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def is valid(board, row, col, num):
    # Check if the number is already in the row
    for x in range(9):
        if board[row][x] == num:
            return False
    # Check if the number is already in the column
    for x in range(9):
        if board[x][col] == num:
            return False
    \# Check if the number is already in the 3x3 box
    start_row = row - row % 3
    start col = col - col % 3
    for i in range(3):
        for j in range(3):
            if board[i + start row][j + start col] == num:
                return False
    return True
def find empty location (board):
    for row in range(9):
        for col in range(9):
            if board[row][col] == 0:
                return row, col
    return None, None
def solve sudoku(board):
    row, col = find empty location(board)
    if row is None and col is None:
        return True # Puzzle solved successfully
    for num in range (1, 10):
        if is valid (board, row, col, num):
            board[row][col] = num
            if solve sudoku(board):
                return True
            board[row][col] = 0 # Backtrack
    return False
def print board (board):
    for row in board:
        print(" ".join(map(str, row)))
def main():
    # Example Sudoku puzzle (0 represents empty cells)
    puzzle = [
        [5, 3, 0, 0, 7, 0, 0, 0, 0],
        [6, 0, 0, 1, 9, 5, 0, 0, 0],
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[0, 9, 8, 0, 0, 0, 0, 6, 0],
    [8, 0, 0, 0, 6, 0, 0, 0, 3],
    [4, 0, 0, 8, 0, 3, 0, 0, 1],
    [7, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 6],
    [0, 6, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 8, 0],
    [0, 0, 0, 4, 1, 9, 0, 0, 5],
    [0, 0, 0, 0, 8, 0, 0, 7, 9]
]

if solve_sudoku(puzzle):
    print("Sudoku puzzle solved successfully:")
    print_board(puzzle)
else:
    print("No solution exists.")

if __name__ == "__main__":
    main()
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