# **Assignment 2**

# **CS 4400 Programming Languages**

Due: Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 9pm

#### **Submission:**

- 1. Submit a single file, Assignment02.hs via https://handins.ccs.neu.edu/courses/119.
- 2. At the very top, the file should contain a preamble following this template.

```
{- |
Module : Assignment02
Description : Assignment 2 submission for CS 4400.
Copyright : (c) <your name>

Maintainer : <your email>
-}
module Assignment02 where
... your code goes here ...
```

The rest of the file will contain your solutions to the exercises below.

- 3. Every top-level definition<sup>1</sup> must include a purpose statement (for functions) and a type signature, followed by one or more defining equations.
- 4. Double-check that you have named everything correctly.
- 5. Make sure your file loads into GHCi or can be compiled by GHC without any errors.
- 6. If something is not clear, or you are struggling with some questions, talk to us: in office hours, after class, on Piazza, via email.
- 7. This assignment is to be completed and submitted individually.

**Purpose:** The aim of this assignment is to practice working with BNFs and abstract syntax trees, as well as writing higher-order functions with polymorphic types.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>A top-level definition is one that is not nested inside another one.

#### **Examples and Tests**

Starting with this assignment, you are expected to write examples and tests for every data type and function you write. For check-expect-style unit tests, you can use the SimpleTests module available through the course website. Its use will be demonstrated in class. Alternatively, you can use one of Haskell's popular unit testing frameworks, HUnit or HSpec. We might demonstrate them later in the semester. For example variables, use the prefix ex\_. For tests, the prefix test\_.

## Questions

#### **BNF** and **Abstract Syntax**

An s-expression is:

- a) an atom
- b) a list of s-expressions, enclosed in parentheses, separated by spaces

For now, an atom is either a number (integer), or a symbol. Textual examples of s-expressions are:

```
(1 20 x 30 foo)
(+ 13 23)
20
(a b (c d))
x
(32 * (30 z) =)
(/ (- 10 2) 4)
```

- 1. In a {- -} comment, write down the BNF for s-expressions.
- 2. Design a datatype for s-expressions. Name it SExpr. Use String to represent symbols. Write at least 3 meaningful examples of SExpr values.
- 3. Write a function showSExpr which takes an s-expression and prints its string representation as above. Use single spaces between elements of an s-expression list.
- 4. Recall the SAE language from class:

SAE expressions can be represented as s-expressions, using prefix notation (like Racket). Here are a few examples:

```
32
(+ 12 14)
(- (/ 16 4) (- 5 4))
```

Write two functions:

- (a) a function from SExpr which converts an s-expression (with symbols restricted to +, -, \*, and /) into an SAE expression
- (b) a function to SExpr which converts an SAE expression into its s-expression representation.

For 4a, you can assume that only valid SAE s-expression in prefix form will be provided.

## Polymorphic higher-order functions

5. A polymorphic binary tree is defined as follows:

Design a function treeMap which takes a function and maps it over the given binary tree. In other words, it applies the given function to each element in the tree, preserving its structure.

Examples:

```
treeMap show (Node 1 (Node 42 Empty (Node 4 Empty Empty)) (Node 3 Empty Empty))
= Node "1" (Node "42" Empty (Node "4" Empty Empty)) (Node "3" Empty Empty)

treeMap head (Node [1] (Node [10, 2, -4] Empty Empty) (Node [-4, 12] Empty Empty))
= Node 1 (Node 10 Empty Empty) (Node (-4) Empty Empty)
```

6. Design a higher-order function iterateN, which takes a function f, an Integer n and an initial value init (of an arbitrary type) and applies f n-times, starting with init. Write the correct polymorphic signature.

For example, if the following is defined:

```
double :: Integer -> Integer
double x = x + x
```

the following should hold:

```
iterateN double 5 1 = 32
iterateN double 0 42 = 42
iterateN tail 3 ["Alewife", "Davis", "Porter", "Harvard", "Central"] =
   ["Harvard", "Central"]
```