

To check all of the array elements within a particular sub-grid of the Sudoku grid, you need to know which elements of the two-dimensional array are contained within each sub-grid. If we think of the sub-grids as themselves being a 3 x 3 two-dimensional array, we have the following arrangement:

	0	1	2
0	[0][0] [0][1] [0][2] [0][3] [0][4] [0][5] [0][6] [0][7] [0][8]		
1	[1][0] [1][1] [1][2] [1][3] [1][4] [1][5] [1][6] [1][7] [1][8]		
2	[2][0] [2][1] [2][2] [2][3] [2][4] [2][5] [2][6] [2][7] [2][8]		
	[3][0] [3][1] [3][2] [3][3] [3][4] [3][5] [3][6] [3][7] [3][8]		
	[4][0] [4][1] [4][2] [4][3] [4][4] [4][5] [4][6] [4][7] [4][8]		
	[5][0] [5][1] [5][2] [5][3] [5][4] [5][5] [5][6] [5][7] [5][8]		
	[6][0] [6][1] [6][2] [6][3] [6][4] [6][5] [6][6] [6][7] [6][8]		
	[7][0] [7][1] [7][2] [7][3] [7][4] [7][5] [7][6] [7][7] [7][8]		
	[8][0] [8][1] [8][2] [8][3] [8][4] [8][5] [8][6] [8][7] [8][8]		

The relationship between a “sub-grid row” or “sub-grid column” subscript in the 3 x 3 array of sub-grids and the row and column subscripts of the elements of the 9 x 9 array that are contained within that sub-grid can be expressed as follows:

**Starting 9 x 9 array row subscript = sub-grid row subscript \* 3**

**Ending 9 x 9 array row subscript = sub-grid row subscript \* 3 + 2**

**Starting 9 x 9 array column subscript = sub-grid column subscript \* 3**

**Ending 9 x 9 array column subscript = sub-grid column subscript \* 3 + 2**

For example, the row subscripts for the array elements that make up sub-grid[1][2] (the last column of the second row of sub-grids) start at 3 ( $1 * 3$ ) and end at 5 ( $1 * 3 + 2$ ), while the column subscripts start at 6 ( $2 * 3$ ) and end at 8 ( $2 * 3 + 2$ ).