CS 511 – Quiz 6: Sequential Erlang

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Exercise 1

Implement a function eval/2 that given a calculator expression and an environment (a map from identifiers to integers; see example below), returns the result of evaluating the expression. Calculator expressions are modeled using tuples, atoms and numbers. For example, the expression "3+(x/4)" is represented by the calculator expression:

```
{add,
  {const,3},
  {divi,
    {var,"x"},
    {const,4}}}.
```

Other examples are given in the stub. The grammar for calculator expressions is as follows:

You must complete the given stub (file calc.erl). This stub should include an eval/2 function. This function should either return a value or throw an exception:

• A value is an expression of the form indicated below. Note that values are not integers, they are tuples!

```
<val> ::= {val, <integer>}
```

- There are two possible exceptions:
 - unbound_identifier_error: the variable is not in the environment.
 - division_by_zero_error: there is a division by zero.

You throw an exception by placing these atoms as an argument to the throw/1 function. As follows:

- throw(unbound_identifier_error)
- throw(division_by_zero_error)

In this quiz you will only throw exceptions, not handle them.

Consider the following environment and sample calculator expressions (they are included in the stub):

```
env() -> #{"x"=>3, "y"=>7}.
e1() ->
    {add,
        {const,3},
        {divi,
            {var,"x"},
            {const,4}}.
e2() ->
        {add,
            {const,3},
            {divi,
            {onst,4}}.
```

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{var, "x"},
      {const,0}}}.
e3() ->
    {add,
     \{const,3\},
     {divi,
      {var, "r"},
      \{const, 4\}\}.
  Then, in the shell we will have:
11> calc:eval(calc:e1(),calc:env()).
{val,3}
12> calc:eval(calc:e2(),calc:env()).
** exception throw: division_by_zero_error
     in function calc:eval/2 (calc.erl, line 118)
     in call from calc:eval/2 (calc.erl, line 104)
13> calc:eval(calc:e3(),calc:env()).
** exception throw: unbound_identifier_error
     in function calc:eval/2 (calc.erl, line 99)
     in call from calc:eval/2 (calc.erl, line 115)
     in call from calc:eval/2 (calc.erl, line 104)
14>
```

You will need to lookup the maps:find/2 operation on maps. Also, Erlang case expressions will be useful to analyze the result of the call tomaps:find/2.

Also useful is the matching construct. For example, {val,N}= eval(E1,Env) will bind the number component of the tuple obtained from evaluating eval(E1,Env) to N.

Submit your file calc.erl via Canvas.