Project Report

SAT-based Sudoku Solving

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Summary

In this project, our goal is to solve partially solved Sudoku puzzles by formulating Sudoku puzzles as SAT problems. In order to accomplish this, we implemented two program modules *sud2sat* and *sat2sud* in Java. *sud2sat.java* takes an partially solved Sudoku puzzle as its input and converts to a CNF formula suitable for *miniSAT* SAT solver. The output of *sud2sat.java* is a DIMACS encoding of the puzzle which is then given as input to *miniSAT* solver. sat2sud.java reads the output of *miniSAT* and then converts it back into a solved Sudoku puzzle that is suitable for printing.

Solved Puzzles Results

50 Sudoku puzzles provided at *projecteuler.net/project/resources/p096 sudoku.txt* are solved using our SAT-based Sudoku solver. The results of each solved puzzle are shown below along with the CPU time taken and the memory used.

Grid01

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

483|921|657

967|345|821

251|876|493

548|132|976

729|564|138

136|798|245

372|689|514

814|253|769

695|417|382

Grid02

Memory used: 13.4 MB CPU time: 0.015625 s

245|981|376

169|273|584

837|564|219

976 | 125 | 438

513|498|627

482|736|951

391|657|842

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

Grid03

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

462|831|957

795|426|183

381|795|426

173 | 984 | 265

659|312|748

248|567|319

926 | 178 | 534

834|259|671

517|643|892

Grid04

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

137|256|849

928|314|567

465|897|312

673|542|981

819|673|254

542|189|736

256|731|498

391|428|675

784|965|123

Grid05

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

523|816|749

784|593|126

691|472|835

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239|145|687

457|268|913

168|937|254

342|789|561

915|624|378

876 | 351 | 492

Grid06

Memory used: 13.53 MB

CPU time: 0 s

176 | 923 | 584

524 | 817 | 639

893|654|271

957|348|162

638|192|457

412|765|398

265|489|713

781|236|945

349|571|826

Grid07

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

143|986|257

679|425|381

285|731|694

962|354|178

357|618|942

418|279|563

821|567|439

796|143|825

534|892|716

Grid08

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

487|156|932

362|498|751

915|372|864

846|519|273

593|724|186

271 | 863 | 549

124 | 685 | 397

738|941|625

659|237|418

Grid09

Memory used: 13.53 MB

CPU time: 0.015625

814|976|532

659|123|478

732|854|169

948|265|317

275|341|896

163|798|245

391|682|754

587 | 439 | 621

426|517|983

Grid10

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

761|928|453

925|743|168

438|615|927

357|461|289

894|372|615

216|589|374

689|154|732

142|837|596

573|296|841

Grid11

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

976 | 125 | 438

158|436|927

423|879|156

234|761|895

867|952|314

519|384|762

782|513|649

395|647|281

641|298|573

Grid12

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

962|341|758

148|975|623

573|268|149

321|694|875

487|512|936

695|837|412

834|726|591

216|459|387

759|183|264

Grid13

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

397|681|524

645|279|813

218|534|976

823 | 956 | 741

169|742|358

754|318|692

472|893|165

531|467|289

986|125|437

Grid14

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s 6 3 9 | 2 1 8 | 4 5 7

471|539|268

825|674|139

564|823|791

793|451|826

218|796|345

352|987|614

186|345|972

947 | 162 | 583

Grid15

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

697|128|345

428|635|197

315|479|682

531|246|978

286|397|451

974|581|263

149|852|736

752|963|814

863|714|529

Grid16

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

361|725|948

587|964|213

492|831|657

638|259|471

174|683|592

259|147|836

746|392|185

923|518|764

815|476|329

Grid17

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

359|867|124

648|312|597

712|549|836

876 | 924 | 351

524|731|968

193|685|472

931|476|285

465|298|713

287 | 153 | 649

Grid18

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

786|945|312

219|863|457

534|271|869

165|482|973

327|619|548

498|537|126

951|728|634

842|356|791

673|194|285

Grid19

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

743|512|986

589|346|217

126|987|345

934|251|768

671 | 498 | 532

852|763|491

398|675|124

417|829|653

265|134|879

Memory used: 13.39 MB

CPU time: 0 s

782 | 614 | 359

439|825|176

651|937|428

293|471|865

568|392|714

147|568|293

326|749|581

975 | 183 | 642

814|256|937

Grid21

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

428|531|796

365|947|182

971 | 268 | 435

214|896|573

697|453|218

583|172|964

849|615|327

752|389|641

136|724|859

Grid22

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0.015625 s

425|781|936

178|369|524

369|524|187

894 | 157 | 362

652|843|791

713|692|845

987 | 216 | 453

536|478|219

241|935|678

Memory used: 13.4 MB CPU time: 0.015625 s

348|267|951

571|943|628

269|185|374

697|351|482

123 | 874 | 596

854|629|137

415|798|263

982 | 436 | 715

736|512|849

Grid24

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

124 | 986 | 735

867|435|912

395|712|684

478|359|261

259|861|347

631|274|598

712|698|453

983|547|126

546|123|879

Grid25

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0.015625 s

361|524|789

789|361|425

524|879|361

893|157|642

412|683|597

657|942|138

148|796|253

235|418|976 976|235|814

Grid26

Memory used: 13.54 MB

CPU time: 0 s

581|479|263

329|156|847

647|328|159

956|731|428

238|964|571

714|582|936

172 | 695 | 384

893|247|615

465|813|792

Grid27

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0.015625 s

387 | 256 | 419

469|781|325

512|439|867

123|548|976

758|963|241

694|127|583

835 | 674 | 192

271|895|634

946|312|758

Grid28

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

345|871|269

279|653|184

861|429|537

197|346|852

452|718|396

683|592|741

738|264|915

5 1 6 | 9 3 7 | 4 2 8

924 | 185 | 673

Grid29

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

235|761|489

419|328|576

867|549|213

746|135|928

521|896|734

983|472|651

394|287|165

652|913|847

178|654|392

Grid30

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0.015625 s

298|175|643

657|394|128

134|286|579

821|649|735

573|821|496

469|753|281

312|468|957

785|912|364

946|537|812

Grid31

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

761|543|289

832|791|645

549|628|137

374 | 215 | 968

128|936|574

695|487|321

417|369|852

953|872|416

286 | 154 | 793

Grid32

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

132|649|785

758|213|649

964|785|123

543|897|216

276|531|894

891|426|537

619|378|452

327 | 154 | 968

485|962|371

Grid33

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

698|173|542

354|628|179

172|549|368

531|897|426

946|312|857

827|456|913

765|931|284

213|784|695

489|265|731

Grid34

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0.015625 s

852|716|943

197|843|652

463|925|187

278 | 634 | 591

645|179|328

931|582|476

786|491|235

314|258|769

529|367|814

Grid35

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

453|218|796

629|753|481

178 | 496 | 532

796|582|314

314|967|825

285 | 134 | 679

542|879|163

937|641|258

861|325|947

Grid36

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

516|289|347

849|173|256

732|465|918

698|317|524

327 | 954 | 861

154|826|739

961|732|485

275 | 648 | 193

483|591|672

Grid37

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

945|681|723

781|234|965

326|759|184

269|175|348

138|942|576

574|863|219

457|326|891

612|598|437

893|417|652

Grid38

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

365|942|871

128|756|493

974|813|562

819|435|627

537|268|149

642|179|358

296|384|715

753|691|284

481|527|936

Grid39

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

134|587|296

278 | 169 | 354

695|234|817

359|816|472

821|473|569

746|925|183

917|348|625

462|751|938

583|692|741

Grid40

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0.015625 s

193|672|485

462|358|971

785|914|623

538|296|714

674 | 135 | 298

219|487|356

826 | 741 | 539

941|523|867

357|869|142

Grid41

Memory used: 13.53 MB

CPU time: 0 s

814|976|532

659|123|478

732|854|169

948|265|317

275|341|896

163|798|245

391|682|754

587 | 439 | 621

426|517|983

Grid42

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

384|567|921

126 | 439 | 785

759|821|346

563|798|214

847|312|659

912|645|873

231|974|568

495|286|137

678|153|492

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

469|158|372

712|463|859

538|297|641

927 | 634 | 518

385|719|426

146|582|793

653|941|287

294|876|135

871|325|964

Grid44

Memory used: 13.54 MB

CPU time: 0 s

316|549|278

987|321|645

452|678|931

594|236|817

238|417|569

671|985|324

845 | 162 | 793

129|753|486

763|894|152

Grid45

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

586|127|943

723|469|851

491|853|267

135|974|628

279|618|534

648|532|179

917|246|385

352|781|496

864|395|712

Memory used: 13.54 MB

CPU time: 0 s

954|213|687

617|548|923

832|796|541

763|851|294

128|974|365

549|362|178

281|637|459

475|129|836

396 | 485 | 712

Grid47

Memory used: 13.55 MB

CPU time: 0 s

159|743|862

276|589|431

348|612|759

624|978|315

917|235|684

583|164|297

435|821|976

861 | 497 | 523

792|356|148

Grid48

Memory used: 13.53 MB

CPU time: 0 s

861|357|294

597|482|361

432|619|785

916|275|843

358|964|127

274 | 138 | 956

789|541|632

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143|826|579
625|793|418
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Memory used: 13.55 MB

CPU time: 0 s

294|863|517

715|429|638

863|751|492

152|947|863

479|386|251

638|512|974

986 | 134 | 725

521|678|349

347|295|186

Grid50

Memory used: 13.4 MB

CPU time: 0 s

351|286|497

492|157|638

786|934|512

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275 | 469 | 183

938|521|764

614|873|259

829|645|371

163|792|845

547|318|926

For the 50 solved puzzles above, the average time taken to solve a puzzle is 0.0028125s, and the average memory used to solve a puzzle is approximately 13.4MB.

Extended Task

Exploring General N x N Size Puzzles

The encoding method used in *sud2sat.java* can be easily modified to encode more general NxN size Sudoku puzzles. The original minimal encoding contains 9³ = 729 variables representing the row, column, and cell logic required to solve a 9x9 Sudoku puzzle. As the size of the grid

NxN increases, more variables in the encoding are needed in order to solve the Sudoku puzzle. Hence, the runtime increases significantly as the size of the grid increases. The Sudoku problem is an NP-complete problem. Therefore, no known algorithm can solve it in polynomial time in terms of the input size, that is, the size of the grid. When given an NxN Sudoku puzzle with very large N, the solution to the puzzle becomes intractable.