

Comparison of Clang Abstract Syntax Trees using String Kernels

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binary code? I/O access patterns?

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What is our contribution?

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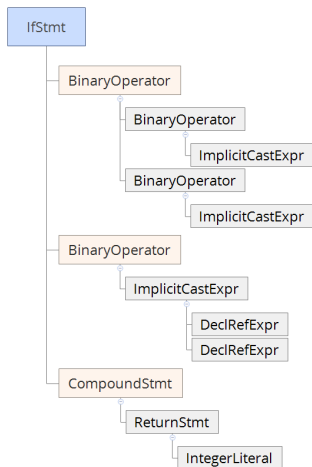
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This work extends previous research from the authors, where they proposed a string kernel for the detection of patterns in I/O traces

- *“A novel string representation and kernel function for the comparison of I/O access patterns,” in Parallel Computing Technologies.*

From trees to strings

a) AST.



b) Extracted tokens.

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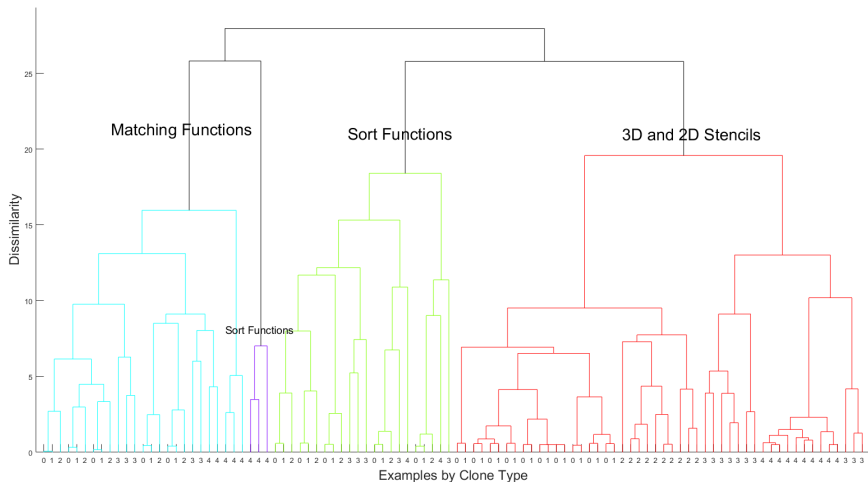
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Baseline kernel 1

Blended spectrum kernel

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