

Validate Sudoku Board [LeetCode](#)

Determine if a 9 x 9 Sudoku board is valid. Only the filled cells need to be validated **according to the following rules**:

1. Each row must contain the digits 1-9 without repetition.
2. Each column must contain the digits 1-9 without repetition.
3. Each of the nine 3 x 3 sub-boxes of the grid must contain the digits 1-9 without repetition.

Note:

- A Sudoku board (partially filled) could be valid but is not necessarily solvable.
- Only the filled cells need to be validated according to the mentioned rules.

Example 1:

Input: board =

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[["5","3",".",".","7",".",".",".","."],  
["6",".",".","1","9","5",".",".","."],  
[".","9","8",".",".",".","6","."],  
["8",".",".","6",".",".","3"],  
["4",".",".","8",".","3",".","1"],  
["7",".",".","2",".",".","6"],  
[".","6",".",".","2","8","."],  
[".",".","4","1","9",".","5"],  
[".",".","8",".","7","9"]]
```

Output: true

Example 2:

Input: board =

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[["8","3",".",".","7",".",".",".","."],  
["6",".",".","1","9","5",".",".","."],  
[".","9","8",".",".",".","6","."],  
["8",".",".","6",".",".","3"],  
["4",".","8","3",".","1"],  
["7",".","2",".","6"],  
["6",".","2","8","."],  
[".","4","1","9",".","5"],  
[".","8","7","9"]]
```

Output: false

Approach 1: Function to check if a Sudoku board is valid

Function Purpose:

Check if a given Sudoku board is valid.

Explanation:

- **isPossible Function:**
 - Checks if placing a value at a specific position is valid in the Sudoku grid.
 - Validates the value in the current row, column, and the 3x3 subgrid.
- **isValidSudokuHelper Function:**
 - Iterates through each cell in the board.
 - Temporarily removes each non-empty cell value for validation.
 - Calls **isPossible** to check the validity of each placement.
 - Restores the removed value after validation.
 - Returns true if all placements are valid.
- **isValidSudoku Function:**
 - Initializes the validation process by calling **isValidSudokuHelper**.

- Returns true if the board is valid.

Time Complexity:

- The time complexity is $O(1)$ because the size of the Sudoku board is fixed.

Space Complexity:

- The space complexity is $O(1)$ as no additional space is used that scales with the input size.