Using AMPL inside C

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What is AMPL?

AMPL Stands for **A** Mathematical Programming Language. In short, it is a relatively human readable way of asking a computer to solve optimization problems for us.

What is Sudoku?

Insert image of sudoku grid

Sudoku as an Integer Program

$$\sum_{i=1}^{9} x_{ijk} = 1, \qquad 1 \leq jk \leq 9 \qquad \text{(each number k appears in each column)}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{9} x_{ijk} = 1, \qquad 1 \leq ik \leq 9 \qquad \text{(each number k appears in each row)}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{2} x_{i+q,j+r,k} = 1, \qquad i,j = 1,4,7,\ 1 \leq k \leq 9 \qquad \text{(each k appears once in each box)}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{9} x_{ijk} = 1, \qquad 1 \leq ij \leq 9 \qquad \text{(each cell contains exactly one number)}$$

$$x_{ijk} \in \{0,1\}, \qquad 1 \leq ijk \leq 9$$

$$x_{ijk} = 1, \qquad \text{When the initial board has number k in cell (i,j).}$$

Use Case For External File Creation

- Hard problems
- Running on a cluster with no GUI or very high latency
- Only part of what you are trying to solve

Requirements

- AMPL installation accessible to your user
- A list of AMPL commands inside a text file

Example AMPL Files

Insert screenshot of the AMPL IDE with these files