Doku

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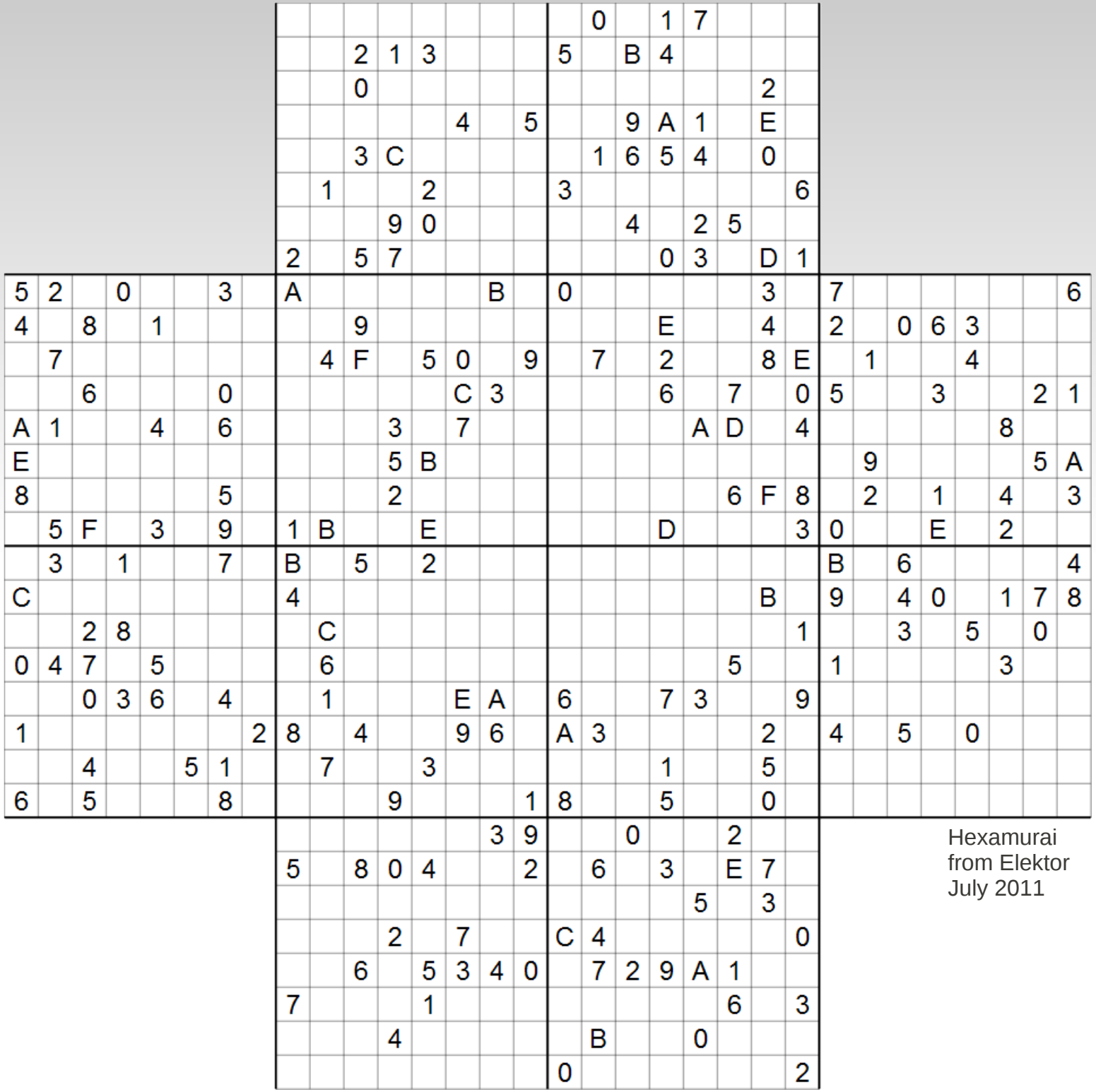

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Doku is a Ruby gem for solving Sudoku-like puzzles

Sudoku

					8			
		7		3	5			9
5			4		6	8		
					4	2		
4							3	7
8						5		
	9			6	7			
		3				1		5
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2	A		7		C			9	D	6	4	8			
		3		A			D	7					2	F	
	1					0		8					4	A	B
					7		2			B	C		0		3
C	2		8		D	3				4	E				
		F	A	7		2		B		3		1	C	0	4
				4			F			1					E
9			B	1								2	3		
		8	C								0	3			D
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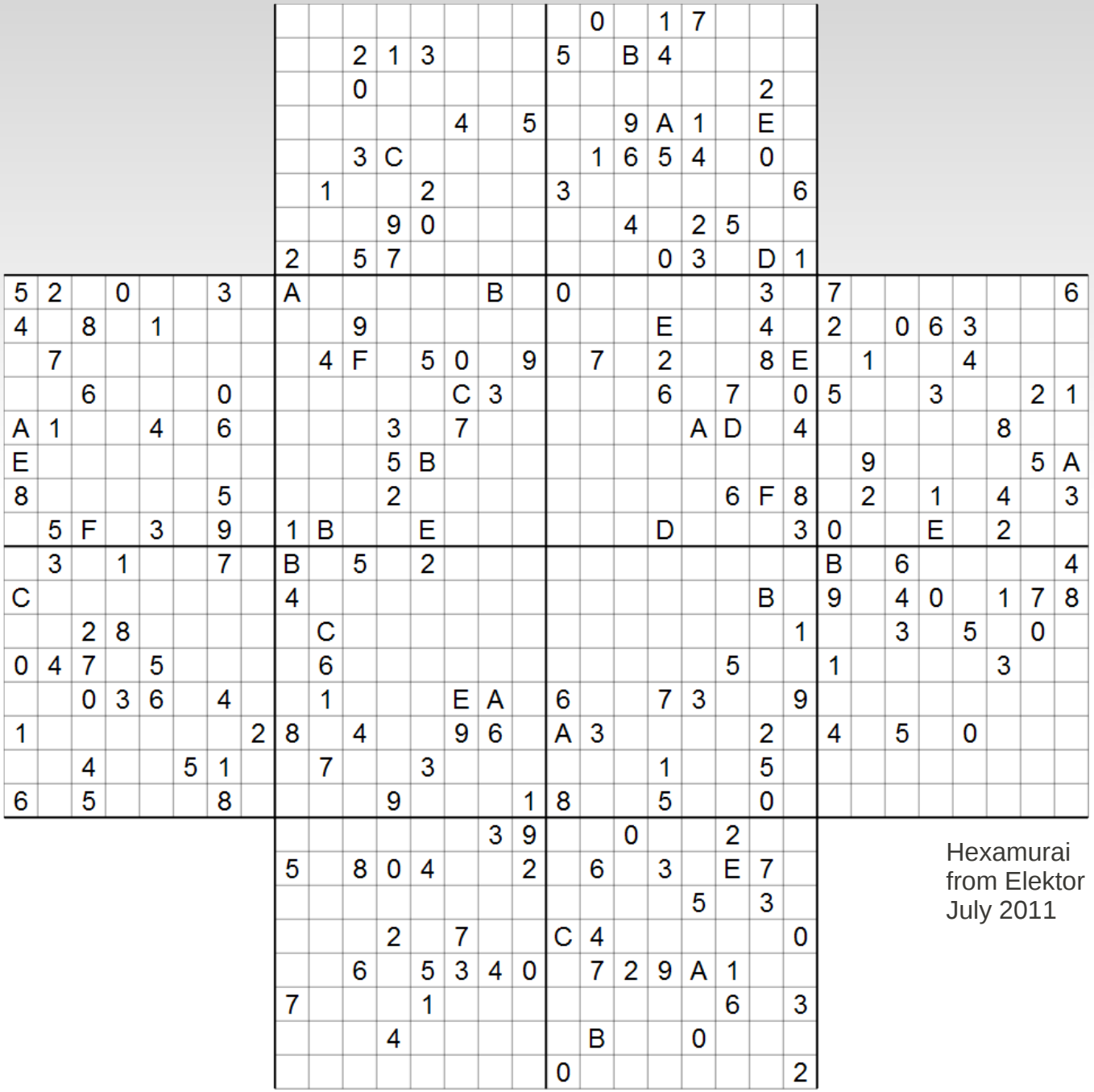
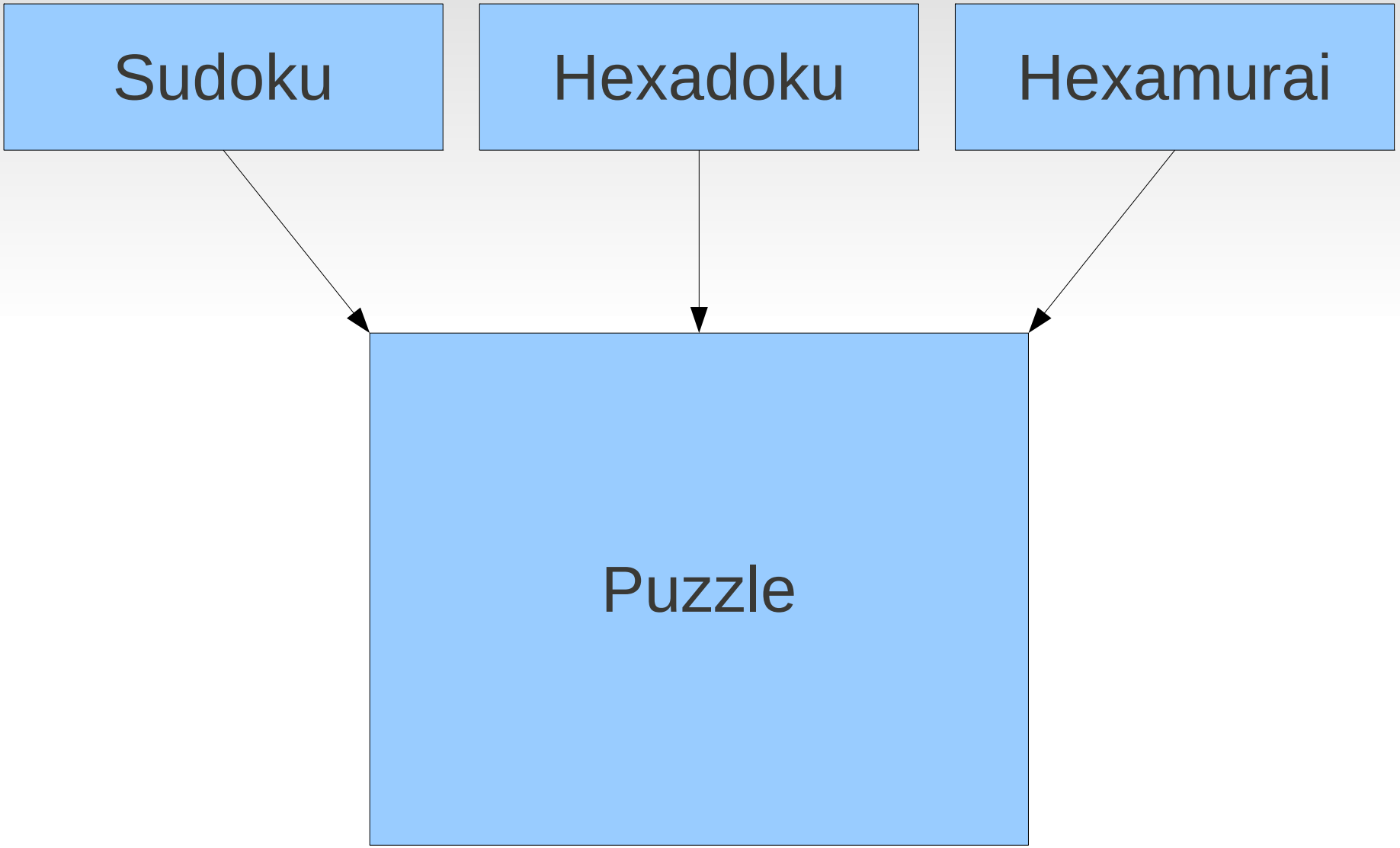


Demo

About Doku

- Written purely in Ruby
- Short methods
- Well-defined objects and classes
- Complete documentation
- Fully functional classes
- Test-driven development
- Lots of time refactoring
- Plus, it can generate SVGs!

Simplified Class Structure



Puzzle class is general

- Every subclass has these attributes:
  - `glyphs` (e.g. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9)
  - `squares` (every spot on the puzzle)
  - `groups` (sets of squares)
- Every instance has:
  - `glyph_state`: Hash associating squares to glyphs.
- Squares and glyphs can be any ruby object.

Solving a Puzzle

- Solution is a set of glyph assignments
  - e.g. write 6 in the square at (3,4)
- Solution achieves certain goals exactly once:
  I. For each square, assign ONE glyph to it.
  II. Assign every glyph to every group ONCE.
- Each glyph assignment achieve a subset of these goals.

Sudoku-like puzzles can be reduced to exact cover problems!

Exact cover problem

- Given: universe set
- Given: several of subsets of the universe
- Problem: Choose some of those subsets so that every element in the universe set appears exactly once.

Exact cover example

```
Universe: [A,B,C,D,E,F,G]

Subsets:  [C,E,F]
          [A,D,G]
          [B,C,F]
          [A,D]
          [B,G]
          [D,E,G]
```

Exact cover example

```
Universe: [A,B,C,D,E,F,G]

Subsets:  [     C,   E,F   ]
          [A,      D,     G]
          [  B,C,      F   ]
          [A,      D       ]
          [  B,            G]
          [        D,E,   G]

Solution: [  B,           G]
          [A,      D       ]
          [     C,   E,F   ]
```

Algorithm X

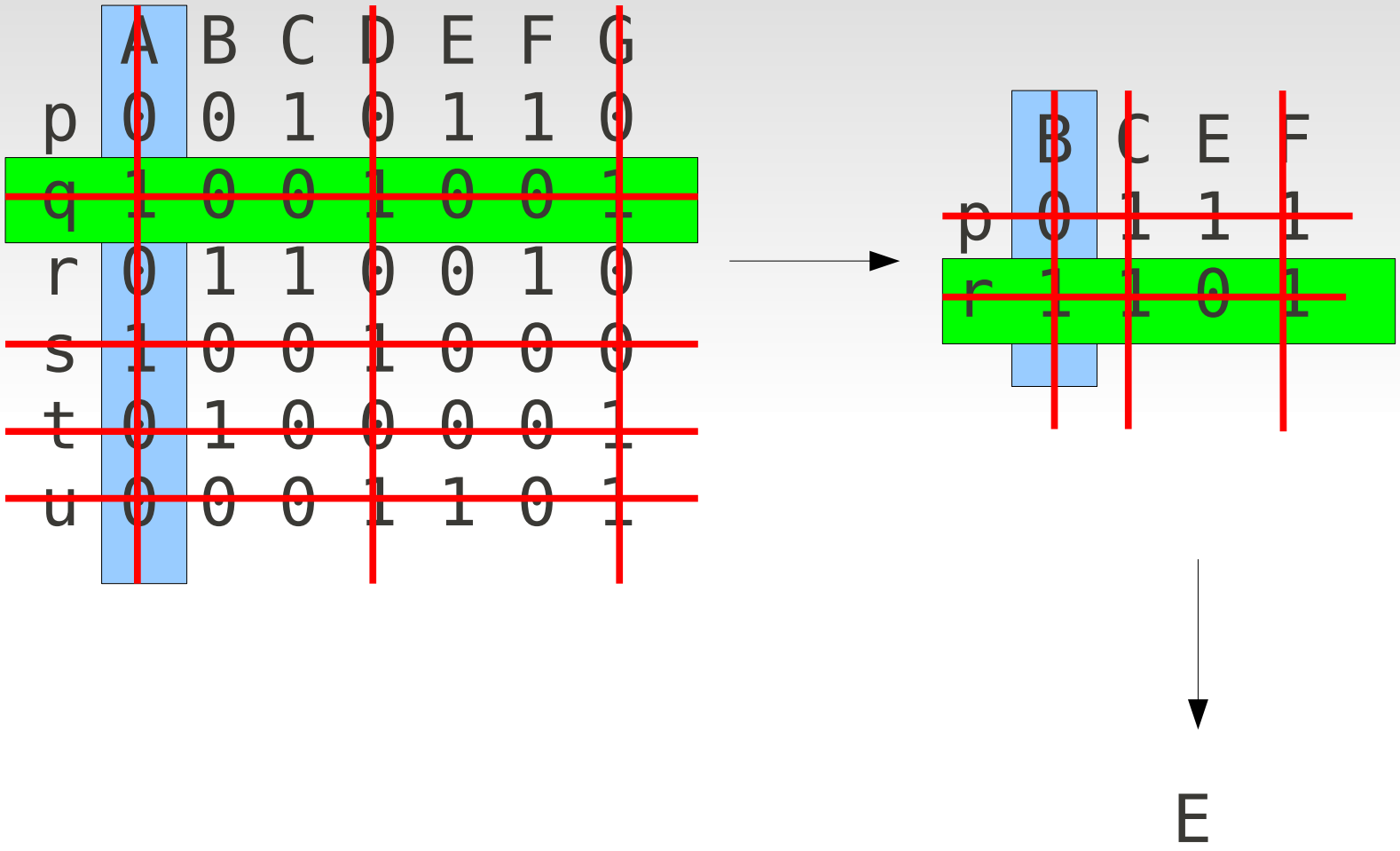
Subsets

```
[     C,   E,F   ]
[A,      D,      G]
[   B,C,      F   ]
[A,      D        ]
[   B,            G]
[        D,E,   G]
```


Matrix

```
0 0 1 0 1 1 0
1 0 0 1 0 0 1
0 1 1 0 0 1 0
1 0 0 1 0 0 0
0 1 0 0 0 0 1
0 0 0 1 1 0 1
```

Algorithm X Demo



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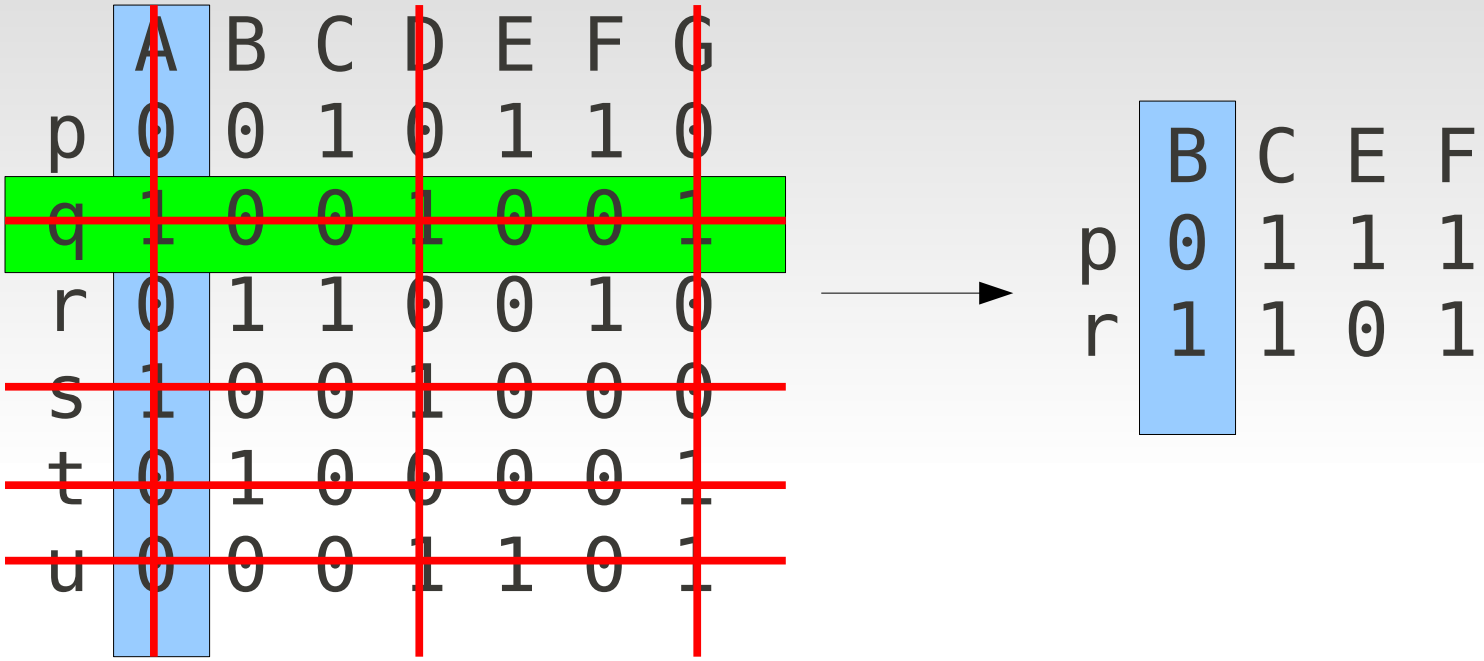

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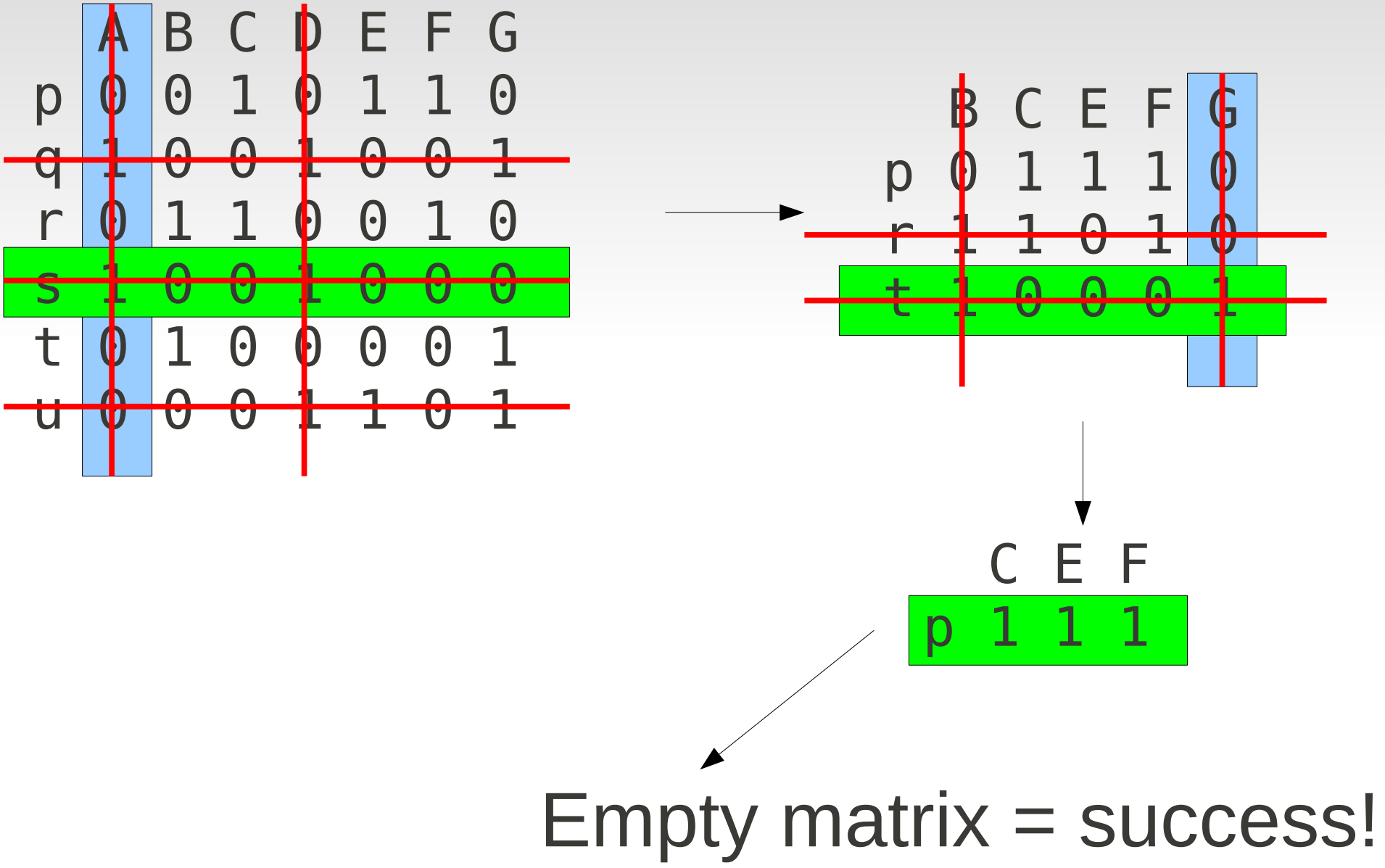
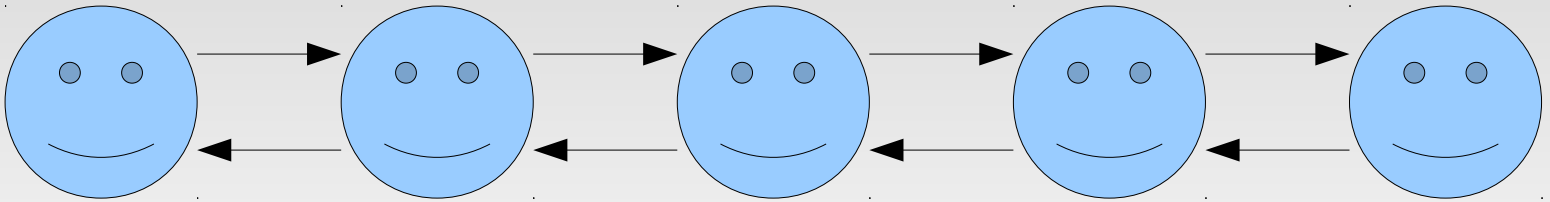


Efficient Algorithm X

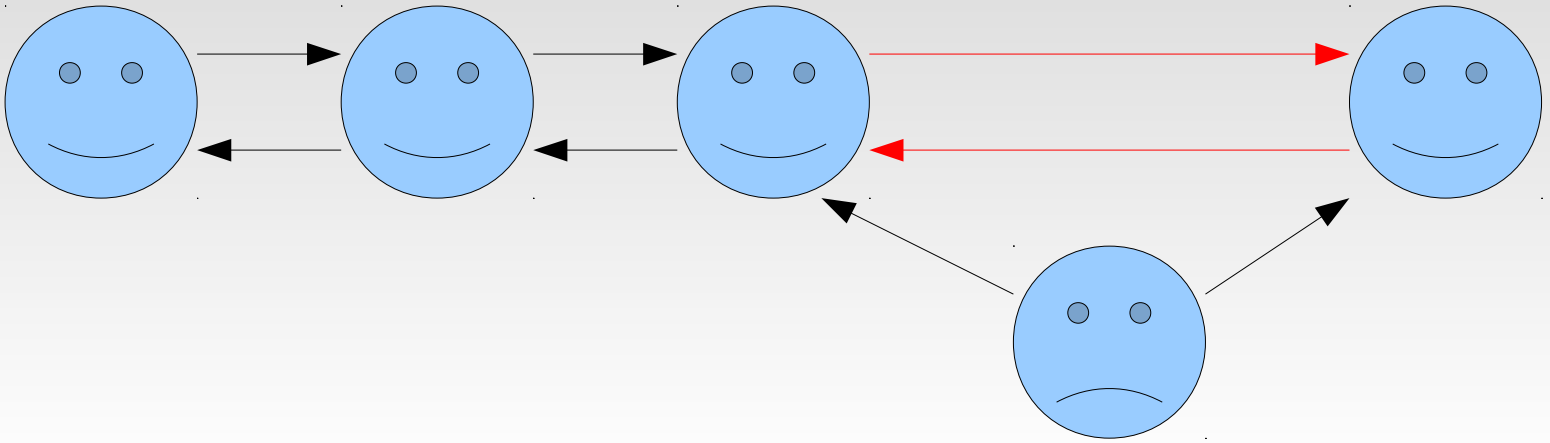
- Data type for a large matrix
- Finding 1s in a given column or row quickly
- Removing columns and rows quickly
- Quick reinserting

Dancing Links Intro



```
class Node
  attr_accessor :left, :right
end
```

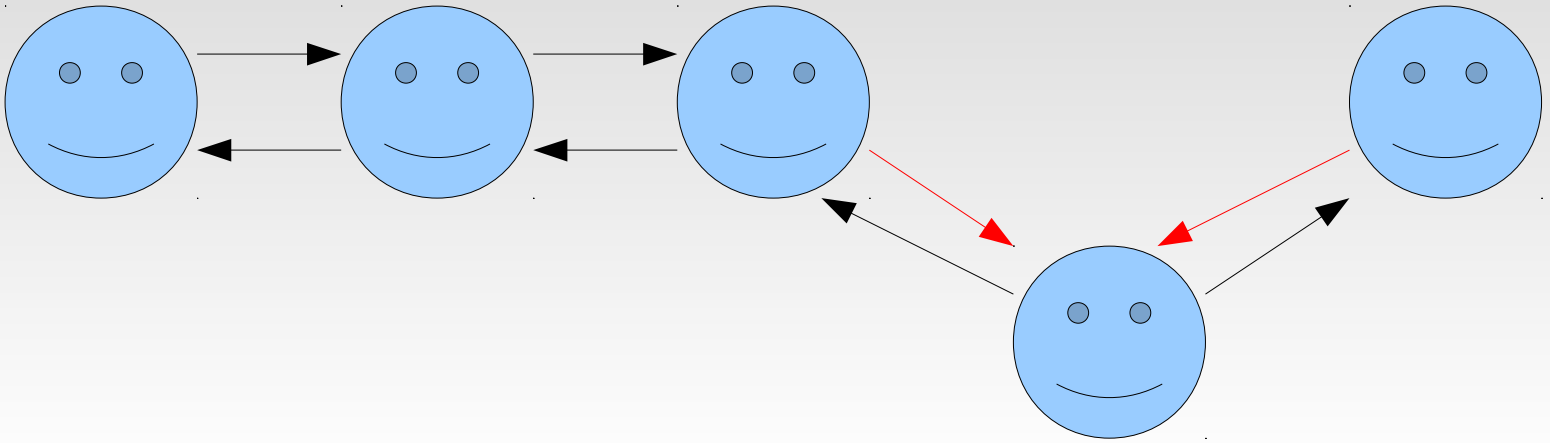
Easy removal



```
class Node
  attr_accessor :left, :right

  def remove
    left.right = right
    right.left = left
  end
end
```

Also easy reinsertion!



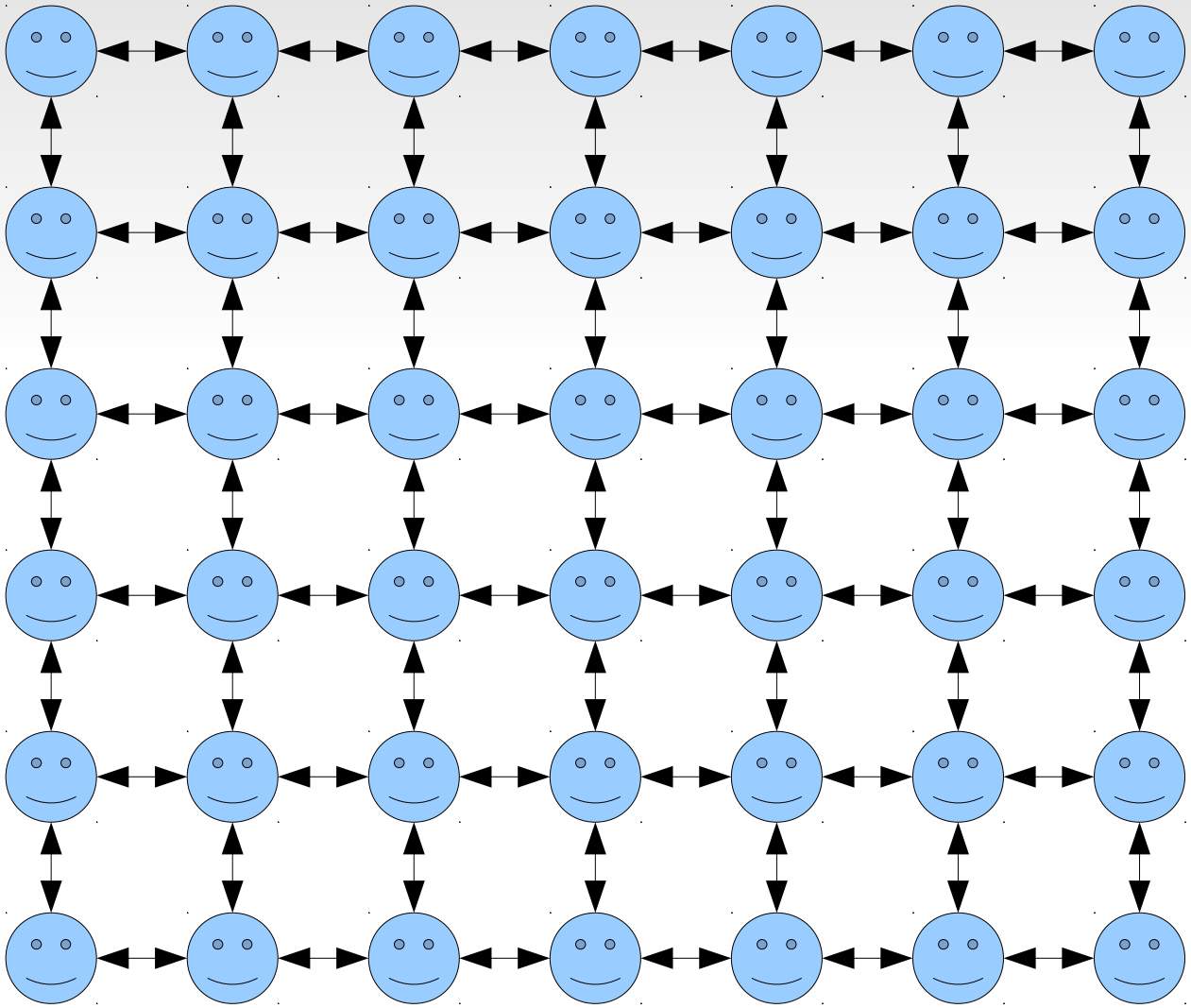
```
class Node
  attr_accessor :left, :right

  def remove
    left.right = right
    right.left = left
  end

  def reinsert
    left.right = right.left = self
  end
end
```

No arguments
For reinsert!

2D doubly-linked list



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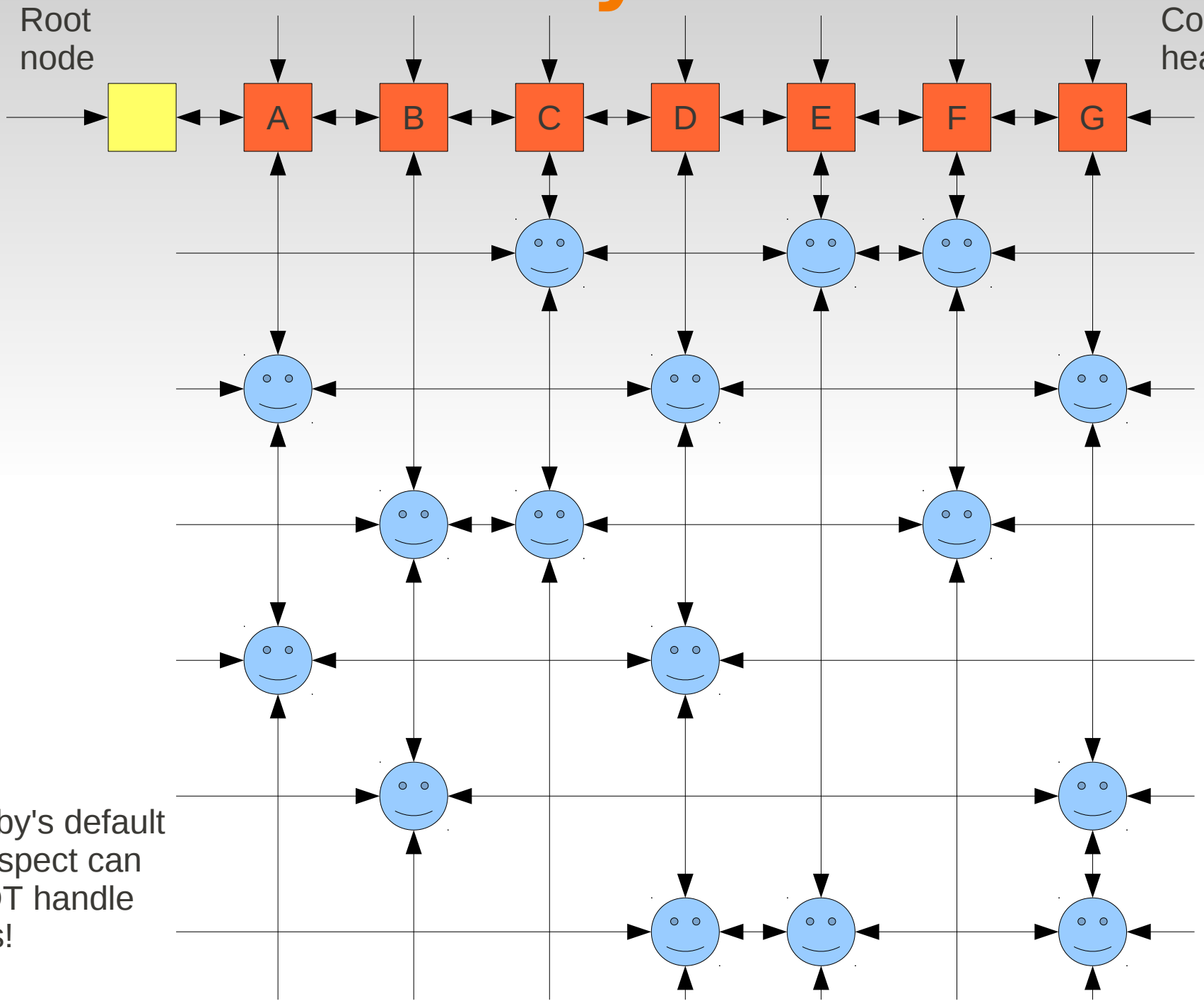

Ruby's default #inspect can NOT handle this!

HorizontalLinks module

```
module HorizontalLinks
  include Uninspectable

  def self.included(klass)
    klass.instance_eval do
      attr_accessor :left, :right
    end
  end

  def remove_horizontal
    right.left, left.right = left, right
  end

  def reinsert_horizontal
    left.right = right.left = self
  end

  def insert_left(obj)
    self.left, self.right = obj.left, obj
    reinsert_horizontal
  end
end
```

LinkEnumerator class

```ruby
class LinkEnumerator
  include Enumerable

  def initialize(link, start, include_start=false)
    @link, @start, @include_start = link, start, include_start
  end

  def each
    yield @start if @include_start

    n = @start
    while true
      n = n.send @link
      return if n == @start
      yield n
    end
  end
end
```

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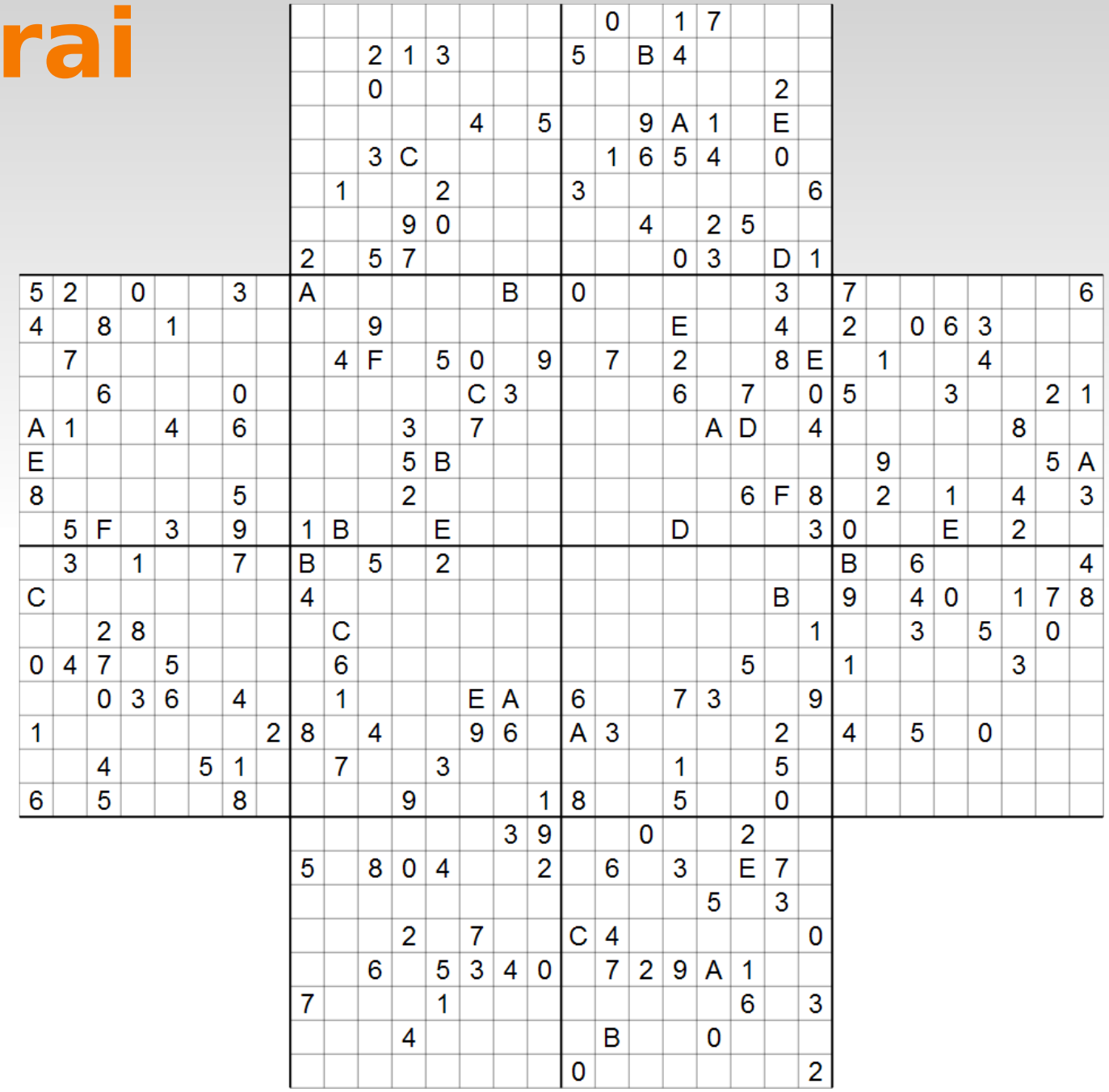
768 squares

2872 goals

3433 subsets

13 minutes to find ALL solutions!



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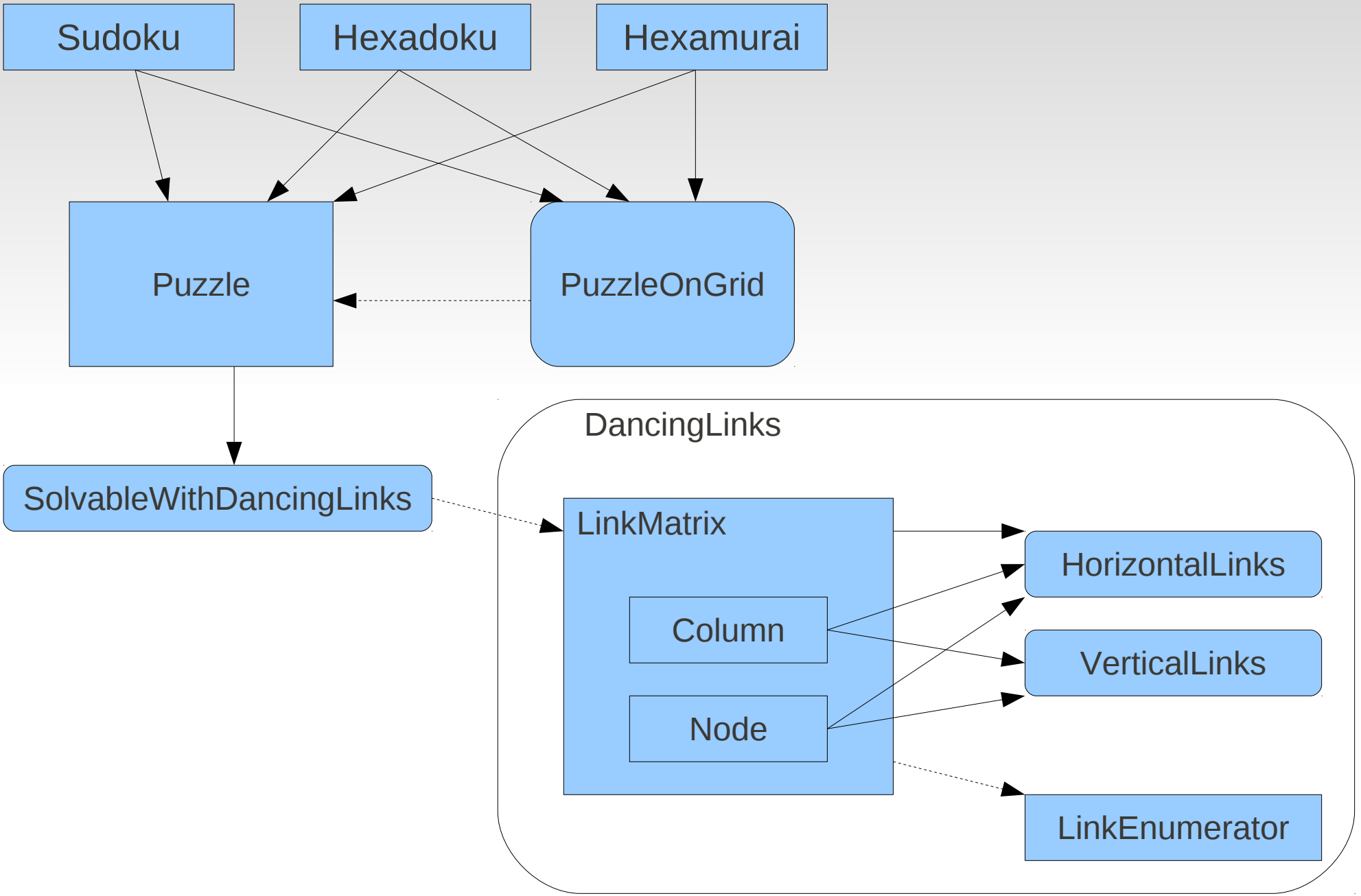

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