

4.1 Basic results from automata theory tell us that the language  $L = a^n b^n c^n = \epsilon, abc, aabbcc, aaabbbccc, \dots$  is not context free. It can be captured, however, using an attribute grammar. Give an underlying CFG and a set of attribute rules that associates a Boolean attribute *ok* with the root *R* of each



Figure 4.16 Natural syntax tree for the Lisp expression  $(\text{cdr } '(a \ b \ c))$ .

4.5 Lisp has the unusual property that its programs take the form of parenthesized lists. The natural syntax tree for a Lisp program is thus a tree of binary cells (known in Lisp as *cons cells*), where the first child represents the first element of the list and the second child represents the rest of the list. The syntax tree for  $(\text{cdr } '(a \ b \ c))$  appears in Figure 4.16. (The notation 'L' is syntactic sugar for  $(\text{quote } L)$ .)

Extend the CFG of Exercise 2.18 to create an attribute grammar that will build such trees. When a parse tree has been fully decorated, the root should have an attribute *v* that refers to the syntax tree. You may assume that each atom has a synthesized attribute *v* that refers to a syntax tree node that holds information from the scanner. In your semantic functions, you may assume the availability of a *cons* function that takes two references as arguments and returns a reference to a new *cons* cell containing those references.

a) Extend the context free grammar

Lik CFG 11.11)  
 $P \rightarrow E \ \$$   
 $E \rightarrow \text{atom}$   
 $E \rightarrow 'E$   
 $E \rightarrow (E \ E)$   
 $E_s \rightarrow E \ E_s$   
 $E_s \rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow$

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$P.v = E.v$

$E.v = \text{createAtomNode}(\text{atom})$   
 $E.v = \text{createQuoteNode}(E.v)$   
 $E.v = \text{cons}(E_1.v, E_2.v)$   
 $E_s.v = \text{cons}(E.v, E_{s+1}.v)$   
 $E_s.v = \text{createNilNode}()$

This allows us to represent the structure as Lisp *cons cells*

4.13 Consider the following attribute grammar for variable declarations, based on the CFG of Exercise 2.11:

$\text{decl} \rightarrow \text{ID } \text{decl\_tail}$   
 $\triangleright \text{decl.t} := \text{decl\_tail.t}$   
 $\triangleright \text{decl\_tail.in\_tab} := \text{insert}(\text{decl.in\_tab}, \text{ID.n}, \text{decl.tail.t})$   
 $\triangleright \text{decl.out\_tab} := \text{decl.tail.out\_tab}$   
 $\text{decl\_tail} \rightarrow , \text{decl}$   
 $\triangleright \text{decl\_tail.t} := \text{decl.t}$   
 $\triangleright \text{decl.in\_tab} := \text{decl.tail.in\_tab}$   
 $\triangleright \text{decl.tail.out\_tab} := \text{decl.out\_tab}$   
 $\text{decl\_tail} \rightarrow : \text{ID} ;$   
 $\triangleright \text{decl.tail.t} := \text{ID.n}$   
 $\triangleright \text{decl.tail.out\_tab} := \text{decl.tail.in\_tab}$

Show a parse tree for the string  $A, B : C ;$ . Then, using arrows and textual description, specify the attribute flow required to fully decorate the tree. (Hint: Note that the grammar is *not L-attributed*.)

$A, B : C ;$

