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3. A two-dimensional array of integers in which most elements are zero is called a *sparse array*. Because most elements have a value of zero, memory can be saved by storing only the non-zero values along with their row and column indexes. The following complete `SparseArrayEntry` class is used to represent non-zero elements in a sparse array. A `SparseArrayEntry` object cannot be modified after it has been constructed.

```
public class SparseArrayEntry
{
    /** The row index and column index for this entry in the sparse array */
    private int row;
    private int col;

    /** The value of this entry in the sparse array */
    private int value;

    /** Constructs a SparseArrayEntry object that represents a sparse array element
     * with row index r and column index c, containing value v.
     */
    public SparseArrayEntry(int r, int c, int v)
    {
        row = r;
        col = c;
        value = v;
    }

    /** Returns the row index of this sparse array element. */
    public int getRow()
    { return row; }

    /** Returns the column index of this sparse array element. */
    public int getCol()
    { return col; }

    /** Returns the value of this sparse array element. */
    public int getValue()
    { return value; }
}
```

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The `SparseArray` class represents a sparse array. It contains a list of `SparseArrayEntry` objects, each of which represents one of the non-zero elements in the array. The entries representing the non-zero elements are stored in the list in no particular order. Each non-zero element is represented by exactly one entry in the list.

```
public class SparseArray
{
    /** The number of rows and columns in the sparse array. */
    private int numRows;
    private int numCols;

    /** The list of entries representing the non-zero elements of the sparse array. Entries are stored in the
     *  list in no particular order. Each non-zero element is represented by exactly one entry in the list.
     */
    private List<SparseArrayEntry> entries;

    /** Constructs an empty SparseArray. */
    public SparseArray()
    { entries = new ArrayList<SparseArrayEntry>(); }

    /** Returns the number of rows in the sparse array. */
    public int getNumRows()
    { return numRows; }

    /** Returns the number of columns in the sparse array. */
    public int getNumCols()
    { return numCols; }

    /** Returns the value of the element at row index row and column index col in the sparse array.
     *  Precondition:  $0 \leq \text{row} < \text{getNumRows}()$ 
     *                   $0 \leq \text{col} < \text{getNumCols}()$ 
     */
    public int getValueAt(int row, int col)
    { /* to be implemented in part (a) */ }

    /** Removes the column col from the sparse array.
     *  Precondition:  $0 \leq \text{col} < \text{getNumCols}()$ 
     */
    public void removeColumn(int col)
    { /* to be implemented in part (b) */ }

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

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Question 3: Sparse Array

Part (a)	<code>getValueAt</code>	3 points
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Intent: *Return the value at row index `row` and column index `col` in sparse array*

- +1** Accesses all necessary elements of `entries` (*No bounds errors*)
- +1** Identifies element of `entries` at row index `row` and column index `col`, if exists
- +1** Returns identified value or returns 0 if no entry exists in `entries` with row index `row` and column index `col`

Part (b)	<code>removeColumn</code>	6 points
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Intent: *Remove column `col` from sparse array*

- +1** Decrements `numCols` exactly once
- +1** Accesses all elements of `entries` (*No bounds errors*)
- +1** Computes sum of row in `arr2D` using `arraySum` and assigns to element in 1D array
- +1** Identifies and removes entry with column index `col`
- +2** Process entries with column index `> col` within loop
 - +1** Creates new `SparseArrayEntry` with current row index, column index -1, current value
 - +1** Identifies and replaces entry with column index `> col` with created entry
- +1** On exit: All and only entries with column index `col` have been removed and all and only entries with column index `> col` have been changed to have column index -1. All other entries are unchanged. (*Minor loop errors ok*)

Question-Specific Penalties

- 2** (t) Consistently uses incorrect name instead of `entries`
- 1** (u) Directly accesses private instance variables in `SparseArrayEntry` object