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ABSTRACT

`Sudoku' is a popular Japanese puzzle game that trains our logical mind.

The word Sudoku means `the digits must remain single'. The Sudoku problem is important as it finds numerous applications in a variety of research domains with some sort of resemblance. Applications of solving a Sudoku instance are found in the fields of Steganography, Secret image sharing with necessary reversibility, Encrypting SMS, Digital watermarking, Image authentication, Image Encryption,

and so and so forth. All the existing Sudoku solving techniques are primarily guess based heuristic or computation intensive soft computing methodology.

They are all cell based, that is why very much time consuming. Nowadays Sudoku is a very popular game throughout the world and it appears in different

Medias, including websites, newspapers and books. There are numerous methods

or algorithms to find Sudoku solutions and Sudoku generating algorithms.

However, the science behind this game is much more complex than it looks. 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

analyzed in accordance with various number of clues for 9*9 sudoku using Backtracking Algorithm.

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