

**Question 5 (15%).** A function name is *overloaded* if different argument types invoke distinct functions. For example, in most languages, + is overloaded because 2+2 invokes integer addition but 2.0+2.0 invokes floating-point addition.

What is the difference between overloading in C++ and overloading in Haskell?

**Question 6 (20%).** The string  $p = \text{"cde"}$  is a *substring* of the string  $s = \text{"abcdefg"}$  because all of the characters of  $p$  occur in  $s$  in the same sequence, and with no gaps, as they do in  $p$ . By convention, the empty string "" is a substring of every string and has no substrings except the empty string. A programmer proposes the following definition for a function substring:

```
substring "" _ = True
substring _ "" = False
substring s@(x:xs) (y:ys) =
  if x == y
    then substring xs ys
    else substring s ys
```

- (a) [5%] Suppose that "" is changed to [] in the base cases of the definition. What effect would this have on the function?
- (b) [5%] Show by examples that this definition is incorrect. (The base cases are correct: the error is in the general case.)
- (c) [10%] Give a correct definition.

### General Notes

**Base case and general case.** The following terminology is used in several questions. In the function definition

```
fib 0 = 1
fib 1 = 1
fib n = fib(n - 1) + fib(n - 2)
```

the first two lines (fib 0 and fib 1) are called *base cases* and the third lines (fib n) is called the *general case*.

**Take and drop.** If  $x$  is a list, then  $\text{take } n \ x$  returns the first  $n$  elements of  $x$  and discards the rest, and  $\text{drop } n \ x$  discards the first  $n$  elements and returns the rest.

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**Question 1 (20%).** The function `f` is defined in a Haskell program as follows:

```
f :: Ord a => a -> [a] -> [a]
f x [] = [x]
f x p@(y:ys)
  | x <= y    = x : p
  | otherwise = y : f x ys
```

- (a) Explain the meaning of the first line (the type declaration).
- (b) Explain the meaning of `p@(y:ys)`.
- (c) Explain the meaning of the lines beginning with “|”.
- (d) Describe, by means of examples or otherwise, what the function does.

**Question 2 (15%).** The function `snip` is defined by

```
snip m n = drop m . take n
```

Describe the effect of applying `snip m n` to a list.

**Question 3 (15%).** The general cases of the definitions for the standard functions `take` and `drop` are:

```
take n (x:xs) = x : take (n-1) xs
drop n (x:xs) = drop (n-1) xs
```

Give suitable base cases for `take` and `drop`, using examples to show how they work.

**Question 4 (15%).** Here is a short Haskell program:

```
s = take 5 (from 7)
  where
    from n = n : from (n+1)
```

- (a) What is the value of “from 7”?
- (b) What is the value of “s”?
- (c) Explain why the program doesn't loop forever.

## **Ideas for Phase Two Presentation**

As we mentioned in our last presentation:

What we plan on implementing

How we decided to divide the teams: the rationale for this choice

Developed use cases: describing functionality of system: Why this was important

### **EXPLANATION:**

Diagram of how Parser Render WML Editor are related:

- Design of Parser-Render-can show diagrams  
What has been done so far  
Any difficulties encountered:
- Talk about issues we have faced during design and implementation
- Explanation of what has been done in WML Editor

### **WHERE WE GO FROM HERE:**

- Have to show new task allocation and deadlines...