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**CS424**

**Programming Language Design & Language  
Semantics**

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Time allowed: 2 hours

Answer **four** questions

**All questions** carry equal marks

- 1 Define a Scheme function `after-filter` which takes a predicate `p` and a list `xs` and returns a list of those elements of `xs` which immediately follow an element which passes the predicate `p`.

[25 marks]

Examples:

```
(after-filter number? '(a b 2 3 c 4 d))  
=> (3 c d)
```

```
(after-filter symbol? '(a b 2 3 c 4 d))  
=> (b 2 4)
```

```
(after-filter symbol? '())  
=> ()
```

- 2 Define `afterFilter` in Haskell, with the same convention as the above Scheme function. Be sure to give it an appropriate type signature.

[25 marks]

Examples:

```
> afterFilter (<0) [-4,7,-4,-8,3,-3,-6,0,-9,-1]  
[7,-8,3,-6,0,-1]
```

```
> afterFilter (=='f') "fifferfefferfather"  
"ifeefea"
```

```
> afterFilter (>0) []  
[]
```

- 3 In the simply typed lambda calculus, with basis elements  
0:R  
1:R  
plus:R->R->R  
is the expression  
( $\hat{I}$  » f:T .  $\hat{I}$  » g:U . (f 1) (g 0)) (plus 1) (plus (plus 1 1)))  
well typed, given appropriate types filled in for T and U?  
Explain why or why not.

[25 marks]

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In Prolog, define a predicate `doublemember/2` which takes a potential element and a list and is true when the element appears (at least) twice in the list.

[25 marks]

Examples:

?- `doublemember(a,[the,quick,brown,fox]).`  
no

?- `doublemember(a,[])`  
no

?- `doublemember(a,[a])`  
no

?- `doublemember(a,[a])`  
yes

?- `doublemember(a,[the,quick,a,brown,X,fox]).`  
`X=a`

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In the untyped lambda calculus, give a Church encoding for triples, by defining the following:

[25 marks]

`triple = λx . λy . λz . ???`  
`fst = λt . ???`  
`snd = λt . ???`  
`thd = λt . ???`

(i.e., fill in the missing ???s) which obey the algebraic properties

`fst (triple A B C) = A`  
`snd (triple A B C) = B`  
`thd (triple A B C) = C`

If these are regarded as being System F expressions (aka, the polymorphic typed lambda calculus) give the types of `triple`, `fst`, `snd`, and `thd`.