

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

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; 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)`

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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

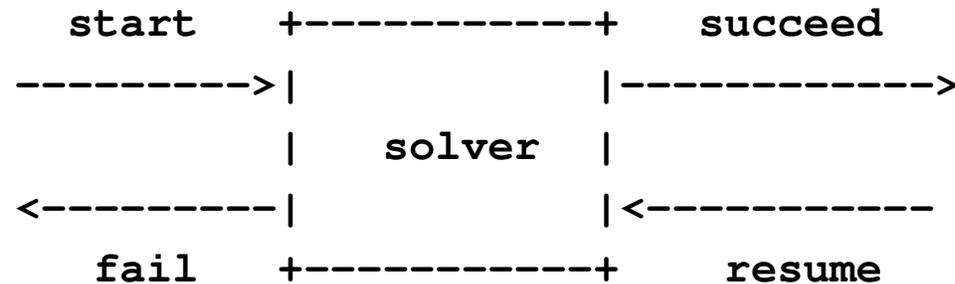
```
(val f1 ' (and x y z w p q (not x))) ; NONE
```

```
(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)