

Sudoku Solver Analysis

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Check for packages:

Read Data:

```
sudoku_data <- read_csv(here("data", "sample_10000.csv"))

sudoku_data_processed <- sudoku_data |>
  filter(is_solved == TRUE) |>
  filter(difficulty != 0)

glimpse(sudoku_data_processed)
```

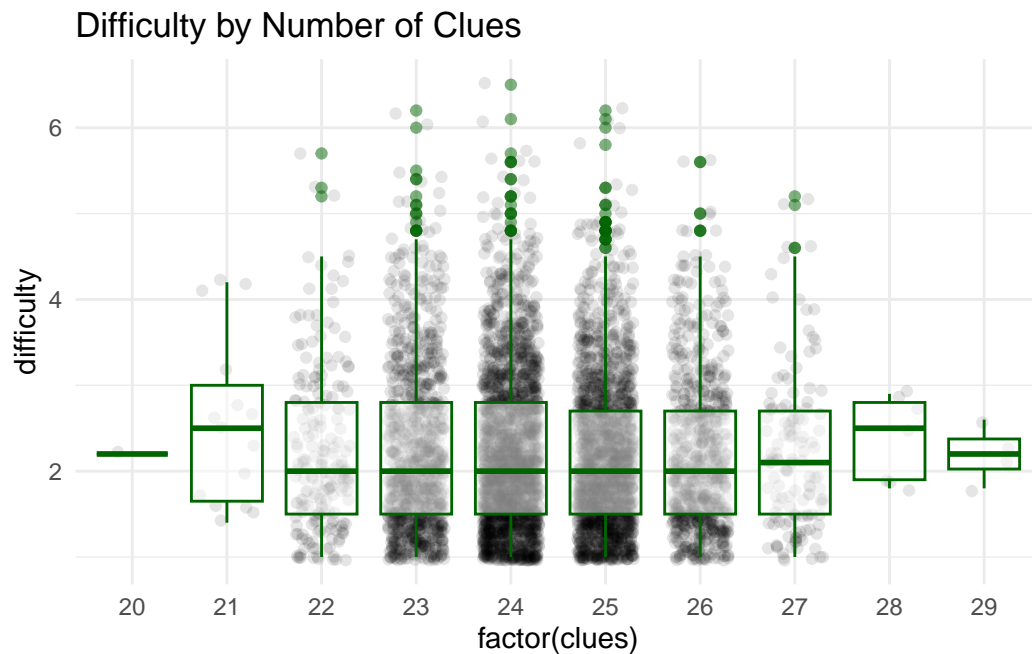
Rows: 5,585

Columns: 10

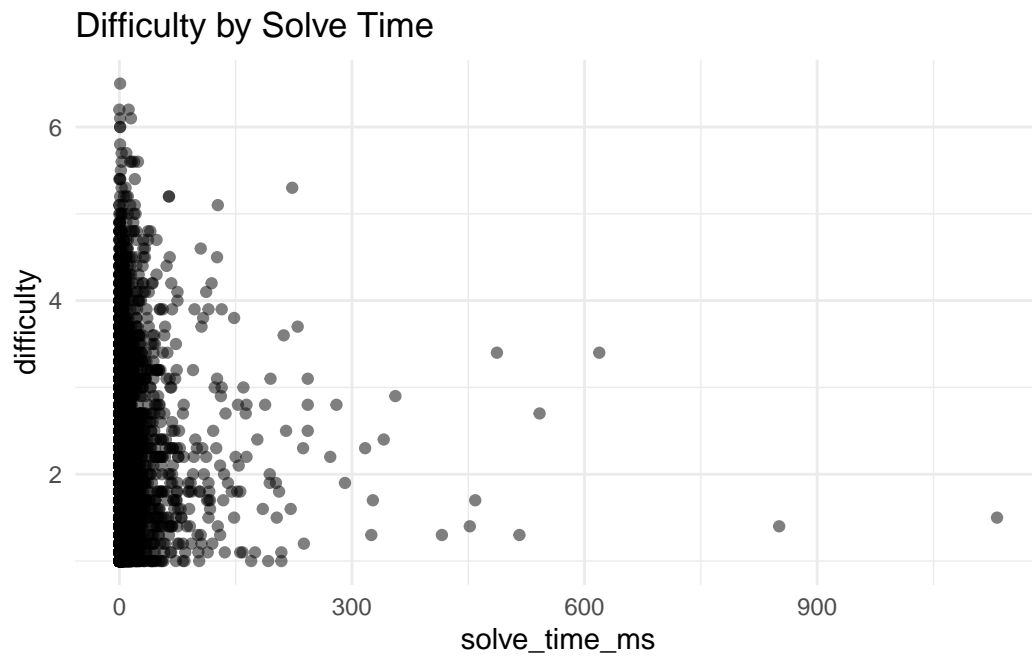
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$ id          <dbl> 1, 11, 41, 61, 71, 81, 101, 111, 161, 171, 181, 19~
$ puzzle      <chr> "1..5.37..6.3..8.9.....98...1.....8761.....~
$ clues       <dbl> 27, 26, 24, 26, 24, 25, 27, 23, 24, 25, 25, 24, 24~
$ difficulty  <dbl> 2.2, 1.5, 3.8, 2.2, 2.0, 2.2, 4.6, 1.6, 2.4, 3.1, ~
$ solutions_found <dbl> 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, ~
$ nodes_explored <dbl> 110300, 3073, 18266, 10832, 27909, 3575, 3556, 224~
$ max_recursion_depth <dbl> 53, 54, 56, 54, 56, 55, 53, 57, 56, 55, 55, 56, 56~
$ solve_time_ms <dbl> 15, 0, 2, 1, 3, 0, 0, 3, 9, 6, 9, 1, 16, 5, 152, 1~
$ is_solved    <lgl> TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TRUE, TR~
$ leaves       <dbl> 33553, 855, 5611, 3011, 9476, 1195, 975, 5744, 217~
```

Preliminary Graphs:

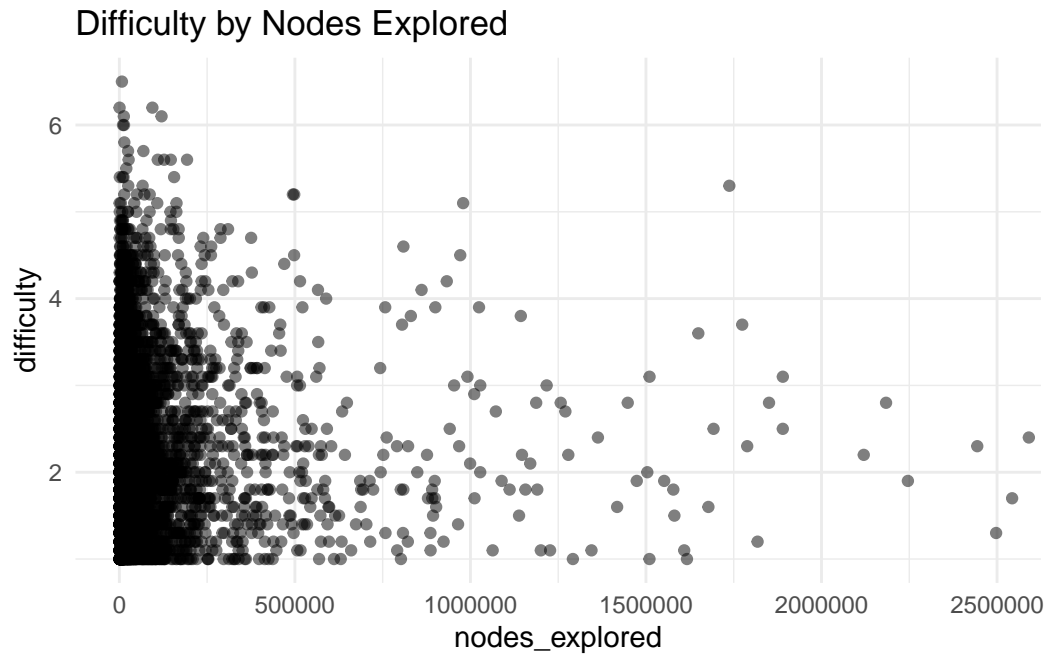
```
ggplot(sudoku_data_processed, aes(x = factor(clues), y = difficulty)) +
  geom_jitter(alpha = 0.1, width = 0.3) +
  geom_boxplot(alpha = 0.5, color = "darkgreen") +
  labs(title = "Difficulty by Number of Clues") +
  theme_minimal()
```



```
ggplot(sudoku_data_processed, aes(x = solve_time_ms, y = difficulty)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.5) +
  # coord_cartesian(xlim = c(0, 2500000)) +
  labs(title = "Difficulty by Solve Time") +
  theme_minimal()
```



```
ggplot(sudoku_data_processed, aes(x = nodes_explored, y = difficulty)) +  
  geom_point(alpha = 0.5) +  
  coord_cartesian(xlim = c(0, 2500000)) +  
  labs(title = "Difficulty by Nodes Explored") +  
  theme_minimal()
```



```
ggplot(sudoku_data_processed, aes(x = factor(clues), y = nodes_explored)) +  
  geom_jitter(alpha = 0.1, width = 0.3) +  
  geom_boxplot(alpha = 0.5, color = "darkgreen") +  
  coord_cartesian(ylim = c(0, 500000)) +  
  labs(title = "Nodes Explored by Number of Clues") +  
  theme_minimal()
```

