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4. This question involves a path through a two-dimensional (2D) array of integers, where the path is based on the values of elements in the array. When an element of the 2D array is accessed, the first index is used to specify the row and the second index is used to specify the column. The following `Location` class represents a row and column position in the 2D array.

```
public class Location
{
    private int theRow;
    private int theCol;

    public Location(int r, int c)
    {
        theRow = r;
        theCol = c;
    }

    public int getRow()
    { return theRow; }

    public int getCol()
    { return theCol; }
}
```

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The following `GridPath` class contains the 2D array and methods to use to determine a path through the array. You will write two methods of the `GridPath` class.

```
public class GridPath
{
    /** Initialized in the constructor with distinct values that never change */
    private int[][] grid;

    /**
     * Returns the Location representing a neighbor of the grid element at row and col,
     * as described in part (a)
     * Preconditions: row is a valid row index and col is a valid column index in grid.
     * row and col do not specify the element in the last row and last column of grid.
     */
    public Location getNextLoc(int row, int col)
    { /* to be implemented in part (a) */ }

    /**
     * Computes and returns the sum of all values on a path through grid, as described in
     * part (b)
     * Preconditions: row is a valid row index and col is a valid column index in grid.
     * row and col do not specify the element in the last row and last column of grid.
     */
    public int sumPath(int row, int col)
    { /* to be implemented in part (b) */ }

    // There may be instance variables, constructors, and methods that are not shown.
}
```

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- (a) Write the `getNextLoc` method, which returns a `Location` object that represents the smaller of two neighbors of the grid element at `row` and `col`, according to the following rules.
- The two neighbors that are considered are the element below the given element and the element to the right of the given element, if they exist.
 - If both neighbors exist, the `Location` of the neighbor with the smaller value is returned. Two neighbors will always have different values.
 - If only one neighbor exists, the `Location` of the existing neighbor is returned.

For example, assume that `grid` contains the following values.

	0	1	2	3	4
0	12	3	4	13	5
1	11	21	2	14	16
2	7	8	9	15	0
3	10	17	20	19	1
4	18	22	30	25	6

The following table shows some sample calls to `getNextLoc`.

Method Call	Explanation
<code>getNextLoc(0, 0)</code>	Returns the neighbor to the right (the <code>Location</code> representing the element at row 0 and column 1), since $3 < 12$
<code>getNextLoc(1, 3)</code>	Returns the neighbor below (the <code>Location</code> representing the element at row 2 and column 3), since $15 < 14$
<code>getNextLoc(2, 4)</code>	Returns the neighbor below (the <code>Location</code> representing the element at row 3 and column 4), since the given element has no neighbor to the right
<code>getNextLoc(4, 3)</code>	Returns the neighbor to the right (the <code>Location</code> representing the element at row 4 and column 4), since the given element has no neighbor below

In the example, the `getNextLoc` method will never be called with row 4 and column 4, as those values would violate the precondition of the method.

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Complete the getNextLoc method.

```
/**
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 * Preconditions: row is a valid row index and col is a valid column index in grid.
 * row and col do not specify the element in the last row and last column of grid.
 */
public Location getNextLoc(int row, int col)
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public int getRow()
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public class GridPath
private int[][] grid

public Location getNextLoc(int row, int col)
public int sumPath(int row, int col)
```

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- (b) Write the `sumPath` method, which returns the sum of all values on a path in `grid`. The path begins with the element at `row` and `col` and is determined by successive calls to `getNextLoc`. The path ends when the element in the last row and the last column of `grid` is reached.

For example, consider the following contents of `grid`. The shaded elements of `grid` represent the values on the path that results from the method call `sumPath(1, 1)`. The method call returns 19 because $3 + 2 + 9 + 4 + 0 + 1 = 19$.

	0	1	2	3	4
0	12	30	40	25	5
1	11	3	22	15	43
2	7	2	9	4	0
3	8	33	18	6	1

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Write the `sumPath` method. Assume `getNextLoc` works as intended, regardless of what you wrote in part (a). You must use `getNextLoc` appropriately in order to receive full credit.

```
/**
 * Computes and returns the sum of all values on a path through grid, as described in
 * part (b)
 * Preconditions: row is a valid row index and col is a valid column index in grid.
 * row and col do not specify the element in the last row and last column of grid.
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