

## Rules of Difference Sudoku

Like the standard Sudoku, the object of the puzzle is to fill the whole 9x9 grid with numbers from 1 to 9 , so that each row, each column, and each of the nine $3 \times 3$ squares contain all nine digits.

There are special clue-numbers placed on the border-lines between selected pairs of adjacent squares of the grid. Each clue-number is the difference between the two numbers in the adjacent squares.

For example, a clue-number 7 on the border line between two adjacent squares means that the possible pairs of numbers for the squares on either side must be one of the following combinations: 1 and 8,8 and 1,2 and 9 , or 9 and 2.

The inequality sign indicates that the number in row 5 column 7 is smaller than the number in row 5 column 8.

As this variant has only one inequality sign on the border-line, it is called Minimal Difference Sudoku.

