

# ...Sudoku Solver...

## **... 1- project idea ...**

### 2) A Sudoku Solver using Differential Evolution AND the Backtracking Algorithm.

Sudoku is a logic-based, combinatorial number-placement puzzle. The objective is to fill a 9×9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3×3 sub-grids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", or "regions") contain all the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a single solution. For example, the (left) figure demonstrates a typical Sudoku puzzle, and its solution (right).

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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

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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## ... 2- Main Functions ...

### (1) Sudoku Solver using the Backtracking

#### 1- board

It's 2Darray = initial board of Sudoku

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# Main board in project PDF
'''
mainBoard = [[5, 3, 0, 0, 7, 0, 0, 0, 0],
              [6, 0, 0, 1, 9, 5, 0, 0, 0],
              [0, 9, 8, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6, 0],
              [8, 0, 0, 0, 6, 0, 0, 0, 3],
              [4, 0, 0, 8, 0, 3, 0, 0, 1],
              [7, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 6],
              [0, 6, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 8, 0],
              [0, 0, 0, 4, 1, 9, 0, 0, 5],
              [0, 0, 0, 0, 8, 0, 0, 7, 9]]
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#### 2- CheckValidCellRow

- \*Aim: check can but the number in this row or not?
- \*take: integer number in range [1,9] , index of row and the board
- \*How to work: if number in this row return false (can't but this number) else return true (can but this number)
- \*return: true if valid else return false

```

43
44 def CheckValidCellRow(board, number, rowIndex):
45     column = 0
46     while column < 9:
47         if board[rowIndex][column] == number:
48             return False
49         column += 1
50     return True
51

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### 3- CheckValidCellColumn

\*Aim: check can but the number in this column or not?

\*take: integer number in range [1,9] , index of column and the board

\*How to work: if number in this column return false(can't but this number) else return true (can but this number)

\*return: true if valid else return false

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34
35 def CheckValidCellColumn(board, number, columnIndex):
36     row = 0
37     while row < 9:
38         if board[row][columnIndex] == number:
39             return False
40         row += 1
41     return True
42

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### 4- CheckValid3X3Cells

\*Aim: check can but the number in this box or not?

\*take: integer number in range [1,9] , index of column  
 , index of row and the board

\*How to work: first calculate index of start cell in this box then check if number in this box return false(can't put this number) else return true (can put this number)

\*return: true if valid else return false

```
52
53 # function --> Check If Valid Number In 3x3 Cells
54 def CheckValid3X3Cells(board, number, rowIndex, columnIndex):
55     startRow = 3 * math.floor(rowIndex / 3)
56     startColumn = 3 * math.floor(columnIndex / 3)
57
58     for i in range(startRow, startRow + 3):
59         for j in range(startColumn, startColumn + 3):
60             if board[i][j] == number:
61                 return False
62     return True
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## 5- CheckValidCellRowAndColumn

\*Aim: check can put the number in row and column or not?

\*take: integer number in range [1,9] , index of column  
 , index of row and the board

\*How to work: call function CheckValidCellRow and function CheckValidCellColumn

\*return: true if valid else return false

```

28
29
30 # function --> Check If Valid Number In Row And Column
31 def CheckValidCellRowAndColumn(board, number, rowIndex, columnIndex):
32     return CheckValidCellRow(board, number, rowIndex) and CheckValidCellColumn(board, number, columnIndex)
33
34

```

## 6- BacktrackingSolution function

\*Aim: find the solution of Sudoku

\*take index of column initialize zero, index of row initialize zero and the board

\*How to work: make iteration from 1 to 9 and but the numbers in the empty cell then call function CheckValidCellRowAndColumn and function CheckValid3X3Cells to check if valid number or not then call itself again by column+1 (recursive) if column reach to 9 (end of columns) or end row return True else if it is end of column increase row by one then make column = 0

\*return: return true if you find answer else return Null

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72
73 # function --> Backtracking Algorithm Solution
74 def BacktrackingSolution(board, row=0, column=0):
75     if row == 8 and column == 9:
76         return True
77     elif column == 9:
78         row += 1
79         column = 0
80
81     if board[row][column] == 0:
82         for generatedNumber in range(1, 10):
83             if CheckValid3X3Cells(board, generatedNumber, row, column) and \
84                 CheckValidCellRowAndColumn(board, generatedNumber, row, column):
85                 # print(generatedNumber, '->', row, ',', column)
86                 board[row][column] = generatedNumber
87                 if BacktrackingSolution(board, row, column + 1) is None:
88                     # print(0, '->', row, ',', column)
89                     board[row][column] = 0
90                 else:
91                     return True
92     if board[row][column] == 0:
93         return None
94     else:
95         return BacktrackingSolution(board, row, column + 1)
96

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## (2) *Sudoku Solver using Differential Evolution*

### 1-copyBoard

\*Aim: copy from board

\*take: This function take the board of Sudoku

\*return: create copy from this board in 2darray (copyTo) then return it

```
64
65 #-----
66
67 def copyBoard(copyFrom):
68     copyTo = []
69     for row in range(0, len(copyFrom)):
70         copyTo.append(copyFrom[row].copy())
71     return copyTo
72
73 #-----
74
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## 2-population

\*Aim: generate population

\*take: This function take the board of Sudoku and number of population you want to create

\*return: list of the population

```
73 #-----
74
75 # function --> Genetic Algorithm
76 def population(startedBoard, length):
77     pop = []
78     for i in range(0, length):
79         person = copyBoard(startedBoard)
80         for row in range(0, 9):
81             for column in range(0, 9):
82                 if person[row][column] == 0:
83                     person[row][column] = int(random.uniform(1, 9))
84     pop.append(person)
85     return pop
86
87 #-----
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### 3-fitnessRow

\*Aim: measure row efficiency

\*take: This function take the board of Sudoku

\*return: sum of wrong ceil in each row

(wrong ceil) is : ceil was repeated more than once in one row

```
86
87 #-----
88
89 def fitnessRow(board):
90     fit = 0
91     for row in range(9):
92         setRow = set()
93         for column in range(9):
94             setRow.add(board[row][column])
95             fit += 9 - len(setRow)
96     return fit
97
98 #-----
99
```

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### 4-fitnessColumn

\*Aim: measure column efficiency

\*take: This function take the board of Sudoku



\*return: sum of wrong ceil in each column

(wrong ceil) is : ceil was repeated more than once in one column

```
97
98 #-----
99
100 def fitnessColumn(board):
101     fit = 0
102     for column in range(9):
103         setColumn = set()
104         for row in range(9):
105             setColumn.add(board[row][column])
106         fit += 9 - len(setColumn)
107     return fit
108
109 #-----
110
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## 5-fitness3X3Cells

\*Aim: measure one [box 3\*3] efficiency

\*take: This function take the board of Sudoku

And index of row ,column

\*return: number of wrong ceil in the box

(wrong ceil) is : ceil was repeated more than once in a box start by startRow and startColumn

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117
118
119 def fitness3X3Cells(board, rowIndex, columnIndex):
120     startRow = 3 * math.floor(rowIndex / 3)
121     startColumn = 3 * math.floor(columnIndex / 3)
122     setNumbers = set()
123     for i in range(startRow, startRow + 3):
124         for j in range(startColumn, startColumn + 3):
125             setNumbers.add(board[i][j])
126
127     return 9 - len(setNumbers)
128
129
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## 6-fitness9x9

\*Aim: measure all [box 3\*3] efficiency

\*take: This function take the board of Sudoku

it call function fitness3X3Cells and give it all boxes in board

\*return: sum of wrong ceil in each box

(wrong ceil) is : ceil was repeated more than once in one box

```

108
109 #-----
110
111 def fitness9x9(board):
112     fit = 0
113     # 0 3 6 each iteration increase by 3
114     for row in range(0, 9, 3):
115         for column in range(0, 9, 3):
116             fit += fitness3X3Cells(board, row, column)
117             #(0,0)(0,3)(0,6)
118             #(3,0)(3,3)(3,6)
119             #(6,0)(6,3)(6,6)
120     return fit
121
122 #-----
123

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## 7-fitness

\*Aim: measure Board efficiency

\*take: This function take the board of Sudoku

it call function fitness9x9 , fitnessColumn and fitnessRow

\*return: sum of wrong ceil in each box and each column and each row

-You want to minimize the fitness function

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133
134 #-----
135
136 def fitness(board):
137     return fitnessRow(board) + fitnessColumn(board) + fitness9x9(board)
138
139 #-----
140

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## 8-grade

\*Aim: measure all population efficiency

\*take: This function take the population.

it measure fitness function to each person in population and calculate the average of them

\*return: Average fitness of all population

```

138
139 #-----
140
141 def grade(pop):
142     total = [fitness(member) for member in pop]
143     return sum(total) / len(pop) * 1.0
144
145 #-----

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## 9-clamp

\*Aim: make value in the range 1 to 9

\*take: value (integer number)

\*return: if number < 1 return 1 else if value > 9

Return 9 else value > 0 and value<=9 return value

```
145 #-----
146
147 def clamp(value):
148     value = int(value)
149     return 1 if value < 1 else 9 if value > 9 else value
150
151 #-----
152
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## 10-makeMutantVector

\*Aim: make mutation in board3 by the rate of mutateRate and generate new child

\*take: three boards and the origin board and mutation rate .... it calculate the new child by Subtract board1 and board2 and sum of it board3

\*note: The mutant vector is created by equation ( $V = b3 - W(b2 + b1)$ ) where the W is the weight or the mutant value.

\*return: new child after mutation

```

150
151 #-----
152
153 def makeMutantVector(board1, board2, board3, orgBoard, mutateRate):
154     mutantVector = copyBoard(orgBoard)
155     for row in range(9):
156         for column in range(9):
157             if mutantVector[row][column] == 0:
158                 mutantVector[row][column] = clamp(
159                     board3[row][column] + (mutateRate * (board1[row][column] - board2[row][column]))
160                 )
161     return mutantVector
162
163 #-----
164

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## 11-evolve

\*Aim:

Population need to evolve to advance the next generation

\*How to work:

For each individual in population do that :

- 1) Select three unique parent from population and work on them mutation then it return new individual (female)
- 2) Make crossover by crossoverRate and generate new child caused by mixing the parent(male) and individual(female) generated by mutate function
- 3) Selection : if fitness of the child better than the fitness of parent then Replace the parent with the child

4) If fitness function for individual equal zero (the optimal solution) then sort the population by fitness function and return it

\*take: 1-population 2-original board 3- mutateRate  
4- crossOverRate

\*return: population after advance the next generation

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164
165 def evolve(parents, orgBoard, mutateRate=.3, crossOverRate=.3):
166     global finalSolution
167
168     for targetMemberIndex in range(len(parents)): # [0 -> N]    0 -> Target Board
169         # Select 3 Random Members
170         parentsLength = len(parents)
171         x1 = x2 = x3 = None
172         while x1 == x2 or x1 == x3 or x2 == x3:
173             x1 = parents[random.randint(0, parentsLength - 1)] # 0
174             x2 = parents[random.randint(0, parentsLength - 1)] # 1
175             x3 = parents[random.randint(0, parentsLength - 1)] # 2
176
177         # Mutate Board
178         #return new child
179         mutantVector = makeMutantVector(x1, x2, x3, orgBoard, mutateRate)
180
181         # Crossover
182         targetBoard = copyBoard(orgBoard)
183         for row in range(9):
184             for column in range(9):
185                 if orgBoard[row][column] == 0:
186                     if crossOverRate >= random.random():# number from 0 to 1
187                         targetBoard[row][column] = mutantVector[row][column]
188                     else:
189                         targetBoard[row][column] = parents[targetMemberIndex][row][column]
190
191
192         # Selection
193         mutantVectorFitness = fitness(targetBoard)
194         targetMemberFitness = fitness(parents[targetMemberIndex])
195         if targetMemberFitness > mutantVectorFitness:
196             parents[targetMemberIndex] = targetBoard
197
198         if fitness(parents[targetMemberIndex]) == 0:
199             #sort population by fitness function
200             graded = [(fitness(member), member) for member in parents]
201             parents = [x[1] for x in sorted(graded)]
202             finalSolution = parents[targetMemberIndex]
203             return parents
204
205     return parents
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3- ....Similar\_applications\_in\_the  
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## (1) Sudoku solver website

Link: <https://sudokuspoiler.azurewebsites.net/>

This application takes any grid and solve it immediately

### Sudoku Solver

This online Sudoku solver uses Donald Knuth's Dancing Links algorithm to solve several Sudoku implementations. The current implementations are: the regular *Sudoku*, the *Sudoku X* also known as *Diagonal Sudoku*, the *Irregular Sudoku* also known as *Jigsaw Sudoku* or *Nonomino Sudoku*, the *Irregular Sudoku X*, the *Hyper Sudoku* also known as *NRC Sudoku*, the *Hyper Sudoku X*, the *Extra Region Sudoku*, the *Odd-Even Sudoku* also known as *Sudoku Tanto* the *Offset Sudoku* and the *S-docu*. The *Toroidal Sudoku* or *Wrap Around Sudoku* can be solved with the *Irregular Sudoku Solver*.

**Sudoku**

6x6  
8x8  
9x9  
10x10  
12x12  
14x14  
15x15  
16x16  
18x18  
20x20  
21x21  
22x22  
24x24  
25x25

**Sudoku X**

**Irregular Sudoku**

**Irregular Sudoku X**

**Hyper Sudoku**

**Hyper Sudoku X**

**Region Sudoku**

**Odd-Even Sudoku**

**Offset Sudoku**

**S-docu**

Enter numbers

Usage: Choose one of the Sudoku variants on the left. When you choose a Sudoku with movable cells, *drag and drop* these cells to match your puzzle first. Next enter only positive decimal numbers to populate the grid and click the *Solve* button to solve the Sudoku. If there are solutions, the first 10 will be shown. Navigate with the *Previous* and *Next* links through the different solutions. The *Unsolved* button removes the answers so the input can be changed. The *Reset* button sets the board to its initial state. An error message is displayed when input is against Sudoku rules. The Sudokuspoiler will remember your changes to the board so you can close the browser and continue a next time.

Comments and questions to [sudokuspoiler@opple.me](mailto:sudokuspoiler@opple.me)

This is the website when you first open it, it gives you an empty grid to fill and provide you with the answer you need as simple as that:

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

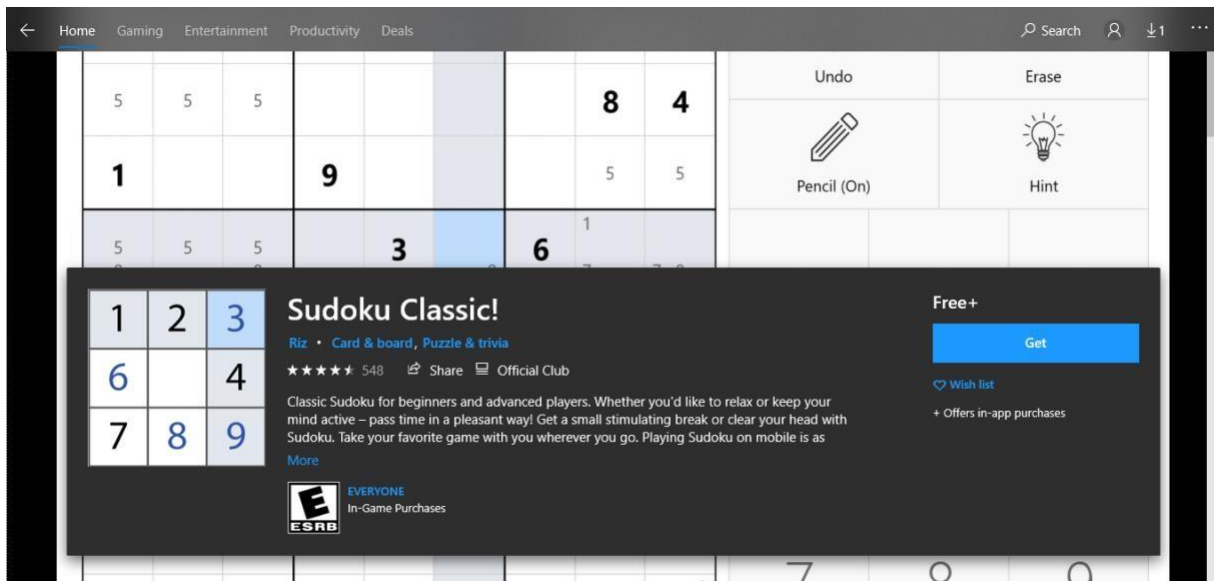
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## (1) **Sudoku Classic!**

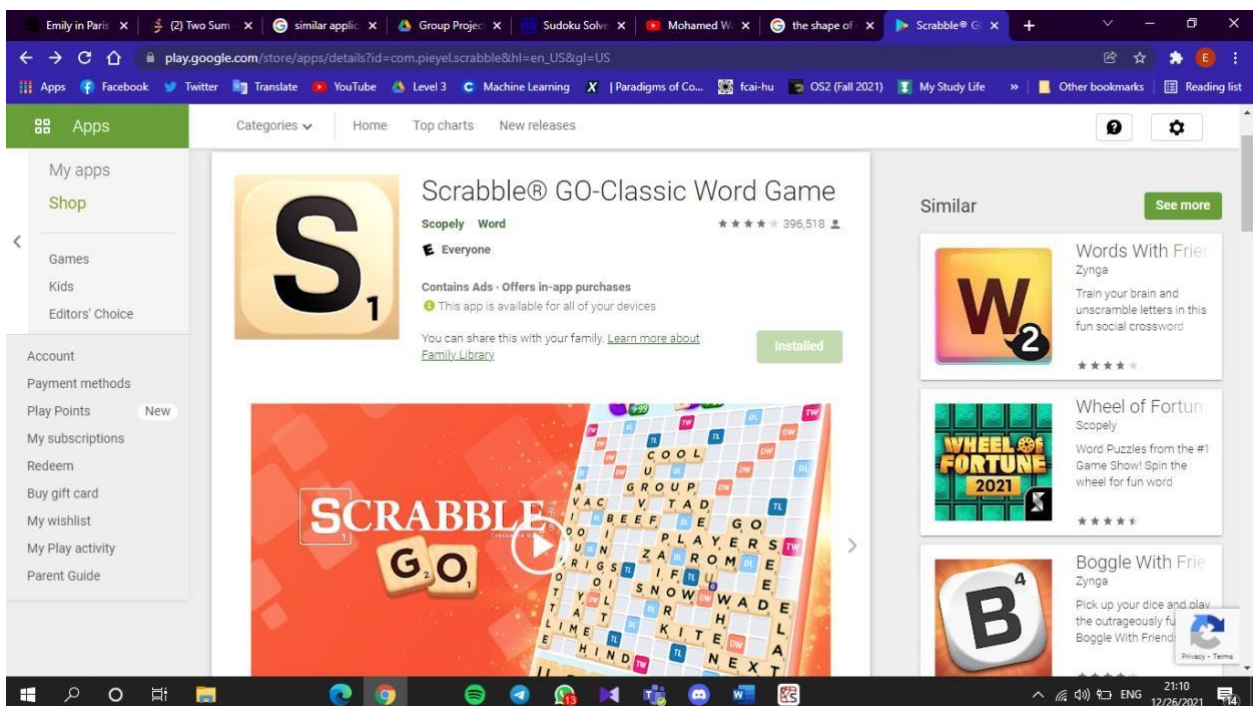
Sudoku is also available in google play and Microsoft store for people to install and play with many different levels:



I think it is implemented by backtracking because when I tried to play it, it counts the number I place in the grid as wrong number even if it satisfies all conditions but it's not in the ideal place, the program runs the grid to the end to see if it is ideal position or not and counts the move as a mistake if it's not or when it needs to backtrack.

## (2) **Scrabble® GO-Classic Word Game**

Scrabble game also can be implemented with both backtrack and differential evolution just like our sudoku game



# ....An initial literature review of Academic publications (papers)

## Research Paper Number 1

Research Paper Link : [https://www.csc.kth.se/utbildning/kth/kurser/DD143X/dkand12/Group6Alexander/final/Patrik\\_Berggren\\_David\\_Nilsson.report.pdf](https://www.csc.kth.se/utbildning/kth/kurser/DD143X/dkand12/Group6Alexander/final/Patrik_Berggren_David_Nilsson.report.pdf)

There are multiple algorithms for solving Sudoku puzzles. This report is limited to the study of three different algorithms, each representing various solving approaches. Primarily the focus is to measure and analyze those according to their solving potential. However there are also other aspects that will be covered in this thesis. Those are difficulty rating, Sudoku puzzle generation, and how well the algorithms are suited for parallelizing. The goal of this thesis is to conclude how well each of those algorithms performs from these aspects and how they relate to one another. Another goal is to see if any general conclusions regarding Sudoku puzzles can be drawn. The evaluated algorithms are backtrack, rule-based and Boltzmann machines. All algorithms with their respective implementation issues are further discussed in section 2 (background).

Definition:-

Box: A 3x3 grid inside the Sudoku puzzle. It works the same as rows and columns, meaning it must contain the digits 1-9.

Region: This refers to a row, column or box.

Candidate: An empty square in a Sudoku puzzle has a certain set of numbers that does not conflict with the row, column and box it is in. Those numbers are called candidates or candidate numbers.

Clue: A clue is defined as a number in the original Sudoku puzzle. Meaning that a Sudoku puzzle has a certain number of clues which is then used to fill in new squares. The numbers filled in by the solver is, however, not regarded as clues.

A Sudoku game consists of a 9x9 grid of numbers, where each number belongs to the range 1-9. Initially a subset of the grid is revealed and the goal is to fill the remaining grid with valid numbers. The grid is divided into 9 boxes of size 3x3.

Sudoku has only one rule and that is that all regions, that is rows, columns, and boxes, contains the numbers 1-9 exactly once.[2] In order to be regarded as a proper Sudoku puzzle it is also required that a unique solution exists, a property which can be determined by solving for all possible solutions.

The level of difficulty is not always easy to classify as there is no easy way of determining hardness by simply inspecting a grid. Instead the typical approach is trying to solve the puzzle in order to determine how difficult it is. A common misconception about Sudoku is that the number of clues describes how difficult it is. While this is true for the bigger picture it is far from true that specific 17-clue puzzles

are more difficult than for instance 30-clue puzzles.[11] The difficulty of a puzzle is not only problematic as it is hard to determine, but also as it is not generally accepted how puzzles are rated. Puzzles solvable with a set of rules may be classified as easy, and the need for some additional rules may give the puzzle moderate or advanced difficulty rating. In this study difficulty will however be defined as the solving time for a certain algorithm, meaning that higher solving times implies a more difficult puzzle. Another interesting aspect related to difficulty ratings is that the minimum number of clues in a proper Sudoku puzzle is 17.[2] Since puzzles generally become more difficult to solve with a decreasing number of clues, due to the weak correlation in difficulty, it is probable that some of the most difficult

The backtrack algorithm for solving Sudoku puzzles is a brute-force method. This can be viewed as guessing which numbers go where. When a dead end is reached, the algorithm backtracks to an earlier guess and tries something else. This means that the backtrack algorithm does an exhaustive search to find a solution, which means that a solution is guaranteed to be found if enough time is provided. Even though this algorithm runs in exponential time, it is plausible to try it since it is widely thought that no polynomial time algorithm exists for NP-complete problem such as Sudoku. One way to deal with such problems is with brute-force algorithms provided that they are sufficiently fast. This method may also be used to determine if a solution is unique for a puzzle as the algorithm can easily be modified to continue searching after finding one solution. It follows that the algorithm can be used to generate valid Sudoku puzzles (with unique solutions), which will be discussed.

There are several interesting variations of this algorithm that might prove to be more or less efficient. At every guess, a square is chosen. The most trivial method would be to take the first empty square. This might however be very inefficient since there are worst case scenarios where the first squares have very many candidates.

Another approach would be to take a random square and this would avoid the above mentioned problems with worst case scenarios. There is, however, a still better approach. When dealing with search trees one generally benefits from having as few branches at the root of the search tree. To achieve this the square with least candidates may be chosen. Note that this algorithm may solve puzzles very fast provided that they are easy enough. This is because it will always choose squares with only one candidate if such squares exist and all puzzles which are solvable by that method will therefore be solved immediately with no backtracking.

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## Research Paper Number 2

Research Paper Link : [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/303553939\\_Recursive\\_Backtracking\\_for\\_Solving\\_99\\_Sudoku\\_Puzzle](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/303553939_Recursive_Backtracking_for_Solving_99_Sudoku_Puzzle)

**CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK** In this paper we used a backtracking algorithm for solving Sudoku puzzles with different numbers of clues. We have implemented the algorithm using Java and also compared the results. The results reveal that the application program developed by us performs well for solving 30 puzzles of size 9\*9 with various clues.

Future work includes studying neural network and develop an algorithm using Neuralnetwork to solve a 9\*9 sudoku puzzles.

Overall there is space for larger studies with more algorithms for Solving SudokuPuzzles of other sizes.

Also implementation of Sudoku Puzzles in Data security remains as a future work.

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## Research Paper Number 3

Research Paper Link : <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sudoku>

Nowadays Sudoku is a very popular game in the world and it appears in different media ,including websites, newspapers and books, mobile apps. There are numerous methods or algorithms to find Sudoku solutions and Sudoku generatingalgorithms.

This paper explains possible number of valid grids in a 9\*9 sudoku and developed a programming approach for solving a 9\*9 sudoku puzzle and the results have been analysed in accordance with various number of clues for (9\*9 ) sudoku.

A Sudoku consists of a 9×9 square grid containing 81 cells.

[2]The grid is subdivided into nine 3×3 blocks. Some of the 81 cells are filled in with numbers from { 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 }.

These filled-in cells are called givens or clues. The goal of the player is to fill in the whole grid using the nine digits so that each row, column and block contains each number exactly once and this constraint on the rows, columns, and blocks is knownas One Rule.

The solution of a Sudoku Puzzle requires that every row, column and block containall the numbers in the set[1,2,...9] and every cell will be occupied by only one number.

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## Research Paper Number 4

Research Paper Link :

<https://www.math.uci.edu/~brusso/DengLiOptLett2013.pdf>

The selection operator, crossover operator and mutation operator of the IGA arefurther improved with respect to the drawback of IGA.

First, the novel HGA uses group as a division for priority level in selection operator, thereby impairing the similarity of the selected chromosome and optimal chromosome, so that the probability of chromosome having more abundant genes forselection is reasonably enlarged; secondly, the crossover operator has been

endowed with dual effect of self-experience and population experience based on the concept of combining particle swarm optimization, thereby making the whole iteration directional; the secondary probability of mutation will increase along with decrease of fitness, particularly at a later stage of iteration, a reasonable adjustment for mutation probability is conducted according to the fitness value of the optimal chromosomes in the current population, upon which the algorithm reliability could greatly be improved.

Finally, under the circumstance of no better chromosome achieved after 4 times of iteration it should be replaced by a near-optimal chromosome in time so as to change the evolution direction of population timely, thereby to avoid falling local problems.

Simulation experimental results showed that not only the novel algorithm can accurately solve a global optimal solution, but also significantly enhance the convergence rate and stability of the algorithm, becoming one of the effective global optimization methods. Though the HGA algorithm has very good results for easy and challenging Sudoku puzzles, it is not so ideal for difficult and super difficult Sudoku puzzles. This awaits our deeper study on this algorithm in the future work to make it more suitable to solve the difficult and super difficult Sudoku puzzles.

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## Research Paper Number 5

Research Paper Link : <http://acsr.wi.pb.edu.pl/wp-content/uploads/zeszyty/z9/Boryczka,Juszczyk-full.pdf>

Difficulty rating	Cells given	Minimum number of iterations	Maximum number of iterations	Average number of iterations	Median	Std dev
New	0	6831	40802	20261.4	17462	11870.7
Easy	34	6251	15421	9111.2	7462	4397.7
Easy	30	4918	12572	6472.6	5150	4056.1
Medium	30	6253	26255	13921.4	7124	10559.5
Medium	26	7171	33498	19846.6	17463	9409.9
Hard	26	11563	21462	16312	16857	3987.2
Hard	24	10831	40802	20261.4	17462	11870.7
New generated 1	30	7513	24524	16598.4	16356	6578.3
New generated 2	30	8457	18436	11427	9135	4242.9
New generated 3	30	3476	31673	15062.6	12452	10409.1
New generated 4	30	4339	28463	13036	9687	9753.8

After the analysis of all test sets, the following conclusions may be reached:

- The Differential evolution is capable of solving very difficult Sudoku puzzles. For example „hard” instances in 15 thousand iterations.
- The Proper mutation schema is very difficult to implement even with strong theoretic analysis of geometric operators.

- The Simple swap mutation brings very good results.
- The Algorithm is far better with finding solutions close to the optimal solution (for example the fitness function equal

To summarize it should be observed as well that the Differential Evolution and other evolutionary algorithms are capable not only to find solutions for Sudoku puzzles but also to generate new puzzles from scratch. The new mutation schema seems to be a very effective tool for solving discrete problems.

Our next goal is to adapt similar mutations into the continuous optimization problem. One of the most difficult things will be the description of the mutation schema, which will modify only a small part of the genotype even in the continuous optimization problems.

The key issue should be the proper representation of the individual.

We try to show that appropriate problem transformation is one of the main problems for the described mutation schema.

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**...5- Dataset (Examples of  
input/output)...**

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# Examples of input/output

2	7	6	5	1	3	4	8	9
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## ***...6-Details of Algorithm...***

- Analysis of the results, What are the insights? The graph increasing by decreasing the grade of the populations.
- What are advantages? When grade of the populations decreases, Then the evolution is better so we are closer to the target
- What are disadvantages? When grade of the populations is stopped decrease or slow in

decreasing, Then the evolution is not growing enough to the target

- Why did the algorithm behave in such a way? The Differential Evolution is finding the global max, Where every member is in local max. In initialization, It randomly creates number of boards as population, and we try to make mutation, crossover and selection to evolve the population. As it takes time to reach the global max
- What might be the future modifications? By tuning hyperparameters, Like Mutant Factor, Crossover Rate, Number of members in population, Try to make better fitness function.
- Backtracking

Aim: find the solution of Sudoku

take index of column initialize zero, index of row initialize zero and the board

How to work: make iteration from 1 to 9 and put the numbers in the empty cell then call function CheckValidCellRowAndColumn and function CheckValid3X3Cells to check if valid number or not then call itself again by column+1 (recursive) if column reach to 9 (end of columns) or end row return True else if it is end of column increase row by one then make column = 0

- \*return: return true if you find answer else return Null
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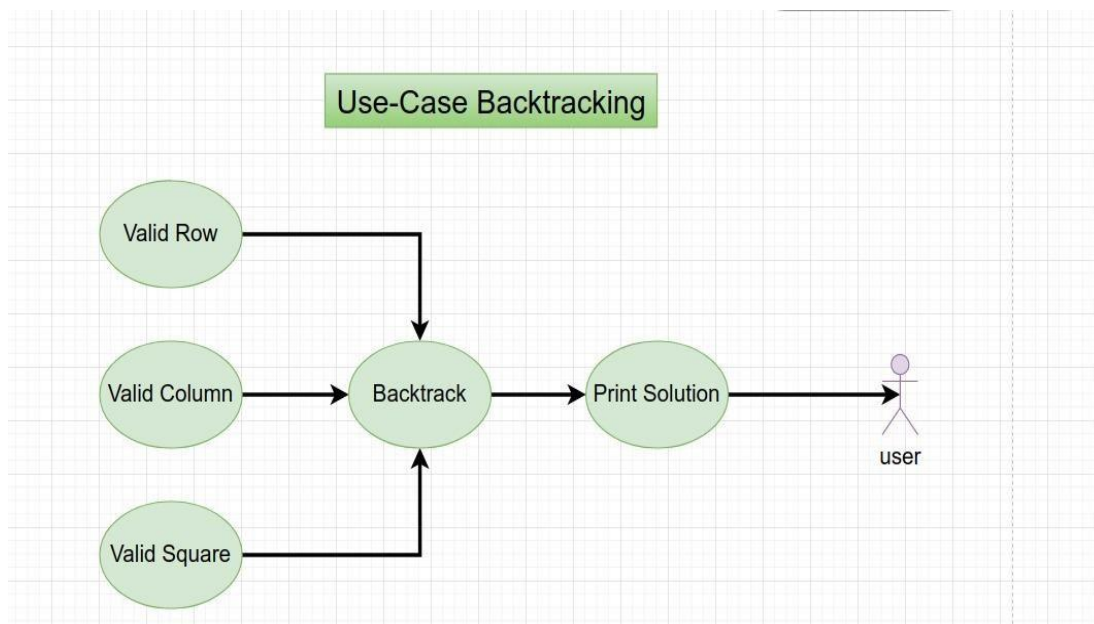
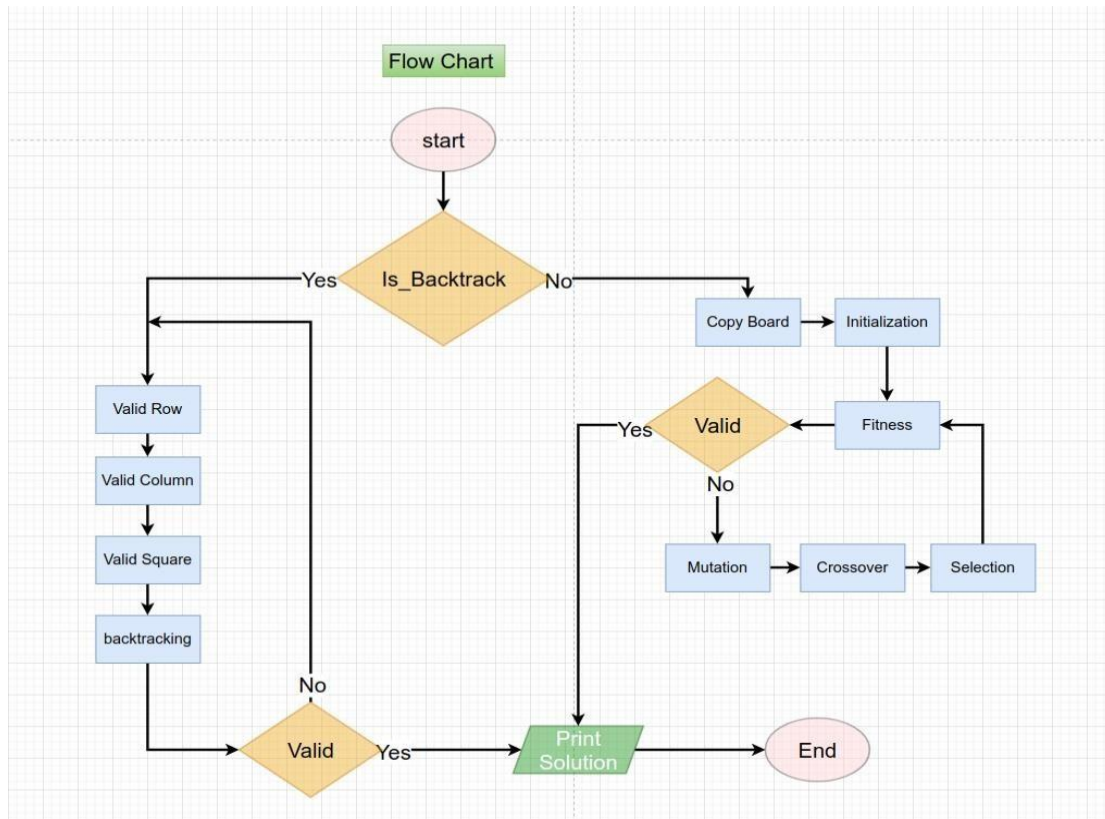
## ***7-....Development platform.....***

all **packages** used in the project: pygame, math, random, matplotlib.pyplot coding

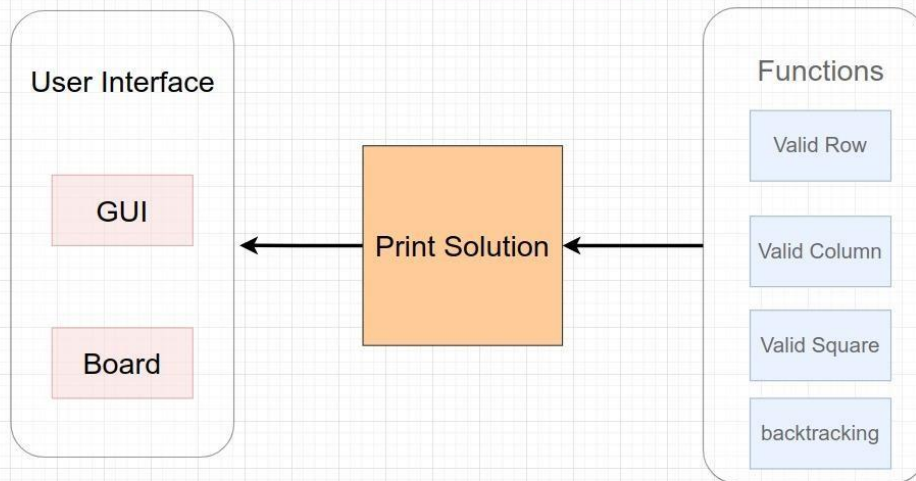
**platforms:** spyder and pycharm language: python 3.9

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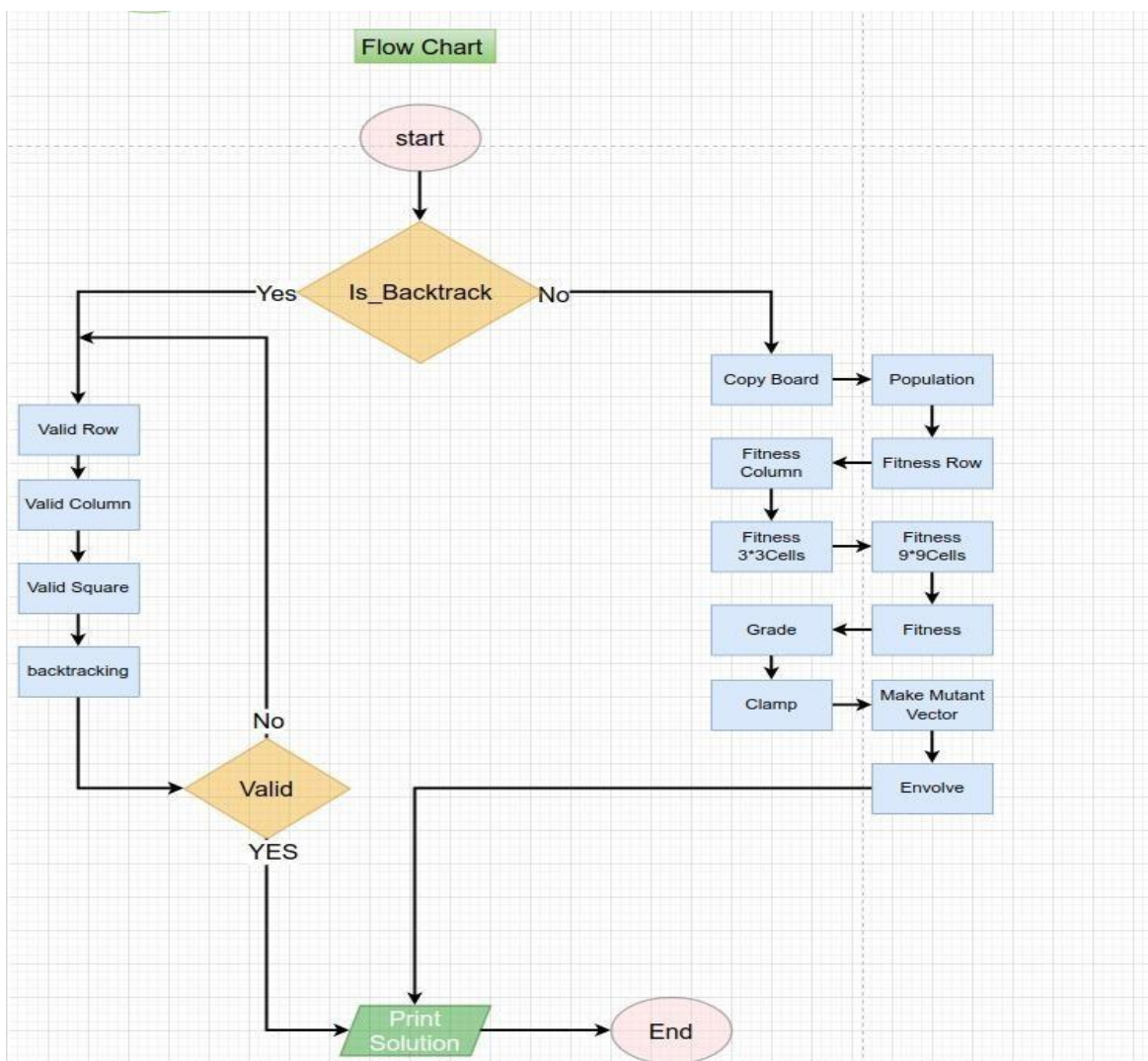
## ***8-....Diagrams and plot.....***

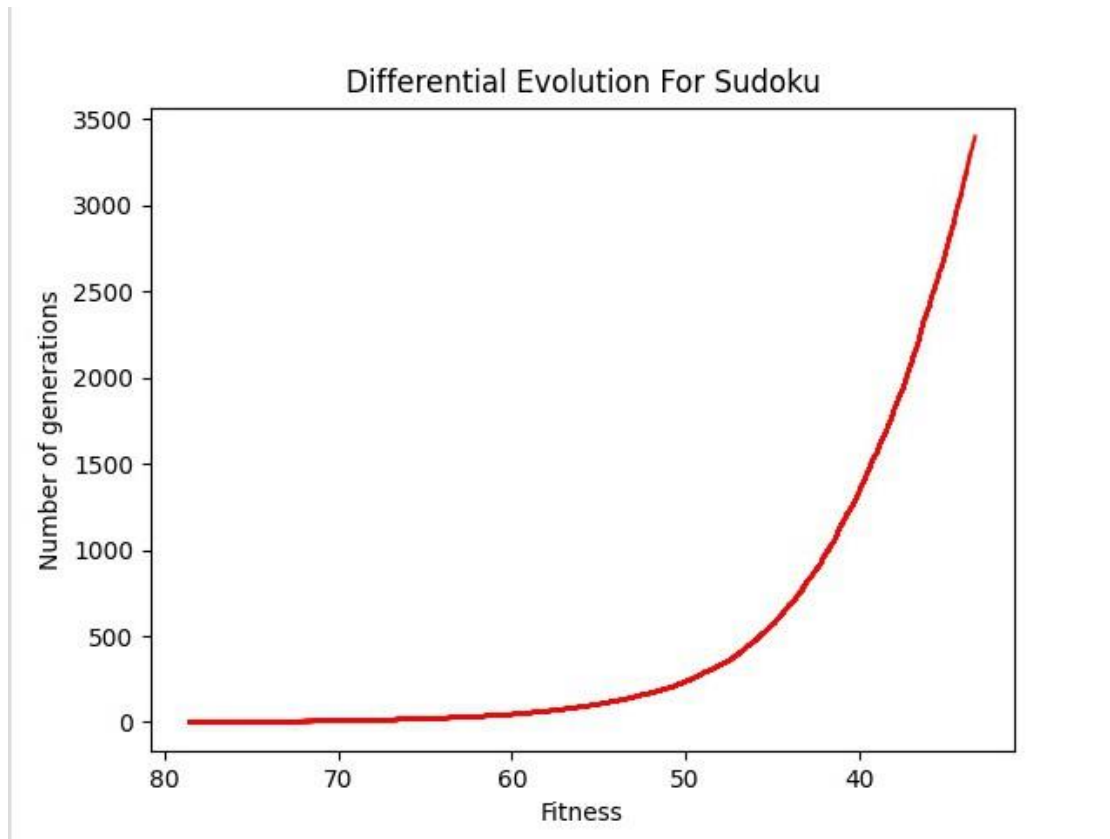


Block Diagram Backtracking



Flow Chart





Shared code :

<https://github.com/Saytara2001/Sudoku/tree/main>

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Thank You 😊