

Valid sudoku - hash set (one pass)

class Solution:

def is-valid-sudoku(self, board: list[list[str]]) -> bool:

cols = collections.defaultdict(set)

rows = collections.defaultdict(set)

squares = collections.defaultdict(set)

for r in range(9):

for c in range(9):

if board[r][c] == ".":
continue

if (board[r][c] in rows[r] or

board[r][c] in cols[c] or

board[r][c] in squares[(r//3, c//3)]):

return False

cols[c].add(board[r][c])

rows[r].add(board[r][c])

squares[(r//3, c//3)].add(board[r][c])

return True

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print(Solution().is_valid_sudoku(board =  
[[["1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1"],  
["1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1"],  
["1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1"],  
["1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1"],  
["1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1"],  
["1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1"],  
["1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1"],  
["1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1"],  
["1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1"],  
["1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1", "1"]]))
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This exercise is using hash set (one pass) algorithm, and is running in approximately 357 steps.

Step 1:

cols, rows, squares \rightarrow defaultdict(class 'set', {})

Step 2: based on the position of our values in the sudoku, when the division happens in our variable squares, the result is always bounded.

BIG Step 3: for r in range(3):
 for c in range(3):
 if board[r][c] == ".":
 continue
 if (board[r][c] in row[r] or
 board[r][c] in col[c] or
 board[r][c] in squares[(r//3, c//3)])
 return False

- when $r \rightarrow 0$ then the iteration happens for the next row where c becomes from 0 to 8 and then r goes 1 and so on and so forth.

BIG Step 4: cols[c].add(board[r][c])
 rows[r].add(board[r][c])
 squares[(r//3, c//3)].add(board[r][c])

when $r \rightarrow 0$ and $c \rightarrow 0, 1, 2, \dots, 7, 8$:

cols \rightarrow defaultdict(<class 'set'>, {0: {'1'}, 1: {'2'}, 4: {'3'}})

rows \rightarrow defaultdict(<class 'set'>, {0: {'3'}, 1: {'2'}})

squares \rightarrow defaultdict(<class 'set'>, {(0,0): {'1', '2'}, (0,1): {'3'}})

and so on and so forth, until $r \rightarrow 8$ and $c \rightarrow 8$

cols \rightarrow {0: {'5', '4', '7', '1'}, 1: {'9', '2'}, 4: {'1', '2', '3', '6', '8'}}

3: { 5, 4, 8 }, 2: { 8, 9, 1, 3, 5, 9, 4, 6, 8 }, 5: { 3, 9 },
 6: { 2 }, 7: { 7 }

rows \rightarrow 0: { 3, 1, 2 }, 1: { 5, 4 }, 2: { 9, 3, 8 }, 3: { 5, 4, 6 },
 4: { 3, 5, 8 }, 5: { 6, 7, 2 }, 6: { 2 }, 7: { 9, 4, 8, 1 },
 8: { 9, 4, 8 }

Squares \rightarrow (0,0): { 1, 2, 9, 4, 8 }, (0,1): { 3, 5 }, (0,2): { 3 }, (1,0):
 { 5, 7 }, (1,1): { 3, 2, 6, 8 }, (1,2): { 5, 4, 6 }, (2,2):
 { 9, 4, 2, 8 }, (2,1): { 9, 4, 8, 1 }

this validates that there aren't any duplicates. return True ✓