

37. Sudoku Solver

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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 1:

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

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Input: board = [["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: [["5","3","4","6","7","8","9","1","2"],
["6","7","2","1","9","5","3","4","8"],["1","9","8","3","4","2","5","6","7"],
["8","5","9","7","6","1","4","2","3"],["4","2","6","8","5","3","7","9","1"],
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["6","7","2","1","9","5","3","4","8"],["1","9","8","3","4","2","5","6","7"],
["8","5","9","7","6","1","4","2","3"],["4","2","6","8","5","3","7","9","1"],
["7","1","3","9","2","4","8","5","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"]]
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Explanation: The input board is shown above and the only valid solution is shown below:

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

Constraints:

- `board.length == 9`
- `board[i].length == 9`
- `board[i][j]` is a digit or `'.'`.
- It is **guaranteed** that the input board has only one solution.