CS 180 Homework 1

Due Friday, July 24, 2020

Problem. Men, women and gupi live on the planet Alphaomega. Imagine you are travelling by a self-driving car on this planet and you need to pass the city Beth. The road goes through this city and you cannot bypass it. There are only two entrances to the city – one from the side you are coming and another from the opposite side. Besides, you know that an evil gupi is sitting at one of the intersections in Beth. When a human being comes close to him, he kidnaps this person and makes the human being his slave. Fortunately, this gupi is lazy and he kidnaps only those who come close to him. The distance in one block is safe for you because your car can feel the presence of the gupi one block ahead of it. At the same time, other inhabitants of Beth cannot help you because you don't know their language and they don't know your language. Besides, you don't have a map of the city Beth.

- a) (20 pts). Is it always possible to go through the city? Prove that your answer is correct.
- b) (80 pts). If it is always possible to go through the city, design an algorithm for your car for doing this.
- c) (80 pts). If it is not always possible to go through the city, design an algorithm for your car that will allow you to go through the city when it is possible or to return back when it is impossible.