

Sudoku Solver

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:

Input: board =

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[["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:

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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","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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Program:

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def solveSudoku(board):
    def is_valid(board, row, col, num):
        # Check if the number is already in the row
        for i in range(9):
            if board[row][i] == num:
                return False
        # Check if the number is already in the column
        for i in range(9):
            if board[i][col] == num:
                return False
        # Check if the number is in the 3x3 sub-box
        box_row, box_col = 3 * (row // 3), 3 * (col // 3)
        for i in range(box_row, box_row + 3):
            for j in range(box_col, box_col + 3):
                if board[i][j] == num:
                    return False
        return True

    def solve(board):
        for row in range(9):
            for col in range(9):
                if board[row][col] == '.':
                    for num in '123456789':
                        if is_valid(board, row, col, num):
                            board[row][col] = num
                            if solve(board):
                                return True
                    return False
        return True
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        return True
    board[row][col] = '.'
    return False
return True

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solve(board)
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Example usage

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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"]
]

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solveSudoku(board)
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for row in board:
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    print(row)
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Output:

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C:\Users\srika\Desktop\CSA0863\pythonProject\.venv\Scripts\python.exe "C:\Users\srika\Desktop\CSA0863\pythonProject\DAAD COADS.PYTHON\PROGRAM 69.PY"
['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']

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Time complexity:

$O(n)$