COMP 302: Assignment 2, Summer 2008. SML datatypes, closures

Due Date: June 6th in my office (McConnell 106) or on June 5th in class.

Guidelines for submission: For this assignment, please print out a few test cases to demonstrate the correctness of your work.

Question 1: (20 points) Here is a solution to question 3(b) of the first assignment:

Assuming that mult1h correctly computes the product of an an *n*-digit bignum X with a one-digit number y, and assuming that timesten correctly multiplies a bignum by ten, prove the correctness of mult.

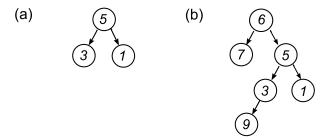
Note: This should be taken as an exercise in formal justification. Your goal is to explain formally to the reader why the algorithm is correct.

Question 2: (20 points) Construct a function which takes as input two input functions f:real->real and g:real->real, and outputs three functions. The first function, call it f', will be such that f'(x) = f(x) for all inputs x. The second function g'(x), will likewise satisfy g'(x) = g(x). The third function log:unit -> string will output a string of f and g characters representing a log of the calls to f' and g'. The ith letter of the string should represent the function called on the ith application of f' and g'. What is output of log after evaluating the expression f'(f'(3)) + g'(f'(g'(3) + f'(4)))?

Question 3: (20 points) We will use the following declaration for trees:

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

Let T_1 and T_2 be rooted trees labeled with ints. We will say that T_1 occurs within T_2 if there exists a connected subset S of vertices of T such that the rooted tree induced by S is isomorphic to T_1 . For example we would say tree (a) occurs within tree (b) in the diagram below:



You will construct a function is in which takes an int tree T_1 as input, and returns a second function which takes as input an int tree T_2 , and returns true if T_1 occurs within T_2 and false otherwise. The function is in should have type (int tree)->(int tree)-> bool. Furthermore, the function should be written so that the code of the second function is optimized for fixed T_1 .

Question 4: (40 points) The next questions will be about Huffman encodings. The wikipedia page is a good reference for this material.

a) Suppose that we have read a collection of text files and we have counted the number of occurrences of each character in an (char*int) list. Write a function huffman which takes as input this list and constructs a tree representing the Huffman encoding for these frequency measurements. This tree should be of the following type:

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datatype htree = Leaf of int * char |
Node of htree * int * htree;
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If a tree is a leaf, then the int * char pair is meant to encode the number of times that a character occurs within the sample text file. The value at an interior node should be the sum of the values at the leaf nodes.

b) Construct a function hcode which takes as input a tree such as the one constructed above and outputs a function which maps characters to their binary encodings represented as strings. A simple strategy would be to collapse the tree into to a list and have the function find the letter's encoding in the list. In this question it will not be necessary to optimize the function. It is possible to construct a final function which generates the code in O(1) time, but it would require some features of SML that we haven't introduced yet.