

# Multi-Dimensional Arrays



# Two Dimensional Arrays

We have seen that an array variable can store a list of values.

Many applications require us to store a **table** of values.

	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4	Subject 5
Student 1	75	82	90	65	76
Student 2	68	75	80	70	72
Student 3	88	74	85	76	80
Student 4	50	65	68	40	70

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The table contains a total of 20 values, five in each line.

- The table can be regarded as a **matrix** consisting of **four rows** and **five columns**.

C allows us to define such tables of items by using **two-dimensional** arrays.

# Declaring 2-D Arrays

General form:

```
type array_name[row_size][column_size];
```

Examples:

```
int marks[4][5];
```

```
float sales[12][25];
```

```
double matrix[100][100];
```

First index indicates row, second index indicates column.

**Both row index and column index start from 0** (similar to what we had for 1-d arrays)

# Declaring 2-D Arrays

```
int m[4][5];
```

	Column 0	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Row 0	m[0][0]	m[0][1]	m[0][2]	m[0][3]	m[0][4]
Row 1	m[1][0]	m[1][1]	m[1][2]	m[1][3]	m[1][4]
Row 2	m[2][0]	m[2][1]	m[2][2]	m[2][3]	m[2][4]
Row 3	m[3][0]	m[3][1]	m[3][2]	m[3][3]	m[3][4]

# Accessing Elements of a 2-D Array

Similar to that for 1-D array, but use two indices.

- First index indicates row, second index indicates column.
- Both the indices should be expressions which evaluate to integer values.

Examples:

```
x[m][n] = 0;  
c[i][k] += a[i][j] * b[j][k];  
val = sqrt( arr[j*3][k+1] );
```

# How is a 2-D array stored in memory?

Starting from a given memory location (starting address of the array), the elements are stored **row-wise** in consecutive memory locations.

- **x**: starting address of the array in memory
- **c**: number of columns
- **k**: number of bytes allocated per array element, e.g., `sizeof(int)`
- **a[i][j]** is allocated memory location at address  $x + (i * c + j) * k$

a[0][0] a[0][1] a[0][2] a[0][3]

Row 0

a[1][0] a[1][1] a[1][2] a[1][3]

Row 1

a[2][0] a[2][1] a[2][2] a[2][3]

Row 2

# Array Addresses

```
int main()
{
    int a[3][5];
    int i, j;

    for (i=0; i<3;i++)
    {
        for (j=0; j<5; j++)
            printf ("%u\n", &a[i][j]);
        printf ("\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

## Output

```
3221224480
3221224484
3221224488
3221224492
3221224496

3221224500
3221224504
3221224508
3221224512
3221224516

3221224520
3221224524
3221224528
3221224532
3221224536
```



# How to read the elements of a 2-D array?

By reading them one element at a time

```
for (i=0; i<nrow; i++)  
    for (j=0; j<ncol; j++)  
        scanf ("%f", &a[i][j]);
```

- The ampersand (&) is necessary.
- The elements can be entered all in one line or in different lines.

We can also initialize a 2-D array at the time of declaration:

```
int a[MAX_ROWS][MAX_COLS] = { {1,2,3}, {4,5,6}, {7,8,9} };
```

# How to print the elements of a 2-D array?

By printing them one element at a time.

```
for (i=0; i<nrow; i++)  
    for (j=0; j<ncol; j++)  
        printf ("%f ", a[i][j]);
```

This will print all elements in one line.

```
for (i=0; i<nrow; i++) {  
    for (j=0; j<ncol; j++)  
        printf ("%f ", a[i][j]);  
    printf ("\n");  
}
```

This will print the elements with one row in each line (matrix form).

# Example: Matrix addition

```
int main()
{
    int  a[100][100], b[100][100],
        c[100][100], p, q, m, n;

    printf ("Enter dimensions: ");
    scanf ("%d %d", &m, &n);

    for (p=0; p<m; p++)
        for (q=0; q<n; q++)
            scanf ("%d", &a[p][q]);

    for (p=0; p<m; p++)
        for (q=0; q<n; q++)
            scanf ("%d", &b[p][q]);
```

```
    for (p=0; p<m; p++)
        for (q=0; q<n; q++)
            c[p][q] = a[p][q] + b[p][q];

    for (p=0; p<m; p++)
    {
        for (q=0; q<n; q++)
            printf ("%d ", c[p][q]);
        printf ("\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

# A 2-D array is an array of 1-D arrays, and so a row pointer

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main ()
{
    int i, j, A[4][5] = { { 7, 14, 3, 16, 6}, {11, 5, 9, 13, 18},
                          { 2, 15, 20, 1, 19}, {10, 4, 12, 17, 8} };
    for (i=0; i<4; ++i) {
        for (j=0; j<5; ++j) printf("%p ", &A[i][j]);
        printf("\n");
    }
    printf("sizeof(A)   = %3lu,   A = %p,   A + 1 = %p\n", sizeof(A),   A,   A + 1);
    printf("sizeof(*A)  = %3lu,  *A = %p,  *A + 1 = %p\n", sizeof(*A), *A, *A + 1);
    printf("sizeof(&A) = %3lu,  &A = %p,  &A + 1 = %p\n", sizeof(&A), &A, &A + 1);
    return 0;
}
```

## Output

```
0x7ffc314fe100 0x7ffc314fe104 0x7ffc314fe108 0x7ffc314fe10c 0x7ffc314fe110
0x7ffc314fe114 0x7ffc314fe118 0x7ffc314fe11c 0x7ffc314fe120 0x7ffc314fe124
0x7ffc314fe128 0x7ffc314fe12c 0x7ffc314fe130 0x7ffc314fe134 0x7ffc314fe138
0x7ffc314fe13c 0x7ffc314fe140 0x7ffc314fe144 0x7ffc314fe148 0x7ffc314fe14c
sizeof(A)   = 80,   A = 0x7ffc314fe100,   A + 1 = 0x7ffc314fe114
sizeof(*A)  = 20,  *A = 0x7ffc314fe100,  *A + 1 = 0x7ffc314fe104
sizeof(&A)  = 8,   &A = 0x7ffc314fe100,  &A + 1 = 0x7ffc314fe150
```

# Passing 2-d arrays to functions



# Passing 2-D arrays to functions

Similar to that for 1-D arrays.

- The array contents are **not** copied into the function.
- Rather, the address of the first element is passed.

For calculating the address of an element in a 2-D array, the function needs:

- The starting address of the array in memory (say, **x**)
- Number of bytes per element (say, **k**)
- Number of columns in the array, i.e., the size of each row (say, **c**)

$a[i][j]$  is located at memory address  $x + (i * c + j) * k$


The above three pieces of information must be known to the function.

# Example

```
int main()
{
    int  a[15][25],  b[15]25];
    ...
    ...
    add (a, b, 15, 25);
    ...
    ...
}
```

```
void  add (int x[][25], int y[][25],
          int rows, int cols)
{
}

```



**We can also write**

```
int x[15][25], y[15][25];
```

**The first dimension is ignored.  
But the second dimension must  
be given.**

# Example: Matrix addition with functions

```
void ReadMatrix (int A[][100], int x, int y)
{
    int i, j;
    for (i=0; i<x; i++)
        for (j=0; j<y; j++)
            scanf ("%d", &A[i][j]);
}
```

```
void AddMatrix( int A[][100], int B[][100], int C[][100], int x, int y)
{
    int i, j;
    for (i=0; i<x; i++)
        for (j=0; j<y; j++)
            C[i][j] = A[i][j] + B[i][j];
}
```



# Example: Matrix addition

```
void PrintMatrix (int A[][100], int x, int y)
{
    int i, j;
    printf ("\n");
    for (i=0; i<x; i++)
    {
        for (j=0; j<y; j++)
            printf (" %5d", A[i][j]);
        printf ("\n");
    }
}
```

```
int main()
{
    int  a[100][100], b[100][100],
        c[100][100], p, q, m, n;

    scanf ("%d%d", &m, &n);

    ReadMatrix(a, m, n);
    ReadMatrix(b, m, n);

    AddMatrix(a, b, c, m, n);

    PrintMatrix(c, m, n);
    return 0;
}
```

# Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int a[15][25], b[15][25], c[15][25];
    int m, n;
    scanf ("%d %d", &m, &n);
    for (p=0; p<m; p++)
        for (q=0; q<n; q++)
            scanf ("%d", &a[p][q]);
    for (p=0; p<m; p++)
        for (q=0; q<n; q++)
            scanf ("%d", &b[p][q]);
    add (a, b, m, n, c);
    for (p=0; p<m; p++) {
        for (q=0; q<n; q++)
            printf ("%f ", c[p][q]);
        printf ("\n");
    }
}
```

```
void add (int x[][25], int y[][25], int m,
          int n, int z[][25])
{
    int p, q;
    for (p=0; p<m; p++)
        for (q=0; q<n; q++)
            z[p][q] = x[p][q] + y[p][q];
}
```

Note that the number of columns has to be fixed in the function definition.

- There is no difference between `void add( int x[ ][25], ... )` and `void add( int x[15][25], ... )`
- Specifying the first dimension is not necessary, but not a mistake.

# Example: Transpose of a matrix

```
#include <stdio.h>

void transpose (int x[][3], int n)
{
    int p, q, t;

    for (p=0; p<n; p++)
        for (q=0; q<n; q++)
            {
                t = x[p][q];
                x[p][q] = x[q][p];
                x[q][p] = t;
            }
}
```

```
main()
{
    int a[3][3], p, q;

    for (p=0; p<3; p++)
        for (q=0; q<3; q++)
            scanf ("%d", &a[p][q]);

    transpose (a, 3);

    for (p=0; p<3; p++)
    {
        for (q=0; q<3; q++)
            printf ("%d  ", a[p][q]);
        printf ("\n");
    }
}
```

# Example: Transpose of a matrix

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    int p, q, t;

    for (p=0; p<n; p++)
        for (q=0; q<n; q++)
        {
            t = x[p][q];
            x[p][q] = x[q][p];
            x[q][p] = t;
        }
}
```

**This function is wrong. Why?**

```
main()
{
    int a[3][3], p, q;

    for (p=0; p<3; p++)
        for (q=0; q<3; q++)
            scanf ("%d", &a[p][q]);

    transpose (a, 3);

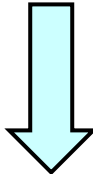
    for (p=0; p<3; p++)
    {
        for (q=0; q<3; q++)
            printf ("%d  ", a[p][q]);
        printf ("\n");
    }
}
```

# The Correct Version

```
void transpose (int x[][3], int n)
{
    int p, q, t;

    for (p = 0; p < n; p++)
        for (q = p; q < n; q++)
        {
            t = x[p][q];
            x[p][q] = x[q][p];
            x[q][p] = t;
        }
}
```

10	20	30
40	50	60
70	80	90



10	40	70
20	50	80
30	60	90

# Dynamically allocating 2-d arrays

## A brief discussion



# You may recall ...

We have discussed the issue of dynamically allocating space for 1-D arrays

- Using `malloc()` library function.

```
int *ptr;
```

```
ptr = (int*) malloc( 100 * sizeof(int) );
```

# How to dynamically allocate a 2-d array?

Many variations possible:

1. Fixed number of rows, but variable number of columns
2. Variable number of rows, but fixed number of columns
3. Both number of rows and columns variable

**We will discuss only the first variation:**

**Fixed number of rows, but variable number of columns**



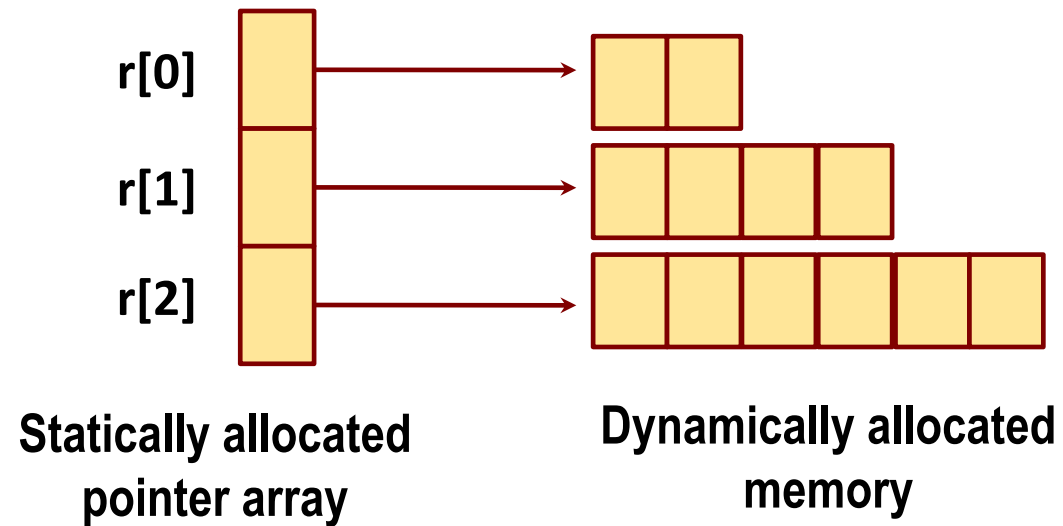
# Fixed number of rows, but variable number of columns

Let us assume the number of rows is fixed to 3.

We can use an **array of pointers** of size 3, where the  $i^{\text{th}}$  element of this array (a pointer) will point to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row of the 2-d array.

```
int  *r[3], i, c;
printf ("Enter nos. of columns of the 2-d array:");
scanf ("%d", &c);           // each row will have c elements
for (i=0;i<3;i++)
    r[i] = (int *) malloc(c*sizeof(int)); // allocate i-th row
```

# Possible to have rows with different number of elements



```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main()
{
    int *r[3], i, j, col;
    for (i=0; i<3; ++i) {
        col = 2 * (i+1);
        r[i] = (int *) malloc (col*sizeof(int));
        for (j=0; j<col; ++j)
            r[i][j] = i + j;
    }
    for (i=0; i<3; ++i) {
        col = 2 * (i+1);
        for (j=0; j<col; ++j)
            printf("%d ", r[i][j]);
        printf("\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```

## Output

0	1					
1	2	3	4			
2	3	4	5	6	7	

**We have studied only 2-d arrays.  
C allows arrays of higher dimensions as well.**

# Practice problems

1. Write a function that takes an  $n \times n$  square matrix  $A$  as parameter ( $n < 100$ ) and returns 1 if  $A$  is an upper-triangular matrix, 0 otherwise.
2. Repeat 1 to check for lower-triangular matrix, diagonal matrix, identity matrix.
3. Consider a  $n \times n$  matrix containing only 0 or 1. Write a function that takes such a matrix and returns 1 if the number of 1's in each row are the same and the number of 1's in each column are the same; it returns 0 otherwise.
4. Write a function that reads in an  $m \times n$  matrix  $A$  and an  $n \times p$  matrix  $B$ , and returns the product of  $A$  and  $B$  in another matrix  $C$ . Pass appropriate parameters.
5. Write a function to find the transpose of a non-square matrix  $A$  in a matrix  $B$ .
6. Repeat the last exercise when the transpose of  $A$  is computed in  $A$  itself. Use no additional 2-d arrays.

For each of the above, also write a main function that reads the matrices, calls the function, and prints the results (a message, the result matrix etc.)

# ADVANCED TOPICS

**Pointers equivalent to two-dimensional arrays**

# Generalization from one-dimensional arrays

Consider the statically allocated 1-d array:

```
int A[20];
```

A pointer that can browse through A is declared as:

```
int *p;
```

Such a pointer can be allocated dynamic memory and freed as:

```
p = (int *)malloc(20 * sizeof(int));  
free(p);
```

- What are the analogous pointers for 2-d arrays that you have seen earlier?
- How can these pointers be allocated and deallocated their own memory?

# What are our 2-d arrays?

We have seen two types of 2-d arrays:

```
int A[10][20];  
int *B[10];
```

Both these arrays are statically allocated.

- A is an array of arrays, and has no dynamic component.
- B is an array of pointers. Individual pointers in B[] can be dynamically allocated.

As statically allocated arrays, both A and B suffer from the two standard disadvantages:

- Waste of space
- Inadequacy to handle larger than the allocated space

Dynamic versions of A and B overcome these shortcomings.



# Dynamic version of A

```
int A[10][20];
```

A pointer matching A should be a pointer to an array of 20 int variables.

But

```
int *p[20];
```

declares an array of 20 int pointers, not a pointer to an array.

Three ways of defining the correct pointer equivalent to A:

Method 1: `int (*p)[20];`

Method 2: `typedef int row[20];`  
`row *p;`

Method 3: `typedef(int [20]) *p;` // Not available in the original C specification

In all the cases, p is a *single* pointer.

# Dynamic version of B

```
int B[10];
```

B is an array of 10 int pointers.

The equivalent pointer is a pointer to an int pointer.

```
int **q;
```

A 2-d array declared by q is fully dynamic.

- The number of rows can be decided during the run of the program.
- The size of each row can also be decided *individually* during the run.

**Note:** It is *illegal* to set `q = A;` or `p = B;` Expect segmentation fault if you do so (ignoring the warnings issued by the compiler).

# Dynamic memory for p

p is a single pointer, and can be allocated and deallocated memory in a single shot.

- **Method 1:**

```
p = (int (*)[20])malloc(10 * 20 * sizeof(int));
```

- **Method 2:**

```
p = (row *)malloc(10 * sizeof(row));
```

- **Method 3:**

```
p = (typeof(int [20]) *)malloc(10 * 20 * sizeof(typeof(int [20])));
```

Freeing requires only one call.

```
free(p);
```

# Dynamic memory for q

First, you allocate the required number of row headers, and then the rows individually.

```
q = (int **)malloc(10 * sizeof(int *));  
for (i=0; i<10; ++i)  
    q[i] = (int *)malloc(20 * sizeof(int));
```

Freeing is also a multi-step process.

```
for (i=0; i<10; ++i) free(q[i]);  
free(q);
```

**Note:** Free the individual rows *before* freeing the array of row headers.

# Example: Vandermonde matrices

A Vandermonde matrix corresponding to  $n$  real-valued elements  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}$  is defined as:

1	1	1	...	1
$a_0$	$a_1$	$a_2$	...	$a_{n-1}$
$a_0^2$	$a_1^2$	$a_2^2$	...	$a_{n-1}^2$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	$\vdots$	...	$\vdots$
$a_0^{n-1}$	$a_1^{n-1}$	$a_2^{n-1}$	...	$a_{n-1}^{n-1}$

An application works with Vandermonde matrices for  $n \leq 100$ . A static 2-d array would require a total storage of  $100 \times 100 = 10,000$  cells. This leads to waste if  $n$  is small.

We write a function `genvdm(A,n)` that obtains  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}$  from the 1-d array `A`, and returns a pointer to a dynamically allocated array of rows.

The row size must be fixed beforehand. But we can allocate exactly  $n$  rows to reduce wastage.

# Dynamic memory for storing Vandermonde matrices

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

#define MAXDIM 100

double (*genvdm ( double *A, int n )) [MAXDIM]
{
    double (*p)[MAXDIM];
    int i, j;
    p = (double (*)[MAXDIM])malloc(n * MAXDIM * sizeof(double));
    for (i=0; i<n; ++i) {
        // i is an index in A, and a column in p. j is a row in p.
        p[0][i] = 1;
        for (j=1; j<n; ++j) p[j][i] = p[j-1][i] * A[i];
    }
    return p;
}

void prnvdm ( double M[][MAXDIM], int n )
{
    int i, j;
    for (i=0; i<n; ++i) {
        for (j=0; j<n; ++j) printf("%10.5lf ", M[i][j]);
        printf("\n");
    }
}
```

# Storage of Vandermonde matrices (continued)

```
int main ()
{
    double A[MAXDIM], (*V) [MAXDIM];
    int n, i;

    printf("Enter dimension of V: "); scanf("%d", &n);
    printf("Enter %d elements: ", n);
    for (i=0; i<n; ++i) scanf("%lf", A+i);
    V = genvdm(A,n);
    prnvdm(V,n);
    exit(0);
}
```

**Exercise:** Free the 2-d memory allocated to V.

## Output

```
Enter dimension of V: 5
Enter 5 elements: -1 0.1 1.1 2.5 3.2
  1.00000    1.00000    1.00000    1.00000    1.00000
 -1.00000    0.10000    1.10000    2.50000    3.20000
  1.00000    0.01000    1.21000    6.25000   10.24000
 -1.00000    0.00100    1.33100   15.62500   32.76800
  1.00000    0.00010    1.46410   39.06250  104.85760
```

# Antisymmetric matrices

A symmetric matrix is an  $n \times n$  matrix with  $a_{ij} = a_{ji}$  for all  $i, j$ .

An antisymmetric matrix is an  $n \times n$  matrix with  $a_{ij} = -a_{ji}$  for all  $i, j$ . Since  $a_{ii} = -a_{ii}$ , the major diagonal is filled by 0. Moreover, the entries below the main diagonal can be obtained from the entries above the main diagonal.

0	5	3	-2	4
-5	0	-6	-1	0
-3	6	0	2	7
2	1	-2	0	1
-4	0	-7	-1	0

We use a fully dynamic 2-d array to store only the elements above the main diagonal.

The function `genasm(n)` returns a pointer to this array given  $n$  as input. Here, we take  $a_{ij} = i - j$ .



# Compact storage of an antisymmetric matrix

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int **genasm ( int n )
{
    int **q, i, j;

    q = (int **)malloc((n-1) * sizeof(int *));
    for (i=0; i<n-1; ++i) {
        q[i] = (int *)malloc((n-i-1) * sizeof(int));
        for (j=i+1; j<n; ++j) q[i][j-i-1] = i-j;
    }
    return q;
}
```

# Storage of antisymmetric matrices (continued)

```
void prnasm ( int *U[], int n )
{
    int i, j;
    for (i=0; i<n; ++i) {
        for (j=0; j<i; ++j) printf("%3d ", -U[j][i-j-1]);
        printf(" 0 ");
        for (j=i+1; j<n; ++j) printf("%3d ", U[i][j-i-1]);
        printf("\n");
    }
}

int main ()
{
    int **U, n;
    printf("Enter dimension (n): "); scanf("%d", &n);
    U = genasm(n);
    prnasm(U,n);
    exit(0);
}
```

**Exercise:** Free the 2-d memory allocated to U.

## Output

```
Enter dimension (n): 5
0  -1  -2  -3  -4
1   0  -1  -2  -3
2   1   0  -1  -2
3   2   1   0  -1
4   3   2   1   0
```

# Four types of 2-d arrays

Declaration	Number of rows	Number of columns
<code>int A[10][20];</code>	Static	Static
<code>int (*p)[20];</code>	Dynamic	Static
<code>int *B[10];</code>	Static	Dynamic
<code>int **q;</code>	Dynamic	Dynamic