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(*
                            CS51 Lab 14
           Lazy Programming and Infinite Data Structures
                 Implementing laziness as user code
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(* This lab provides practice with delayed (lazy) computations,
implemented as user code using the naturally lazy behavior of OCaml
functions. (In the next lab we explore OCaml's built-in 'Lazy' module.)
In this lab, you will use an infinite data structure, the *stream*. *)
open CS51Utils ;; (* for access to timing functions *)
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Part 1: Programming with lazy streams
Recall the lazy 'stream' type and associated functions from the
reading, here packaged up into a module. *)
module LazyStream =
  struct
    type 'a stream_internal = Cons of 'a * 'a stream
    and 'a stream = unit -> 'a stream_internal ;;
    (* head strm -- Returns the first element of 'strm'. *)
    let head (s : 'a stream) : 'a =
     let Cons (h, _t) = s () in h ;;
    (* tail strm -- Returns a stream containing the remaining elements
      of 'strm'. *)
    let tail (s : 'a stream) : 'a stream =
     let Cons (_h, t) = s () in t ;;
    (* first n strm -- Returns a list containing the first 'n'
      elements of the 'strm'. *)
    let rec first (n : int) (s : 'a stream) : 'a list =
     if n = 0 then []
     else head s :: first (n - 1) (tail s) ;;
    (* smap fn strm -- Returns a stream that applies the 'fn' to each
      element of 'strm'. *)
    let rec smap (f : 'a \rightarrow 'b) (s : 'a stream) : ('b stream) =
     fun () -> Cons (f (head s), smap f (tail s)) ;;
    (* smap2 fn strm1 strm2 -- Returns a stream that applies the 'fn'
      to corresponding elements of 'strm1' and 'strm2'. *)
    let rec smap2 f s1 s2 =
      fun () \rightarrow Cons (f (head s1) (head s2),
                     smap2 f (tail s1) (tail s2)) ;;
  end ;;
(* We open the module for ease of access throughout this lab. *)
open LazyStream ;;
(* Here, recalled from the reading, is the definition of an infinite
stream of ones. *)
let rec ones : int stream =
  fun () -> Cons (1, ones) ;;
(* Now you'll define some useful streams. Some of these were defined
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in the reading, but see if you can come up with the definitions

without looking them up. *) (*.... Exercise 1: An infinite stream of the integer 2. As usual, for this and all succeeding exercises, you shouldn't feel beholden to how the definition is introduced in the skeleton code below. (We'll stop mentioning this now, and forevermore.)*) let twos = fun () -> failwith "twos not implemented" ;; (*..... Exercise 2: An infinite stream of threes, built by summing the ones and twos.*) let threes = fun () -> failwith "threes not implemented" ;; (*.... Exercise 3: An infinite stream of natural numbers (0, 1, 2, 3, ...). Try working this out on your own before checking out the solution in the textbook.*) let nats = fun () -> failwith "nats not implemented" ;; (*.... Exercise 4: Create a function 'alternating_stream', which takes two streams and 'alternates' them together; 'alternating_stream' should output a single stream created by alternating the elements of the two input streams starting with an element of the first stream. For example, 'alternating' infinite streams of ones (1,1,1,1....) and twos (2,2,2,2...) would look like this: # first 10 (alternating_stream ones twos) ;; - : int list = [1; 2; 1; 2; 1; 2; 1; 2] and alternating the natural numbers $(0,1,2,3,4,\ldots)$ and ones would look like this: # first 10 (alternating_stream nats ones) ;; - : int list = [0; 1; 1; 1; 2; 1; 3; 1; 4; 1] let alternating_stream : 'a stream -> 'a stream -> 'a stream = fun _ -> failwith "alternating_stream not implemented";; (* Now some new examples. For these, you should build them from previous streams ('ones', 'twos', 'threes', 'nats') by making use of the stream mapping functions ('smap', 'smap2'). *) (*..... Exercise 5: Generate two infinite streams, one of the even natural numbers, and one of the odds.*) let evens _ = failwith "evens not implemented" ;; let odds _ = failwith "odds not implemented" ;; (* In addition to mapping over streams, we should be able to use all the other higher-order list functions you've grown to know and love, like folding and filtering. So let's implement some. *) (*..... Exercise 6: Define a function 'sfilter' that takes a predicate (that is, a function returning a 'bool') and a stream, and returns the stream that contains all the elements in the argument stream that satisfy the predicate. Here's an example -- generating a stream of even numbers by filtering the natural numbers for the evens:

Eratosthenes' sieve is a method for generating the prime numbers. Given a list (or stream) of natural numbers starting with 2, we filter out those in the tail of the list not divisible by the head of the list and then apply the sieve to that tail. The first few steps go

list and then apply the sieve to that tail. The first few steps go something like this: We start with the natural numbers (in the example here, just a prefix of them).

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15...

The first element, 2, is prime. Now we remove numbers divisible by 2 from the tail of the list (marking here with a \mid the boundary between the first element and the tail we're currently working on:

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2 | 3 5 7 9 11 13 15...
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and apply the sieve to the tail:

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2 3 | 5 7 11 13
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and again:

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2 3 5 | 7 11 13
2 3 5 7 | 11 13
...
2 3 5 7 11 13
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Here's the process of sieving a stream of numbers in more detail:

1. Retrieve the head and tail of the stream. The head is the first prime in the result stream; the tail is the list of remaining elements that have not been sieved yet. For instance,

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head tail 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 ...
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2. Filter out all multiples of the head from the tail.

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head filtered tail 2 3 5 7 9 11 ...
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3. Sieve the filtered tail to generate all primes starting with the first element of the tail.

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head sieved filtered tail 2 3 5 7 11 ...
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4. Add the head on the front of the sieved results.

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2 3 5 7 11 ...
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5. Of course, this whole series of computations (1 through 4) should be delayed, and only executed when forced to do so.

Exercise 8: Implement Eratosthenes sieve to generate an infinite stream of primes. Example:

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# primes = sieve (tail (tail nats)) ;;
# first 4 primes ;;
- : int list = [2; 3; 5; 7]
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(You probably won't want to generate more than the first few primes this way; it'll take too long, depending on how your other stream functions were implemented. Here are some timings from the solution code on my laptop:

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n time for nth prime (seconds)
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- 1 -- 0.00000405
- 2 -- 0.00001597
- 3 -- 0.00006604
- 4 -- 0.00105000
- 5 -- 0.00343299
- 6 -- 0.04916501
- 7 -- 0.19323015
- 8 -- 3.12322998

Just generating the first eight primes takes over three seconds — longer if a less efficient 'sfilter' is used. You'll address this performance problem in the next lab.)

In defining the 'sieve' function, the following function may be useful: *)

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(* not_div_by n m -- Predicate returns true if `m` is not evenly
    divisible by `n` *)
let not_div_by (n : int) (m : int) : bool =
    m mod n <> 0 ;;
(*......*)
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let rec sieve s = failwith "sieve not implemented" ;;