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Environment

The *smartcab* operates in an ideal, grid-like city (similar to New York City) with only North-South and East-West directions. Other vehicles will be present, but there will be no pedestrians to be concerned with. At each intersection, the *smartcab* either allows traffic in the North-South direction or the East-West direction. The rules apply:

- On a green light, a left turn is permitted if there is no oncoming traffic or coming straight through the intersection.
- On a red light, a right turn is permitted if no oncoming traffic is present. To understand how to correctly turning left, you may refer to **this official drivers' education video** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TW0Eq2Q-9Ac>), **this official drivers' education video** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0EdkxI6NeuA>).

Inputs and Outputs

Assume that the *smartcab* is assigned a route plan based on its current location and destination. The route is split at each intersection into two possible actions: the *smartcab*, at any instant, is at some intersection in the way to the destination, assuming the destination has not already been reached. The *smartcab* can determine the state of the intersection it is at: It can determine the state of the traffic at the intersection, and whether there is a vehicle at the intersection. For each action, the *smartcab* may either idle at the intersection to the left, right, or ahead of it. Finally, each trip has a reward which decreases for each action taken (the passengers want to reach the destination as quickly as possible, so the trip time becomes zero before reaching the destination, the trip reward is zero).

Rewards and Goal

The *smartcab* will receive positive or negative rewards based on its actions. Expectedly, the *smartcab* will receive a small positive reward when it reaches the destination. A varying amount of negative reward dependent on the severity of the action taken.

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