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- The subtrees of the root are ASTs of substructures whose meanings determine the meaning of the construct.

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  while (c < 0) {</pre> the following AST:
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                 if-else-stmt
    c = b + a;
                                       while-stmt
                  stmt-sequence
            b
                                            stmt-sequence
```