

37. Sudoku Solver

Write a program to solve a Sudoku puzzle by filling the empty cells.

A sudoku solution must satisfy **all of the following rules**:

1. Each of the digits 1–9 must occur exactly once in each row.
2. Each of the digits 1–9 must occur exactly once in each column.
3. Each of the digits 1–9 must occur exactly once in each of the 9 3×3 sub-boxes of the grid.

The '.' character indicates empty cells.

Example 1:

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

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Input: board = [
  ["5","3",".",".","7",".",".",".","."],
  ["6",".",".","1","9","5",".",".","."],
  [".","9","8",".",".",".",".","6","."],
  ["8",".",".",".","6",".",".",".","3"],
  ["4",".",".","8",".","3",".",".","1"],
  ["7",".",".",".","2",".",".",".","6"],
  [".","6",".",".",".",".","2","8","."],
  [".",".",".","4","1","9",".",".","5"],
  [".",".",".",".","8",".",".","7","9"]
]
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Output: [
  ["5","3","4","6","7","8","9","1","2"],
  ["6","7","2","1","9","5","3","4","8"],
  ["1","9","8","3","4","2","5","6","7"],
  ["8","5","9","7","6","1","4","2","3"],
  ["4","2","6","8","5","3","7","9","1"],
  ["7","1","3","9","2","4","8","5","6"],
  ["9","8","7","6","5","4","3","2","1"],
  ["2","4","1","3","5","6","8","9","7"],
  ["3","6","5","2","7","9","1","8","4"]
]
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["9","6","1","5","3","7","2","8","4"],  
["2","8","7","4","1","9","6","3","5"],  
["3","4","5","2","8","6","1","7","9"]]
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Explanation: The input board is shown above and the only valid solution is shown below:

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class Solution:  
    def solveSudoku(self, board: List[List[str]]) -> None:  
        """  
        Do not return anything, modify board in-place instead.  
        """  
        board2 = board  
        res = []  
        self.sudokuSolver(board, 0, 0, res)  
        # print(res[0])  
        # return res[0]  
        # return board  
  
    def sudokuSolver(self, board, i, j, res):  
        if i == len(board):  
            # res.append(board[:])  
            return True  
  
        new_row = 0  
        new_col = 0  
        if j == len(board) - 1:  
            new_row = i + 1  
            new_col = 0  
        else:  
            new_row = i  
            new_col = j + 1  
  
        if board[i][j] != '.':  
            return self.sudokuSolver(board, new_row, new_col, res)  
        else:  
            for val in range(1, 10):  
                if self.isValid(board, i, j, str(val)):  
                    board[i][j] = str(val)  
                    if self.sudokuSolver(board, new_row, new_col, res):  
                        return True  
                    board[i][j] = '.'
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        return False

def isValid(self, board, x, y, val):
    for i in range(0, 9):
        if board[i][y] == val:
            return False
    for j in range(0, 9):
        if board[x][j] == val:
            return False

    baseRow = 3 * (x // 3)
    baseCol = 3 * (y // 3)
    for i in range(0, 3):
        for j in range(0, 3):
            if board[baseRow + i][baseCol + j] == val:
                return False

    return True
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