#### CpSc 418

Mini-Assignment 2

**30 points.** Please submit your solution using the handin program. Submit your solution as

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cs418 mini2
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Your submission should consist of the one file called mini2.erl.

I will post a template for mini2.erl and a test module, mini2\_test.erl <u>here</u>, but that might not happen until Thursday morning. Because these problems are based on examples from <u>LYSE</u>, you can cut-and-paste the code from there to get templates.

# Building a better refrigerator.

Starting from the final version of the refrigerator example at the end of <u>More on Multiprocessing</u> in <u>LYSE</u>, add the following features:

1. Grocery shopping, (10 points)

After going to the grocery store, our brave refrigerator owner comes home with a **bag** of groceries, and puts all of them in the refrigerator (whether or not that makes sense – just ask my wife). We'll represent a bag of groceries as a list (of course) of tuples (why not?). In particular, our list has the form:

 $[\{What, HowMany\}, \ldots]$ 

where What is an atom and HowMany is an integer. For example, the list

[{banana, 5}, {egg, 12}, {apatosaurus, 3}]

means I bought five bananas, a dozen eggs, and three apatosaurs and put them all in the refrigerator.

Write mini2: fridge3a and mini2: store3 based on mini2: fridge2 and mini2: store2 from <u>LYSE</u> so that mini2: store3 (Pid, List) stores the items from a list as described above in the refrigerator, and Pid is the pid of the refrigerator. Of course, mini2: store3 (Pid, Item) where Item is an atom should store one Item in the refrigerator. We want our new refrigerator to be upward compatible with the old one.

### 2. Making Sandwiches, (20 points)

Let's say I want to make a banana and apatosaurus sandwich. Obviously, I'll go to the refrigerator remove one banana, one apatosaurus, and one bread. If they aren't all in the fridge, I don't want to remove any of them - it's too much of a hassle stuffing the apatosaurus back into the refrigerator.

Write mini2:fridge3 and mini2:take3 based on mini2:fridge3a and mini2:take2 so that mini2:take3(Pid, List) removes the items in List from the refrigerator if they are present, and returns {ok, List}. If there is something missing in the refrigerator, return {not\_found, List}. Of course, mini2:take3(Pid, Item) where Item is an atom should remove one Item from the refrigerator. Again, we want our new refrigerator to be upward compatible with the old one.

If for some reason you can't solve question 1, you can build your solution to this problem (i.e. implementations of mini2:fridge3 and mini2:take3 on the original code from <u>LYSE</u>. To get full credit, your solution must provide mini2:fridge3, mini2:store3, and mini2:take3 that support both store and take of lists of items.

### 3. Even More Fun, (0 points)

We could take this further. We could add an inventory function that returns a list of everything in the fridge. We could make a version of take that blocks until the requested items are in the fridge – waiting for another process to perform the store operation— "Honey, could you run down to IGA and pick up some more apatosaurs?".

BUT, this is a **mini** assignment; so, we'll stop here.

## Why?

Get some experience with Erlang processes, sending and receiving messages, and more pattern matching. Make sure you've read the stuff on processes from *LYSE* so I can build on that in lecture.