

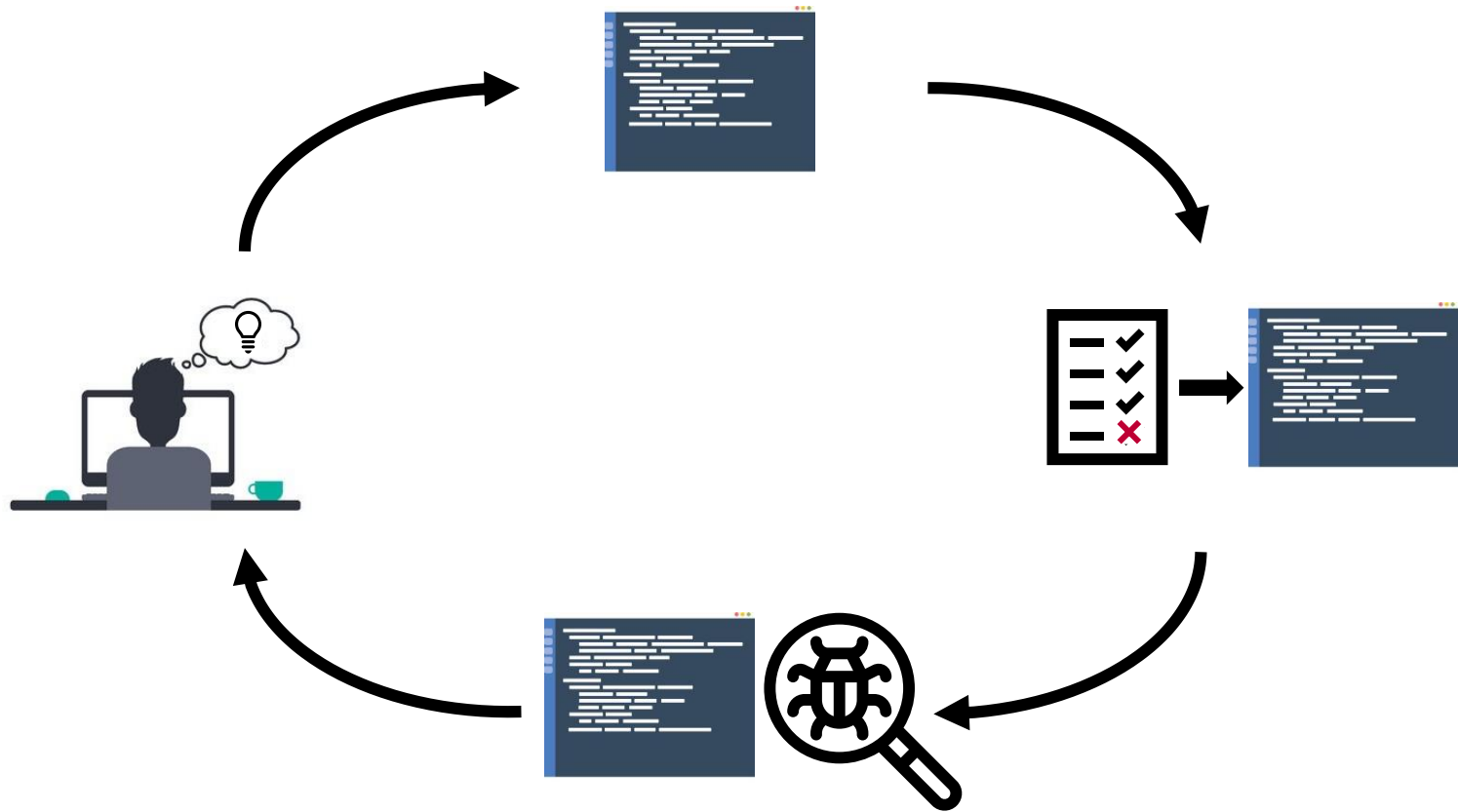
Direct Manipulation For Imperative Programs

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The screenshot shows an IDE with three main panels:

- Call Stack:** Located in the top-left, it shows the execution path. The current frame is `MyDebugTest.operation(int) line: 25`. Other frames include `MyDebugTest.main(String[]) line: 30` and several `Daemon System Thread` instances.
- Variables:** Located in the top-right, it displays the state of variables. The `this` variable points to `MyDebugTest (id=17)`. Local variables `j`, `i`, and `k` have values 4, 5, and 9 respectively.
- Code:** The bottom panel shows the source code of `MyDebugTest.java`. The `operation` method is highlighted, with the line `System.out.println(k);` selected. The `main` method is also visible, showing the creation of a `MyDebugTest` instance and the call to `operation(5)`.

Call stack

Variable values

code

Python tutor [Guo SIGCSE 2013]

Python 2.7

```
→ 1 def listSum(numbers):  
  2     if not numbers:  
  3         return 0  
  4     else:  
  5         (f, rest) = numbers  
  6         return f + listSum(rest)  
  7  
→ 8 myList = (1, (2, (3, None)))  
  9 total = listSum(myList)
```

[Edit this code](#)

→ line that has just executed

→ next line to execute



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[Python Tutor](#) by [Philip Guo](#)

Frames

Objects



```
1 public class Main
2 {
3     public static int largestGap(){
4         int[] a = {9, 5 , 4};
5         int N = 3;
6         int max = 0;
7         int min = 100;
8         for(int i = 1; i < N; i++){
9             if(max < a[i]) max = a[i];
10            if(min > a[i]) min = a[i];
11        }
12        return max-min;
13    }
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17        int x = largestGap();
18        System.out.println(x);
19    }
20 }
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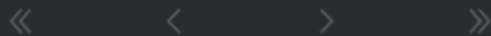
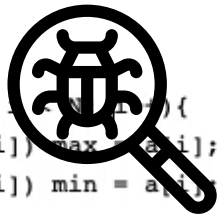
Given an unsorted array of length N and we have to find largest gap between any two elements of array

waiting for execution trace...

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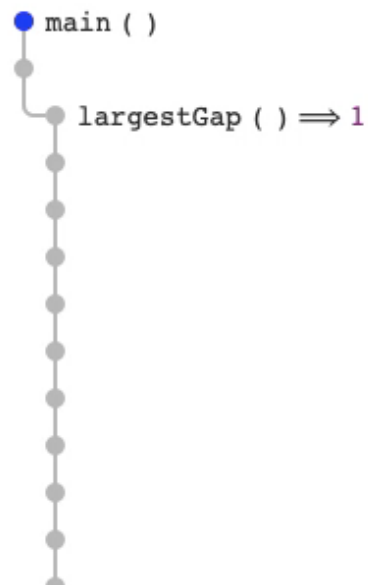
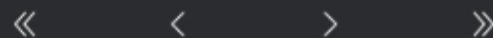


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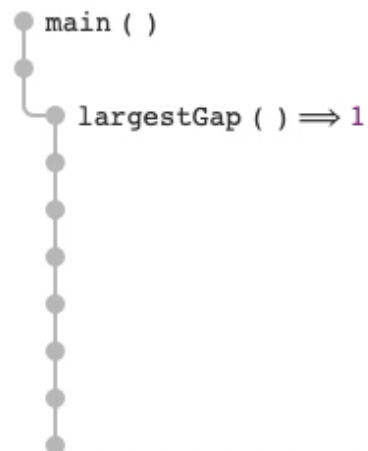
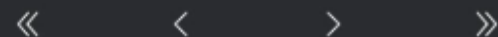


Variables

no variables in scope

Get suggestions


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Possible change

Change line 8 to `for(int i = 0; i < N; i++){`

Change Try again



Variables	
<code>i = 1</code>	→ ?
<code>a = REF, 166</code>	→ ?
<code>N = 3</code>	→ ?
<code>max = 5</code>	→ 9
<code>min = 100</code>	→ ?

Direct State Manipulation

Problem definition

Buggy program

Input

```

1 public static int getMax(int[] input){
2   int max = 0;
3   for(int i = 1; i < input.length; i++){
4     if(input[i] > max){
5       max = input[i];
6     }
7   }
8   return max;
9 }
    
```

Direct manipulation

Manipulated location

Trace on input = {9, 5, 6, 10}

loc	1	2	3	4	5	3
i	-	-	-	1	1	1
max	-	-	0	0	0	5

→ 9

Repaired program

Goal

P'

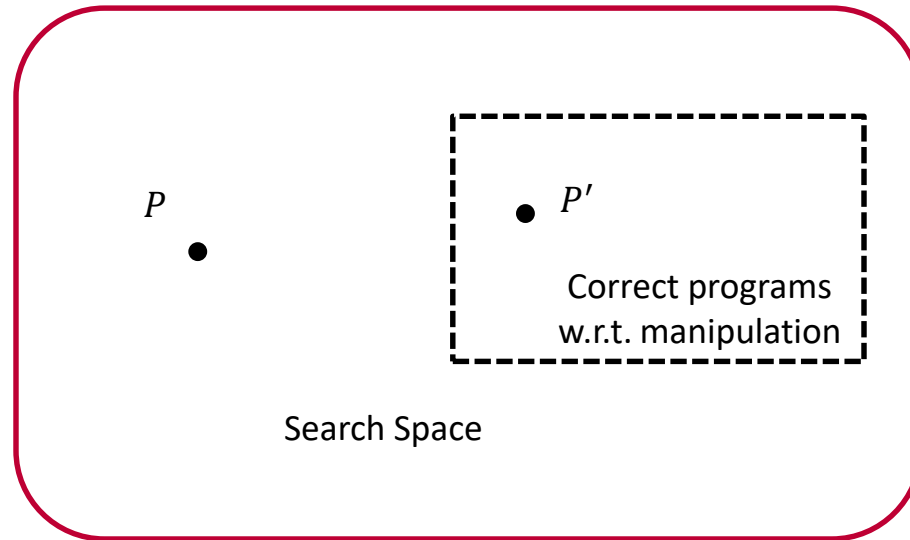
New trace on input = {9, 5, 6, 10}

loc	1	...	3
i	-	...	?
max	-	...	9

- ← Manipulated location
- ← Don't care
- ← Manipulated value

P' is correct on the given manipulation

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How to describe the search space

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        if(input[i] > max){
            max = input[i];
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    }
    return max;
}
```



```
public static int getMax(int[] input){
    int max = 0 + ??;
    for(int i = 1 + ??;i < input.length;i++){
        if(input[i] > max + ??){
            max = input[i] + ??;
        }
    }
    return max + ??;
}
```


Program Sketching [Solar-Lezama et al 06]

```
void P(int in){  
    int c = ??;  
    assert in + in == c * in;  
}
```

```
void P(int in){  
    int c = 2;  
    assert in + in == c * in;  
}
```

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int[] trace_line;  
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    record(2);  
    int max = 0 + ??;  
    record(3);  
    for(int i = 1 + ??; i < input.length; i++){  
        record(4);  
        if(input[i] > max + ??){  
            record(5);  
            max = input[i] + ??;}  
        record(3);  
    }  
    record(3);  
    return max + ??;  
}  
assert ∃pc.trace_line[pc]==3;
```

Manipulation

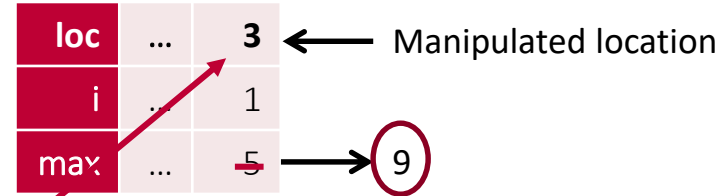
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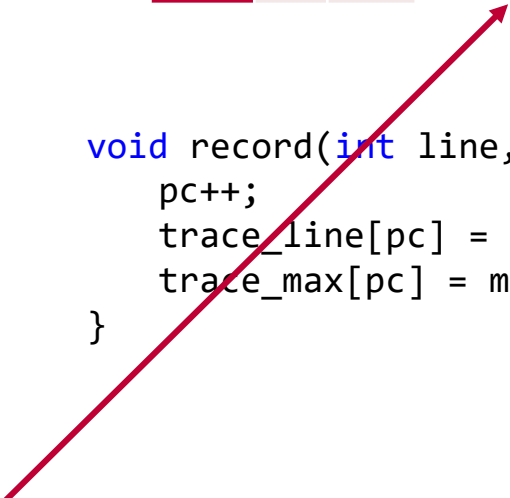

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        if(input[i] > max + ??){
            record(5,max);
            max = input[i] + ??;
        }
        record(6, max);
    }
    record(3,max);
    return max + ??;
}
assert(∃pc.trace_line[pc]==3 && trace_max[pc]==9;
```

We want to find the repair instead of checking existence

Manipulation

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There can be multiple possible return points

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Idea: guess the final program counter

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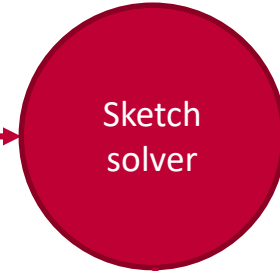
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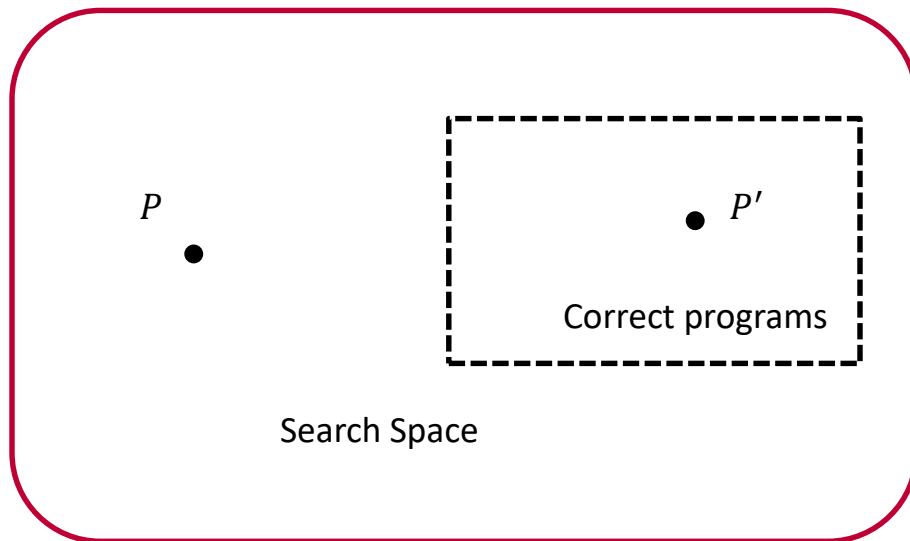
Find solution with Sketch solver

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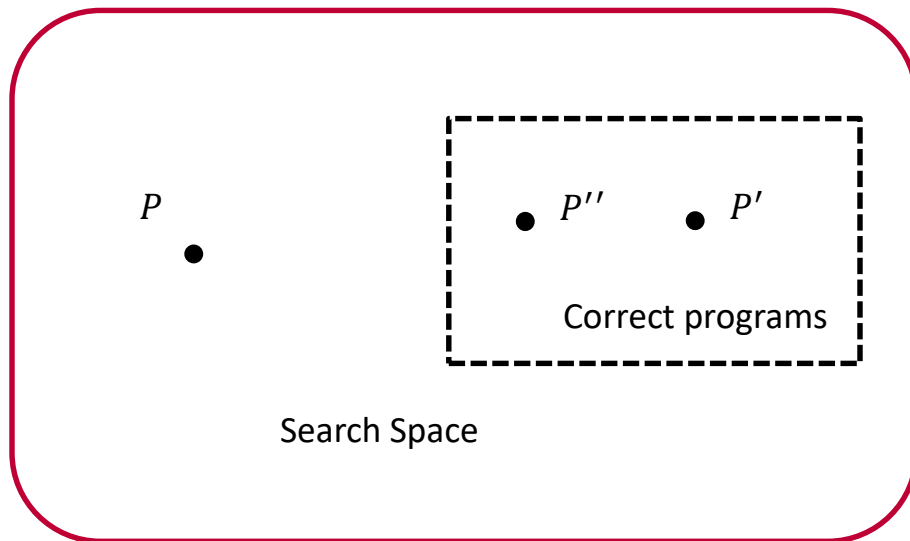


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            max = input[i];
        }
    }
    return max;
}
```

Finding a correct solution is not enough



When can we say a solution is better than another?




Idea 1: edit as less as possible

input = {9,5,6,10}

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6     }
7   return max;
8 }

```



```

1 public static int getMax(int[] input){
2   int max = 0;
3   for(int i = 1; i < input.length; i++){
4     if(input[i] > max){
5       max = input[i] + 4;
6     }
7   return max;
8 }

```

Manipulation

loc	...	3	← Manipulated location
i	...	1	
max	...	5	→ 9

Change from 1 to 0: cost 1

Syntactic distance: syntactic similarity between programs

Change from 0 to 4 : cost 4

Idea2: preserve the trace as much as possible

input = {9,5,6,10}

```
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Change from 1 to 0

```

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6     }
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8 }

```

Both edits are small

Change from 0 to -1

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input = {9,5,6,10}

```

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```

loc	1	2	3	4	5	3
i	-	-	-	0	0	0
max	-	-	0	0	0	9

```

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Original trace

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```

```
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```

```
4     if(input[i] > max) max = input[i];
```

```
5 }
```

```
6 }
```

```
7 return max;
```

```
8 }
```

loc	1	2	3	4	5	3
i	-	-	-	0	0	0
max	-	-	0	0	0	9



New trace

```
public static int getMax(int[] input){
```

```
2 int max = 0;
```

```
3 for(int i = 0; i < input.length; i++){
```

```
4     if(input[i] > max) max = input[i];
```

```
5 }
```

```
6 }
```

```
7 return max;
```

```
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```

loc	1	2	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	5	3
i	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3
max	-	-	0	0	0	4	4	4	5	5	5	9

Original trace

loc	1	2	3	4	5	3
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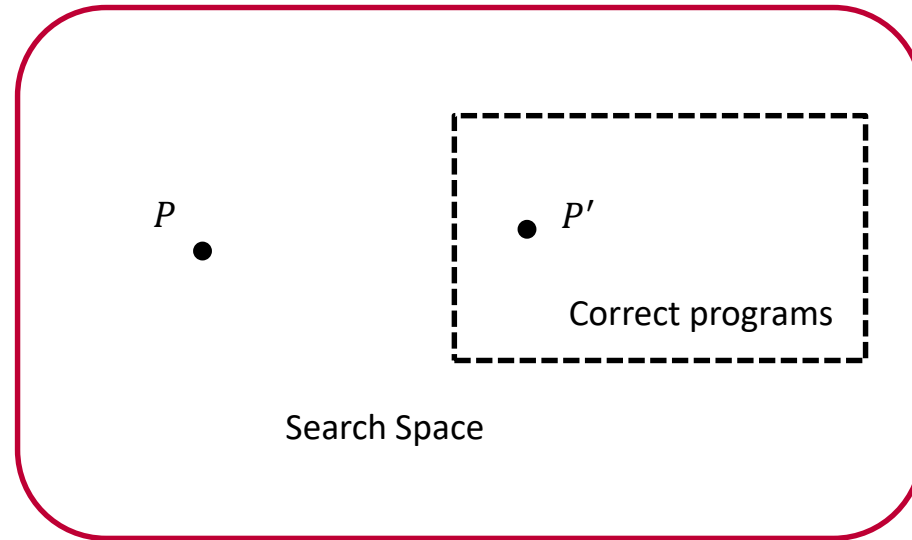
Semantic distance: similarity between traces

Program repair with Quantitative Objective [D'Antoni et al. CAV16]

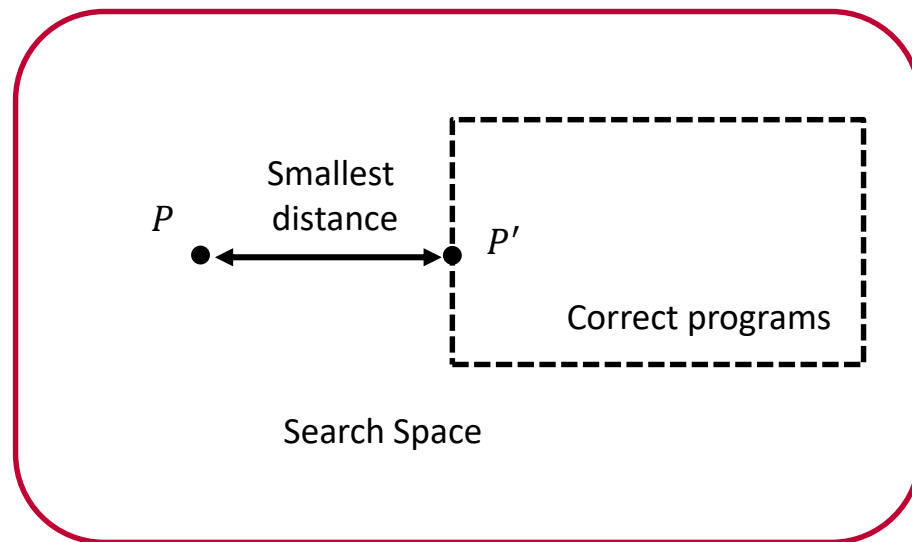
In program repair via test cases, finding solution with **smallest**

- **Syntactic distances:**
 - syntactic similarity between two programs
- **Semantic distances:**
 - similarity between trace of the original program and trace of repaired program on the given input

Revised problem definition with distance



Revised problem definition with distance



Encode distance in Sketching

- Syntactic distance example: sum of values of all holes

```
public static int getMax(int[] input){
    int max = 0 + (??);
    for(int i = 1 + (??); i < input.length; i++){
        if(input[i] > max + (??){
            max = input[i] + (??);
        }
    }
    return max + (??);
}
assert trace_line[pc]==3 && trace_max[pc]==9;
```

SynDistance = $\sum ??$

Encode distance in Sketching

- Syntactic distance example: sum of values of all holes

```
public static int getMax(int[] input){
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    for(int i = 1 + ??; i < input.length; i++){
        if(input[i] > max + ??){
            max = input[i] + ??;
        }
    }
    return max + ??;
}
assert trace_line[pc]==3 && trace_max[pc]==9;
```

```
int SyntacticDistance(){
    int dist = 0;
    for(int i = 0; i < input_holes; i++){
        dist += ??_i
    }
    return dist;
}
```

Encode distance in Sketching

- Syntactic distance example: sum of values of all holes
- Semantic distance example: Hamming distance between traces

Original trace

loc	1	2	3	4	5	3
i	-	-	-	1	1	1
max	-	-	0	0	0	5

New trace

loc	1	2	3	4	5	3
i	-	-	-	0	0	0
max	-	-	0	0	0	9

```
int SemanticDistance(int[] oriTrace, int[] trace){
    int dist = 0;
    for(int i = 0; i < oriTrace.length; i++){
        dist += oriTrace[i] != trace[i];
    }
    return dist;
}
```

Quantitative objective in Sketch

Manipulation

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```
assert trace_line[pc]==3 && trace_max[pc]==9;
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```
minimize SyntacticDistance() + SemanticDistance(oriTrace,trace);
```

Overview of JDial

The tool JDial

Buggy Program

```
1. Prog(input) {  
  ...  
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16. x = 5y+2;  
  ...  
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Specification

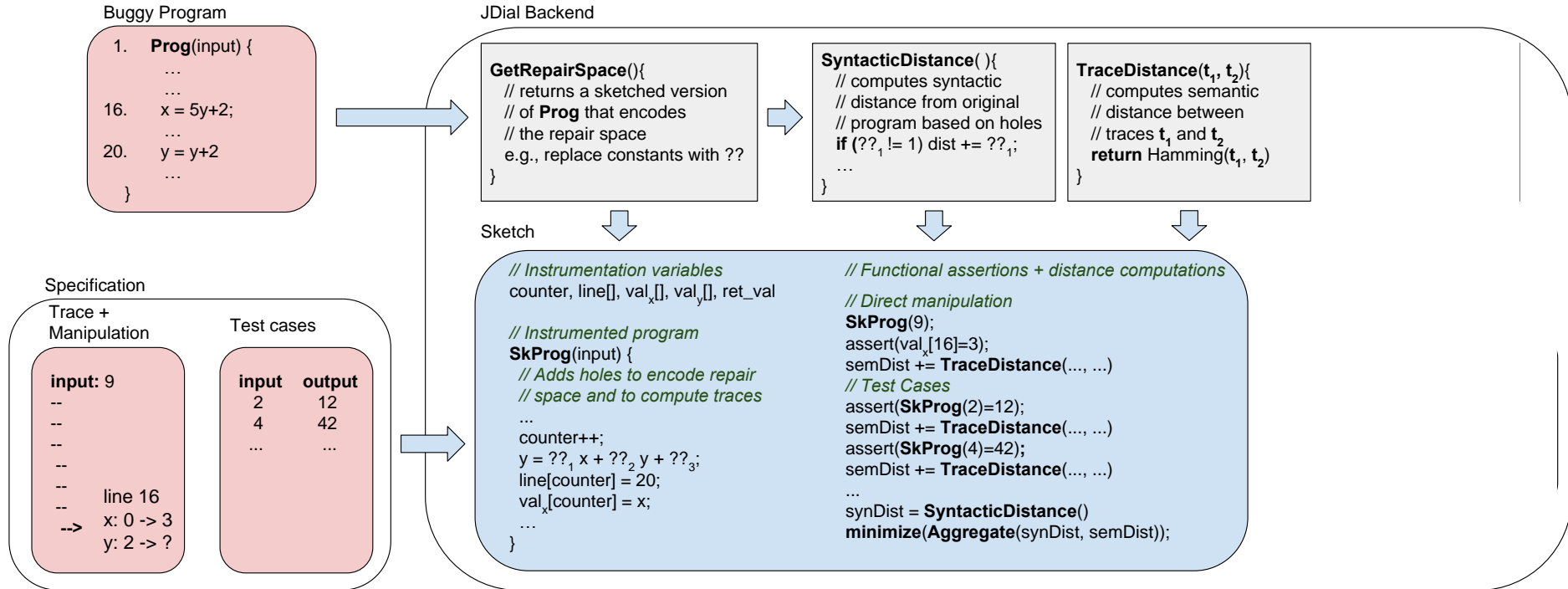
Trace + Manipulation

```
input: 9  
--  
--  
--  
--  
--  
--  
-- line 16  
-- x: 0 -> 3  
--> y: 2 -> ?
```

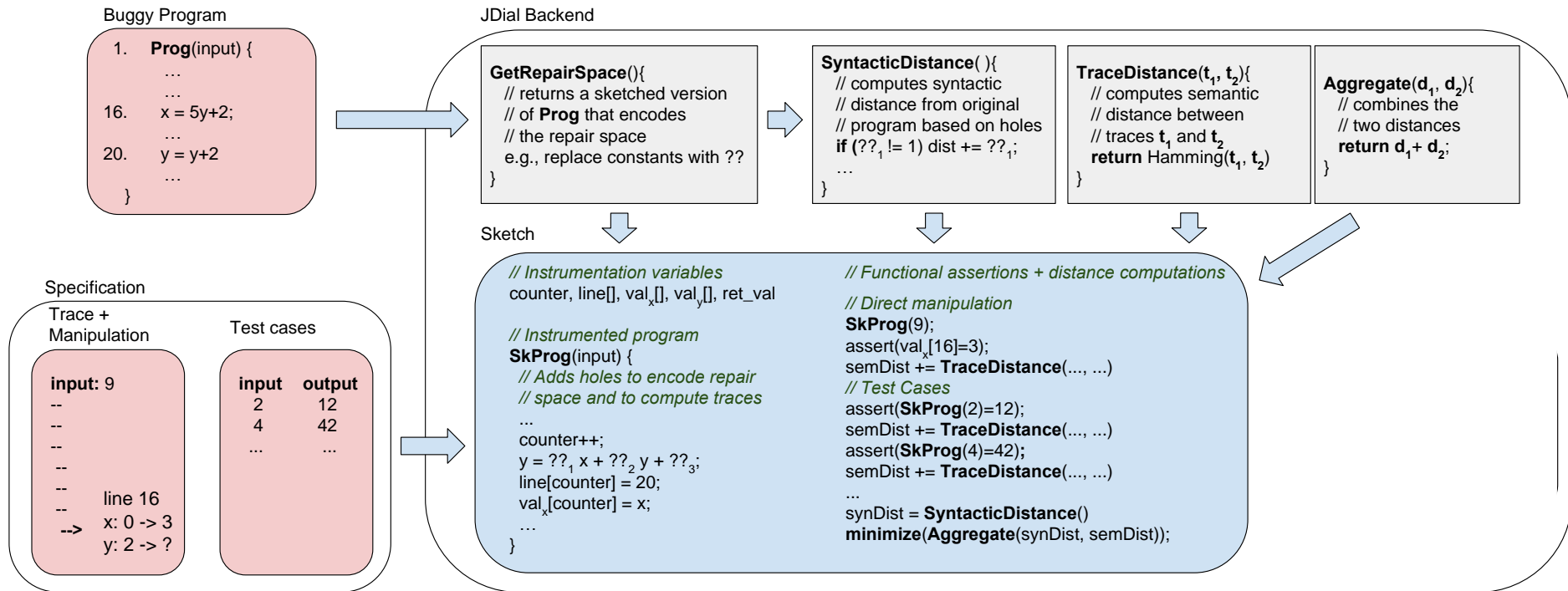
Test cases

input	output
2	12
4	42
...	...

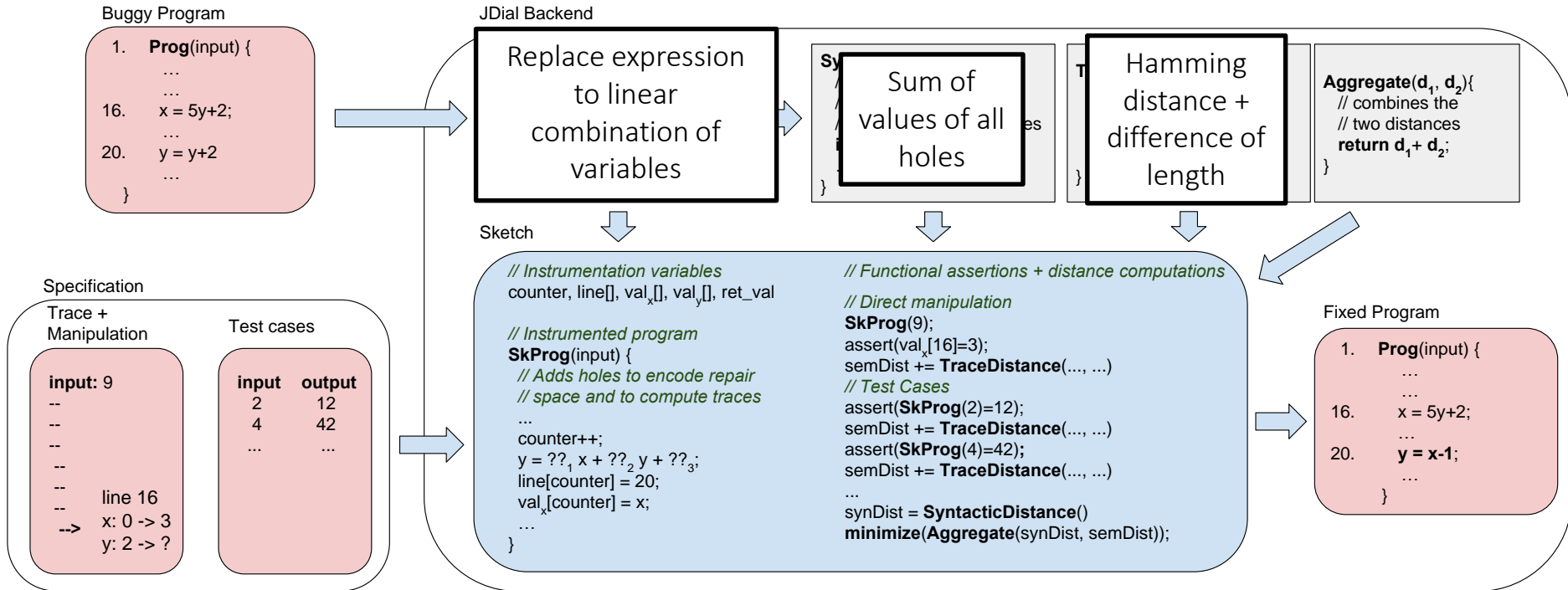
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$$\text{max} = \text{input}[i] + ?? * \text{max} + ?? * i + ??$$


Evaluation

Benchmarks

		Problem	LOC	Vars	Trace
12	Q _{LOSE} [7]	largestGap-1.1	7	4	11
		largestGap-1.2	7	4	10
		largestGap-2	7	4	15
		largestGap-3.1	7	4	10
		largestGap-3.2	7	4	10
		tcas	10	4	7
		max3	5	3	3
		iterPower-1	5	3	14
		iterPower-2	5	3	14
		ePoly-1	6	4	12
		ePoly-2	6	4	12
		multIA	4	4	9

Benchmarks

Avg LOC: 6.9

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5	ePoly-3	7	4	13
	New max4	7	4	4
	bubbleSort	7	5	12
	subLargestGap	13	6	35
	maxMin	13	6	37

Benchmarks

Avg Vars: 4.1

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Benchmarks

Avg |Trace|: 17.4

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```

public static int largestGap(int[]
input){
    int max = 0;
    int min = 100;
    for(int i = 1;i < input.length;i++){
        if(input[i] > max){
            max = input[i];
        }
        if(input[i] < min){
            min = input[i];
        }
    }
    return max-min;
}

```

Incorrect initialization

Benchmarks

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        }
    }
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}

```

Incorrect loop
condition

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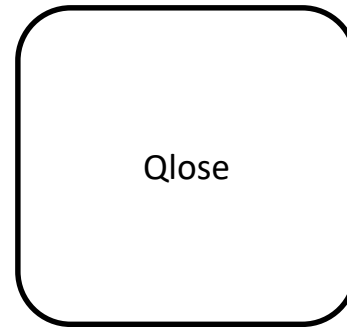
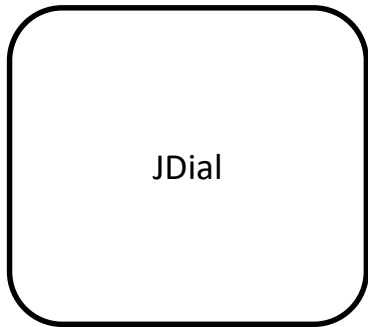
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public static int max(int x, int y, int z){
    if(x > y){
        y = x;
    }
    if(y > z){
        z = x;
    }
    return z;
}

```

Incorrect assignment

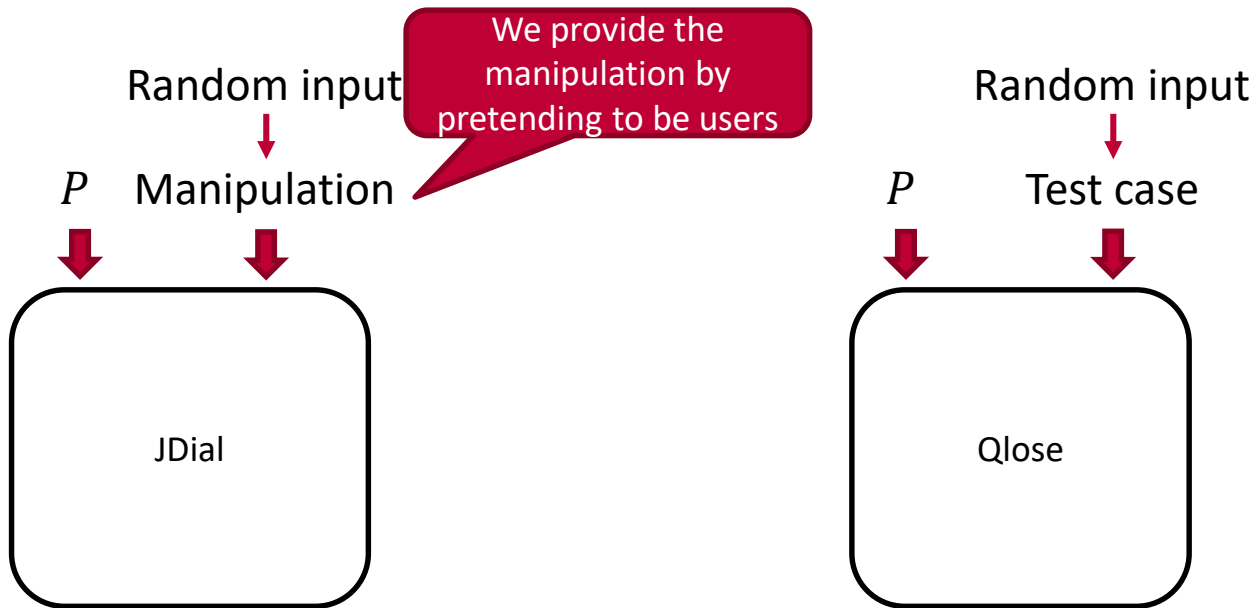
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Program repair via test cases

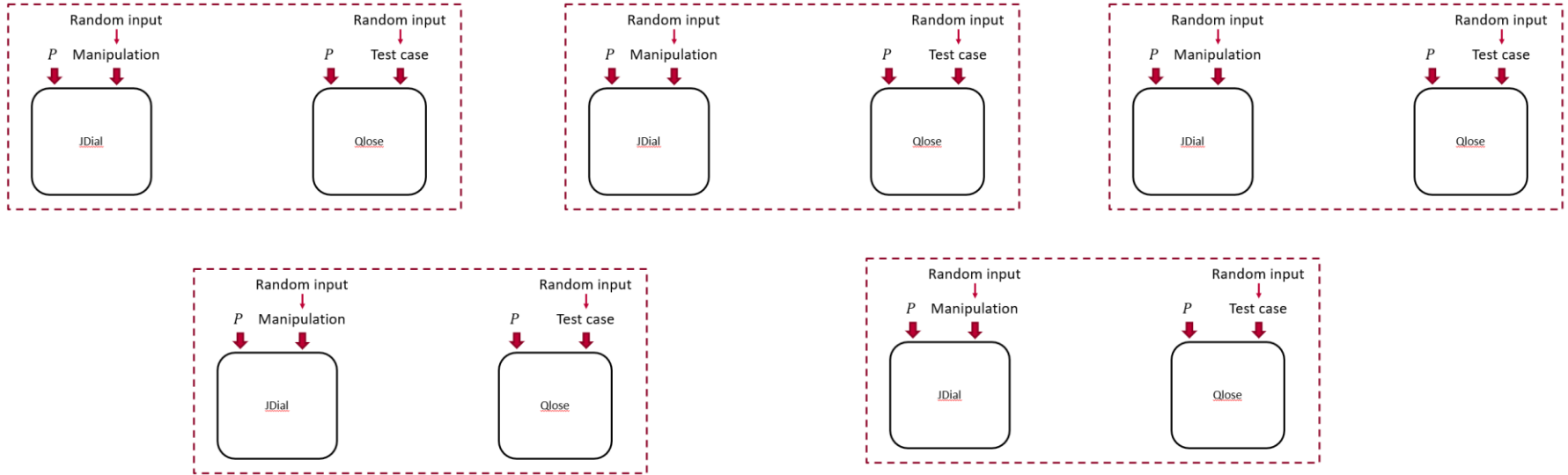
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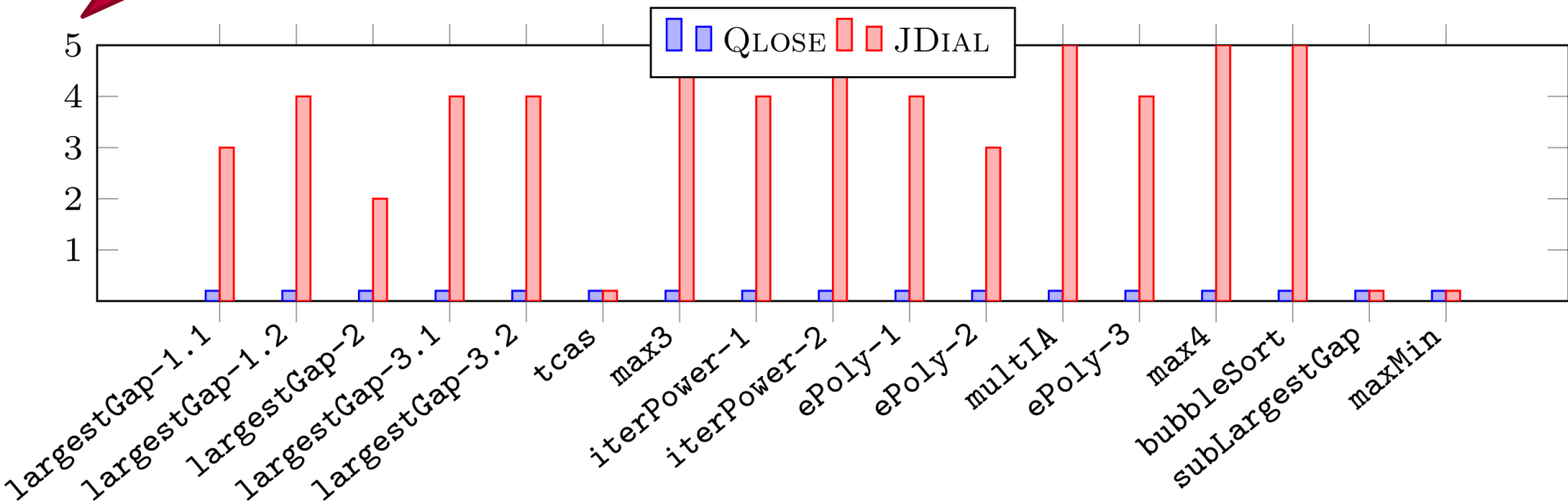
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5 different random inputs

On how many random inputs each tool can solve the benchmark

test case



Avoid overfitting for single test case

Repair via manipulation

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7   return max + 4; }

```

Manipulated location

Trace on input = {9,5,6}

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max	-	-	0	0	0	5 → 9

Test cases: {9,5,6} -> 9

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Program repair via test cases prefer to modify return statement
Keep all traces unchanged before return

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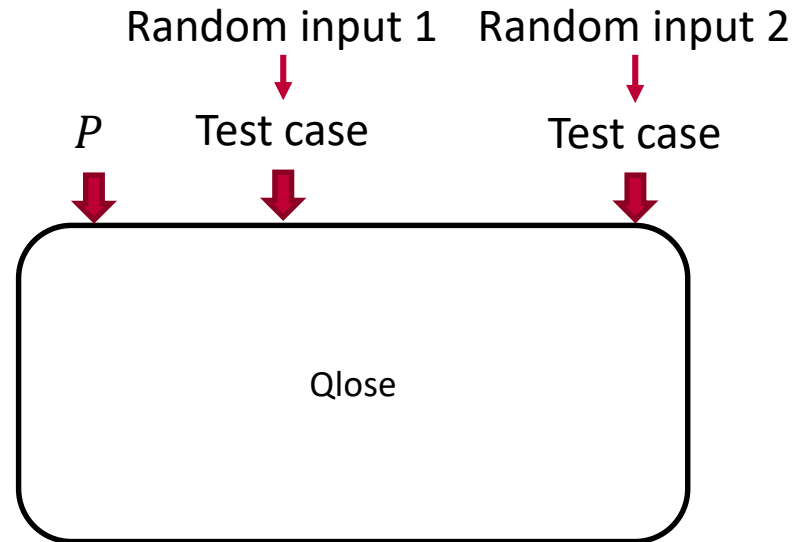
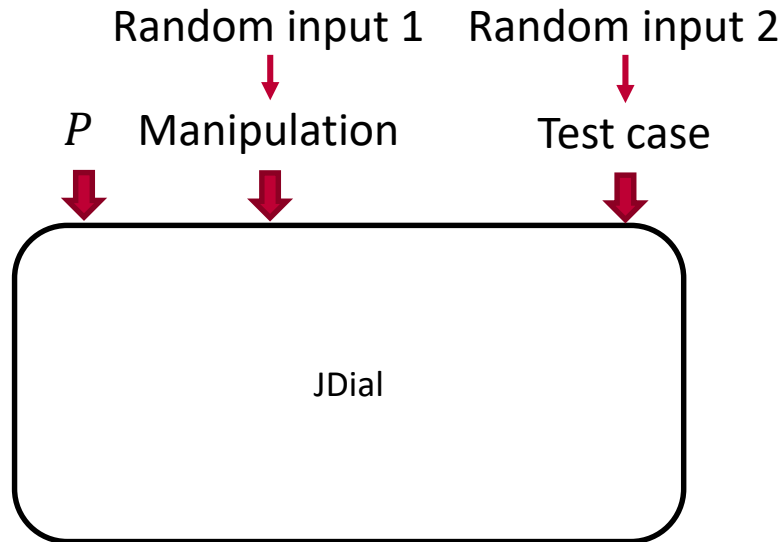
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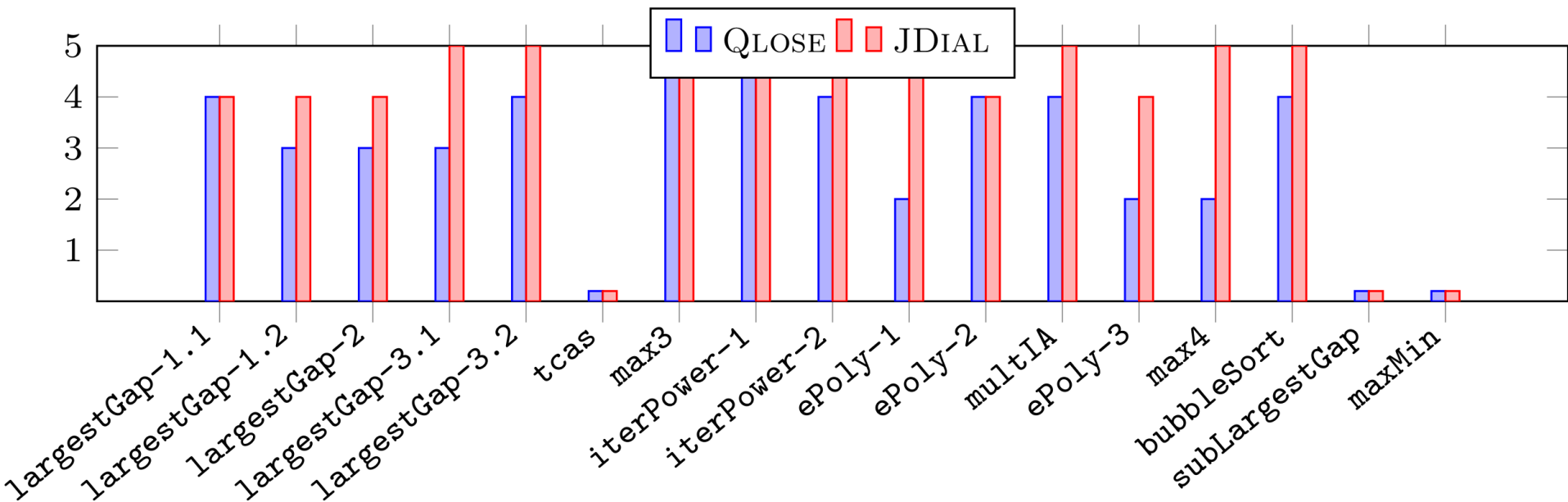
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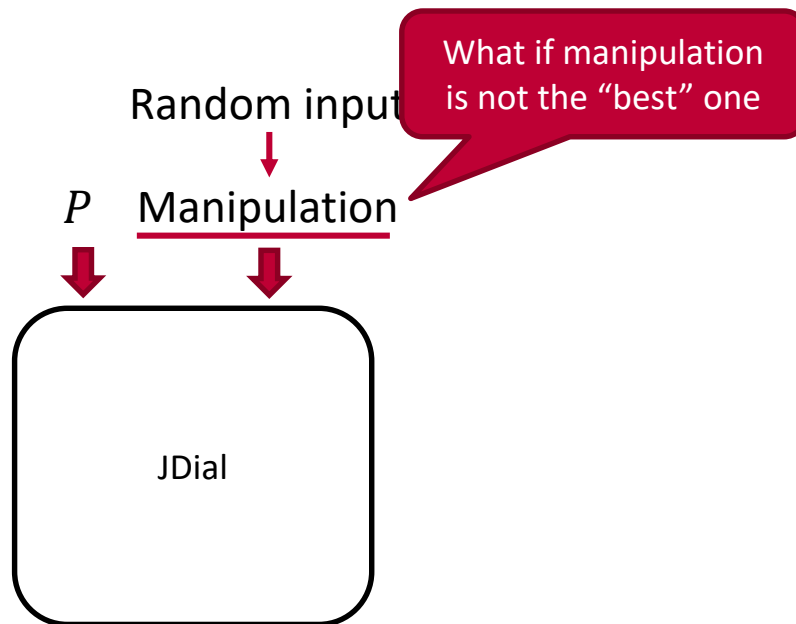
Provide one more test case



JDial + one test case vs two test cases



Question 2: How sensitive is JDial with respect to the trace location at which the state manipulation is performed?



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```

Trace on input = {9,5,6,10}

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i	-	-	-	1	→ 0
max	-	-	0	0	

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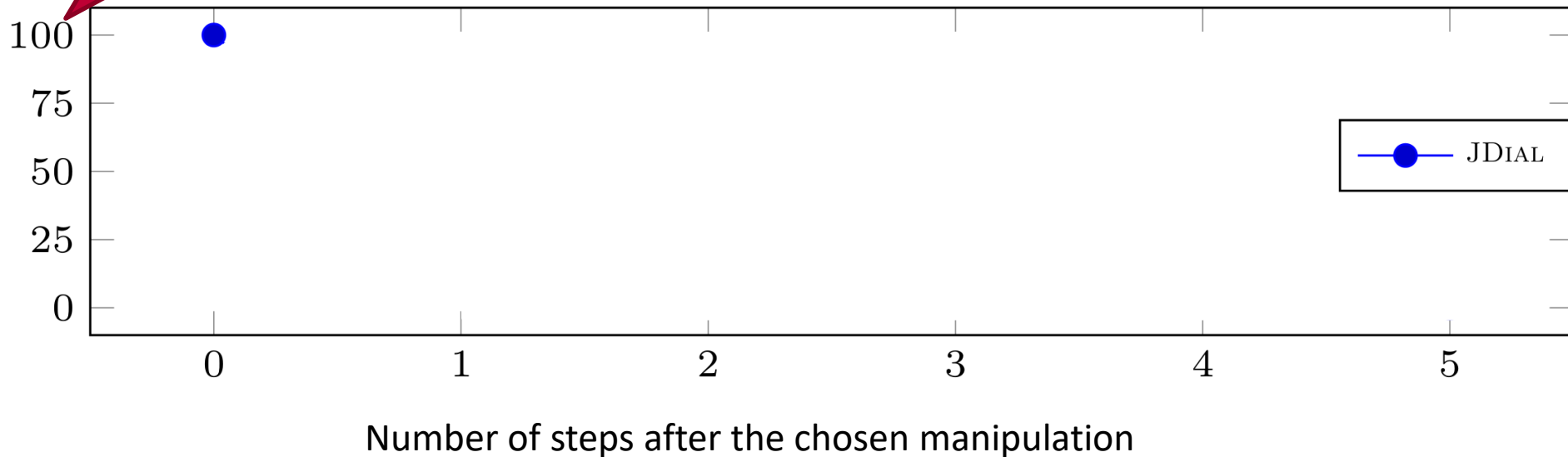
Manipulated location
↓

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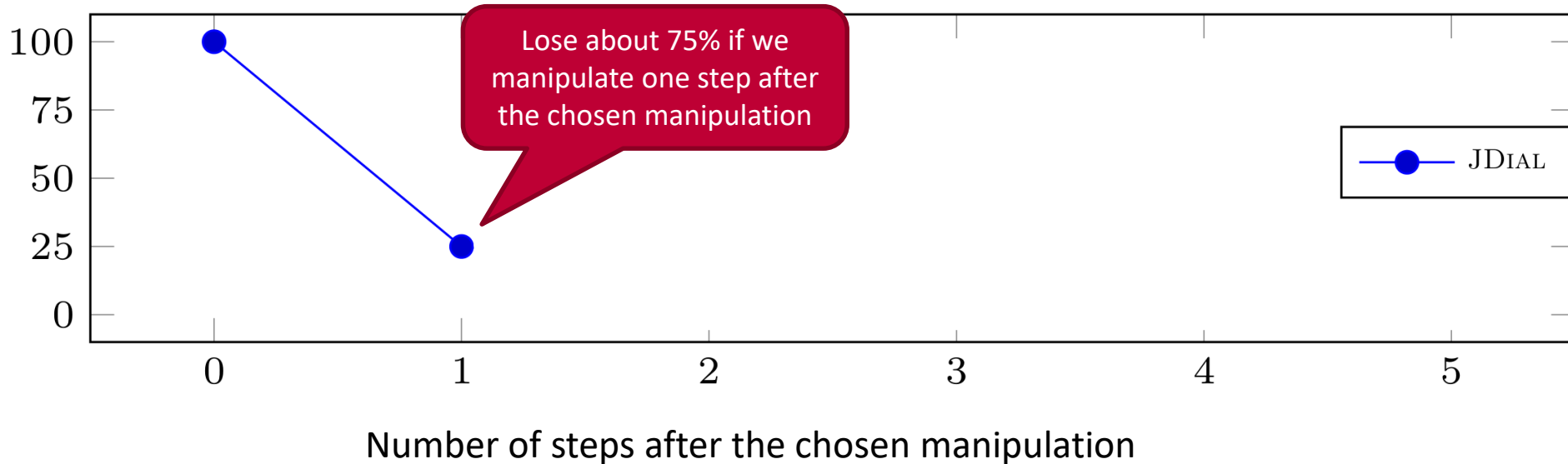
We will lose the good repair with this manipulation

Question 2: How sensitive is JDial with respect to the trace location at manipulation is performed?

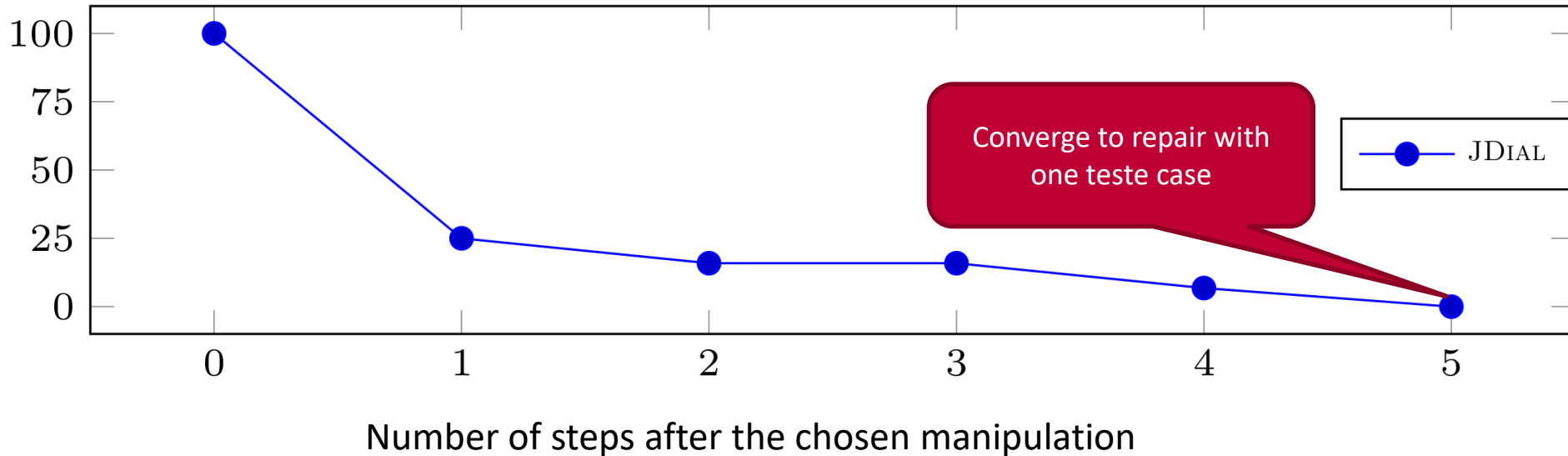
On how much percentage of random inputs we lose the desired repair due to the late manipulation



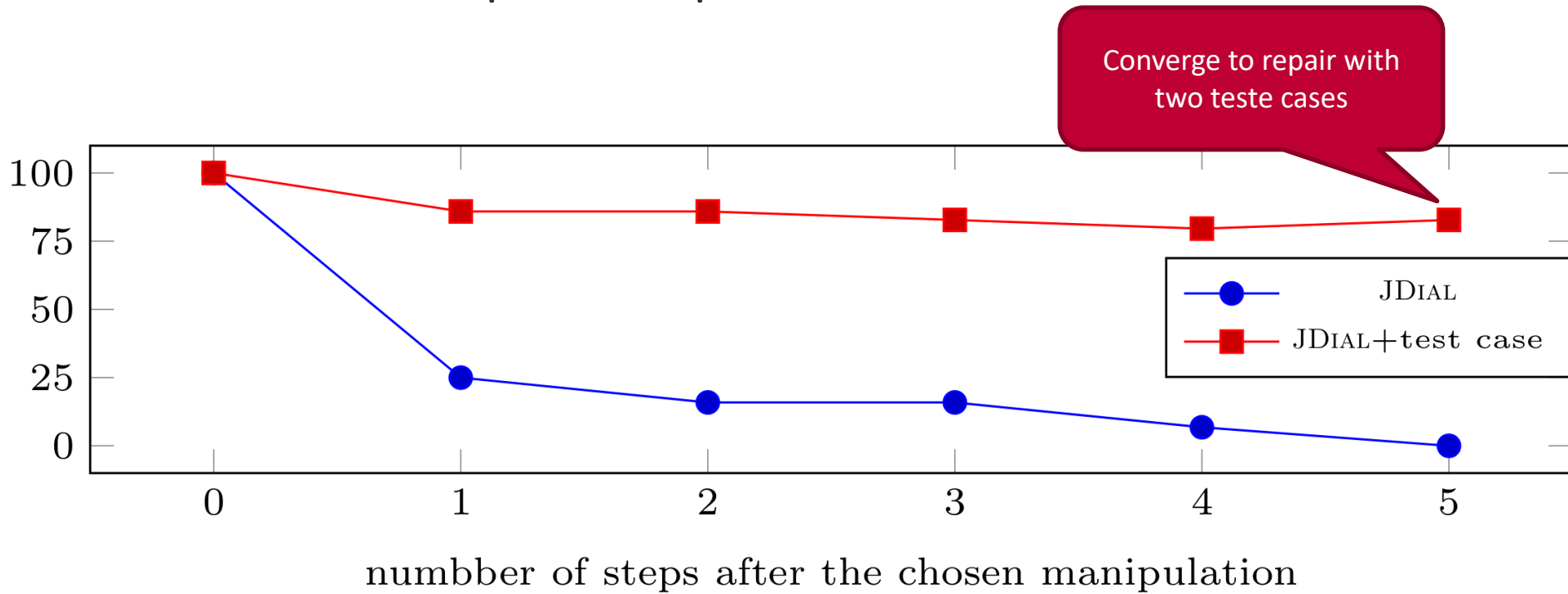
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Comparison to program repair via test cases

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7   return max + 4; }

```

Test cases: {9,5,6} -> 9

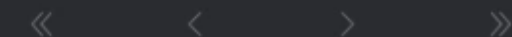
Hard to write test cases for partial implementations

```
public static int largestGap(int[] input){
    int max = 0;
    int min = 100;
    for(int i = 1; i < input.length; i++){
        if(input[i] > max){
            max = input[i];
        }
        //TODO: implement min
    }
    int result = max-min;
    return result;
}
```

Test cases: {9,5,6,10} -> ?

Conclusion

```
1 public class Main
2 {
3     public static int largestGap(){
4         int[] a = {9, 5 , 4};
5         int N = 3;
6         int max = 0;
7         int min = 100;
8         for(int i = 1; i < N; i++){
9             if(max < a[i]) max = a[i];
10            if(min > a[i]) min = a[i];
11        }
12        return max-min;
13    }
14
15    public static void main(String[] args)
16    {
17        int x = largestGap();
18        System.out.println(x);
19    }
20 }
```



waiting for execution trace...

Variables

waiting for execution trace...