

# CS621: Logic and applications

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# Z3 SAT solver and encoding

# Prerequisite

Z3 installed on your machines?  
`https://github.com/Z3Prover/z3`

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	2		5		1		9	
8			2		3			6
	3			6			7	
		1				6		
5	4						1	9
		2				7		
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1	3	9	4	6	8	2	7	5
9	7	1	3	8	5	6	2	4
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6	8	2	1	4	9	7	5	3
7	9	4	6	3	2	5	8	1
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Is this correct?

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for ( i = 0; i < 9; ++i) {  
  expr_vector t(c);  
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    t.push_back(x[i * 9 + j]);  
  s.add(distinct(t));  
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  - 4 Each  $3 \times 3$  square block contains a digit at most once

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