Computer Science 15–212–X: Final Examination
Sample Solution

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Instructions

- This is an open-book, open-notes examination.
- There are 18 pages in this examination, including five worksheets.
- This examination consists of 5 questions worth a total of 200 points. The point value of each question is given with the question.
- Read each question completely before attempting to solve any part.
- Write your answers legibly *in the space provided* on the examination sheet. If you use the back of a sheet, indicate clearly that you have done so on the front.
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Grading

Question	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Score						
Maximum	40	50	35	35	40	200

1 Induction and Recursion [40 pts]

We define binary trees by

```
datatype 'a tree = Empty | Node of 'a * 'a tree * 'a tree
```

We can uniquely identify a subtree of a binary tree by specifying a *path* from the root to the subtree: at each step during the top-down traversal we are instructed that we he arrived (`H`), that we have to go left (`L`) or that we have to go right(`R`). We thus represent paths by

```
datatype path = H | L of path | R of path
```

We call a path p *valid in a tree* t if the path designates some subtree of t. For example, the root of any tree has address `H`, the left subtree has address `L(H)`, the right subtree has address `R(H)`. The address `L(H)` is not valid in the empty tree `Empty`.

1. [10 pts] Write an ML function

   ```
   val subtree : path * 'a tree -> 'a tree
   ```

   such that `subtree` (p, t) returns the subtree of t at address p or raises the exception `Path` if the subtree does not exist.

   ```
   fun subtree (H, t) = t
     | subtree (L(p), Node(_,left,right)) = subtree(p,left)
     | subtree (R(p), Node(_,left,right)) = subtree(p,right)
     | subtree _ = raise Path
   ```

2. [15 pts] Write an ML function

   ```
   val paths : 'a tree -> path list
   ```

   such that `paths`(t) returns a list containing precisely the valid paths in t. Your function need not be tail-recursive.

   ```
   fun paths (t) = H::(paths' t)
   and paths' (Empty) = nil
     | paths' (Node(_,left,right)) =
         map L (paths left) @ map R (paths right)
   ```

3. [15 pts] We define

```
fun mirror (H) = H
  | mirror (L(p)) = R(mirror(p))
  | mirror (R(p)) = L(mirror(p))
fun reflect (Empty) = Empty
  | reflect (Node(d, left, right)) =
      Node(d, reflect(right), reflect(left))
```

Prove that $\texttt{reflect}(\texttt{subtree}(p,t)) \equiv \texttt{subtree}(\texttt{mirror}(p), \texttt{reflect}(t))$ for any tree t and path p valid in t. Here $e_1 \equiv e_2$ means that $e_1 \hookrightarrow v$ if and only if $e_2 \hookrightarrow v$.

Proof: By induction on the structure of the path p.

Case: $p = \texttt{H}$. Then

$$\begin{array}{rl} & \texttt{reflect}(\texttt{subtree}(p,t)) \\ = & \texttt{reflect}(\texttt{subtree}(\texttt{H},t)) \\ \Longrightarrow & \texttt{reflect}(t) \\ \hookrightarrow & t' \quad \text{and} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rl} & \texttt{subtree}(\texttt{mirror}(p), \texttt{reflect}(t)) \\ = & \texttt{subtree}(\texttt{mirror}(\texttt{H}), \texttt{reflect}(t)) \\ \Longrightarrow & \texttt{subtree}(\texttt{H}, \texttt{reflect}(t)) \\ \Longrightarrow^* & \texttt{subtree}(\texttt{H}, t') \\ \hookrightarrow & t' \end{array}$$

Case: $p = \texttt{L}(p')$. We assume the induction hypothesis:

$$\texttt{reflect}(\texttt{subtree}(p', t')) \equiv \texttt{subtree}(\texttt{mirror}(p'), \texttt{reflect}(t'))$$

for any t' such that p' is valid in t'. Then

$$\begin{array}{rl} & \texttt{reflect}(\texttt{subtree}(p,t)) \\ = & \texttt{reflect}(\texttt{subtree}(\texttt{L}(p'),t)) \\ = & \texttt{reflect}(\texttt{subtree}(\texttt{L}(p'), \texttt{Node}(d,t_1,t_2))) \\ & \quad \text{where } t = \texttt{Node}(d,t_1,t_2), \text{ since } \texttt{L}(p') \text{ valid in } t \\ \Longrightarrow & \texttt{reflect}(\texttt{subtree}(p',t_1)) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rl} & \texttt{subtree}(\texttt{mirror}(p), \texttt{reflect}(t)) \\ = & \texttt{subtree}(\texttt{mirror}(\texttt{L}(p')), \texttt{reflect}(t)) \\ \Longrightarrow & \texttt{subtree}(\texttt{R}(\texttt{mirror}(p')), \texttt{reflect}(t)) \\ = & \texttt{subtree}(\texttt{R}(\texttt{mirror}(p')), \texttt{reflect}(\texttt{Node}(d,t_1,t_2))) \\ \equiv & \texttt{subtree}(\texttt{R}(\texttt{mirror}(p')), \texttt{Node}(d, \texttt{reflect}(t_2), \texttt{reflect}(t_1))) \\ \equiv & \texttt{subtree}(\texttt{mirror}(p'), \texttt{reflect}(t_1)) \end{array}$$

The equivalence now follows from the induction hypothesis, using t_1 for t'.

Case: $p = \texttt{R}(p')$. Symmetric to the previous case.

2 Streams [50 pts]

Streams are a finite representation of potentially infinite lists. This question develops the fundamentals of potentially infinite binary trees. Consider the basic signatures for lazy trees (`ltrees`).

```
signature LTREE =
sig
  type 'a ltree
  datatype 'a lroot = Empty | Node of 'a * 'a ltree * 'a ltree
  val delay : (unit -> 'a lroot) -> 'a ltree
  val expose : 'a ltree -> 'a lroot
  val map : ('a -> 'b) -> 'a ltree -> 'b ltree
end;
```

1. [20 pts] Implement a structure `LTree :> LTREE` in analogy with a basic implementation of streams that does *not* memoize. In particular, make sure that `map` is lazy.

```
structure LTree :> LTREE =
struct
  datatype 'a ltree = Delay of unit -> 'a lroot
  and 'a lroot = Empty | Node of 'a * 'a ltree * 'a ltree
  fun delay (f) = Delay (f)
  fun expose (Delay(f)) = f ()
  fun map f t = delay (fn () => map' f (expose t))
  and map' f (Empty) = Empty
    | map' f (Node(d,left,right)) = Node(f(d), map f left, map f right)
end;
```

2. [20 pts] The function `exists : ('a -> bool) -> 'a ltree -> bool` generalizes the corresponding function on binary trees. We specify that `exists` $p\,t$ traverses the lazy tree t and returns `true` if it contains a data element on which p returns `true` and `false` if no such element exists.

   Prove that such a function cannot be implemented, even if we assume that p is a decision procedure. You may assume the undecidability of the halting problem for ML and functions such as `bddEval : exp * int -> value option` or `reduce : exp -> exp` and `isValue : exp -> bool` in your proof.

   Proof: By a reduction from the halting problem for ML programs.[1] Assume a function `exists` as specified above exists. Then the following function `H` would decide the halting problem for ML functions $f : \texttt{unit} \to \tau$:

   ```
   val empty = LTree.delay (fn () => LTree.Empty)
   fun H (f:unit -> τ) : bool =
       exists (fn _ => true)
         (delay (fn () => LTree.Node (f (), empty, empty)))
   ```

   Since we know this halting problem is undecidable, a function `exists` as specified above cannot exist.

[1] This elegant reduction is due to Larry Greenfield.

3. [10 pts] A weaker specification states that for decision procedures p,

   - `exists` $p\,t \hookrightarrow$ `true` if t contains data on which p holds, and
   - `exists` $p\,t \hookrightarrow$ `false` or diverges if t contains no such data element.

   Explain the mistake in the following code and describe a correct implementation. You do not need to write it out in ML.

```
fun exists p t = delay (fn () => exists' p (expose t))
and exists' p (Empty) = Empty
  | exists' p (Node(d,left,right)) =
    p(d) orelse exists p left orelse exists p right
```

   There are several mistakes in this piece of code. First of all, it does not type-check, since there is a conflict between returning a stream (first clause of `exists` and `exists'`) and returning a Boolean (second clause of `exists'`). The specified type was `bool` so we correct:

```
fun exists p t = exists' p (expose t)
and exists' p (Empty) = false
  | exists' p (Node(d,left,right)) =
    p(d) orelse exists p left orelse exists p right
```

   This is still incorrect, since the `orelse` is not "fair": if the leftmost path through the lazy tree is infinite and p returns `false` for all the data on that path, `exists` will diverge even though the first data element in the right subtree might satisfy p.

   We can solve this problem with a breadth-first or iterative deepening traversal of the lazy tree. This will satisfy the specification if we also assume that forcing each of the delayed computations in the lazy tree also terminates.

3 Abstract Types [35 pts]

As part of the implementation of an editor, we implement a buffer data structure. The first implementation is "persistent", that is, it does not use mutable references or arrays in order to facilitate undo operations.

```
signature BUFFER =
sig
  type buffer
  exception BoB
  exception EoB
  val empty : buffer
  val insert : buffer * char -> buffer
  val delete : buffer -> buffer         (* raises BoB *)
  val forward : buffer * int -> buffer  (* int >= 0, raises EoB *)
  val backward : buffer * int -> buffer (* int >= 0, raises BoB *)
  val point : buffer -> int
end;
```

The state of a buffer is determined by a list of characters and the "*point*", that is, the place in the buffer where insert, delete, and related operations apply. In order to facilitate efficient insert and delete operations, we represent the buffer as the triple consisting of the *reverse* of the list of characters to the left of *point*, the list of characters to the right of *point*, and the number of characters before *point*. For example, the buffer

```
"abcdef"
```

with *point* after the `d` would be represented by

```
([#"d", #"c", #"b", #"a"], [#"e", #"f"], 4)
```

Write the following declarations inside a structure of the form

```
structure Buffer :> BUFFER =
struct
  type buffer = char list * char list * int
  exception BoB
  exception EoB
  ...
end;
```

Be sure to respect the specified types from the signature and maintain the given invariants.

1. [5 pts] `empty`. The empty buffer.

```
val empty : buffer = (nil,nil,0)
```

2. [5 pts] `insert`(b, c). Insert character c into buffer b directly before *point*.

```
fun insert ((l,k,p), c) = (c::l,k,p+1)
```

3. [5 pts] `delete`(b). Delete the character before *point*, raising `BoB` if *point* is at the beginning of the buffer.

```
fun delete (c::l,k,p) = (l,k,p-1)
  | delete _ = raise BoB
```

4. [5 pts] `forward`(b, n). Move *point* forward n characters, where $n \geq 0$ may be assumed. Raises `EoB` if it would move past the end of the buffer.

```
fun forward (b, 0) = b
  | forward ((l,c::k,p), n) = forward ((c::l,k,p+1), n-1)
  | forward _ = raise EoB
```

5. [5 pts] `backward`(b, n). Move *point* backwards n characters, where $n \geq 0$ may be assumed. Raises `BoB` if it would move past the beginning of the buffer.

```
fun backward (b, 0) = b
  | backward ((c::l,k,p), n) = backward ((l,c::k,p-1), n-1)
  | backward _ = raise BoB
```

6. [5 pts] `point`(b). Return the position of *point* in buffer b, where 0 is before the first character, 1 right after the first character, *etc.*

```
fun point (l,k,p) = p
```

7. [5 pts] In an environment where the structure `Buffer` is defined as above, define a function `goto`(b, n) which moves point to position n, raising appropriate exceptions if $n < 0$ or n is greater than the number of characters in b.

```
fun goto (b,n) =
    let val p = Buffer.point(b)
    in
      case Int.compare (n, p)
        of EQUAL => b
         | GREATER => Buffer.forward(b, n-p)
         | LESS => Buffer.backward(b, p-n)
    end;
```

4 Mutable State [35 pts]

1. [15 pts] Write a signature `MBUFFER` which modifies the signature `BUFFER` from Question 3 so that it is appropriate for an implementation of a buffer as a *mutable* data structure. In particular, operations executed for effect should return a value of type `unit`.

```
signature MBUFFER =
sig
  type buffer
  exception BoB
  exception EoB
  val empty : unit -> buffer
  val insert : buffer -> char -> unit
  val delete : buffer -> unit           (* raises BoB *)
  val forward : buffer -> int -> unit   (* raises EoB *)
  val backward : buffer -> int -> unit  (* raises BoB *)
  val point : buffer -> int
end;
```

2. [20 pts] Implement the body of a functor

```
functor MBuffer (structure B : BUFFER) :> MBUFFER =
struct
 ...
end;
```

which implements mutable buffers. Through functor application we can then take advantage of the pure implementation of buffers from Question 3.

```
functor MBuffer (structure B : BUFFER) :> MBUFFER =
struct
  type buffer = B.buffer ref
  exception BoB = B.BoB
  exception EoB = B.EoB
  fun empty () = ref (B.empty)
  fun insert b c = (b := B.insert (!b,c))
  fun delete b = (b := B.delete (!b))
  fun forward b n = (b := B.forward (!b,n))
  fun backward b n = (b := B.forward (!b,n))
  fun point b = B.point (!b)
end;
```

5 Parsing and Continuations [40 pts]

In this question we consider the problem of parsing s-expressions. Assume the lexer returns values of type `token` defined by

```
datatype token =
  LPAREN | RPAREN |
  SYM of string | INT of int
```

The parser is supposed to map a list of tokens into a value of type `sexp` and the remaining list of tokens. Note that we do not use streams in this implementation.

```
datatype sexp =
    Sym of string
  | Int of int
  | List of sexp list
```

For example, `parse [LPAREN,LPAREN,SYM("a"),RPAREN,RPAREN,INT(3)]` should evaluate to `(List[List[Sym("a")]],[INT(3)])`. The following is the beginning of an implementation.

```
exception Error of string
fun parseSexp (LPAREN :: s) k = parseList s nil k
  | parseSexp (SYM(x) :: s) k = k s (Sym(x))
  | parseSexp (INT(n) :: s) k = k s (Int(n))
  | parseSexp (nil) k = raise Error ("Incomplete s-expression")
  | parseSexp (RPAREN :: s) k = raise Error ("Unexpected right paren")
and parseList (RPAREN :: s) stack k = k s (List(List.rev(stack)))
  | parseList s stack k =
      ... gap1 ...
fun parse (s) = parseSexp s (... gap2 ...)
```

1. [5 pts] Give the type of `parse`

   ```
   val parse : token list -> (sexp * token list)
   ```

2. [5 pts] Give the type of `parseSexp`

   ```
   val parseSexp : token list -> (token list -> sexp -> 'a) -> 'a
   ```

   Also correct:

   ```
   val parseSexp : token list -> (token list -> sexp -> sexp * token list)
                     -> sexp * token list
   ```

3. [5pts] Give the type of `parseList`

   ```
   val parseList : token list -> sexp list -> (token list -> sexp -> 'a) -> 'a
   ```

   Also correct

```
val parseList : token list -> sexp list
                -> (token list -> sexp -> sexp * token list)
                -> sexp * token list
```

4. [15 pts] Fill gap_1.

```
parseSexp s (fn s' => fn e => parseList s' (e::stack) k)
```

5. [10 pts] Fill gap_2.

```
fn s' => fn e => (e, s')
```

The complete code:

```
fun parseSexp (LPAREN :: s) k = parseList s nil k
  | parseSexp (SYM(x) :: s) k = k s (Sym(x))
  | parseSexp (INT(n) :: s) k = k s (Int(n))
  | parseSexp (nil) k = raise Error ("Incomplete s-expression")
  | parseSexp (RPAREN :: s) k = raise Error ("Unexpected right paren")
and parseList (RPAREN :: s) stack k = k s (List(List.rev(stack)))
  | parseList s stack k =
       parseSexp s (fn s' => fn e => parseList s' (e::stack) k)
fun parse (s) = parseSexp s (fn s' => fn e => (e, s'))
```