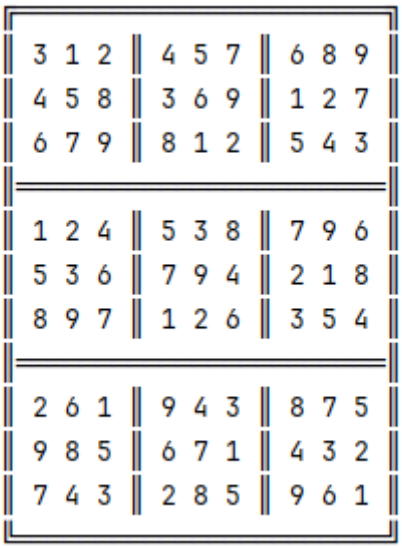
Overview

This project implements a fully functional Sudoku game in Java. It provides users with a Sudoku grid and allows them to solve the puzzle by entering numbers into blank cells. The game includes multiple difficulty levels, an undo functionality, and a validation mechanism to ensure accuracy. It leverages object-oriented programming principles, along with data structures like stacks and queues, to manage the game's state efficiently. The program is modular, making it easy to maintain and extend.



Key Features

- **Dynamic Puzzle Generation**: The Sudoku grid is randomly generated, ensuring uniqueness in every game.

- **Error Handling**: Alerts users when they input invalid entries, such as numbers outside the allowed range or overwriting fixed cells.

- **Undo Feature**: Allows users to revert their last move, providing flexibility in gameplay.
- **Real-Time Validation**: Continuously checks the correctness of user inputs and provides feedback on mistakes.

- **Interactive Console UI**: A user-friendly interface for playing the game through command-line inputs.

- **Efficient Data Structures**: Uses stacks and queues for state management and tracking moves.

- **Difficulty Levels**: Ranging from Beginner to Hard, with varying numbers of pre-filled cells.

Topics of Discrete Mathematics Used

- **Logic and Propositional Statements**:
  The game's validation mechanism is based on logical rules. For example, a valid Sudoku grid satisfies the propositions:
  - A number appears only once in each row
    `(∀i, j1, j2 (j1 ≠ j2 → grid[i][j1] ≠ grid[i][j2]))`.
  - A number appears only once in each column.
  - A number appears only once in each sub-grid.

  These logical conditions are checked in the **`Validate`** and **`Generate`** classes.

- **Set Theory**:
  Sets are implicitly used to enforce uniqueness of numbers within rows, columns, and sub-grids. The **`forwardCheck()`** method in the **`Generate`** class explicitly manages a 'domain' set to track possible values for each cell.

- **Graph Theory**:
  The Sudoku grid can be represented as a graph where cells are nodes, and edges exist between nodes with constraints (e.g., same row, column, or sub-grid). Ensuring that connected nodes have distinct values relates to concepts like graph coloring.

- **Recursion**:
  The puzzle generation process in the `Generate` class uses recursion to backtrack and find valid configurations, a concept related to recurrence relations in discrete mathematics.

- **Algorithms**:
  The program implements various algorithms:
  - **Backtracking**: Used in puzzle generation to explore and verify valid number placements.
  - **Constraint Propagation**: Iteratively reduces possibilities for each cell by enforcing Sudoku rules, eliminating invalid values to simplify solving.
  - **Validation**: Ensures the correctness of user input dynamically.

- **Combinatorics:**
  Combinatorics is a branch of discrete mathematics that deals with counting, arrangement, and combination of elements within a set under specific rules or constraints. In this program it is used in:

  - **Puzzle Generation:** The placement of numbers in the Sudoku grid requires combinatorial reasoning to ensure that each number appears exactly once in each row, column, and sub-grid.
  - **Cell Removal:** When removing numbers from the grid to create a puzzle of varying difficulty, the program essentially selects a combination of cells to leave blank. The decision-making process, while random, adheres to constraints to ensure solvability.

Coding Aspects and Error Handling

- **Coding Aspects:**
  - **Puzzle Generation**: The `Generate` class uses recursive backtracking and constrain propagation to create a valid Sudoku puzzle, ensuring no conflicts.
  - **Dynamic Cell Removal**: The `RemoveCells` class randomly removes numbers based on the chosen difficulty level.
  - **Validation**: The `Validate` class checks if user inputs match the original puzzle solution and tracks incorrect attempts.
  - **Global State Management**: The `Global` class centralizes shared variables, such as the Sudoku grid, the queue for validations, and the stack for undo operations.

- **Error Handling:**
  - **Invalid Inputs**: Ensures users cannot enter numbers outside the range of 1-9 or overwrite predefined cells.
  - **Boundary Conditions**: Handles edge cases like invalid row/column numbers or exceeding grid boundaries.
  - **Undo Safety**: Prevents users from undoing moves when no moves have been made.
  - **Feedback on Mistakes**: Alerts users to errors in real-time, guiding them to recheck and correct their inputs.

- **Classes Overview:**
  The program is composed of 11 classes, each serving a specific purpose to ensure modularity and maintainability:

  - `Main`: The entry point that initializes the game through the `ConsoleUI` class.
  - `ConsoleUI`: Handles user interaction, game logic, and inputs via a console-based interface.
  - `Generate`: Responsible for generating a valid Sudoku puzzle using recursive backtracking and constraint propagation.

- **`RemoveCells`**: Manages the removal of numbers from the grid to create puzzles of varying difficulty.
- **`Validate`**: Checks user inputs against the solution for correctness and tracks mistakes.
- **`Input`**: Processes user inputs and updates the game state, including storing actions for undo.
- **`Undo`**: Implements undo functionality by reverting the last user action.
- **`Global`**: Maintains shared resources like the Sudoku grid, empty grid, stack, and queue.
- **`Stack`**: Custom implementation of a stack to store user moves for undo operations.
- **`Queue`**: Custom implementation of a queue to manage validation tasks and errors.
- **`Print`**: Handles formatted display of the grid and game messages in the console.

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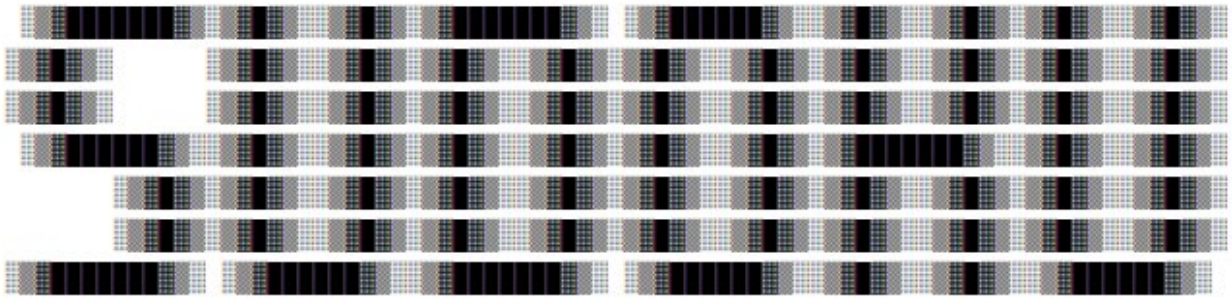

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Welcome to Sudoku!

1.   Beginner
2.   Easy
3.   Medium
4.   Hard
5.   Exit

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7 ║ 6   5 ║ 9 1 2 ║ 3   8 ║ 7
8 ║   3 1 ║ 6     ║ 5 2   ║ 8
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  1 2 3   4 5 6   7 8 9
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Beginner

```
Enter Row, Column, Answer (eg. 1,2,3). To exit enter '0', and to undo enter 'u':  1,4,5
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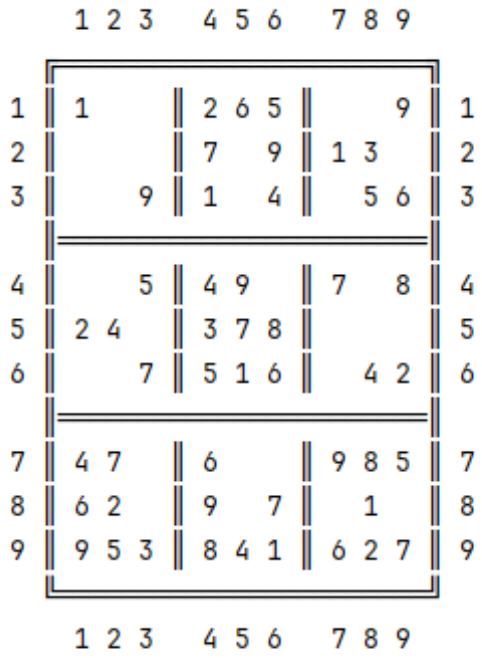
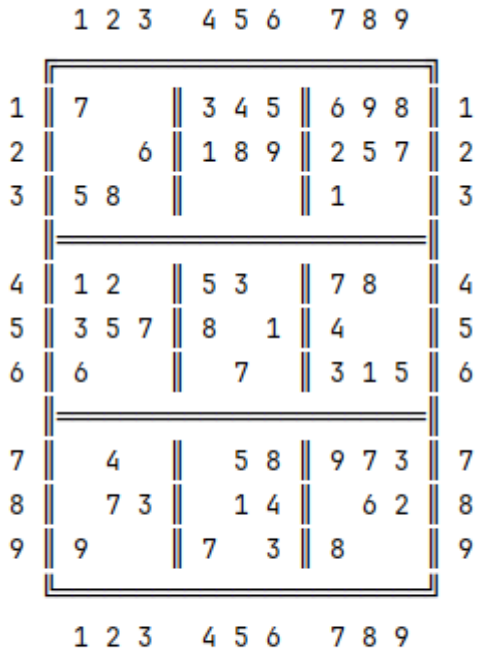


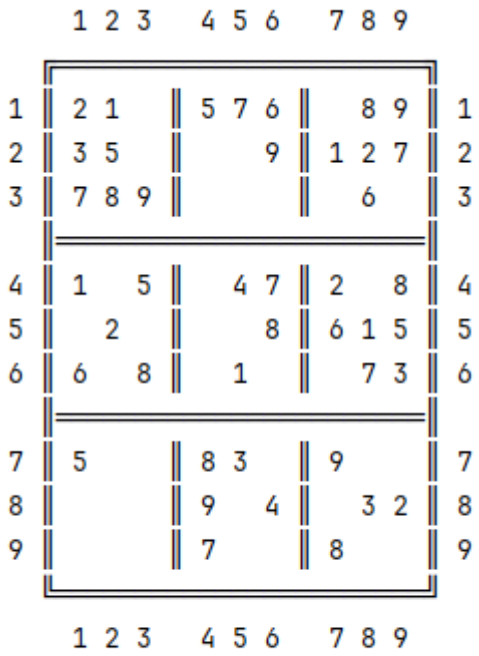
Easy

Enter Row, Column, Answer (eg. 1,2,3). To exit enter '0', and to undo enter 'u':



Medium

Enter Row, Column, Answer (eg. 1,2,3). To exit enter '0', and to undo enter 'u':



Hard

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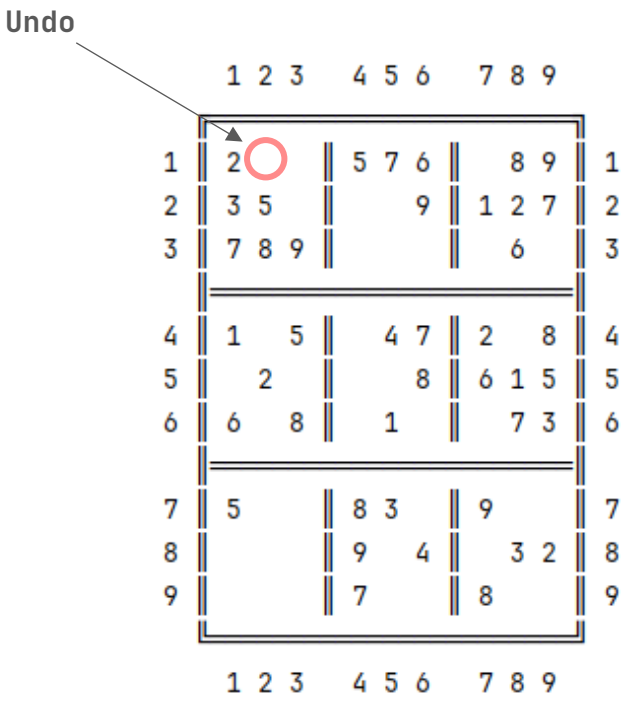
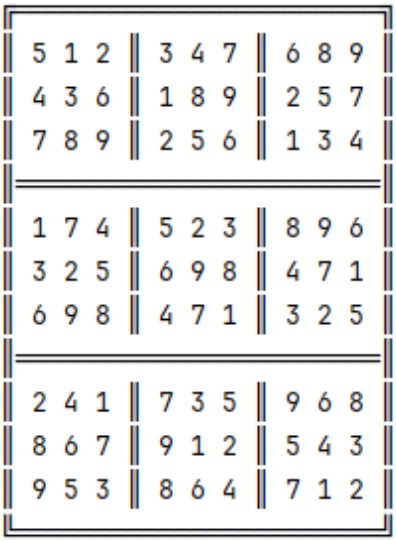


Enter Row, Column, Answer (eg. 1,2,3). To exit enter '0', and to undo enter 'u':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4 3 6 ‖ 1 8 9 ‖ 2 5 7
7 8 9 ‖ 2 5 6 ‖ 1 3 4
1 7 4 ‖ 5 2 3 ‖ 8 9 6
3 2 5 ‖ 6 9 8 ‖ 4 7 1
6 9 8 ‖ 4 7 1 ‖ 3 2 5
2 4 1 ‖ 7 3 5 ‖ 9 6 8
8 6 7 ‖ 9 1 2 ‖ 5 4 3
9 5 3 ‖ 8 6 4 ‖ 7 1 2

You Win

Code

```
import java.util.HashSet;
import java.util.Set;
import java.util.Scanner;

public class Main {

    public static void main(String[] args) {

        new ConsoleUI();
    }
}

public class ConsoleUI {

    ConsoleUI() {

        Scanner s = new Scanner(System.in);
        Global g = new Global();
        Print p = new Print();
        Input in = new Input();
        Undo u = new Undo();
        Validate v = new Validate();
        RemoveCells r = new RemoveCells();
        boolean found  = false;

        p.title3();
        System.out.print(
                "\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\tWelcome to Sudoku!" +
                        "\n\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t1.   Beginner" +
                        "\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t2.   Easy" +
                        "\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t3.   Medium" +
                        "\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t4.   Hard" +
                        "\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t5.   Exit" +
                        "\n\n\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t->   "
        );
        int choice = s.nextInt();

        switch (choice) {
            case 0 -> r.remove(0);
            case 1 -> r.remove(1);
            case 2 -> r.remove(2);
            case 3 -> r.remove(3);
            case 4 -> r.remove(4);
            case 5 -> {return;}
            case 6 -> r.remove(6);
        }
        System.out.println("\n\n\n");

        while (true) {

            System.out.println();
            p.format1();

            System.out.print("\n\nEnter Row, Column, Answer (eg. 1,2,3). To exit enter '0', and
to undo enter 'u':  ");
            String answer = s.next();
            String[] ijv = answer.split(",");
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            if (ijv[0].equals("u")) {
                u.redo();

            } else if (ijv[0].equals("p")) {
                for (int i = 0; i < 9; i++) {
                    for (int j = 0; j < 9; j++) {
                        System.out.print(g.grid[i][j] + " ");
                    }
                    System.out.println();
                }
                System.out.println();

                for (int i = 0; i < 9; i++) {
                    for (int j = 0; j < 9; j++) {
                        System.out.print(g.emptyGrid[i][j] + " ");
                    }
                    System.out.println();
                }
                continue;

            } else if (ijv[0].equals("q")) {
                g.queue.print();
                continue;

            } else if (Integer.parseInt(ijv[0]) == 0) {
                return;

            } else if (g.emptyGrid[Integer.parseInt(ijv[0]) - 1][Integer.parseInt(ijv[1]) - 1]
== 0) {
                System.out.println("\nCannot change an anchor.");
                continue;

            } else if (Integer.parseInt(ijv[0]) > 9 || Integer.parseInt(ijv[0]) < 1 ||
Integer.parseInt(ijv[1]) > 9 || Integer.parseInt(ijv[1]) < 1){
                System.out.println("\nThere are only 9 rows and 9 columns.");
                continue;

            } else if (Integer.parseInt(ijv[2]) > 9 || Integer.parseInt(ijv[2]) < 1){
                System.out.println("\nEnter number between 1-9.");
                continue;

            } else {
                in.enter(Integer.parseInt(ijv[0]) - 1, Integer.parseInt(ijv[1]) - 1,
Integer.parseInt(ijv[2]));
            }

            for (int i = 0; i < 9; i++) {
                int j;

                for (j = 0; j < 9; j++) {
                    if (g.emptyGrid[i][j] == -1) {
                        found = true;
                        break;
                    }
                    found = false;
                }

                if (j != 9) {
                    break;
                }
            }

            if (found) {
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                continue;
            }

            if (!found) {
                if (v.check() == 0) {
                    System.out.println("\n\n");
                    p.format2();
                    System.out.print("\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t   You Win");
                    return;
                }

                g.recheck = true;
                System.out.println("\nThere are " + g.incorrect + " mistake, recheck.");
            }
        }
    }
}


public class Print {

    private static int count = 1;
    private Global g;

    Print() {
        g = new Global();
    }

    public void title3() {
        System.out.println(
      "\n" +
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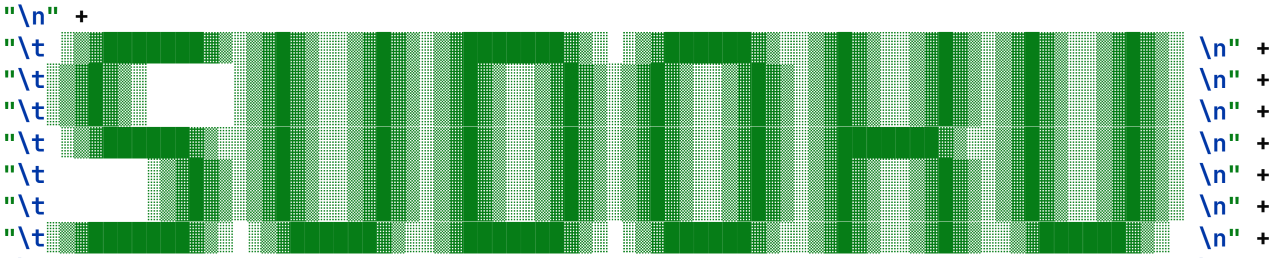

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      "\t                                                                         \n" +
      "\t                                                                         \n"
        );
    }


    public void format1() {

        count = 1;

        System.out.println("\t\t\t\t\t\t\t    1 2 3   4 5 6   7 8 9");
        System.out.println("\t\t\t\t\t\t\t  ╔════════════════════════╗");

        for (int i = 0; i < 9; i++) {

            System.out.print("\t\t\t\t\t\t\t" + count + " ║ ");

            for (int j = 0; j < 9; j++) {

                if (g.emptyGrid[i][j] == 0) {
                    System.out.print(g.grid[i][j] + " ");
                } else if (g.emptyGrid[i][j] == -1){
                    System.out.print("  ");
                } else {
                    System.out.print(g.emptyGrid[i][j] + " ");
                }
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                if ((j + 1) % 3 == 0 && j < 8) {
                    System.out.print("\u2551 ");
                }
            }

            System.out.println("\u2551 " + count);
            count++;

            if ((i + 1) % 3 == 0 && i < 8) {
                System.out.println("\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t \u2560\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2563");
            }
        }

        System.out.println("\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t \u255a\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u255d");
        System.out.println("\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t   1 2 3   4 5 6   7 8 9");
    }


    public void format2() {

        count = 1;

        System.out.println("\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t \u2554\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2557");

        for (int i = 0; i < 9; i++) {

            System.out.print("\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t \u2551 ");

            for (int j = 0; j < 9; j++) {

                System.out.print(g.grid[i][j] + " ");

                if ((j + 1) % 3 == 0 && j < 8) {
                    System.out.print("\u2551 ");
                }
            }

            System.out.println("\u2551");
            count++;

            if ((i + 1) % 3 == 0 && i < 8) {
                System.out.println("\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t \u2560\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2563");
            }
        }

        System.out.println("\t\t\t\t\t\t\t\t \u255a\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u2550\u255d");
    }
}

public class Global {

    public static int[][] grid;
    public static int[][] emptyGrid;
    public static Stack stack;
    public static Queue queue;
    public static int incorrect;
    public static boolean recheck;

    Global() {
        grid = new int[9][9];
        emptyGrid = new int[9][9];
        stack = new Stack(0);
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        queue = new Queue(0);
        incorrect = 0;
        recheck = false;
        grid = new Generate().createPuzzle();
    }
}

public class Generate {

    private int[][] grid;

    Generate() {
        grid = new int[9][9];
    }

    public int[][] createPuzzle() {

        int i = 0;

        grid[0][0] = (int) (Math.random() * 9);
        grid[8][8] = (int) (Math.random() * 9);

        while (i < 5) {

            int row = (int) (Math.random() * 9);
            int col = (int) (Math.random() * 9);
            int num = (int) (Math.random() * 9);

            if (check(row, col, num)) {
                grid[row][col] = num;
                i++;
            }
        }

        generatePuzzle();
        return grid;
    }

    private boolean generatePuzzle() {

        int[] emptyCell = emptyCell();

        if (emptyCell == null) {
            return true;
        }

        int i = emptyCell[0];
        int j = emptyCell[1];

        for (int num = 1; num < 10; num++) {

            if (check(i, j, num)) {
                grid[i][j] = num;

                if (forwardCheck() && generatePuzzle()) {
                    return true;
                }
                grid[i][j] = 0;
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        }
    }
    return false;
}

private boolean forwardCheck() {

    for (int i = 0; i < 9; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < 9; j++) {

            if (grid[i][j] == 0) {

                Set<Integer> domain = new HashSet<>();

                for (int k = 1; k < 10; k++) {
                    domain.add(k);
                }

                for (int k = 0; k < 9; k++) {
                    domain.remove(grid[i][k]);
                    domain.remove(grid[k][j]);
                }

                int startRow = (i / 3) * 3;
                int startCol = (j / 3) * 3;

                for (int l = 0; l < 3; l++) {
                    for (int m = 0; m < 3; m++) {
                        domain.remove(grid[startRow + l][startCol + m]);
                    }
                }

                if (domain.isEmpty()) {
                    return false;
                }
            }
        }
    }
    return true;
}

private boolean check(int row, int col, int num) {

    for (int i = 0; i < 9; i++) {
        if (grid[row][i] == num || grid[i][col] == num) {
            return false;
        }
    }

    int startRow = (row / 3) * 3;
    int startCol = (col / 3) * 3;

    for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
        for (int j = 0; j < 3; j++) {

            if (grid[startRow + i][startCol + j] == num) {
                return false;
            }
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            }
        }
        return true;
    }

    private int[] emptyCell() {

        for (int row = 0; row < 9; row++) {
            for (int col = 0; col < 9; col++) {

                if (grid[row][col] == 0) {
                    return new int[]{row, col};
                }
            }
        }
        return null;
    }
}

public class Input {

    private Global g;

    Input() {
        g = new Global();
    }

    public void enter(int i, int j, int value) {

        g.stack.push(g.emptyGrid[i][j]);
        g.emptyGrid[i][j] = value;
        g.stack.push(j);
        g.stack.push(i);

        if (g.recheck) {
            g.queue.enqueue(i);
            g.queue.enqueue(j);
            g.incorrect++;
        }
    }
}

public class Queue {

    int index;
    private Queue head;
    private Queue tail;
    private Queue next;
    public int size;

    Queue(int index) {
        this.index = index;
    }

    public void enqueue(int index) {

        Queue temp = new Queue(index);
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        if (head == null) {
            head = temp;
            tail = temp;
            head.next = tail;
            size++;
            return;
        }

        tail.next = temp;
        tail = temp;
        size++;
    }

    public int dequeue() {
        int popped = head.index;
        head = head.next;
        size--;
        return popped;
    }

    public void print() {

        Queue temp = head;

        while (temp != null) {
            System.out.print(temp.index + ", ");
            temp = temp.next;
            System.out.println(temp.index);
            temp = temp.next;
        }
    }
}

public class Stack {

    private int index;
    private Stack head;
    private Stack next;

    Stack(int index) {
        this.index = index;
    }

    public void push(int index) {

        Stack temp = new Stack(index);

        if (head == null) {
            head = temp;
            return;
        }

        temp.next = head;
        head = temp;
    }

    public int pop() {
        int popped = peek();
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        head = head.next;
        return popped;
    }

    public int peek() {
        if (head == null) {
            return -2;
        }
        return head.index;
    }
}

public class Undo {

    private Global g;

    Undo() {
        g = new Global();
    }

    public void redo() {

        if (g.stack.peek() == -2) {
            return;
        }

        int i = g.stack.pop();
        int j = g.stack.pop();
        int value = g.stack.pop();

        g.emptyGrid[i][j] = value;

        if (g.recheck) {
            g.queue.enqueue(i);
            g.queue.enqueue(j);
            g.incorrect++;
        }
    }
}

public class RemoveCells {

    private Global g;

    RemoveCells() {
        g = new Global();
    }

    public void remove(int level) {

        switch (level) {
            case 0 -> g.incorrect = 1;
            case 1 -> g.incorrect = 24;
            case 2 -> g.incorrect = 37;
            case 3 -> g.incorrect = 46;
            case 4 -> g.incorrect = 55;
            case 6 -> g.incorrect = 2;
        }
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```
        for (int i = 0; i < g.incorrect; i++) {
            int row, col;

            do {
                row = (int) (Math.random() * 9);
                col = (int) (Math.random() * 9);

            } while (g.emptyGrid[row][col] == 1);

            g.emptyGrid[row][col] = -1;
            g.queue.enqueue(row);
            g.queue.enqueue(col);
        }
    }
}

public class Validate {

    private Global g;

    Validate() {
        g = new Global();
    }

    public int check() {

        int l = g.queue.size;

        for (int k = 0; k < l; k = k + 2) {

            int i = g.queue.dequeue();
            int j = g.queue.dequeue();

            if (g.grid[i][j] != g.emptyGrid[i][j]) {
                g.queue.enqueue(i);
                g.queue.enqueue(j);

            } else {
                g.incorrect--;
            }
        }
        return g.incorrect;
    }
}
```