

Codefest #3

The FrozenLake Problem

The “deterministic” FrozenLake is a toy problem from the so called “grid world” category of problems. In this problem the agent lives in a square grid and can move in 4 directions, “up”, “down”, “left” and “right”. The agent always starts in the top-left position and its goal is to reach the bottom right position on the grid (see image below).

Part 1: Create the Frozen Lake

1. Using Python, create a 5x5 grid sized Frozen Lake, with a start state at the top left corner and a goal state at the bottom right corner.
2. Place four holes at the following grid positions in the Frozen Lake. **(2,0)**, **(4,1)**, **(2,2)**, **(3,3)**
3. The reward for reaching the goal state is **+10.0**. The reward for falling into a hole is **-5.0** (because you die!) and the rewards for each transition to a non-terminal state is **-1.0**.
4. The episode ends if the agent falls into a hole or reaches the goal state.
5. The actions are **“up”**, **“down”**, **“left”** and **“right”**.

	0	1	2	3	4
0	Start (0,0)				
1					
2	Hole (2,0)		Hole (2,2)		
3				Hole (3,3)	
4		Hole (4,1)			Goal (4,4)

```
import numpy as np
```

```
class FrozenLake:
```

```
    def __init__(self):
```

```
        self.size = 5
```

```
self.start_pos = (0, 0)
self.goal_pos = (4, 4)
self.holes = {(2, 0), (4, 1), (2, 2), (3, 3)}
self.actions = ['up', 'down', 'left', 'right']
self.reset()
```

```
def reset(self):
    self.agent_pos = self.start_pos
    return self.agent_pos
```

```
def step(self, action):
    x, y = self.agent_pos

    if action == 'up':
        x = max(0, x - 1)
    elif action == 'down':
        x = min(self.size - 1, x + 1)
    elif action == 'left':
        y = max(0, y - 1)
    elif action == 'right':
        y = min(self.size - 1, y + 1)
    else:
```

```
raise ValueError(f"Invalid action: {action}")
```

```
self.agent_pos = (x, y)
```

```
# Check if agent is in a hole
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```
if self.agent_pos in self.holes:
```

```
    reward = -5.0
```

```
    done = True
```

```
# Check if agent reached the goal
```

```
elif self.agent_pos == self.goal_pos:
```

```
    reward = +10.0
```

```
    done = True
```

```
else:
```

```
    reward = -1.0
```

```
    done = False
```

```
return self.agent_pos, reward, done
```

```
def render(self):
```

```
    grid = [['.' for _ in range(self.size)] for _ in range(self.size)]
```

```
    for hx, hy in self.holes:
```

```
grid[hx][hy] = 'H'
```

```
gx, gy = self.goal_pos
```

```
grid[gx][gy] = 'G'
```

```
ax, ay = self.agent_pos
```

```
grid[ax][ay] = 'A'
```

```
for row in grid:
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```
    print(' '.join(row))
```

```
print()
```

```
# Example run
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```
env = FrozenLake()
```

```
env.render()
```

```
state, reward, done = env.step('right')
```

```
env.render()
```

```
print(f"State: {state}, Reward: {reward}, Done: {done}")
```

Key Features: • 5×5 grid

- Start: $(0, 0)$
- Goal: $(4, 4)$ with $+10.0$
- Holes at $(2, 0)$, $(4, 1)$, $(2, 2)$, $(3, 3)$ with -5.0
- Movement: up, down, left, right.
- Transition reward: -1.0
- Episode ends on hole or goal.
- `render()` method to print grid visually.