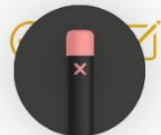


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# Valid Sudoku

No. should not repeat

- same row
- same col
- same square

In all cases,  
same logic has  
to be applied.

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

→ Validate if the numbers which are filled satisfy the criterion for this grid to be valid sudoku

HashSet → subset of cells → values  
→ if any is repeating  
return false  
In total -  $n^2$  cells.

→ As soon as, any subset is invalid  
return false.

→ Equal elements  
in all →  $n$

→ It's a rectangle/sub-matrix

(Top-left & Bottom-right) not validate

(1, 4) - (9, 4)

(7, 7) - (9, 9)



TL (1, 1)  
BR (3, 3)

(i, j) → (1, 1) (1, 4) (1, 7)

→ (4, 1) (4, 4) (4, 7)

(7, 1) (7, 4) (7, 7)

→ boolean isValidSubMatrix(grid, tlx, tly, brx, bry)

// HashSet →

for (i = 1 - 9)  
if (!isValidSM(i, 1, i, 9))  
return false

for (i = 1 - 9)  
if (!isValidSM(1, i, 9, i))  
return false

for (i = 1 - 9; i += 3)  
for (j = 1 - 9; j += 3)  
if (!isValidSM(i, j, i+3, j+3))  
return false

return true

→ isValidSM(tlx, tly, brx, bry)  
Set  
for i = tlx - brx

for j = tly - bry

if (set.contains(i \* 10 + j))  
return false.

Overall T.C:  $O(n^2)$

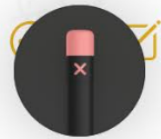
S.C:  $O(n^2)$

Don't include  
empty cells in  
the grid.

# Solving a valid Sudoku.

→ Backtracking by checking every all nos.  
for every empty cell till we find

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the grid.

# Solving a valid Sudoku.

→ Backtracking by checking every all nos.  
for every empty cell till we find  
a way to fill all empty cells.

.	2	.	1	.	.
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6 cells.

1-9

→ Permutations

→ 4 2 5 1 8 7

→ 8 2 9 1 3 6

	1	4	7	9					
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
4									
7									
9									81

2D matrix — array address in 1D array store

grid[index] = '.'

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→ Try a possibility

check if that possibility is correct,  
if correct grid[index] = '1'  
move to next index

else try next possibility  
revert

if no possibility worked  
backtrack → grid[index] = '.'  
prev.

This backtracking method needs  
to check something  
— return type — boolean.

Base Cases.

if index = 81  
return true.

Method Signature:

boolean isValidSudoku(grid, index)

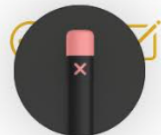
if index = 81 {  
return true.

if (grid[index] != '.') { ←  
return isValidSudoku(grid, index+1)

for (i = 1 to 9) { ←  
if (i == grid[index]) { ←  
return false;  
}

1 →  
1  
↪

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All submatrices with the cell at index must be valid.

3 - isVSM

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
2	18								
3	19								
4									
5									
6									
7									

if index = 81 {  
return true.

if (grid[index] != '.') {  
return isValidSudoku(grid, index+1)

for (i = 1 to 9) {

grid[index] = i

if (is Valid Cell (index))  
return is Valid Sudoku (grid, index+1)

grid[index] = '.' → To signify empty cells after index  
return false;

$$13 \% 9 \rightarrow 4 \quad (1, 4)$$

$$13 / 9 \rightarrow 1$$

$$\text{index} \rightarrow (\text{index} / 9, \text{index} \% 9)$$

$$(x, y)$$

$$\text{grid}[\text{index}] = \text{grid}[x][y].$$

(0, 5) → (0, 6)  
(0, 8) → (1, 0) } Not the same  
change every time.

is Valid Sudoku

recursive stack → maintaining backtracking

is Valid Cell (index)

$$\begin{cases} x = \text{index} / 9 \\ y = \text{index} \% 9 \end{cases}$$

isVSM(x, 0, x, 8) ← x<sup>th</sup> row

isVSM(0, y, 8, y) ← y<sup>th</sup> col

Integers → (x/3, y/3)  
Division (x<sub>1</sub>, y<sub>1</sub>)

$$(3x_1, 3y_1)$$

isVSM(x<sub>2</sub>, y<sub>2</sub>, x<sub>2</sub>+3, y<sub>2</sub>+3) ← (x<sub>2</sub>, y<sub>2</sub>)

$$(4, 2)$$

$$(1, 0)$$

$$($$

$$(1, 0)$$

$$(1, 0)$$

$$(3, 0)$$

$$(3, 0)$$

$$(7, 5)$$

$$(2, 1)$$

$$(6, 3)$$

	0	1	2
0			
1			
2			