

## CS 578 Programming Language Semantics Review Quiz – Spring 2024

1. Prove the following equation by induction over natural numbers.

$$\forall n \geq 0, (1 \times 2) + (2 \times 3) + \dots + (n \times (n + 1)) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}.$$

2. Recall some basic definitions about sets and relations.

- A binary relation  $R$  over a set  $S$  is a subset of the cartesian product  $S \times S$ . If  $(x, y) \in R$ , we say  $x$  and  $y$  are related by  $R$ , often written  $xRy$ .
- Such a relation is *reflexive* if  $xRx$  for all  $x \in S$ .
- It is *transitive* if  $xRy$  and  $yRz$  implies  $xRz$  for all  $x, y, z \in S$ .
- It is *antisymmetric* if  $xRy$  and  $yRx$  implies  $x = y$  for all  $x, y \in S$ .
- A binary relation is a *partial order* if it is reflexive, transitive, and antisymmetric.
- The *power set*  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  of a set  $S$  is the set of all subsets of  $S$ .

Now show that for any set  $S$ , the set inclusion relation  $\subseteq$  forms a partial order over  $\mathcal{P}(S)$ .

3. Consider the following abstract syntax grammar for boolean expressions.

$exp ::= True \mid False \mid And(exp, exp) \mid Or(exp, exp) \mid Not(exp)$

Show how to represent these expressions using an algebraic data type in OCaml or Haskell, or a set of case classes in Scala, or an appropriate mechanism in some other language of your choice. Then write a function that evaluates an arbitrary expression of this type to a boolean value using the “obvious” meaning of expression constructors.