A Brief Overview of Design Pattern Detection Techniques

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Abstract—A Design pattern detection is a very useful method to find any software design pattern and simply understand the design of the software. There are several tool and, techniqueshave been applied by various authors and different consequences have been found. Design pattern detection are extensively used for simply understanding the program, which help to proper document the software and it can store all information related to software design. In the design pattern detection severalkindof design pattern detection tools and techniques are used that can be applied in software re-engineering field and report the best results. This paper present a brief comparative study on various methods for design pattern detection which has been done by various authors in the field of design pattern detection.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Design patterns are often used in field of development of object- oriented software. It always offers help to solve the recurring occurrence of design patterns problem at the time of software development process. Design pattern detection is a re-engineering task that help to find the problem and solve that problems which is occurred in object oriented software development process. Software design patterns are proposed by Gamma et al. [28] who divided the design pattern into three categories, creational, structural and behavioural design pattern. The creational design pattern always handle withobject creation process which is trying to create object in according to situation.Structural design pattern handle about how to classes and objects can be composed into form of larger structure. Structural design simplifies the all structures by recognize correlation between structures. Basically these models focus on how to classes come into from one another and how they develop from other classes. The behavioural design pattern concern with the interaction and responsibility of the objects. In these design models, the interaction between objects should be such that they can speak easily when loosely coupled. According to gang of four [28] Software design pattern have 23 types design pattern. Figure1 shows all types of design pattern approaches.
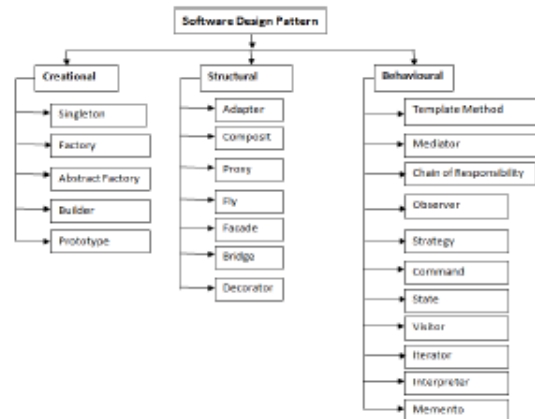

Fig 1- Types of software design pattern [28]

In the above figure 1 software design pattern are divided into three categories creational, structural and behavioural design pattern where the creational design pattern has 5 types of design pattern, structural design pattern has 7 types of design pattern and behavioural design pattern has remaining 11 types of design pattern.

II. OVERVIEW OF DESIGN PATTERN DETECTION TECHNIQUE

In this paper describes a brief overview of various types of design pattern detection techniques according to their methodology which is applied by some authors. For detection of design pattern, four types design pattern detection methodology can be used, like Database query method, Metrics- Based Approach, UML Structure, Graph and Matrices-Based Approaches and Miscellaneous Approaches. These are applied on three major analysis style like Creational, structural and behavioural analysis style. The detection methodology basically used for extract instances from source code. For