



# Backtracking 02

## Backtracking (Part 2)



# Sudoku Solver

No repetition

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

find any 1 value

2d array

9x9

we need to fill numbers in  
the blank.

allowed no  $\rightarrow$  1-9

9 Rows

9 cols

9 By Cells  $\rightarrow$  3x3

On any row or col or  
Big cell no number is  
repeated.

Why not try all possibilities <?

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

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

0  
1  
2

0<sup>th</sup>  
Big  
Row

3  
4  
5

1<sup>st</sup> by Row

6  
7  
8

2<sup>nd</sup> by  
Row



$\left(\frac{col}{3}\right) \times 3$

$\left(\frac{row}{3}\right) \times 3$

$\left(\frac{0}{3}\right) \times 3 \rightarrow 0$   $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \times 3 \rightarrow 0$   
 $\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \times 3 \rightarrow 0$

empty spot

$\left(\frac{3}{3}\right) \times 3$   $\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \times 3$   $\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) \times 3$   
3 3 3

# we will go row by row: -  $B.C \rightarrow \underline{\underline{8==9}} \rightarrow$

$f(\text{grid}, r, c)$

=

it will fill the  
grid for sudoku  
from  $(r, c)$  cell  
in row by row form

main  $\rightarrow \underline{\underline{f(\text{grid}, 0, 0)}}$

if (isSafe (grid, r, c, j)) & if (grid[r][c] == "")

grid[r][c] = j;

f(grid, r, c+1)

grid[r][c] = "";

$\forall j \in [1, 9]$

f(grid, r+1, 0)

f(grid, r, c+1)

if (c == 9)

if (grid[r][c] == "")  
not

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bool sudoku (grid, r, c) {
    if (r == 9) return true;
    if (c == 9) return f(grid, r+1, 0);
    if (grid[r][c] != '.') return f(grid, r, c+1);

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    for (d = 1; d <= 9; d++) {
        if (isSafe (grid, r, c, d)) {
            grid[r][c] = '0' + d;
            r = f(grid, r, c+1);
            if (r == 9) return true;
            grid[r][c] = '.';

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}

} return false;

5	3			7				
6			1	9	5			
	9	8					6	
8				6		<u>x,y</u>		3
4			8		3			1
7				2				6
	6					2	8	
			4	1	9			5
				8			7	9

$$\left(\frac{\text{row}}{3}\right) \times 3 \rightarrow x$$

$$\left(\frac{\text{col}}{3}\right) \times 3 \rightarrow y$$

$$\text{row, col} = 4, 6$$

for (max; max < x+3; max++)



[2, 5, 2, 1, 2] target = 5

[s]

[2, 2, 1]

[1, 2, 2, 2, s]

combination  $\rightarrow$  subset

Set S = { \_\_\_\_\_ }  $\textcircled{n}$

How many subsets  $\rightarrow$   $2^n$

Brute force

(generate all possible subsets)

$2^n$

pick

avoid

pick

avoid

2

[1, 2, 3]

2

pick

not pick

2

$2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8 = 2^3$

{1, 2, 3}  $\rightarrow$  3

{1}

{2}

{3}

{1, 2}

{1, 3}

{2, 3}

{1, 2, 3}

{ $\phi$ }

$2^3$

	[ 1	2	3 ]	
	x	x	x	→ { }
→	x	x	✓	{ 3 }
	x	✓	x	{ 2 }
	x	✓	✓	{ 2, 3 }
	✓	x	x	{ 1 }
	✓	x	✓	{ 1, 3 }
	✓	✓	x	{ 1, 2 }
	✓	✓	✓	{ 1, 2, 3 }



Instead of generating all subsets we can form some of them which are not necessary. //

$f(\text{cand}, t, \text{id}x, \text{subset}) =$ 
 $f(\text{cand}, t, \text{id}x+1, \text{subset})$  if  $(\text{cand}(\text{id}x) > t)$

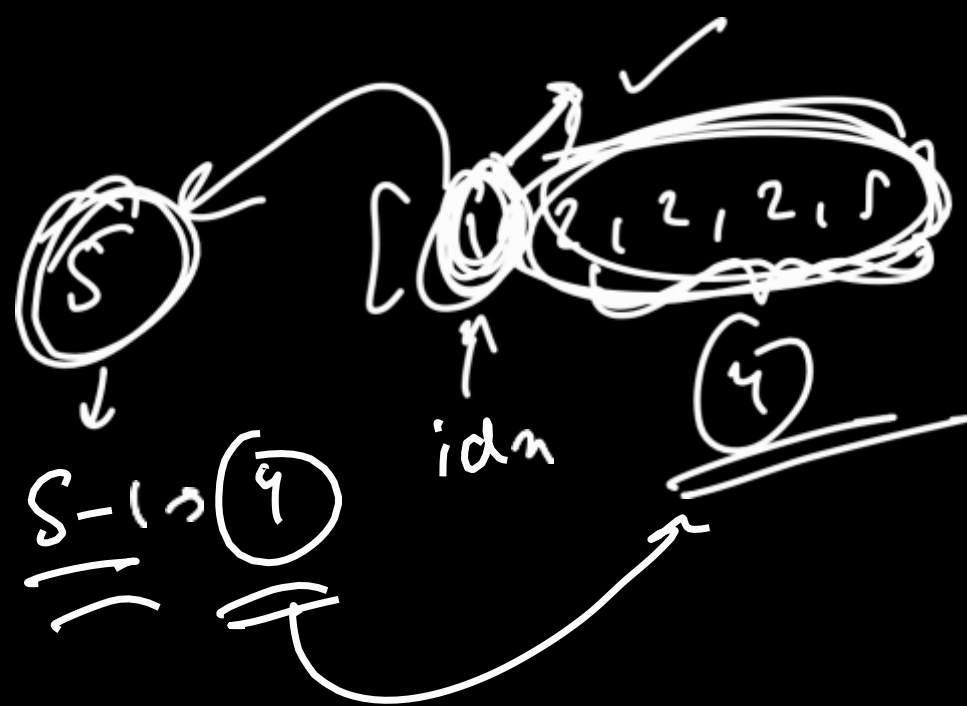
calc subset, from  $\text{cand}[\text{id}x, n-1]$   
 such that target sum is 't'

not pick

// pick  
 $\text{subset.push}(\text{cand}(\text{id}x))$   
 $f(\text{cand}, t - \text{cand}(\text{id}x), \text{id}x+1, \text{subset})$   
 $\text{subset.pop}()$

else

// avoid  
 $f(\text{cand}, t, \text{id}x+1, \text{subset})$



$$([1, 2, 2, 2, 5], 5)$$
$$(2, 2, 2, 5) \rightarrow 4$$

$(2, 2, 2, 2, 2) \rightarrow 9, 1, 2, 2, 2, 5$

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$[1, 2, 2, 2, 5]$

$(\text{cand}, 5, 0, \{1\})$

✓

x

$(\text{cand}, 4, 1, \{1\})$

✓

$\{1, 2\}$

$(\text{cand}, 2, 2, \{1, 2\})$

$(\text{cand}, 4, 2, \{1, 3\})$

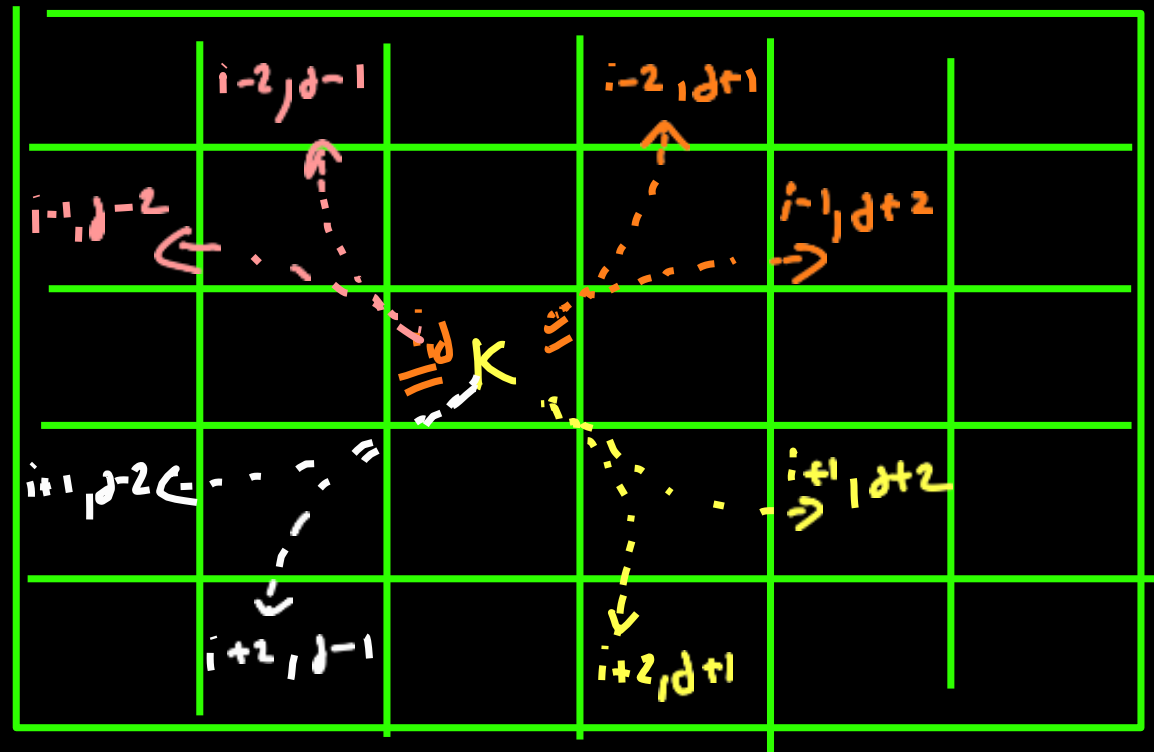
✓

x

$(\text{cand}, 0, 3, \{1, 2, 2\})$

$(\text{cand}, 2, 3, \{1, 2\})$

✓



Moves for a  
knight

no cell should be reused

Bounty

K <sub>0</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	K <sub>11</sub>		K <sub>2</sub>
	K <sub>4</sub>	K <sub>1</sub>	K <sub>12</sub>	K <sub>13</sub>
K <sub>6</sub>	K <sub>9</sub>	K <sub>14</sub>	K <sub>3</sub>	
		K <sub>5</sub>	K <sub>8</sub>	K <sub>11</sub>
	K <sub>7</sub>	K <sub>10</sub>		

5K5

nas

isSafe() ✓

grid[i][j] = k step

f()

grid[i][j] = " "



▶ **THANK YOU** ◀