1994 Paper 1 Question 7

Show, by defining suitable selector and constructor functions, how the ML type defined as follows:

datatype L = N of int * unit->L;

can be used in the representation of lazy integer lists. [5 marks]

Define a function makeseq(f) that will yield a lazy list representing the following infinite sequence:

 $0, f(0), f(f(0)), \ldots$

where the integer at position i has the value $f^{i}(0)$. [5 marks]

Define a function 'matches s seq', where s is of type int list and seq is a lazy list, that will yield a lazy list of integers giving the positions where s matches consecutive items in seq. For example, if matches [1 1] is applied to the lazy list

1,1,2,1,1,1,0,1,2,1,1,...

it will produce a lazy list starting

0,3,4,9,...

[10 marks]