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R5
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       // your answer here
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Rhythm := null | list<num> | list<Rhythm> | pair<Rhythm, num>

head is num → list<num>

else → list<Rhythm> | pair<Rhythm, num>

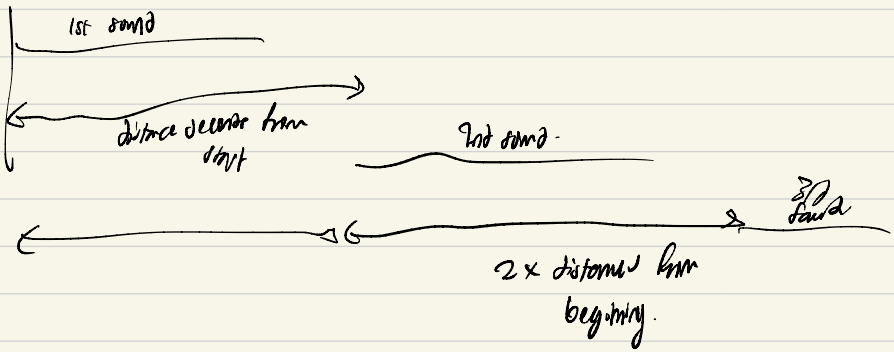
has a tail

is tail a number

list(list(1,2,3), list(1,2,3))

list(list(list(1,2), 2, 3), list(list(list(1,2), 2], 2, 3))

precision:



2. Write a function `tree_sum` that takes in a tree of numbers and returns the sum of all the numbers in the tree.

```
function tree_sum(tree) {
    // your answer here
    return is_null(tree)
        ? 0
        : is_number(tree)
            ? head(tree) + tree_sum(tail(tree))
            : tree_sum(head(tree)) + tree_sum(tail(tree));
}

const my_tree = list(1, list(2, list(3, 4), 5), list(6, 7));
tree_sum(my_tree);
// Returns: 28
```

3. Write a function `accumulate_tree` that takes four arguments: a function `f1`, a function `f2`, an `initial` value and a `tree`. The function `f1` takes one argument and is used to get the value for each data item in the tree. The second function takes two arguments and is used to combine the values of two sub-trees.

   For example the following programs should compute the `tree_sum` above and the function `count_data_items` from Lecture L5, respectively.

```
function tree_sum(tree) {
    return accumulate_tree( x => x, (x, y) => x + y, 0, tree);
}
```

   The following function computes the number of data items in a given tree (`count_data_items` as given in Lecture L5).

```
function count_data_items(tree) {
    return accumulate_tree( x => 1, (x, y) => x + y, 0, tree);
}
```

   The following function flattens a given tree into a list.

```
function flatten(tree) {
    return accumulate_tree( x => list(x), append, null, tree);
}
```

   Give sufficient conditions for `f2` and `initial` such that the result does not depend on the shape of the tree or the order in which the elements appear?

```
function accumulate_tree(tree) {
    // your answer here
    return is_null(tree)
        ? initial
        : is_number(head(tree))
            ? f2(f1(head(tree)), accumulate_tree(f1, f2, initial, tail(tree)))
            : f2(accumulate_tree(f1, f2, initial, head(tree)),
                 accumulate_tree(f1, f2, initial, tail(tree)));
}
```