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CSE-321 Programming Languages 2006  
Midterm — Sample Solution

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## 1 SML Programming [20 pts]

**Question 1. [5 pts]** Give a tail recursive implementation `inorder` for inorder traversals of binary trees. Fill in the blank:

```
datatype 'a tree = Leaf of 'a | Node of 'a tree * 'a * 'a tree

(* inorder : 'a tree -> 'a list *)
fun inorder t =
  let
    (* inorder' : 'a tree -> 'a list -> 'a list *)
    fun inorder' (Leaf x) post =
      
        x :: post
      | inorder' (Node (left, x, right)) post =
          inorder' left (x :: (inorder' right post))
      
  in
    inorder' t []
  end
```

**Question 2.** [5 pts] Rewrite expressions in the left column *without* using the if/then/else construct. You may use not, andalso, and orelse.

with if/then/else	without if/then/else
if e then false else true	not e
if x then true else y	x orelse y
if x then y else false	x andalso y
if x then false else y	not x andalso y
if x then y else true	not x orelse y

**Question 3. [10 pts]** A signature SET for sets is given as follows:

```
signature SET =
sig
  type 'a set
  val empty : ''a set
  val singleton : ''a -> ''a set
  val member : ''a set -> ''a -> bool
  val insert : ''a set -> ''a -> ''a set
  val remove : ''a set -> ''a -> ''a set
  val union : ''a set -> ''a set -> ''a set
end
```

- `empty` is an empty set.
- `singleton x` returns a singleton set consisting of  $x$ .
- `member s x` returns `true` if  $x$  is a member of  $s$ ; otherwise it returns `false`.
- `insert s x` adds  $x$  to the set  $s$  and returns the resultant set.
- `remove s x` removes  $x$  from the set  $s$  and returns the resultant set. If  $x$  is not a member of  $s$ , then `remove s x` returns  $s$ .
- `union s s'` returns the union of  $s$  and  $s'$ .

Give a functional representation of sets by implementing a structure `SetFun` of signature `SET`. In your answer, do not use the `if/then/else` construct; instead take advantage of the result from Question 2. Fill in the blank:

```
structure SetFun : SET where type 'a set = 'a -> bool =
struct
  type 'a set = 'a -> bool

  val empty = fn _ => false

  fun singleton x = fn y => x = y

  fun member s = s

  fun insert s x = fn y => x = y orelse s y

  fun remove s x = fn y => x <> y andalso s y

  fun union s s' = fn x => s x orelse s' x
end
```

## 2 Reductions in the $\lambda$ -calculus [15 pts]

Let us abbreviate an identity function  $\lambda x_i. x_i$  as  $\text{id}_i$ . You will show the reduction sequence of  $(\underline{\text{id}_1} \text{id}_2) (\text{id}_3 (\lambda z. \text{id}_4 z))$  under the call-by-name strategy (Question 1) and under the call-by-value strategy (Question 2).

**Question 1. [5 pts]** Show the reduction sequence under the call-by-name strategy. Underline the redex at each step. Do not expand  $\text{id}_i$  back to  $\lambda x_i. x_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\underline{\text{id}_1} \text{id}_2) (\text{id}_3 (\lambda z. \text{id}_4 z)) \\
 \mapsto & \underline{\text{id}_2 (\text{id}_3 (\lambda z. \text{id}_4 z))} \\
 \mapsto & \underline{\text{id}_3 (\lambda z. \text{id}_4 z)} \\
 \mapsto & \lambda z. \text{id}_4 z
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 2. [5 pts]** Show the reduction sequence under the call-by-value strategy. Underline the redex at each step. Do not expand  $\text{id}_i$  back to  $\lambda x_i. x_i$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\underline{\text{id}_1} \text{id}_2) (\text{id}_3 (\lambda z. \text{id}_4 z)) \\
 \mapsto & \text{id}_2 (\underline{\text{id}_3 (\lambda z. \text{id}_4 z)}) \\
 \mapsto & \underline{\text{id}_2 (\lambda z. \text{id}_4 z)} \\
 \mapsto & (\lambda z. \text{id}_4 z)
 \end{aligned}$$

**Question 3. [5 pts]** Fill in the blank with the result of applying  $\alpha$ -conversion to the expression in the left. We have supplied a variable to be used in the conversion. If it is impossible to apply  $\alpha$ -conversion using the given variable, write “impossible.”

- (example)  $\lambda x. x \equiv_\alpha \lambda y. \underline{y}$

$$\lambda x. \lambda x'. x \ x' \equiv_\alpha \lambda x'. \underline{\lambda x. x' \ x}$$

$$\lambda x. \lambda x'. x \ x' \ x'' \equiv_\alpha \lambda x'. \underline{\lambda x. x' \ x \ x''}$$

$$\lambda x. \lambda x'. x \ x' \ x'' \equiv_\alpha \lambda x''. \underline{\text{impossible}}$$

### 3 Programming in the $\lambda$ -calculus [15 pts]

A Church numeral encodes a natural number  $n$  as a  $\lambda$ -abstraction  $\hat{n}$  which takes a function  $f$  and returns  $f^n = f \circ f \cdots \circ f$  ( $n$  times):

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{0} &= \lambda f. f^0 = \lambda f. \lambda x. x \\ \hat{1} &= \lambda f. f^1 = \lambda f. \lambda x. f x \\ &\dots \\ \hat{n} &= \lambda f. f^n = \lambda f. \lambda x. f f f \cdots f x\end{aligned}$$

**Question 1. [5 pts]** Define an operation `double` for doubling a given natural number. Specifically `double  $\hat{n}$`  returns  $\widehat{2 * n}$ . Fill in the blank:

$$\text{double} = \lambda \hat{n}. \lambda f. \lambda x. (\hat{n} f) (\hat{n} f x)$$

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**Question 2. [10 pts]** Define an operation `halve` for halving a given natural number. Specifically `halve  $\hat{n}$`  returns  $\widehat{n/2}$ :

- `halve  $\widehat{2 * k}$`  returns  $\hat{k}$ .
- `halve  $\widehat{2 * k + 1}$`  returns  $\hat{k}$ .

For defining `halve`, you want to exploit the encoding of pairs in the Course Notes:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{pair} &= \lambda x. \lambda y. \lambda b. b x y \\ \text{fst} &= \lambda p. p (\lambda t. \lambda f. t) \\ \text{snd} &= \lambda p. p (\lambda t. \lambda f. f)\end{aligned}$$

Use `pair`, `fst`, and `snd` without expanding them into the above definition. To make your answer more readable, you also want to use `zero` for a natural number zero and `succ` for finding the successor to a given natural number:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{zero} &= \hat{0} = \lambda f. \lambda x. x \\ \text{succ} &= \lambda \hat{n}. \lambda f. \lambda x. \hat{n} f (f x)\end{aligned}$$

Fill in the blank:

$$\text{halve} = \lambda \hat{n}. \text{fst } (\hat{n} (\lambda p. \text{pair } (\text{snd } p) (\text{succ } (\text{fst } p)))) (\text{pair zero zero})$$

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## 4 A weird reduction strategy [15 pts]

Consider the following fragment of the simply typed  $\lambda$ -calculus:

type	$A ::= P \mid A \rightarrow A$
base type	$P$
expression	$e ::= x \mid \lambda x:A. e \mid e e$
value	$v ::= \lambda x:A. e$

We will develop a weird strategy specified as follows:

- Given an application  $e_1 e_2$ , we first reduce  $e_2$ .
- After reducing  $e_2$  to a value, we reduce  $e_1$ .
- When  $e_1$  reduces to a  $\lambda$ -abstraction, we apply the  $\beta$ -reduction.

**Question 1. [5 pts]** Give the rules for the reduction judgment  $e \mapsto e'$  under the weird reduction strategy. You need three rules.

$$\frac{e_2 \mapsto e'_2}{e_1 e_2 \mapsto e_1 e'_2} \quad \frac{e_1 \mapsto e'_1}{e_1 v \mapsto e'_1 v} \quad \frac{}{(\lambda x:A. e) v \mapsto [v/x]e}$$

**Question 2. [5 pts]** Give the rules for the evaluation judgment  $e \hookrightarrow v$  under the weird reduction strategy. You need two rules.

$$\frac{}{\lambda x:A. e \hookrightarrow \lambda x:A. e} \quad \frac{e_2 \hookrightarrow v_2 \quad e_1 \hookrightarrow \lambda x:A. e \quad [v_2/x]e \hookrightarrow v}{e_1 e_2 \hookrightarrow v}$$

**Question 3. [5 pts]** Give the definition of evaluation contexts corresponding to the weird reduction strategy:

$$\text{evaluation context} \quad \kappa ::= \square \mid e \kappa \mid \kappa v$$

## 5 Substitution theorem [15 pts]

Prove the substitution theorem for the following fragment of the simply typed  $\lambda$ -calculus:

type	$A ::= P \mid A \rightarrow A$
base type	$P$
expression	$e ::= x \mid \lambda x:A. e \mid e e$
typing context	$\Gamma ::= \cdot \mid \Gamma, x : A$

$$\frac{x : A \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : A} \text{Var} \quad \frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash e : B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x:A. e : A \rightarrow B} \rightarrow I \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash e : A \rightarrow B \quad \Gamma \vdash e' : A}{\Gamma \vdash e e' : B} \rightarrow E$$

**Theorem (Substitution).** *If  $\Gamma \vdash e : A$  and  $\Gamma, x : A \vdash e' : C$ , then  $\Gamma \vdash [e/x]e' : C$ .*

*Proof.* By rule induction on the judgment  $\Gamma, x : A \vdash e' : C$ . We assume that all variables in a typing context are distinct. We also assume that variable clashes never occur in the rule  $\rightarrow I$ . That is,  $x$  in the rule  $\rightarrow I$  is always a fresh variable.

Fill in the blank:

Case  $\frac{y : C \in \Gamma}{\Gamma, x : A \vdash y : C} \text{Var}$  where  $e' = y$

$$\begin{array}{l} \Gamma \vdash y : C \\ [e/x]y = y \\ \Gamma \vdash [e/x]y : C \end{array} \quad \text{from } \underline{y : C \in \Gamma} \text{ and the rule } \underline{\text{Var}} \quad \text{from } x \neq y$$

Case  $\frac{}{\Gamma, x : A \vdash x : A} \text{Var}$  where  $e' = x$  and  $C = A$

$$\begin{array}{l} \Gamma \vdash e : A \\ [e/x]x = e \end{array} \quad \text{from the assumption}$$

$$\underline{\Gamma \vdash [e/x]x : A}$$

Case  $\frac{\Gamma, x : A, y : B_1 \vdash e'' : B_2}{\Gamma, x : A \vdash \lambda y:B_1. e'' : B_1 \rightarrow B_2} \rightarrow I$  where  $e' = \lambda y:B_1. e''$  and  $C = B_1 \rightarrow B_2$

$$\underline{\Gamma, y : B_1 \vdash [e/x]e'' : B_2} \quad \text{by IH on the premise}$$

$$\underline{\Gamma \vdash \lambda y:B_1. [e/x]e'' : B_1 \rightarrow B_2} \quad \text{by the rule } \rightarrow I$$

$$[e/x]\lambda y:B_1. e'' = \lambda y:B_1. [e/x]e'' \quad \text{from } \underline{y \notin FV(e)} \text{ and } \underline{x \neq y}$$

$$\underline{\Gamma \vdash [e/x]\lambda y:B_1. e'' : B_1 \rightarrow B_2}$$

Case  $\frac{\Gamma, x : A \vdash e_1 : B \rightarrow C \quad \Gamma, x : A \vdash e_2 : B}{\Gamma, x : A \vdash e_1 \ e_2 : C} \rightarrow E$  where  $e' = e_1 \ e_2$

$\Gamma \vdash [e/x]e_1 : B \rightarrow C$

by IH on the first premise

$\Gamma \vdash [e/x]e_2 : B$

by IH on the second premise

$\Gamma \vdash [e/x]e_1 \ [e/x]e_2 : C$

by the rule  $\rightarrow E$

$\Gamma \vdash [e/x](e_1 \ e_2) : C$

by the definition of substitution

□



## 6 Transitivity [10 pts]

In a reduction sequence judgment  $e \mapsto^* e'$ , we use  $\mapsto^*$  for the reflexive and transitive closure of  $\mapsto$ . That is,  $e \mapsto^* e'$  holds if  $e \mapsto e_1 \mapsto \dots \mapsto e_n = e'$  where  $n \geq 0$ . Then we would expect that  $e \mapsto^* e'$  and  $e' \mapsto^* e''$  together imply  $e \mapsto^* e''$ , since we obtain a proof of  $e \mapsto^* e''$  simply by concatenating  $e \mapsto e_1 \mapsto \dots \mapsto e_n = e'$  and  $e' \mapsto e'_1 \mapsto \dots \mapsto e'_m = e''$ :

$$e \mapsto e_1 \mapsto \dots \mapsto e_n = e' \mapsto e'_1 \mapsto \dots \mapsto e'_m = e''$$

You will prove this transitivity property of  $\mapsto^*$  under the following inductive definition:

$$\frac{}{e \mapsto^* e} \text{ Refl} \quad \frac{e \mapsto e'' \quad e'' \mapsto^* e'}{e \mapsto^* e'} \text{ Trans}$$

**Theorem (Transitivity).** *If  $e \mapsto^* e'$  and  $e' \mapsto^* e''$ , then  $e \mapsto^* e''$ .*

Fill in the blank below and complete the proof:

*Proof.* By rule induction on the judgment  $e \mapsto^* e'$ .

Case  $e \mapsto^* e$   $\langle \text{Ref} \rangle$  where  $e' = e$

$e' \mapsto^* e''$  assumption

$e \mapsto^* e''$  from  $e' \mapsto^* e''$  and  $e' = e$

Case  $\frac{e \mapsto e''' \quad e''' \mapsto^* e'}{e \mapsto^* e'}$   $\langle \text{Trans} \rangle$

$e' \mapsto^* e''$  assumption

$e''' \mapsto^* e''$  by induction hypothesis on  $e''' \mapsto^* e'$  with  $e' \mapsto^* e''$

$e \mapsto^* e''$  from  $\frac{e \mapsto e''' \quad e''' \mapsto^* e''}{e \mapsto^* e''} \text{ Trans}$

□

## 7 Abstract machine C [10 pts]

Consider the following fragment of the simply typed  $\lambda$ -calculus for the call-by-value strategy:

type	$A ::= P \mid A \rightarrow A$
base type	$P$
expression	$e ::= x \mid \lambda x:A. e \mid e e \mid \text{fix } x:A. e$
value	$v ::= \lambda x:A. e \mid$
frame	$\phi ::= \square e \mid v \square \mid$
stack	$\sigma ::= \square \mid \sigma; \phi$
state	$s ::= \sigma \blacktriangleright e \mid \sigma \blacktriangleleft v$

The goal of this problem is to write the rules for the state transition judgment  $s \mapsto_C s'$  for the abstract machine C. For your reference, we give the rules for the reduction judgment  $e \mapsto e'$  below:

$$\frac{e_1 \mapsto e'_1}{e_1 e_2 \mapsto e'_1 e_2} \text{Lam} \quad \frac{e_2 \mapsto e'_2}{v e_2 \mapsto v e'_2} \text{Arg} \quad \frac{}{(\lambda x:A. e) v \mapsto [v/x]e} \text{App} \quad \frac{}{\text{fix } x:A. e \mapsto [\text{fix } x:A. e/x]e} \text{Fix}$$

Fill in the blank and complete each rule:

$$\frac{}{\sigma \blacktriangleright v \mapsto_C \sigma \blacktriangleleft v} \text{Val}_C$$

$$\frac{}{\sigma \blacktriangleright e_1 e_2 \mapsto_C \sigma; \square e_2 \blacktriangleright e_1} \text{Lam}_C$$

$$\frac{}{\sigma; \square e_2 \blacktriangleleft v \mapsto_C \sigma; v \square \blacktriangleright e_2} \text{Arg}_C$$

$$\frac{}{\sigma; (\lambda x:A. e) \square \blacktriangleleft v \mapsto_C \sigma \blacktriangleright [v/x]e} \text{App}_C$$

$$\frac{}{\sigma \blacktriangleright \text{fix } x:A. e \mapsto_C \sigma \blacktriangleright [\text{fix } x:A. e/x]e} \text{Fix}_C$$