



Solving Sudoku

Sudoku puzzles involve a lot of mathematics. Of course, the puzzles are filled with numbers, but the solution process would be the same regardless of the symbols used. More interesting is the logic behind the solution process, which can provide extra satisfaction upon solving a puzzle (with a lot less erasing). In addition, the puzzles are examples of *Latin squares*—important in abstract algebra and in statistics, in experimental design.

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

Puzzle by Arto Inkala.



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