  
    }  
    return result;  
}
```

```
def func_9f34(l1, l2):  
    result = ""  
    for (e1, e2) in zip(l1, l2):  
        result += str(e1)  
        result += str(e2)  
    return result
```

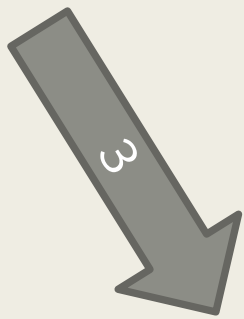
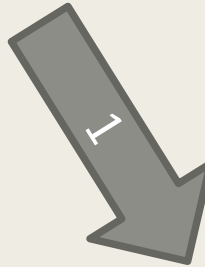
```
def func_15e8(l1, l2):  
    from itertools import chain  
    return "".join([str(x)  
                    for x in chain.from_iterable(zip(l1, l2))])
```

WHAT DOES THIS
MEAN FOR SEARCH?



```
▶ blackbox([6, 2, 3, 4])
```

```
↳ 2
```



```
public Integer minJ(int[] a) {  
    Integer m = null;  
    for (int i=0; i < a.length; i++) {  
        if (m == null || a[i] < m)  
            m = a[i];  
    }  
    return m;  
}
```

```
def min_py1(arr):  
    least = arr[0]  
    for a in arr[1:]:  
        if a < least:  
            least = a  
    return least
```

```
def min_py2(a):  
    return sorted(a)[0]
```



```
blackbox([6, 2, 3, 4])
```



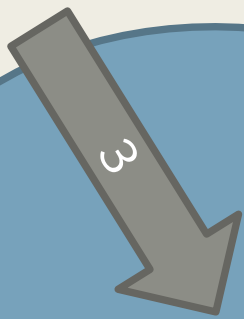
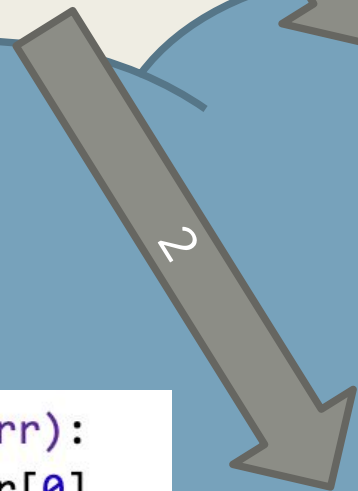
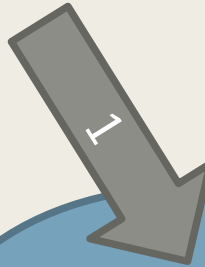
```
2
```

Dynamically typed

```
def min_py1(arr):  
    least = arr[0]  
    for a in arr[1:]:  
        if a < least:  
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    return least
```

```
def min_py2(a):  
    return sorted(a)[0]
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```
public Integer minJ(int[] a) {  
    Integer m = null;  
    for (int i=0; i < a.length; i++) {  
        if (m == null || a[i] < m)  
            m = a[i];  
    }  
    return m;  
}
```

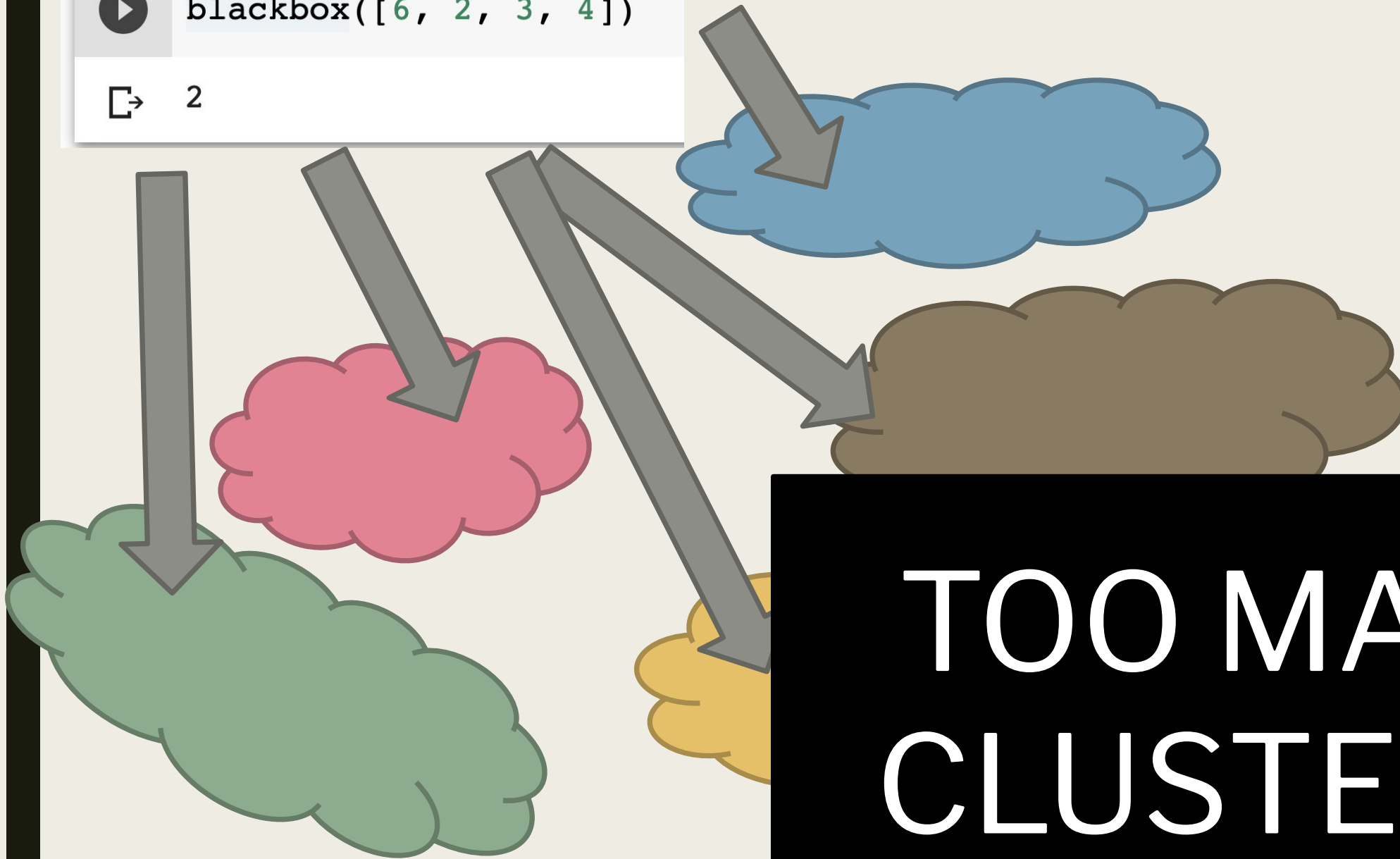




```
blackbox([6, 2, 3, 4])
```



```
2
```



**TOO MANY
CLUSTERS?**

	A	B
1	Input	Output
2	3	21
3	5	
4	6	
5	7	

=sum(A2:A5)
 =sum(A2:A12)

=A2*A5

=3*A3+A4

=2*(A4+A5)-A3

=3*A4+2*A3-A5

=(A2*A3*A4)-(A3*13)-4

=if(A2>2,sum(A2:A5),0)

=A4*A5/2

=(A3*A4)-(A2+A4)

=(A2*A2*A2)-A4



This is the
*solution
 space*

	A	B
	Input	Output
1		
2	3	21
3	5	
4	6	
5	7	

Example 1 : 11 programs

$$= \text{sum}(A2:A5)$$

$$= \text{sum}(A2:A12)$$

$$= A2 * A5$$

$$= 3 * A3 + A4$$

$$= 2 * (A4 + A5) - A3$$

$$= 3 * A4 + 2 * A3 - A5$$

$$= (A2 * A3 * A4) - (A3 * 13) - 4$$

$$= \text{if}(A2 > 2, \text{sum}(A2:A5), 0)$$

$$= A4 * A5 / 2$$

$$= (A3 * A4) - (A2 + A4)$$

$$= (A2 * A2 * A2) - A4$$

	A	B
1	Input	Output
2	3	24
3	6	
4	7	
5	8	

Example 1 : 11 programs

Example 2

$$= \text{sum}(A2:A5)$$

$$= \text{sum}(A2:A12)$$

$$= A2 * A5$$

$$= 3 * A3 + A4$$

$$= 2 * (A4 + A5) - A3$$

$$= 3 * A4 + 2 * A3 - A5$$

$$= (A2 * A3 * A4) - (A3 * 13) - 4$$

$$= \text{if}(A2 > 2, \text{sum}(A2:A5), 0)$$

$$= A4 * A5 / 2$$

$$= (A3 * A4) - (A2 + A4)$$

$$= (A2 * A2 * A2) - A4$$

User Gives More Examples

	A	B
1	Input	Output
2	3	24
3	6	
4	7	
5	8	

Example 1 : 11 programs

Example 2 : 5 programs

$$= \text{sum}(A2:A5)$$

$$= \text{sum}(A2:A12)$$

$$= A2 * A5$$

$$= 3 * A3 + A4$$

$$= 2 * (A4 + A5) - A3$$

$$= 3 * A4 + 2 * A3 - A5$$

$$= (A2 * A3 * A4) - (A3 * 13) - 4$$

$$= \text{if}(A2 > 2, \text{sum}(A2:A5), 0)$$

$$= A4 * A5 / 2$$

$$= (A3 * A4) - (A2 + A4)$$

$$= (A2 * A2 * A2) - A4$$



	A	B
1	Input	Output
2	3	27
3	7	
4	8	
5	9	

Example 1 : 11 programs

Example 2 : 5 programs

Example 3

$$= \text{sum}(A2:A5)$$

$$= \text{sum}(A2:A12)$$

$$= A2 * A5$$

$$= 3 * A3 + A4$$

$$= 2 * (A4 + A5) - A3$$

$$= 3 * A4 + 2 * A3 - A5$$

$$= (A2 * A3 * A4) - (A3 * 13) - 4$$

$$= \text{if}(A2 > 2, \text{sum}(A2:A5), 0)$$

$$= A4 * A5 / 2$$

$$= (A3 * A4) - (A2 + A4)$$

$$= (A2 * A2 * A2) - A4$$

User Gives More Examples

	A	B
1	Input	Output
2	3	27
3	7	
4	8	
5	9	

$$= \text{sum}(A2:A5)$$

$$= \text{sum}(A2:A12)$$

$$= A2 * A5$$

$$= 3 * A3 + A4$$

$$= 2 * (A4 + A5) - A3$$

$$= 3 * A4 + 2 * A3 - A5$$

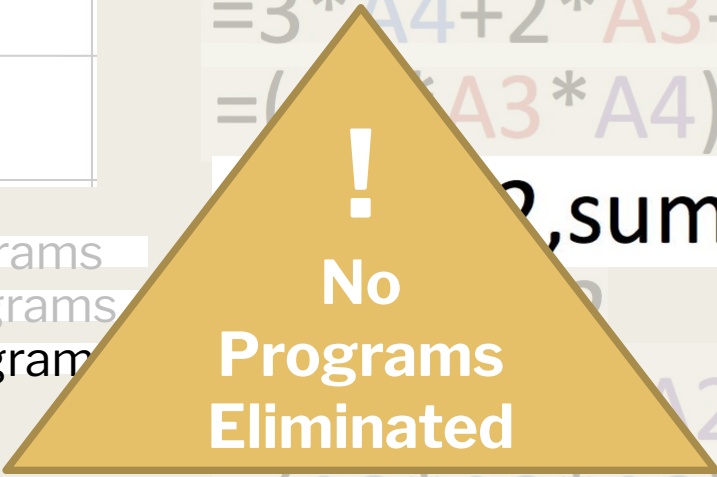
$$= (A3 * A4) - (A3 * 13) - 4$$

$$= 2, \text{sum}(A2:A5), 0$$

$$= A2 + A4$$

$$= (A2 * A2 * A2) - A4$$

$$= (A2 * A2 * A2) - A4$$



- Example 1 : 11 programs
- Example 2 : 5 programs
- Example 3 : 5 programs

User Gives More Examples

HOW CAN WE MAKE IT
EASIER
FOR THE USER?

	A	B
	Generated Input	Output
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

Example 1 : 11 programs

$$= \text{sum}(A2:A5)$$

$$= \text{sum}(A2:A12)$$

$$= A2 * A5$$

$$= 3 * A3 + A4$$

$$= 2 * (A4 + A5) - A3$$

$$= 3 * A4 + 2 * A3 - A5$$

$$= (A2 * A3 * A4) - (A3 * 13) - 4$$

$$= \text{if}(A2 > 2, \text{sum}(A2:A5), 0)$$

$$= A4 * A5 / 2$$

$$= (A3 * A4) - (A2 + A4)$$

$$= (A2 * A2 * A2) - A4$$

User gives output only

	Generate d Input	Output
1	3	15
2	6	
3	7	
4	5	
5		

Example 1 : 11 programs

Example 2

$$=\text{sum}(A2:A5)$$

$$=\text{sum}(A2:A12)$$

$$=A2 * A5$$

$$=3 * A3 + A4$$

$$=2 * (A4 + A5) - A3$$

$$=3 * A4 + 2 * A3 - A5$$

$$=(A2 * A3 * A4) - (A3 * 13) - 4$$

$$=\text{if}(A2 > 2, \text{sum}(A2:A5), 0)$$

$$=A4 * A5 / 2$$

$$=(A3 * A4) - (A2 + A4)$$

$$=(A2 * A2 * A2) - A4$$

User gives output only

	Generated Input	Output
1	3	15
2	6	
3	7	
4	5	
5		

Example 1 : 11 programs

Example 2 : 1 program

$=\text{sum}(A2:A5)$
 $=\text{sum}(A2:A12)$

$=A2 * A5$

$=3 * A5 + A4$

$=2 * (A4 + A5) - A3$

$=3 * A4 + 2 * A3 - A5$

$=(A2 * A3 * A4) - (A3 * 13) - 4$

$=\text{if}(A2 > 2, \text{sum}(A2:A5), 0)$

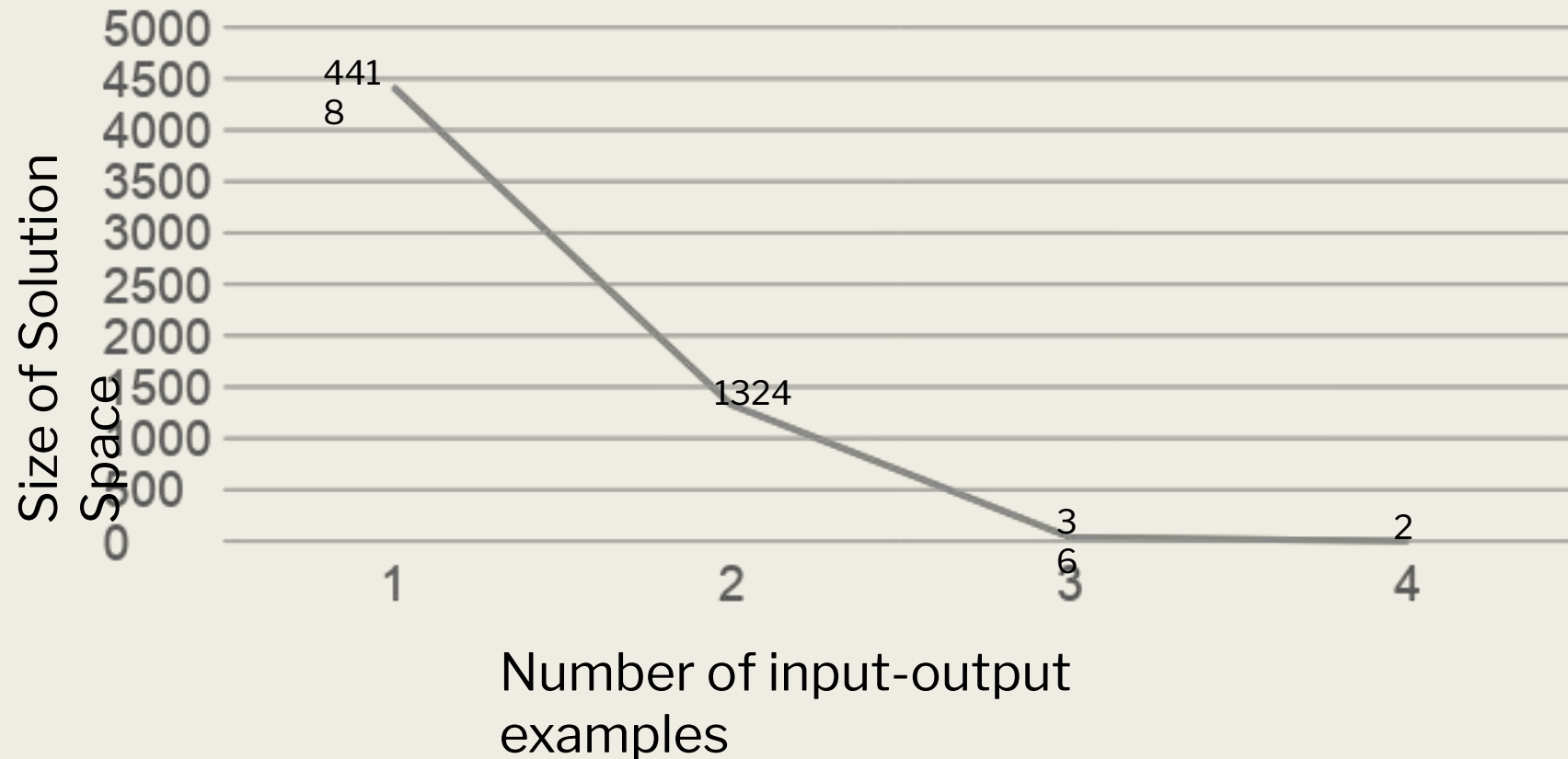
$=A4 * A5 / 2$

$=(A3 * A4) - (A2 + A4)$

$=(A2 * A2 * A2) - A4$

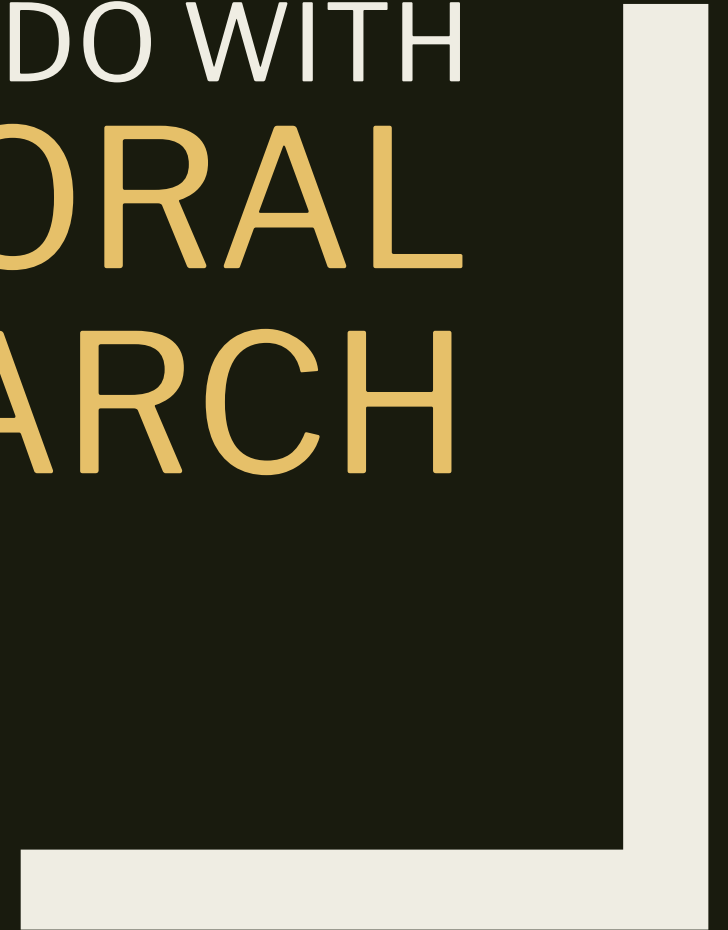
FIND INPUT THAT
MAXIMIZES THE
DIVERSITY
OF THE OUTPUT
VALUES

Solution Space Reduction on Example



[Shriver, Elbaum and Stolee. "At the end of synthesis narrowing program candidates."

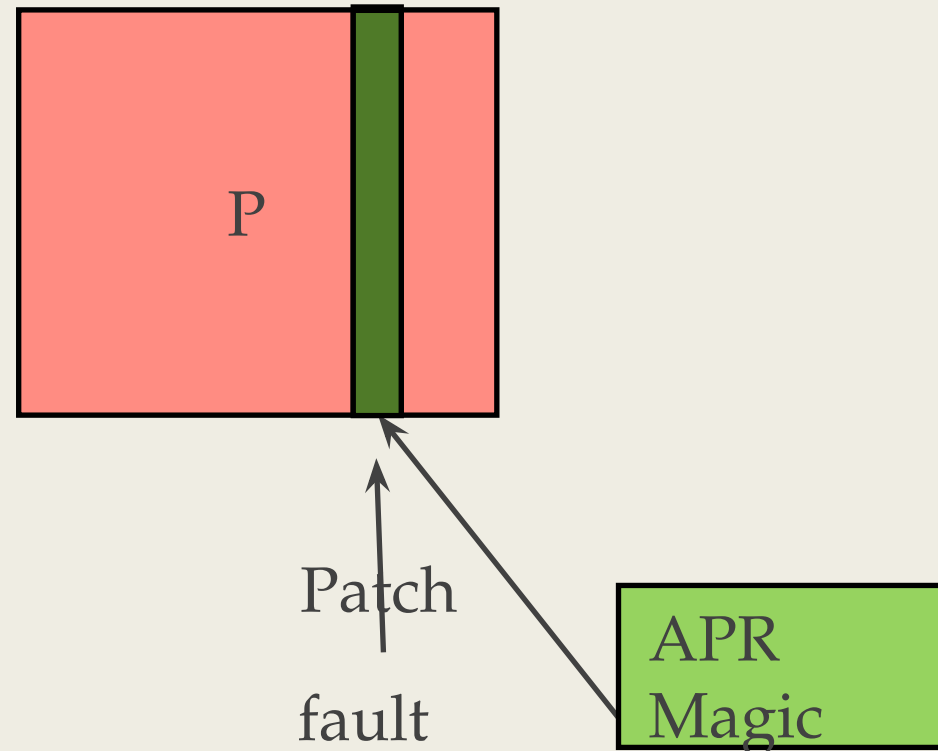
WHAT WE CAN DO WITH
BEHAVIORAL
CODE SEARCH



Automated Program Repair



Test Suite	
Test Case 1	✓
Test Case 2	✗



My Automated Program Repair

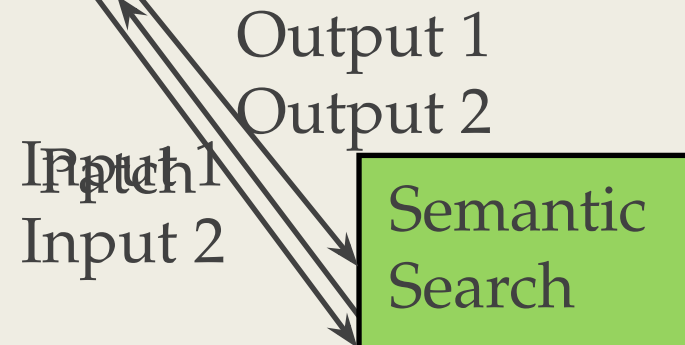


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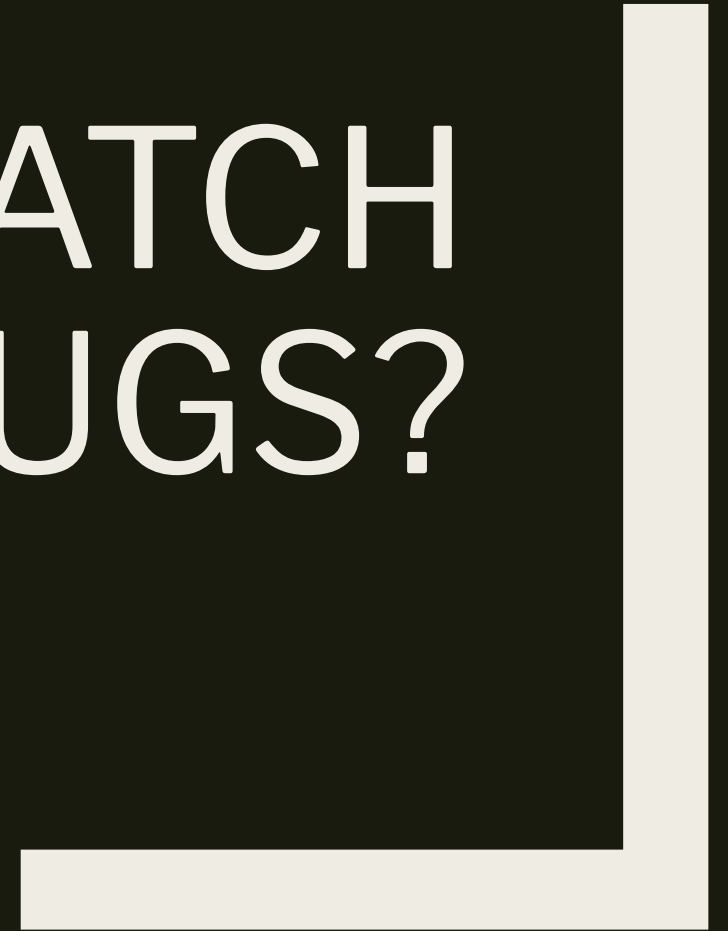
Test Case 1 ✓

Test Case 2 ✗

Produces patches of *measurably* higher quality than prior approaches



CAN IT PATCH
REAL BUGS?



Python bug #69223

Developer
Patch

```
    }  
+ if (timeout < 0) {  
+     PyErr_SetString(PyExc_ValueError ,  
+         "timeout must be non-negative");  
+     return NULL;  
+ }  
seconds = (long)timeout;
```

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ir Patch

```
if ( timeout < 0  
    PyErr_SetString(PyExc_ValueError ,  
        "read length must be positive");  
return NULL;  
}
```


THE FUTURE IS
SEARCH

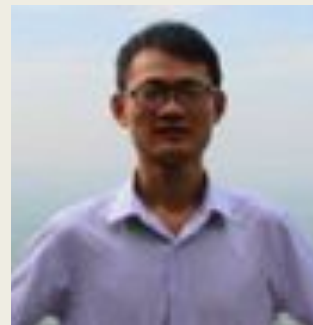


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