

CSE 341, Spring 2008, Assignment 1

Due: Thursday 10 April, 8:00AM

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You will write 11 SML functions having to do with calendar dates. In all problems, a “date” is an SML value of type `int*int*int`, where the first part is the year, the second part is the month, and the third part is the day. A “reasonable” date would have a positive year, a month between 1 and 12, and a day no greater than 31 (or less depending on the month). However, most problems do *not* assume “reasonable” dates; solutions should work for any `int*int*int` except where noted. A “day of year” is a number from 1 to 365 where, for example, 33 represents February 2. (We ignore leap years except in one challenge problem.)

The sample solution is *roughly* 75–80 lines. See page 2 for additional instructions.

1. Write a function `is_older` that takes two dates and evaluates to true or false. It evaluates to true if the first argument is a date that comes before the second argument. (If the two dates are the same, the result is false.)
2. Write a function `number_in_month` that takes a list of dates and a month (i.e., an `int`) and returns how many dates in the list are in the month.
3. Write a function `number_in_months` that takes a list of dates and a list of months (i.e., an `int list`) and returns the number of dates in the list of dates that are in any of the months in the list of months. *Assume the list of months has no number repeated (or if a number is repeated then dates in that month are counted multiple times)*. Use your answer to the previous problem.
4. Write a function `dates_in_month` that takes a list of dates and a month (i.e., an `int`) and returns a list holding the dates from the argument list of dates that are in the month.
5. Write a function `dates_in_months` that takes a list of dates and a list of months (i.e., an `int list`) and returns a list holding the dates from the argument list of dates that are in any of the months in the list of months. *Assume the list of months has no number repeated (or if a number is repeated then dates in that month are in the result list multiple times)*. Use your answer to the previous problem and ML’s list-append operator (`@`).
6. Write a function `get_nth` that takes a list of strings and an `int n` and returns the n^{th} element of the list where the head of the list is 1st. If the list has too few elements, your function should apply `hd` to the empty list, which will raise an exception.
7. Write a function `date_to_string` that takes a date and returns a `string` of the form `February 2, 2008` (for example). Use the operator `^` for concatenating strings and the library function `Int.toString` for converting an `int` to a `string`. For producing the month part, do *not* use a bunch of conditionals. Instead, use a list holding 12 strings and your answer to the previous problem.
8. Write a function `number_before_reaching_sum` that takes an `int` (which you can assume is non-negative) and an `int list` and returns an `int`. It returns n if `sum` is greater than or equal to the sum of the first n elements of the list, but not greater than or equal to the sum of the first $n + 1$ elements. If `sum` is greater than the sum of all numbers in the list, your function should apply `hd` to the empty list, which will raise an exception.
9. Write a function `what_month` that takes a day of year (i.e., a number between 1 and 365) and returns what month that day is in (1 for January, 2 for February, etc.). Use a list holding 12 integers and your answer to the previous problem.
10. Write a function `month_range` that takes two days of the year `day1` and `day2` and returns an `int list` `[m1,m2,...,mn]` where `m1` is the month of `day1`, `m2` is the month of `day1+1`, ..., and `mn` is the month of `day2`. Note the result will have length `day2 - day1 + 1` or length 0 if `day1>day2`.
11. Write a function `oldest` that takes a list of dates and evaluates to an `(int*int*int) option`. It evaluates to `NONE` if the list has no dates and `SOME d` if the date `d` is in the list and is older than all other dates in the list.

12. **Challenge Problem:** Write functions `number_in_months_challenge` and `dates_in_months_challenge` that are like your solutions to problems 3 and 5 except having a month in the second argument multiple times has no more effect than having it once. (Hint: Remove duplicates, then use previous work.)
13. **Challenge Problem:** Write a function `reasonable_date` that takes a date and determines if it actually describes a real date in the common era. A “real date” has a positive year (year 0 did not exist), a month between 1 and 12, and a day appropriate for the month. Your solution must handle leap years properly. Leap years are years that are either divisible by 400 or divisible by 4 but not divisible by 100.

Note: Remember the course policy on challenge problems.

Type Summary

Evaluating a correct homework solution should generate these bindings:

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val is_older = fn : (int * int * int) * (int * int * int) -> bool
val number_in_month = fn : (int * int * int) list * int -> int
val number_in_months = fn : (int * int * int) list * int list -> int
val dates_in_month = fn : (int * int * int) list * int -> (int * int * int) list
val dates_in_months = fn : (int * int * int) list * int list -> (int * int * int) list
val get_nth = fn : string list * int -> string
val date_to_string = fn : int * int * int -> string
val number_before_reaching_sum = fn : int * int list -> int
val what_month = fn : int -> int
val month_range = fn : int * int -> int list
val oldest = fn : (int * int * int) list -> (int * int * int) option
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Of course, generating these bindings does not guarantee that your solutions are correct. *Test your functions.*

Assessment

Your solutions should be:

- Correct
- In good style, including indentation and line breaks
- Written using the features we have used in class. In particular, you must not use references or arrays. (Why would you?)

Turn-in Instructions

- Put all your solutions in one file, `lastname_hw1.sml`, where `lastname` is replaced with your last name.
- The first line of your `.sml` file should be an ML comment with your name and the phrase `homework 1`.
- Go to <https://catalysttools.washington.edu/collectit/dropbox/djg7/2125> (link available from the course website), follow the “Homework 1” link, and upload your file.
- If you have trouble accessing the web page for turning in your homework, contact Matthew Kehrt *before* the deadline. Emailing him your solution as an attachment is an undesirable back-up plan, and definitely should not be necessary after the first homework.

Syntax Hints

Small syntax errors can lead to strange error messages. Here are 3 examples for function definitions:

1. `int * int * int list` means `int * int * (int list)`, not `(int * int * int) list`.
2. `fun f x : t` means the *result type* of `f` is `t`, whereas `fun f (x:t)` means the *argument type* of `f` is `t`. There is no need to write result types (and in later homeworks, no need to write argument types).
3. `fun (x t)`, `fun (t x)`, or `fun (t : x)` are all wrong, but the error message suggests you are trying to do something much more advanced than you actually are (which is trying to write `fun (x : t)`).