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4. This question involves reasoning about a two-dimensional (2D) array of integers. You will write two static methods, both of which are in a single enclosing class named `Successors` (not shown). These methods process a 2D integer array that contains consecutive values. Each of these integers may be in any position in the 2D integer array. For example, the following 2D integer array with 3 rows and 4 columns contains the integers 5 through 16, inclusive.

2D Integer Array

	0	1	2	3
0	15	5	9	10
1	12	16	11	6
2	14	8	13	7

The following `Position` class is used to represent positions in the integer array. The notation `(r, c)` will be used to refer to a `Position` object with row `r` and column `c`.

```
public class Position
{
    /** Constructs a Position object with row r and column c. */
    public Position(int r, int c)
    { /* implementation not shown */ }

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

- (a) Write a `static` method `findPosition` that takes an integer value and a 2D integer array and returns the position of the integer in the given 2D integer array. If the integer is not an element of the 2D integer array, the method returns `null`.

For example, assume that array `arr` is the 2D integer array shown at the beginning of the question.

- The call `findPosition(8, arr)` would return the `Position` object `(2, 1)` because the value 8 appears in `arr` at row 2 and column 1.
- The call `findPosition(17, arr)` would return `null` because the value 17 does not appear in `arr`.

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Complete method `findPosition` below.

```
/** Returns the position of num in intArr;  
 * returns null if no such element exists in intArr.  
 * Precondition: intArr contains at least one row.  
 */  
public static Position findPosition(int num, int[][] intArr)
```

Part (b) begins on page 18.

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Question 4: Successor Array

Part (a)	<code>findPosition</code>	5 points
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Intent: Find the position of a given integer in a 2D integer array

- +1 Accesses all necessary elements of `intArr` (*no bounds errors*)
- +1 Identifies `intArr` element equal to `num` (*in context of an intArr traversal*)
- +1 Constructs `Position` object with same row and column as identified `intArr` element
- +1 Selects constructed object when `intArr` element identified; `null` when not
- +1 Returns selected value

Part (b)	<code>getSuccessorArray</code>	4 points
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Intent: Create a successor array based on a 2D integer array

- +1 Creates 2D array of `Position` objects with same dimensions as `intArr`
- +1 Assigns a value to a location in 2D successor array using a valid call to `findPosition`
- +1 Determines the successor `Position` of an `intArr` element accessed by row and column (*in context of intArr traversal*)
- +1 Assigns all necessary locations in successor array with corresponding position object or `null` (*no bounds errors*)

Question-Specific Penalties	
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- 1 (s) Uses confused identifier `Arr`
- 1 (t) Uses `intArr[].length` as the number of columns
- 1 (u) Uses non-existent accessor methods from `Position`

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Question 4: Scoring Notes

Part (a) findPosition			5 points
Points	Rubric Criteria	Responses earn the point if they ...	Responses will not earn the point if they ...
+1	Accesses all necessary elements of intArr (<i>no bounds errors</i>)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● use <code>if (...) return;</code> <code>else return null;</code> inside loop ● confuse row and column bounds ● fail to traverse intArr
+1	Identifies intArr element equal to num (<i>in context of an intArr traversal</i>)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● use <code>.equals</code> instead of <code>==</code>
+1	Constructs Position object with same row and column as identified intArr element		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● omit keyword <code>new</code> ● use <code>(r,c)</code> instead of <code>Position(r,c)</code>
+1	Selects constructed object when intArr element identified; null when not	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● use "null" instead of <code>null</code> ● construct a String object using row and column indices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● use <code>if (...) return;</code> <code>else return null;</code> inside loop ● use <code>(r,c)</code> instead of <code>Position(r,c)</code>
+1	Returns selected value		
Part (b) getSuccessorArray			4 points
Points	Rubric Criteria	Responses earn the point if they ...	Responses will not earn the point if they ...
+1	Creates 2D array of Position objects with same dimensions as intArr		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● omit keyword <code>new</code>
+1	Assigns a value to a location in 2D successor array using a valid call to <code>findPosition</code>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● call <code>Successors.findPosition(...)</code> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● reimplement the code from <code>findPosition</code> ● call <code>findPosition</code> with a single argument ● call <code>this.findPosition(...)</code>
+1	Determines the successor Position of an intArr element accessed by row and column (<i>in context of intArr traversal</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● reimplement the code from <code>findPosition</code> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● call <code>findPosition</code> using an integer that is not identified with a location in intArr ● call <code>findPosition</code> with a single argument
+1	Assigns all necessary locations in successor array with corresponding position object or null (<i>no bounds errors</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● use SuccessorArray dimensions correctly, even if SuccessorArray was not initialized properly ● only assign non-null entries to SuccessorArray 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● reimplement the code from <code>findPosition</code> but mishandle the null case. ● fail to traverse intArr

Return is not assessed in Part (b).

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Question 4: Successor Array

Part (a)

```
public static Position findPosition(int num, int[][] intArr)
{
    for (int row=0; row < intArr.length; row++)
    {
        for (int col=0; col < intArr[0].length; col++)
        {
            if (intArr[row][col] == num)
            {
                return new Position(row, col);
            }
        }
    }
    return null;
}
```

Part (b)

```
public static Position[][] getSuccessorArray(int[][] intArr)
{
    Position[][] newArr = new Position[intArr.length][intArr[0].length];

    for (int row=0; row < intArr.length; row++)
    {
        for (int col=0; col < intArr[0].length; col++)
        {
            newArr[row][col] = findPosition(intArr[row][col]+1, intArr);
        }
    }
    return newArr;
}
```

These canonical solutions serve an expository role, depicting general approaches to solution. Each reflects only one instance from the infinite set of valid solutions. The solutions are presented in a coding style chosen to enhance readability and facilitate understanding.