
MODULE *AIHelper*

EXTENDS *Integers*, *Sequences*, *TLC*, *FiniteSets*

CONSTANTS

GRID_SIZE,
ValidValue

ASSUME

$\wedge \text{GRID_SIZE} \in \text{Nat} \setminus \{0\}$
 $\wedge \text{ValidValue} = 1 \dots \text{GRID_SIZE}$

VARIABLES

<i>grid</i> ,	The current state of the <i>Sudoku</i> grid (0 for empty).
<i>solution</i> ,	The complete, correct solution for the grid.
<i>hint</i> ,	The strategic hint generated by the helper.
<i>pc</i>	The program counter to control the flow.

vars $\triangleq \langle \text{grid}, \text{solution}, \text{hint}, \text{pc} \rangle$

The *TypeOK* invariant defines the valid domains for all state variables.

TypeOK \triangleq

$\wedge \text{grid} \in [(1 \dots \text{GRID_SIZE}) \times (1 \dots \text{GRID_SIZE}) \rightarrow \{0\} \cup \text{ValidValue}]$
 $\wedge \text{solution} \in [(1 \dots \text{GRID_SIZE}) \times (1 \dots \text{GRID_SIZE}) \rightarrow \text{ValidValue}]$
 $\wedge \text{hint} \in [$
 $\quad \text{type} : \{\text{"OnlyChoice"}, \text{"LastRemaining"}, \text{"BruteForce"}, \text{"None"}\},$
 $\quad \text{dieValue} : \{0\} \cup \text{ValidValue},$
 $\quad \text{row} : 0 \dots \text{GRID_SIZE},$
 $\quad \text{col} : 0 \dots \text{GRID_SIZE}$
 $\quad]$
 $\wedge \text{pc} \in \{\text{"start"}, \text{"find_only_choice"}, \text{"find_last_remaining"}, \text{"find_brute_force"}, \text{"done"}\}$

The initial state. The grid is a valid puzzle based on the solution.

Init \triangleq

$\wedge \text{solution} \in [(1 \dots \text{GRID_SIZE}) \times (1 \dots \text{GRID_SIZE}) \rightarrow \text{ValidValue}]$ A valid *Sudoku* solution.
 $\wedge \text{grid} \in \{g \in [(1 \dots \text{GRID_SIZE}) \times (1 \dots \text{GRID_SIZE}) \rightarrow \{0\} \cup \text{ValidValue}] :$
 $\quad \forall r, c \in 1 \dots \text{GRID_SIZE} : g[r, c] \in \{0, \text{solution}[r, c]\}\}$
 $\wedge \text{hint} = [\text{type} \mapsto \text{"None"}, \text{dieValue} \mapsto 0, \text{row} \mapsto 0, \text{col} \mapsto 0]$
 $\wedge \text{pc} = \text{"start"}$

Helper operators to check for conflicts on the current grid.

IsValueInRow(*g*, *r*, *v*) $\triangleq \exists c \in 1 \dots \text{GRID_SIZE} : g[r, c] = v$

$$\begin{aligned}
IsValueInCol(g, c, v) &\triangleq \exists r \in 1..GRID_SIZE : g[r, c] = v \\
IsValueInBox(g, r, c, v) &\triangleq \\
&\text{LET } BoxRowStart \triangleq ((r - 1) \div 2) * 2 + 1 \\
&\quad BoxColStart \triangleq ((c - 1) \div 3) * 3 + 1 \\
\text{IN } &\exists br \in BoxRowStart .. (BoxRowStart + 1), bc \in BoxColStart .. (BoxColStart + 2) : \\
&\quad g[br, bc] = v \\
IsPossible(g, r, c, v) &\triangleq \\
&\wedge g[r, c] = 0 \\
&\wedge \neg IsValueInRow(g, r, v) \\
&\wedge \neg IsValueInCol(g, c, v) \\
&\wedge \neg IsValueInBox(g, r, c, v)
\end{aligned}$$

Tier 1 Action: Find an “Only Choice” (Naked Single) hint.

$$\begin{aligned}
FindOnlyChoice &\triangleq \\
&\wedge pc = \text{"find_only_choice"} \\
&\wedge \exists r, c \in 1..GRID_SIZE : \\
&\quad \wedge grid[r, c] = 0 \\
&\quad \wedge \text{LET} \\
&\quad \quad val \triangleq solution[r, c] \\
&\quad \quad PossibleInRow \triangleq \{col \in 1..GRID_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, r, col, val)\} \\
&\quad \quad PossibleInCol \triangleq \{row \in 1..GRID_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, row, c, val)\} \\
&\quad \quad PossibleInBox \triangleq \{\langle br, bc \rangle \in \text{DOMAIN } grid : \\
&\quad \quad \quad \text{LET } BoxRowStart \triangleq ((r - 1) \div 2) * 2 + 1 \\
&\quad \quad \quad \quad BoxColStart \triangleq ((c - 1) \div 3) * 3 + 1 \\
&\quad \quad \quad \text{IN } br \in BoxRowStart .. (BoxRowStart + 1) \wedge \\
&\quad \quad \quad bc \in BoxColStart .. (BoxColStart + 2) \wedge \\
&\quad \quad \quad IsPossible(grid, br, bc, val)\} \\
&\quad \text{IN } \vee Cardinality(PossibleInRow) = 1 \\
&\quad \vee Cardinality(PossibleInCol) = 1 \\
&\quad \vee Cardinality(PossibleInBox) = 1 \\
&\wedge \text{LET } CellToHint \triangleq \text{CHOOSE } cell \in \{\langle r, c \rangle \in \text{DOMAIN } grid : \\
&\quad \text{LET } val \triangleq solution[r, c] \\
&\quad \quad PossibleInRow \triangleq \{col \in 1..GRID_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, r, col, val)\} \\
&\quad \quad PossibleInCol \triangleq \{row \in 1..GRID_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, row, c, val)\} \\
&\quad \quad PossibleInBox \triangleq \{\langle br, bc \rangle \in \text{DOMAIN } grid : \\
&\quad \quad \quad \text{LET } BoxRowStart \triangleq ((r - 1) \div 2) * 2 + 1 \\
&\quad \quad \quad \quad BoxColStart \triangleq ((c - 1) \div 3) * 3 + 1 \\
&\quad \quad \quad \text{IN } br \in BoxRowStart .. (BoxRowStart + 1) \wedge \\
&\quad \quad \quad bc \in BoxColStart .. (BoxColStart + 2) \wedge \\
&\quad \quad \quad IsPossible(grid, br, bc, val)\} \\
&\quad \text{IN } grid[r, c] = 0 \wedge (Cardinality(PossibleInRow) = 1 \vee Cardinality(PossibleInCol) = 1 \vee Cardinality(PossibleInBox) = 1) \\
\text{IN } &hint' = [type \mapsto \text{"OnlyChoice"}, dieValue \mapsto solution[CellToHint[1], CellToHint[2]], row \mapsto CellToHint[1], col \mapsto CellToHint[2]]
\end{aligned}$$

$\wedge pc' = \text{"done"}$
 $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle grid, solution \rangle$

Tier 2 Action: Find a “Last Remaining Cell” (Hidden Single) hint.

$FindLastRemaining \triangleq$
 $\wedge pc = \text{"find_last_remaining"}$
 $\wedge \vee \text{Search in a row}$
 $(\exists r \in 1 \dots GRID_SIZE, v \in ValidValue :$
 $\quad \text{LET } PossibleCells \triangleq \{c \in 1 \dots GRID_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, r, c, v)\}$
 $\quad \text{IN } Cardinality(PossibleCells) = 1)$
 $\vee \text{Search in a column}$
 $(\exists c \in 1 \dots GRID_SIZE, v \in ValidValue :$
 $\quad \text{LET } PossibleCells \triangleq \{r \in 1 \dots GRID_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, r, c, v)\}$
 $\quad \text{IN } Cardinality(PossibleCells) = 1)$
 $\vee \text{Search in a box}$
 $(\exists b_row \in 0 \dots 2, b_col \in 0 \dots 1, v \in ValidValue :$
 $\quad \text{LET } BoxRowStart \triangleq b_row * 2 + 1$
 $\quad BoxColStart \triangleq b_col * 3 + 1$
 $\quad PossibleCells \triangleq \{\langle br, bc \rangle \in \text{DOMAIN } grid :$
 $\quad \quad br \in BoxRowStart \dots (BoxRowStart + 1) \wedge$
 $\quad \quad bc \in BoxColStart \dots (BoxColStart + 2) \wedge$
 $\quad \quad IsPossible(grid, br, bc, v)\}$
 $\quad \text{IN } Cardinality(PossibleCells) = 1)$
 $\wedge \text{LET}$
 $CellToHint \triangleq$
 $\quad \text{CHOOSE } cell \in \{\langle r, c, v \rangle \in (1 \dots GRID_SIZE) \times (1 \dots GRID_SIZE) \times ValidValue :$
 $\quad \quad \vee \text{LET } PossibleCs \triangleq \{cc \in 1 \dots GRID_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, r, cc, v)\}$
 $\quad \quad \text{IN } Cardinality(PossibleCs) = 1 \wedge c \in PossibleCs$
 $\quad \quad \vee \text{LET } PossibleRs \triangleq \{rr \in 1 \dots GRID_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, rr, c, v)\}$
 $\quad \quad \text{IN } Cardinality(PossibleRs) = 1 \wedge r \in PossibleRs$
 $\quad \quad \vee \text{LET } BoxRowStart \triangleq ((r - 1) \div 2) * 2 + 1$
 $\quad \quad BoxColStart \triangleq ((c - 1) \div 3) * 3 + 1$
 $\quad \quad PossibleCellsInBox \triangleq \{\langle br, bc \rangle \in \text{DOMAIN } grid :$
 $\quad \quad \quad br \in BoxRowStart \dots (BoxRowStart + 1) \wedge$
 $\quad \quad \quad bc \in BoxColStart \dots (BoxColStart + 2) \wedge$
 $\quad \quad \quad IsPossible(grid, br, bc, v)\}$
 $\quad \quad \text{IN } Cardinality(PossibleCellsInBox) = 1 \wedge \langle r, c \rangle \in PossibleCellsInBox$
 $\quad \} : \text{TRUE}$
 $\quad \text{IN } hint' = [type \mapsto \text{"LastRemaining"}, dieValue \mapsto CellToHint[3], row \mapsto CellToHint[1], col \mapsto CellToHint[0]]$
 $\wedge pc' = \text{"done"}$
 $\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle grid, solution \rangle$

Tier 3 Action: Brute-force fallback to find any valid move.

$$\begin{aligned} FindBruteForce &\triangleq \\ &\wedge pc = \text{"find_brute_force"} \\ &\wedge \exists r, c \in 1 \dots GRID_SIZE : grid[r, c] = 0 \\ &\wedge \text{LET } CellToHint \triangleq \text{CHOOSE } cell \in \{\langle r, c \rangle \in \text{DOMAIN } grid : grid[r, c] = 0\} : \text{TRUE} \\ &\quad \text{IN } hint' = [type \mapsto \text{"BruteForce"}, dieValue \mapsto solution[CellToHint[1], CellToHint[2]], row \mapsto CellToHint[1]] \\ &\wedge pc' = \text{"done"} \\ &\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle grid, solution \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Control flow actions.

$$\begin{aligned} StartHeuristicCheck &\triangleq \\ &\wedge pc = \text{"start"} \\ &\wedge pc' = \text{"find_only_choice"} \\ &\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle grid, solution, hint \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ProceedToTier2 &\triangleq \\ &\wedge pc = \text{"find_only_choice"} \\ &\wedge \neg \exists r, c \in 1 \dots GRID_SIZE : \\ &\quad \wedge grid[r, c] = 0 \\ &\wedge \text{LET} \\ &\quad val \triangleq solution[r, c] \\ &\quad PossibleInRow \triangleq \{col \in 1 \dots GRID_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, r, col, val)\} \\ &\quad PossibleInCol \triangleq \{row \in 1 \dots GRID_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, row, c, val)\} \\ &\quad PossibleInBox \triangleq \{\langle br, bc \rangle \in \text{DOMAIN } grid : \\ &\quad \quad \text{LET } BoxRowStart \triangleq ((r - 1) \div 2) * 2 + 1 \\ &\quad \quad \quad BoxColStart \triangleq ((c - 1) \div 3) * 3 + 1 \\ &\quad \quad \text{IN } br \in BoxRowStart \dots (BoxRowStart + 1) \wedge \\ &\quad \quad bc \in BoxColStart \dots (BoxColStart + 2) \wedge \\ &\quad \quad IsPossible(grid, br, bc, val)\} \\ &\quad \text{IN } \vee Cardinality(PossibleInRow) = 1 \\ &\quad \vee Cardinality(PossibleInCol) = 1 \\ &\quad \vee Cardinality(PossibleInBox) = 1 \\ &\wedge pc' = \text{"find_last_remaining"} \\ &\wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle grid, solution, hint \rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ProceedToTier3 &\triangleq \\ &\wedge pc = \text{"find_last_remaining"} \\ &\wedge \neg (\vee \text{Search in a row} \\ &\quad (\exists r \in 1 \dots GRID_SIZE, v \in ValidValue : \\ &\quad \quad \text{LET } PossibleCells \triangleq \{c \in 1 \dots GRID_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, r, c, v)\} \\ &\quad \quad \text{IN } Cardinality(PossibleCells) = 1) \\ &\quad \vee \text{Search in a column} \\ &\quad (\exists c \in 1 \dots GRID_SIZE, v \in ValidValue : \end{aligned}$$

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LET PossibleCells  $\triangleq$  { $r \in 1..GRID\_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, r, c, v)$ }
IN Cardinality(PossibleCells) = 1)
 $\vee$  Search in a box
( $\exists b\_row \in 0..2, b\_col \in 0..1, v \in ValidValue :$ 
LET BoxRowStart  $\triangleq$   $b\_row * 2 + 1$ 
BoxColStart  $\triangleq$   $b\_col * 3 + 1$ 
PossibleCells  $\triangleq$  { $\langle br, bc \rangle \in DOMAIN grid :$ 
 $br \in BoxRowStart .. (BoxRowStart + 1) \wedge$ 
 $bc \in BoxColStart .. (BoxColStart + 2) \wedge$ 
 $IsPossible(grid, br, bc, v)$ }
IN Cardinality(PossibleCells) = 1))
 $\wedge pc' = "find\_brute\_force"$ 
 $\wedge$  UNCHANGED  $\langle grid, solution, hint \rangle$ 

NoHintFound  $\triangleq$ 
 $\wedge pc = "find\_brute\_force"$ 
 $\wedge \forall r, c \in 1..GRID\_SIZE : grid[r, c] \neq 0$ 
 $\wedge pc' = "done"$ 
 $\wedge$  UNCHANGED  $\langle grid, solution, hint \rangle$ 

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The next-state relation for the entire specification.

$$Next \triangleq$$

- $\vee StartHeuristicCheck$
- $\vee FindOnlyChoice$
- $\vee ProceedToTier2$
- $\vee FindLastRemaining$
- $\vee ProceedToTier3$
- $\vee FindBruteForce$
- $\vee NoHintFound$

$$Spec \triangleq Init \wedge \square[Next]_{vars}$$

Liveness property to check that the algorithm eventually terminates.

$$Termination \triangleq \diamondsuit(pc = "done")$$

THEOREM $Spec \Rightarrow \square TypeOK$