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1 High Level Problem Statement

The program will be a standalone desktop application that allows users to play the game of Sudoku. The game will support a couple different variations of the game along with varying levels of difficulty. The game will be developed using the test driven development approach, and will follow a (to be determined) scale of test completeness.
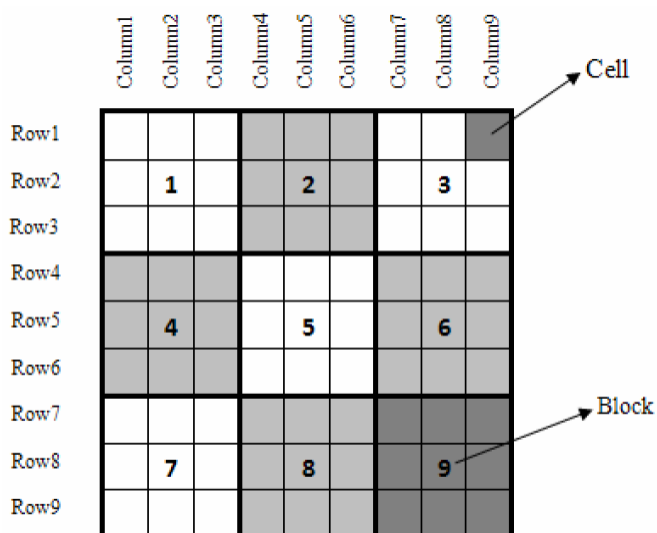
2 The Game

Figure 1.1: General view of Sudoku game environment

2.1 How to play

The board is defined by cell, block, row, and column as Figure 1.1 illustrates. The whole board is actually a 9-by-9 grid made of nine smaller 3-by-3 grids called blocks. The smallest square in the traditional game is called a cell which contains a number, ranging from 1 to 9, or is empty signifying empty. Our application will allow users to store multiple guesses per cell block. The board is composed of rows and columns from top-left corner.

2.2 Goal

The game starts with a grid that has some of the cells already filled, known as givens. The object of the game is to place a digit from 1 to 9 into each cell of the grid. However each digit can only be used once in each row, each column, and each block. Additionally, all the nine rows, nine columns and nine blocks are required to contain all the digits from 1 through 9. These limitations for placing digits in three locations are respectively called row constraint, column constraint and block constraint.

3 Features

Feature Number	Description
F00	The application will allow the user to play the game while following a given set of rules based on the version of the game that they have chosen.
F01	The game will support multiple versions of play that are variations of the basic game but include new rules or board layout.
F02	The application will support localization, supporting at least two languages.
F03	There will be support for allowing users to ask for the application to solve part of or the rest of the puzzle for them.
F04	The user will be able to choose a level of difficulty to play at.
F05	The user will be able to save their current game state for continuing later on.
F06	The system will create puzzles for play as the user requests new ones, puzzles will not be pre-stored.
F07	Cells will be able to hold multiple guesses.
F08	If a player confirms a cell, other cells with multiple guesses that conflict with the confirmed number will be automatically removed.
F09	The game will highlight cells that break game constraints.

4 Framework and Technology

Using Java 1.7 and JUnit 4.