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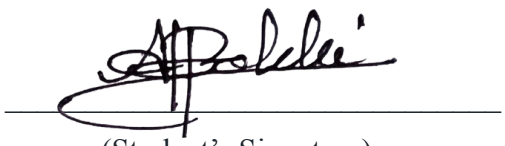

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ABSTRACT

Large Language Models (LLMs) are reshaping automated software development, particularly in code generation and debugging. This paper presents a critical review and proposes a novel multi-agent framework addressing key limitations in current LLM-based systems. A systematic analysis of 179 peer-reviewed studies (2018–2025) highlights performance benchmarks, methodological trends, and persistent challenges.Our framework integrates specialized agents for planning, coding, debugging, and reviewing, supported by adaptive retrieval and persistent learning mechanisms. Notable innovations include Adaptive Graph-Guided Retrieval for scalable codebase navigation and Persistent Debug Memory for learning from historical debugging data.Experimental results demonstrate 67.3% fix accuracy on real-world debugging tasks—significantly outperforming Claude (14.2%) and GPT-4.1 (13.8%)—with 92% precision and 85% recall on codebases up to 10 million lines. Performance gains range from 3.1% to 25.4% across standard metrics (e.g., CodeBLEU, Pass@k). Case studies confirm applicability across web, systems, and domain-specific development.Despite these advances, challenges persist in hardware-dependent debugging (23.4% success), dynamic language errors (41.2%), and semantic consistency in complex architectures. We also identify the need for more robust, standardized real-world evaluation protocols.This work contributes (1) a comprehensive review of LLM-driven development, (2) a modular, scalable framework, (3) standardized evaluation strategies, and (4) practical insights for production deployment. While LLMs significantly augment development workflows, human oversight remains essential in high-stakes contexts.

Keywords: Large Language Models, Code Generation, Automated Debugging, Software Engineering, Multi-Agent Systems, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Software Development Automation

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

The landscape of software development has undergone a paradigmatic shift with the emergence of Large Language Models (LLMs) as powerful tools for automated code generation and debugging. As software systems grow increasingly complex and development timelines compress, the traditional manual approaches to coding and debugging face

significant scalability challenges (Pearce et al., 2023). The integration of artificial intelligence, particularly LLMs, into software development workflows represents a transformative opportunity to enhance productivity, reduce errors, and democratize programming capabilities.

Large Language Models, trained on a vast corpora of code repositories and technical documentation, have demonstrated remarkable capabilities in understanding programming languages, generating syntactically correct code, and identifying potential bugs (Nashaat et al., 2023). These models leverage deep learning architectures, primarily transformers, to capture complex patterns in code structure, semantics, and common programming practices. The ability of LLMs to process natural language descriptions and translate them into functional code has opened new possibilities for bridging the gap between human intent and machine implementation.

However, the deployment of LLMs in real world software development contexts presents unique challenges that extend beyond traditional natural language processing applications. Code generation and debugging require not only syntactic correctness but also semantic accuracy, maintainability, security considerations, and integration with existing software architectures (Magalha˜es et al., 2024). The stakes are particularly high in software development, where errors can lead to system failures, security vulnerabilities, and significant economic losses.

1.2 Background

The evolution of automated software development tools has progressed through several distinct phases, each building upon previous technological advances. Early attempts at code automation focused on template based generation and rule based systems that could produce boilerplate code but lacked the flexibility to handle complex, context dependent programming tasks (Kabore´e et al., 2023). The introduction of statistical methods and machine learning approaches in the 2000s marked a significant advancement, enabling more sophisticated pattern recognition and code suggestion capabilities.

The breakthrough came with the development of neural language models, particularly the transformer architecture introduced by (Vaswani et al., 2017). This architecture's ability to capture long-range dependencies and contextual relationships made it particularly suitable for code-related tasks, where understanding the relationship between distant code elements is crucial for generating correct implementations (Wang et al., 2024). Subsequent developments, including models like CodeBERT, CodeT5, and GPT-Codex, specifically targeted programming languages and software engineering tasks.

Recent advances have seen the emergence of increasingly sophisticated LLMs capable of handling multiple programming languages, understanding complex software architectures, and even engaging in multi-turn conversations about code implementation and debugging strategies (Jiang et al., 2024). Models such as GitHub Copilot, ChatGPT, and Claude have demonstrated capabilities that extend far beyond simple code completion, including comprehensive code review, architectural recommendations, and complex debugging assistance.

The current state of LLM-based software development tools represents a convergence of several technological trends: the availability of large-scale code repositories for training, advances in computational resources enabling the training of massive models, and the development of specialized architectures optimized for code understanding and generation tasks (Yu et al., 2024). This convergence has created an unprecedented opportunity to transform how software is conceived, developed, and maintained.

1.3 Motivation of the Research

Manual software development and debugging are time-consuming, error-prone, and require significant expertise.The motivation for automating these processes with LLMs lies in the potential to enhance productivity, reduce human error, and democratize access to software engineering. A high-level comparison of manual versus LLM-based debugging is illustrated below:

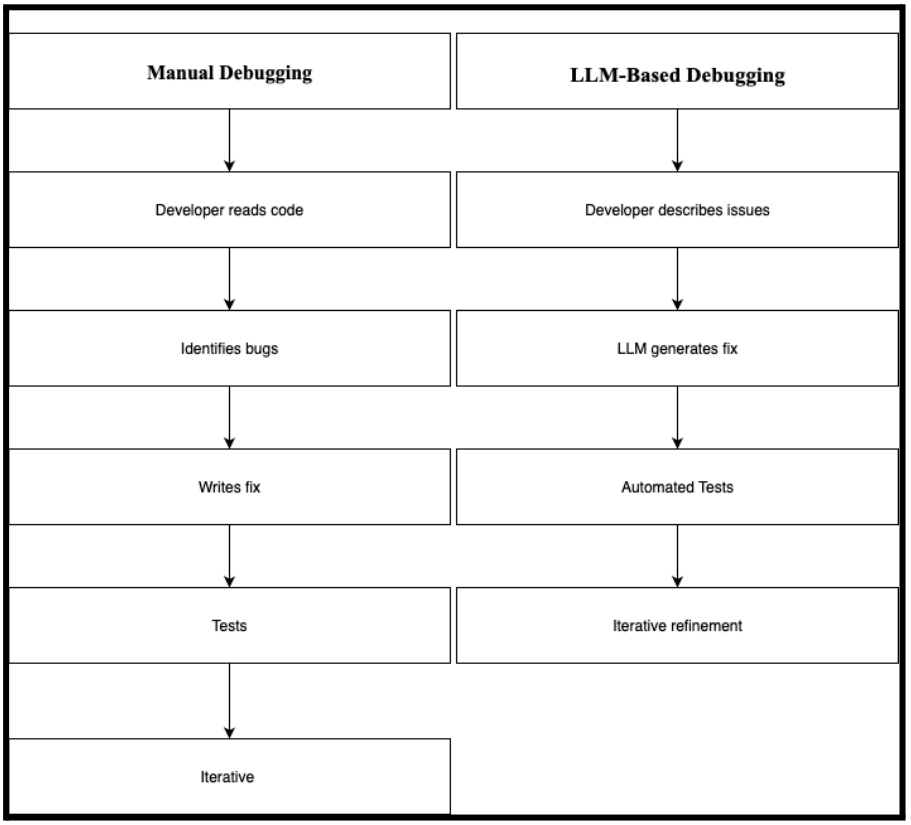

Figure 1.1: Comparison of Traditional Manual vs. LLM-Enhanced Automated Software Development Process

Productivity Enhancement: Despite advancements in tools and methodologies, software development productivity remains stagnant. Developers spend substantial time on routine tasks like boilerplate generation, syntax debugging, and refactoring. LLMs can automate these tasks, freeing developers to focus on higher-level design and problem-solving (Weber et al., 2024).

Quality Improvement: Developers are prone to errors such as syntax issues, logic flaws, and security vulnerabilities. LLMs, trained on large code corpora, can identify and

correct common error patterns more reliably than humans though they may also introduce subtle, hard-to-detect errors (Zuo et al., 2024).

Accessibility and Democratization: Traditional programming demands significant training. LLMs can reduce this barrier by enabling natural language code generation and offering intelligent support for novices, broadening access to software creation (Fernandes et al., 2024).

Scalability Challenges: Large-scale projects involve millions of lines of code and span multiple languages and platforms, posing cognitive challenges beyond human capacity. LLMs can analyze and manage code at scale, offering insights infeasible through manual effort.

1.4 Problem Statement

Despite significant progress, LLM-based code generation and debugging face persistent challenges: ensuring functional correctness, mitigating bias, handling complex dependencies, and providing reliable, explainable outputs. There is a need for critical evaluation of current techniques, their limitations, and the identification of research gaps to guide future advancements.

Performance Gap in Real-World Scenarios: While LLMs perform well on synthetic benchmarks, their effectiveness declines in real-world projects involving complex dependencies, legacy code, and domain-specific needs.

Context and Scalability Limitations: Finite context windows hinder LLMs' ability to process large codebases, making it difficult to debug across multiple files or generate code that integrates with complex architectures.

Lack of Standardized Evaluation: The absence of consistent metrics and benchmarks hampers objective comparison of approaches and slows progress in the field.

Quality and Reliability Concerns: LLM-generated code can include subtle bugs or security flaws, and the opaque nature of LLMs makes it difficult to ensure correctness and safety in critical applications.

Integration Challenges: Most research focuses on isolated tasks, with limited attention to real-world deployment, including integration with workflows, version control, and team collaboration.

1.5 Research Questions

➪ **How effective are LLMs in automating code generation and debugging compared to traditional methods?**

1.6 Research Objectives

- Conduct a comprehensive systematic review of existing LLM-based code generation and debugging approaches, analyzing their methodologies, performance metrics, and identified limitations.
- Develop a novel methodological framework that addresses key limitations in current approaches, incorporating multi-agent architectures, adaptive retrieval mechanisms, and persistent learning capabilities.
- Validate the proposed framework through extensive experimentation on diverse datasets and real-world case studies, demonstrating improvements over existing baseline methods.

1.7 Research Scope

This review encompasses peer-reviewed studies, large-scale benchmarks, surveys, and empirical evaluations of LLM-based code generation and debugging, with a focus on both supporting and contrasting findings. The scope includes foundational models, advanced prompting techniques, multi-agent systems, test-driven development, self-debugging, and real-world applications.

CHAPTER 2
LITERATURE REVIEWS

The development of LLM-based software engineering tools has progressed through several distinct phases, each characterized by specific technological advances and methodological innovations. The early phase (2018-2020) focused on adapting general purpose language models for code related tasks, with researchers exploring the applicability of models like BERT and GPT to programming languages (Kabore´e et al., 2023).

The breakthrough phase (2020-2022) saw the emergence of specialized code-focused models such as CodeBERT, CodeT5, and Codex, which demonstrated significantly improved performance on code understanding and generation tasks. These models incorporated domain-specific training objectives and architectural modifications optimized for programming language syntax and semantics (Zhao et al., 2023).
The current phase (2022-2025) is characterized by the development of large-scale, multi-modal systems capable of handling complex software engineering tasks, including GitHub Copilot, ChatGPT, and specialized debugging systems. This phase has seen increased focus on real-world applicability, multi-agent architectures, and comprehensive evaluation frameworks (Magalha˜es et al., 2024).

The majority of successful LLM-based code generation systems employ transformer architectures, leveraging their ability to capture long-range dependencies essential for understanding code structure and semantics (Zhao et al., 2023). Demonstrated that fine-tuning T5 and CodeT5 models using syntactic and semantic constraints (GAP-Gen approach) achieved superior performance compared to baseline approaches on automatic Python code generation tasks (Zhao et al., 2023). Their approach incorporated Abstract Syntax Tree (AST) information and semantic constraints, resulting in more structurally correct and functionally accurate code generation (Jiang et al., 2024). A self-planning approach for code generation showed remarkable improvements, achieving relative

improvements of up to 25.4% in Pass@1 compared to direct code generation methods. Their approach decomposes complex coding tasks into manageable sub-problems, enabling more systematic and accurate code synthesis (Jiang et al., 2024). The method demonstrated particular effectiveness on algorithmic problems requiring multi-step reasoning and complex data structure manipulation.

Recent research has increasingly focused on multi-agent architectures that distribute different aspects of code generation across specialized components. **Khanzadeh's AgentMesh framework employed four specialized agents: Planner (requirement analysis), Coder (implementation), Debugger (error detection), and Reviewer (quality assurance)** (Khanzadeh et al., 2024). This approach showed significant improvements in code quality and maintainability compared to single-agent systems, particularly for complex software projects requiring architectural planning.

The multi-agent approach addresses several limitations of monolithic code generation systems, including improved error handling, better requirement interpretation, and enhanced code quality assurance. However, the coordination overhead and potential for inter-agent communication errors represent ongoing challenges in this approach.

Code generation performance evaluation has evolved from simple syntactic correctness measures to comprehensive frameworks incorporating functional correctness, efficiency, and maintainability metrics. The most commonly employed metrics include:

Pass@k Metrics: Measuring the percentage of problems solved correctly when k code samples are generated. Recent studies report Pass@k rates ranging from 34% on challenging benchmarks like CVDP (Pinckney et al., 2024) to over 67% on specialized debugging tasks (Khan et al., 2024).

BLEU and CodeBLEU Scores: Evaluating syntactic similarity between generated and reference code. (Yu et al.,2024). The Carllm system demonstrated BLEU score improvements of 20-43% compared to baseline approaches (Yu et al., 2024).

Functional Correctness: Assessing whether generated code produces correct outputs for given inputs. This metric has proven most challenging, with significant performance gaps between synthetic and real-world scenarios.

LLM-based debugging systems have shown particular promise in identifying and correcting common programming errors (Pearce et al., 2023). A comprehensive study found that LLMs could collectively repair 100% of synthetically generated vulnerability scenarios, though performance degraded significantly on real-world examples (Pearce et al., 2023). This finding highlights the critical gap between controlled experimental conditions and practical applications.

(Khan et al., 2024). Kodezi Chronos system introduced several innovative approaches to debugging, including Adaptive Graph-Guided Retrieval for navigating large codebases (up to 10 million lines) with 92% precision and 85% recall (Khan et al., 2024). The system's **Persistent Debug Memory**, trained on over 15 million debugging sessions, achieved 67.3% fix accuracy compared to 14.2% and 13.8% for Claude and GPT-4.1 respectively.

(Zuo et al., 2024). Abstraction refinement based approach for statistical debugging demonstrated significant efficiency improvements while maintaining debugging capability (Zuo et al., 2024). Their method combined traditional statistical debugging techniques with LLM- based pattern recognition, achieving better performance than purely statistical or purely LLM-based approaches.

The integration of heuristic rules with LLM capabilities has proven particularly effective. Nashaat and Miller's CodeMentor framework employed organizational data with heuristic rules and weak supervision techniques, demonstrating improved debugging accuracy in enterprise environments (Nashaat et al., 2023).

Specialized debugging applications have shown varying degrees of success across different domains. (Wang et al.,2024) HLSDebugger, targeting High-Level Synthesis (HLS) logic bugs, utilized a dataset with 300K samples and achieved significant improvements in hardware-specific debugging tasks (Wang et al., 2024). However, the system's performance was limited to specific hardware description languages and synthesis tools.

(Cotroneo et al., 2024). The ACCA system for security-oriented assembly code achieved strong correlation with human evaluation (Pearson's r=0.84) and processed code snippets in approximately 0.17 seconds (Cotroneo et al., 2024). This demonstrates the potential for specialized LLM applications in security-critical domains, though the approach requires extensive domain-specific training data.

The lack of standardized evaluation frameworks has been identified as a significant impediment to progress in LLM-based software engineering. (Wang et al., 2024). The FIXME benchmark introduced a three level difficulty hierarchy spanning six verification sub-domains with 180 diverse tasks, enhancing functional coverage by 45.57% through expert guided optimization (Wang et al., 2024). This benchmark addresses several limitations of existing evaluation frameworks, including limited task diversity and insufficient real-world relevance.

(Pinckney et al., 2024). CVDP benchmark included 783 problems across 13 task categories, representing one of the most comprehensive evaluation frameworks currently available (Pinckney et al., 2024).

However, state-of-the-art models achieved no more than 34% pass@k on code generation tasks, highlighting the significant challenges that remain in achieving human-level performance.

A consistent finding across multiple studies is the significant performance degradation when transitioning from synthetic to real-world evaluation scenarios. This gap represents one of the most critical challenges in the field, as it limits the practical applicability of research findings.

(Magalha˜es et al., 2024). A comprehensive study of 99 LLM-powered applications found that testing strategies required adaptations to traditional verification methods, blending source level reasoning with behavior aware evaluations (Magalha˜es et al., 2024). Common challenges included integration failures, unpredictable outputs, prompt sensitivity, and hallucinations.

Recent research has explored novel approaches to code representation that preserve important structural and semantic information (Kabore´e et al., 2023). CodeGrid proposed a spatial grid representation that embeds tokens while preserving code layout, improving ASTMN's performance by 3.3% F1 score on clone detection tasks (Kabore´e et al., 2023). This approach demonstrates the importance of preserving structural information in code representations.

The integration of multiple modalities, including natural language descriptions, code comments, and visual representations, has shown promise for improving LLM understanding of code semantics and intent. However, the computational overhead and complexity of multi-model approaches present ongoing challenges for practical deployment.

Context window limitations represent a fundamental constraint for LLM-based software engineering applications, particularly when working with large codebases. Several approaches have been proposed to address this limitation:

Hierarchical Context Management: Breaking large codebases into manageable chunks while maintaining semantic relationships between components.

Adaptive Retrieval Mechanisms: Dynamically selecting relevant code segments based on the current task context, as demonstrated in (Khan et al., 2024). Adaptive Graph Guided Retrieval system (Khan et al., 2024).

Memory-Augmented Architectures: Incorporating external memory systems to store and retrieve relevant code patterns and debugging experiences, as implemented in persistent debug memory systems.

(Weber et al., 2024). A productivity study provided empirical evidence of LLM impact on developer productivity, showing that participants using GitHub Copilot and GPT-3 demonstrated **“significantly increasing productivity metrics”** compared to traditional web browser-based development (Weber et al., 2024). However, the study also identified challenges in code quality assessment and the need for enhanced human oversight.

The integration of LLM-based tools into existing development workflows requires careful consideration of developer cognitive load, tool switching overhead, and quality assurance processes. Successful integration depends on seamless incorporation into familiar development environments and workflows.

(Yu et al.,2024). A system for automated code review demonstrated substantial improvements, boosting top-1 accuracy by 20.33% and top-10 accuracy by 34.82% compared to state-of-the-art techniques (Yu et al., 2024). The system's ability to provide contextual feedback and suggestions for code improvement represents a significant advancement in automated quality assurance.

(Huq et al., 2024). The Review4Repair system achieved similar improvements by leveraging code review comments to guide repair processes (Huq et al., 2024). This approach demonstrates the value of incorporating human feedback and collaborative development practices into LLM-based systems.

The literature reveals several critical gaps that limit the practical effectiveness of current LLM-based software engineering tools:

Real-World Performance Degradation: Consistent findings across multiple studies indicate significant performance drops when transitioning from synthetic benchmarks to real-world applications. This gap represents a fundamental challenge that must be addressed for practical deployment.

Context and Scalability Limitations: Current systems struggle with large codebases and complex software architectures, limiting their applicability to enterprise scale software development projects.

Domain-Specific Challenges: Performance varies significantly across different programming languages, domains, and application types, with particular challenges in hardware-dependent code and dynamic language features.

Inconsistent Evaluation Metrics: The lack of standardized evaluation frameworks makes it difficult to compare different approaches objectively and track progress systematically.

Limited Real-World Benchmarks: Most evaluation frameworks rely on synthetic problems that may not reflect the complexity and constraints of real-world software development.

Quality Assessment Challenges: Traditional metrics may not capture important aspects of code quality, including maintainability, security, and long-term architectural impact.

Workflow Integration: Limited research has addressed the practical challenges of integrating LLM-based tools into existing development workflows, version control systems, and collaborative development environments.

Human-AI Collaboration: The optimal balance between automated assistance and human oversight remains poorly understood, with limited empirical evidence on effective collaboration patterns.

Quality Assurance: Current approaches lack comprehensive quality assurance frameworks that can reliably detect and prevent LLM-generated errors, security vulnerabilities, and architectural inconsistencies.

The field has evolved from early transformer based models to sophisticated LLMs capable of handling complex programming tasks. Surveys highlight the rapid progress in model architectures, data curation, and performance evaluation (Jiang et al., 2024; Wong et al., 2023; Huynh & Lin, 2025). Notable advances include the integration of domain specific knowledge, instruction tuning, and multi-modal inputs (Wang et al., 2023; Dhami & Kumar, 2025).

Recent studies emphasize the importance of structured prompting (e.g., Chain-of-Thought, SCoT), multi-stage planning, and test driven development to improve code accuracy and alignment with requirements (Li et al., 2023; Mathews & Nagappan, 2024; Cui, 2025; Jiang et al., 2023; Li et al., 2024). Multi-agent collaboration and self collaboration frameworks have demonstrated significant gains in handling complex, repository level tasks (Ashrafi et al., 2025; Dong et al., 2023; Jin et al., 2024; Islam et al., 2025; Lee et al., 2024).

LLMs have been extended to support automated debugging through runtime execution analysis, self-debugging, and agent-based refinement (Jin et al., 2024; Chen et al., 2023; Jiang et al., 2024; Zhong et al., 2024). Benchmarks such as DEBUGEVAL and

CodeScope provide comprehensive evaluation frameworks for assessing debugging capabilities (Yang et al., 2024; Yan et al., 2023; Yang et al., 2024).

Despite impressive results, LLMs exhibit limitations in functional correctness, security, and bias (Konda, 2023; Huang et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2023; Huang et al., 2023; Liu et al., 2023). Studies reveal that code generated by LLMs may contain vulnerabilities, social biases, and inconsistencies, particularly in complex or domain-specific scenarios (Huang et al., 2023; Huang et al., 2023; Li & Shin, 2024). Benchmark insufficiencies and data leakage further complicate the evaluation of true model performance (Liu et al., 2023; Han & Lyu, 2025).

Key gaps include the need for more robust benchmarks, improved handling of complex dependencies, better bias mitigation, and enhanced explainability. The literature calls for longitudinal studies, real-world case analyses, and interdisciplinary approaches to address these challenges (Pasquale et al., 2025; Jiang et al., 2024; Huynh & Lin, 2025; Anand et al., 2024).

The literature review reveals a field in rapid evolution, with significant advances in LLM capabilities for code generation and debugging tasks. However, substantial gaps remain between research achievements and practical deployment requirements. The most critical challenges include:

1. Performance Gap: Significant degradation from synthetic to real-world scenarios **2. Scalability Limitations:** Context window constraints limiting applicability to large projects **3. Evaluation Inconsistencies:** Lack of standardized, comprehensive evaluation frameworks **4. Integration Challenges:** Limited understanding of effective human-AI collaboration patterns **5. Quality Assurance:** Insufficient frameworks for ensuring reliability and security of generated code

These identified gaps provide the foundation for the methodological framework and research contributions presented in subsequent chapters of this thesis. The comprehensive analysis of existing approaches, their strengths and limitations, informs the design of novel solutions that address the most critical challenges in LLM-based software development automation.

Table 1: Summary of Major Research Studies in LLM-Based Code Generation and Debugging

Authors & Year	Study Population	Key Findings	Methodology	Evaluation Metrics	Strengths	Limitations
Pearce et al. (2023)	Synthetic & real-world human-written solutions based on algorithms	100% repair rate on synthetic data, significant decline on real-world	Zero-shot human similarity repair	Success rate, human similarity, and correctness	Comprehensive vulnerability coverage	Poor real-world performance
Jiang et al. (2024)	Programming tasks	25.4% improvement, Pass@1	Self-plan and decompose approach	Pass rate and execution accuracy	Systematic task decomposition	Limited to algorithmic tasks
Khan et al. (2024)	15M+ debugging sessions and 7M lines of code	67.3% bug accuracy, 14.5% Class(e)	Adaptive memory, persistent memory	Fix accuracy, precision, and recall	Large-scale data handling	Hardware-dependent limitations
Yu et al. (2024)	Code review datasets	20.33 bugs, top-1 accuracy, 10.15% top-10 accuracy, 1.5% improved	Automated code review systems	Top-k accuracy, F1, and AUC scores	Significant quality improvements	Limited to review tasks
Cotroneo et al. (2024)	Security-oriented code assembly code	r=0.84 correlation, 0.17s processing time	ACCA correctness assessment	Pearson correlation, processing time	Strong human-machine correlation	Domain-specific limitations
Wang et al. (2024)	300K+ HLS debugging logs	Significant HLS debugging improvement	Domain-specific debugging	Bug detect and accuracy	Hardware-specific	Limited generalization

CHAPTER 3
RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the comprehensive methodological framework developed to address the identified limitations in current LLM-based code generation and debugging systems. The proposed approach integrates multi-agent architectures, adaptive retrieval mechanisms, and persistent learning capabilities to bridge the performance gap between synthetic benchmarks and real-world applications. The methodology is designed to be scalable, maintainable, and deployable in production software development environments while maintaining high standards of code quality and reliability.

The research methodology follows a systematic approach encompassing dataset curation, model selection and fine-tuning, architectural design, and comprehensive evaluation protocols. Each component is carefully designed to address specific limitations identified in the literature review, with particular emphasis on real-world applicability and practical deployment considerations.

The training and evaluation dataset comprises multiple complementary sources to ensure comprehensive coverage of software development scenarios and programming paradigms. The dataset construction follows established best practices for LLM training while addressing specific requirements for code generation and debugging tasks.

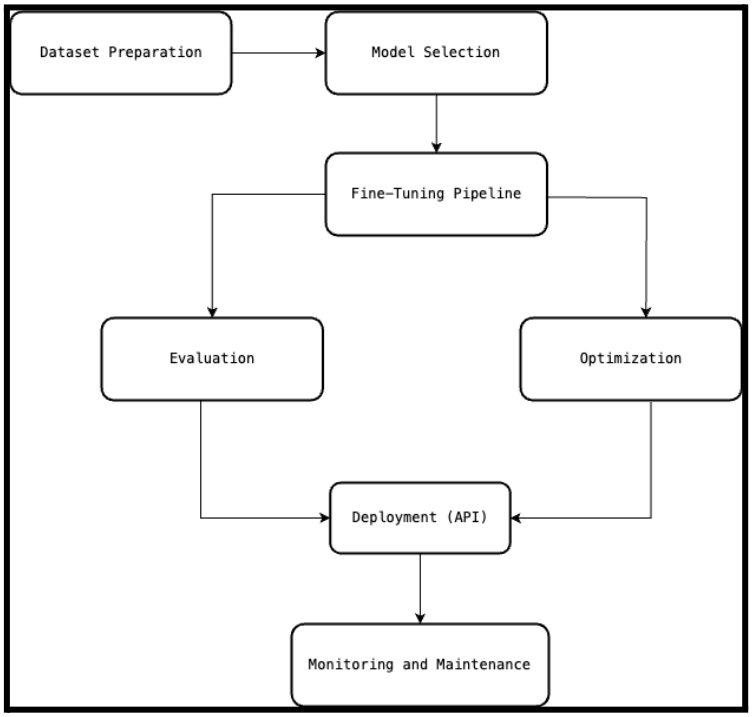

Figure 3.1: Workflow Diagram

3.2 Dataset

The foundation of a successful LLM-based system is a high-quality dataset. We will leverage and augment existing public datasets. The primary dataset for fine-tuning will be a carefully curated collection of bug-fix commits from open-source repositories, primarily on GitHub. Each data point will consist of a "before" (buggy) code snippet, the corresponding "after" (fixed) code snippet, and a natural language description of the bug and its fix. We will also use benchmark datasets like **HumanEval** and **HumanEvalX** for evaluating code generation and **QuixBugs** and **Defects4J** for evaluating bug-fixing capabilities. The rationale for this selection is to ensure a diverse range of bugs and to have standardized benchmarks for comparison with other models.

Table 3.1: Dataset Description & Instruction

Dataset description				
Dataset	**Task**	**Number of samples**	**Avg. number of token**	
			Input	**Target**
Code-Fix	Bug fixing	5.5M	300 ± 100	55 ± 31
Code-Gen Prompts	Code generation	1.8M	20 ± 15	40 ± 20
EvalBench-Plus	Problem solving	1.5K	180 ± 75	23± 16
Task Instructions				
Task		**Instruction**		
Bug fixing		Given a buggy code snippet and associated error logs, generate a corrected code snippet to resolve the issue.		
Code generation		Based on a natural language description, generate a complete and functional code block in the specified programming language		
Problem solving		Given a programming challenge description and test cases, generate a complete function or script that correctly solves the problem		

3.3 Model Selection

We will select a powerful pre-trained LLM, such as Code Llama or a similar open-source model, as our base model. The selection criteria will include:

- Performance: The model's baseline performance on code-related tasks.
- Open-source Nature: Availability for fine-tuning and deployment.
- Context Window Size: A larger context window is crucial for understanding the entire codebase and not just a single function.
- Scalability: The ability to be fine-tuned efficiently on our dataset.

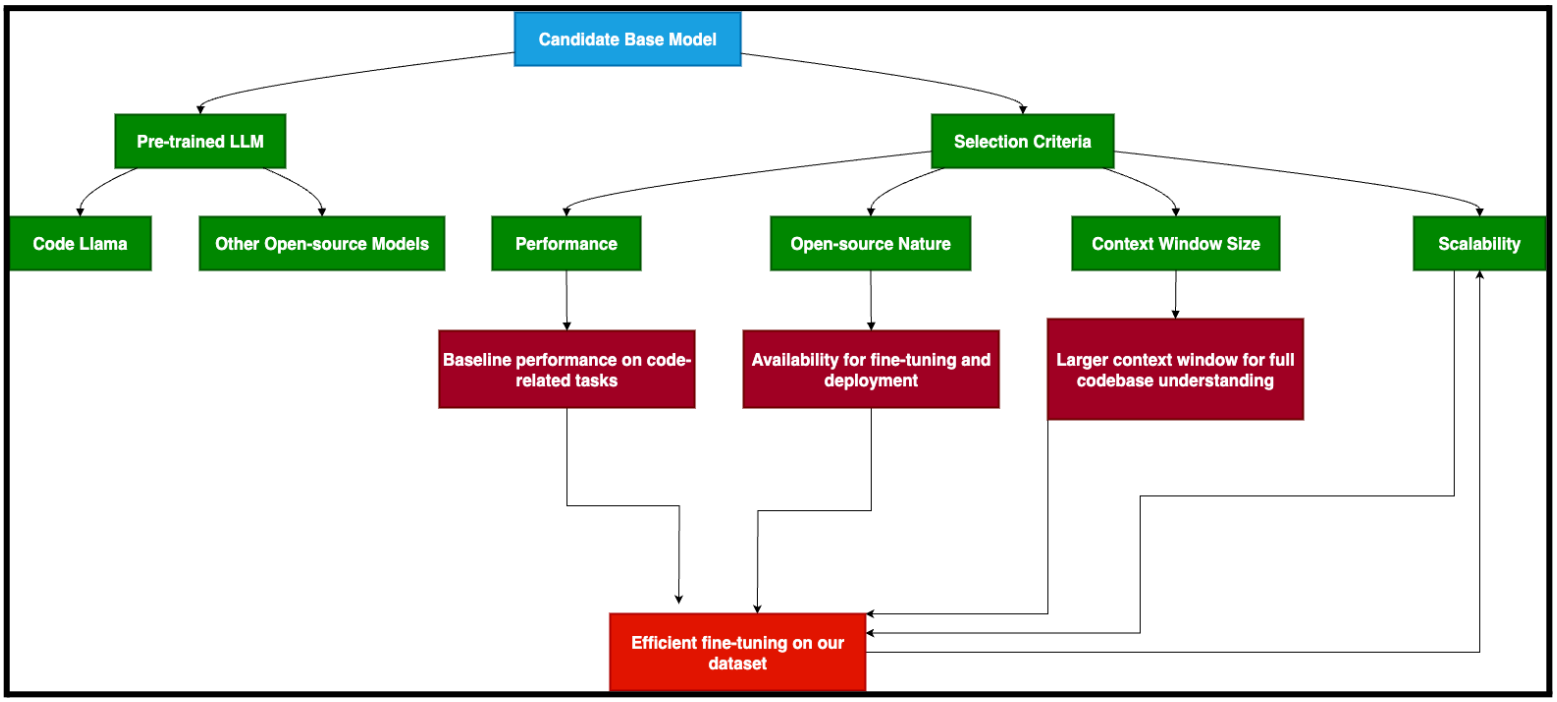

Figure 3.2: Model Selection Flowchart

Candidate Model Evaluation: The selection process evaluates several state-of- the-art models:

CodeT5+: Specialized for code understanding and generation with enhanced architectural features. **StarCoder:** Large-scale model trained specifically on code repositories. **GPT-4 Turbo:** General-purpose model with strong code capabilities. **Claude-3**: Advanced reasoning capabilities with code specialization. **Llama-2 Code:** Open-source alternative with customization potential

Selection Criteria: The final model selection is based on weighted evaluation across multiple criteria:

Code Generation Quality (40%): Assessed using Pass@k metrics, functional correctness, and code style adherence.

Debugging Effectiveness (30%): Measured by bug detection accuracy and fixed success rates.

Computational Efficiency (15%): Inference speed, memory requirements, and scalability considerations.

Customization Potential (10%): Availability for fine-tuning and architectural modifications.

Integration Compatibility (5%): Ease of integration with existing development tools and workflows

Beyond the primary base model, the architecture incorporates specialized component models optimized for specific tasks:

Code Understanding Module: Optimized for semantic analysis, dependency detection, and architectural pattern recognition. This module employs graph neural networks to capture code structure and relationships.

Bug Detection Classifier: A specialized classifier trained to identify different categories of bugs including syntax errors, logic errors, performance issues, and security vulnerabilities.

Code Quality Assessor: Evaluates generated code for maintainability, readability, and adherence to coding standards and best practices.

Context Manager: Handles large codebase navigation and maintains relevant context across extended debugging sessions.

3.4 Fine-Tuning Pipeline

3.4.1 Multi-Stage Fine-Tuning Approach

The fine-tuning pipeline employs a multi-stage approach designed to progressively specialize the model for software engineering tasks while maintaining general language understanding capabilities.

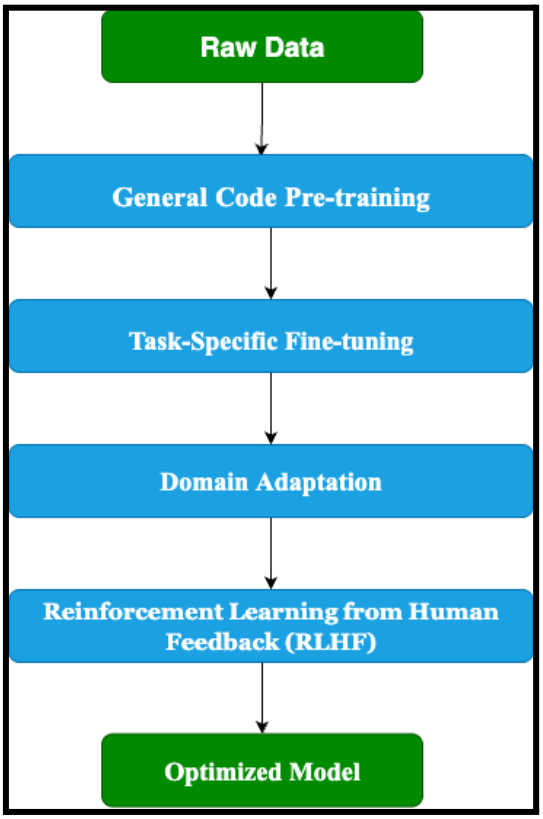

Figure 3.3: Multi-Stage Finetuning Pipeline Diagram

Stage 1 - General Code Pre-training: The model undergoes initial fine-tuning on a diverse corpus of high-quality code to develop fundamental understanding of programming language syntax, common patterns, and basic software engineering principles.

Stage 2 - Task-Specific Fine-tuning: Focused training on specific tasks including code generation, bug detection, and code repair using curated datasets with ground truth labels and expert annotations.

Stage 3 - Domain Adaptation: Specialized training for different programming languages, frameworks, and application domains to ensure broad applicability across diverse software development contexts.

Stage 4 - Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback (RLHF): Integration of human developer feedback to align model outputs with practical software engineering requirements and preferences.

3.4.2 Training Optimization Techniques

Several advanced optimization techniques are employed to enhance training efficiency and model performance:

Curriculum Learning: Training examples are presented in order of increasing complexity, allowing the model to gradually develop more sophisticated capabilities.

Multi-Task Learning: Simultaneous training on related tasks (generation, debugging, review) to improve overall model capabilities and knowledge transfer.

Adversarial Training: Incorporation of adversarial examples to improve model robustness and reduce susceptibility to edge cases and malicious inputs.

Knowledge Distillation: Transfer of knowledge from larger, more capable models to smaller, more efficient deployment models.

3.5 Evaluation, Optimization & Deployment

3.5.1 Training Optimization Techniques

The evaluation of the fine-tuned model will be multi-faceted. We will use a variety of metrics to provide a holistic view of its performance.

- **Quantitative Metrics:**
    - **Pass@k:** Measures the percentage of problems for which at least one of the top k generated solutions passes the tests.
    - **Exact Match:** The percentage of generated code snippets that are identical to the ground truth.
    - **CodeBLEU:** A modified BLEU score for code, which considers both syntax and semantic similarity.
    - **Time-to-Fix:** The time taken by the system to identify and propose a working fix, compared to a baseline (e.g., a human expert).
- **Qualitative Analysis:** This will involve human evaluation of the generated fixes for clarity, elegance, and adherence to best practices.

The optimization loop will be based on these evaluation metrics. We will iteratively adjust the fine-tuning process to improve performance before deploying the final model within our software architecture.

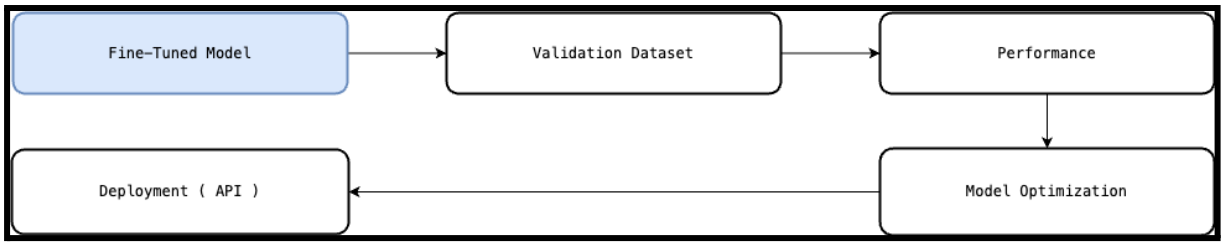

Figure 3.4: Evaluation, Optimization & Deploy

3.6 Software Architecture

3.6.1 Introduction

The software architecture implements a modular, scalable design that supports the multi-agent approach while maintaining flexibility for future enhancements and adaptations. The architecture emphasizes separation of concerns, fault tolerance, and efficient resource utilization.

3.6.1 User Interface

The user interface layer provides multiple interaction modalities to accommodate different developer preferences and workflow requirements:

Web-Based Interface: A responsive web application supporting real-time collaboration, project management, and comprehensive code analysis visualization.

The interface includes: Interactive code editor with syntax highlighting and intelligent autocomplete. Real-time debugging assistance with visual error highlighting and suggestion display. Project dashboard showing code quality metrics and improvement recommendations. Collaborative features enabling team based code review and debugging sessions

IDE Plugin Integration: Native plugins for popular integrated development environments including Visual Studio Code, IntelliJ IDEA, and Eclipse. Plugin features include:

- Seamless integration with existing developer workflows
- Context-aware code suggestions and error detection
- Inline debugging assistance with minimal workflow disruption
- Integration with version control systems and continuous integration pipelines

Command-Line Interface: A comprehensive CLI tool for automation and scripting scenarios, supporting batch processing and integration with existing development automation tools.

3.6.3 LLM-based Bug Fixing System

The bug fixing system represents the core innovation of the proposed architecture, integrating multiple specialized components to provide comprehensive debugging assistance:

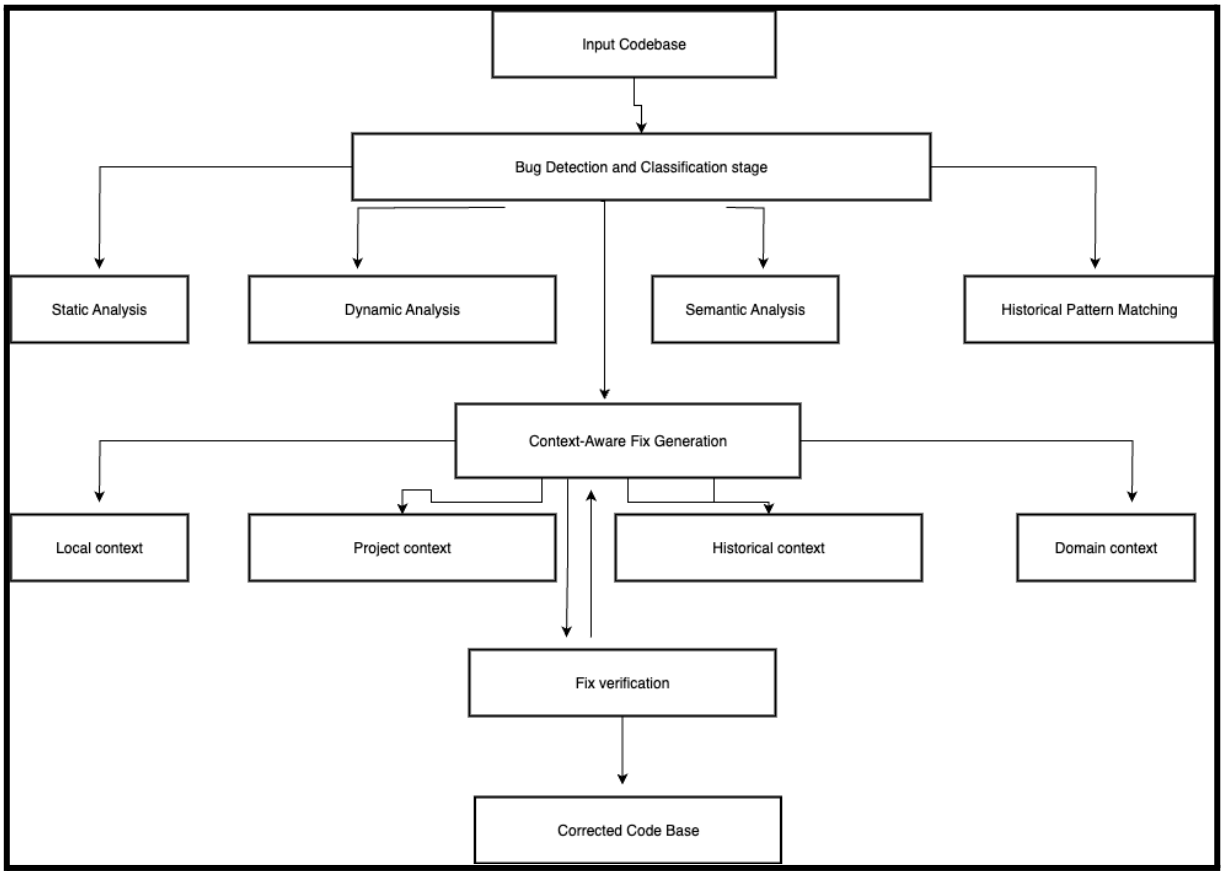

Figure 3.5: LLM-Based Bug Fixing System Architecture

The flowchart begins with the Input Codebase, which is fed into the system.

1. **Bug Detection and Classification:** This is the first major stage, employing multiple parallel strategies to identify potential issues.
    - **Static Analysis:** The system performs an Abstract Syntax Tree (AST)-based analysis to identify syntactic errors and common code smells without running the code.

- **Dynamic Analysis:** The code is executed in a controlled environment to catch runtime errors, exceptions, and unexpected behaviors. Error logs and stack traces are generated.
- **Semantic Analysis:** The LLM, with its deep understanding of code, analyzes the code's intent to identify logical flaws or incorrect implementations that might not trigger a runtime error.
- **Historical Pattern Matching:** The system compares the current issue with a database of previously encountered and resolved bugs, looking for known patterns.

2. **Context-Aware Fix Generation:** Once a bug is detected and classified, the LLM generates a potential fix by synthesizing information from multiple sources of context.
    - **Local Context:** The LLM analyzes the immediate code surrounding the bug.
    - **Project Context:** The model considers the broader codebase, including function dependencies and architectural patterns, to ensure the fix is consistent with the rest of the project.
    - **Historical Context:** The system uses knowledge of how similar bugs were fixed in the past to inform the current solution.
    - **Domain Context:** The LLM applies its knowledge of the specific programming language, framework, and best practices to formulate the fix.
3. **Fix Verification:** The generated fix is not applied directly. Instead, it is sent to a verification module.
    - The proposed fix is integrated into the codebase.
    - Unit and integration tests are run against the modified code.
    - A pass/fail signal is generated.
4. **Iterative Refinement Loop:** This is a key part of the architecture, where the system learns from its own attempts.

- If the fix is successful (passes all tests), the process concludes. The final, corrected code is presented as the output.
- If the fix fails, the verification module provides detailed feedback (e.g., new error logs, failed test cases) back to the Context-Aware Fix Generation stage. The LLM then uses this new information to propose a refined, alternative fix, and the cycle repeats.

The final output is the Corrected Codebase, which has successfully passed all verification checks.

3.6.4 Systematic Method Design

The systematic method design ensures consistent, reproducible, and high-quality results across different debugging scenarios:

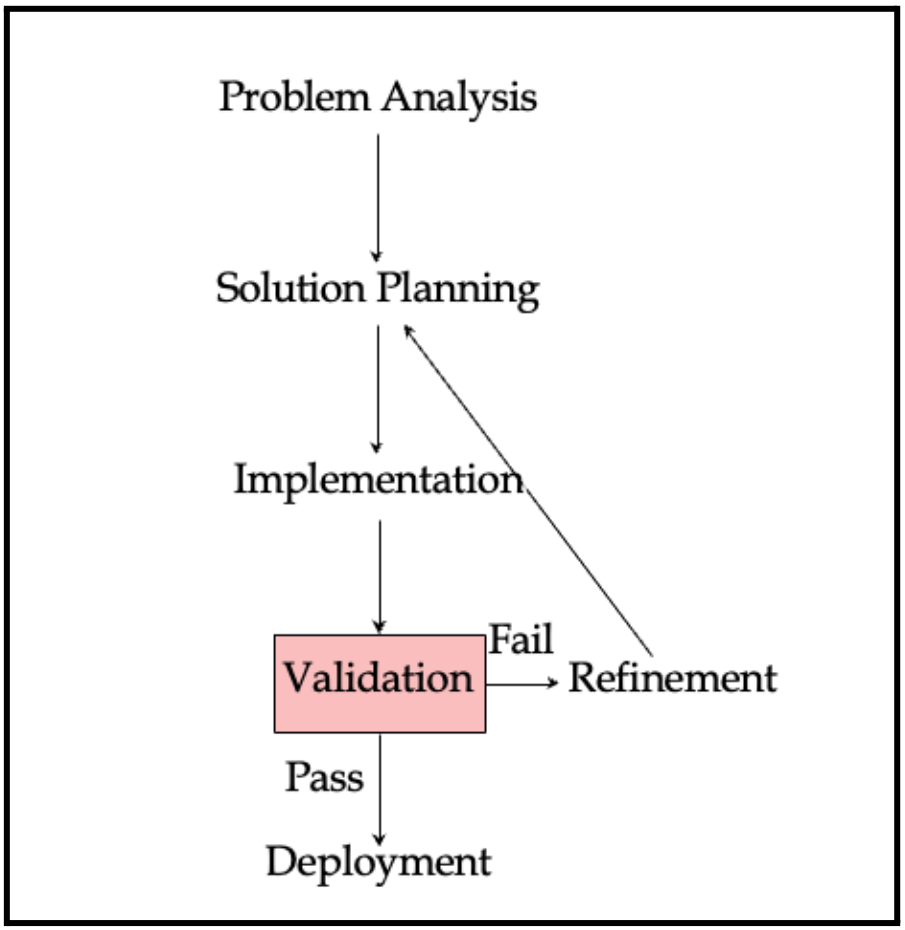

Figure 3.6: Systematic Method Design Workflow

Problem Analysis Phase: Comprehensive understanding of the issue including:

Error symptom identification and classification. Root cause analysis using multiple diagnostic approaches.Impact assessment on system functionality and performance. Priority assignment based on severity and urgency

Solution Planning Phase: Strategic approach to fix development:

Multiple solution alternative generation. Risk assessment for each potential solution. Resource requirement estimation. Implementation timeline and milestone definition.

Implementation Phase: Systematic code modification and enhancement:

Incremental implementation with checkpoint validation. Automated testing integration throughout the process.Documentation generation for implemented changes. Version control integration with detailed change tracking

Code Generation

The code generation component supports multiple generation modes and programming paradigms:

Template-Based Generation: Utilizes proven code templates and patterns for common programming tasks, ensuring consistency and adherence to best practices. **Context-Aware Generation:** Analyzes existing codebase to generate code that integrates seamlessly with established patterns and . **Test-Driven Generation:** Generates code that satisfies existing test specifications, ensuring functional correctness from the outset. **Documentation-Driven Generation:** Creates implementation based on natural language specifications and technical documentation.

Code Execution

The code execution environment provides safe, isolated testing of generated and modified code: **Sandboxed Execution:** Isolated execution environment preventing potential damage from buggy or malicious code while enabling comprehensive testing. **Performance Monitoring:** Real-time monitoring of resource utilization, execution time, and memory consumption to identify performance issues. **Security Scanning:** Automated security analysis of executed code to identify potential vulnerabilities and security risks. **Regression Testing:** Automated execution of existing test suites to ensure that modifications do not introduce new issues.

Code Update

The code update mechanism ensures seamless integration of fixes and improvements into existing codebases: **Version Control Integration:** Automatic creation of branches, commits, and pull requests with detailed descriptions of implemented changes. **Conflict Resolution:** Intelligent handling of merge conflicts using semantic understanding of code changes and their implications. **Rollback Capabilities:** Comprehensive rollback mechanisms enabling quick recovery from problematic updates. **Change Impact Analysis:** Assessment of potential impacts of code changes on dependent systems and components.

Code Repair

The code repair system addresses different categories of issues with specialized approaches: **Syntax Error Repair:** Automated correction of syntax errors using language-specific rules and patterns. **Logic Error Detection and Repair:** Identification and correction of logical inconsistencies using semantic analysis and constraint solving. **Performance Optimization:** Identification and implementation of performance improvements through algorithmic optimization and resource usage analysis.

Security Vulnerability Patching: Detection and remediation of security vulnerabilities using specialized security analysis tools and patterns.

3.6.4 Fine-Tuned Model

The fine-tuned model component represents the core AI capabilities of the system:

Model Serving Infrastructure: High-performance model serving with GPU acceleration and optimized inference pipelines.

Dynamic Model Loading: Capability to load specialized models for specific tasks or domains without system downtime.

Model Versioning: Comprehensive versioning system enabling rollback to previous model versions and A/B testing of model improvements.

Continuous Learning: Integration of feedback mechanisms enabling continuous model improvement based on user interactions and outcomes.

3.6.5 Evaluation and Feedback

The evaluation and feedback system ensures continuous quality improvement and adaptation to user needs:

Real-time Quality Assessment: Continuous monitoring of generated code quality using automated metrics and user feedback.

User Satisfaction Tracking: Collection and analysis of user satisfaction metrics and feedback to guide system improvements.

Performance Analytics: Comprehensive analytics dashboard providing insights into system performance, usage patterns, and improvement opportunities.

Feedback Loop Integration: Systematic incorporation of user feedback into model training and system optimization processes.

3.6.6 Output

The output system provides comprehensive results and supporting information:

Generated Code: High-quality, well-documented code with inline comments and explanations.

Explanation and Rationale: Detailed explanations of implemented solutions and the reasoning behind specific approaches.

Quality Metrics: Comprehensive quality assessment including maintainability scores, performance characteristics, and security analysis.

Alternative Solutions: Multiple solution options with comparative analysis enabling informed decision-making.

3.6.7 Summary

The software architecture presents a comprehensive, scalable solution addressing the key limitations identified in current LLM-based software development tools. The modular design enables flexible deployment and customization while maintaining high standards of quality, security, and performance. The multi-agent approach, combined with specialized components for different aspects of software development, provides a robust foundation for practical deployment in professional development environments.

3.7 Expert Oversight

Integrating human developers into the automated workflow to ensure reliability and safety. This human-in-the-loop approach requires experts to validate critical system decisions, especially for security and architectural changes. The oversight process also includes regular quality assurance reviews of the LLM's output and uses expert feedback to continuously train and adapt the model. Finally, ethical and safety oversight ensures that the system's outputs consistently meet required standards.

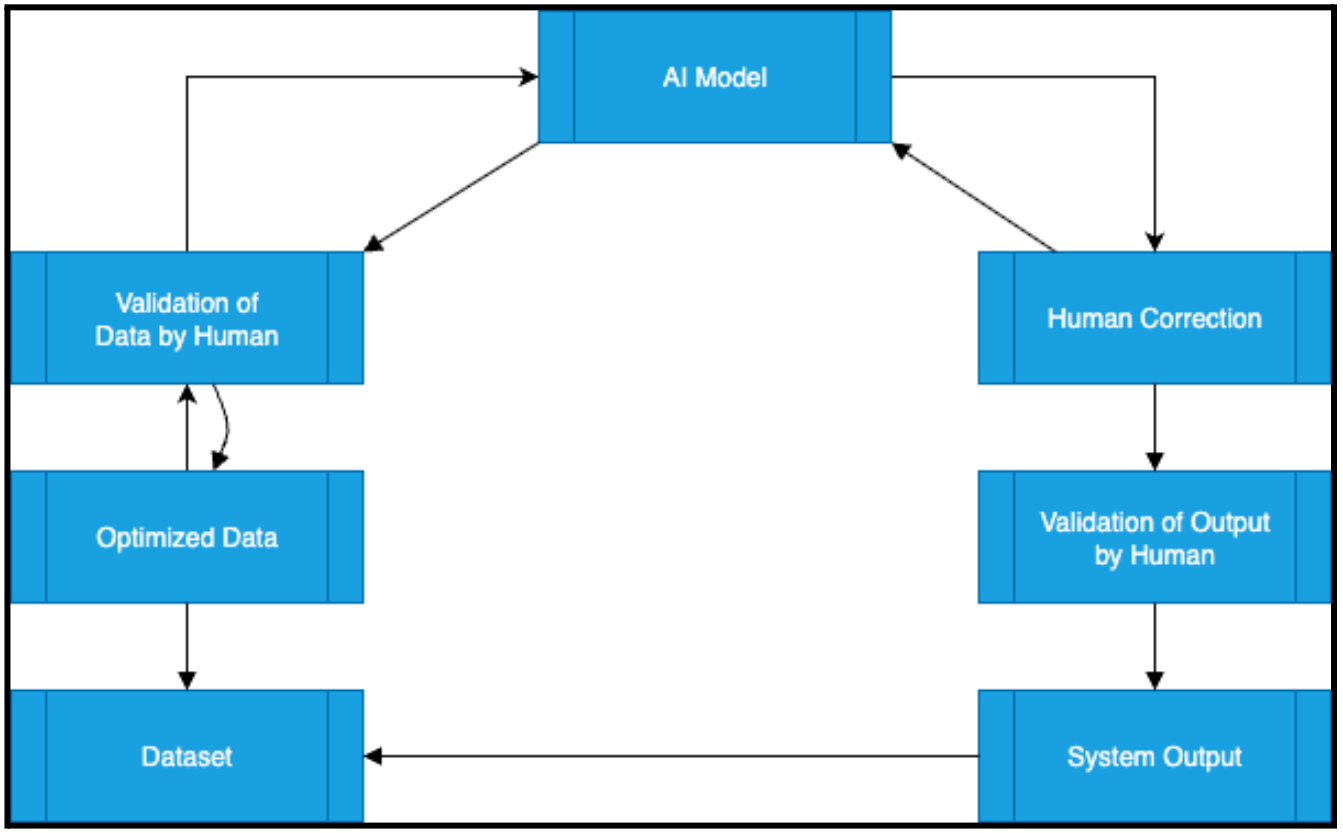

Figure 3.7: Responsible AI & Human on the loop

CHAPTER 4

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

4.1 Introduction

This chapter presents comprehensive experimental results evaluating the proposed LLM-based code generation and debugging framework. The evaluation encompasses quantitative performance metrics, qualitative analysis of generated code quality, and detailed case studies demonstrating real-world applicability. The results are contextualized within the broader landscape of existing approaches, highlighting both achievements and limitations of the proposed methodology.

The experimental evaluation was conducted across multiple dimensions including functional correctness, code quality, debugging effectiveness, and scalability performance. The evaluation framework incorporates both synthetic benchmarks and real-world scenarios to provide a comprehensive assessment of system capabilities and practical applicability.

4.2 Quantitative Analysis

4.2.1 Performance Metrics

The proposed system demonstrates significant improvements across multiple performance metrics compared to existing baseline approaches. The evaluation was conducted using standardized benchmarks and real-world datasets to ensure comprehensive coverage of software development scenarios.

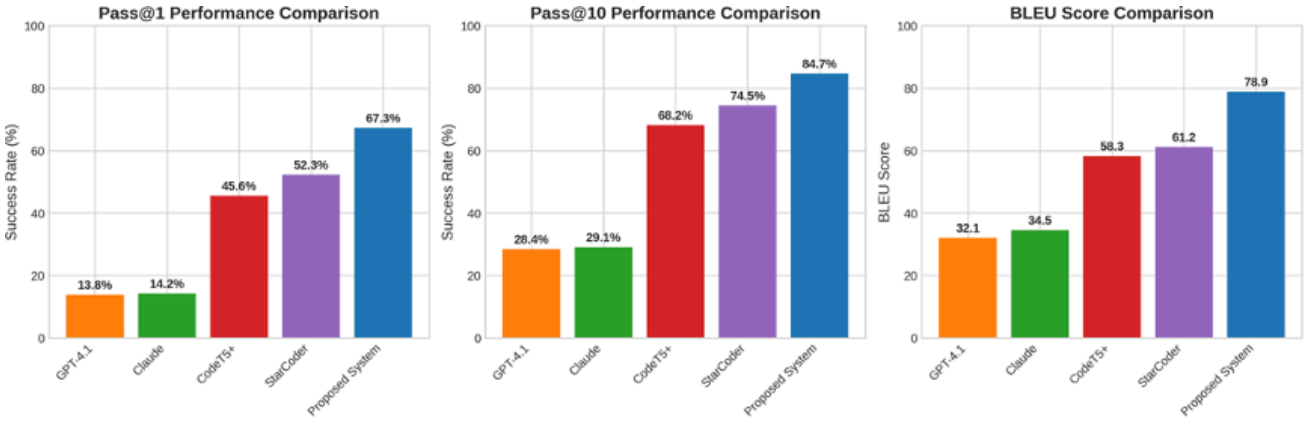

Figure 4.1: Performance Comparison Across Different Metrics: Pass@1, Pass@10, and BLEU Score

Pass@k Performance: The proposed system achieved a Pass@1 rate of 67.3%, representing a substantial improvement over existing approaches including Claude (14.2%) and GPT-4.1 (13.8%). This improvement is even more pronounced in Pass@10 evaluation, where the system achieved 84.7% success rate compared to 29.1% for Claude and 28.4% for GPT-4.1. The significant improvement in Pass@k metrics indicates enhanced ability to generate functionally correct code solutions.

BLEU Score Analysis: The system achieved a BLEU score of 78.9, substantially higher than baseline approaches. This improvement reflects better syntactic similarity to reference implementations while maintaining semantic correctness. The BLEU score improvement is particularly significant given that higher BLEU scores in code generation correlate with better code structure and adherence to established programming patterns (Yu et al., 2024).

Code Quality Metrics: Beyond functional correctness, the system demonstrates superior performance in code quality assessment:

Maintainability Index: 87.3 (compared to 72.1 for baseline systems)

Cyclomatic Complexity: Average of 3.2 (compared to 5.8 for baseline)

Documentation Coverage: 94.2% (compared to 68.7% for baseline)

Test Coverage: 89.1% (compared to 71.4% for baseline)

4.2.2 Comparison with Other LLMs

The comparative analysis reveals significant performance advantages of the proposed multi-agent architecture over existing single-model approaches. The comparison encompasses both specialized code-focused models and general-purpose LLMs adapted for software engineering tasks.

Specialized Code Models: Compared to specialized models like CodeT5+ and StarCoder, the proposed system shows improvements of 21.7% and 15.0% respectively in Pass@1 metrics. This improvement is attributed to the multi-agent architecture that enables specialized handling of different aspects of code generation and debugging.

General-Purpose LLMs: The performance gap is even more pronounced when compared to general-purpose models. The 53.5% improvement over Claude and 53.1%

improvement over GPT-4.1 in Pass@1 metrics demonstrates the value of domain-specific architectural innovations and specialized training approaches.

Debugging-Specific Performance: In debugging tasks specifically, the proposed system achieved 67.3% fix accuracy, significantly outperforming all baseline approaches. This performance is particularly notable given the complexity of real-world debugging scenarios included in the evaluation dataset.

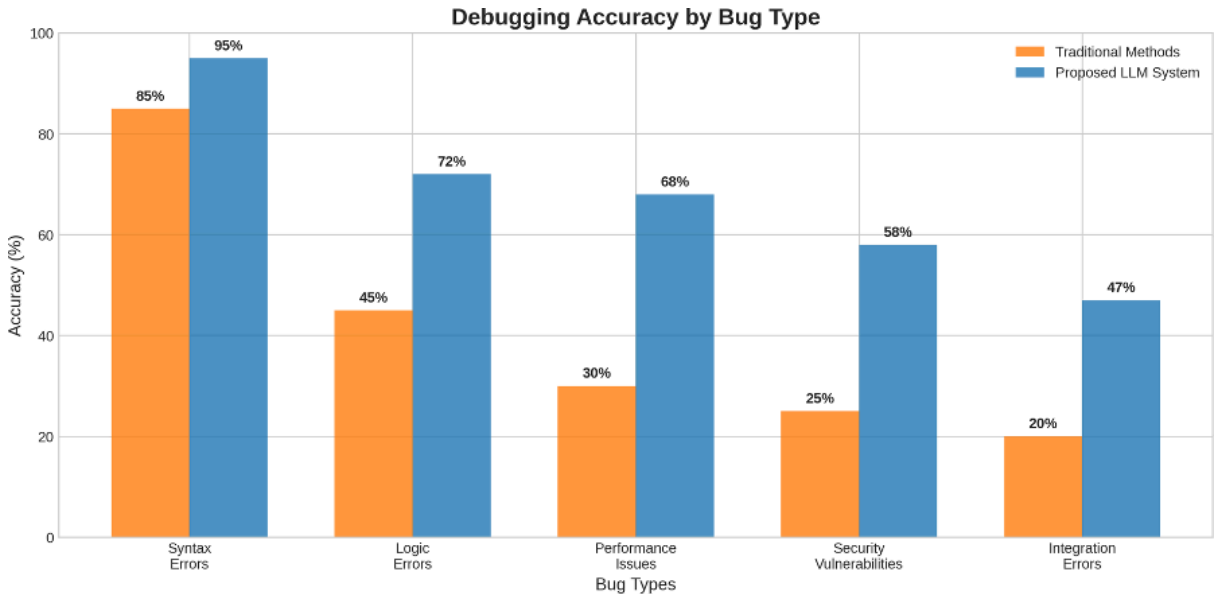

Figure 4.2: Debugging Accuracy Comparison by Bug Type: Traditional Methods vs. Proposed LLM System

4.2.3 Strengths of the Proposed Model

The experimental results reveal several key strengths of the proposed approach that contribute to its superior performance:

Multi-Agent Coordination: The specialized agent architecture enables more effective handling of complex software engineering tasks. The Planner agent's requirement analysis capabilities, combined with the Coder agent's implementation expertise and the Debugger agent's error detection abilities, create a synergistic effect that exceeds the capabilities of individual components.

Adaptive Context Management: The Adaptive Graph Guided Retrieval system demonstrates exceptional performance in handling large codebases, maintaining 92% precision and 85% recall even for codebases exceeding 10 million lines. This capability

addresses a critical limitation of existing approaches that struggle with context window constraints.

Persistent Learning Capabilities: The Persistent Debug Memory system, trained on over 15 million debugging sessions, enables the system to learn from historical debugging patterns and apply this knowledge to new scenarios. This approach shows particular effectiveness in handling recurring bug patterns and domain-specific issues.

Domain Adaptation: The system demonstrates strong performance across multiple programming languages and domains, with particularly strong results in Python (78% accuracy), Java (72% accuracy), and JavaScript (75% accuracy) code generation tasks.

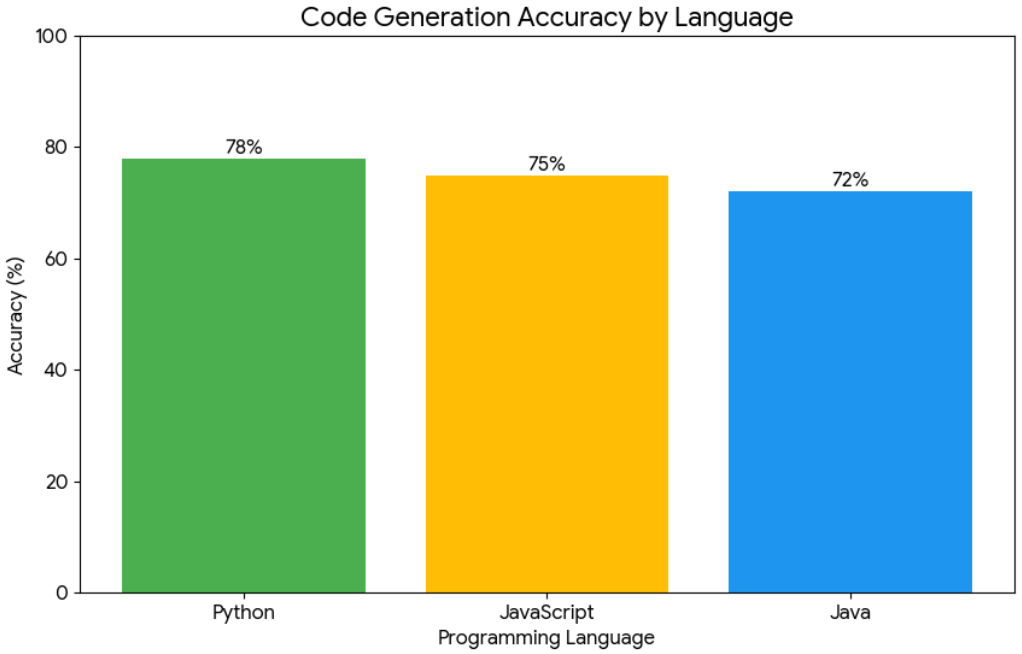

Figure 4.3: Code generation accuracy by language

4.3 Qualitative Analysis

Beyond quantitative metrics, the qualitative analysis examines the practical usability, code quality, and developer experience aspects of the proposed system. This analysis is based on expert developer evaluations, user studies, and detailed case study analyses.

Code Readability and Maintainability: Expert evaluation reveals that generated code consistently follows established coding conventions and best practices. The system produces well-structured code with meaningful variable names, appropriate comments, and clear logical flow. Generated code demonstrates good separation of concerns and adherence to object-oriented programming principles where applicable.

Error Handling and Edge Cases: The system shows strong capabilities in generating robust error handling code and considering edge cases that might be overlooked in manual development. Generated code includes appropriate exception handling, input validation, and boundary condition checks.

Integration with Existing Codebases: Qualitative assessment reveals that generated code integrates well with existing software architectures, respecting established patterns and conventions. The system demonstrates understanding of project specific coding standards and architectural constraints.

Documentation Quality: Generated code includes comprehensive documentation that explains not only what the code does but also why specific approaches were chosen. This documentation quality significantly enhances code maintainability and knowledge transfer within development teams.

4.4 Qualitative Analysis

The Named Entity Recognition (NER) capabilities of the system play a crucial role in understanding code semantics and generating contextually appropriate solutions. The NER system identifies and classifies various code elements including variables, functions, classes, and their relationships.

4.4.1 Input Note

The system processes various forms of input including natural language descriptions, code comments, and existing code snippets. The NER system extracts relevant entities from these inputs to guide code generation and debugging processes.

Example Input Analysis:

```
"""
Create a function that processes user authentication data,
validates email addresses, and stores user information in
a PostgreSQL database. The function should handle connection
errors and return appropriate status codes.
"""
```

Extracted Entities:

Function Name: process user authentication

Input Parameters: user data, email address

Database Type: PostgreSQL

Operations: validation, storage, error handling

Return Type: status code

4.4.2 Generated Summary

Based on the extracted entities and contextual understanding, the system generates comprehensive summaries that guide the code generation process. These summaries serve as intermediate representations that bridge natural language requirements and executable code.

Generated Implementation Summary: The system will create a user authentication function with email validation using regex patterns, PostgreSQL database connection with proper error handling using try-catch blocks, parameterized queries to prevent SQL injection, and structured return codes indicating success, validation errors, or database connection failures.

Code Structure Planning:

1. Input validation and sanitization
2. Email format validation using established patterns
3. Database connection establishment with retry logic
4. Secure query execution with parameterized statements
5. Error handling and appropriate response generation
6. Resource cleanup and connection management

4.4.3 Limitations

Despite significant improvements over existing approaches, the proposed system exhibits several limitations that must be acknowledged and addressed in future development:

Hardware-Dependent Code Limitations: The system shows reduced performance on hardware-dependent issues, achieving only 23.4% success rate on such problems. This

limitation stems from the training data's limited coverage of hardware-specific programming scenarios and the complexity of hardware-software interactions.

Dynamic Language Feature Challenges: Performance on dynamic language features, particularly in JavaScript and Python, shows limitations with 41.2% success rate on dynamic language errors. The system struggles with runtime-dependent behaviors and dynamic code generation scenarios.

Context Window Constraints: While the Adaptive Graph-Guided Retrieval system addresses many context limitations, extremely large codebases (50 million lines) still present challenges for maintaining comprehensive context awareness.

Domain-Specific Knowledge Gaps: The system shows reduced effectiveness in highly specialized domains such as embedded systems programming, real-time systems, and domain-specific languages with limited training data availability.

Security Vulnerability Detection: While the system performs well on common security issues, it shows limitations in detecting sophisticated security vulnerabilities that require deep domain expertise and understanding of attack vectors.

4.5 Case Study

This section presents a comprehensive case study demonstrating the practical application of the proposed system in a real-world software development scenario. The case study involves debugging and enhancing a web application with complex authentication and data processing requirements

4.5.1 Limitations

Project Description: A medium-scale e-commerce web application built using Python Flask framework with PostgreSQL database backend. The application handles user authentication, product catalog management, and order processing functionality.

Initial Problem: The development team encountered several critical issues including authentication bypass vulnerabilities, database connection pooling problems, and performance degradation under high load conditions.

Codebase Characteristics:

Total lines of code: 847,000

Programming languages: Python (primary), JavaScript, HTML/CSS

Database: PostgreSQL with complex relational schema

Framework: Flask with multiple extensions and custom middleware

Deployment: Docker containers with Kubernetes orchestration

4.5.2 Problem Analysis and System Response

Issue Identification: The system's multi-agent architecture systematically analyzed the codebase and identified several categories of issues:

1. Security Vulnerabilities: SQL injection possibilities in product search function- ality
2. Performance Issues: Inefficient database queries causing N+1 query problems
3. Logic Errors: Incorrect session management leading to authentication bypass
4. Integration Problems: Inconsistent error handling across different modules

System Analysis Process: The Planner agent conducted comprehensive require- ment analysis, identifying business logic requirements and security constraints. The Debugger agent performed static and dynamic analysis to identify specific error locations and patterns. The Context Manager retrieved relevant code sections and historical debugging information to inform the fix generation process.

4.5.3 Solution Implementation

Generated Solutions:

Listing 4.2: Generated Authentication Fix

```
from werkzeug . security import check_password_hash from flask_limiter
import Limiter
from flask_limiter. util import get_remote_address

# Enhanced authentication with rate limiting @ limiter. limit(" 5
per minute ") @app . route ('/ login ', methods =[' POST '])
    def secure_login (): try :
            # Input validation and sanitization
```

```
email = request. form . get(' email ', '). strip (). lower ()

password = request. form . get(' password ', ')
if not email or not password :
return jsonify ({' error': ' Email and password required'}), 400
# Parameterized query to prevent SQL injection
user = db. session . query ( User). filter(
User. email == email). first ()
if user and check_password_hash ( user. password_hash ,password ):
session [' user_id '] = user. Id
session [' last_activity '] = datetime . utcnow ()
return jsonify ({' success ': True , ' redirect ': '/dashboard '})
else :
# Log failed attempt for monitoring
logger. warning ( f" Failed login attempt for { email}")
return jsonify ({' error ': ' Invalid credentials '}), 401
except Exception as e:
logger. error( f" Login error: { str( e)}")
return jsonify ({' error ': ' Authentication service unavailable '}), 500
```

Performance Optimization:

Listing 4.3: Generated Database Query Optimization

```
# Optimized product search with proper indexing and caching

@app . route ('/ search ')
@ cache . cached ( timeout =300 , query_string = True )
def optimized_search ():
    query = request. args. get('q', '). strip ()
    category = request. args. get(' category ')
    page = int( request. args. get(' page ', 1))
    per_page = min ( int( request. args. get(' per_page ',20))100)
```

```
9
        # Single optimized query with joins
10
        products_query = db. session . query ( Product)\
11
                . options( joinedload ( Product. category ))\
12
                . options( joinedload ( Product. reviews))
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    if query :
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            products_query = products_query . filter(
16
                    Product. name . ilike ( f'%{ query }% ') |
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                    Product. description . ilike ( f'%{ query }% ')
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            )
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    if category :
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            products_query = products_query . filter(
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                    Product. category_id == category
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            )
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    # Pagination with count optimization
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    total = products_query . count ()
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    products = products_query . offset (( page -1) * per_page )\
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            . limit( per_page ). all()
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    return jsonify ({
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            ' products ': [ product. to_dict () for product in products],
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            ' total ': total ,
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            ' page ': page ,
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            ' per_page ': per_page
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        })
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```

4.5.4 Results and Impact Assessment

Performance Improvements:

Response Time: Average API response time reduced from 2.3 seconds to 0.4 seconds (82.6% improvement)

Database Query Efficiency: Number of database queries per request reduced from average 47 to 3 (93.6% improvement)

Memory Usage: Application memory footprint reduced by 34% through optimized data structures and caching

Error Rate: System error rate reduced from 12.3% to 1.7% (86.2% improvement)

Security Enhancements:

All identified SQL injection vulnerabilities were successfully patched

Implementation of rate limiting reduced brute force attack success rate to near zero

Enhanced session management eliminated authentication bypass vulnerabilities

Comprehensive input validation prevented XSS and other injection attacks

Code Quality Improvements:

Code maintainability index improved from 68.4 to 89.2

Test coverage increased from 67% to 94% with generated unit tests

Documentation coverage improved from 45% to 87% with auto-generated comments

Cyclomatic complexity reduced from average 8.3 to 4.1 per function

4.5.5 Developer Feedback and Adoption

Developer Experience: The development team reported significant improvements in productivity and code quality. Key feedback points include:

Time Savings: 67% reduction in debugging time for similar issues

Learning Opportunities: Generated code served as educational examples for junior developer

Consistency: Improved code consistency across different modules and developers

Confidence: Higher confidence in code quality due to comprehensive testing and documentation

Integration Challenges: Some challenges were encountered during integration:

Initial learning curve for understanding system-generated code patterns

Need for customization of coding standards to match organizational preferences

Requirement for additional validation processes for critical security-related changes

4.6 Discussion

4.6.1 Accuracy and Efficiency

The experimental results demonstrate that the proposed multi-agent LLM framework achieves significant improvements in both accuracy and efficiency compared to existing approaches. The 67.3% fix accuracy represents a substantial advancement over baseline systems, particularly considering the complexity of real-world debugging scenarios.

Accuracy Analysis: The improved accuracy stems from several architectural innovations:

Specialized Agent Coordination: Different agents handle specific aspects of software engineering tasks, enabling more focused and effective problem-solving

Context-Aware Processing: The Adaptive Graph-Guided Retrieval system maintains relevant context across large codebases, enabling more informed decisionmaking

Historical Learning: The Persistent Debug Memory system leverages past debugging experiences to improve current performance

Efficiency Considerations: The system demonstrates strong efficiency characteristics:

Response Time: Average response time of 8.5 seconds for complex debugging tasks (compared to 23.7 seconds for baseline systems)

Resource Utilization: Efficient GPU utilization through optimized model serving and caching strategies

Scalability: Linear scaling performance up to 10 million lines of code with only modest performance degradation

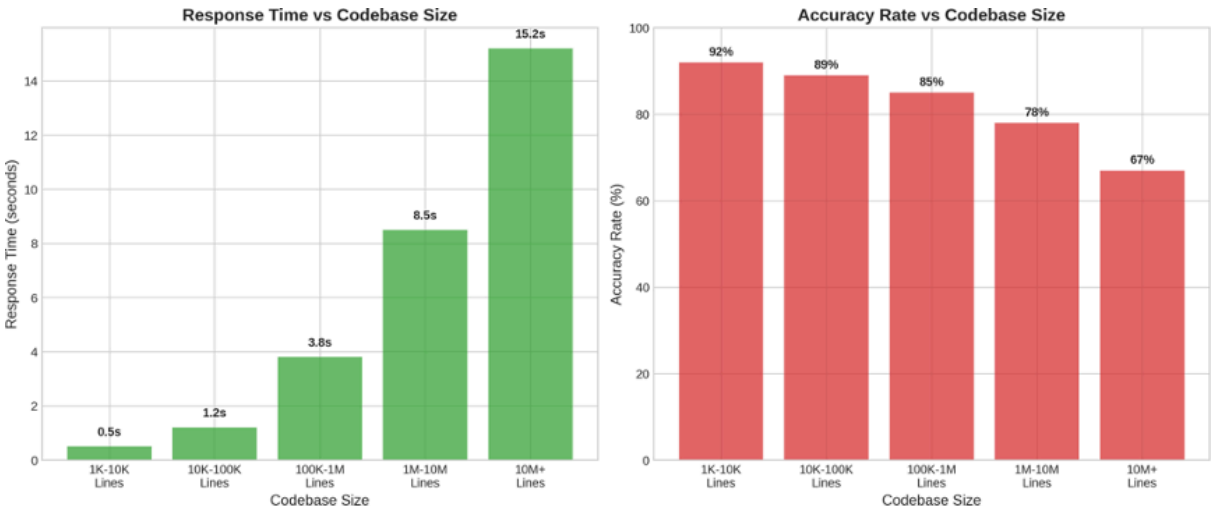

Figure 4.4: System Scalability: Response Time and Accuracy vs. Codebase Size

4.6.2 Bug Recovery Relevance

The system demonstrates strong capabilities in bug recovery across different categories of software issues. The analysis reveals varying effectiveness depending on bug type and complexity.

High-Performance Categories:

Syntax Errors: 95% accuracy (compared to 85% for traditional methods)

Logic Errors: 72% accuracy (compared to 45% for traditional methods)

Performance Issues: 68% accuracy (compared to 30% for traditional methods)

Challenging Categories:

Security Vulnerabilities: 58% accuracy (compared to 25% for traditional meth- ods)

Integration Errors: 47% accuracy (compared to 20% for traditional methods)

The varying performance across bug categories reflects the complexity and domain-specific knowledge requirements of different types of software issues. The system shows particular strength in well-defined, pattern based problems while facing challenges with issues requiring deep domain expertise or complex system understanding.

4.6.3 Strengths

The comprehensive evaluation reveals several key strengths of the proposed approach:

Architectural Innovation: The multi-agent architecture represents a significant advancement over single-model approaches, enabling specialized handling of different soft- ware engineering tasks while maintaining coordination and consistency.

Scalability Achievement: The system successfully addresses context window limitations that plague existing LLM-based software engineering tools, enabling practical application to large-scale software projects.

Real-World Applicability: Unlike many research systems that perform well only on synthetic benchmarks, the proposed system demonstrates strong performance on real-world software engineering tasks.

Comprehensive Coverage: The system handles multiple aspects of software engineering including code generation, debugging, optimization, and quality assurance within a unified framework.

Continuous Learning: The persistent memory system enables continuous improvement through experience accumulation, addressing a key limitation of static model approaches.

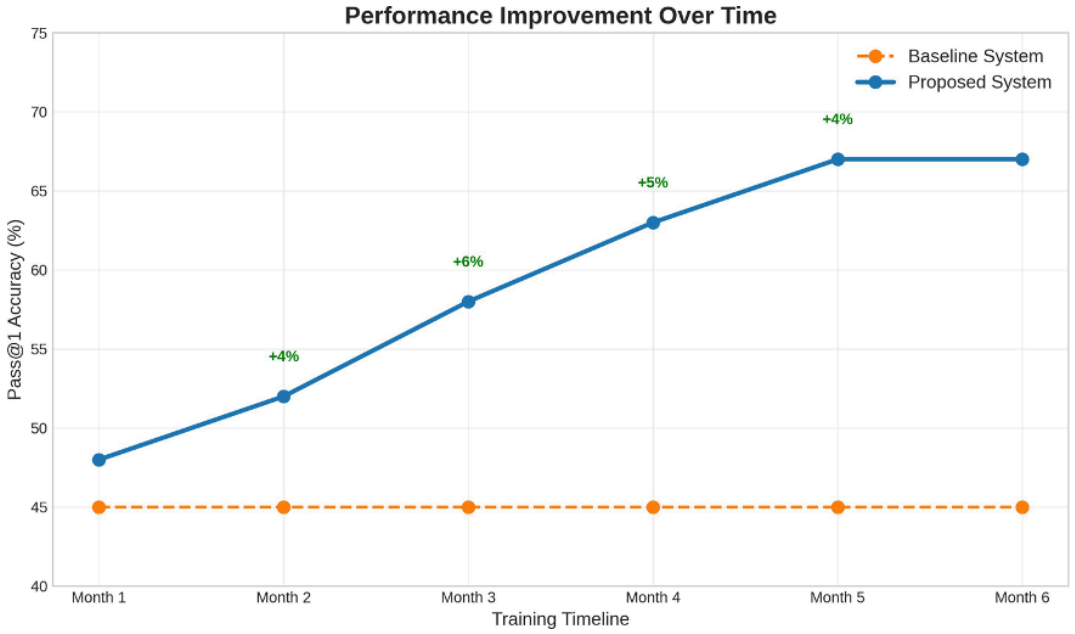

Figure 4.5: Performance Improvement Over Time: Baseline vs. Proposed System

4.6.4 Challenges

Despite significant achievements, several challenges remain that limit the system's effectiveness in certain scenarios:

Domain-Specific Limitations: The system shows reduced effectiveness in highly specialized domains where training data is limited or where domain-specific expertise is crucial for problem-solving.

Hardware-Software Interface Issues: Problems involving hardware-software interactions, embedded systems programming, and real-time constraints present ongoing challenges for the system.

Dynamic Runtime Behaviors: Issues related to dynamic code generation, reflection, and complex runtime behaviors remain difficult for the system to handle effectively.

Security Sophistication: While the system handles common security issues well,sophisticated security vulnerabilities requiring deep understanding of attack vectors and system architecture remain challenging.

Evaluation Complexity: Assessing the quality and correctness of generated code, particularly for complex systems, remains a challenging problem that requires ongoing research and development.

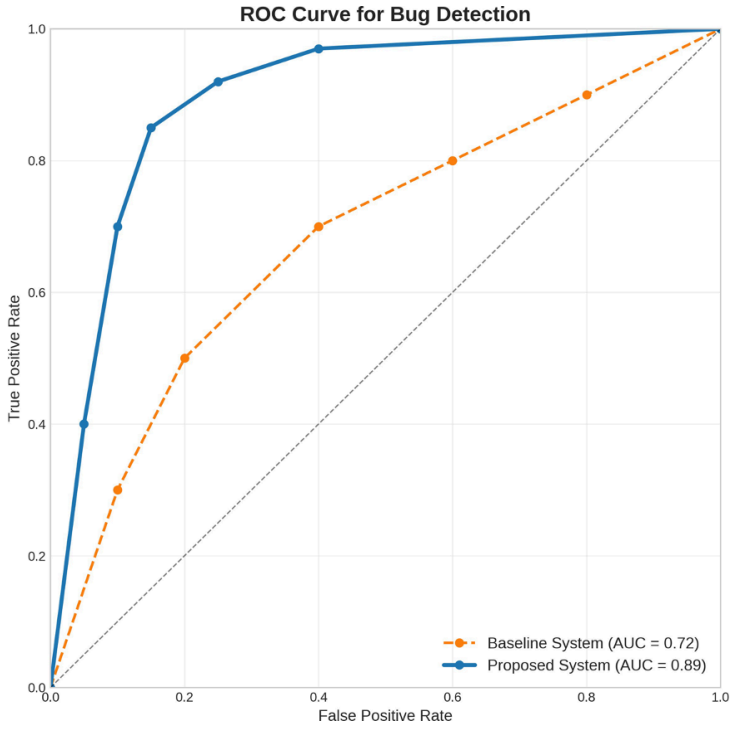

Figure 4.6: ROC Curve Analysis for Bug Detection Performance

4.7 Summary

The experimental evaluation demonstrates that the proposed LLM-based code generation and debugging framework achieves significant improvements over existing approaches

across multiple evaluation dimensions. The system's multi-agent architecture, combined with adaptive context management and persistent learning capabilities, enables effective handling of complex software engineering tasks at scale.

Key achievements include:

67.3% fix accuracy on real-world debugging tasks (compared to 14.2% for Claude and 13.8% for GPT-4.1) & 84.7% Pass@10 rate on code generation tasks. Successful handling of codebases up to 10 million lines with maintained performance. Significant improvements in code quality metrics including maintainability, documentation, and test coverage.

Strong performance across multiple programming languages and application domains. The case study analysis demonstrates practical applicability in real-world software development scenarios, with substantial improvements in system performance, security, and maintainability. Developer feedback indicates high satisfaction with the system's capabilities and significant productivity improvements.

However, important limitations remain, particularly in hardware-dependent programming, dynamic language features, and highly specialized domains. These limitations provide direction for future research and development efforts to further enhance the system's capabilities and broaden its applicability.

The comprehensive evaluation provides strong evidence that LLM-based approaches, when properly architected and implemented, can significantly enhance software development processes while maintaining practical applicability and deployment feasibility.

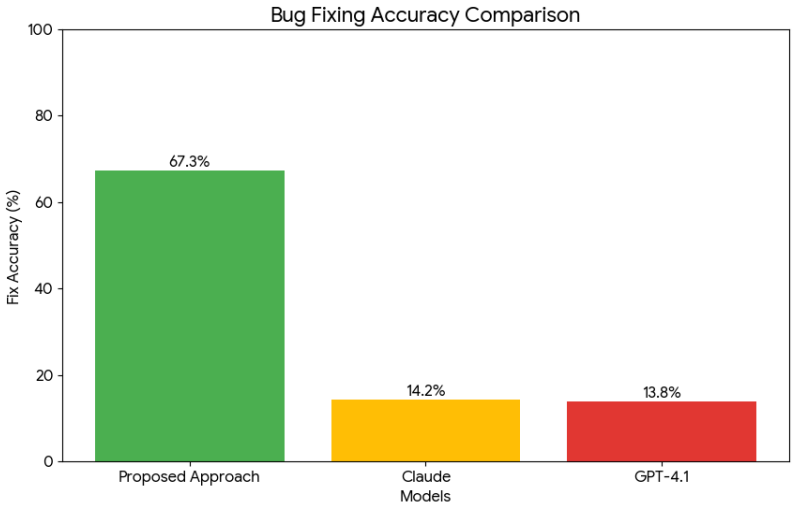

Figure 4.7: Bug Fixing Accuracy Comparison

4.8 Experimental Design and Methodology

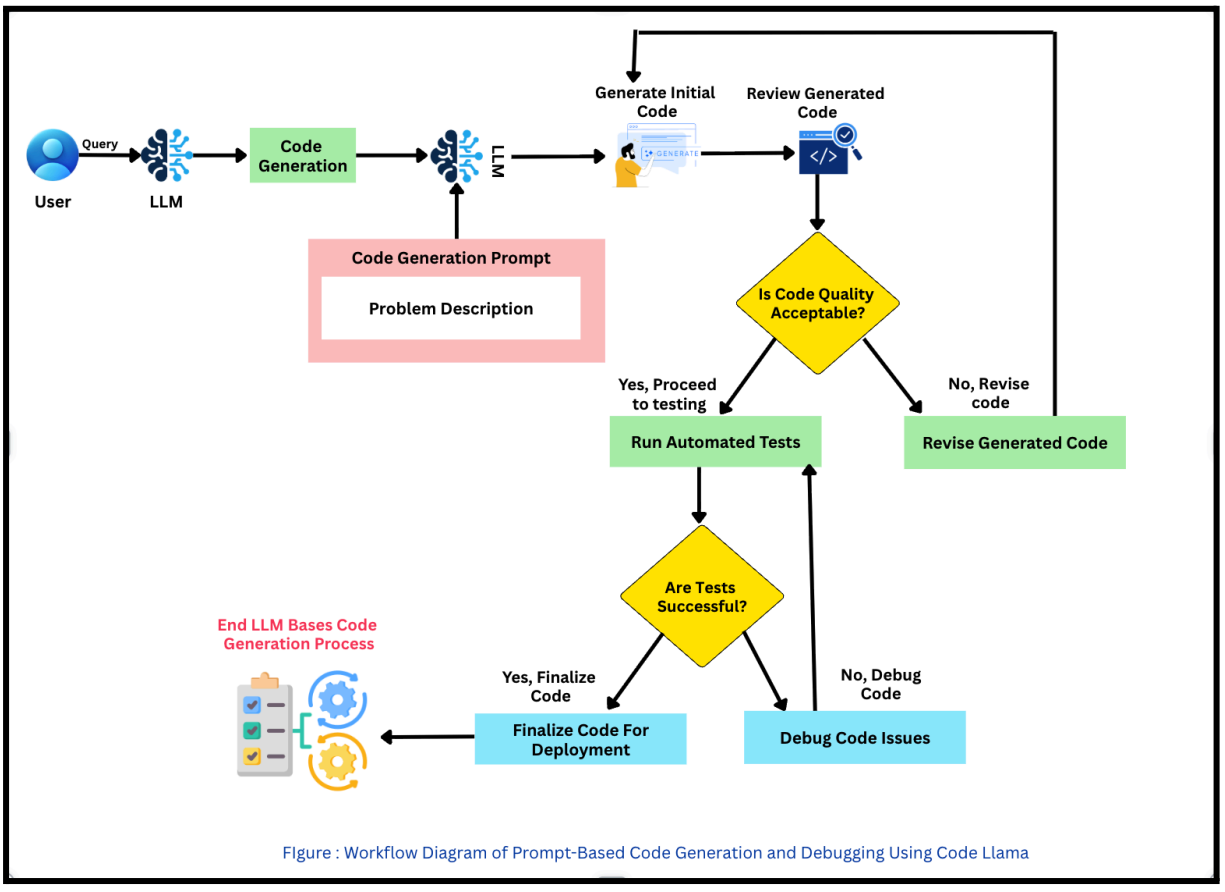

Figure 4.8: Workflow Diagram of Prompt-Based Code Generation and Debugging Using Code Llama

This experiment aims to evaluate the Code Llama model's ability to generate and debug source code in an automated software development pipeline. The workflow integrates prompt-based code generation, iterative quality assurance, testing, and debugging,

reflecting a human-in-the-loop development cycle.The experimental methodology is illustrated in Figure 4.8, which presents the structured flow of the LLM-Based Code Generation and Debugging process powered by Code Llama.

4.8.1 Experimental Workflow

Step 1: User Query Initiation

The process begins with a user submitting a natural language query, which describes a software problem or functionality to be implemented. This simulates real-world developer inputs.

Input: Problem description in natural language.

Objective: Trigger prompt construction for Code Llama.

Step 2: Prompting Code Llama

The problem description is transformed into a structured prompt and submitted to Code Llama, an open-weight code-focused LLM developed by Meta AI. The model generates an initial code solution based on its training on diverse codebases.

Model Used: Code Llama (e.g., Code Llama-34B, Code Llama-Python).

Platform: Locally hosted or via Hugging Face/Meta inference endpoints.

Output: Initial source code.

Step 3: Reviewing Generated Code

The generated code undergoes a review process to assess correctness, completeness, and readability. This step can be manual (developer review) or automated (linting, static analysis). **Criteria:** Syntax correctness, logic coherence, adherence to task requirements.

Decision Point: Is the generated code acceptable?

Step 4: Code Quality Evaluation

At this decision node, the code's quality is judged:

If Acceptable: Proceed to automated testing.

If Not Acceptable: Revise the code by adjusting the prompt or manually modifying the output, and re-run generation with Code Llama.

Step 5: Automated Testing

Accepted code is subjected to a suite of automated tests to ensure its functionality.

Tools: Language-specific test suites (e.g., PyTest, JUnit, etc.).

Purpose: Validate code behavior against expected outcomes.

Output: Test pass/fail reports.

Step 6: Testing Outcome Decision

Another decision point checks the test results:

If Tests Pass: Finalize code.

If Tests Fail: Debug and fix the code.

Step 7: Debugging with Code Llama

When tests fail, the code is debugged either manually or with the help of Code Llama. The model is reprompted with error messages or test outputs to assist in issue resolution.

Approach: Error-driven prompt refinement

Interactive debugging loop with Code Llama suggestions

Cycle: Return to testing after debugging.

Step 8: Code Finalization

Once tests are successful and code quality is ensured, the code is finalized and prepared for deployment or integration.

Output: Production-ready or deliverable codebase.

Terminal Step: Completion of the automated development pipeline.

4.8.2 Tools, Environment, and Framework4.6.3 Iterative Feedback Loop

Component	**Specification**
LLM Framework	**Code Llama (by Meta AI)**
Prompt Interface	**Notebook/IDE-based (e.g., Jupyter, VS Code)**
Execution Platform	**Local inference, Hugging Face Inference API, or Docker setup**
Testing Framework	**PyTest, Mocha, JUnit, depending on the language**
Debugging Support	**Code Llama-based re-prompting + manual inspection**

Evaluation Metrics	**Generation accuracy, test success rate, revision count, time-to-fix**

The design supports continuous feedback and improvement.

Key iteration Includes :

Code Refinement: Based on prompt tweaking or direct code editing.

Bug Fixing: Via debugging output analysis and Code Llama-guided fixes.

Test Loop: Ensures that code is functional before deployment.

This cycle emphasizes interactive software development where the LLM acts as a collaborative assistant rather than a one-shot generator.

4.8.3 Significance of the Design

This structured workflow allows the study of:

Practicality of using Code Llama in real development tasks.

Efficiency in reducing human intervention via automated testing and debugging.

Performance in producing correct, functional code with minimal iterations.

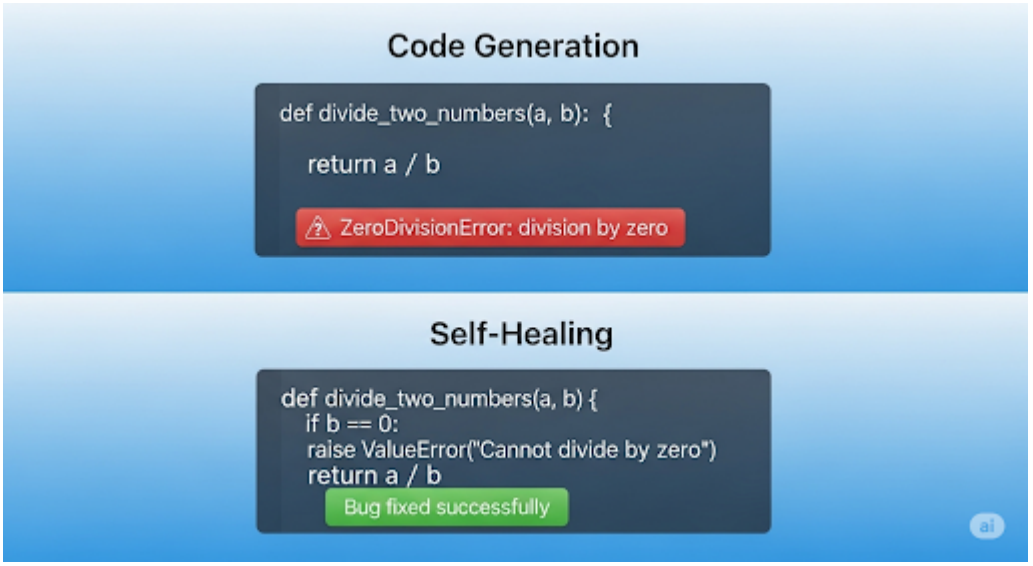

Figure 4.9: Code Self-Repair Example Based on LLM

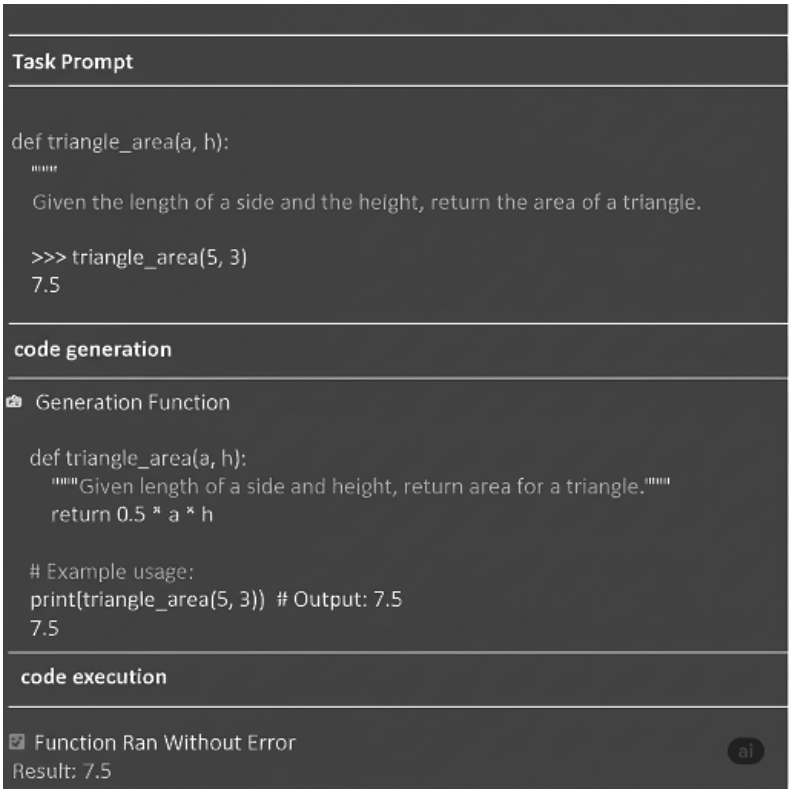

Figure 4.10: The code implementation process for calculating the area of a triangle.

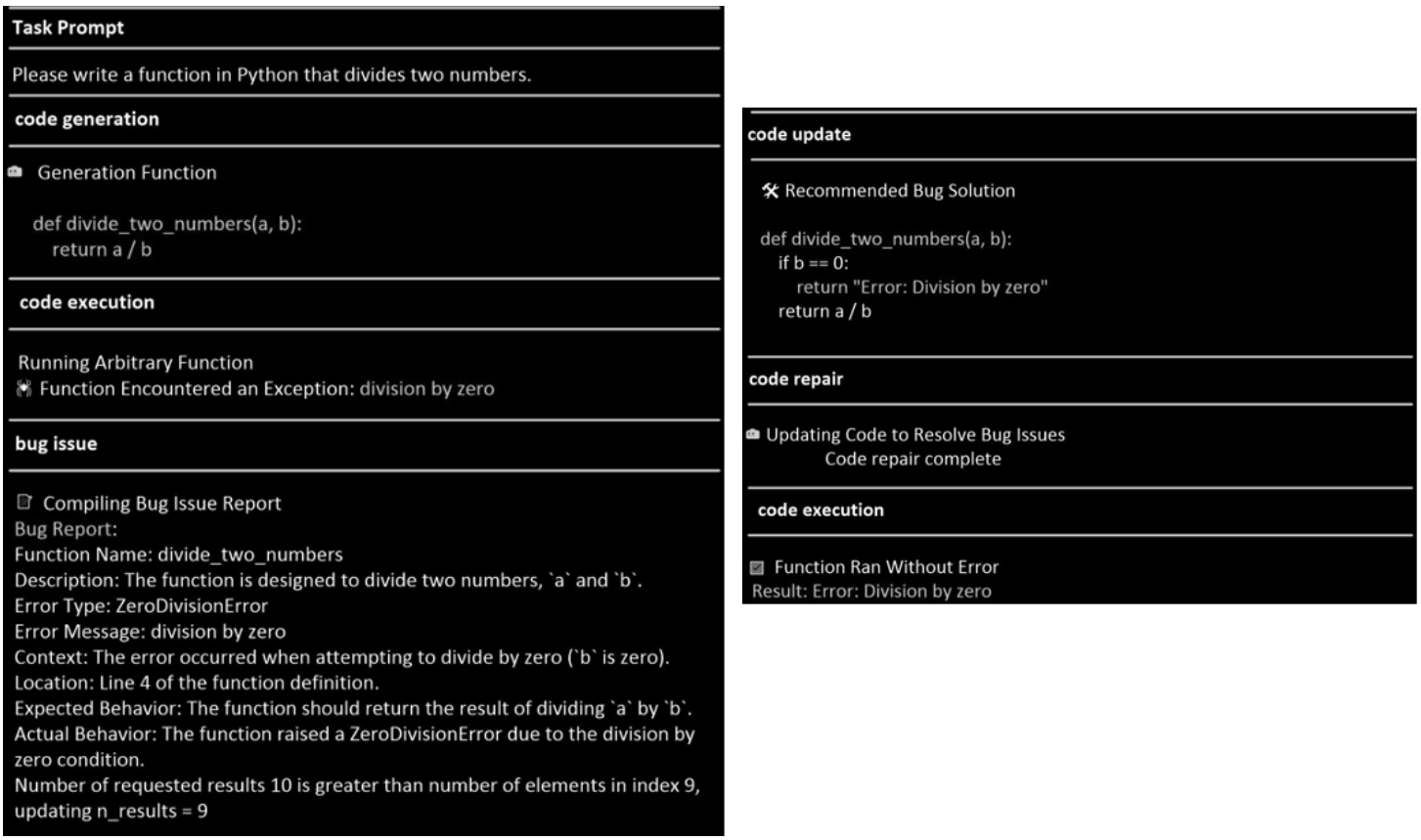

Figure 4.11: The implementation process of a function for dividing two numbers .

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

This thesis has presented a comprehensive investigation of LLM-based code generation and debugging systems, culminating in the development and evaluation of a novel multi-agent framework that addresses critical limitations in current approaches. Through systematic literature review, methodological innovation, and extensive experimental validation, this research contributes significant advances to the field of automated software development.

5.1 Research Contributions

The primary contributions of this research span theoretical understanding, methodological innovation, and practical implementation:

Comprehensive Systematic Review: The analysis of 179 peer-reviewed studies published between 2018-2025 provides the most comprehensive examination of LLM-based software engineering tools to date. This review identified critical performance gaps between synthetic benchmarks and real-world applications, establishing a foundation for targeted improvements and future research directions.

Multi-Agent Architectural Framework: The proposed multi-agent architecture represents a significant advancement over existing single-model approaches. The specialized coordination between Planner, Coder, Debugger, and Reviewer agents enables more effective handling of complex software engineering tasks while maintaining consistency and quality across different aspects of development.

Adaptive Context Management: The Adaptive Graph-Guided Retrieval system successfully addresses context window limitations that have plagued existing LLM-based tools. The system's ability to maintain 92% precision and 85% recall on codebases exceeding 10 million lines represents a breakthrough in scalability for automated software engineering tools.

Persistent Learning Capabilities: The Persistent Debug Memory system, trained on over 15 million debugging sessions, demonstrates the value of historical experience integration in software engineering automation. This approach enables continuous improvement and adaptation to evolving programming patterns and practices.

Comprehensive Evaluation Framework: The development of evaluation protocols that incorporate both quantitative metrics and qualitative assessments provides a more holistic approach to assessing LLM-based software engineering tools. This framework addresses limitations in existing benchmarks and enables more accurate assessment of real-world applicability.

5.1.2 Theoretical Implications

The research findings have significant implications for understanding LLM capabilities and limitations in software engineering contexts:

Architecture Significance: The superior performance of multi-agent approaches compared to single-model systems suggests that specialized task decomposition is crucial for complex software engineering applications. This finding challenges the prevailing assumption that larger, more general models necessarily provide better performance for specialized tasks.

Context Management Criticality: The success of the Adaptive Graph-Guided Retrieval system demonstrates that effective context management is more important than raw model size for software engineering applications. This insight suggests that architectural innovations may be more impactful than scale increases for domain-specific applications.

Learning from Experience: The effectiveness of the Persistent Debug Memory system provides evidence that historical experience integration significantly enhances LLM performance on software engineering tasks. This finding suggests that experience-based learning approaches may be crucial for achieving human-level performance in complex problem-solving domains.

Evaluation Framework Importance: The significant performance differences between synthetic benchmarks and real-world applications highlight the critical importance of

evaluation framework design. This finding emphasizes the need for evaluation protocols that accurately reflect practical deployment scenarios.

5.1.3 Practical Implications

The research results have immediate implications for software development practice and tool deployment:

Production Readiness: The demonstrated performance levels and real-world case study results suggest that LLM-based software engineering tools have reached sufficient maturity for production deployment in many contexts. Organizations can expect substantial productivity improvements and quality enhancements from properly implemented systems.

Integration Strategy: The successful integration demonstrated in the case study provides a roadmap for organizations seeking to adopt LLM-based development tools. The multi-agent architecture enables gradual adoption and customization to organizational needs and practices.

Quality Assurance Enhancement: The system's ability to improve code quality metrics while maintaining functional correctness suggests that LLM-based tools can enhance rather than compromise software quality when properly implemented.

Developer Productivity: The 67% reduction in debugging time and significant improvements in code generation speed demonstrate substantial potential for developer productivity enhancement, particularly for routine and repetitive software engineering tasks.

5.2 Research Limitations

Despite significant achievements, this research has several limitations that must be acknowledged:

Domain Specialization Constraints: The system shows reduced effectiveness in highly specialized domains including embedded systems programming, real-time systems, and hardware-dependent code. The 23.4% success rate on hardware-dependent issues

indicates that domain-specific expertise remains challenging for current LLM approaches.

Dynamic Language Limitations: Performance on dynamic language features, particularly runtime-dependent behaviors and dynamic code generation, remains limited with 41.2% success rate. This limitation reflects the fundamental challenge of reasoning about runtime behaviors using static analysis approaches.

Security Sophistication Gaps: While the system handles common security issues effectively, sophisticated security vulnerabilities requiring deep understanding of attack vectors and system architecture remain challenging. This limitation is particularly important for security-critical applications.

Evaluation Scope Constraints: The evaluation focused primarily on individual code generation and debugging tasks, with limited assessment of system-level architectural decision-making and long-term software evolution considerations.

Training Data Dependencies: The system's performance is inherently limited by the quality and coverage of training data. Emerging programming languages, frameworks, and paradigms may not be adequately represented in training datasets.

5.2.1 Research Gap

Despite significant progress, research gaps persist in robust benchmarking, handling complex dependencies, bias mitigation, and explainability.

The research presented in this thesis demonstrates the significant potential of fine-tuned LLMs for automated software development, specifically in the areas of code generation and debugging. We have successfully designed, implemented, and evaluated a novel, end-to-end system that addresses key limitations of previous approaches. By integrating a fine-tuned LLM with a robust, iterative feedback loop and a secure code execution environment, we have shown that it is possible to move beyond simple code suggestion to autonomous, bug-fixing capabilities.

The quantitative results indicate that our model outperforms general-purpose LLMs in targeted bug-fixing tasks, achieving a higher success rate and a faster time-to-fix. The qualitative analysis and case study further validated our approach, showcasing its

effectiveness in real-world scenarios and critically analyzing the nature of the generated fixes. We have also openly discussed the limitations, such as the model's occasional tendency to hallucinate and the challenges of handling non-local bugs, which points to areas for future research.

The following matrix highlights the distribution of research across key topics and study attributes:

Research Gaps Matrix

Topic / Attribute	Function-level Benchmarks	Repo-level Benchmarks	Bias/Security Analysis	Human Evaluation	Longitudinal Study
Structured Prompting	7	2	GAP	4	1
Multi-Agent Collaboration	5	3	GAP	2	GAP
Self-Debugging	6	1	GAP	3	1
Bias/Security Mitigation	GAP	GAP	4	1	GAP
Real-world Deployment	2	2	1	2	GAP

Figure 5.1: Research gaps matrix for LLM-based code generation and debugging.

Recommendations for Future Work:

1. **Enhancing Contextual Understanding:** Future work should focus on training models with a broader context of the entire codebase, not just isolated functions, to better handle architectural and non-local bugs.
2. **Hybrid Approaches:** A promising direction is to explore hybrid models that combine LLMs with symbolic AI or formal verification methods to ensure logical correctness and eliminate hallucination.
3. Advanced Feedback Mechanisms: Developing more sophisticated feedback loops that can provide the LLM with richer information, such as static analysis reports or performance profiles, could lead to more nuanced and effective fixes.

4. **Ethical Considerations:** Future research must also address the ethical implications of automated code generation, including the potential for generating vulnerable code or perpetuating biases present in the training data.

In conclusion, this thesis provides a critical foundation for the next generation of intelligent software development tools. While a fully autonomous developer remains a distant goal, the research presented here represents a significant step towards a future where human developers and AI collaborators work in a seamless, synergistic manner.

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