

# **Project Title: Sudoku Solver**

## **Project Overview**

The Sudoku Solver is a Python script designed to solve Sudoku puzzles using a backtracking algorithm. Sudoku is a popular number-placement puzzle game where players must fill a 9x9 grid with digits from 1 to 9, ensuring that each row, column, and 3x3 subgrid contains all digits without repetition. This script provides a solution to any solvable Sudoku puzzle.

## **Script Components**

### **find\_next\_empty(puzzle)**

Purpose: Find the next empty cell in the Sudoku grid.

Input: Sudoku grid (puzzle).

Output: Coordinates the next empty cell (row, col) or (None, None) if the puzzle is complete.

### **is\_valid(puzzle, guess, row, col)**

Purpose: Check if placing a guess at the given (row, col) is valid according to Sudoku rules.

Inputs:

Sudoku grid (puzzle).

Number to be placed (guess).

Row index (row) and column index (col) of the cell.

Output: True if the guess is valid, False otherwise.

`solve_sudoku(puzzle)`

Purpose: Recursively solves the Sudoku puzzle using backtracking.

Input: Sudoku grid (puzzle).

Output: True if a solution is found, False if the puzzle is unsolvable.

Usage Instructions

### **Initialize Sudoku Puzzle:**

Create a 9x9 grid where empty cells are represented by -1.

### **Call solve\_sudoku(puzzle):**

Execute the solver by calling `solve_sudoku` with your puzzle as an argument.

### **Check Result:**

The solver modifies the puzzle in place. The solved puzzle will be available in your script if a solution is found.

