Observations

- groups
 - 9 horizontal rows
 - 9 vertical rows
 - 9 blocks
- each cell is part of 3 groups

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- a cell has only one possible number =>
 - * remove this number from other cells
- - a number is in only one cell possible =>
 - * remove all other possible entries for this cell
 - * decrement counters for these entries

Pseudocode

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- more sophisticated backtracking version
 - able to solve level 2 sudokus
 - guesses a number for a square

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- level 3 sudokus would need 2 backtracking steps
- * 8 would lead to a contradiction => try 6
 - * 6 solves the sudoku
- constant time and space complexity
 - assuming a regular 9x9 sudoku
 - otherwise NP complete?