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## Question 1

### Part (a)

```
public static int arraySum(int[] arr)
{
    int sum = 0;

    for (int x : arr)
        sum += x;

    return sum;
}
```

### Part (b)

```
public static int[] rowSums(int[][] arr2D)
{
    int[] sums = new int[arr2D.length];

    for (int k = 0; k < sums.length; k++)
        sums[k] = arraySum(arr2D[k]);

    return sums;
}
```

### Part (c)

```
public static boolean isDiverse(int[][] arr2D)
{
    int[] sums = rowSums(arr2D);

    for (int k = 1; k < sums.length; k++)
        for (int j = 0; j < k; j++)
            if (sums[k] == sums[j])
                return false;

    return true;
}
```

**Question 2**

```
public class HiddenWord
{
    private String word;

    public HiddenWord(String w)
    {
        word = w;
    }

    public String getHint(String s)
    {
        String hint = "";

        for (int i = 0; i < s.length(); i++)
        {
            String letter = s.substring(i, i+1);

            if (letter.equals(word.substring(i, i+1))) 1
                hint += letter;
            else if (word.indexOf(letter) >= 0)
                hint += "+";
            else
                hint += "*";
        }

        return hint;
    }
}
```

**Notes:**

1. Not `letter == word.substring(i, i+1)`

### Question 3

#### Part (a)

```
public int getValueAt(int row, int col)
{
    for (SparseArrayEntry e : entries)
        if (e.getRow() == row && e.getCol() == col)
            return e.getValue();

    return 0;
}
```

#### Part (b)

```
public void removeColumn(int col)
{
    int i = 0;

    while (i < entries.size())
    {
        SparseArrayEntry e = entries.get(i);
        int c = e.getCol();

        if (c == col)
            entries.remove(i);
        else
        {
            if (c > col)
                entries.set(i, new SparseArrayEntry(e.getRow(),
                                                    c-1, e.getValue()));

            i++;
        }
    }
    numCols--;
}
```

**Notes:**

## 1. Alternative solution:

```
public void removeColumn(int col)
{
    for (int i = entries.size() - 1; i >= 0; i--)
    {
        SparseArrayEntry e = entries.get(i);
        int c = e.getCol();

        if (c == col)
            entries.remove(i);
        else if (c > col)
            entries.set(i, new SparseArrayEntry(e.getRow(),
                                                c-1, e.getValue()));
    }
    numCols--;
}
```

**Question 4****Part (a)**

```
public interface NumberGroup
{
    boolean contains(int x);
}
```

**Part (b)**

```
public class Range implements NumberGroup
{
    private int minValue, maxValue;

    public Range(int min, int max)
    {
        minValue = min;
        maxValue = max;
    }

    public boolean contains (int x)
    {
        return x >= minValue && x <= maxValue;
    }
}
```

**Part (c)**

```
public boolean contains(int num)
{
    for (NumberGroup g : groupList)
        if (g.contains(num))
            return true;

    return false;
}
```