## CSSE 304 Day 27

## Warm-up for call/cc:

- 1. A **receiver** is an argument (which happens to also be a procedure) passed to a procedure, with the intention that the procedure will eventually pass values to that argument. In some situation, receivers are referred to as "callbacks".
  - a. The continuations that we pass to CPS procedures (in the scheme-procedure representation) are receivers.
  - b. The consumer procedures that we pass to call-with-values are receivers.
  - c. call-with-output-file is another example of a procedure that expects a receiver as an argument.
- 2. Pretend that we have a procedure escape-+ that adds its arguments and returns this sum as the final answer, no matter what the context.
  - a. (\* (escape-+ 5 6) 3) →
  - b. (escape-+ (escape-+ 2 4) 5) →
- 3. More generally, suppose that we have a procedure escaper that takes a procedure as an argument and returns an equivalent escape procedure.
  - a. (escaper +) creates a procedure that is equivalent to escape -+
  - b. (+ 3 ((escaper +) 4 5))

  - d. A slide gives details of how you can experiment with escaper in *Chez* Scheme.
- 4. Let *p* be a procedure. If an application of *p* abandons the current continuation and does something else instead, we call *p* an *escape procedure*.
  - a. An example of a Scheme escape procedure that we have already used:
  - b. Is escaper an escape procedure?
- 5. We consider the dining-out procedure from the slides, along with a reading from the Springer and Friedman book. Your takeaway: In future discussions, I will often refer to "taking a photograph", "saving the photograph", and "rubbing a photograph." You should leave today's class knowing what those things mean.

## Definition of call/cc and simple examples:

6. Note the detailed definition of call/cc that is on the slide whose title is CALL/CC. Here is a summary of that definition:

(call/cc receiver) → (receiver continuation).

Hence the name: call-with-current-continuation.

**Rephrasing it:** What is that continuation?

If c is a procedure that represents the execution context of this application of call/cc, then the continuation is equivalent to (escaper c).

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The receiver is
        a.
            The context c of the call/cc application is
            The continuation is
       c.
            Thus (+3 (call/cc (lambda (k) (* 2 (k 5))))) is equivalent to
        d.
8. Another call/cc example:
                              (+ 3 (call/cc (lambda (k) (* 2 5))))
            The receiver is
       a.
            The context c is
        b.
            The continuation is
       c.
       d. Thus (+3 (call/cc (lambda (k) (* 2 5)))) is equivalent to
9. Another call/cc example:
                              (+ 3 (call/cc (lambda (k) (k (* 2 5)))))
            The receiver is
            The context c is
       b.
            The continuation is
       c.
            Thus (+3 \text{ (call/cc (lambda (k) (k * 2 5))))}) is equivalent to
10. (define xxx #f)
   (+ 5 (call/cc (lambda (k)
                      (set! xxx k)
                      2))); xxx is equivalent to?
    (* 7 (xxx 4))
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(+ 3 (call/cc (lambda (k) (\* 2 (k 5)))))

7. call/cc example:

11. (call/cc procedure?)