1st Clause

((_ () literals match-value fail-value success-expr)
(if (null? match-value) success-expr fail-value))

2nd Clause

((_ ((hhd . htl) . tl) literals match-value fail-value success-expr) (cond ((eq? match-value fail-value) fail-value) ;; Macros are allowed to expand into instances of themselves. (else (match-pattern (hhd . htl) literals (maybe-car match-value fail-value) (match-pattern tl literals (maybe-cdr match-value fail-value) fail-value success-expr))))) (match (hhd . htl) ... <head match-value> ...) (match tl ... <rest match-value> ...) ignore "literals" arg for now (imagine that it is empty)