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# MP 9A – More Fun with Higher-order Functions

CS 421 – Spring 2010  
Revision 1.0

**Assigned** Tuesday, March 30, 2010  
**Due** Monday, April 5, at 10:00pm  
**Extension** 48 hours (20% penalty)  
**Total points** 15

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## 1 Change Log

**1.0** Initial Release.

## 2 Overview

After completing this MP, you should have a better understanding of higher-order functions.

## 3 Collaboration

Collaboration is NOT allowed on this assignment.

## 4 Problems (15 pts)

A multiset, or a bag, is a set that can contain multiple copies of an element. Just like sets, multisets are not ordered. In this assignment we represent multisets with functions. A multiset function returns the number of occurrences of the given element.

```
type 'a multiset = 'a -> int

let emptymultiset : 'a multiset = fun x -> 0
```

The definitions above are given in the `mp9Acommon.ml` file. Some examples for possible implementations of multisets:

```
{1,1,1,2,2} = fun n -> match n with
    1 -> 3
    | 2 -> 2
    | _ -> 0
{4,2,4,2,3} = fun n -> if n = 4 || n = 2 then 2
    else if n = 3 then 1
    else 0
```

In this MP we ask you to implement the following multiset operations.

1. add n s : int -> 'a multiset -> 'a multiset.
2. member n s : 'a -> 'a multiset -> bool.
3. union s1 s2 : 'a multiset -> 'a multiset -> 'a multiset.  
E.g.  $\{1,1,1,2,2,3\} \cup \{1,1,2,3,3,4\} = \{1,1,1,2,2,3,3,4\}$
4. disjointUnion s1 s2 : 'a multiset -> 'a multiset -> 'a multiset.  
E.g.  $\{1,1,1,2,2,3\} \uplus \{1,1,2,3,3,4\} = \{1,1,1,1,2,2,2,3,3,3,4\}$
5. intersection s1 s2 : 'a multiset -> 'a multiset -> 'a multiset.  
E.g.  $\{1,1,1,2,2,3\} \cap \{1,1,2,3,3,4\} = \{1,1,2,3\}$
6. remove n s : 'a -> 'a multiset -> 'a multiset.  
Remove an occurrence of n from s.
7. filter f s : ('a -> bool) -> 'a multiset -> 'a multiset.  
Remove the elements of s that do not satisfy the predicate f.
8. fromList lst : 'a list -> 'a multiset. Construct a multiset from the given list.

When you implement all the operations, any equality check below should evaluate to true. The code below is available in `examples.ml`.

```

let set1 = fromList [1;1;1;2;2;3;4;7];;
let set2 = fromList [1;1;2;3;3;5;6;6];;
let un = (union set1 set2);;
let dun = (disjointUnion set1 set2);;
let fil = filter (fun x -> x>2) set2;;
let inter = (intersection set1 set2);;

set1 1 = 3;;
set1 2 = 2;;
set1 3 = 1;;
set1 4 = 1;;
set1 5 = 0;;
set1 6 = 0;;
set1 7 = 1;;
set1 8 = 0;;                                un 1 = 3;;
                                                un 2 = 2;;
                                                un 3 = 2;;
                                                un 4 = 1;;
                                                un 5 = 1;;
                                                un 6 = 2;;
                                                un 7 = 1;;
                                                un 8 = 0;;                                dun 1 = 5;;
                                                dun 2 = 3;;
                                                dun 3 = 3;;
                                                dun 4 = 1;;
                                                dun 5 = 1;;
                                                dun 6 = 2;;
                                                dun 7 = 1;;
                                                dun 8 = 0;;                                inter 1 = 2;;
                                                inter 2 = 1;;
                                                inter 3 = 1;;
                                                inter 4 = 0;;
                                                inter 5 = 0;;
                                                inter 6 = 0;;
                                                inter 7 = 0;;
                                                inter 8 = 0;;                                fil 1 = 0;;
                                                fil 2 = 0;;
                                                fil 3 = 2;;
                                                fil 4 = 0;;
                                                fil 5 = 1;;
                                                fil 6 = 2;;

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