Principles of Programming, Fall 2009 Practice 7 Patterns in Function Definition and Type System

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1. Using the function eval that you defined in Practice 6-ex4, define a procedure called integral that takes one polynomial and two numbers (upper bound and lower bound) as input then calculates definite integral value. In short, function call (integral poly l u) approximates mathematical expression \int_{l}^{u} poly. Default chunk size is 0.1.

integral: poly -> float -> float -> float

The type 'poly' is defined as follow.

type poly
= Add of poly * poly
| Term of coef * expo
and coef = int
and expo = int

2. Trie is a kind of tree data structures efficient for string search. Trie is used to store an associative array where the keys are usually strings. All the descendants of a node have a common prefix of the string associated with that node, and root is associated with the empty string. Values are normally not associated with every node, only with leaves and some inner nodes that correspond to keys of interes.¹

You can represent a trie type in Ocaml following.

type 'a trie = Empty | Node of 'a option * (char * 'a trie) list

The type option is given as follow (default).

type 'a option = None | Some of 'a

¹Excerted from Wikipedia.

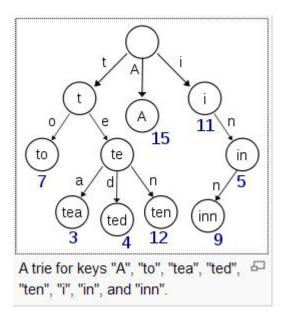


Figure 1: an example of trie

Define following two procedures.

insert: 'a trie -> string -> 'a -> 'a trie lookup: 'a trie -> string -> 'a

If you fail to lookup raise the exception Not_found(predefined exception). We recommend you to use String.get and String.sub.