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Sudoku is a number-placement puzzle. The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with numbers in such a way that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid *all* contain *all* of the numbers from 1 to 9 one time.



Implement an algorithm that will check whether the given `grid` of numbers represents a valid *Sudoku* puzzle according to the layout rules described above. Note that the puzzle represented by `grid` does not have to be solvable.



Example

- For

```
grid = [['.', '.', '.', '1', '4', '.', '.', '2', '.'],
        ['.', '.', '6', '.', '.', '.', '.', '.', '.'],
        ['.', '.', '.', '.', '.', '.', '.', '.', '.'],
        ['.', '.', '1', '.', '.', '.', '.', '.', '.'],
        ['.', '6', '7', '.', '.', '.', '.', '9'],
        ['.', '1', '.', '.', '.', '8', '1', '.', '.'],
        ['.', '3', '.', '.', '.', '.', '.', '6'],
        ['.', '.', '.', '.', '7', '.', '.', '6'],
        ['.', '.', '.', '5', '.', '.', '7', '.']]
```

the output should be

```
sudoku2(grid) = true;
```

- For

```
grid = [['.', '.', '.', '2', '.', '.', '9', '.'],
        ['.', '.', '6', '.', '.', '.', '.', '.'],
        ['7', '1', '.', '7', '5', '.', '.', '.'],
        ['.', '7', '.', '8', '3', '.', '.', '.'],
        ['.', '8', '1', '7', '6', '.', '.'],
        ['.', '2', '.', '.', '1', '.', '3', '.'],
        ['.', '1', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7'],
        ['.', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7', '8']]
```

the output should be

```
sudoku2(grid) = false .
```

The given `grid` is not correct because there are two 1 s in the second column. Each column, each row, and each 3×3 subgrid can only contain the numbers 1 through 9 one time.

Input/Output

- [execution time limit] 20 seconds (scala)

- [input] array.array.char grid

A 9×9 array of characters, in which each character is either a digit from '1' to '9' or a period '.'.

- [output] boolean

Return `true` if `grid` represents a valid *Sudoku* puzzle, otherwise return `false`.

[Scala] Syntax Tips

```
def helloWorld(name: String): String = {
  println("This prints to the console when you Run Tests")
  "Hello, " + name
}
```