CSE 341 Winter 2019 Midterm

Please do not turn the page until 2:30.

Rules:
● The exam is closed-book, closed-note, etc. except one side of a 8.5x11in page.
● Please stop promptly at 3:20.
● There are 75 points, distributed unevenly among 7 multi-part questions.
● QUESTIONS VARY IN DIFFICULTY. GET EASY POINTS FIRST!!!
● The exam is a bit on long side. Be strategic with your time.
● The exam is printed double-sided, with pages numbered up to 18.

Advice:
● Read the questions carefully. Understand before you answer.
● Write down thoughts and intermediate steps so we can give partial credit.
● Clearly indicate your final answer.
● Questions are not in order of difficulty. Always try answering everything.
● Tear off the Reference Sheet so you can refer to it more easily.
● If you have questions, ask.
● Relax. You are here to learn.

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QUESTION 1 (12 points). For each of the following SML programs, try to find a way to replace ??? so that ans will be bound to 27 after the last line. If it is impossible to replace ??? so that ans is bound to 27, briefly explain why.

(a, 2 points)
val x = ???;
val y = (let x = 27 in x + x end);
val ans = x;

Replacement for ??? (or explanation if none possible):

(b, 2 points)
fun f (x, y) =
    if x < y
    then y - x
    else 2 * y;
val ans = f (??? , 27);

Replacement for ??? (or explanation if none possible):

(c, 2 points)
val x = fn x => x * 2;
val ans = x (???);

Replacement for ??? (or explanation if none possible):
(d, 2 points)
val ans = map (fn x => x - 1) ???;

Replacement for ??? (or explanation if none possible):

(e, 2 points)
val ans = foldl (fn (x, y) => x - y) ??? [300, 40, 1];

Replacement for ??? (or explanation if none possible):

(f, 2 points)
val x = 26;
fun foo y z =
  if y <= z
  then x - 1
  else x + 1;
val x = ???;
val ans = foo x x;

Replacement for ??? (or explanation if none possible):
QUESTION 2 (9 points). For each of the following problems assume a fresh set of bindings and:

1. Identify the type of the function \( f \)
2. Identify the result bound to \( \text{ans} \)
3. Identify whether \( f \) is tail-recursive (a non-recursive function is trivially not tail recursive). If you think the function is not tail-recursive, explain why (you may mark the code that is specifically violating the tail-recursive property).

Example:

(* type of f: \texttt{int -> int} *)
fun f (x) = x + 1;
val ans = f 8; (* ans is bound to: \texttt{9} *)

(* Is f tail-recursive? *)
\textbf{No, because f is not recursive.} (*)

(a, 3 points)
val z = 8;

(* type of f: *)
fun f x =
  let
    val y = x * 2;
    val x = y - 1;
    val y = x * 2;
  in y + z end;
val z = 10;
val ans = f z; (* ans is bound to: *)

(* Is f tail-recursive? *)
Name: _________________________________ (please print clearly!)

(b, 3 points)

exception E;

(* type of f: _________________________________ *)
fun f zs =
  case zs
    of NONE => raise E
     | SOME [] => raise E
     | SOME (z::[]) => z
     | SOME (z::zs') => z + f (SOME (zs'));

val zs = f (SOME ([3, 4, 1])
val ans = zs; (* ans is bound to: _________________________________ *)

(* Is f tail-recursive?

________________________________________________________________________ *)

(c, 3 points)

val a = 42;
fun g (a, b) = b + a;

(* type of f: _________________________________ *)
fun f y =
  if y (a, a) < θ
  then (y (a, a), ~1)
  else (a, θ);

val ans = f g; (* ans is bound to: _________________________________ *)

(* Is f tail-recursive?

________________________________________________________________________ *)
(d, 3 points EXTRA CREDIT -- don’t work on this till you’re done with everything else!)

val g = 12
val x = 5;

(* type of f: __________________________________________________________ *)
fun f gs ys =
  let
    val x = fn y =>
      if y (g, g) < 0 then (y (g, g), ~1) else (g, 0)
  in
  case gs of
    [] => ys
  | g1::[] => [(g, g)]
  | g1::g2::[] => [(x g1)]
  | g1::g2::gs' => (x g2)::(f gs' ys)
  end

val g = fn (x, y) => x - 2;
val h = fn (y, x) => 5 + y;
val ans = f [g, h, h] [(1, 0)];

(* ans is bound to: __________________________________________________________ *)

(* Is f tail-recursive?  __________________________________________________________ *)
Question 3 (20 points). Consider the following datatype, representing a stack of snowballs (also commonly known as a “snowman”).

datatype snow = Base | Ball of (int * snow)

The Ball constructor takes a pair whose first element is an int representing the number of buttons on that snowball and whose second element is another value of type snow “below” that ball in the stack. The bottom of the stack is a Base value (which has no buttons).

Here are three examples:

val s1 = Ball(3, Ball (4, Ball (1, Base)));
val s2 = Ball(100, Ball (200, Base));
val s3 = Ball(0, Ball (1, Ball (~1, Base)));

(a, 5 points) Write a function remove_buttonless of type (snow -> snow) where the returned snow value is similar to the argument but with any Balls having fewer than 1 button removed. If the argument is a Base, return Base. For example, remove_buttonless s3 should evaluate to Ball (1, Base).
(b, 5 points) Write a function `build_snowman` of type `('a -> int) -> 'a list -> snow` such that `(build_snowman f [e1; e2; ...; eN])` returns:

\[
\text{Ball (f e1, Ball (f e2, ... (Ball (f eN, Base))))}
\]

For example, `(build_snowman (fn x => x + 1) [3, 4, 1])` should return:

\[
\text{Ball (4, Ball (5, Ball(2, Base)))}
\]

Note that `(build_snowman f [])` should return `Base` for any function `f`. Use recursion directly in your solution. Do not use any functions from the Reference Sheet in your answer for part (b) here.
(c, 5 points) Now implement build_snowman again, but do not use recursion in your function. Instead use functions like rev, append, map, filter, and foldl from the Reference Sheet.

val build_snowman = (* provide your solution below *)
(d, 5 points) Write a function `interleave` of type `(snow -> snow -> snow)` which takes as arguments two snow expressions `FOO` and `BAR` and evaluates to a snow expression constructed from interleaving each Ball in `FOO` and `BAR`, with a Base at the bottom. If the length of `s1` and `s2` differ, the remaining Ball elements from the longer expression are included as the bottom part of the snowman. The order of elements from both snow expressions should be maintained. For example, given the earlier bindings for `s1` and `s2` on page 9, `(interleave s1 s2)` should evaluate to:

```
Ball(3, Ball(100, Ball(4, Ball(200, Ball(1, Base))))))
```
QUESTION 4 (4 points). In this problem, we ask you to give good error messages for why a short ML program does not type-check. A specific phrase or short sentence is plenty. For example, for the program,

\[
\text{fun } f1 (x,y) = \text{if } x \text{ then } y + 1 \text{ else } x
\]

a fine answer would be, "the then-branch-expression and the else-branch-expression do not have the same type." Give good error messages for each of the following:

(a, 2 points)
fun g1 x y =
  if x = 0
  then y + 1
  else 2 * g1 (x - 1, y);

Your answer:

(b, 2 points)
fun g f x =
  case x of
    [] => raise (Fail "(:")
  | [y] => List.hd (f y)
  | x::xs => g f (f x)::xs

Your answer:
**QUESTION 5 (4 points).** Consider these datatypes:

```
datatype b = PSI | CHI of bool
datatype c = PHI of b | UPSILON of b
datatype d = TAU of d * b | SIGMA of (d -> d) * b
datatype e = RHO of c * b | PI of c list
```

How many distinct values are there of each type (e.g., “zero”, “one”, “two”, ..., “infinity”)? Each part is worth 1 point.

b : _________________

c : _________________

d : _________________

e : _________________
QUESTION 6 (10 points). Which of the pairs of expressions are equivalent? Refer to the Reference Sheet for implementations of functions like rev, append, map, filter, and foldl.

In the left column for each row, please write “Always” if the expressions are always equivalent, “Pure” if the expressions are equivalent when \( f \) and \( g \) are pure (always terminate, never throw exceptions, never print, never read or write references, etc.), or “No” if the expressions are not equivalent. Remember that \( \text{div} \) is used for integer division in SML. Each part is worth 1 point.

The first three rows are filled out as examples. Please write answers clearly!

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 QUESTION 7 (16 points). Consider the NONEMPTYLIST signature and its implementation NonEmptyList, found on the Reference Sheet. Each part is worth 4 points.

The type non_empty_list represents a non-empty list of strings. The type index represents possible list indices (non-negative integers). The implementation in NonEmptyList uses list operations without checking for empty lists.

In any code you write, assume you have access to a variable x of type non_empty_list bound to (NonEmptyList.make “foo”). WRITE CLEARLY (if we can’t read it, no credit)

(A) Can you cause NonEmptyList.hd to throw an Empty list exception? If so, give a concrete program which causes this exception. If not, explain why.

(B) Can you cause NonEmptyList.tl to throw an Empty list exception? If so, give a concrete program which causes this exception. If not, explain why.

(C) Can you cause NonEmptyList.get to throw an Empty list exception? If so, give a concrete program which causes this exception. If not, explain why.

(D) Explain how to fix the definition of NONEMPTYLIST to rule out any errors identified above.
EXTRA CREDIT. Consider the following datatype:

datatype pr_tree = Leaf
              | Node of string * (int -> int) * pr_tree * pr_tree

This type can be used to build a binary tree of pairs mapping strings to functions. Note that Leafs hold no values. Below are three examples of pr_trees:

fun f x = x - 1;
fun g x = x + 1;
fun h x = x * 2;

val t1 = Node ("a", g, Node ("b", g, Leaf, Node ("c", g, Leaf, Leaf)), Leaf);
val t2 = Node ("a", f, Node ("b", g, Leaf, Node ("c", h, Leaf, Leaf)), Leaf);

(a, 2 points EC) Write a function pr_fold of type (pr_tree * int -> int) which returns the result of applying the function held by the topmost root of the first argument and its left-most children descendents (all the way to its leftmost Leaf) starting with the second argument. If the first argument is a Leaf, return the value of the second argument. For example:

val res1 = pr_fold (t1, 0); (* evaluates to 2 *)
val res2 = pr_fold (t2, 0); (* evaluates to 0 *)
(EXTRA CREDIT continued)

(b, 2 points EC) Write a function `get_strings_returning` of type `(pr_tree -> int -> int -> string list)` returning strings from Nodes in the first argument which hold functions that return the third argument when called with the second. The order of the resulting list does not matter. Don’t worry about any duplicate strings in pr_trees.
Reference Sheet

fun rev xs = 
  let
    fun loop acc l =
      case l of [] => acc
      | h :: t => loop (h :: acc) t
  in
    loop [] xs
  end

fun append xs ys =
  case xs of [] => ys
  | x :: xs' => x :: append xs' ys

fun map f xs =
  case xs of [] => []
  | x :: xs' => f x :: map f xs'

fun filter f xs =
  case xs of [] => []
  | x :: xs' => if f x
    then x :: filter f xs'
    else filter f xs'

(* NOTE: this foldl is curried, but the function f it takes is not *)
fun foldl f acc xs =
  case xs of [] => acc
  | x :: xs' => foldl f (f (acc, x)) xs'

(* the “pipeline operator” *)
infix !>
fun x !> f = f x
signature NONEMPTYLIST = sig          (* For Question 7 *)
  type non_empty_list

  type list_index = int

  val hd: non_empty_list -> string

  val tl: non_empty_list -> string list

  val cons: string * non_empty_list -> non_empty_list

  val make: string -> non_empty_list

  val get: list_index * non_empty_list -> string option

  val to_index: int -> list_index option
end

structure NonEmptyList :> NONEMPTYLIST = struct
  type non_empty_list = string list

  type list_index = int

  fun hd xs = List.hd xs

  fun tl xs = List.tl xs

  fun cons (x, xs) = x::xs

  fun make x = [x]

  fun get (idx, l) = 
    if idx >= List.length l then
      NONE
    else let 
        fun recurse (i,l) = 
          if i = 0 then 
            SOME (hd l) 
          else recurse (i-1, List.tl l)
        in 
        recurse (idx, l) 
      end
    end

  fun to_index i = if i < 0 then NONE else SOME i
end