

## AP<sup>®</sup> COMPUTER SCIENCE A FREE-RESPONSE QUESTION

A student in a school is represented by the following class.

```
public class Student
{
    /** Returns the name of this Student. */
    public String getName()
    { /* implementation not shown */ }

    /** Returns the number of times this Student has missed class. */
    public int getAbsenceCount()
    { /* implementation not shown */ }

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

The class `SeatingChart`, shown below, uses a two-dimensional array to represent the seating arrangement of students in a classroom. The seats in the classroom are in a rectangular arrangement of rows and columns.

```
public class SeatingChart
{
    /** seats[r][c] represents the Student in row r and column c in the classroom. */
    private Student[][] seats;

    /** Creates a seating chart with the given number of rows and columns from the students in
     *  studentList. Empty seats in the seating chart are represented by null.
     *  @param rows the number of rows of seats in the classroom
     *  @param cols the number of columns of seats in the classroom
     *  Precondition: rows > 0; cols > 0;
     *                   rows * cols >= studentList.size()
     *  Postcondition:
     *      - Students appear in the seating chart in the same order as they appear
     *        in studentList, starting at seats[0][0].
     *      - seats is filled column by column from studentList, followed by any
     *        empty seats (represented by null).
     *      - studentList is unchanged.
     */
    public SeatingChart(List<Student> studentList,
                       int rows, int cols)
    { /* to be implemented in part (a) */ }

    /** Removes students who have more than a given number of absences from the
     *  seating chart, replacing those entries in the seating chart with null
     *  and returns the number of students removed.
     *  @param allowedAbsences an integer >= 0
     *  @return number of students removed from seats
     *  Postcondition:
     *      - All students with allowedAbsences or fewer are in their original positions in seats.
     *      - No student in seats has more than allowedAbsences absences.
     *      - Entries without students contain null.
     */
    public int removeAbsentStudents(int allowedAbsences)
    { /* 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 constructor for the `SeatingChart` class. The constructor initializes the `seats` instance variable to a two-dimensional array with the given number of rows and columns. The students in `studentList` are copied into the seating chart in the order in which they appear in `studentList`. The students are assigned to consecutive locations in the array `seats`, starting at `seats[0][0]` and filling the array column by column. Empty seats in the seating chart are represented by `null`.

For example, suppose a variable `List<Student> roster` contains references to `Student` objects in the following order.

"Karen" 3	"Liz" 1	"Paul" 4	"Lester" 1	"Henry" 5	"Renee" 9	"Glen" 2	"Fran" 6	"David" 1	"Danny" 3
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A `SeatingChart` object created with the call `new SeatingChart(roster, 3, 4)` would have `seats` initialized with the following values.

	0	1	2	3
0	"Karen" 3	"Lester" 1	"Glen" 2	"Danny" 3
1	"Liz" 1	"Henry" 5	"Fran" 6	null
2	"Paul" 4	"Renee" 9	"David" 1	null

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Complete the `SeatingChart` constructor below.

```
/** Creates a seating chart with the given number of rows and columns from the students in
 *  studentList. Empty seats in the seating chart are represented by null.
 *  @param rows the number of rows of seats in the classroom
 *  @param cols the number of columns of seats in the classroom
 *  Precondition: rows > 0; cols > 0;
 *                  rows * cols >= studentList.size()
 *  Postcondition:
 *      - Students appear in the seating chart in the same order as they appear
 *        in studentList, starting at seats[0][0].
 *      - seats is filled column by column from studentList, followed by any
 *        empty seats (represented by null).
 *      - studentList is unchanged.
 */
public SeatingChart(List<Student> studentList,
                   int rows, int cols)
```

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- (b) Write the `removeAbsentStudents` method, which removes students who have more than a given number of absences from the seating chart and returns the number of students that were removed. When a student is removed from the seating chart, a `null` is placed in the entry for that student in the array `seats`. For example, suppose the variable `SeatingChart introCS` has been created such that the array `seats` contains the following entries showing both students and their number of absences.

	0	1	2	3
0	"Karen" 3	"Lester" 1	"Glen" 2	"Danny" 3
1	"Liz" 1	"Henry" 5	"Fran" 6	<code>null</code>
2	"Paul" 4	"Renee" 9	"David" 1	<code>null</code>

After the call `introCS.removeAbsentStudents(4)` has executed, the array `seats` would contain the following values and the method would return the value 3.

	0	1	2	3
0	"Karen" 3	"Lester" 1	"Glen" 2	"Danny" 3
1	"Liz" 1	<code>null</code>	<code>null</code>	<code>null</code>
2	"Paul" 4	<code>null</code>	"David" 1	<code>null</code>

Class information repeated from the beginning of the question:

```
public class Student
```

```
public String getName()
```

```
public int getAbsenceCount()
```

```
public class SeatingChart
```

```
private Student[][] seats
```

```
public SeatingChart(List<Student> studentList,  
                    int rows, int cols)
```

```
public int removeAbsentStudents(int allowedAbsences)
```

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Complete method `removeAbsentStudents` below.

```
/** Removes students who have more than a given number of absences from the
 * seating chart, replacing those entries in the seating chart with null
 * and returns the number of students removed.
 * @param allowedAbsences an integer  $\geq 0$ 
 * @return number of students removed from seats
 * Postcondition:
 *   - All students with allowedAbsences or fewer are in their original positions in seats.
 *   - No student in seats has more than allowedAbsences absences.
 *   - Entries without students contain null.
 */
public int removeAbsentStudents(int allowedAbsences)
```