

# Written Examination

## DM22 Programming Languages

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The exam set consists of four pages (including this front page), and contains four questions. The weight of each question is as follows:

- Question 1: 25%
- Question 2: 25%
- Question 3: 30%
- Question 4: 20%

The parts of a question do not necessarily have equal weight. Note that often a part can be answered independently from the other parts.

All written aids are allowed. Unless otherwise stated in a question, use of results from the course textbooks, and of the standard libraries of the programming languages used, is allowed.

### Question 1 (25%)

SelectionSort is an  $O(n^2)$  time sorting algorithm which works by repeatedly finding and removing the smallest element in a list.

**Part a:** Define in Haskell a function `selSort` which implements SelectionSort. □

Binary strings can be represented in Haskell by strings containing the characters 0 and 1. One natural ordering of binary strings is as follows: strings appear by increasing lengths, and for each length, the strings appear in lexicographical order. A list of the first ten strings in this ordering looks as follows in Haskell:

```
["", "0", "1", "00", "01", "10", "11", "000", "001", "010"]
```

**Part b:** Define in Haskell an infinite list `binstrings` containing all binary strings in the above ordering. In particular, `take 10 binstrings` should be the list above. □

### Question 2 (25%)

In this question, we consider sequences of elements from a set of size three. For concreteness, let the set be  $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$ , and the sequences be strings over  $S$ . In such a string, two identical neighboring substrings (non-empty, of course) are said to form a *repetition*. As an example, the following string contains the two underlined repetitions:

311321231232

A string having no repetitions is said to be *repetition-free*. The task of this question is to develop a Prolog predicate which generates all repetition-free strings over  $S$  of a given length. Strings will be represented as lists of integers from  $S$ .

**Part a:** Implement a Prolog predicate `frontRep(L)` which is true iff there is repetition starting at the front of the list  $L$ . [Hint: standard predicates (from textbook or standard library) on lists may come in handy.] □

**Part b:** Implement a Prolog predicate `repFree(X,N)` which is true iff  $X$  is a repetition-free list of elements in  $S$  and has length  $N$ . The predicate must be able to generate (as instantiations of  $X$ ) all repetition-free lists of length some supplied  $N$ , by repeated use of `' ; '`. □

**Part c:** Implement a Prolog predicate `countLessThanEq(N,R)` which is true iff  $R$  is the number of repetition-free lists of elements in  $S$  of length less than or equal to  $N$ . The number of repetition-free lists of length zero is defined as one. □

### Question 3 (30%)

**Part a:** For the Prolog program below, state all results (i.e. all instantiations of  $X$  and  $Y$ ) which will be produced by repeated satisfaction of the goal  $t(X,Y)$  (i.e. by repeated use of `;`).

```
t(X,Y):-s(X),!,v(Y),u(Y).
v(a).
v(b).
v(c).
u(b).
u(c).
s(1).
s(2).
```

□

**Part b:** Convert the following predicate logic expression to clausal form:

$$\forall X(\exists Y((a(X,Y) \vee b(Y)) \Rightarrow c(X)))$$

Document the steps of your conversion.

□

**Part c:** For each of the following pairs of Prolog predicates, find a most general unifier (with occur-check), or argue that none exists. Explain each step of your derivations.

- i)  $f(Y,X,Y)$  and  $f(g(X),t,g(Z))$
- ii)  $\text{add}(X,g(Y),g(g(Z)))$  and  $\text{add}(g(g(Y)),g(T),T)$
- iii)  $\text{length}(X+Y,[Y|Z])$  and  $\text{length}(X,[0,1,2])$

(Recall that  $[0,1,2]$  is the same as  $[0|[1,2]]$ .)

□

**Part d:** Consider the Haskell functions

```
map :: (a -> b) -> [a] -> [b]
zip :: [a] -> [b] -> [(a,b)]
```

For each of the following expressions, find its most general type. Explain each step of your derivations.

- i) `map zip`
- ii) `map . zip`

□

#### Question 4 (20%)

In the textbook, the following two functions appear (pages 197 and 199):

```
reverse :: [a] -> [a]
reverse []      = []
reverse (z:zs) = reverse zs ++ [z]

filter :: (a -> Bool) -> [a] -> [a]
filter p []     = []
filter p (x:xs)
  | p x         = x : filter p xs
  | otherwise   = filter p xs
```

In part **a** and **b** below, we assume that  $p :: a \rightarrow \text{Bool}$  never returns the value undefined.

##### Part a:

Prove that for all  $p$  and for all finite lists  $xs$ , the following holds:

$$\text{reverse} (\text{filter } p \text{ } xs) = \text{filter } p (\text{reverse } xs)$$

You may without proof use that

$$\text{filter } p (xs ++ ys) = (\text{filter } p \text{ } xs) ++ (\text{filter } p \text{ } ys)$$

for all  $p$  and all lists  $xs$  and  $ys$ . □

**Part b:** Extend the argumentation from the previous question to prove that for all  $p$ , we have

$$\text{reverse} . \text{filter } p = \text{filter } p . \text{reverse}$$

□

**Part c:** Argue that the equations in **a** and **b** do not hold without the assumption on  $p$  stated in the beginning. □