# OutputComparisons

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#### 5.1.1 Detailed Description

Python script to read output files and compare them.

Script for reading in output produced from an executable and comparing it to another output file. Useful for creating small unit tests for code validations or making evaluations on how changes in parameters change predicted outcomes. Thus, this script will be utilized for the purpose of performing sensitivity analyses.

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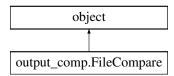
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## 6 Class Documentation

# 6.1 output\_comp.FileCompare Class Reference

Class Object for Comparing Files.

Inheritance diagram for output\_comp.FileCompare:



## **Public Member Functions**

def \_\_init\_\_ (self, gold, test)

Initialization constructor must take in strings for the gold file and test file.

def <u>\_\_str\_\_</u> (self)

Function to display results of the comparison to the console.

def computeErrors (self)

Function to read through each file line by line and compare each element and entry in each file with each other.

• def closeFiles (self)

Function to close the open files (called automatically by computeErrors())

#### **Public Attributes**

· num diff

Variable to keep track of numerical differences in the files Values closest to zero represent smallest differences.

• str\_diff

Variable to keep track of string differences in the files Values closest to zero represent smallest differences.

total\_num

Number of total numbers in both files.

· total word

Number of total words in both files.

- hasBeenRead
- Inum\_gold

Number of lines in gold file.

· Inum test

Number of lines in test file.

- gold file
- · test file

#### 6.1.1 Detailed Description

Class Object for Comparing Files.

This object will read in a pair of files line by line, parse the line into a set of words or numbers, and compare all items in the files to find differences. This is useful when you are doing unit testing (i.e., want to see if a simulation produced the same output after updating some code) or can be used for a large scale uncertainty or sensitivity analysis between a 'gold' standard simulation and a 'test' case.

#### Method:

- (1) Iterate through each line in each file (iterate through smallest)
- (2) Split each line into individual strings Parse on spaces
- (3) Iterate (nested) over each individual string in a line (loop over the smallest string list)
- (4) Check each string for types
- a) compare numbers/floats (try) and developed numeric different (sq. error)
- b) compare strings/bools (except) using SequenceMatcher and produce ratio
- c) Summate all errors keeping track of error types
- (5) Continue through files and report levels of differences/similarities Store results in the object

Use to determine how much simulation results have changed between runs

### Notes:

read() gives all text in file

read(n) gives first n characters in file

readline() gives first line in file (\*\*Each instance reads the next line)

readline(n) gives nth line in the file

readlines() gives list of all lines in file

for line in file: loops over all lines in the file

string.split(ch) produces list of sub-strings parsed by the ch character leaving ch blank defaults to splitting on blank spaces

use == to compare two strings

```
e.g., str1 == str2 --> True if same, False if different
```

#### 6.1.2 Constructor & Destructor Documentation

Initialization constructor must take in strings for the gold file and test file.

#### **Parameters**

gold	name of the file that you are comparing against
test	name of the file being tested for changes against the gold file

#### 6.1.3 Member Function Documentation

Function to display results of the comparison to the console.

## 6.1.3.2 computeErrors()

```
\label{lem:compare.computeErrors} \mbox{ def output\_comp.FileCompare.computeErrors (} \\ self \mbox{)}
```

Function to read through each file line by line and compare each element and entry in each file with each other.

If the two files are the same, then there will be no differences recorded between the two files.

## 6.1.3.3 closeFiles()

```
def output_comp.FileCompare.closeFiles ( self )
```

Function to close the open files (called automatically by computeErrors())

#### 6.1.4 Member Data Documentation

#### 6.1.4.1 num\_diff

```
output_comp.FileCompare.num_diff
```

Variable to keep track of numerical differences in the files Values closest to zero represent smallest differences.

## 6.1.4.2 str\_diff

```
output_comp.FileCompare.str_diff
```

Variable to keep track of string differences in the files Values closest to zero represent smallest differences.

# 6.1.4.3 total\_num

```
output_comp.FileCompare.total_num
```

Number of total numbers in both files.

#### 6.1.4.4 total\_word

```
\verb"output_comp.FileCompare.total_word"
```

Number of total words in both files.

## 6.1.4.5 hasBeenRead

```
output_comp.FileCompare.hasBeenRead
```

# 6.1.4.6 Inum\_gold

```
output_comp.FileCompare.lnum_gold
```

Number of lines in gold file.

#### 6.1.4.7 Inum\_test

output\_comp.FileCompare.lnum\_test

Number of lines in test file.

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# 6.1.4.8 gold\_file

```
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```

# 6.1.4.9 test\_file

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```

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output\_comp.py

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class output\_comp.FileCompare
 Class Object for Comparing Files.

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• output\_comp

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