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Problem. The goal of this assignment is to use integer solvers to solve the puzzle game Sudoku. We will be using Google OR-Tools open source suite.

1. Download, Compile and Run Sample Program

- 1. From the course website, download the file ortools-Debian.zip and unzip it.
- 2. The source file for this project is ortools-Debian/sudoku.cc. This is the file in which you have to write all your code. For the moment, it contains the following sample integer program:

```
maximize 2x_1+3x_2+4x_3+2x_4 with constraints x_1+2x_2+4x_3+2x_4=20 x_1-3x_2+x_3-x_4\geq 10 0\leq x_1,x_2,x_3,x_4\leq 10 \text{ is an integer.}
```

3. Go through the code **carefully** to see the syntax for how to use the solver for specifying and solving the above linear program. Here is a summary of the correspondence between linear program and its implementation using orTools.

```
LINEAR PROGRAM
                                       ORTOOLS IMPLEMENTATION
                                const double infinity = solver.infinity();
     \infty
                                MPVariable *x = solver.MakeNumVar(-2.0f, 8.0f, "");
variable float -2.0 \le x \le 8.0
                                MPVariable *y = solver.MakeNumVar(-6.0f, solver.infinity(), "");
variable float -6.0 \le y
variable int z \leq 4
                                MPVariable *z = solver.MakeIntVar( -solver.infinity(), 4, "" );
O.F.: Maximize 5x - 4y + 3z
                                MPObjective* const objective = solver.MutableObjective();
                                objective—>SetCoefficient(x, 5.0f);
                                objective—>SetCoefficient(y, -4.0f);
                                objective->SetCoefficient(z, 3.0f);
                                objective->SetMaximization();
```

Solve the LP const MPSolver::ResultStatus result_status = solver.Solve();

Value of the O.F. objective—>Value()

4. Go to the ortools-Debian/ directory, and then compile this file by typing

make run SOURCE=sudoku.cc

If it compiles properly¹, then the executable will be created at the location ortools-Debian/bin/sudoku.

5. The program takes in a text file Sudoku puzzle. Right now it does not matter which file you give it, as the main code is empty and you have to write it. Run the executable as

bin/sudoku input1.txt

It should output the following solution to the above integer program:

 $x_1 = 10$

 $x_2 = 0$

 $x_3 = 2$

 $x_1 = 1$

- 6. Your goal is to modify this file to write the integer program to solve any Sudoku puzzle. You can find out about the rules of this game here.
- 7. The Sudoku puzzle will be given as an input file. For example, below left shows an order 3 Sudoku puzzle (so with $3 \times 3 = 9$ rows and columns), while the right side shows the corresponding input to the program (this is input2.txt puzzle).

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

8. You are also given input1.txt, input2.txt, input3.txt, input4.txt, input5.txt—five Sudoku puzzle text files to try your program on. You can also try many other Sudoku puzzles from the web once you have completed your program.

¹If you are using Debian on your own computer, you will need to install additional packages with sudo apt-get -y install build-essential zlib1g-dev.