

Sudoku Solver [LeetCode](#)

Write a program to solve a Sudoku puzzle by filling the empty cells.

A sudoku solution must satisfy **all of the following rules**:

1. Each of the digits 1-9 must occur exactly once in each row.
2. Each of the digits 1-9 must occur exactly once in each column.
3. Each of the digits 1-9 must occur exactly once in each of the 9 3x3 sub-boxes of the grid.

The '.' character indicates empty cells.

Example: The Input Sudoku:

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5 3 . . 7 . . . .  
6 . . 1 9 5 . . .  
. 9 8 . . . . 6 .  
8 . . . 6 . . . 3  
4 . . 8 . 3 . . 1  
7 . . . . . . . 6  
. 6 . . . . 2 8 .  
. . . 4 1 9 . . 5  
. . . . 8 . . 7 9
```

The Solved Sudoku Board:

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5 3 4 6 7 8 9 1 2  
6 7 2 1 9 5 3 4 8  
1 9 8 3 2 4 5 6 7  
8 1 9 7 6 2 4 5 3  
4 2 6 8 5 3 7 9 1  
7 5 3 9 4 1 8 2 6  
9 6 1 5 3 7 2 8 4  
2 8 7 4 1 9 6 3 5  
3 4 5 2 8 6 1 7 9
```

Approach 1: Function to solve the Sudoku puzzle

Function Purpose:

Solve a Sudoku puzzle using the backtracking approach.

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.
- **solve Function:**
 - Recursive backtracking function to explore all possible placements of values on the Sudoku grid.
 - Tries placing values from '1' to '9' at empty cells.
 - Checks for the validity of the placement using the **isPossible** function.
 - If a solution is found, returns true; otherwise, backtracks.
- **solveSudoku Function:**
 - Initializes the Sudoku solving process by calling the **solve** function.

Time Complexity:

- The time complexity is $O(9^M)$, where M is the number of empty cells in the Sudoku grid.

Space Complexity:

- **Sudoku Grid Storage:** $O(N^2)$, where N is the size of the Sudoku grid.