# CS245-Sudoku

A 9  $\times$  9 sudoku puzzle generator using recursion and backtracking.

Sudoku is a number-placement puzzle. The objective is to fill a 9  $\times$  9 grid with digits so that each column, each row, and each of the nine 3 $\times$ 3 subgrids that compose the grid (also called "boxes", "blocks", or "regions") contains all of the digits from 1 to 9. The puzzle setter provides a partially completed grid, which for a well-posed puzzle has a single solution.

The goal is to generate a randomized Sudoku puzzle. Generated from a beginning state:

(0, 0) 7 placed

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## By recursively testing solutions for each 3 x 3 subgrid (5, 4)

3 placed

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1   8   6	5	3		2 1 9	4	7		0	0	0	-
4   5   9	8 7 3	2 6 1		0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0		0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	

## Resetting the subgrid if all solutions are extinguished on the current randomized path.

(3, 3)

8 placed

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## Until a solution is reached, repeating this pattern to generate a valid Sudoku puzzle.

(6, 5) 5 placed

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## # Final Game Board

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