♦Back to Week 2

Problem 1

Here is a sample solution:

```
fun is_older (date1 : int * int * int, date2 : int * int * int) =
1
2
3
            val y1 = #1 date1
4
            val m1 = #2 date1
5
            val d1 = #3 date1
6
            val y2 = #1 date2
7
            val m2 = #2 date2
8
            val d2 = #3 date2
9
            y1 < y2 orelse (y1=y2 andalso m1 < m2)
10
11
                    orelse (y1=y2 andalso m1=m2 andalso d1 < d2)
12
        end
```

- Be lenient on how let-expressions are used. It is okay if there are no local val bindings. It is also okay if there are more (e.g., to avoid repeating the expression y1=y2).
- For the logic expression, it is okay to use if ... then ... else ... instead of orelse and andalso, but the logic should still be clear: starting by comparing the year, then the month, then the day. If the logic is hard to follow, give a 4 or 3.

Give a 3 for this sort of more imperative looking code:

```
1
    fun is_older (date1 : int * int * int, date2 : int * int * int) =
2
        let val y1 = #1 date1
3
            val m1 = #2 date1
4
            val d1 = #3 date1
5
            val y2 = #1 date2
6
            val m2 = #2 date2
7
            val d2 = #3 date2
8
        in
9
            let val b1 = y1 < y2
10
            in
11
                if b1
12
                then true
13
                else let val b2 = y1 > y2
14
                     in
15
                       if b2
16
                       then false
17
                       else ...
18
                . . .
19
        end
20
```

Remember that you are grading on general style, not how close to the sample solution a student solution is. It is perfectly fine for a solution to be significantly different from the sample, as long as it has good style.

Problem 2

Here is a sample solution:

```
1 fun number_in_month (dates : (int * int * int) list, month : int) =
2    if null dates
3    then 0
4    else if #2 (hd dates) = month
5    then 1 + number_in_month(tl dates, month)
6    else number_in_month(tl dates, month)
7
```

Make sure the solution has clear recursive calls and clearly evaluates to 0 if dates is null. The solution does not have to be exactly like the sample above. For example, this solution also deserves a 5:

Remember that you are grading on general style, not how close to the sample solution a student solution is. It is perfectly fine for a solution to be significantly different from the sample, as long as it has good style.

Problem 3

Here is a sample solution:

```
fun number_in_months(dates : (int * int * int) list, months : int list) =
   if null months
   then 0
   else number_in_month(dates, hd months) + number_in_months(dates, tl months)
```

- Give a 3 if the solution does not use number_in_month as a helper function or if it is substantially longer than a single if-then-else expression.
- Give a 4 if it uses a let expression for not much reason (for a short expression that is used only once). Do this for all the remaining problems (we won't repeat this instruction for each problem).

Remember that you are grading on general style, not how close to the sample solution a student solution is. It is perfectly fine for a solution to be significantly different from the sample, as long as it has good style.

Problem 4

Here is a sample solution:

```
fun dates_in_month (dates : (int * int * int) list, month : int) =
   if null dates
   then []
   else if #2 (hd dates) = month
   then (hd dates)::dates_in_month(tl dates, month)
   else dates_in_month(tl dates, month)
```

Give at most a 4 for any solution that uses ML's append operator (the @ character). Otherwise follow similar instructions as for earlier problems.

Remember that you are grading on general style, not how close to the sample solution a student solution is. It is perfectly fine for a solution to be significantly different from the sample, as long as it has good style.

Problem 5

Here is a sample solution:

```
1 fun dates_in_months(dates : (int * int * int) list, months : int list) =
2    if null months
3    then []
4    else dates_in_month(dates, hd months) @ dates_in_months(dates, tl months)
5    |
```

Give a 3 if the solution does not use date_in_month as a helper function or if it is substantially longer than a single if-then-else expression.

Remember that you are grading on general style, not how close to the sample solution a student solution is. It is perfectly fine for a solution to be significantly different from the sample, as long as it has good style.

Problem 6

Here is a sample solution:

```
1 fun get_nth (lst : string list, n : int) =
2    if n=1
3    then hd lst
4    else get_nth(tl lst, n-1)
```

Give at most a 3 if the solution uses an algorithm much more complicated than the code above.

Remember that you are grading on general style, not how close to the sample solution a student solution is. It is perfectly fine for a solution to be significantly different from the sample, as long as it has good style.

Problem 7

Here is a sample solution:

Give at most a 2 if the solution does not use a list of month names in some way. However, you can give a 5 for a solution that puts the list of month names outside the function. Give at most a 4 if the solution does not use get_nth with the list of month names as an argument.

Remember that you are grading on general style, not how close to the sample solution a student solution is. It is perfectly fine for a solution to be significantly different from the sample, as long as it has good style.

Problem 8

Here is a sample solution:

```
1 fun number_before_reaching_sum (sum : int, lst : int list) =
2    if sum <= hd lst
3    then 0
4    else 1 + number_before_reaching_sum(sum - hd lst, tl lst)</pre>
```

Any nicely formatted solution of roughly this length is probably good style, but look for the logic of a recursive call with argument sum - hd lst, giving at most a 4 if it is difficult to find.

Remember that you are grading on general style, not how close to the sample solution a student solution is. It is perfectly fine for a solution to be significantly different from the sample, as long as it has good style.

Problem 9

Here is a sample solution:

```
1 fun what_month (day_of_year : int) =
2    let
3     val month_lengths = [31,28,31,30,31,30,31,30,31,30,31]
4    in
5     1 + number_before_reaching_sum(day_of_year, month_lengths)
6    end
```

Give at most a 2 if the solution does not use a list of month lengths and the number_before_reaching_sum function in some way. However, you can give a 5 for a solution that puts the list of month lengths outside the function.

Remember that you are grading on general style, not how close to the sample solution a student solution is. It is perfectly fine for a solution to be significantly different from the sample, as long as it has good style.

Problem 10

Here is a sample solution:

```
1 fun month_range (day1 : int, day2 : int) =
2    if day1 > day2
3    then []
4    else what_month day1 :: month_range(day1 + 1, day2)
```

Give at most a 3 for a solution that uses ML's append operator (the @ character). Give at most a 4 for a solution that has more than a single if-then-else expression.

Remember that you are grading on general style, not how close to the sample solution a student solution is. It is perfectly fine for a solution to be significantly different from the sample, as long as it has good style.

Problem 11

Here are two sample solutions:

```
fun oldest (dates : (int * int * int) list) =
2
        if null dates
3
        then NONE
4
        else let
5
                  val ans = oldest(tl dates)
6
       in
7
           if isSome ans andalso is_older(valOf ans, hd dates)
8
           then ans
9
           else SOME (hd dates)
10
       end
11
    (* arguably better alternate solution avoiding isSome / valOf *)
12
13
    fun oldest (dates : (int * int * int) list) =
14
        if null dates
15
        then NONE
16
        else let
17
                  fun f dates =
18
                      if null (tl dates)
19
                      then hd dates
20
                      else let
21
                               val ans = f (tl dates)
22
                            in
23
                               if is_older(ans, hd dates)
24
                               then ans
25
                               else hd dates
26
27
             in
28
                  SOME(f dates)
29
             end
```

Give at most a 3 if oldest could be called recursively twice with the same list (probably tl dates). Give at most a 4 if is_older is not used.

Remember that you are grading on general style, not how close to the sample solution a student solution is. It is perfectly fine for a solution to be significantly different from the sample, as long as it has good style.

Problems 12 and 13

You do not need to provide feedback on problems 12 and 13 (the challenge problems), but you are welcome to give text feedback on these problems if you wish. Here are sample solutions for the challenge problems although there are other equally good if not better approaches you could take:

```
(* quadratic algorithm rather than sorting which is nlog n *)
2
    fun mem(x : int, xs : int list) =
3
        not (null xs) and also (x = hd xs orelse mem(x, tl xs))
    fun remove_duplicates(xs : int list) =
5
        if null xs
6
        then []
7
        else
8
            let
9
                val tl_ans = remove_duplicates (tl xs)
10
            in
                if mem(hd xs, tl_ans)
11
12
                then tl_ans
13
                else (hd xs)::tl_ans
14
            end
15
    fun number_in_months_challenge(dates : (int * int * int) list, months : int
16
17
        number_in_months(dates, remove_duplicates months)
18
    fun dates_in_months_challenge (dates : (int * int * int) list, months : int
19
20
        dates_in_months(dates, remove_duplicates months)
21
    fun reasonable_date (date : int * int * int) =
22
23
        let
24
            fun get_nth (lst : int list, n : int) =
25
            if n=1
26
            then hd lst
27
            else get_nth(tl lst, n-1)
28
            val year = #1 date
29
            val month = \#2 date
            val day = #3 date
30
            val leap = year mod 400 = 0 orelse (year mod 4 = 0 andalso year mod 100
31
32
            val feb_len = if leap then 29 else 28
33
            val lengths = [31,feb_len,31,30,31,30,31,30,31,30,31]
34
        in
35
            year > 0 andalso month >= 1 andalso month <= 12
36
            andalso day >= 1 andalso day <= get_nth(lengths,month)</pre>
37
        end
```

Mark as completed

