

## How functions finish

**Direct:**        `return answer;`

**True CPS:**    `throw k answer;`

**uScheme:**    `(k answer)`

# Design Problem: Missing Value

Provide a **witness** to existence:

```
(witness p? xs) == x, where (member x xs),  
                           provided (exists? p? xs)
```

**Problem: What if there exists no such  $x$ ?**

## Solution: A New Interface

Success and failure continuations!

Laws:

```
(witness-cps p? xs succ fail) = (succ x)  
    ; where x is in xs and (p? x)
```

```
(witness-cps p? xs succ fail) = (fail)  
    ; where (not (exists? p? xs))
```

## Your turn: Refine the laws

`(witness-cps p? xs succ fail) = (succ x)`  
    ; where `x` is in `xs` and `(p? x)`

`(witness-cps p? xs succ fail) = (fail)`  
    ; where `(not (exists? p? xs))`

`(witness-cps p? '() succ fail) = ?`

`(witness-cps p? (cons z zs) succ fail) = ?`  
    ; when `(p? z)`

`(witness-cps p? (cons z zs) succ fail) = ?`  
    ; when `(not (p? z))`

## Refine the laws

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  ; where x is in xs and (p? x)
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  (witness-cps p? zs succ fail)  
  ; when (not (p? z))
```

## Coding witness with continuations

```
(define witness-cps (p? xs succ fail)
  (if (null? xs)
      (fail)
      (let ((x (car xs)))
        (if (p? x)
            (succ x)
            (witness-cps p? (cdr xs) succ fail))))))
```

# “Continuation-Passing Style”

All tail positions are continuations or recursive calls

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```

Compiles to tight code

## Example Use: Instructor Lookup

```
-> (val 2017f ' ((Fisher 105) (Cowen 170) (Chow 116)))  
-> (instructor-info 'Fisher 2017f)  
(Fisher teaches 105)  
-> (instructor-info 'Chow 2017f)  
(Chow teaches 116)  
-> (instructor-info 'Souvaine 2017f)  
(Souvaine is-not-on-the-list)
```



## Instructor Lookup: The Code

```
; info has form: ' (Fisher 105)
; classes has form: ' (info_1, ..., info_n)
(define instructor-info (instructor classes)
  (let (
    (s                ; success continuation
      )
    (f                ; failure continuation
      ))
    (witness-cps  pred
      classes s f))
```

## Instructor Lookup: The Code

```
; info has form: ' (Fisher 105)
; classes has form: ' (info_1, ..., info_n)
(define instructor-info (instructor classes)
  (let (
    (s                ; success continuation
      )
    (f                ; failure continuation
      ))
    (witness-cps (o ((curry =) instructor) car)
      classes s f))
```

## Instructor Lookup: The Code

```
; info has form: ' (Fisher 105)
; classes has form: ' (info_1, ..., info_n)
(define instructor-info (instructor classes)
  (let (
    (s (lambda (info) ; success continuation
          (list3 instructor 'teaches (cadr info))))
    (f ; failure continuation
      ))
    (witness-cps (o ((curry =) instructor) car)
                  classes s f))
```

## Instructor Lookup: The Code

```
; info has form: ' (Fisher 105)
; classes has form: ' (info_1, ..., info_n)
(define instructor-info (instructor classes)
  (let (
    (s (lambda (info) ; success continuation
          (list3 instructor 'teaches (cadr info))))
    (f (lambda ()      ; failure continuation
          (list2 instructor 'is-not-on-the-list))))
    (witness-cps (o ((curry =) instructor) car)
                  classes s f)))
```

## Exercise: Find a satisfying assignment if one exists

```
(val f1 ' (and x y z w p q (not x) ) )
```

```
(val f2 ' (not (or x y) ) )
```

```
(val f3 ' (not (and x y z) ) )
```

```
(val f4 ' (and (or x y z)  
               (or (not x) (not y) (not z) ) ) )
```

## Satisfying assignments

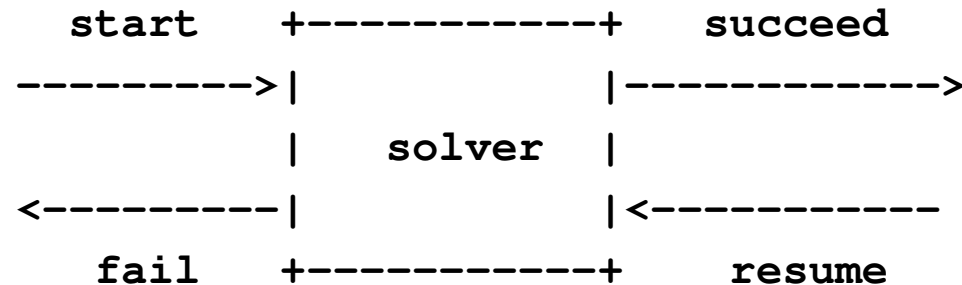
```
(val f1 ' (and x y z w p q (not x))) ; NONE
```

```
(val f2 ' (not (or x y)))  
          ; { x |-> #f, y |-> #f }
```

```
(val f3 ' (not (and x y z)))  
          ; { x |-> #f, ... }
```

```
(val f4 ' (and (or x y z)  
               (or (not x) (not y) (not z))))  
          ; { x |-> #f, y |-> #t, ... }
```

# Continuations for Search



- start** Gets **partial solution**, **fail**, **succeed**  
(On homework, “solution” is assignment)
- fail** Partial solution won’t work (no params)
- succeed** Gets improved solution + **resume**
- resume** If improved solution won’t work,  
try another (no params)