Semantic Conflict Detection in Software Models

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Our goal and motivation

- Our goal is to detect static semantic and ontological conflicts in UML class models that can occur during parallel development.
- Our motivation is to prevent occurrence of defects in models and invalid merged model version which can directly influence final quality of models and source code written based on models.
- Correct detection of conflicts with their visualization is a good prerequisite for their resolution and successful synchronization of model versions.



Conflict detection based on defined conditions

Semantically similar elements

- added elements into versions
- elements must be same as



- mapping of ontology representing base version with ontologies representing derived versions
- mapping of ontologies representing derived versions

Identification of same_as relationships

- semantically most similar elements
- comparison of all element properties
- defined weights for each property
- similarity value compared with similarity threshold

Identification of is_a relationships

classes in hyperonymy relation

Identification of changes in model versions



- classes must be is a
- classes inherit from same as classes

Inheritance hierarchy cycle

- creation of merged version
- recursion starting from each class







Evaluation with manually created dataset