# Language-Independent Clone Detection Applied to Plagiarism Detection

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## Students cheat.

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# Differences between clone and plagiarism detection

# A language-independent approach to plagiarism detection



# Find the 5 differences



#### Clones

Plagiarism

## Extensive transformations

```
data Piece = Vide | Noir | Blanc | Extremite
       deriving (Eq, Show)
type Plateau = [[Piece]]
type Points = (Int,Int)
taillePlateau :: Int
taillePlateau = 8
positions :: [Points]
positions = [(0, 1), (1, 1), (1, 0), (1, -1), (0, -1), (1, -1), (-1, 0), (-1, 1)]
initialisePlateau :: Plateau
initialisePlateau = [[ (f x y) | x < [0..9]] | y < [0..9]]
       where
             fxy
                     | x == 0 || y == 0 || x == 9 || y == 9 = Extremite
                     | x == 4 \&\& y == 4 = B | anc
                     | x == 5 && y == 5 = Blanc
                     | x == 4 && y == 5 = Noir
                      | x == 5 && y == 4 = Noir
                      | otherwise = Vide
```

data Piece = Empty | Black | White | Wall deriving (Eq, Show)
type Board = [[Piece]]
type Pt = (Int,Int)

boardSize :: Int boardSize = 8

directions :: [Pt] directions = [(0, 1), (-1, 1), (-1, 0), (-1, -1), (0, -1), (1, -1), (1, 0), (1, 1)]

```
initBoard:: Board
initBoard = [[ (f x y) | x <- [0..9]] | y <- [0..9]]
where f x y
| x == 0 || y == 0 || x == 9 || y == 9 = Wall
| x == 4 && y == 4 = White
| x == 5 && y == 5 = White
| x == 4 && y == 5 = Black
| x == 5 && y == 4 = Black
| otherwise = Empty
```

# Larger clones









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#### Less documents





#### Assignment 4

Linux

# Several languages

```
<?
                      $dbc=odbc connect("gbook","","");
                      if (!$dbc)
                      {exit("Connection Failed: " . $dbc);}
                      $query="SELECT * FROM comments";
                      $rs=odbc exec($dbc,$query);
                      if (!$rs)
                        {exit("Error in SQL");}
                      echo '<h3>MS Access powered Guest Book</h3>';
                      while (odbc_fetch_row($rs))
                        $e name=odbc result($rs,"name");
                        $comment=odbc result($rs,"comment");
                        $e date=odbc result($rs,"entry date");
  #declare Pig_2 =
  pigment {
     bozo
     color_map {
        [0.00, rgb <0.35, 0.58, 0.88>*1.0]
        [0.25, rgb <0.35, 0.58, 0.88>*1.1]
        [0.50, rgb <0.35, 0.58, 0.88>*0.9
        0.75, rgb <0.35, 0.58, 0.88>*1.0
        [1.00, rgb <0.35, 0.58, 0.88>*0.8]
     scale 0.1
                   def fib(n):
                        a,b,c = 0,1,0
                        while c < n:
                                 print a,
                                 a,b,c = b,a+b,c+1
main = do
  initGUI
  lohaXmlM <- xmlNew "hellohaskell.glade"</pre>
  let lohaXml = case lohaXmlM of
                       (Just lohaXml) -> lohaXml
                       Nothing -> error "Cannot
find .glade file in current directory"
  window <- xmlGetWidget lohaXml castToWindow "window1"
```

clbutton <- xmlGetWidget lohaXml castToButton "button2"

}

onDestroy window mainQuit

Bash Prolog Lisp Scheme Haskell Smalltalk (`` C++ Python PHP Java Perl **CLIPS** XML & XSLT Ruby Pov-ray SQL **HTML & CSS** Javascript

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}

```
(namedef X #xletter)
        (repeat i 0 6 1
          (repeat j 0 6 1
            (loc 0 37 3 (loc i j 0 (byname X))
          )
        )
        (view)
        (set z 1)
        (repeat k 0 73 1
          (repeat i 2 6 1
            (repeat j 0 6 1
              (loc 0 k 2 (loc i j 0 (sprite ".'
            )
                                         c = [0,10,20,30,40,50,60,70,80]
          (loc 4 z 1 (sprite ">"))
          (addto z 3)
                                         def c2f(cs)
          (delay 8000)
                                           for c in cs
          (view)
                                            f = yield(c)
                                             puts "#{c} is now #{f}"
        )
                                           end
                                         end
father("Bill", "John").
                                         c2f(c) do IcI
father ("Pam", "Bill").
                                           (c*9/5)+32
                                         end
father(person("Bill", "male"), person("John", "male")).
father(person("Pam", "female"), person("Bill", "male")).
grandFather (Person, GrandFather) :-
   father (Father, GrandFather),
   father (Person, Father) .
            read(STDIN, $buffer, $ENV{'CONTENT LENGTH'});
            @pairs = split(/&/, $buffer);
            foreach $pair (@pairs) {
                     ($name, $value) = split(/=/, $pair);
                     $value =~ tr/+/ /;
                     $value =~ s/%([a-fA-FO-9][a-fA-FO-9])
                     if ($INPUT($name}) { $INPUT($name) =
                     else { $INPUT{$name} = $value; }
            }
            unless ($INPUT{'email'}) {
                     print "Content-type: text/html\n\n";
                     &Top;
            }
            temp = 0;
            $temp = SENV{'QUERY STRING'};
            if ($temp) {
                     $INPUT{'address'} = $temp;
                     &remove;
```

#### We want to catch everyone



# Differences and consequences

- Extensive transformations
- 2. Larger clones with reordering
- 3. Less documents
- **4**. Several languages
- 5. We want to catch everyone

- Extensive normalization
- Line matching algorithm
  - Less performance need
  - Language independent
    - Recall > precision



# Introducing ... the "Pomp-o-mètre"





 $[A-Za-z0-9] + \rightarrow 't'$ 



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t :: t

= t

data Piece = Vide   Noir   Blanc   Extremite	t t = t   t   t   t
deriving (Eq, Show)	t (t, t)

type Plateau = [[Piece]]t t = [[t]]type Points = (Int,Int)t t = (t,t)

taillePlateau :: Int taillePlateau = 8



























	9	21	28	23	1	4	31	12	5	25	13	22
9	0.00	0.77	0.80	0.89	0.87	0.80	0.90	0.87	0.81	0.86	0.81	0.84
21	0.77	0.00	0.80	0.92	0.89	0.81	0.84	0.86	0.81	0.80	0.82	0.89
28	0.80	0.80	0.00	0.92	0.92	0.88	0.92	0.88	0.89	0.91	0.92	0.94
23	0.89	0.92	0.92	0.00	0.78	0.80	0.88	0.85	0.88	0.81	0.90	0.85
1	0.87	0.89	0.92	0.78	0.00	0.81	0.87	0.88	0.89	0.88	0.88	0.90
4	0.80	0.81	0.88	0.80	0.81	0.00	0.55	0.69	0.76	0.80	0.88	0.84
31	0.90	0.84	0.92	0.88	0.87	0.55	0.00	0.79	0.83	0.88	0.91	0.91
12	0.87	0.86	0.88	0.85	0.88	0.69	0.79	0.00	0.85	0.87	0.91	0.85
5	0.81	0.81	0.89	0.88	0.89	0.76	0.83	0.85	0.00	0.81	0.89	0.92
25	0.86	0.80	0.91	0.81	0.88	0.80	0.88	0.87	0.81	0.00	0.89	0.90
13	0.81	0.82	0.92	0.90	0.88	0.88	0.91	0.91	0.89	0.89	0.00	0.90
22	0.84	0.89	0.94	0.85	0.90	0.84	0.91	0.85	0.92	0.90	0.90	0.00



# Empirical validation on 3 corpuses

Corpus name	# Documents	# Couples	# Suspects	# Plagiarised	Recall	Precision	$F_2$ measure
Haskell	13	78	3	3	1.0	1.0	1.0
Python	15	105	20	4	1.0	0.2	0.55
С	19	171	7	4	1.0	0.57	0.87

We consider that we detect plagiarism when the distance between a pair of documents is less than the mean distances of the matrix



clone and plagiarism detection are similar, but distinct problems



the "pomp-o-mètre" is languageindependent and features extensive normalization



larger empirical validations are needed, but no large plagiarism benchmark exists

## My controversial statement

# $[A-Za-z0-9] + \rightarrow 't'$

## Related work

#### Ducasse et.al. Wettel & Marinescu

#### Baldr Anti-Copias