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1. Types (21 points)

For each OCaml value below, fill in the blank for the type annotation or else write “ill typed” if there is a type error on that line. Your answer should be the *most generic* type that OCaml would infer for the value—i.e., if `int list` and `bool list` are both possible types of an expression, you should write `'a list`.

Some of these expressions refer to the variable `z` (which is defined in the example at the top), to the functions `transform` and `fold` (whose definitions can be found on page 12, or to the constructors of the type `outtree`, which defined as:

```
type 'a outtree =  
  | Leaf of 'a * int  
  | Node of 'a outtree * 'a outtree
```

We have done the first one for you.

```
let z : _____ string outtree _____ =  
  Leaf("z", 26)
```

```
let a : _____ =  
  Node(z, Node(Leaf("z", 26), z))
```

```
let b : _____ =  
  Node(("a", 1), ("b",2))
```

```
let c : _____ =  
  [(Leaf("3", 3), Leaf(true, 4));  
   (Node(z, z), Leaf(false, 5))]
```

```
let d : _____ =  
  (fun x -> fun y -> x - 2 * y) 120
```

```
let e : _____ =  
  if 3 > 0 then true else "false"
```

```
let f : _____ =  
  fun (v : 'a list) ->  
    fold (fun x y -> x :: y) v
```

```
let g : _____ =  
  transform (fun x -> true)
```

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2. List Processing and Higher-Order Functions (44 points)

- (a) The `dedup` function takes a list and returns a list from which duplicated elements have been removed—i.e., where any number of adjacent copies of a single value are replaced by just one copy. For example, `dedup [1;1;2;2;2;2;2;2;1;1;3]` yields `[1;2;1;3]`.

Fill in the blanks to complete the definition of `dedup`:

```
let rec dedup (l: 'a list) : 'a list =
  begin match l with

    | x1::x2::tl -> _____

    | _ -> _____

  end
\vspace{1in}
```

- (b) The function `sorted` checks whether a list is *sorted*—i.e., whether every pair of adjacent elements is correctly ordered according to the `<=` relation. For example, the lists `[]`, `[1]`, `[1;2;3]`, and `[1;2;2;3]`, are sorted, while `[3;2;1]` is not.

Complete the definition of `sorted`:

```
let rec sorted (l: 'a list) : bool =
```

(c) The `diffs` function takes two *sorted* lists and returns a list of their *differences*—i.e., the elements that appear in one list but not the other. For example:

```
diffs [1;2;3] [1;3]      yields [2]
diffs [1;2;3] [1;3;6;7] yields [2;6;7]
diffs [1;2;3] [1;2;3]   yields []
diffs [1;1;1;2] [1;2;2] yields [1;1;2]
```

You should assume that both arguments to `diffs` are sorted.

Complete the definition of `diffs`:

```
let rec diffs (l1: 'a list) (l2: 'a list) : 'a list =
  begin match l1, l2 with
  | [], _ ->
    _____
  | _, [] ->
    _____
  | h1::t1, h2::t2 ->
    if h1 = h2 then
      _____
    else if h1 < h2 then
      _____
    else
      _____
  end
```

- (d) The function `take_while` takes two arguments — a boolean testing function `f` and a list `l`. It returns a list containing all the elements from the beginning of `l` for which `f` returns `true`, up to (but not including) the first element for which `f` returns `false`, if any. For example, `take_while (fun x -> x > 0) [1;2;-1;-3;4]` yields `[1;2]`. Show how to write `take_while` nonrecursively, as an instance of `fold`. Note that `fold` takes three arguments, and we've given you three blanks; please use a separate blank for each argument.

```
let take_while (f: 'a -> bool) (l: 'a list) : 'a list =
  fold
```

- (e) Here is a recursive definition of a function `apply_all`, which takes a list of functions and a single argument and returns a list containing the results of applying each of the functions to this argument.

```
let rec apply_all (l: ('a->'b) list) (x: 'a) : 'b list =
  begin match l with
  | [] -> []
  | f::t -> f x :: apply_all t x
  end
```

Complete the following alternative definition of `apply_all` as an instance of `transform`. The `transform` function takes two arguments, and we've given you two blanks; please use a separate blank for each argument.

```
let apply_all (l: ('a->'b) list) (v: 'a) : 'b list =
  transform
```

- (f) The `subseq` function checks whether its first argument, `sub`, is a *subsequence* of its second argument, `super`, meaning that all the elements of `sub` appear (in the same order, but not necessarily side-by-side) within `super`. For example, `[1; 2]` is a subsequence of `[1; 3; 2]` and `[1; 3; 1; 2; 4]`, but not of `[2; 1]`.

(Note that the arguments to `subseq` are arbitrary lists—not necessarily sorted.)

Complete the definition of `subseq`:

```
let rec subseq (sub: 'a list) (super: 'a list) : bool =
  begin match sub, super with
  | [], _ -> _____
  | _, [] -> _____
  | hsub::tsub, hsuper::tsuper ->
    _____
  end
```

3. Modules and Abstract types (20 points)

Consider the following module definition

```
module M : MSIG = struct
  type t = int
  let zero : t = 0
  let incr (x : t) : t = x + 1
  let to_int (x: t) : int = x
  let from_int (x : int) : t = x
end
```

and the following invariant that the module designer would like to maintain:

A value of type $M.t$ is never negative.

Each of the following questions asks you to evaluate whether a proposed signature MSIG for M is both

- *safe* in the sense that the `to_int` function cannot return a negative number and
- *useful* in the sense that it's possible (after enough calls to other functions in the interface) for a call to `to_int` to return any non-negative number.

(a)

```
module type MSIG = sig
  type t
  val zero : t
  val incr : t -> t
  val to_int : t -> int
  val from_int : bool -> t
end
```

Choose one of the following (and, if you choose any but the first, write a short explanation):

- This interface is safe and useful
- This interface is safe but not useful

Why is it not useful? _____

- This interface is not safe

Why is it not safe? _____

- This interface doesn't match M (it would cause a compilation error)

What error? _____

(b) `module type MSIG = sig
 type t
 val zero : t
 val incr : t -> t
 val to_int : t -> int
end`

Choose one of the following (and, if you choose any but the first, write a short explanation):

This interface is safe and useful

This interface is safe but not useful

Why is it not useful? _____

This interface is not safe

Why is it not safe? _____

This interface doesn't match M (it would cause a compilation error)

What error? _____

(c) `module type MSIG = sig
 type t
 val zero : t
 val incr : t -> t
 val to_int : t -> int
 val from_int : int -> t
end`

Choose one of the following (and, if you choose any but the first, write a short explanation):

This interface is safe and useful

This interface is safe but not useful

Why is it not useful? _____

This interface is not safe

Why is it not safe? _____

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What error? _____

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 type t
 val incr : t -> t
 val to_int : t -> int
end`

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This interface is safe but not useful

Why is it not useful? _____

This interface is not safe

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4. Binary Search Trees and Testing (15 points)

The following function tests whether a given `tree` satisfies the BST property. (The values `min_int` and `max_int` are the smallest and largest integers that can be represented using OCaml's `int` type. Intuitively, we're defining `max_label Empty` to be "negative infinity." This leads to short and simple definitions of `min_label` and `max_label`.)

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

let rec max_label (t: 'a tree) : 'a =
  begin match t with
  | Node(left, x, right) -> max (max (max_label left) x) (max_label right)
  | Empty -> min_int
  end

let rec min_label (t: 'a tree) : 'a =
  begin match t with
  | Node(left, x, right) -> min (min (min_label left) x) (min_label right)
  | Empty -> max_int
  end

let rec is_bst (t: 'a tree) : bool =
  begin match t with
  | Node(left, x, right) ->
    max_label left < x &&
    x < min_label right &&
    is_bst left &&
    is_bst right
  | Empty ->
    true
  end
```

For example, if the trees good and bad look like this



(where, as usual, we omit `Empty` notes to reduce clutter) then applying `is_bst` to `good` will return `true`, and applying it to `bad` will return `false`.

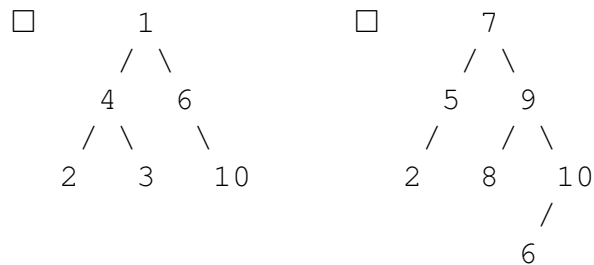
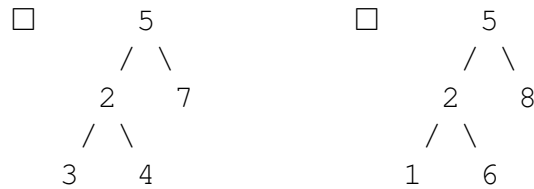
(a) Suppose that we had made a mistake in `is_bst` and written it like this (the commented-out line is the only difference):

```

let rec is_bst (t: 'a tree) : bool =
  begin match t with
  | Node(left, x, right) ->
    max_label left < x &&
    (* x < min_label right && *)
    is_bst left &&
    is_bst right
  | Empty ->
    true
  end

```

Check the box next to each tree that does *not* satisfy the BST property but on which this variant of `is_bst` will (incorrectly) return `true`.



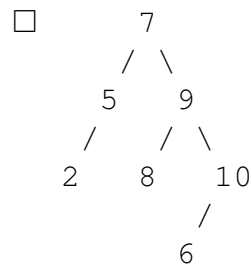
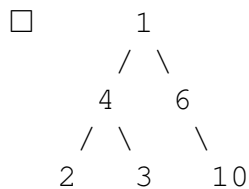
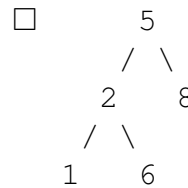
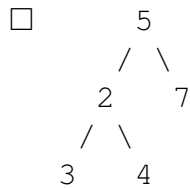
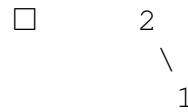
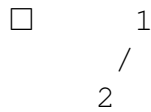
(b) Suppose that we had made a different mistake in `is_bst` and written it like this (again, the commented-out line is the only difference):

```

let rec is_bst (t: 'a tree) : bool =
  begin match t with
  | Node(left, x, right) ->
    max_label left < x &&
    x < min_label right &&
    (* is_bst left && *)
    is_bst right
  | Empty ->
    true
  end

```

Check the box next to each tree that does *not* satisfy the BST property but on which this variant of `is_bst` will (incorrectly) return `true`. The trees are the same as on the previous page.



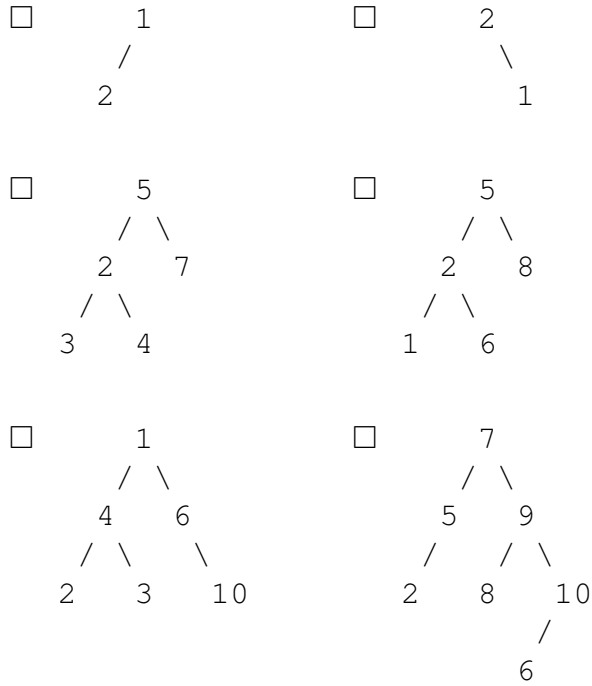
(c) Suppose, instead, that we had tried to write `is_bst` without using `max_label` and `min_label`, like this:

```

let rec is_bst (t: 'a tree) : bool =
  begin match t with
  | Node(Node(l1,x1,r1), x, Node(lr,xr,rr)) ->
    x1 < x && (*label of left subtree is less than x *)
    x < xr && (*x is less than label of right subtree *)
    is_bst (Node(l1,x1,r1)) &&
    is_bst (Node(lr,xr,rr))
  | Node(Node(l1,x1,r1), x, Empty) ->
    x1 < x &&
    is_bst (Node(l1,x1,r1))
  | Node(Empty, x, Node(lr,xr,rr)) ->
    x < xr &&
    is_bst (Node(lr,xr,rr))
  | Node(Empty, x, Empty) ->
    true
  | Empty ->
    true
  end

```

Check the box next to each tree that does *not* satisfy the BST property but on which this variant of `is_bst` will (incorrectly) return `true`. The trees are the same as on the previous page.



Appendix: Higher-Order List Processing Functions

Here are the higher-order list processing functions:

```
let rec transform (f: 'a -> 'b) (l: 'a list): 'b list =  
  begin match l with  
    | [] -> []  
    | h :: t -> (f h) :: (transform f t)  
  end
```

```
let rec fold (combine: 'a -> 'b -> 'b) (base: 'b) (l: 'a list) : 'b =  
  begin match l with  
    | [] -> base  
    | h :: t -> combine h (fold combine base t)  
  end
```

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