

Multi-Dimensional Arrays

CS10003: PROGRAMMING AND DATA STRUCTURES



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.

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| 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 |

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];
```

Accessing Elements of a 2-D Array

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

- First indicates row, second 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];
```

```
a = sqrt (a[j*3][k]);
```

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

Starting from a given memory location, 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
- $a[i][j]$ 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

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 of them in one line

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

- The elements are printed with one row in each line.

Example: Matrix Addition

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {

    int a[100][100], b[100][100], c[100][100], p, q, 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]);

    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("%f  ", c[p][q]);
        printf("\n");
    }
}
```


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, we need:

- The starting address of the array in memory.
- Number of bytes per element.
- Number of columns in the array (that is, the size of each row).

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

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 both dimensions is not necessary, but not a mistake

2D Arrays and Pointers

```
#define COL 5  
int y[5][COL];  
int x = *(y + 2*COL + 2);  
This is not correct !!
```

```
#define COL 5  
int y[5][COL];  
int x = *((int *)y + 2*COL + 2);  
This is correct!!
```

Data Type of 2-D Array

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int matrix[4][3] = { {1, 2, 3},
                        {4, 5, 6},
                        {7, 8, 9},
                        {10, 11, 12}};
    int** pmat = (int **)matrix;

    printf("&matrix[0][0] = %u\n", &matrix[0][0]);
    printf("&pmat[0][0] = %u\n", &pmat[0][0]);
    return 0;
}
```

OUTPUT

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&matrix[0][0] = 1245016

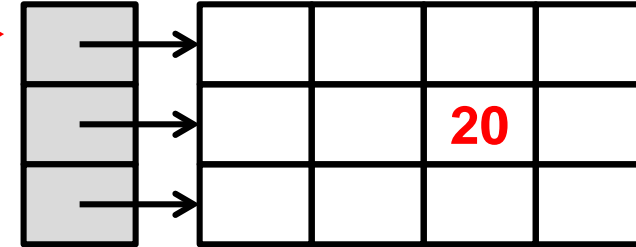
&pmat[0][0] = 1

Why are they different?

Dynamic Allocation of 2D array

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#define ROW 3
#define COL 4
int main()
{
    int count;
    int **arr = (int **) malloc(ROW * sizeof(int *));
    for (i=0; i<ROW; i++) arr[i] = (int *)malloc(COLUMN * sizeof(int));
    arr[2][3] = 20; // Note that the style of accessing is the same
}
```

This creates a list of pointers



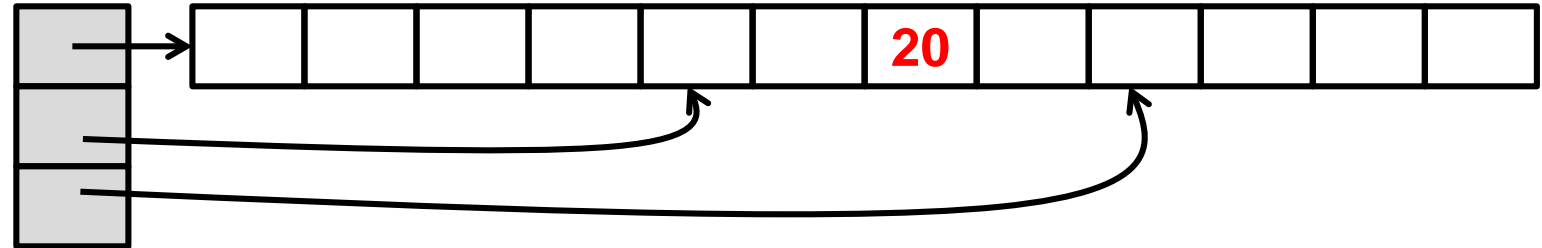
This creates each row

We could use one malloc() call for all the rows

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>
#define ROW 3
#define COL 4
int main()
{
    int **arr;
    int i, j;

    arr = (int **)malloc(sizeof(int *) * ROW);
    arr[0] = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int) * COL * ROW);

    for(i = 0; i < ROW; i++) arr[i] = (*arr + COL * i);
    arr[2][3] = 20;
}
```



Practice Problems

1. Write a function that takes a $n \times n$ 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. Write a function that takes as parameter an $m \times n$ matrix A ($m, n < 100$) and returns the transpose of A (modifies in A only).
4. 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
5. 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.

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