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103.37 A sudoku puzzle with a big rectangular hole

Creating sudoku puzzles with large empty rectangles seems to be a popular sport amongst sudoku enthusiasts. Indeed, a number of examples with 5×5 and even 6×5 holes are known to exist, and in [1] it is conjectured that 6×5 is the largest possible. So we thought *Gazette* readers might enjoy solving our contribution, a sudoku puzzle with an 8×4 empty rectangle, slightly bigger than the conjectured maximum.

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

FIGURE 1

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