

A Sudoku Solver - Specifications (1A)

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<http://cdsoft.fr/haskell/sudoku.html>

<https://gist.github.com/wvandyk/3638996>

<http://www.cse.chalmers.se/edu/year/2015/course/TDA555/lab3.html>

Basic Data Types

type Choices = [Digit]

type Matrix a = [Row a]

type Row a = [a]

[[a]]

type Grid = Matrix Digit

type Digit = Char

[[Digit]] 9x9 matrix of digits

digits :: [Digit]

digits = ['1'..'9']

The valid digits are '1' to '9'

A list of non-zero characters

('1' to '9')

blank :: Digit -> Bool

blank = (== '0')

'0' standing for blank

Matrix Digit & Matrix Choices

type Digit = Char
type Choices = [Digit]

type Row a = [a]
type Matrix a = [Row a]

Matrix Digit = [Row Digit] → [[Digit]]
Matrix [Digit] = [Row [Digit]] → [[[Digit]]]
Matrix Choices = [Row Choices] → [[Choices]] → [[[Digit]]]

type Grid = Matrix Digit → [Row Digit] → [[Digit]]

Sudoku

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

```
[ [ '0', '0', '4', '0', '0', '5', '7', '0', '0' ],  
  [ '0', '0', '0', '0', '0', '9', '4', '0', '0' ],  
  [ '3', '6', '0', '0', '0', '0', '0', '0', '8' ],  
  [ '7', '2', '4', '0', '6', '0', '0', '0', '0' ],  
  [ '0', '0', '0', '4', '0', '2', '0', '0', '0' ],  
  [ '0', '0', '0', '0', '8', '0', '0', '9', '3' ],  
  [ '4', '0', '0', '0', '0', '0', '0', '5', '6' ],  
  [ '0', '0', '5', '3', '0', '0', '0', '0', '0' ],  
  [ '0', '0', '6', '1', '0', '0', '9', '0', '0' ] ]
```

type Grid = Matrix Digit \rightarrow [Row Digit] \rightarrow [[Digit]]

Specification (0)

solve1 :: Grid -> [Grid]
choices :: Grid -> Matrix Choices
expand :: Matrix Choices -> [Grid]
cp :: [[a]] -> [[a]]
valid :: Grid -> Bool
nodups :: Eq a => [a] -> Bool
rows :: Matrix a -> [Row a]
cols :: Matrix a -> [Row a]
boxs :: Matrix a -> [Row a]

ungroup = concat

group [] = []

group (x:y:z:xs) = [x,y,z] : **group** xs

Function Types : choices, expand

solve1 :: Grid -> [Grid]
Matrix Digit [Matrix Digit]

choices :: Grid -> Matrix Choices
Matrix Digit Matrix [Digit]

expand :: Matrix Choices -> [Grid]
Matrix [Digit] [Matrix Digit]

```
type Digit = Char
type Choices = [Digit]
type Row a = [a]
type Matrix a = [Row a]

Matrix Digit [Row Digit] [[Digit]]
Matrix Choices [Row Choices] [[Choices]] [[[Digit]]]

type Grid = Matrix Digit [Row Digit] [[Digit]]
```


Function completions

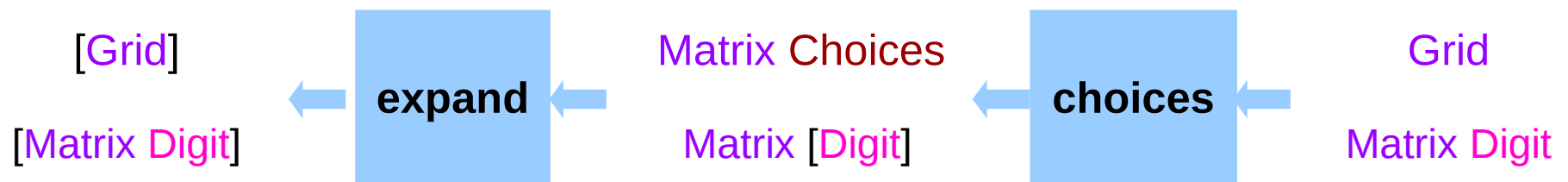
solve :: Grid -> [Grid]

solve = filter **valid** . **completions**

completions :: Grid -> [Grid]

valid :: Grid -> Bool

completions = **expand** . **choices**



Function: choices

```
choices :: Grid -> Matrix Choices
choices = map (map choice)
  where choice d | blank d = digits
          | otherwise = [d]
```

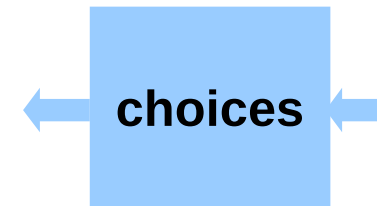
```
choices :: Grid -> Matrix [Digit]
choices = map (map choice)
choice d = if blank d then digits else [d]
```

```
digits :: [Digit]
digits = ['1'..'9']
blank :: Digit -> Bool
blank = (== '0')
```

Installs the available digits for each cell
If the cell is blank, then all digits for possible choices
else there is only one choice and a singleton is returned

Matrix Choices

Matrix [Digit]

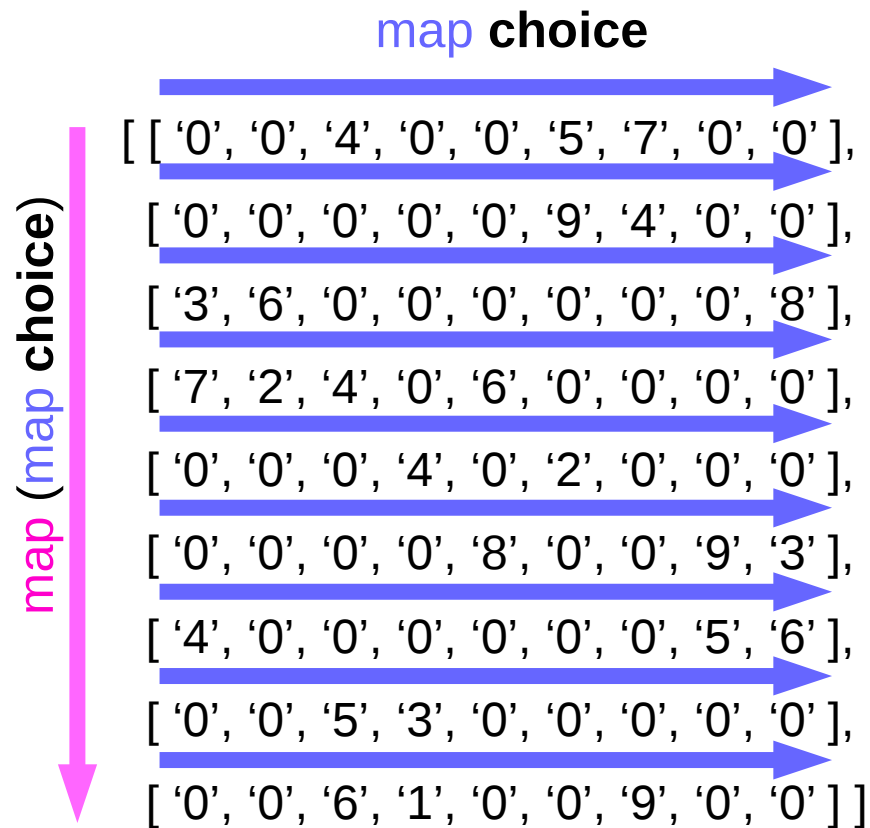


Grid

Matrix Digit

Function: choices

```
choices = map (map choice)
```



choice '0' → ['1'..'9']

Matrix Choices Example

```
[ [ ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['4'],    ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['5'],    ['7'],    ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'] ],  
  [ ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['9'],    ['4'],    ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'] ],  
  [ ['3'],    ['6'],    ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['8']    ],  
  [ ['7'],    ['2'],    ['4'],    ['1..'9'], ['6'],    ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'] ],  
  [ ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['4'],    ['1..'9'], ['2'],    ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'] ],  
  [ ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['8'],    ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['9'],    ['3']    ],  
  [ ['4'],    ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['5'],    ['6']    ],  
  [ ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['5'],    ['3'],    ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'] ],  
  [ ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['6'],    ['1'],    ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'], ['9'],    ['1..'9'], ['1..'9'] ] ]
```

Matrix Choices = [Row Choices] \rightarrow [[Choices]] \rightarrow [[[Digit]]]

Cartesian Product (cp)

cp [[1, 2, 3], [2], [1, 3]]

[[1, 2, 3] × [2] × [1, 3]]

[[1, 2, 1], [1, 2, 3], [2, 2, 1], [2, 2, 3], [3, 2, 1], [3, 2, 3]]

cp [] = [[]]

cp [[1], [2], [3]] => [[1, 2, 3]]

cp [[1], [], [4, 5]] => []

Cartesian Product (cp)

`cp [[1, 2, 3], [2], [1, 3]]`

`[[1, 2, 1], [1, 2, 3], [2, 2, 1], [2, 2, 3], [3, 2, 1], [3, 2, 3]]`

`cp [[2], [1, 3]] = [[2, 1], [2, 3]]`

`cp ([1, 2, 3] : [[2], [1, 3]]) = [[1, 2, 1], [1, 2, 3],
[2, 2, 1], [2, 2, 3],
[3, 2, 1], [3, 2, 3]]`

`[1, 2, 3] x cp [[2], [1, 3]] = [1, 2, 3] x [[2, 1], [2, 3]]`

list comprehension

`cp (xs:xss) = [x:ys | x <- xs, ys <- cp xss]`

Cartesian Product (**cp**)

$$\mathbf{cp} (xs:xss) = [x:ys \mid x \leftarrow xs, ys \leftarrow \mathbf{cp} xss]$$

$$\mathbf{cp} (xs:xss) = [x:ys \mid x \leftarrow xs, ys \leftarrow yss] \\ \text{where } yss = \mathbf{cp} xss$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{cp} [xs] &= \mathbf{cp} (x:[]) \\ &= [x:ys \mid x \leftarrow xs, ys \leftarrow \mathbf{cp} []] \quad \text{if } \mathbf{cp} [] = [] \\ &= [x:ys \mid x \leftarrow xs, ys \leftarrow []] \\ &= [] \quad \text{contradict} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{cp} [] = [] \quad \text{results in } \mathbf{cp} xss = [] \quad \text{therefore } \mathbf{cp} [] = [[]]$$

Expand

expand :: Matrix Choices -> [Grid]

expand = cp . map cp

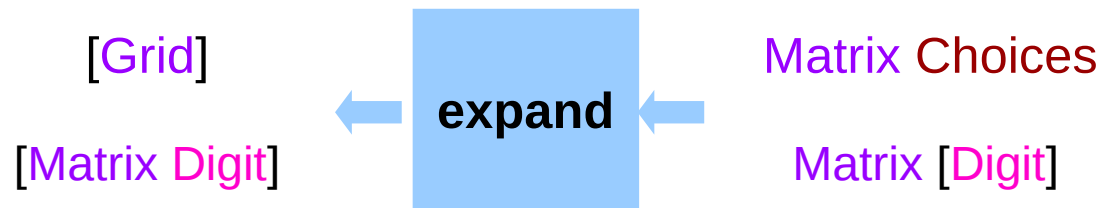
cp . map **cp** = [[[a]]] -> [[[a]]]

digits :: [Digit]

digits = ['1'..'9']

blank :: Digit -> Bool

blank = (== '0')

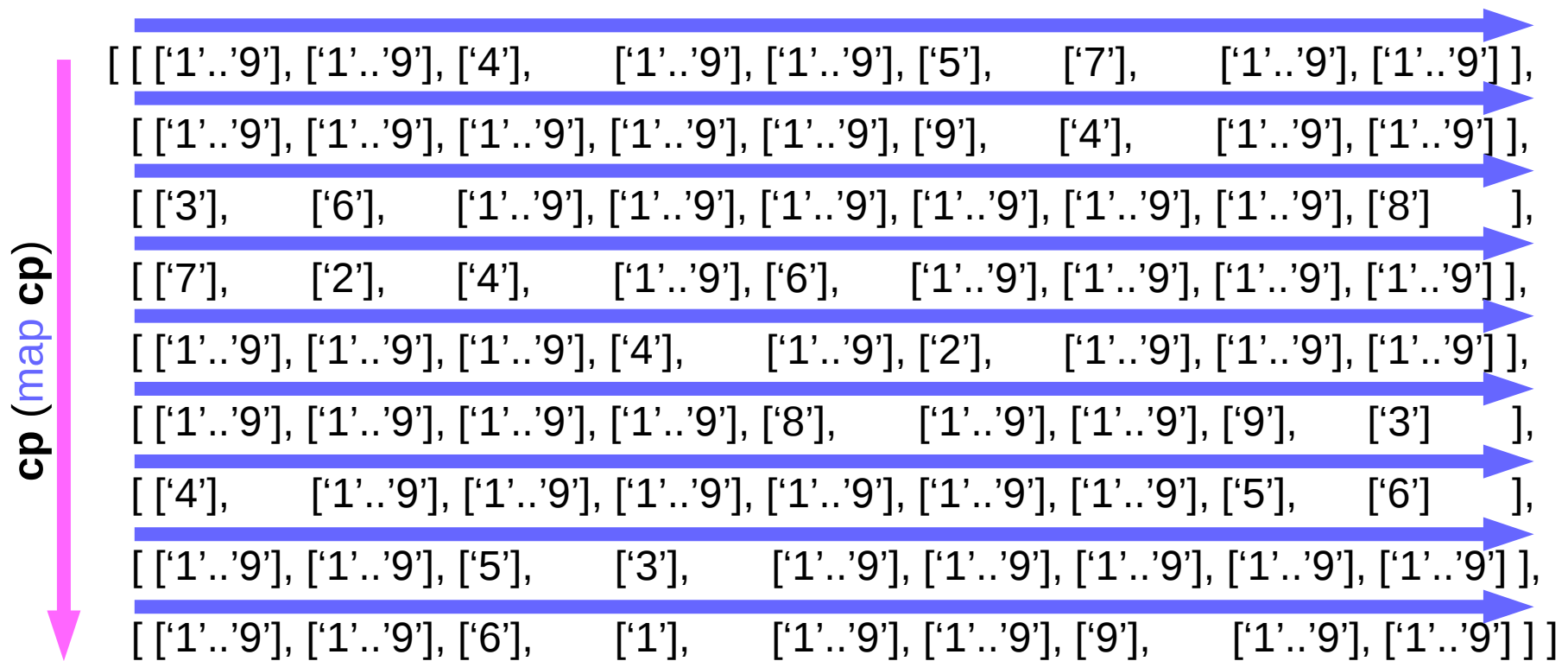


Expand Operations

```
expand :: Matrix Choices -> [Grid]
      [ [[a]] ] -> [ [[a]] ]
```

```
expand = cp . map cp
```

map cp



Matrix Choices Example

`expand :: Matrix Choices -> [Grid]`

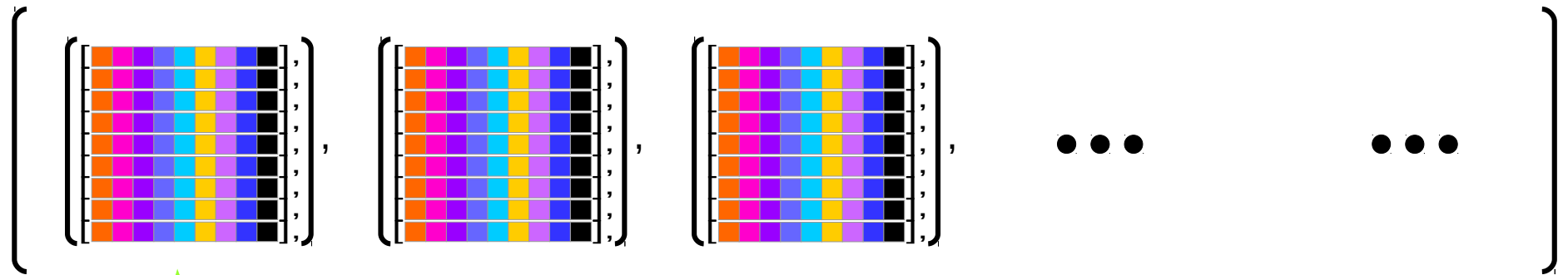
`expand = cp . map cp`

```
[ cp [ ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['4'],    ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['5'],    ['7'],    ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'] ],  
  cp [ ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['9'],    ['4'],    ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'] ],  
  cp [ ['3'],    ['6'],    ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['8']    ],  
  cp [ ['7'],    ['2'],    ['4'],    ['1'..'9'], ['6'],    ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'] ],  
  cp [ ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['4'],    ['1'..'9'], ['2'],    ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'] ],  
  cp [ ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['8'],    ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['9'],    ['3']    ],  
  cp [ ['4'],    ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['5'],    ['6']    ],  
  cp [ ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['5'],    ['3'],    ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'] ],  
  cp [ ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['6'],    ['1'],    ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'], ['9'],    ['1'..'9'], ['1'..'9'] ] ]
```

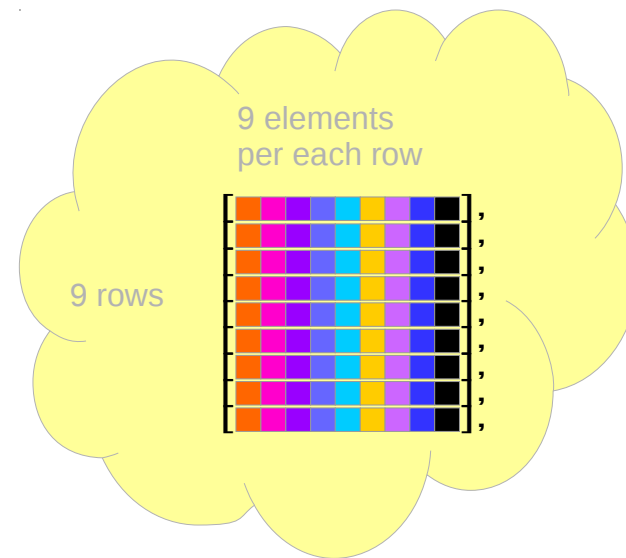
`cp [[1, 2, 3], [2], [1, 3]]`

`[[1, 2, 1], [1, 2, 3], [2, 2, 1], [2, 2, 3], [3, 2, 1], [3, 2, 3]]`

[Grid]



type Grid =
Matrix Digit
→ [Row Digit]
→ [[Digit]]



Expand

```
> solve1 :: Grid -> [Grid]
> solve1 = filter valid . expand . choices
```

```
> type Choices = [Digit]
```

```
> choices :: Grid -> Matrix Choices
> choices = map (map choice)
> where choice d | blank d = digits
>               | otherwise = [d]
```

```
> expand :: Matrix Choices -> [Grid]
> expand = cp . map cp
```

```
> cp :: [[a]] -> [[a]]
> cp [] = [[]]
> cp (xs:xss) = [x:ys | x <- xs, ys <- cp xss]
```

```
digits :: [Digit]
digits = ['1'..'9']
blank :: Digit -> Bool
blank = (== '0')
```

Specification (1)

```
solve1 :: Grid -> [Grid]
solve1 = filter valid . expand . choices
```

```
type Choices = [Digit]
```

```
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  where choice d | blank d = digits
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```
expand :: Matrix Choices -> [Grid]
expand = cp . map cp
```

```
cp :: [[a]] -> [[a]]
cp [] = [[]]
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```

```
digits :: [Digit]
digits = ['1'..'9']
blank :: Digit -> Bool
blank = (== '0')
```

Specification (2)

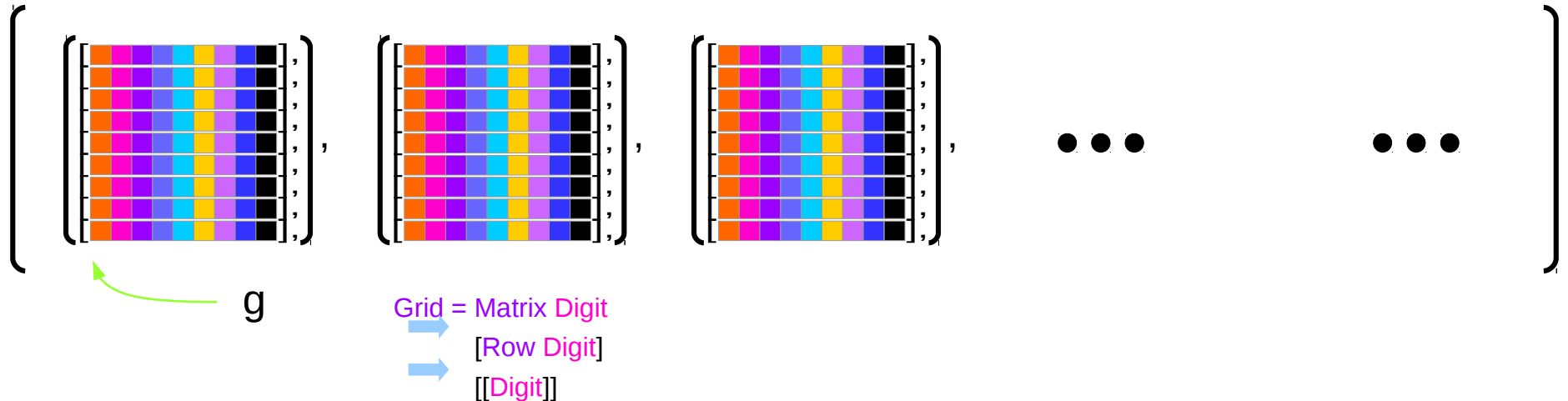
valid :: Grid -> Bool

valid g = all nodups (rows g) &&
 all nodups (cols g) &&
 all nodups (boxs g)

nodups :: Eq a => [a] -> Bool

nodups [] = True

nodups (x:xs) = x `notElem` xs && **nodups** xs



Specification (3)

rows :: **Matrix** a -> [**Row** a]

rows = id

cols :: **Matrix** a -> [**Row** a]

cols [xs] = [[x] | x <- xs]

cols (xs:xss) = zipWith (:) xs (**cols** xss)

boxs :: **Matrix** a -> [**Row** a]

boxs = map **ungroup** . **ungroup** .

map **cols** .

group . map **group**

group and ungroup

ungroup = concat

group [] = []

group (x:y:z:xs) = [x,y,z] : **group** xs

[x, y, z, xs]  [[x, y, z], **group** xs]

rows and cols

```
type Matrix a = [Row a]      [[a]]
type Row a    = [a]
```

```
rows :: Matrix a -> [Row a]
rows :: Matrix a -> Matrix a
rows = id
```

id : identity function

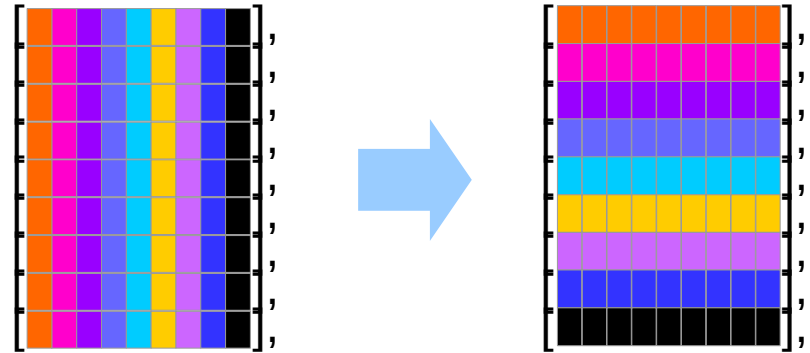
If a matrix is given by a list of its rows
it returns the same matrix

```
cols      :: Matrix a -> [Row a]
cols      :: Matrix a -> Matrix a
cols [xs] = [[x] | x <- xs]
cols (xs:xss) = zipWith (:) xs (cols xss)
```

transpose of a matrix

cols

```
cols      :: Matrix a -> [Row a]
cols      :: Matrix a -> Matrix a
cols [xs]  = [[x] | x <- xs]
cols (xs:xss) = zipWith (:) xs (cols xss)
```



boxs

```
boxs :: Matrix a -> [Row a]
boxs :: Matrix a -> Matrix a
boxs =      map ungroup .
             ungroup .
             map cols .
             group .
             map group
```

```
type Matrix a = [Row a]      [[a]]
type Row a    = [a]
```

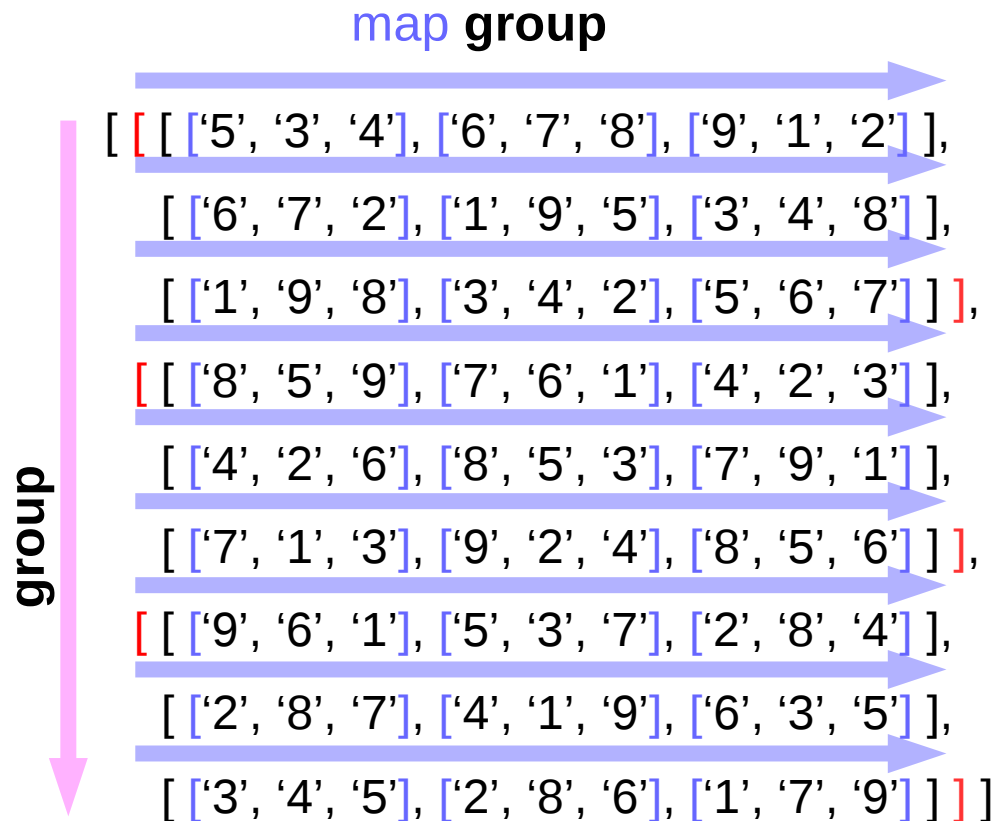
```
ungroup :: [[a]] -> [a]
ungroup      = concat
```

takes a grouped list and ungroups it

```
group []      = []
group (x:y:z:xs) = [x,y,z]:group xs      splits a list into groups of three
group xs = take 3 xs : group (drop 3 xs)
```

group.map group

```
[ ['5', '3', '4', '6', '7', '8', '9', '1', '2'],  
  ['6', '7', '2', '1', '9', '5', '3', '4', '8'],  
  ['1', '9', '8', '3', '4', '2', '5', '6', '7'],  
  ['8', '5', '9', '7', '6', '1', '4', '2', '3'],  
  ['4', '2', '6', '8', '5', '3', '7', '9', '1'],  
  ['7', '1', '3', '9', '2', '4', '8', '5', '6'],  
  ['9', '6', '1', '5', '3', '7', '2', '8', '4'],  
  ['2', '8', '7', '4', '1', '9', '6', '3', '5'],  
  ['3', '4', '5', '2', '8', '6', '1', '7', '9']]
```



type Grid = Matrix Digit → [Row Digit] → [[Digit]]

map cols. group . map group

```
[ [ [ ['5', '3', '4'], ['6', '7', '8'], ['9', '1', '2'] ],  
  [ ['6', '7', '2'], ['1', '9', '5'], ['3', '4', '8'] ],  
  [ ['1', '9', '8'], ['3', '4', '2'], ['5', '6', '7'] ] ],  
[ [ ['8', '5', '9'], ['7', '6', '1'], ['4', '2', '3'] ],  
  [ ['4', '2', '6'], ['8', '5', '3'], ['7', '9', '1'] ],  
  [ ['7', '1', '3'], ['9', '2', '4'], ['8', '5', '6'] ] ],  
[ [ ['9', '6', '1'], ['5', '3', '7'], ['2', '8', '4'] ],  
  [ ['2', '8', '7'], ['4', '1', '9'], ['6', '3', '5'] ],  
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[ [ [ ['5', '3', '4'], ['6', '7', '2'], ['1', '9', '8'] ],  
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  [ ['9', '1', '2'], ['3', '4', '8'], ['5', '6', '7'] ] ],  
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[ [ ['9', '6', '1'], ['2', '8', '7'], ['3', '4', '5'] ],  
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type Grid = Matrix Digit \rightarrow [Row Digit] \rightarrow [[Digit]]

ungroup . map cols . group . map group

ungroup

```
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  [ ['6', '7', '8'], ['1', '9', '5'], ['3', '4', '2'] ],  
  [ ['9', '1', '2'], ['3', '4', '8'], ['5', '6', '7'] ] ],  
 [ [ ['8', '5', '9'], ['4', '2', '6'], ['7', '1', '3'] ],  
  [ ['7', '6', '1'], ['8', '5', '3'], ['9', '2', '4'] ],  
  [ ['4', '2', '3'], ['7', '9', '1'], ['8', '5', '6'] ] ],  
 [ [ ['9', '6', '1'], ['2', '8', '7'], ['3', '4', '5'] ],  
  [ ['5', '3', '7'], ['4', '1', '9'], ['2', '8', '6'] ],  
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  [ ['6', '7', '8'], ['1', '9', '5'], ['3', '4', '2'] ],  
  [ ['9', '1', '2'], ['3', '4', '8'], ['5', '6', '7'] ] ,  
 [ [ ['8', '5', '9'], ['4', '2', '6'], ['7', '1', '3'] ],  
  [ ['7', '6', '1'], ['8', '5', '3'], ['9', '2', '4'] ],  
  [ ['4', '2', '3'], ['7', '9', '1'], ['8', '5', '6'] ] ,  
 [ [ ['9', '6', '1'], ['2', '8', '7'], ['3', '4', '5'] ],  
  [ ['5', '3', '7'], ['4', '1', '9'], ['2', '8', '6'] ],  
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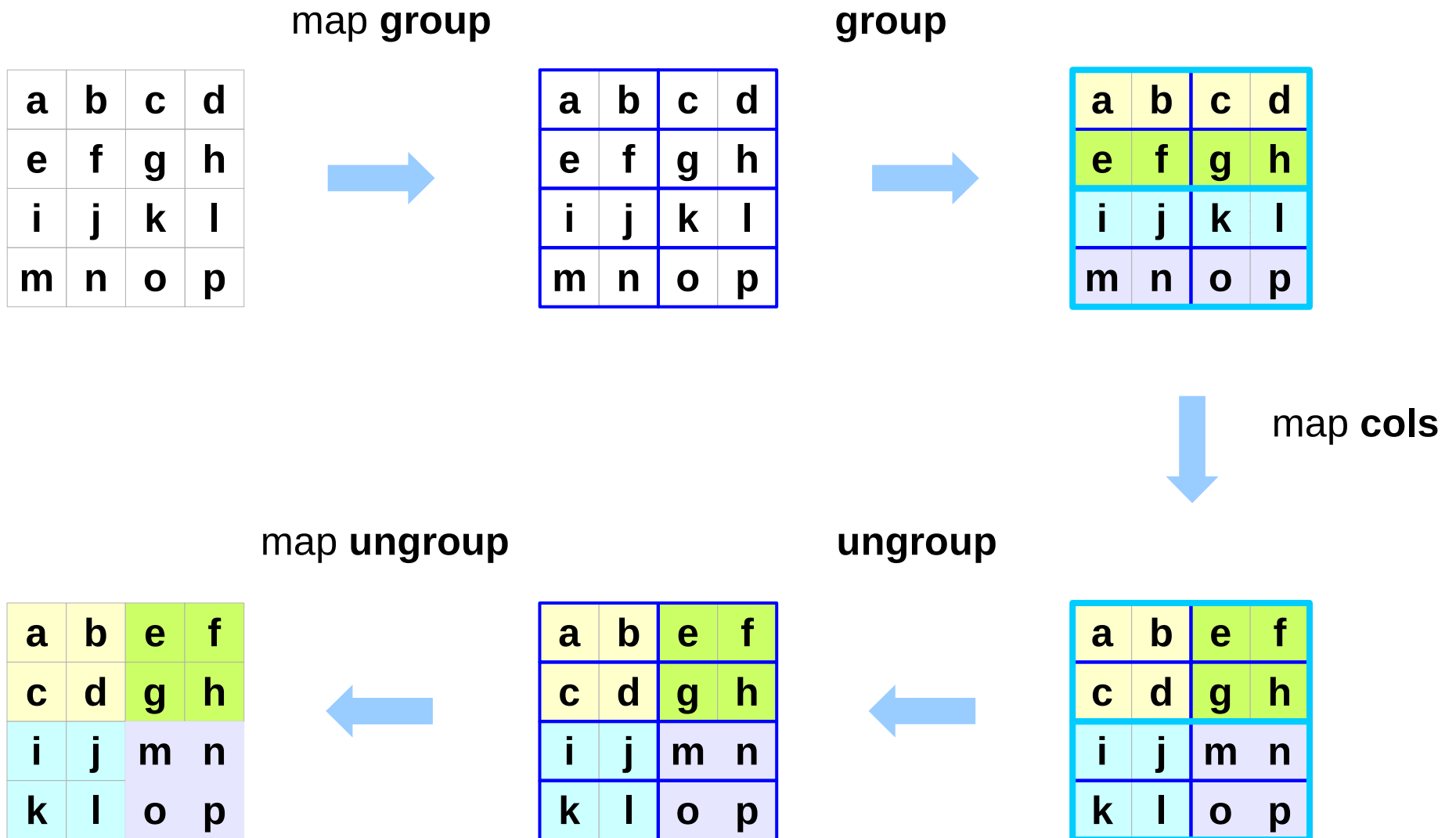
map ungroup . ungroup . map cols . group . map group

map ungroup

```
[ [ ['5', '3', '4'], ['6', '7', '2'], ['1', '9', '8'] ],  
  [ ['6', '7', '8'], ['1', '9', '5'], ['3', '4', '2'] ],  
  [ ['9', '1', '2'], ['3', '4', '8'], ['5', '6', '7'] ],  
  [ ['8', '5', '9'], ['4', '2', '6'], ['7', '1', '3'] ],  
  [ ['7', '6', '1'], ['8', '5', '3'], ['9', '2', '4'] ],  
  [ ['4', '2', '3'], ['7', '9', '1'], ['8', '5', '6'] ],  
  [ ['9', '6', '1'], ['2', '8', '7'], ['3', '4', '5'] ],  
  [ ['5', '3', '7'], ['4', '1', '9'], ['2', '8', '6'] ],  
  [ ['2', '8', '4'], ['6', '3', '5'], ['1', '7', '9'] ] ]  
[ [ ['5', '3', '4', '6', '7', '2', '1', '9', '8'] ],  
  [ ['6', '7', '8', '1', '9', '5', '3', '4', '2'] ],  
  [ ['9', '1', '2', '3', '4', '8', '5', '6', '7'] ],  
  [ ['8', '5', '9', '4', '2', '6', '7', '1', '3'] ],  
  [ ['7', '6', '1', '8', '5', '3', '9', '2', '4'] ],  
  [ ['4', '2', '3', '7', '9', '1', '8', '5', '6'] ],  
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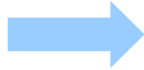
boxes



boxs

a	b	c	d
e	f	g	h
i	j	k	l
m	n	o	p

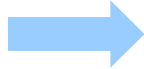
boxs



a	b	e	f
c	d	g	h
i	j	m	n
k	l	o	p

a	b	c	d
e	f	g	h
i	j	k	l
m	n	o	p

boxs

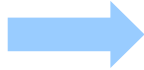


a	b	e	f
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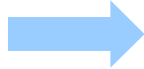
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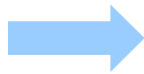


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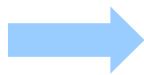
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boxes



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nodups

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nodups []      = True
nodups (x:xs) = x `notElem` xs && nodups xs
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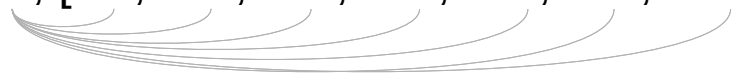
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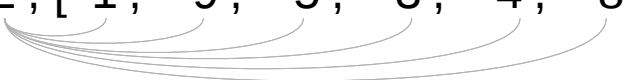
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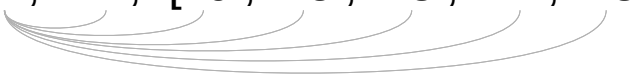
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