

Tutorial 9 (Week of 5Nov)

Question 1. Language Concepts (20 marks)

- (a) If a function body has an **if** statement with a missing **else** clause, then an exception is raised by Oz if its condition is **false**. Explain why this behavior is correct. However, this situation does not occur for procedures. Explain why not. (7 marks)
- (b) One can claim that both the **if** and the **case** statements are of equal expressive power. Elaborate on the truth or falsity of this claim. (8 marks)
- (c) Given the following procedure: (5 marks)

```
proc {Test X}
  case X of
    f(a Y c) then {Browse 'case 1'}
    else {Browse 'case 2'}
  end
end
```

Predict what would happen when you execute the following codes:

- (i) declare X Y {Test f(X b Y)}
- (ii) declare X Y {Test f(a Y d)}
- (iii) declare X Y {Test f(a Y c)}
- (iv) declare X Y {Test f(X Y d)}
- (v) declare X Y {Test f(X Y c)}

Question 2. Lambda Calculus (25 marks)

- (a) Consider the following lambda expressions. Circle the *free variables* in these expressions. (7 marks)

- $(\lambda x . y)$
- $(\lambda x . x)$
- $(\lambda x . (\lambda y . y)) x$
- $(\lambda x . (\lambda y . x)) x$
- $(\lambda x . (\lambda y . x)) y$
- $\lambda z . ((\lambda x . z) (\lambda x . z))$
- $(\lambda z . (\lambda x . z)) (\lambda x . z)$

(b) Consider the following lambda expressions. Count the number of *redexes* (reducible subexpressions) in each of these lambda terms. (5 marks)

- $(\lambda x. x) (\lambda x. x)$
- $(\lambda x. (\lambda x. x) x) (\lambda x. x)$
- $(\lambda x. x x) (\lambda x. x x)$
- $(\lambda x. y) ((\lambda x. x x) (\lambda x. x x))$
- $(\lambda x. x (\lambda x. x))$

(c) Perform beta reductions using call-by-value (*leftmost-innermost*) strategy for the following lambda expressions. If the reduction is non-terminating, suggest an alternative reduction that terminates for the given code, if any. (7 marks)

- $(\lambda x. x) (\lambda x. x)$
- $(\lambda x. (\lambda x. x) x) (\lambda x. x)$
- $(\lambda x. x x) (\lambda x. x x) ((\lambda x. x) (\lambda x. x))$
- $(\lambda x. y) ((\lambda x. x x) (\lambda x. x x))$
- $(\lambda x. x (\lambda x. x))$

(d) Given a lambda term **T**. How would you show that this term is a *fix-point* operator? Comment *briefly* on the significance of fix-point operators. (6 marks)

Question 3. Stack ADT (20 marks)

Consider a stack ADT that is non-declarative whose operations may have side-effects. An example operation is given below :

```
Push :: Stack<X>, X --> ()
// takes a stack and an element which is pushed
// to the top of the stack
```

When executed, this procedure will modify its stack by pushing a new element on the top of the stack.

- (a) Provide more stack operations that would allow you to construct, modify and query the stack ADT. Give only the polymorphic type interface *without* implementation details. (8 marks)
- (b) Show how you would implement this non-declarative stack ADT by showing how each of its operations may be implemented in Oz. (**Hint** : You may need to use mutable data structure, such as Cell, Array or Dictionary.) (12 marks)

Question 4. Concurrency (15 marks)

The following is a naive attempt to write a concurrent `Filter` function:

```
fun {Filter L F}
  case L of
    X|Xs then if thread {F X} end
               then X|{Filter Xs F}
               else {Filter Xs F} end
    else nil
  end
end
```

- (a) Comment *briefly* on the effectiveness of this attempt. (6 marks)
- (b) Suggest how you may provide an alternative `Filter` operation with better concurrency. Outline the key steps that you need to make. Please provide a narrative of your solution, but do not provide any program code at all. (**Hint** : You may make use of non-declarative message-passing concurrency scheme.) (9 marks)