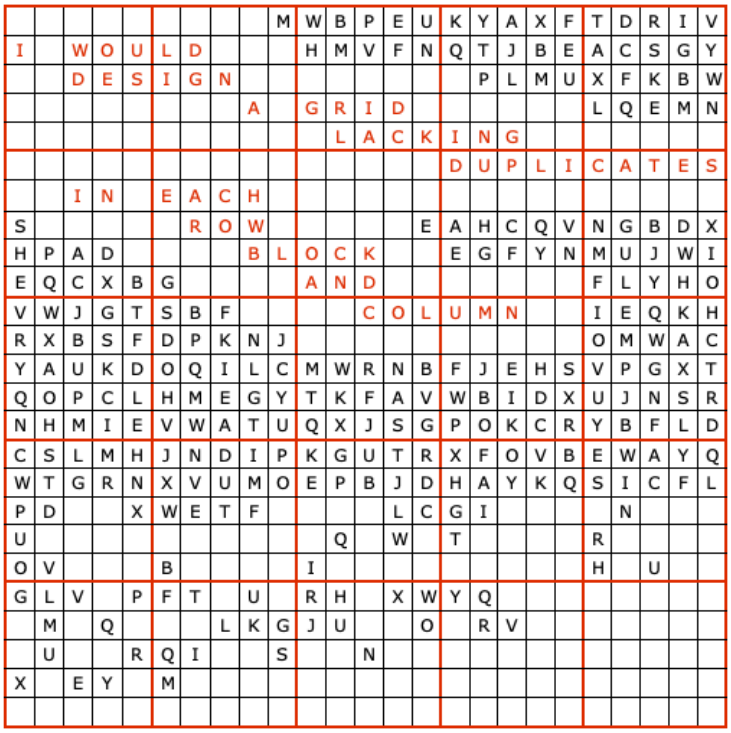
Thoughts about Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

There has been much public debate recently about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, or DEI. By now everyone knows this a general code of conduct that institutions, like universities, have established to affirm a commitment to values that all too often have been trampled on. To be treated with respect and be welcomed into a group, irrespective of gender, race, disability, etc. As far as I'm concerned, there can be no debate about this. Ezra Cornell said it best, in **fourteen words**:

I would found an institution where any person can find instruction in any study.

Is it a coincidence that the ceiling of Bailey Hall is a perfect 14-gon ? Several years ago I enshrined Ezra's great principle in a sudoku puzzle: