

Functional Programming and Specification

Practical 3

This is an assessed practical exercise, to be completed by 4pm on **Monday 21st March**. In contrast to previous exercises, the mark *will* contribute to the overall mark for the course, and what you submit must be your own work.

You may submit your solution electronically using the DICE `submit` command, like so:

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For UG3 students: submit cs3 fps-3 3 myfile1 myfile2 ... myfilen
For UG4/MSc students: submit msc fps-4 3 myfile1 myfile2 ... myfilen
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or on paper to the ITO on level 4 of Appleton Tower. You may want to use Extended Moscow ML to check your solution to Exercise 1 for syntax and type errors before submitting it, but that is not required. If you do this, please submit at least this part using `submit`.

Exercise 1 : Specification in EML

Give an EML signature specifying first-in first-out queues with the following constant and functions:

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empty:      the empty queue
isempty:    tests whether or not a queue is empty, returning a boolean result
insert:     add an element to the back of the queue, returning the new queue
front:      return the element at the front of the queue
remove:     remove an element from the front of the queue, returning the new queue
join:       join two queues, the second behind the first, returning the resulting queue
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Make the specification as abstract and high-level as possible; for instance, it should not specify a particular representation of queues in terms of (say) lists. Mention any choices made in the interpretation of the above informal requirements. It is not necessary to specify the behaviour of `front` and `remove` when applied to the empty queue.

Exercise 2 : Proof in EML

Consider the following EML functor:

```
signature PO =
sig
  type t
  val le : t * t -> bool
  axiom Forall x => le(x,x)
  axiom Forall (x,y,z) => le(x,y) andalso le(y,z) implies le(x,z)
  axiom Forall (x,y) => le(x,y) andalso le(y,x) implies x==y
  axiom Forall (x,y) => le(x,y) orelse le(y,x)
end

signature SORT =
sig
  structure OBJ : PO
  local
    val cmp: OBJ.t * OBJ.t -> int
    axiom Forall a => cmp(a,a) = 1
    axiom Forall (a,b) => a/=b implies cmp(a,b) = 0
    val count : 'a * 'a list -> int
    axiom Forall a => count(a,nil) = 0
    axiom Forall (a,b,l) => count(a,b::l) = cmp(a,b) + count(a,l)
    val permutation : 'a list * 'a list -> bool
    axiom Forall (l,l') =>
```

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        permutation(l,l') = (Forall x => count(x,l) = count(x,l'))
    val ordered : OBJ.t list -> bool
    axiom ... ..
in
    val sort : OBJ.t list -> OBJ.t list
    axiom Forall l => permutation(l,sort l)
    axiom Forall l => ordered(sort l)
end
end

functor Sort(structure X : PO) :> SORT where type OBJ.t=X.t =
struct
    structure OBJ = X
    datatype heap = empty | node of heap * OBJ.t * heap
    fun insert(x,empty) = node(empty,x,empty)
      | insert(x,node(h,y,h')) =
          if OBJ.le(x,y) then node(insert(y,h'),x,h)
          else node(insert(x,h'),y,h)
    fun createheap nil = empty
      | createheap(a::l) = insert(a,createheap l)
    fun merge(l,nil) = l
      | merge(nil,l') = l'
      | merge(a::l,a'::l') = if OBJ.le(a,a') then a::merge(l,a'::l')
                             else a'::merge(a::l,l')
    fun extractheap empty = nil
      | extractheap(node(h,x,h')) = x::merge(extractheap h, extractheap h')
    fun sort l = extractheap(createheap l)
end

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This sorting algorithm uses an intermediate data structure called a *heap*, which is a labelled binary tree in which the label of each node is the smallest value in the subtree having that node as root. Inserting a value into a heap preserves this property. To sort a list, we successively insert the values into a heap (initially empty) and then we extract a sorted list from the resulting heap. The `insert` function uses a simple trick to ensure that the tree remains balanced.

Give a proof that the code for `sort` satisfies the axiom which requires its output to be a permutation of its input. (Hint: you will need to prove lemmas involving `merge`, `extractheap`, `createheap` and `insert`.) Your proof should be convincing but need not give all details of every case.

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If you want to learn more:

- Write EML signatures specifying some of the Moscow ML library modules.
- Fill in the specification of `ordered` in `SORT`. Then give a proof that the code for `sort` satisfies the axiom which requires its output to be ordered.
- Find out about a computer-assisted theorem proving system (examples: HOL, PVS, Lego). Translate the sorting example into the syntax of that system, then repeat your proofs in the system.