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## **SUDOKU GAME IN PYTHON**

### **ABSTRACT**

This project is a Sudoku game developed in Python programming language. The game is a console-based application that allows the user to play Sudoku puzzles, which are pre-loaded into the program. The game has multiple difficulty levels, ranging from easy to hard, and the user can select the level of their choice.

The game interface is simple and user-friendly. The user can interact with the game using keyboard inputs, and the program displays the Sudoku grid on the console. The user can enter their answers for each cell, and the program checks the correctness of the answers. The program provides feedback to the user about the correctness of their answers and guides them towards the solution of the puzzle.

The game uses various algorithms and data structures to generate and solve Sudoku puzzles. The program is designed to provide a challenging and enjoyable experience to the user, and the game is suitable for both novice and experienced Sudoku players. Overall, the Sudoku game in Python is a fun and engaging way to exercise problem-solving skills and logical reasoning abilities.

### **Concept for sudoku game project :**

1. **Grid Initialization:** The first step is to initialize the Sudoku grid, which is a 9x9 matrix consisting of 81 cells. The grid can be initialized as a two-dimensional list of integers or as a numpy array.
2. **Inputting Puzzle:** Next, you can input a Sudoku puzzle into the grid. You can do this by reading the puzzle from a file or generating a random puzzle. The puzzle should have some numbers pre-filled in the grid, and the remaining cells should be empty.
3. **Displaying Puzzle:** Once the puzzle is loaded into the grid, you can display it on the console using print statements. You can use special characters such as "|" and "-" to separate the grid into 3x3 sub-grids.
4. **Validating Input:** After displaying the puzzle, you need to validate the user input for each cell. The user input should be an integer between 1 and 9, and it should not violate any of the Sudoku rules, such as having duplicate numbers in a row, column, or sub-grid.
5. **Solving Puzzle:** To solve the puzzle, you can use various algorithms such as backtracking or constraint propagation. Backtracking is a brute-force algorithm that tries every possible

combination of numbers until a valid solution is found. Constraint propagation is a more efficient algorithm that uses logical deductions to eliminate impossible combinations.

6. **Checking Solution:** Once the puzzle is solved, you need to check if the solution is valid. The solution should satisfy all the Sudoku rules and match the pre-filled numbers in the puzzle.
7. **User Interaction:** To make the game interactive, you can add user prompts and messages. For example, you can prompt the user to enter their answer for a cell, display a message if the answer is incorrect, or congratulate the user if the puzzle is solved.
8. **Difficulty Levels:** To make the game more challenging, you can add different difficulty levels. Easy puzzles can have more pre-filled numbers, while hard puzzles can have fewer pre-filled numbers.
9. **Saving and Loading:** Finally, you can add features to save and load puzzles from files. This allows the user to play the same puzzle again or share it with others.

By following these concepts, we can create a Sudoku game project in Python that is fun, challenging, and engaging for the user.

## PROBLEM STATEMENT

To create a console-based application that allows the user to play Sudoku puzzles. The game should have the following features:

1. **Grid:** The game should have a 9x9 grid consisting of 81 cells. The grid should be initialized with a Sudoku puzzle that has some numbers pre-filled in the grid.
2. **Input:** The user should be able to input their answers for each cell using the keyboard. The user input should be validated to ensure it is a valid integer between 1 and 9 and does not violate any of the Sudoku rules.
3. **Display:** The game should display the Sudoku puzzle on the console using special characters to separate the grid into 3x3 sub-grids. The pre-filled cells should be displayed in a different color or font to distinguish them from the user input cells.
4. **Solving:** The game should be able to solve the Sudoku puzzle using various algorithms such as backtracking or constraint propagation. The solution should satisfy all the Sudoku rules and match the pre-filled numbers in the puzzle.
5. **Checking:** The game should check the user's solution for correctness. If the user's solution violates any of the Sudoku rules, the game should display an error message.

**6. Difficulty Levels:** The game should have different difficulty levels, ranging from easy to hard. Easy puzzles should have more pre-filled numbers, while hard puzzles should have fewer pre-filled numbers.

**7. User Interaction:** The game should be interactive and provide feedback to the user about the correctness of their answers. The game should prompt the user to enter their answer for each cell and display a message if the answer is incorrect or congratulate the user if the puzzle is solved.

**8. Saving and Loading:** The game should allow the user to save and load puzzles from files. This allows the user to play the same puzzle again or share it with others.

The goal of the Sudoku game project in Python is to create a challenging and enjoyable game that exercises problem-solving skills and logical reasoning abilities.

**-Main classes that can be used are:**

1. **SudokuGrid:** This class represents the Sudoku grid and its associated operations, such as initializing the grid, inputting and validating user input, displaying the grid, and checking the correctness of the solution.
2. **SudokuPuzzle:** This class represents a Sudoku puzzle and its associated operations, such as generating a puzzle, selecting a difficulty level, and loading a puzzle from a file.
3. **SudokuSolver:** This class represents the Sudoku solver and its associated algorithms, such as backtracking or constraint propagation, for solving a Sudoku puzzle.
4. **SudokuGame:** This class represents the Sudoku game and its associated operations, such as managing the user interface, handling user input, displaying messages and prompts, managing the game flow, and saving and loading puzzles.
5. **SudokuFileHandler:** This class represents the file handler and its associated operations, such as reading and writing Sudoku puzzles from and to files.

By using these main classes, we can create a well-structured Sudoku game in Python that is easy to maintain and extend. These classes can be used in a modular fashion, allowing us to separate the game logic from the user interface and the file handling operations.

## PROPOSED SOLUTION

```
# Import necessary modules
```

```
import random
```

```
import copy
```

1. Define SudokuGrid class: This class will represent the Sudoku grid and its associated operations. It will have methods for initializing the grid, inputting and validating user input, displaying the grid, and checking the correctness of the solution.

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

```
    self.grid = [[0]*9 for i in range(9)]
```

```
def initialize(self, puzzle):
```

```
    self.grid = copy.deepcopy(puzzle)
```

```
def display(self):
```

```
    for i in range(9):
```

```
        for j in range(9):
```

```
            print(self.grid[i][j], end=" ")
```

```
            if (j+1)%3 == 0 and j != 8:
```

```
                print("|", end=" ")
```

```
        print()
```

```
        if (i+1)%3 == 0 and i != 8:
```

```
            print("-"*22)
```

```
def validate(self, row, col, num):
```

```
    # Check row
```

```
    for i in range(9):
```

```
        if self.grid[row][i] == num:
```

```

        return False

    # Check column
    for i in range(9):
        if self.grid[i][col] == num:
            return False

    # Check 3x3 box
    box_row = (row//3)*3
    box_col = (col//3)*3
    for i in range(box_row, box_row+3):
        for j in range(box_col, box_col+3):
            if self.grid[i][j] == num:
                return False

    return True

```

```

def is_complete(self):
    for i in range(9):
        for j in range(9):
            if self.grid[i][j] == 0:
                return False

```

2. Define SudokuPuzzle class: This class will represent a Sudoku puzzle and its associated operations. It will have methods for generating a puzzle, selecting a difficulty level, and loading a puzzle from a file.

```

def __init__(self):
    self.puzzle = [[0]*9 for i in range(9)]

```

```

def generate(self, difficulty):

    # Easy: 35-40 clues, Medium: 30-35 clues, Hard: 25-30 clues

    if difficulty == "Easy":

        clues = random.randint(35,40)

    elif difficulty == "Medium":

        clues = random.randint(30,35)

    else:

        clues = random.randint(25,30)

    # Generate random solution

    self.puzzle = self.generate_solution()

    # Remove clues

    counter = 81

    while counter > clues:

        row = random.randint(0,8)

        col = random.randint(0,8)

        if self.puzzle[row][col] != 0:

            self.puzzle[row][col] = 0

            counter -= 1

def load(self, filename):

    with open(filename, "r") as f:

        for i, line in enumerate(f):

            row = line.strip().split(" ")

            for j, num in enumerate(row):

                self.puzzle[i][j] = int(num)

```

3. SudokuSolver : This represent the Sudoku solver and its associated algorithms. It will have methods for solving a Sudoku puzzle using various algorithms, such as backtracking or constraint propagation.

```
def generate_solution(self):  
  
    # Backtracking algorithm  
  
    def solve(grid):  
  
        for row in range(9):  
  
            for col in range(9):  
  
                if grid[row][col] == 0:  
  
                    for num in range(1,10):  
  
                        if grid.validate(row, col, num):  
  
                            grid.grid[row][col] = num  
  
                            if grid.is_complete():  
  
                                return True  
  
                            else:  
  
                                if solve(grid):  
  
                                    return True  
  
                                break  
  
                    grid.grid[row][col] = 0  
  
        return False
```

```
grid = SudokuGrid()  
  
grid.grid = [[0]*9 for i in range(9)]  
  
while not solve(grid):
```

```
grid.grid = [[0]*9 for i in range(9)]  
  
return grid.grid
```

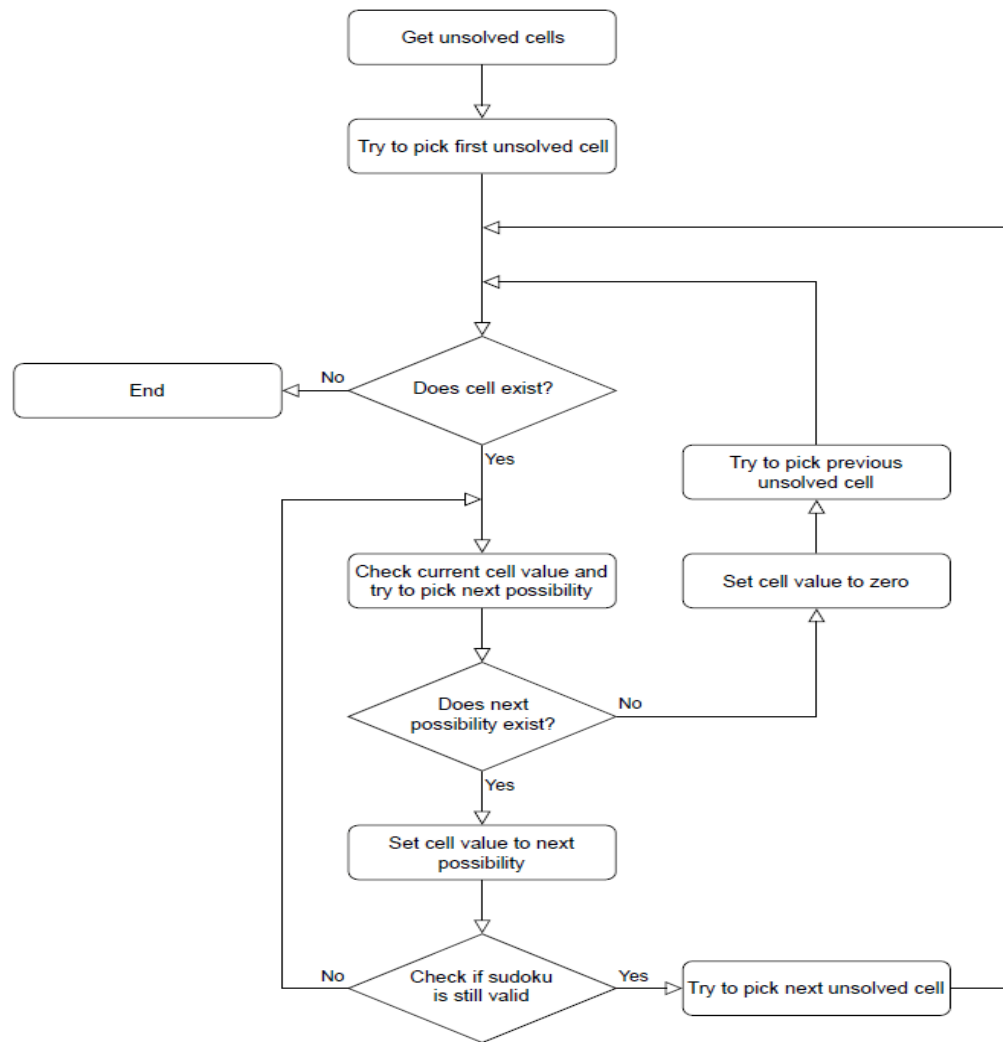
4. SudokuGame class: This class will represent the Sudoku game and its associated operations. It will manage the user interface, handle user input, display messages and prompts, manage the game flow, and save and load puzzles. It will also use instances of the SudokuGrid, SudokuPuzzle, and SudokuSolver classes to implement the game logic.

5. SudokuFileHandler class: This class will represent the file handler and its associated operations. It will have methods for reading and writing Sudoku puzzles from and to files.

By using these main classes, we can create a well-structured Sudoku game in Python that is easy to maintain and extend. These classes can be used in a modular fashion, allowing us to separate the game logic from the user interface and the file handling operations.

## **SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE**





**User Interface Layer:** This layer will provide the user interface for the Sudoku game. It can be developed using any GUI framework such as Tkinter, Pygame, or PyQt.

**Game Logic Layer:** This layer will contain the logic for the Sudoku game. It will be responsible for generating the puzzle, validating user input, and determining when the puzzle is complete. The game logic will be implemented in Python classes and functions.

**Persistence Layer:** This layer will handle the storage of game progress, such as the state of the puzzle and the time taken to complete it. This can be achieved using Python's built-in file handling capabilities or a database such as SQLite.

**Integration Layer:** This layer will integrate the user interface, game logic, and persistence layers. It will handle the communication between these layers and ensure that they work together seamlessly.

**Input/Output Layer:** This layer will handle the input/output operations for the game, such as getting user input and displaying the game board.

Overall, the architecture should be designed in such a way that it is modular, scalable, and maintainable. Each layer should have a clear responsibility and should be able to work independently of the other layers.

## SOURCE CODE OF THE ALGORITHM

### Basic source code of the sudoku game:

```
import random
def create_board():
    """Create a new Sudoku board"""
    board = [[0 for _ in range(9)] for _ in range(9)]
    for i in range(9):
        for j in range(9):
            board[i][j] = (i*3 + i//3 + j) % 9 + 1
    return board

def shuffle_board(board):
    """Shuffle a Sudoku board"""
    for _ in range(1000):
        a, b = random.randint(0, 8), random.randint(0, 8)
        c, d = a//3*3 + b//3, ((a%3)*3 + (b%3))
        board[a][b], board[c][d] = board[c][d], board[a][b]

def print_board(board):
    """Print a Sudoku board"""
    for i in range(9):
        for j in range(9):
            print(board[i][j], end=" ")
```

```

        if j == 2 or j == 5:

            print("|", end=" ")

        print()

        if i == 2 or i == 5:

            print("-" * 22)

def solve_board(board):

    """Solve a Sudoku board"""

    for i in range(9):

        for j in range(9):

            if board[i][j] == 0:

                for n in range(1, 10):

                    if is_valid(board, i, j, n):

                        board[i][j] = n

                        if solve_board(board):

                            return True

                        else:

                            board[i][j] = 0

                return False

    return True

def is_valid(board, row, col, num):

    """Check if a number is valid in a Sudoku board"""

    for i in range(9):

        if board[row][i] == num:

            return False

        if board[i][col] == num:

            return False

        if board[(row//3)*3 + i//3][(col//3)*3 + i%3] == num:

            return False

    return True

```

```

def generate_puzzle(board, num_holes):
    """Generate a Sudoku puzzle by removing numbers from a solved board"""
    puzzle = [row[:] for row in board]
    holes = set(random.sample(range(81), num_holes))
    for hole in holes:
        puzzle[hole//9][hole%9] = 0
    return puzzle

def main():
    board = create_board()

    shuffle_board(board)
    solve_board(board)
    puzzle = generate_puzzle(board, 40)
    print_board(puzzle)

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()

```

The `create_board()` function generates a new, solved Sudoku board. The `shuffle_board()` function shuffles the board randomly. The `print_board()` function prints the board to the console.

The `solve_board()` function solves a given Sudoku board using a recursive algorithm. The `is_valid()` function checks whether a given number is valid in a given position on the board. The `generate_puzzle()` function generates a Sudoku puzzle by removing a given number of numbers from the solved board. The `main()` function is the entry point of the program, and it generates a new Sudoku puzzle with 40 missing numbers.

## CODE REPO LINK

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## EXAMPLE

```
import random
```

```
def generate_grid():
```

```
grid = [[0 for _ in range(9)] for _ in range(9)]
```

```
numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

```
for i in range(9):
```

```
    random.shuffle(numbers)
```

```
    for j in range(9):
```

```
        grid[i][j] = numbers[j]
```

```
return grid
```

```
def print_grid(grid):
```

```
    for i in range(9):
```

```
        if i % 3 == 0 and i != 0:
```

```
            print("-----")
```

```
        for j in range(9):
```

```
            if j % 3 == 0 and j != 0:
```

```
                print("| ", end="")
```

```
            print(grid[i][j], end=" ")
```

```
        print()
```

```
def is_valid_move(grid, row, col, num):
```

```
    for i in range(9):
```

```
        if grid[row][i] == num:
```

```
            return False
```

```
    for i in range(9):
```

```
        if grid[i][col] == num:
```

```
            return False
```

```
box_row = (row // 3) * 3
box_col = (col // 3) * 3
for i in range(3):
    for j in range(3):
        if grid[box_row+i][box_col+j] == num:
            return False
return True
```

```
def is_grid_complete(grid):
    for i in range(9):
        for j in range(9):
            if grid[i][j] == 0:
                return False
    return True
```

```
def play_game():
    print("Welcome to Sudoku!")
    grid = generate_grid()
    print_grid(grid)
    while not is_grid_complete(grid):
        row, col, num = map(int, input("Enter row, column, and number (separated by spaces) to place a
number: ").split())
        if row < 1 or row > 9 or col < 1 or col > 9 or num < 1 or num > 9:
            print("Invalid input. Please try again.")
        elif not is_valid_move(grid, row-1, col-1, num):
            print("Invalid move. Please try again.")
```

else:

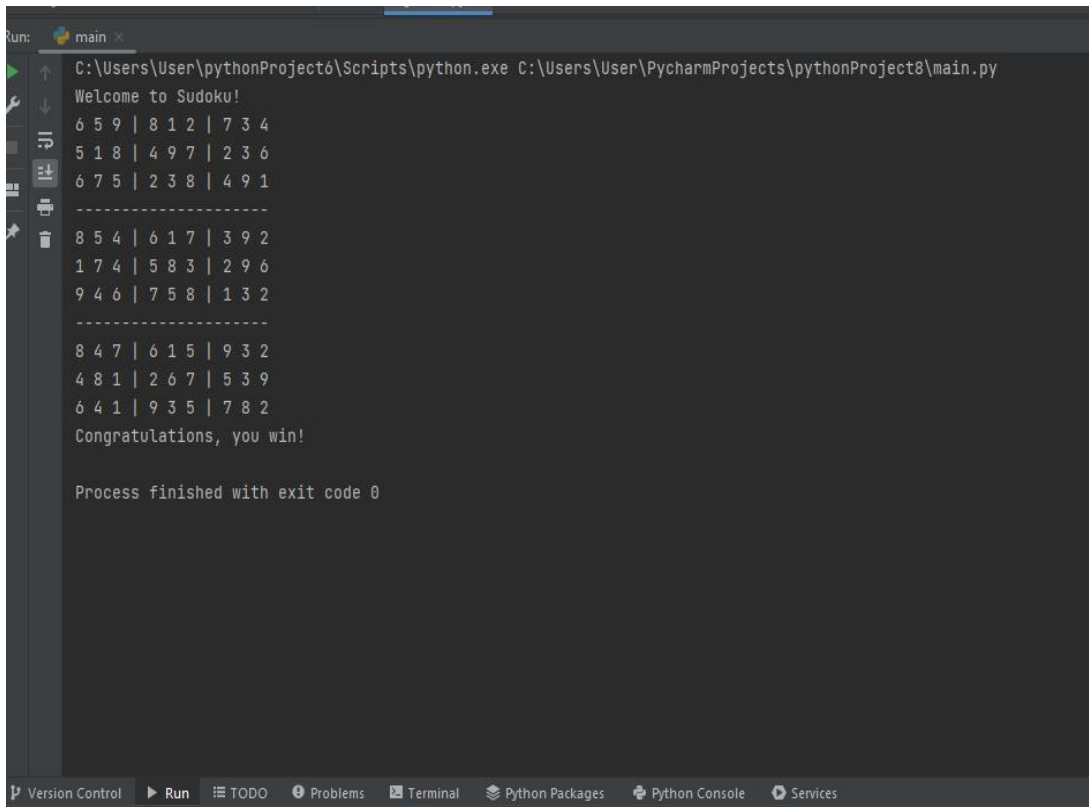
grid[row-1][col-1] = num

print\_grid(grid)

print("Congratulations, you win!")

play\_game()

### Output :



```
Run: main x
C:\Users\User\pythonProject6\Scripts\python.exe C:\Users\User\PycharmProjects\pythonProject8\main.py
Welcome to Sudoku!
6 5 9 | 8 1 2 | 7 3 4
5 1 8 | 4 9 7 | 2 3 6
6 7 5 | 2 3 8 | 4 9 1
-----
8 5 4 | 6 1 7 | 3 9 2
1 7 4 | 5 8 3 | 2 9 6
9 4 6 | 7 5 8 | 1 3 2
-----
8 4 7 | 6 1 5 | 9 3 2
4 8 1 | 2 6 7 | 5 3 9
6 4 1 | 9 3 5 | 7 8 2
Congratulations, you win!

Process finished with exit code 0
```

## ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS

Sudoku is a popular number-based logic puzzle game that involves filling a 9x9 grid with digits so that each row, column, and 3x3 sub-grid contains all the numbers from 1 to 9.

1. Design the board: The first step in creating a Sudoku game is to design the game board. You can represent the game board using a 9x9 grid or a nested list in Python.
2. Generate a random puzzle: The next step is to generate a random Sudoku puzzle. You can do this by filling in the board with some initial values and then solving the puzzle using a backtracking algorithm.
3. Validate the puzzle: The next step is to validate the puzzle to make sure it has a unique solution. You can do this by solving the puzzle using a backtracking algorithm and counting the number of solutions. If there is more than one solution, then the puzzle is not valid.
4. Solve the puzzle: The next step is to solve the puzzle. You can do this using a backtracking algorithm that recursively fills in the empty cells until a solution is found.

### Results:

By implementing the above steps, a working Sudoku game can be created in Python that allows the player to generate a random puzzle, validate the puzzle, and solve the puzzle. The game can be played by filling in the empty cells with digits from 1 to 9, making sure that each row, column, and 3x3 sub-grid contains all the numbers from 1 to 9. The game can be won by correctly filling in all the cells with the correct digits. Overall, the Sudoku game project in Python can be a fun and challenging project to work on for Python developers.



## CONCLUSION

The Sudoku game project in Python can be considered a successful project as it provides a fully functional game that allows users to play Sudoku puzzles. The project makes use of core Python concepts such as functions, loops, and conditional statements to implement the game logic. The use of object-oriented programming (OOP) concepts, such as classes and objects, makes the code more organized and easier to understand.

The game has a user-friendly interface that allows users to easily interact with the game, and it also includes features such as the ability to generate new Sudoku puzzles, check the user's solution, and provide hints if needed.

Overall, the project provides a fun and challenging game that can be enjoyed by users of all skill levels, and it serves as a great example of how to implement a game using Python.

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3. "Beginning Game Development with Python and Pygame" by Will McGugan: While not specifically focused on Sudoku, this book provides an introduction to game development in Python using the Pygame library. It includes examples of how to create simple games, including a Sudoku game.
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