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Milestone Report

Handwritten Answers to Milestone Questions:

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Specification (what do you think the purpose of this milestone is)

I think a core concept was to teach the expression of programming and mathematical

logic in a different form than we might be used to, in this case the postfix notation of

gforth. This offered a fairly significant understanding of gforth syntax in general. It also

gives a look into how a set of operations in the exercises might be decomposed and

parsed into something the machine can read.

Processing (how did you and/or your team go about solving the problem)

Understanding how to translate infix expressions to postfix was a key task, namely which

operators take precedence and whether they are left or right associative. With that, it was

fairly trivial to generate an expression for gforth input for simpler exercises. With more

complex exercises, it took a better reading of gforth tutorials and how the stack functions,

i.e. how the flow of control works for an IF-ELSE-THEN, and allowing a variable

"function" to be able to call itself recursively.

Testing Requirement (how did <u>you and/or your team</u> test for correctness)

Due to the simplicity of the first few exercises, the mathematical exercises were

calculated by hand, and checked with the expected result of the gforth code. In more

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complex cases, like IF-ELSE-THEN operations, testing was done piecemeal, such as

finding out what happens on the stack in each piece. Finally, with the operations factorial

and fibanacci, several numbers (mostly in the range of 1 to 10, for simplicity's sake) were

inputted, followed through the flow of control on the stack, and confirming the correct

results. In all cases, the contents of the stack are printed and removed after every

operation.

Retrospective (what did <u>you</u> learn in this milestone)

I learned about the separate data and floating point stacks used in gforth, the separate

mathematical operations required, and the "elevation" of integers when a floating point

operand operates with it. I learned how to store data (simple numbers or entire functions)

to an assigned name. I learned how an If-then works in gforth. I learned how stack

operations like dup, swap, and drop work. Overall, I learned a lot about gforth and it's

syntax.

Team Evaluation (what is the percentage of time contributed by each team member)

N/A

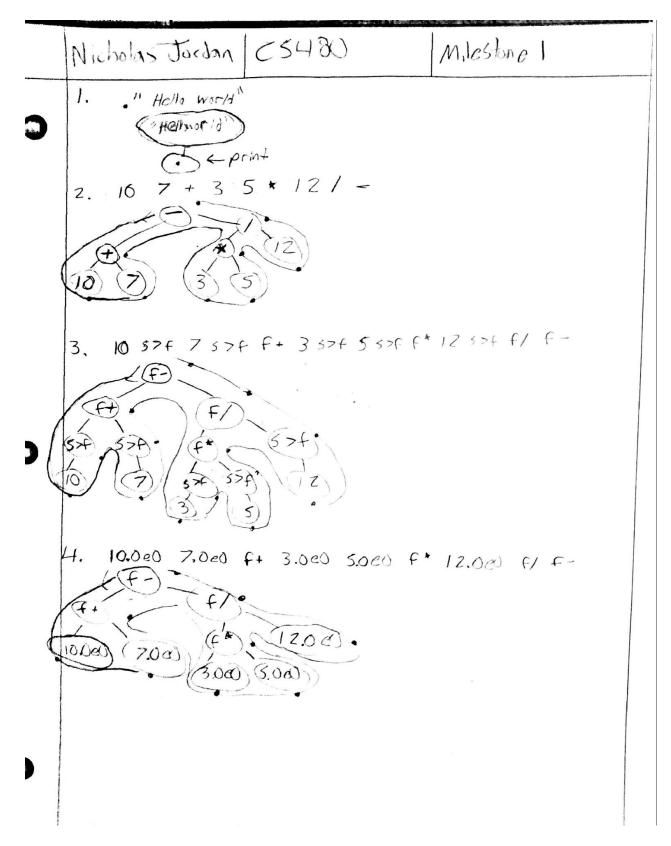
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N-ary tree data structure:

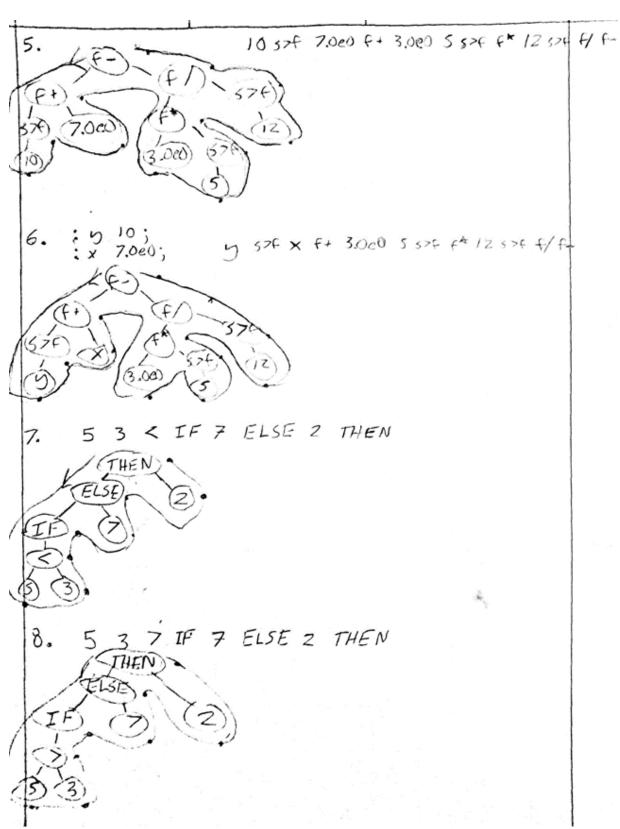
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Class tree
       node root
       int depth, size, etc...?
}
Class node
       Bool isleaf
       node parent
       node[] children
       String contents
}
PostOrderTraverse(node)
       For each child_node in node.children //left to right
              If child_node isleaf
                      Print child_node contents
              Else
                      PostOrderTraverse(child_node);
                      Print child_node contents
}
```

Usage: call PostOrderTraverse(tree.root) to traverse entire tree, printing node contents in post-order.

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