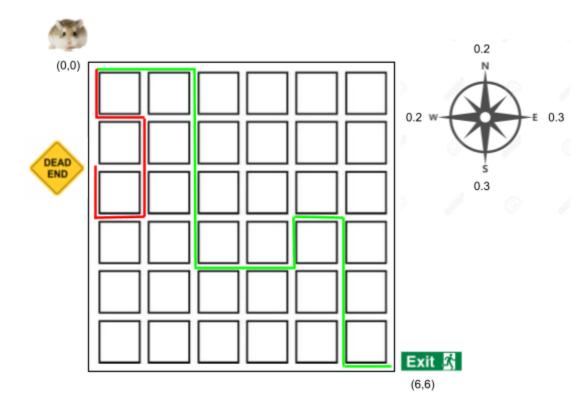
- 2. **[Homework]** A mouse is trying to escape from a maze where it starts moving from the top-left corner (0,0) to the exit in the bottom-right corner (6,6). It moves according to the following rules:
  - The mouse randomly goes to one of the four directions north, east, south and west based on the probability (0.2 or 0.3) specified below.
  - The new position must be within the boundaries of the maze.
  - The new position must not have been visited previously.
  - o If the new position does not fulfil the criteria above, the mouse will randomly pick a new direction again. Every decision is independent of the others.
  - o If the mouse reaches a dead-end all directions are not enterable, it fails to leave the maze.
  - The mouse continues to move until it reaches the exit.



Write a simulation program using the Monte Carlo method to estimate the probability (P) of the mouse successfully escaping from the maze. The simulation should run <u>one million times</u>. Your program should print out the simulation results clearly and round the success rate P to 3 digits after the decimal point as follow:

The Monte Carlo simulation result of one million runs: No. of successful escape: 406254 Success Rate P: 0.406

The acceptable range of the success rate is  $\underline{0.405 - 0.410}$  and the execution time should be less than  $\underline{5}$  seconds.