

Patching with Matching

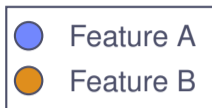
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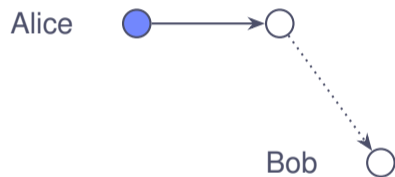
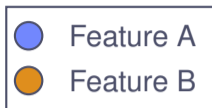
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Motivation: Change Propagation

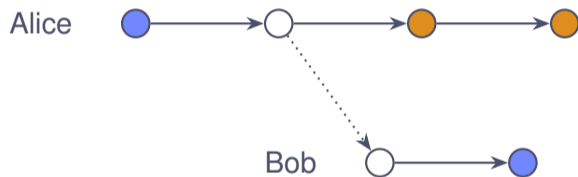
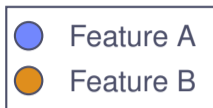
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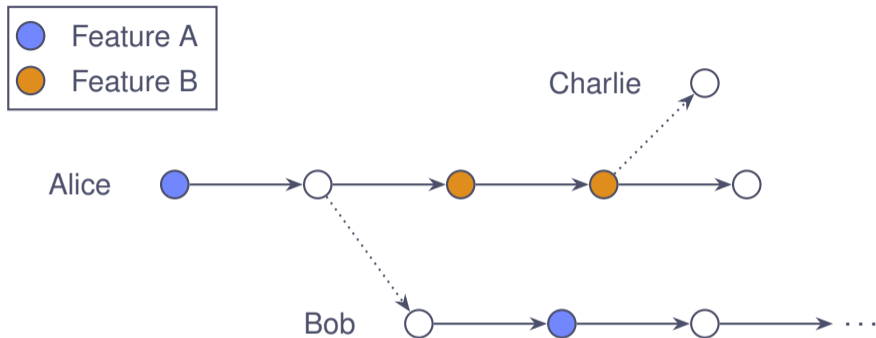
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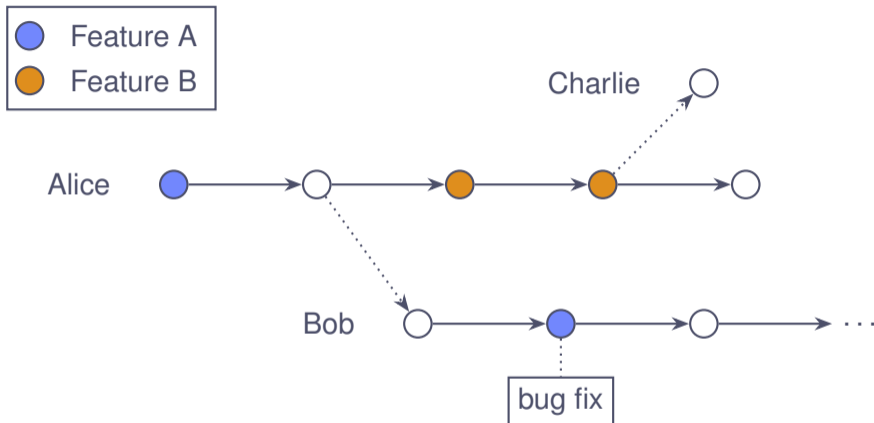
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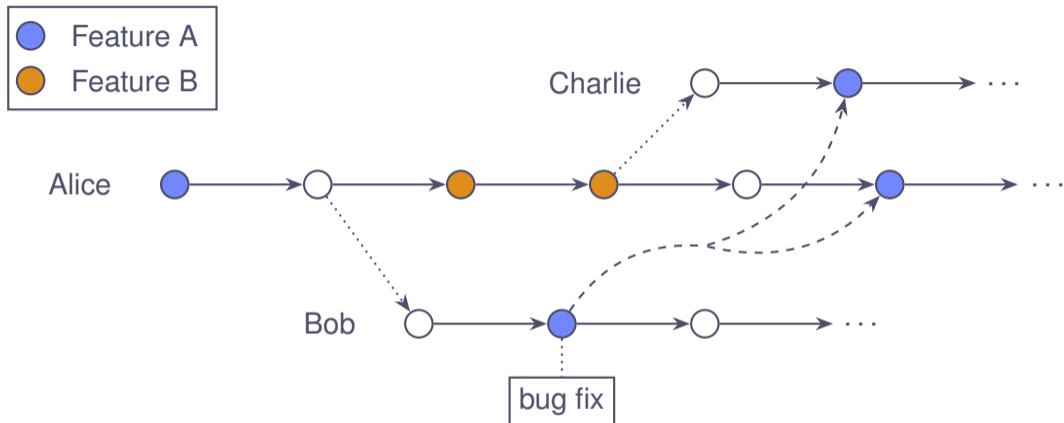
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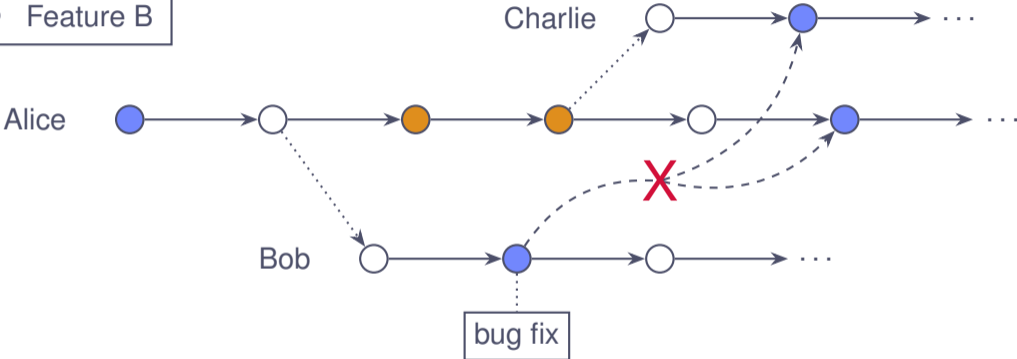
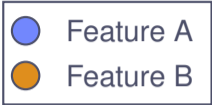
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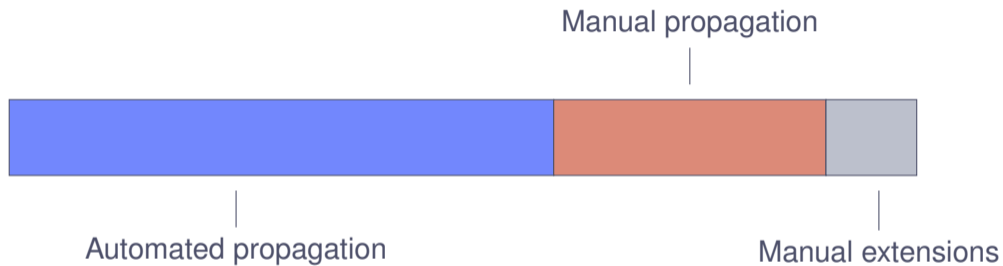


Automated propagation

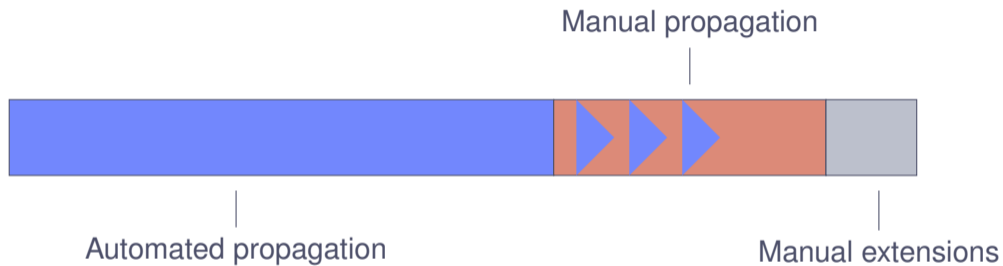
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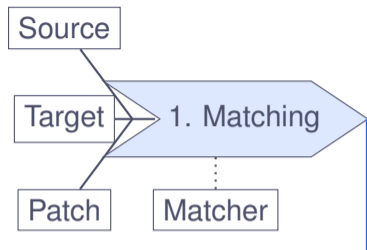
Overview of patching with matching



Input

- Source Variant (S)
- Target Variant (T)
- Patch (P)

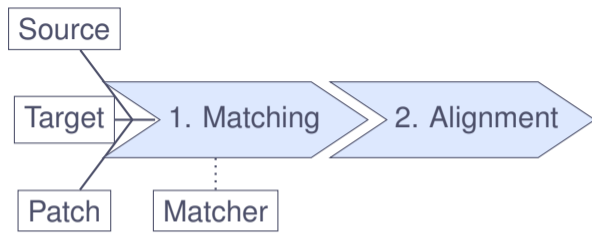
Overview of patching with matching



1. Matching

- Exchangable match function (e.g., LCS)
- Compare the source and target variant
- Determine a matching of common text (i.e., code)

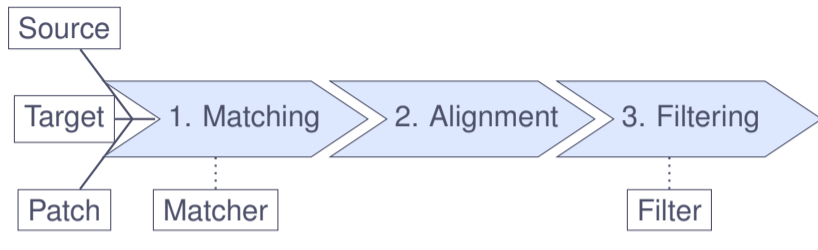
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2. Alignment

- Align a patch to the target variant based on the matching
- Identifies the lines that should be removed
- Finds the best location for insertions

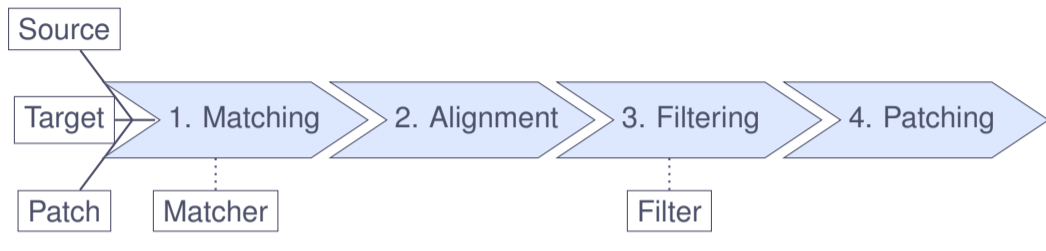
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3. Filtering

- Exchangable filter function
- Filters the aligned patch
- e.g., filter based on affected features, or context similarity

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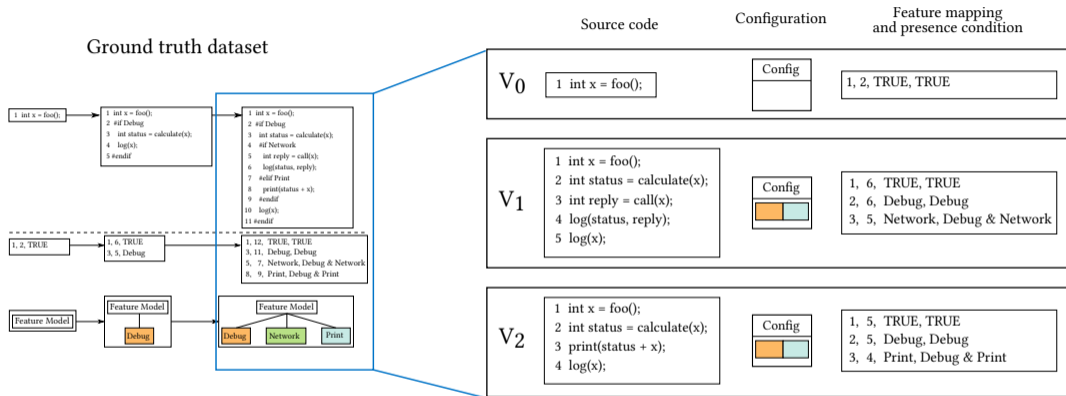


4. Patching

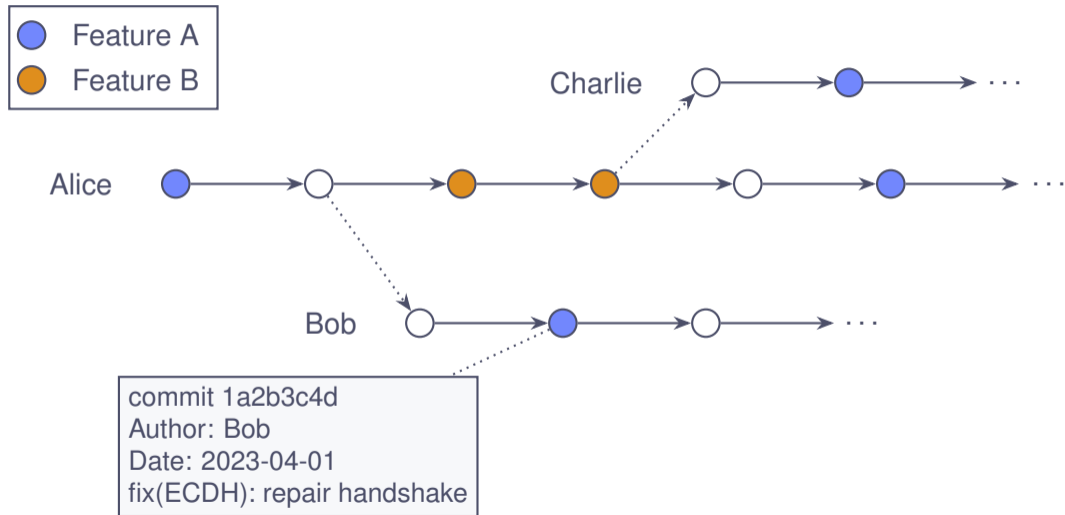
- Applies the prepared patch
- Changes are applied in their aligned order

Evaluation (In Progress)

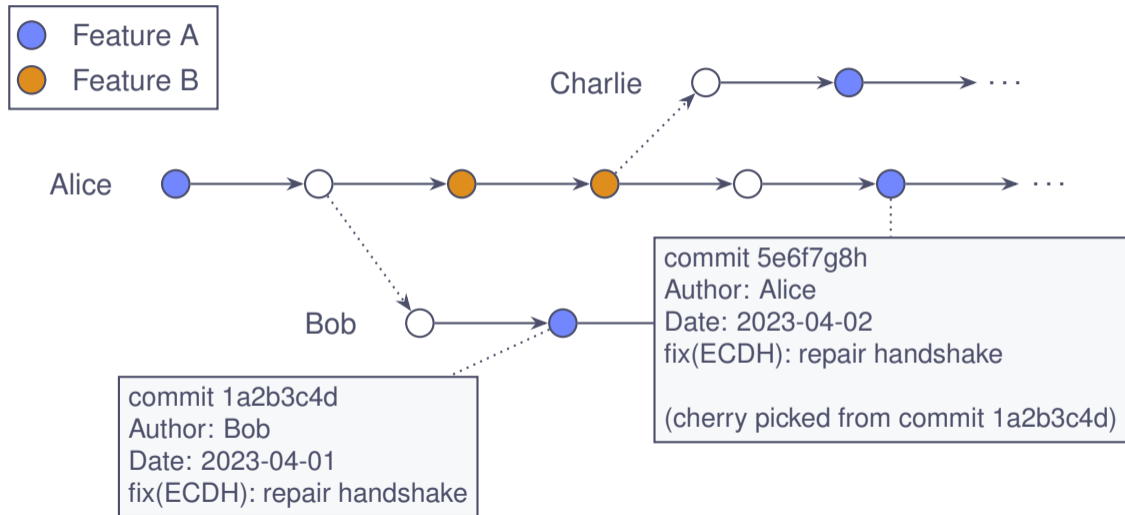
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SPL variants (simulation)

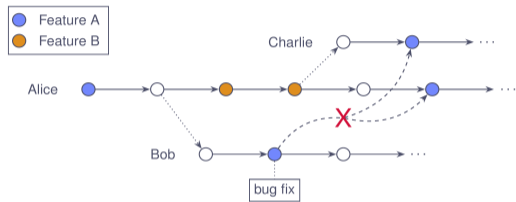
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Real cherry picks (replay)

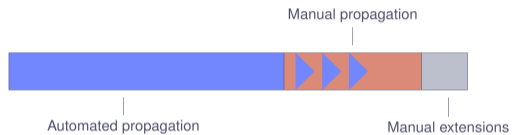
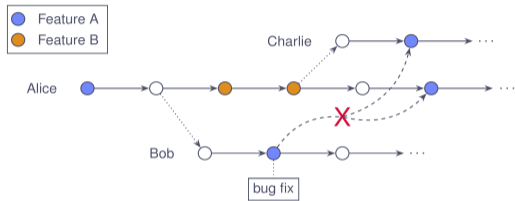
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Estimated propagation quality relative to baseline approaches

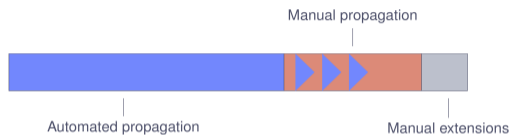
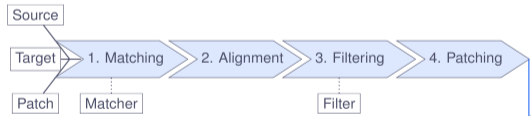
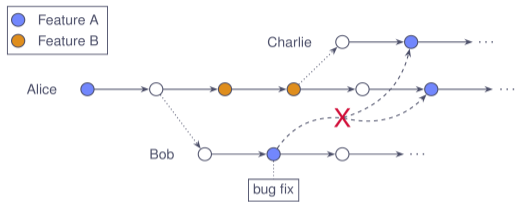
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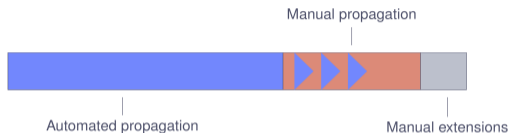
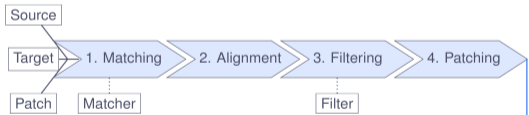
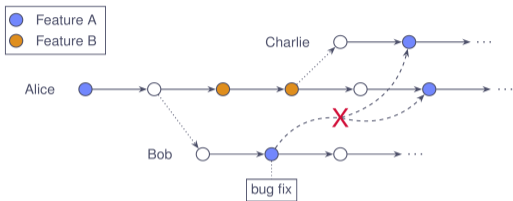
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Handling a new case

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