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Subject: cd to nonexistent directory and up again

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Why is it that this fails:

```
IDL> cd, 'bobo/..'
```

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% CD: Unable to change current directory to bobo/...
```

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No such file or directory
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but this does not:

```
IDL> cd, './bobo/..'
```

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IDL>
```

I am using CD to determine whether a given path exists as a directory, and I was expecting the second case to fail just like the first one does, since there is no difference between them in my mind.

Cheers,

Tom

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