

# **VALIDATION OF SOFTWARE PRODUCTS (OBJECT-ORIENTED TECHNIQUE) USING WITH FACILITATE QUALITY ATTRIBUTES- A HOLISTIC APPROACH FOR SOFTWARE QUALITATIVE DESIGN**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Based on existing work (Testing Tool: “A full featured component based architecture testing tool”); which draws a comprehensive architecture of testing method, and based on their attribute nature shows their relationship or behavior of attributes in terms of object oriented [34]. This research work includes a case study on “snaker game” for validating architecture tool, based on object oriented testing characteristics. The tool identifies attributes and correlate with object oriented testing method at class level architecture which provides quantification and justify for testing quality attributes based on different software matrices on each component(class).

**KEYWORDS:** Architectural Completeness, Architectural Quality Attribute, Architectural Metrics

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

The deliverable produced by a quality development process is excellent software that satisfies the evolving needs of users. Comprehensive means that it includes all or nearly all features (user requirement, performance, maintainability, reusability, flexibility, reusability, simplicity and portability) and relationships required for migrating from one testing class to another. It is designed to overcome the limitation of existing software tools by providing a final class (component) level architecture having relationships between various testing classes. Software quality is another focus of our architecture. We wish to analyze quality attribute of software engineering products good maintainability, reusability, flexibility and portability in the architecture of the software testing tool by validating the architecture using testing algorithms and performing metrics calculation on each relationship existing between the different testing techniques [1, 2, 3].

This paper is organized as follows: Section 2 discussed literature review and related work. Section 3 discusses the methodology for the research work. Section 4 presented the Software Metrics use in Realization of Employee Management Systems. Section 5 presented result analysis and discussion and section 6 conclude research work.

## **2. LITERATURE REVIEW AND RELATED WORK**

Some researcher work on quality of software architecture and testing for ensuring the quality of software, here discuss only prominence few literature. Bas et al., articulated importance of software architecture [12]. Soni and et al. have defined, software architectures describe how a system is decomposed into components, how these components are interconnected, and how they communicate and interact with each other's [14]. Perry and Wolf, work on Software architecture is concerned with the study of the structure of software, including its topology, properties, constituent components and their

relationships and patterns of combination [21]. Gary Chastek and Robert Ferguson enlighten software architectural attributes and quality relation [1]. The basic rules for program testing, which provide basic principle for testing has been covered by a number of researcher [3,10,14,15,16,17]. Poston [26], Williams [27], and Hareton [19] shows, Integration all the data across tools and repositories, Integration of control across the tools and Integration to provide a single graphical interface into the test tool set. But with the limitation of emphasizing only integration tool (usability and portability).

Aditi et al., [4] provides, the approach to software metric for object oriented programming which is different from the standard metric sets. Some metrics, such as, line of code and cyclomatic complexity, have become accepted as standard for traditional functional / procedural programs, but for an object oriented scenario, there are many proposed object oriented metrics in the literature. Limitation: this provides the only conceptual framework for measurement. Agrawal et al. [25] cited in their paper the importance of software measurement is increasing leading to the development of new measurement techniques. Limitation of the work a) It does not provide any relationship between requirements and testing attribute. b) It cannot evaluate for large data sets. Anderson and et al. [5] emphasized the software industry has performed a significant amount of research on improving software quality using software tools and metrics will improve the software quality and reduce the overall development time. Good quality code will also be easier to write, understand, maintain and upgrade. The limitation of their work a) it's not providing any relationship between the required testing attribute. b) It does not provide a full featured testing tool (only Complexity and cohesion measure). c) Here provide the only conceptual framework for measurement. Briand et al., and some other researchers [9,11,28,29,30,31] demonstrate aims are that empirically the relationships between most of the existing coupling and Cohesion measures for object oriented (OO) system and fault proneness of object oriented system classes can be studied. Limitation of the work is only emphasis on cohesion and coupling metric. Bitman [6] exhibit key problem in software development of changing software- development complexity and the method to reduce complexity. Limitation of the work it does provide only complexity measurement techniques. Krauskopf and et al. [32], and Harrison [8] demonstrate, Coupling is the degree of interdependence between two modules. In a good design, they are kept low. Coupling should be lower in large and complex system. No coupling is highly desirable but practically it is not possible. The good and bad points of different types of coupling are discussed. Limitation of the work is only emphasis on cohesion and coupling metrics. Chidambaram [8] and Harrison [7] emphasized the coupling between object (CBO) metric and evaluated for five object oriented systems and compared with alternative design metric called NAS which measure the number of associations between a class and its peers. NAS metric is directly collectible from design documents such as the object model. The limitation of their work: a) It does not provide any relationship between requirements and testing attribute. b) It does not provide some basic idea for size and effort estimation. c) Measuring complexity of a class is subject to bias. Reiner R. et al., Show how to manage component based software and identify related metrics [18]. Here we have taken Employee Management System for determining quality of software and validation of the software architecture tool, in this

### 3. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY/EXPERIMENT FLOW

In this research work first we establish a requirement specification for qualitative testing tool using formal review specification. Requirement gathering for Employee Management System from different literature (research papers, books and technical reports) for the design of comprehensive architecture for a software testing tool [22,23,24]. Create a software architecture testing tool architecture bases on requirement for testing through different literature [33] and identify attributes (data member and member function). Here we take a case study for project sneaker game and design relationship classar-

chitecture .Secondly identifies an attribute of the class's architecture and find relationships between different testing classes in the architecture [34]. Based attributes and the relationship between function and component we identified different metrics which is supporting our comprehensive architecture. Descriptive Statistics Examine distribution and variance for each measure [35]. Validation of our architecture and determines the quality of software products using empirical and comparative analysis of the different case studies. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is the standard technique to identify the underlying dimension (class property) that explains the relations between the variation in the data set. Finally on the basis of the above study we determine following goals: final architecture of software for testing, determine the quality of software products and study Component based design.

An architecture tool [34] is complete if and only if it entirely describes and specifies the system that exactly fulfills all requirements and the model contains all necessary information that is needed to implement that desired model. Increasing the completeness of a requirements specification can decrease its consistency and hence affect the correctness of the final product. Conversely, improving the consistency of the requirements can reduce the completeness, thereby again diminishing correctness [20]. Davis states that completeness is the most difficult of the specified attributes to define and incompleteness of specification is the most difficult violation to detect [31]. According to Boehm to be considered complete, the requirements document must exhibit three fundamental characteristics: a) No information is left unstated or "to be determined". b) The information does not contain any undefined objects or entities. c) No information is missing from this document. The first two properties imply a closure of the existing information and are typically referred to as internal completeness [22]. The third property, however, concerns the external completeness of the document [23]. Architectural Completeness is defined as an architecture including all or nearly all features and relationships required for migrating from one testing class to another.

#### **4. SOFTWARE METRICS USE IN REALIZATION OF EMPLOYEE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS**

In this section we try to identify metrics related to architecture. The Employee Management System, manage employee related functionality in any organization here we are designing a system which was followed functionality (classes) Number, DataInput, Integer, Employee, Lab1, Manager, Typist, In this project we have 6 class diagram (figure 1), and each class diagram related to other class diagram with some specific relationship type, all interrelated with inheritance property of object oriented system and after analysis of class architecture we find out different architecture related metrics. According above relationship among different testing technique/strategies, we realize the architecture of testing tool using some software metrics for determining architectural design quality and finally determine software quality of software. Chidamber et al and. [4,5,10,12,13,14] proposed twenty two metrics but, here used those metrics which are useful for measuring the quality of the architectural diagram of research work:

##### **1. Size Metrics**

- a) Number of Attributes (NOA)
- b) Number of Methods (NOM)
- c) Response for a Class (RFC)
- d) Number of Children (NOC)

##### **2. Reuse Metrics:**

a) Reuse Ratio (U)

b) Specialization Ratio (S)

3. **Inheritance Metrics:**

a) Method Inheritance Factor (MIF)

b) Attribute Inheritance Factor (AIF)

c) Depth of Inheritance (DIT)

4. **Polymorphism Metrics:**

a) Number of methods overridden by a subclass (NMO)

b) Polymorphism Factor (PF)

5. **Coupling and Cohesion Metrics:**

a) Coupling Between Object (CBO)

In above metrics some of their values are very low then their impact in data analysis is negligible and others used for providing help to decide the quality of software products (details in table. 2). Quality attributes standard of architectural diagram find through metrics analysis in below graphs.

## 5. RESULT ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSIONS

Realizing this model through attribute relationship and determine the quality of the model (table. 1) Using the measurement of metrics, and graphical representation and realizing this model

**RFC:-** The graph shows the relationship between RFC and simplicity factor. It increases initially but it does not affect simplicity after a certain limit and remain constant details in figure 4. **NOA:** - A class with too many attributes may indicate the presence of coincidental cohesion and require further decomposition, in order to better manage the complexity of the model. The graph shows in figure 2 the relationship between NOA and *simplicity* factor which linearly increases until the number of attributes is less and later as NOA increases simplicity reduces. The graph shows in figure 5, the relationship between NOA and *portability* factor which linearly increases by the number of attributes is less and later as NOA increases portability reduces. The more the number of attributes the more *requirements* of user is satisfied, it depicts a linear relationship in figure 7. **NOC:** - If Values of NOC are larger than reuse of classes also increases, and by this reason increased testing. A class from which several classes inherit is a sensitive class, to which the user must pay great attention. It should, therefore, be limited, notably for reasons of *simplicity*. A value of between 1 and 4 respects this compromise. **NOM:** - this would indicate that a class has operations, but not too many. The graph figure 3 shows the relationship between NOM and *simplicity* factor. Increment in NOM reduces the *simplicity* of the program. The graph figure 6 shows the relationship between NOM and *portability* factor which linearly increases by the number of attributes is less. Further NOM increases *portability* remains constant. In figure 8 shown initially the relationship between the *user requirement* and NOM is linear, but with further increment is the number of methods the user requirement decreases as it introduces complexity. The value greater than 7 may indicate the need for further object-oriented decomposition, or that the class does not have a coherent purpose. This information is practical when identifying a lack of primitiveness in class operations (inhibiting re-use), and

in classes which are little more than data types. A value of between 3 and 7 respects this compromise. This metric proved to be the best indicator of the *maintenance* effort by indicating the class that is more *error prone*. **CBO**: - Excessive coupling limits the availability of a class for reuse, and also results in greater testing and *maintenance efforts*. Value of 0 indicates that a class has no relationship to any other class in the system, and therefore should not be part of the system. A value between 1 and 4 is good, since it indicates that the class is loosely coupled. A number higher than this may indicate that the class is too tightly coupled with other classes in the model, which would *complicate testing* and *modification*, and limit the possibilities of *reuse*. **NMO**: - In figure 9 shown the overriding of methods increases the *performance* of the program. In figure 10, shown Overriding of methods decreases the reusability of the program and further increment of overridden methods does not affect reusability.

**Result Analysis:** In this section the results of PC analysis are presented in the figure 11, figure 12 and table 3. The PC analysis extraction method and varimax rotation method are applied to different class level metrics. PCA is one of the benchmarks for dimension reduction technique here first principal components extract a maximum of the variables and second they are interrelated. The First one ensures that the minimum of total information will be missed when looking at the first few principal components. The second one ensures that the extracted information will be organized in an optimal way. Numbers of dimensions captured are quite less than the total number of metrics, implying that many metrics are highly related. Here we used normalized our variable into three dimensions. In appendix section, we discuss details result data analysis using table 3 and figures show principal component and eigenvalues in the appendix along with variance (standard deviation).

## 6. CONCLUSIONS

In this research work, we identify implements a set of metrics for measurement of architectural testing model for the Employee Management System, used to evaluate the quality of the architectural models. Certain model characteristics are measured against quality criteria determined by users thereby allowing to check that your models meet these quality criteria and appraise the overall quality of a project conclude in table 4. Also this research work used for developing industrial tools for larger data set, and try to provide a template comprehensive tool for testing. Hence our architecture is useful for any testing process.

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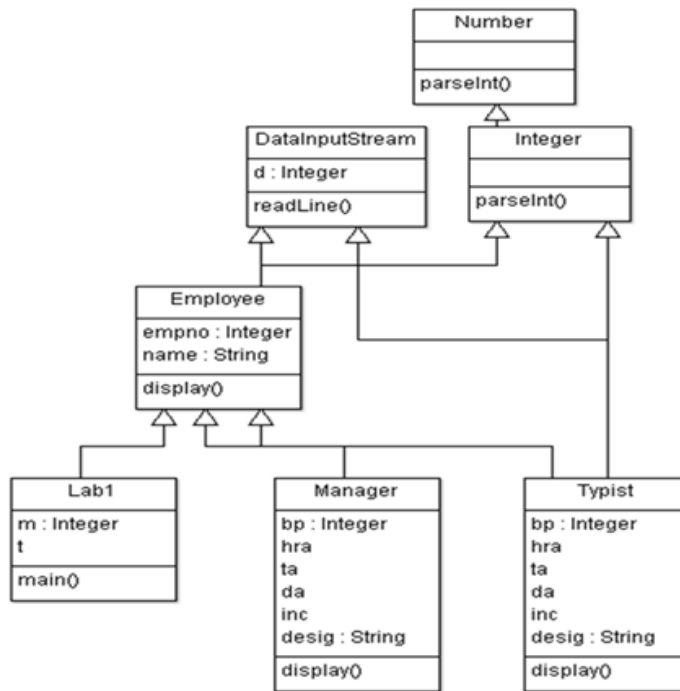
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**APPENDICES**

**Appendix(Case Study): Employee Details (Object Oriented System)**





**Figure1: Class Diagram for Employee Details**

**Metrics Calculation Table:** The table depicted below gives the metric values for the classes in the employee details case study.

**Table 1: Metrics Calculation Table for Employee Details**

Classes / Metrics	NOA	NOM	RFC	DIT	NOC	CBO
Number Class	0	1	1	0	1	1
IntegerClass	0	1		1	2	0
Lab1Class	2	1	6	3	0	3
TypistClass	6	1	4	3	0	3
DataInput Stream Class	1	1		1	2	0
Employee Class	2	1	1	2	3	0
Manager Class	6	1	4	3	0	3

**Range table:** The range table evaluates the minimum and maximum ranges for the metrics calculated in previous table.

**Table 2: Ranges for Metrics for Employee Details**

Ranges for Metrics for Employee Details					
Metrics	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Median	St. Deviation
NOA	0	6	2.42	2	2.57
NOM		1	1	1	0
RFC	1	6	2.28	1	2.36
DIT	0	3	1.85	2	1.21
NOC	0	3	1.14	1	1.21
CBO	0	3	1.42	1	1.51

Table2 shows the value of architectural tool, its shows the mean and standard deviation which is help us for deciding our architecture validation.



### Inheritance Metrics

a) **MIF- Method Inheritance Factor**

$$\text{MIF} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\text{TC}} M_i(C_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{\text{TC}} M_a(C_i)}$$

Where  $M_a(C_i) = M_i(C_i) + M_d(C_i)$

And  $\text{TC} = 7$

$\text{MIF} = 3/10$

b) **AIF-Attribute Inheritance Factor**

$$\text{AIF} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\text{TC}} A_d(C)}{\sum_{i=1}^{\text{TC}} A_a(C_i)}$$

$\text{AIF} = 1$

### Reuse Metrics

a) **Reuse Ratio(U)**

U = Number of super classes/Total number of classes

$U = 4/7$

b) **Specialization Ratio(S)**

S = Number of subclasses/Number of super classes

$S = 5/4$

### Polymorphism Metrics

a) **NMO-Number of methods overridden by a sub class**

NMO DataInputStream = 0

NMO Integer = 1

NMO Employee = 0

NMO Lab1 = 0

NMO Manager = 1

NMO Typist = 1

a) **Polymorphism Factor(PF)**

$$PF = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{TC} M_o(C_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{TC} [M_n(C_i) \times DC(C_i)]}$$

Where  $M_n(C_i)$  = number of new methods

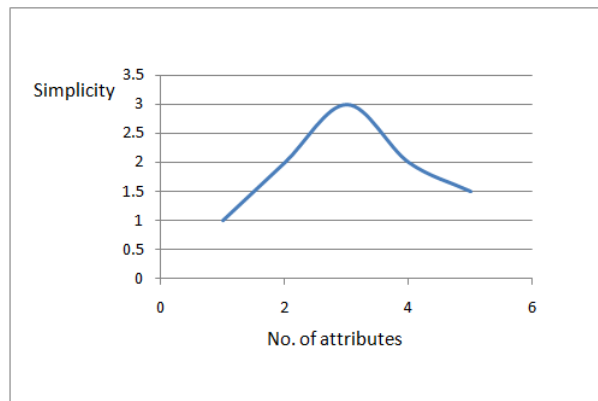
$M_o(C_i)$  = number of overriding methods

$DC(C_i)$  = Descendant count

$PF = 1/4$

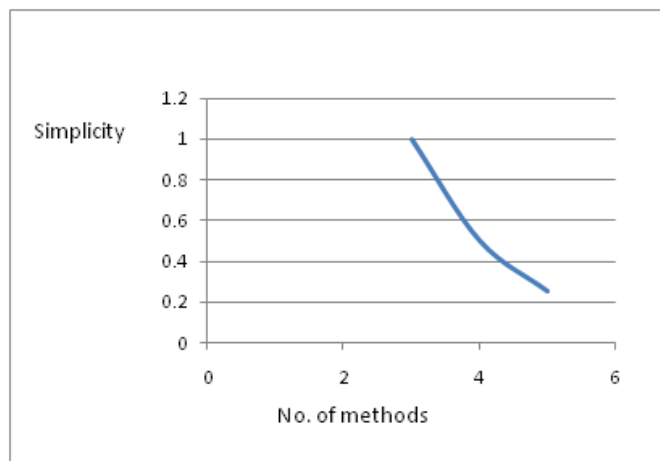
**Size metrics affecting simplicity**

**Number of attributes (NOA):** The graph shows the relationship between NOA and simplicity factor which linearly increases until the number of attributes is less and later as NOA increases simplicity reduces.



**Figure2: Graph Between Simplicity and NOA**

**Number of Methods (NOM):** The graph shows the relationship between NOM and simplicity factor. Increment in NOM reduces the simplicity of the program



**Figure3: Graph between Simplicity and NOM**

**Response for a class (RFC):** The graph shows the relationship between RFC and simplicity factor. It increases initially but it does not affect simplicity after a certain limit and remain constant.

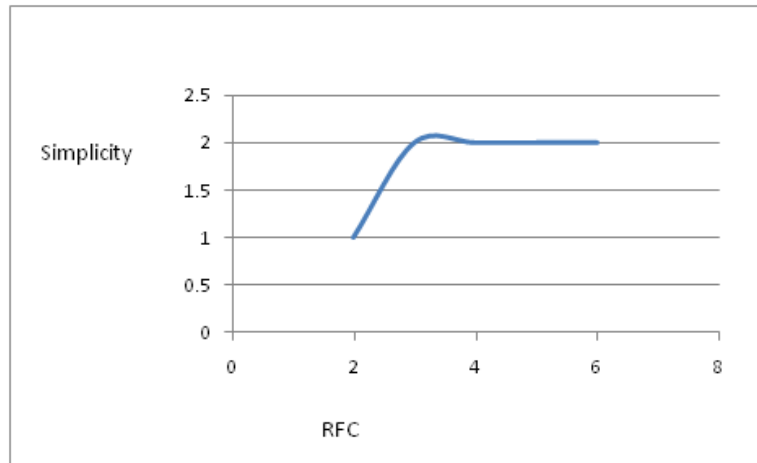


Figure4: Graph between Simplicity and RFC

### Size Metrics Affecting Portability

**Number of attributes (NOA):** The graph shows the relationship between NOA and portability factor which linearly increases until the number of attributes is less and later as NOA increases portability reduces.

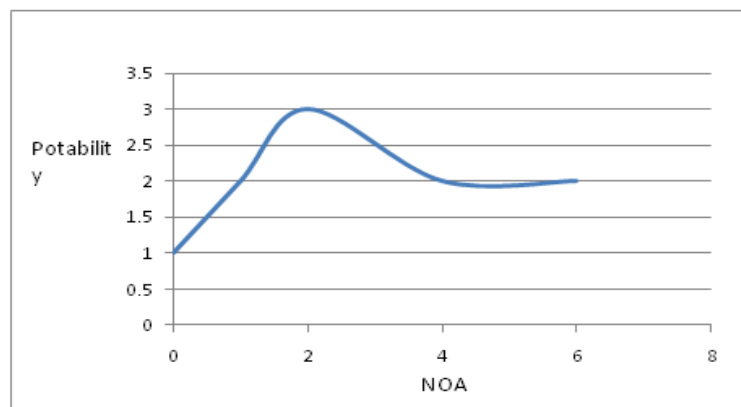


Figure5: Graph between Portability and NOA

**Number of methods (NOM):** The graph shows the relationship between NOM and portability factor which linearly increases by the number of attributes is less and later as NOM increases portability remain constant.

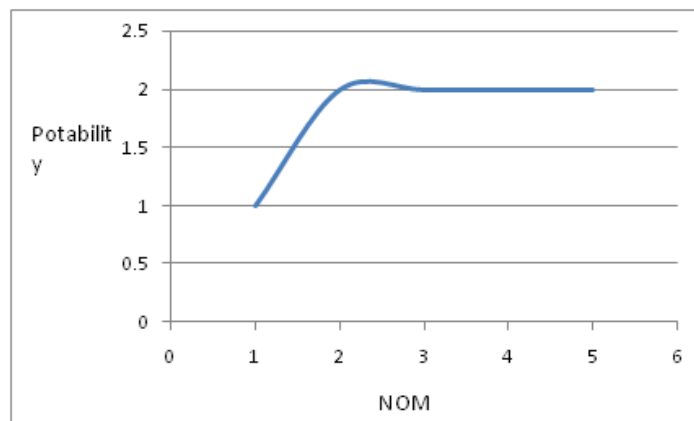


Figure6: Graph between Portability and NOM

### Size Metrics Affecting User Requirements

**Number of attributes (NOA):** The more the number of attributes the more requirements of user is satisfied. Hence it depicts a linear relationship.

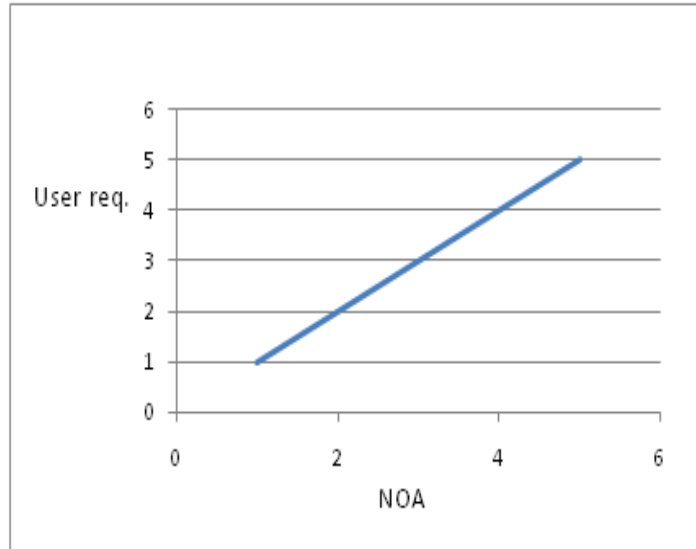


Figure7: Graph between Portability and NOM

**Number of methods (NOM):** Initially the relationship between the user requirement and NOM is linear, but with further increment is the number of methods the user requirement decreases as it introduces complexity.

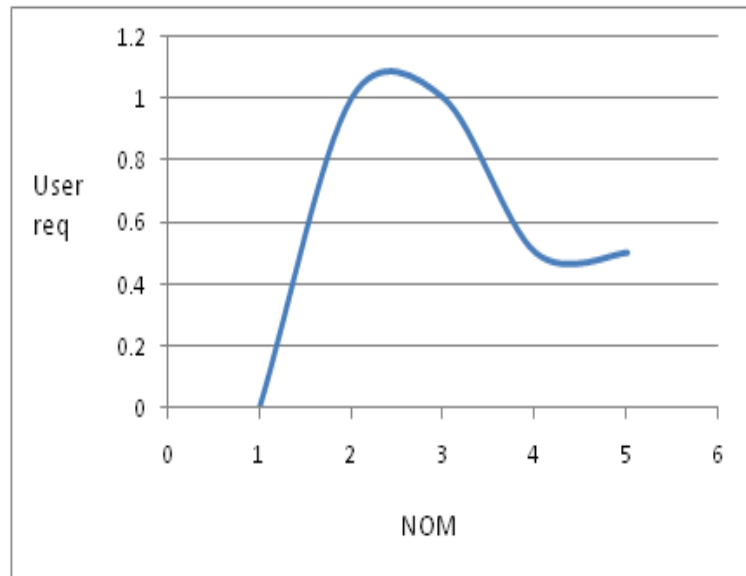


Figure8: Graph between User Requirements and NOM

### Polymorphism Metrics Affecting High Performance

**Number of Methods Overridden by a Subclass (NMO):** Overriding of methods increases the performance of the program and hence depicts a linear relationship.

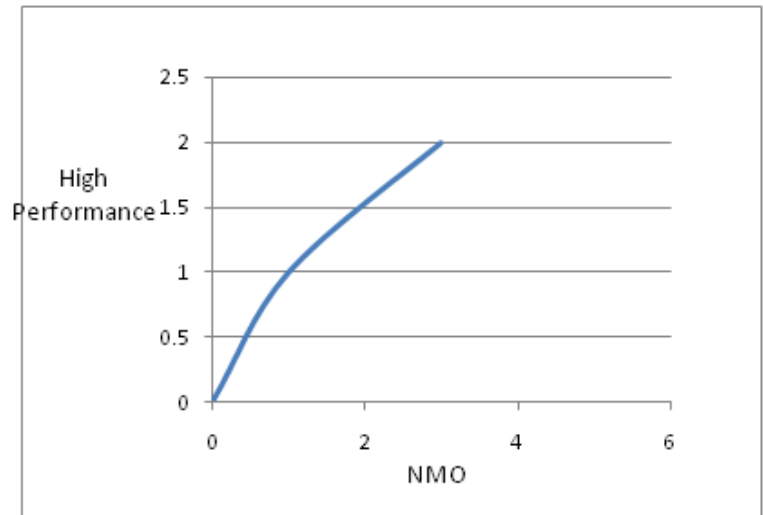


Figure9: Graph between High Performance and NMO

**Polymorphism Metrics Affecting Reusability**

**Number of Methods Overridden by a Subclass (NMO):** Overriding of methods decreases the reusability of the program and further increment of overridden methods does not affect reusability.

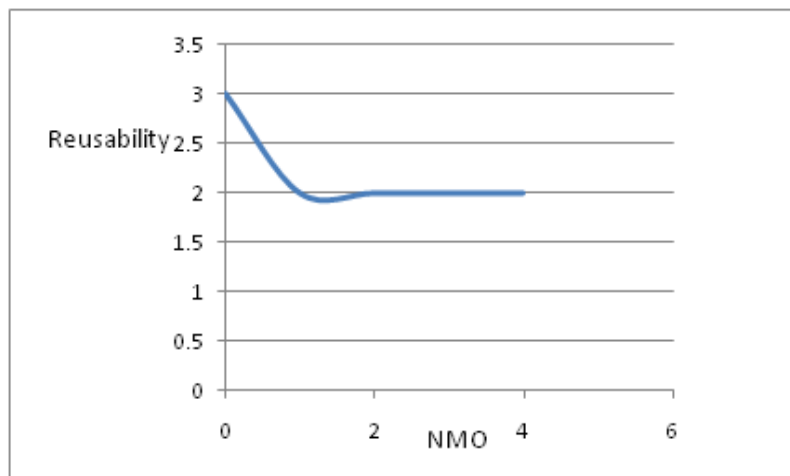


Figure 10: Graph between Reusability and NMO

**3. Employee Details**

**Table: 3: PCA (Employee Details)**

Metrics	Min	Max.	Mean	Mdn.	S.dev.	PCA_1_Axis_1	PCA_1_Axis_2	PCA_1_Axis_3
NOA	0	6	2.42000008	2	2.56999993	2.032869339	-1.465382457	-0.597680569
RFC	1	6	2.27999997	1	2.3599999	2.294239044	1.627095461	0.400834352
DIT	0	3	1.85000002	2	1.21000004	-0.937280059	-1.308396816	0.876112819
NOC	0	3	1.13999999	1	1.21000004	-1.982560277	0.637340605	-0.279248655
CBO	0	3	1.41999996	1	1.50999999	-1.407268524	0.509343445	-0.400017887

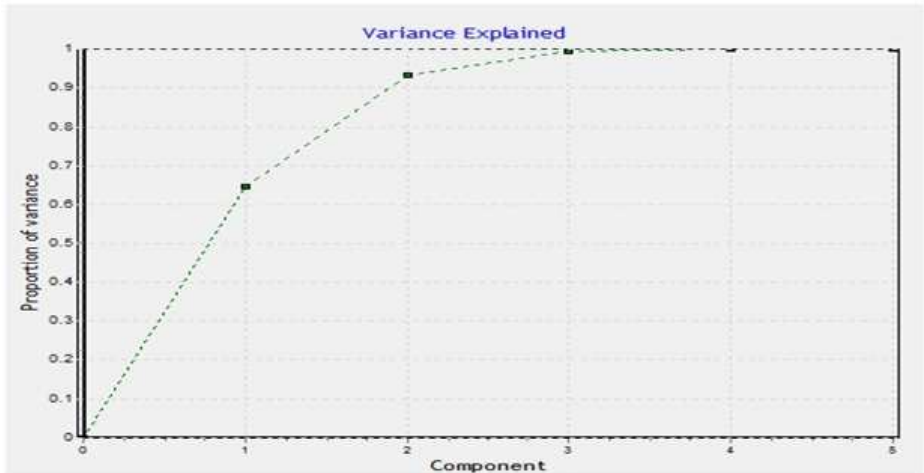


Figure11: Component and Variance (Employee Details)



Figure12: Eigenvalue with Component (Employee Details)

In above table.3, In first PCA the NOM value is higher than other metrics, then it uniquely determines the characteristic. In second PCA axis RFC value is higher than other metrics' value, then it uniquely determines the characteristics. In third PCA axis CBO is higher than other metrics, then it uniquely determines the characteristic and figure 11 shows the relationship of the component with variance and figure 12, Eigenvalue with the component. In table 3 show conclusion quality attributes with related software metrics for design architectural testing tool.

Table 4: Summary of Quality Attributes with Related Software Metrics for Design Architectural Testing Tool

Quality Attributes (Comprehensive Attributes)	Object –Oriented System	Mapping Related Metrics
Reusability	High	NOC, CBO, WMC
Simplicity	Low	RFC, NOC,
Portability	High	RFC
High performance	High	NOC
Cost effectiveness	High	DIT,
Testability	High	CBO, RFC, DIT
Maintainability	High	CBO, RFC
Usability	High	CBO, RFC, CBO, WMC
Fault Tolerance	High	RFC, CBO, NOC
Reliability	High	RFC, LCOM