Exercise 1.
Implementing a first Application in RePast: A Rabbits Grass Simulation.

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1 Implementation

1.1 Assumptions

1.1.1 Assumptions for the Implementation of grass and of it's growth

There can be either 1 or 0 unit of grass per cell. Initially the model is initialized with a user-set *NumInitGrass* (default 100) number of grass cells. Then at each simulation tick *GrassGrowthRate* (default 50) units of grass are added to empty cells **if possible**. This value is user defined and modifiable throughout the simulation.

1.1.2 Assumptions for the Implementation of the movement of Rabbits and of collisions

At each tick each alive rabbit tries to move to a random cell picked among the 4 cells adjacent to it's location. If it tries to move to a cell where another rabbit is present, **if the cell is empty it moves to it, if it is already occupied it doesn't move for this turn**. Regardless of whether it actually moved or not the rabbit loses 1 energy unit per tick.

1.1.3 Assumptions for the Implementation of feeding, energy and reproduction

Each rabbit has an energy value $e \in [0, 20]$ this value drops by a unit of 1 every turn. At each tick, rabbits "eat" grass after moving (in the new cell they moved to if they succeeded in moving). If there exists a unit of grass on the cell it's on the energy of the rabbit "eats" it (clearing the cell of grass) and the rabbit's energy increases by a value *GrassEnergy* (default 5) that is user-set and editable throughout the simulation. At each tick (before movement and feeding) if a rabbit has an energy value $e \geq$ *BirthThreshold* it gives birth (this means if a rabbit has gathered enough energy through eating it will give birth at the start of the next turn). *BirthThreshold* (default 20) is user set and editable throughout the simulation.

1.1.4 Assumptions for the Implementation of birth and death

When giving birth, **the parent rabbit gives a random proportion of it's energy to it's child**, meaning it losses some random amount of it's energy. The repartition of energy between parent and child is the following : $e_{parent} + e_{child} = e_{\text{parent before birth}}$.