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Midterm examination paper for **TDT4165 Programming Languages**

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This course has only an english version of the exam.

This examination has 17 tasks. All tasks have the same weight (1/17).

Some tasks require program or prose writing.

The tasks are in no particular order wrt. curriculum.

Wrong answers are not scored negatively.

There is an ungraded text-entry at the end of the exam that you can use for comments.

Students will find the examination results (a score 0-100) in Studentweb after scoring has been completed. Please contact the department if you have questions about your results. This midterm counts 33% towards a final score that will be transformed to a final grade for the entire course.

1 Programming paradigms

Which one of completions to "Declarative programming ..." makes the sentence **false**?

Select one alternative:

can only be achieved in a declarative programming language.

is definitionally declarative when written in the declarative sequential kernel language (a subset of Oz).

is either descriptive, observational or definitional.

in Oz requires "declare"-sentences.

makes reasoning about programs easier.

2 **Parsing**

Select the (most) correct completion of the sentence: 'A syntax analyzer ...'
Select one alternative:

- ☐ is required in all programming language translation/interpretation.
- ☐ will produce tree-structured output.
- ☐ will produce a sequence of tokens
- ☐ reads parse-trees
- ☐ is not specified by a grammatical definition.

3 **Grammar comprehension**

Consider the following grammar for statements in a language similar to Oz.

```
<s> ::= skip
      | <s> <s>
      | local <x> in <s>
      | <x> = <x>
      | <x> = <v>
      | if <x> then <s> else <s>
```

<s> is a sentence, and is also the start symbol.
<x> is an identifier, as in Oz.
<v> is a value expression, as in Oz.

Which alternative is **not a valid** sentence generated by the grammar?
Select one alternative:

- ☐ local A in if A then A=A else A=A
- ☐ local A in if B then B=A else A=B
- ☐ local A in local B in A=A B=B if A then A=B else B=A
- ☐ local A in local B in A=B B=A if A then 3 else 0
- ☐ All alternatives are syntactically valid.

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Grammar properties

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<x> is an identifier, as in Oz.
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Which one completion of "The grammar is ..." makes the sentence **false**?
Select one alternative:

- ☐ context sensitive
- ☐ not ambiguous.
- ☐ context free
- ☐ not regular
- ☐ recursive

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Semantic stacks and procedures

Consider the following state in the execution of a program in the declarative kernel language on the abstract machine (variable names are given as v1, v2, ...

```
( [ ( {A A}, {A->v1} ) ], {v1=(proc{$ A} {A A} end, {})} )
```

What will the next state (if existing) in the execution be?
Select one alternative:

- ☐ An error is reported.
- ☐ ([, {v1=(proc{\$ A} {A A} end, {})})
- ☐ The next state is identical, ie. unchanged.
- ☐ ([({A A},{A->v1})({A A},{A->v1}),{v1=(proc{\$A}{A A} end,{})})
- ☐ None of the other alternatives

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Program comprehension

If you run/consult the following code in Mozart:

```
local Y T Z=2 in
  try
    local X=bar(Z) Y=boom T Z in
      try
        raise X end
        Z = 1
        catch bar(X) then {Browse a#T#Z} end
      end
    catch bar(X) then {Browse b#T#Z} end end
```

What would the browser window show?

Select one alternative:

a#_#baz

None of the other alternatives.

a#_#2

b#_#1

a#_#_

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Identifier scopes in Oz etc.

Which completion of "Oz has..." is true?

Select one alternative:

no scope rules.

static typing.

no typing.

dynamic scoping.

static scoping.

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Paradigm understanding

Complete with the correct alternative: 'Dataflow computation ...'
Select one alternative:

- ☐ is the same as lazy evaluation.
- ☐ implies lazy evaluation.
- ☐ requires exceptions.
- ☐ may delay unification.
- ☐ is not declarative

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List representation

Given the Oz values

- 1. [1 2 3]
- 2. 1|2|3
- 3. '(1 '(2 '(3 nil)))

Which of the values represent the same data structure?
Select one alternative:

- ☐ None.
- ☐ 1 and 2.
- ☐ 2 and 3.
- ☐ 1 and 3.
- ☐ All.

10 **Semantic stack and procedures**

Consider the following state in the execution of a program in the declarative kernel language on the abstract machine (variable names are given as v1, v2, ...

```
([ ({X Y R}, {X → v1, Y → v2, Z→v3, R→v4} ) ],  
  {v1 = (proc {$ Y R} R=Y+Z end, {Z→v5}), v2=5, v3=7, v4, v5=3})
```

observe that the formal and actual parameter **identifiers** for the procedure value are equal.

What will the next state be?

Select one alternative:

- ([], {v1=(proc {\$ Y R} R=Y+Z end, {Z→v5}), v2=5, v3=7, v4=8, v5=3})
- ([], {v1=(proc {\$ Y R} R=Y+Z end, {Z→v5}), v2=5, v3=7, v4=10, v5=3})
- ([(R=Y+Z, {Y→v2, Z→v5, R→v4})], {v1=(proc {\$ Y R} R=Y+Z end, {Z→v5}), v2=5, v3=7, v4, v5=3})

- Computation will terminate.
- Computation will suspend/freeze.

11 **Explain run time behaviour**

Explain the important computational and efficiency features of the implementation of the function Reverse (and implicitly Reverse2) as shown below. (Do not translate Oz to prose!)

```
declare Reverse Reverse2  
fun {Reverse2 Rs Ys}  
  case Ys  
  of nil then Rs  
  □ Y|Yr then {Reverse2 Y|Rs Yr} end  
end  
fun {Reverse Xs} {Reverse2 nil Xs}  
end
```

Write no more than 5 lines of text.

- tail recursive, thus constant stack size
- time used linearly proportional to length of input list

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Higher-order program comprehension

Given the following definitions

```
declare FoldR FoldL G1 G2

fun {FoldR X F S}
  case X of E|Xr then {F E {FoldR Xr F S}} else S
  end
end

fun {FoldL X F Ac}
  case X of E|Xr then {FoldL Xr F {F Ac E}} else Ac
  end
end

fun {G1 L R} L|R end

fun {G2 L R} R|L end
```

Which of the following calls will give the result [1 2 3]?

Select one alternative:

☐ {FoldL [1 2 3] G1 nil}

☐ {FoldL [1 2 3] G2 nil}

☐ {FoldR [1 2 3] G2 nil}

☐ {FoldR [1 2 3] G1 nil}

☐ None of the other alternatives.

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Program comprehension

What is the result of feeding the following program to Mozart?

```
declare Bar X Y

fun {Bar X Y}
  (A#B)#(C#D) = X#Y
in
  B=C
  A#D
end

{Browse {Bar [f o o | X]#X Y#Y}}
```

Select the correct alternative

- [f o o]
- [f o o | _]#_
- No reaction (it will suspend)
- Unification error during runtime.
- None of the other alternatives

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Programming with higher-order Programming

Rewrite the following program fragment so that it only uses FoldL (ie. replace the Map-function):

```
Ys={FoldL {Map Xs F} G S}
```

Fill in your answer here

```
1 |
```

Solution. The idea is to apply F before G is applied by FoldL:

```
Ys={FoldL Xs fun {$ S X}
      {G S {F X}}
    end S}
```

It is analogous for FoldR (beware of the order of arguments for G).

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Higher order programming properties

Four basic principles underlie higher-order programming. Map Term with definition

Please match the values:

	Genericity	Instantiation	Procedural abstraction	Embedding
the ability to convert any statement into a procedure value.				
the ability to return procedure values as results from a procedure call.				
the ability to pass procedure values as arguments to a procedure call.				
the ability to put procedure values in data structures.				

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Unification

If you feed
 declare X Y = X#Y {Browse Y}
to Mozart, what will happen?

Select one alternative:

- ☐ None of the other alternatives.
- ☐ It will complain that Y is not introduced.
- ☐ It will show 'X#Y'
- ☐ It will show '_#_'
- ☐ It will show something like '_#(_#(,,,#,,,))'

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Programming with difference lists

In the textbook, Difference lists are explained like:

3.4.4 Difference lists

A difference list is a pair of two lists, each of which might have an unbound tail. The two lists have a special relationship: it must be possible to get the second list from the first by removing zero or more elements from the front. Here are some examples:

```
X#X           % Represents the empty list
nil#nil       % idem
[a]#[a]       % idem
(a|b|c|X)#X   % Represents [a b c]
(a|b|c|d|X)#(d|X) % idem
[a b c d]#[d] % idem
```

A difference list is a representation of a standard list. We will talk of the difference list sometimes as a data structure by itself, and sometimes as representing a standard list. Be careful not to confuse these two viewpoints. The difference list [a b c d]#[d] might contain the lists [a b c d] and [d], but it represents neither of these. It represents the list [a b c].

Define the function {AppendD DL1 DL2} that computes a difference list which is the difference list DL2 appended to DL1.

```
1 |
fun {AppendD DL1 DL2}
  (A#B)#(C#D) = DL1#DL2 in
  B = C
  A#D
end
```

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Comments

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