

TDT4136 Assignment 4

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1 Results

```
EASY
7 8 4 | 9 3 2 | 1 5 6
6 1 9 | 4 8 5 | 3 2 7
2 3 5 | 1 7 6 | 4 8 9
-----+-----+-----
5 7 8 | 2 6 1 | 9 3 4
3 4 1 | 8 9 7 | 5 6 2
9 2 6 | 5 4 3 | 8 7 1
-----+-----+-----
4 5 3 | 7 2 9 | 6 1 8
8 6 2 | 3 1 4 | 7 9 5
1 9 7 | 6 5 8 | 2 4 3
Called backtracks: 1
Failed backtracks: 0
```

(a) Easy

```
MEDIUM
8 7 5 | 9 3 6 | 1 4 2
1 6 9 | 7 2 4 | 3 8 5
2 4 3 | 8 5 1 | 6 7 9
-----+-----+-----
4 5 2 | 6 9 7 | 8 3 1
9 8 6 | 4 1 3 | 2 5 7
7 3 1 | 5 8 2 | 9 6 4
-----+-----+-----
5 1 7 | 3 6 9 | 4 2 8
6 2 8 | 1 4 5 | 7 9 3
3 9 4 | 2 7 8 | 5 1 6
Called backtracks: 2
Failed backtracks: 0
```

(b) Medium

```
HARD
1 5 2 | 3 4 6 | 8 9 7
4 3 7 | 1 8 9 | 6 5 2
6 8 9 | 5 7 2 | 3 1 4
-----+-----+-----
8 2 1 | 6 3 7 | 9 4 5
5 4 3 | 8 9 1 | 7 2 6
9 7 6 | 4 2 5 | 1 8 3
-----+-----+-----
7 9 8 | 2 5 3 | 4 6 1
3 6 5 | 9 1 4 | 2 7 8
2 1 4 | 7 6 8 | 5 3 9
Called backtracks: 7
Failed backtracks: 2
```

(c) Hard

```
VERYHARD
4 3 1 | 8 6 7 | 9 2 5
6 5 2 | 4 9 1 | 3 8 7
8 9 7 | 5 3 2 | 1 6 4
-----+-----+-----
3 8 4 | 9 7 6 | 5 1 2
5 1 9 | 2 8 4 | 7 3 6
2 7 6 | 3 1 5 | 8 4 9
-----+-----+-----
9 4 3 | 7 2 8 | 6 5 1
7 6 5 | 1 4 3 | 2 9 8
1 2 8 | 6 5 9 | 4 7 3
Called backtracks: 56
Failed backtracks: 43
```

(d) Very hard

Figure 1: Solutions for the supplied sudoku boards

2 Discussion

We see from Figure 1 (a) that when `backtracking_search` is called on the easy board, the board is solved by performing `inference`; `backtrack` is called, and is immediately returned since the board is solved.

From Figure 1 (b) we see that the board is solved with one call to `inference`, and is then finished by a complete `backtrack` call.

For the two other examples, multiple paths are explored, as can be seen by the failed backtrack calls. This is because the algorithm performs a depth first search, and backtracks if a path can not yield a valid solution.

The total run-time of this algorithm does not vary much for the easy, medium, and hard example, but for the very hard example, a notable increase is observed. This is natural due to the increased number of paths that must be explored.