

Principles of Programming Languages, 2022.01.21

Important notes

- Total available time: 1h 45'.
- You may use any written material you need, and write in Italian, if you prefer.
- You cannot use electronic devices during the exam: every phone must be turned off and kept on your table.
- You cannot use library functions not covered in class in your code.

Exercise 1, Scheme (10 pts)

Define a new construct called *block-then* which creates two scopes for variables, declared after the scopes, with two different binding. E.g. the evaluation of the following code:

```
(block
  ((displayln (+ x y))
   (displayln (* x y))
   (displayln (* z z)))
  then
  ((displayln (+ x y))
   (displayln (* z x)))
  where (x <- 12 3)(y <- 8 7)(z <- 3 2))
```

should show on the screen:

```
20
96
9
10
6
```

Exercise 2, Haskell (10 pts)

Consider a *Tvtl* (two-values/two-lists) data structure, which can store either two values of a given type, or two lists of the same type.

Define the *Tvtl* data structure, and make it an instance of Functor, Foldable, and Applicative.

Exercise 3, Erlang (12 pts)

Create a distributed *hash table* with *separate chaining*. The hash table will consist of an agent for each bucket, and a master agent that stores the buckets' PIDs and acts as a middleware between them and the user. Actual key/value pairs are stored into the bucket agents.

The middleware agent must be implemented by a function called `hashtable_spawn` that takes as its arguments (1) the hash function and (2) the number of buckets. When executed, `hashtable_spawn` spawns the bucket nodes, and starts listening for queries from the user. Such queries can be of two kinds:

- Insert: `{insert, Key, Value}` inserts a new element into the hash table, or updates it if an element with the same key exists;
- Lookup: `{lookup, Key, RecipientPid}` sends to the agent with PID "RecipientPid" a message of the form `{found, Value}`, where Value is the value associated with the given key, if any. If no such value exists, it sends the message `not_found`.

The following code:

```
main() ->
  HT = spawn(?MODULE, hashtable_spawn, [fun(Key) -> Key rem 7 end, 7]),
  HT ! {insert, 15, "Apple"},
  HT ! {insert, 8, "Orange"},
  timer:sleep(500),
  HT ! {lookup, 8, self()},
  receive
    {found, A1} -> io:format("~s~n", [A1])
  end,
  HT ! {insert, 8, "Pineapple"},
  timer:sleep(500),
  HT ! {lookup, 8, self()},
  receive
    {found, A2} -> io:format("~s~n", [A2])
  end.
```

should print the following:

Orange

Pineapple

Solutions

Es 1

```
(define-syntax block
  (syntax-rules (where then <-)
    ((_ (e1 ...)
        then
        (e2 ...)
        where (v <- a b) ...)
      (begin
        (let ((v a) ...)
          e1 ...)
        (let ((v b) ...)
          e2 ...))))))
```

Es 2

```
data Tvtl a = Tv a a | Tl [a] [a] deriving (Show, Eq)
```

```
instance Functor Tvtl where
  fmap f (Tv x y) = Tv (f x) (f y)
  fmap f (Tl x y) = Tl (fmap f x) (fmap f y)
```

```
instance Foldable Tvtl where
  foldr f i (Tv x y) = f x (f y i)
  foldr f i (Tl x y) = foldr f (foldr f i y) x
```

```
(Tv x y) +++ (Tv z w) = Tl [x,y] [y,w]
(Tv x y) +++ (Tl l r) = Tl (x:l) (y:r)
(Tl l r) +++ (Tv x y) = Tl (l++[x]) (r++[y])
(Tl l r) +++ (Tl x y) = Tl (l++x) (r++y)
```

```
tvtlconcat t = foldr (+++) (Tl [][]) t
tvtlcmap f t = tvtlconcat $ fmap f t
```

```
instance Applicative Tvtl where
  pure x = Tl [x] []
  x <*> y = tvtlcmap (\f -> fmap f y) x
```

Es 3

```
hashtable_spawn(HashFun, NBuckets) ->
  BucketPids = [spawn(?MODULE, bucket, [[]]) || _ <- lists:seq(0, NBuckets)],
  hashtable_loop(HashFun, BucketPids).
```

```
hashtable_loop(HashFun, BucketPids) ->
  receive
    {insert, Key, Value} ->
      lists:nth(HashFun(Key) + 1, BucketPids) ! {insert, Key, Value},
      hashtable_loop(HashFun, BucketPids);
    {lookup, Key, AnswerPid} ->
      lists:nth(HashFun(Key) + 1, BucketPids) ! {lookup, Key, AnswerPid},
      hashtable_loop(HashFun, BucketPids)
  end.
```

```
bucket(Content) ->
  receive
    {insert, Key, Value} ->
      NewContent = lists:keystore(Key, 1, Content, {Key, Value}),
      bucket(NewContent);
    {lookup, Key, AnswerPid} ->
      case lists:keyfind(Key, 1, Content) of
        false ->
          AnswerPid ! not_found;
        {_, Value} ->
          AnswerPid ! {found, Value}
      end,
    bucket(Content)
  end.
```

%% You may replace calls to lists:keystore/4 and lists:keyfind/3 with calls to the following functions:

```
keystore_first(Key, [{TupleKey, _} | TupleTail], NewValue) when Key == TupleKey ->
  [{Key, NewValue} | TupleTail];
keystore_first(Key, [Tuple | TupleTail], NewValue) ->
  [Tuple | keystore_first(Key, TupleTail, NewValue)];
keystore_first(Key, [], NewValue) ->
  [{Key, NewValue}].
```

```
keyfind_first(Key, [{TupleKey, TupleValue} | _]) when Key == TupleKey ->
  {TupleKey, TupleValue};
keyfind_first(Key, [_ | TupleTail]) ->
  keyfind_first(Key, TupleTail);
```

```
keyfind_first(_, []) ->  
  false.
```