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MODULE *AIHelper*

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EXTENDS *Integers, Sequences, TLC, FiniteSets*

CONSTANTS

*GRID\_SIZE*,  
*ValidValue*

ASSUME

$\wedge \textit{GRID\_SIZE} \in \textit{Nat} \setminus \{0\}$   
 $\wedge \textit{ValidValue} = 1 \dots \textit{GRID\_SIZE}$

VARIABLES

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

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

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

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*TypeOK*  $\triangleq$

$\wedge \textit{grid} \in [(1 \dots \textit{GRID\_SIZE}) \times (1 \dots \textit{GRID\_SIZE}) \rightarrow \{0\} \cup \textit{ValidValue}]$   
 $\wedge \textit{solution} \in [(1 \dots \textit{GRID\_SIZE}) \times (1 \dots \textit{GRID\_SIZE}) \rightarrow \textit{ValidValue}]$   
 $\wedge \textit{hint} \in [$   
 $\quad \textit{type} : \{ \text{"OnlyChoice"}, \text{"LastRemaining"}, \text{"BruteForce"}, \text{"None"} \},$   
 $\quad \textit{dieValue} : \{0\} \cup \textit{ValidValue},$   
 $\quad \textit{row} : 0 \dots \textit{GRID\_SIZE},$   
 $\quad \textit{col} : 0 \dots \textit{GRID\_SIZE}$   
 $\quad ]$   
 $\wedge \textit{pc} \in \{ \text{"start"}, \text{"find\_only\_choice"}, \text{"find\_last\_remaining"}, \text{"find\_brute\_force"}, \text{"done"} \}$

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

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*Init*  $\triangleq$

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

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Helper operators to check for conflicts on the current grid.

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$\textit{IsValueInRow}(g, r, v) \triangleq \exists c \in 1 \dots \textit{GRID\_SIZE} : g[r, c] = v$

$$\begin{aligned}
IsValueInCol(g, c, v) &\triangleq \exists r \in 1 \dots GRID\_SIZE : g[r, c] = v \\
IsValueInBox(g, r, c, v) &\triangleq \\
\quad LET \ BoxRowStart &\triangleq ((r - 1) \div 2) * 2 + 1 \\
\quad \quad BoxColStart &\triangleq ((c - 1) \div 3) * 3 + 1 \\
\quad IN \quad \exists br \in BoxRowStart \dots (BoxRowStart + 1), bc \in BoxColStart \dots (BoxColStart + 2) : \\
\quad \quad g[br, bc] = v
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
IsPossible(g, r, c, v) &\triangleq \\
&\wedge g[r, c] = 0 \\
&\wedge \neg IsValueInRow(g, r, v) \\
&\wedge \neg IsValueInCol(g, c, v) \\
&\wedge \neg IsValueInBox(g, r, c, v)
\end{aligned}$$

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 \dots GRID\_SIZE : \\
&\quad \wedge grid[r, c] = 0 \\
&\quad \wedge LET \\
&\quad \quad val \triangleq solution[r, c] \\
&\quad \quad PossibleInRow \triangleq \{col \in 1 \dots GRID\_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, r, col, val)\} \\
&\quad \quad PossibleInCol \triangleq \{row \in 1 \dots GRID\_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, row, c, val)\} \\
&\quad \quad PossibleInBox \triangleq \{(br, bc) \in DOMAIN \ grid : \\
&\quad \quad \quad LET \ BoxRowStart \triangleq ((r - 1) \div 2) * 2 + 1 \\
&\quad \quad \quad \quad BoxColStart \triangleq ((c - 1) \div 3) * 3 + 1 \\
&\quad \quad \quad IN \quad br \in BoxRowStart \dots (BoxRowStart + 1) \wedge \\
&\quad \quad \quad \quad bc \in BoxColStart \dots (BoxColStart + 2) \wedge \\
&\quad \quad \quad \quad IsPossible(grid, br, bc, val)\} \\
&\quad IN \quad \vee Cardinality(PossibleInRow) = 1 \\
&\quad \quad \vee Cardinality(PossibleInCol) = 1 \\
&\quad \quad \vee Cardinality(PossibleInBox) = 1 \\
&\wedge LET \ CellToHint \triangleq CHOOSE \ cell \in \{(r, c) \in DOMAIN \ grid : \\
&\quad LET \ val \triangleq solution[r, c] \\
&\quad \quad PossibleInRow \triangleq \{col \in 1 \dots GRID\_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, r, col, val)\} \\
&\quad \quad PossibleInCol \triangleq \{row \in 1 \dots GRID\_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, row, c, val)\} \\
&\quad \quad PossibleInBox \triangleq \{(br, bc) \in DOMAIN \ grid : \\
&\quad \quad \quad LET \ BoxRowStart \triangleq ((r - 1) \div 2) * 2 + 1 \\
&\quad \quad \quad \quad BoxColStart \triangleq ((c - 1) \div 3) * 3 + 1 \\
&\quad \quad \quad IN \quad br \in BoxRowStart \dots (BoxRowStart + 1) \wedge \\
&\quad \quad \quad \quad bc \in BoxColStart \dots (BoxColStart + 2) \wedge \\
&\quad \quad \quad \quad IsPossible(grid, br, bc, val)\} \\
&\quad IN \quad grid[r, c] = 0 \wedge (Cardinality(PossibleInRow) = 1 \vee Cardinality(PossibleInCol) = 1 \vee Cardinality(PossibleInBox) = 1) \\
&IN \quad hint' = [type \mapsto \text{“OnlyChoice”}, die \mapsto solution[CellToHint[1], CellToHint[2]], row \mapsto CellToHint[1]]
\end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

$FindBruteForce \triangleq$

$\wedge pc = \text{"find\_brute\_force"}$

$\wedge \exists r, c \in 1 \dots GRID\_SIZE : grid[r, c] = 0$

$\wedge LET \ CellToHint \triangleq CHOOSE \ cell \in \{\langle r, c \rangle \in DOMAIN \ grid : grid[r, c] = 0\} : TRUE$

$IN \ \ hint' = [type \mapsto \text{"BruteForce"}, dieValue \mapsto solution[CellToHint[1], CellToHint[2]], row \mapsto CellToHint[2]]$

$\wedge pc' = \text{"done"}$

$\wedge UNCHANGED \langle grid, solution \rangle$

Control flow actions.

$StartHeuristicCheck \triangleq$

$\wedge pc = \text{"start"}$

$\wedge pc' = \text{"find\_only\_choice"}$

$\wedge UNCHANGED \langle grid, solution, hint \rangle$

$ProceedToTier2 \triangleq$

$\wedge pc = \text{"find\_only\_choice"}$

$\wedge \neg \exists r, c \in 1 \dots GRID\_SIZE :$

$\wedge grid[r, c] = 0$

$\wedge LET$

$\ \ val \triangleq solution[r, c]$

$\ \ PossibleInRow \triangleq \{col \in 1 \dots GRID\_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, r, col, val)\}$

$\ \ PossibleInCol \triangleq \{row \in 1 \dots GRID\_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, row, c, val)\}$

$\ \ PossibleInBox \triangleq \{\langle br, bc \rangle \in DOMAIN \ grid :$

$\ \ \ \ LET \ BoxRowStart \triangleq ((r - 1) \div 2) * 2 + 1$

$\ \ \ \ BoxColStart \triangleq ((c - 1) \div 3) * 3 + 1$

$\ \ \ \ IN \ \ br \in BoxRowStart \dots (BoxRowStart + 1) \wedge$

$\ \ \ \ bc \in BoxColStart \dots (BoxColStart + 2) \wedge$

$\ \ \ \ IsPossible(grid, br, bc, val)\}$

$\ \ \ \ IN \ \ \vee Cardinality(PossibleInRow) = 1$

$\ \ \ \ \vee Cardinality(PossibleInCol) = 1$

$\ \ \ \ \vee Cardinality(PossibleInBox) = 1$

$\wedge pc' = \text{"find\_last\_remaining"}$

$\wedge UNCHANGED \langle grid, solution, hint \rangle$

$ProceedToTier3 \triangleq$

$\wedge pc = \text{"find\_last\_remaining"}$

$\wedge \neg(\vee \text{Search in a row}$

$\ (\exists r \in 1 \dots GRID\_SIZE, v \in ValidValue :$

$\ \ \ \ LET \ PossibleCells \triangleq \{c \in 1 \dots GRID\_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, r, c, v)\}$

$\ \ \ \ IN \ \ Cardinality(PossibleCells) = 1)$

$\vee \text{Search in a column}$

$\ (\exists c \in 1 \dots GRID\_SIZE, v \in ValidValue :$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{LET } PossibleCells \triangleq \{r \in 1 \dots GRID\_SIZE : IsPossible(grid, r, c, v)\} \\
& \text{IN } Cardinality(PossibleCells) = 1) \\
\vee & \text{ Search in a box} \\
& (\exists b\_row \in 0 \dots 2, b\_col \in 0 \dots 1, v \in ValidValue : \\
& \quad \text{LET } BoxRowStart \triangleq b\_row * 2 + 1 \\
& \quad \quad BoxColStart \triangleq b\_col * 3 + 1 \\
& \quad \quad PossibleCells \triangleq \{\langle br, bc \rangle \in \text{DOMAIN } grid : \\
& \quad \quad \quad br \in BoxRowStart \dots (BoxRowStart + 1) \wedge \\
& \quad \quad \quad bc \in BoxColStart \dots (BoxColStart + 2) \wedge \\
& \quad \quad \quad IsPossible(grid, br, bc, v)\} \\
& \quad \text{IN } Cardinality(PossibleCells) = 1)) \\
& \wedge pc' = \text{"find\_brute\_force"} \\
& \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle grid, solution, hint \rangle \\
NoHintFound & \triangleq \\
& \wedge pc = \text{"find\_brute\_force"} \\
& \wedge \forall r, c \in 1 \dots GRID\_SIZE : grid[r, c] \neq 0 \\
& \wedge pc' = \text{"done"} \\
& \wedge \text{UNCHANGED } \langle grid, solution, hint \rangle
\end{aligned}$$

The next-state relation for the entire specification.

$$\begin{aligned}
Next & \triangleq \\
& \vee StartHeuristicCheck \\
& \vee FindOnlyChoice \\
& \vee ProceedToTier2 \\
& \vee FindLastRemaining \\
& \vee ProceedToTier3 \\
& \vee FindBruteForce \\
& \vee NoHintFound
\end{aligned}$$

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

Liveness property to check that the algorithm eventually terminates.

$$Termination \triangleq \Diamond (pc = \text{"done"})$$

THEOREM  $Spec \Rightarrow \Box TypeOK$