

# TRIPLETS and TRIANGLES

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This Sudoku set is brought to you by the number 3. Puzzles 1-3 are classics. Puzzles 4-6 and 10 are standard variations. Puzzles 7-9 are slightly modified variations. Puzzles 11-14 are more novel. The instruction booklet explains the rules of each type accompanied by an example.

## Details

- The test will last for 90 minutes
- The competition booklet will have 14 pages, each with a single puzzle
- Each puzzle has a marked row and marked column for solution entry
- When submitting solutions, enter only the digits in the row/column in order, ignoring the black triangles in puzzles 13 and 14
- Instant grading will be used
- On-line solving is not available
- The puzzle points are shown in the table below
- Solvers who complete all puzzles correctly within the time can claim 10 bonus points for every full minute saved

Points Table		
Puzzle		Points
1	Classic	15
2	Classic	20
3	Classic	30
4	Trio	15
5	Anti-Diagonal	30
6	Outside Sums	70
7	Max/Min Triplet Sums	80
8	Thropki	100
9	Thropki	80
10	Tight Fit	35
11	Non-Consecutive Squeeze	25
12	Renban Squeeze	30
13	Triangular Sums	75
14	Arrowhead	45
Total Points		650

We hope you enjoy the puzzles. Good luck.

### Classic

Complete the grid so that each row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9.

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

### Trio

Complete the grid so that each row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. In addition, each cell marked with a circle must contain one of the digits 1-3, each cell marked with a square must contain one of the digits 4-6, and each of the remaining cells must contain one of the digits 7-9.

9	□	○	□	□	□	□	○	○
③	□	□	□	○	□	□	○	□
□	□	○	○	□	○	□	□	□
□	□	○	□	□	□	□	○	○
○	○	□	□	□	○	□	□	□
□	□	□	○	○	□	○	8	4
□	②	□	□	○	7	○	□	□
6	□	□	○	□	①	□	□	○
○	○	□	□	□	□	○	□	□

### Anti-Diagonal

Complete the grid so that each row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. In addition, each marked diagonal must contain only three different digits.

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



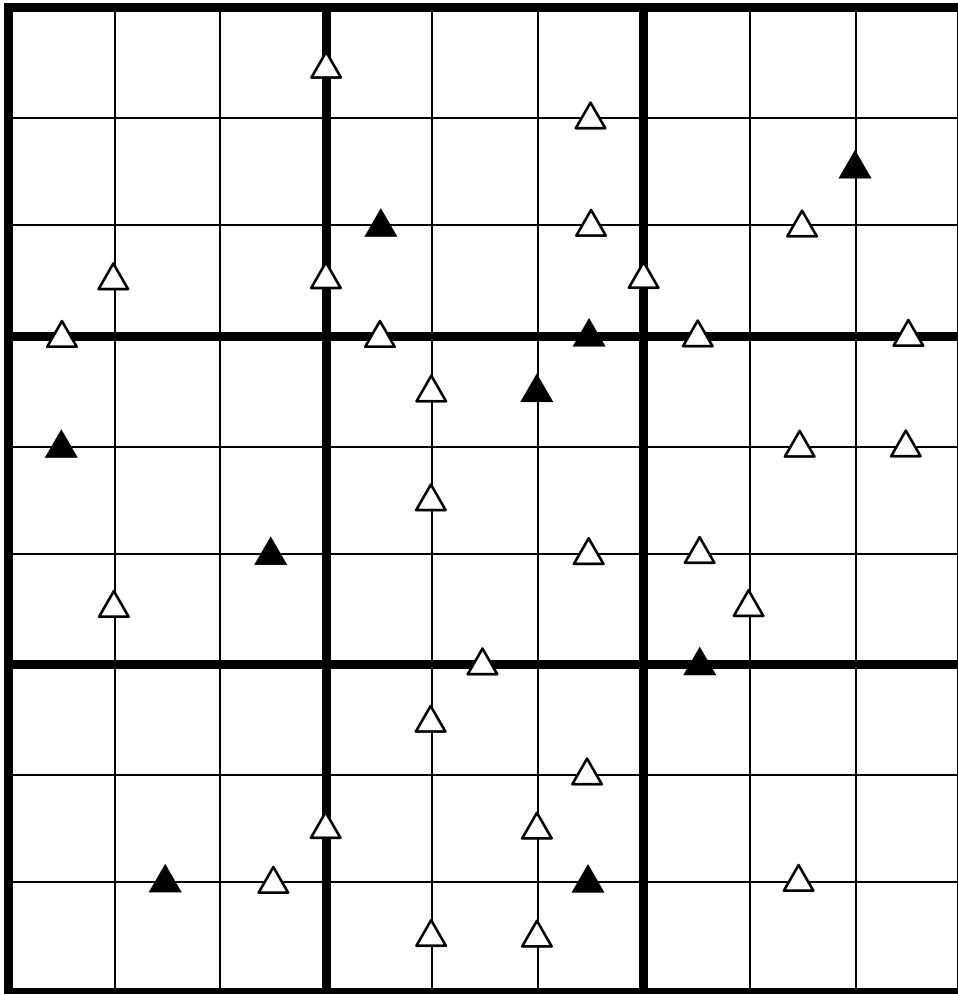
### Max/Min Triplet Sums

Complete the grid so that each row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. Each clue outside the grid is either the maximum or minimum sum of three consecutive digits observed in the corresponding row or column.

			8	22	8	22	8	
			3	8	1			
	9						8	
17		1				5		
10	8		7		3			4
20	2							8
10	9		2		8			1
17		8				6		
	3						2	
			8	2	7			

## Thropki

Complete the grid so that each row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. Neighbouring cells containing digits with a difference of 3 are marked with a white triangle. Neighbouring cells containing digits with a quotient of 3 are marked with a black triangle. All possible triangles are given.



### Tight Fit

Complete the grid so that each row, column and 2x3 box contains the digits 1-9. In addition, within each square which is subdivided into two triangles, the smaller digit must lie above the larger digit.

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



### Non-Consecutive Squeeze

Complete the grid so that each row, column and 2x3 box contains the digits 1-9. In addition, cells sharing an edge must not contain consecutive digits. The Tight Fit constraint about smaller digits having to lie above larger digits in split squares does not apply.

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

### Renban Squeeze

Complete the grid so that each row, column and 2x3 box contains the digits 1-9. In addition, each shaded region must contain a set of consecutive digits. The Tight Fit constraint about smaller digits having to lie above larger digits in split squares does not apply.

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

### Triangular Sums

Complete the grid so that each row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. In addition, within a square which is split diagonally, one of the triangles must be coloured black. Two black triangles may not share an edge, nor may a black triangle share an edge with the grid boundary. The three digits in the cells surrounding each of the black triangles must add up to a triangular number. The only triangular numbers possible are 6, 10, 15 and 21.

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

## Arrowhead

Complete the grid so that each row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. In addition, within a square which is split diagonally, one of the triangles must be coloured black. This triangle acts as a symmetrical arrowhead. The digit placed in the other triangle must equal the sum of the first two digits pointed at by the corresponding arrowhead.

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

## Solutions

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

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

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

	8	18	19	7	16	22	17	9	19	
14	1	4	9	2	3	7	6	5	8	19
14	5	6	3	4	8	9	2	1	7	10
17	2	8	7	1	5	6	9	3	4	16
15	9	2	4	3	1	5	7	8	6	21
19	8	5	6	9	7	2	1	4	3	8
11	3	7	1	6	4	8	5	2	9	16
9	4	3	2	7	6	1	8	9	5	22
23	6	9	8	5	2	4	3	7	1	11
13	7	1	5	8	9	3	4	6	2	12
	17	13	15	20	17	8	15	22	8	

	8	22	8	22	8					
	6	7	5	3	8	1	9	4	2	
	3	9	2	5	7	4	1	8	6	
17	4	8	1	6	9	2	5	7	3	
10	8	1	6	7	5	3	2	9	4	
20	2	4	3	9	1	6	7	5	8	
10	9	5	7	2	4	8	3	6	1	
17	7	2	8	4	3	5	6	1	9	
	5	3	4	1	6	9	8	2	7	
	1	6	9	8	2	7	4	3	5	

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

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

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

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

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

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