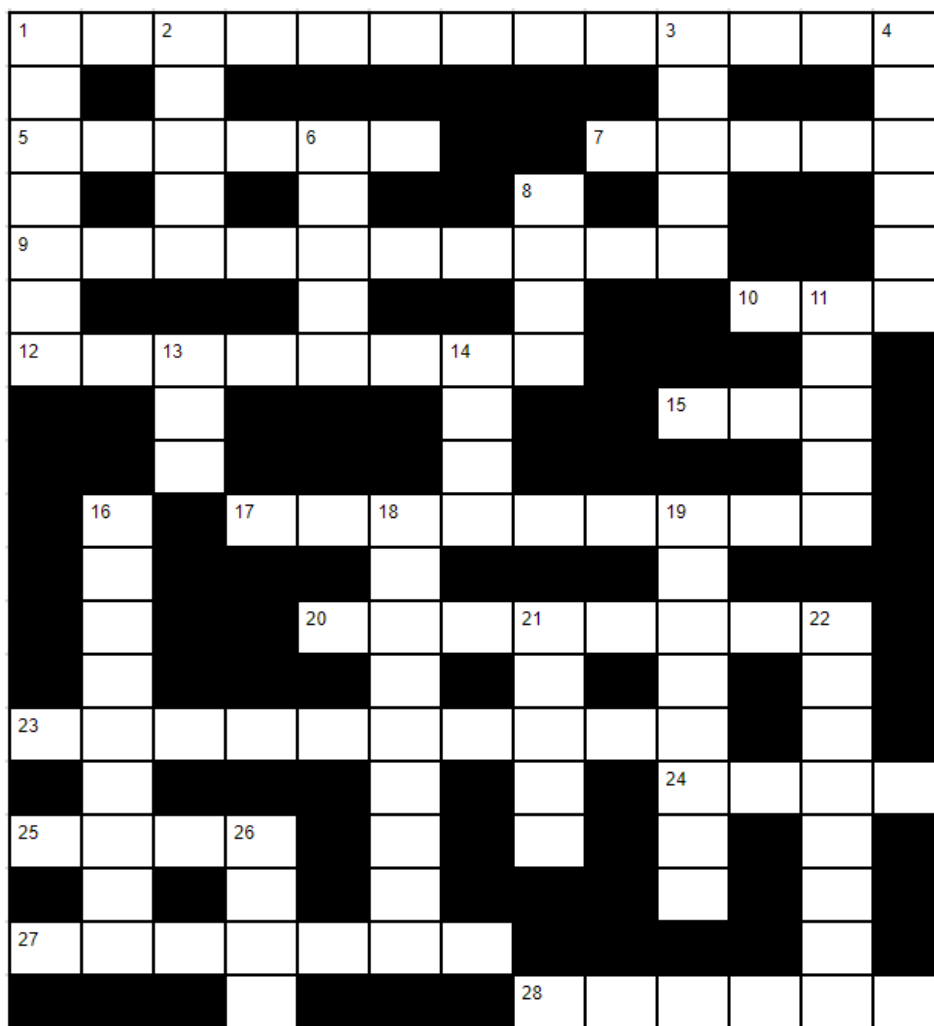


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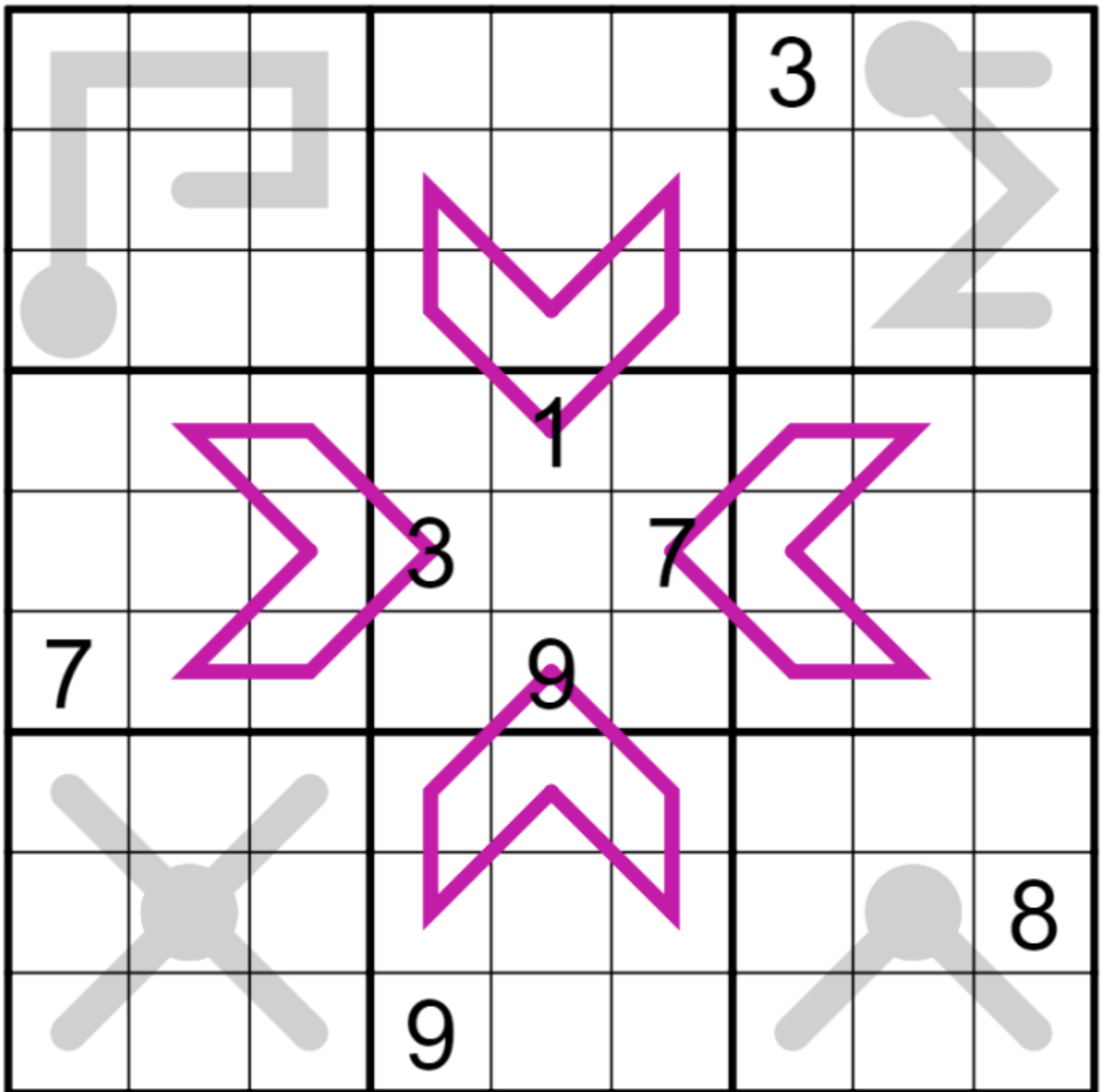
1. Global alien train not derailed (13)
5. Test baffled the french to agree (6)
7. Nation in Diwali is auspicious, initially (5)
9. Undeveloped area has inexperienced competition (10)
10. Census agency for cabs front fell off! (1,1,1)
12. Tech remotely automated new systems for executive recruitment leads to handover (8)
15. Vital area of Turkey (3)
17. City builder to adjust levee drop (9)
20. Cramp lat for muscular hold on podium (8)
23. Digital authorisation for environment follows regular bee sting (1-10)
24. Tear jerked at cost (4)
25. Entrance locked and ground (4)
27. Borrowing to call around throat doctor (7)
28. Basement sounded for vendor (6)

DOWN

1. Perception of things I arranged (7)
2. Bird left with English name (5)
3. Had perished at sea, in doctor's absence (5)
4. Hires learner and relaxes (6)
6. Outsiders lie and nod as South advances (5)
8. Student group for twelve-month period (4)
11. Purchaser of cloudy ruby holds first enchantment (5)
13. How computers communicate with shelled tapir? (1,1,1)
14. East street overhangs walls of building (4)
16. Recharged powerpacks removed parking in place of business (9)
18. Aunt Viola muddles quote (9)
19. Poetry involving roleplay rearranged with possession (8)
21. Confidence in first truck's reddish oxidation (5)
22. Goat germ affected home loan (8)
26. A little mischief held in Excel? (4)

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Normal Sudoku rules apply (the digits 1-9 must be in every column, row and 3x3 box).

Purple chevrons must contain a set of continuous, unique numbers differing by 1 along the line (apart from the minimum and maximum values of the set).

Grey thermometers must increase from the bulb end.

Examples

Purple Chevrons: 456789 would be a valid set of continuous numbers along the line. However 132546 would not be valid (as they don't differ by 1 along the line).

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

Grey Thermometers: As an example, for the X in box 7 in the actual sudoku, the centre must be smaller than the four arms (but the order of the four arm values doesn't matter).

For the examples below, the first has two arms with values higher than the bulb so this is fine. The second has the lower arm increasing correctly, but not the upper arm so this is invalid. The final example is a standard increasing thermometer so it is valid.

	✓	5		×	1		5	✓
	3			2	3	3		6
		7		5	4		7	