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### 1 Introduction

LISP on TEX is a LATEX class to run LISP programs in a document. All of it is written with TEX macros, so we do not need a special TEX engine, \write18, and external language systems. LISP on TEX works if you put its all style files to your texmf tree.

#### 1.1 Getting Started

In order to use LISP on TeX, you should load lisp-on-tex package: write

```
\usepackage{lisp-on-tex}
```

on your document's preamble. Then, you can execute LISP codes by \lispinterp. For example, the code

```
\lispinterp {
    % define \succ function.
    (\define (\succ \n) (\+ \n :1))
    % call \succ and print the result.
    (\texprint (\succ :42))
}
```

outputs "43". As you can see in the example, you can use % as starting comment. The \lispinterp is not \longed, so you CANNOT include empty lines into a LISP on TEX's program.

#### 1.2 Class Options

LISP on  $T_EX$  has options for garbage collection (GC). If you want to use GC, use markgC option. You can also assign heap size by  $GCopt=\{heapsize=n\}$  where n is an integer. The default heap size is 32768. For example, the code

```
\usepackage[markGC, GCopt={heapsize=40000}]{lisp-on-tex}
```

means LISP on T<sub>E</sub>X uses GC and the heap size is 40000.

## 2 Objects

We define LISP on TEX's objects by using a grammatical notation like the TEXbook. In this section,  $\langle foo \rangle$  is a non-terminal symbol, bar is a terminal symbol,  $\longrightarrow$  means "is defined to be," and | means "or". The operator \* is Kleene star, and + is Kleene plus.

#### 2.1 Integers

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An integer is \langle \text{integer} \rangle: \langle \text{integer} \rangle \longrightarrow : \langle \text{TeX's number} \rangle
```

where  $\langle T_E X$ 's number $\rangle$  is  $\langle number \rangle$  in the  $T_E X$ book. For example, :-42 means -42, :"BEEF means 48879, and :'\@ means 64.

#### 2.2 Strings

An string is an TeX's (balanced tokens) surrounded by ':

```
\langle \text{string} \rangle \longrightarrow ' \langle \text{balanced tokens} \rangle'
```

If you want to include ', you should use brace; the code '{''}quoted \TeX{} tokens{''}' means "quoted TeX tokens". In ordinary Lisp interpretation, ' is used for abbreviation of quote. In contrast, LISP on TeX does not support it.

#### 2.3 CONS cells and nil

A CONS cell is  $\langle cons cell \rangle$  and the value nil is  $\langle nil \rangle$ :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \langle cons \; cell \rangle & \longrightarrow & \langle proper \; list \rangle \; | \; \langle improper \; list \rangle \\ \langle proper \; list \rangle & \longrightarrow & (\langle object \rangle +) \\ \langle improper \; list \rangle & \longrightarrow & (\langle object \rangle + \; . \; \langle object \rangle +) \\ \langle nil \rangle & \longrightarrow & () \end{array}$$

where  $\langle \text{object} \rangle$  is a LISP on TeX's object.

#### 2.4 Symbols

In LISP on TeX, a symbol is a control sequence. For example, \somecs is a symbol.

#### 2.5 Booleans

A boolean is \langle bool\rangle;

$$\langle \mathrm{bool} \rangle \longrightarrow / \mathrm{t} \mid / \mathrm{f}$$

The term /t means true, and /f means false.

#### 2.6 -Reserved Forms