

# Two-Dimensional Array

## Declaration

A 2-D array within a function is declared as follows:

```
#define ROW 3
#define COL 5
..... what(.....){
    int a[ROW][COL] ..... ;
    .....
}
```

## Logical View

Logically it may be viewed as a two-dimensional collection of data, three rows and five columns, each location is of type `int`.

Columns

	0	1	2	3	4
0	a[0][0]	a[0][1]	a[0][2]	a[0][3]	a[0][4]
1	a[1][0]	a[1][1]	a[1][2]	a[1][3]	a[1][4]
2	a[2][0]	a[2][1]	a[2][2]	a[2][3]	a[2][4]

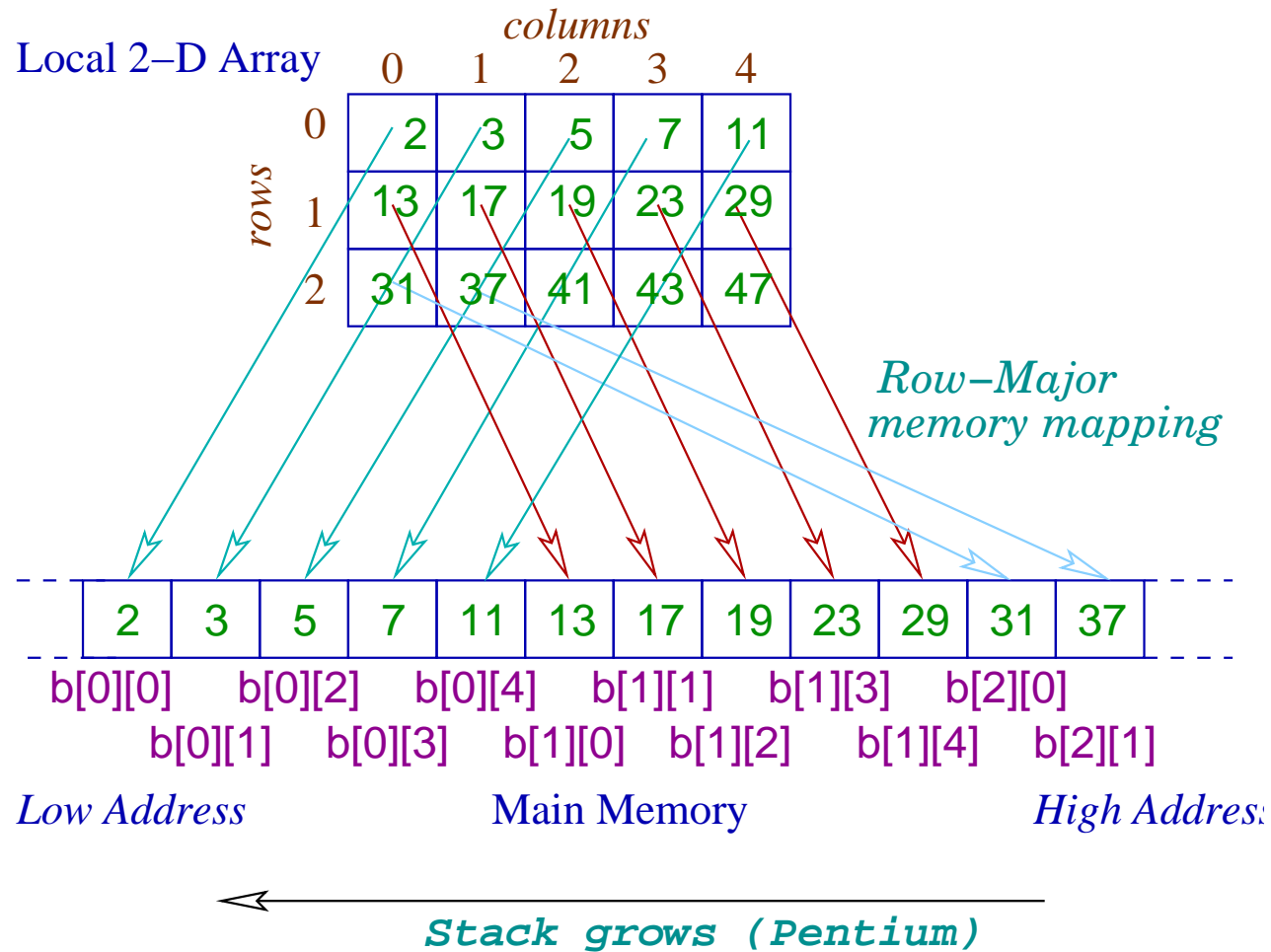
## Memory Mapping

The computer memory is an one-dimensional sequence of bytes. C compiler stores the two-dimensional<sup>a</sup> object in **row-major order** in the memory<sup>b</sup>.

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<sup>a</sup>Multi-dimensional in general.

<sup>b</sup>It is stored in **column-major order** in some other programming languages e.g. FORTRAN.



**I/O**

Data can be read in a 2-D array and data can be printed from a 2-D array, one element at time<sup>a</sup>. Consider the following  $3 \times 5$  matrix of real numbers. We can read the matrix in a 2-D array and print it in a C program.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1.0 & 2.0 & 3.0 & 4.0 & 5.0 \\ -1.0 & -2.0 & -3.0 & -4.0 & -5.0 \\ 10.0 & 20.0 & 30.0 & 40.0 & 50.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

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<sup>a</sup>A string can be read as a whole.

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAXROW 50
#define MAXCOL 50
int main() // matRdWr.c
{
    double a[MAXROW][MAXCOL];
    int    rows, columns, i, j;

    printf("Enter the number of Rows: ") ;
    scanf("%d", &rows) ;
    printf("\nEnter the number of Columns: ") ;
    scanf("%d", &columns) ;
    printf("\nEnter row-wise, ");
    printf("the elements of the matrix\n") ;
```

```
for(i = 0; i < rows; ++i)
    for(j = 0; j < columns; ++j)
        scanf("%lf", &a[i][j]) ;
putchar('\n') ;
printf("The matrix is:\n") ;
for(i = 0; i < rows; ++i) {
    for(j = 0; j < columns; ++j)
        printf("%4.2f ", a[i][j]) ;
    putchar('\n') ;
}
return 0;
}
```



## Data File

It is tedious to enter data manually. So we use a data file `dataMat` and `redirect` the input from the file.

```
3 5
1.0 2.0 3.0 4.0 5.0
-1.0 -2.0 -3.0 -4.0 -5.0
10.0 20.0 30.0 40.0 50.0
```

## Running the Code

```
$ cc -Wall matRdWr.c
```

```
$ a.out < dataMat
```

```
Enter the number of Rows:
```

```
Enter the number of Columns:
```

```
Enter row-wise, the elements of the  
matrix
```

```
The matrix is:
```

```
1.00 2.00 3.00 4.00 5.00
```

```
-1.00 -2.00 -3.00 -4.00 -5.00
```

```
10.00 20.00 30.00 40.00 50.00
```

## Initialization of 2-D Array

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAXROW 5
#define MAXCOL 5
int main() // init2D.c
{
    int a[MAXROW][MAXCOL], i, j,
        b[MAXROW][MAXCOL] = {{0, 1, 2, 3, 4},
                               {10, 20, 30, 40, 50},
                               {15, 25, 35, 45, 55},
                               {50, 51, 52, 53, 54},
                               {55, 55, 55, 55, 55}},
    },
```

```
c [MAXROW] [MAXCOL] = {{10, 20, 30},
                        {40, 50, 60, 70, 80},
                        },
d [] [MAXCOL] = {{2, 4, 6, 8, 0},
                {4, 6, 8, 0, 2} } ,
e [MAXROW] [MAXCOL] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4,
                        5, 6, 7, 8, 9,
                        10, 11, 12, 13, 14,
                        15, 16, 17, 18, 19,
                        20, 21, 22, 23, 24
                        },
f [] [MAXCOL] = {2, 4, 6, 8, 0,
                4, 6, 8, 0, 2
                } // ,
```

```
//      g[MAXROW] [] = {{0, 1, 2, 3, 4},
//                      {10, 20, 30, 40, 50},
//                      {15, 25, 35, 45, 55},
//                      {50, 51, 52, 53, 54},
//                      {55, 55, 55, 55, 55},
//                      }
//
//                      ;

printf("\n") ;
printf("Array a[] []\n") ;

for(i = 0; i < MAXROW; ++i) {
    for(j = 0; j < MAXCOL; ++j)
        printf("%d ", a[i][j]) ;
    printf("\n") ;
}
```

```
}  
printf("\n") ;  
printf("Array b[][]\n") ;  
for(i = 0; i < MAXROW; ++i) {  
    for(j = 0; j < MAXCOL; ++j)  
        printf("%d ", b[i][j]) ;  
    printf("\n") ;  
}  
  
printf("\n") ;  
printf("Array c[][]\n") ;  
for(i = 0; i < MAXROW; ++i) {  
    for(j = 0; j < MAXCOL; ++j)  
        printf("%d ", c[i][j]) ;
```

```
    printf("\n") ;
}

printf("\n") ;
printf("Array d[][]\n") ;
for(i = 0; i < MAXROW; ++i) {
    for(j = 0; j < MAXCOL; ++j)
        printf("%d ", d[i][j]) ;
    printf("\n") ;
}

printf("\n") ;
printf("Array e[][]\n") ;
for(i = 0; i < MAXROW; ++i) {
```

```
        for(j = 0; j < MAXCOL; ++j)
            printf("%d ", e[i][j]) ;
        printf("\n") ;
    }

    printf("\n") ;
    printf("Array f[][]\n") ;
    for(i = 0; i < MAXROW; ++i) {
        for(j = 0; j < MAXCOL; ++j)
            printf("%d ", f[i][j]) ;
        printf("\n") ;
    }
    return 0;
}
```



What is 'b'?

```
int a[10], b[5][3];
```

We know that 'a' is a constant expression whose value is the address of the 0<sup>th</sup> location of the array `a[10]`. Similarly `a + i` is the address of the *i*<sup>th</sup> location of the array.

What is 'b' and what is its arithmetic?

## Arithmetic of b[5][3]

Consider the following program:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() // 2DArith1.c
{
    int a[10], b[3][5];

    printf("a: %p\tb = %p\n", a, b) ;
    printf("a+1: %p\tb+1: %p\n", a+1,b+1) ;
    printf("a+2: %p\tb+2: %p\n", a+2,b+2) ;
    printf("a+3: %p\tb+3: %p\n", a+3,b+3) ;
    return 0;
}
```

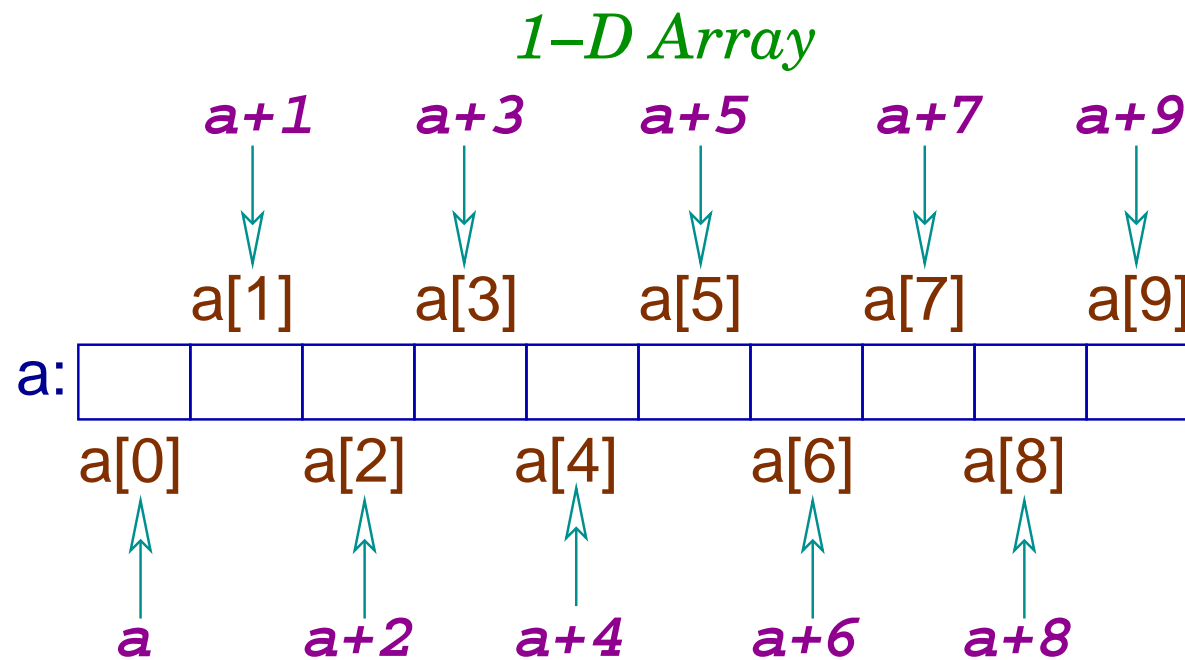
## Output

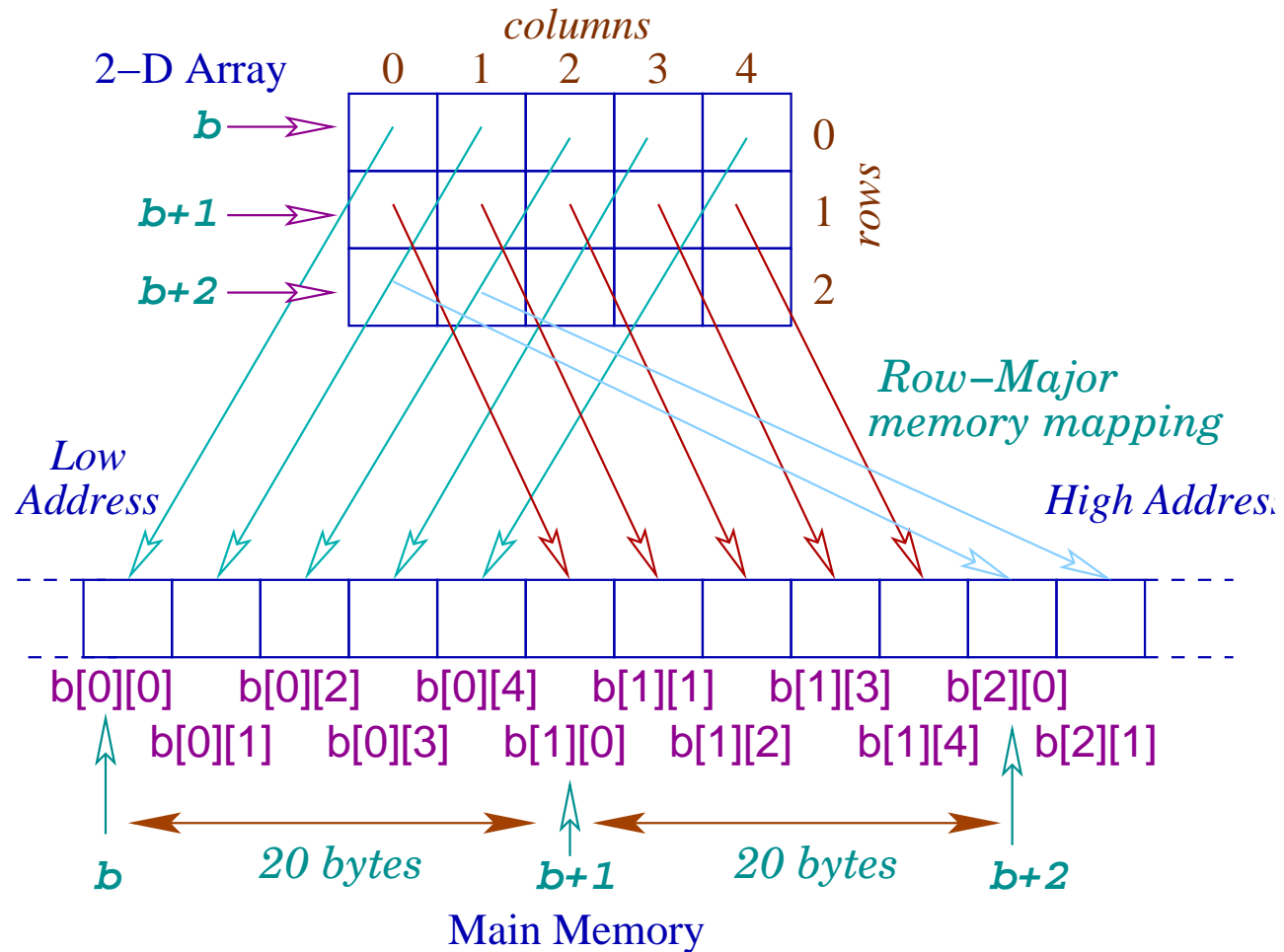
```
$ cc -Wall 2DArith1.c
$ a.out
a:  0xbfec6a90 b = 0xbfec6a50
a+1:  0xbfec6a94 b+1:  0xbfec6a64
a+2:  0xbfec6a98 b+2:  0xbfec6a78
a+3:  0xbfec6a9c b+3:  0xbfec6a8c
```

Increment of 'a' is by 4-bytes, `sizeof(int)`, but the increment of 'b' is by 20-bytes. The question is why?

## Row-Major Space Allocation

The answer lies in the **row-major** memory space allocation of 2-D array by the C compiler.





## Arithmetic of 'b'

- $b$  is the address of the  $0^{th}$  row.
- $b+1$  is the address of the  $1^{st}$  row.
- $b+i$  is the address of the  $i^{th}$  row.

The size of a row is

$$\begin{aligned} & c \times \text{sizeof}(\text{int}) \\ &= 5 \times \text{sizeof}(\text{int}) \\ &= 5 \times 4 = 20 \text{ bytes} \end{aligned}$$

where  $c$  is the number of columns.

## Arithmetic of 'b'

The difference between  $b + 1$  and  $b$  is  $20$  and that of  $b+i$  and  $b$  is  $20i$ .

$b+i$  points to the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row



## Type of 'b'

'b' is a pointer constant of type `int [] [5]`, a row of five `int`. If such a pointer is incremented, it goes up by  $5 \times \text{sizeof}(\text{int})$  (number of bytes).

Type `int [] [5]` is equivalent to `int (*) [5]`.

## Arithmetic of $*(b+i)$

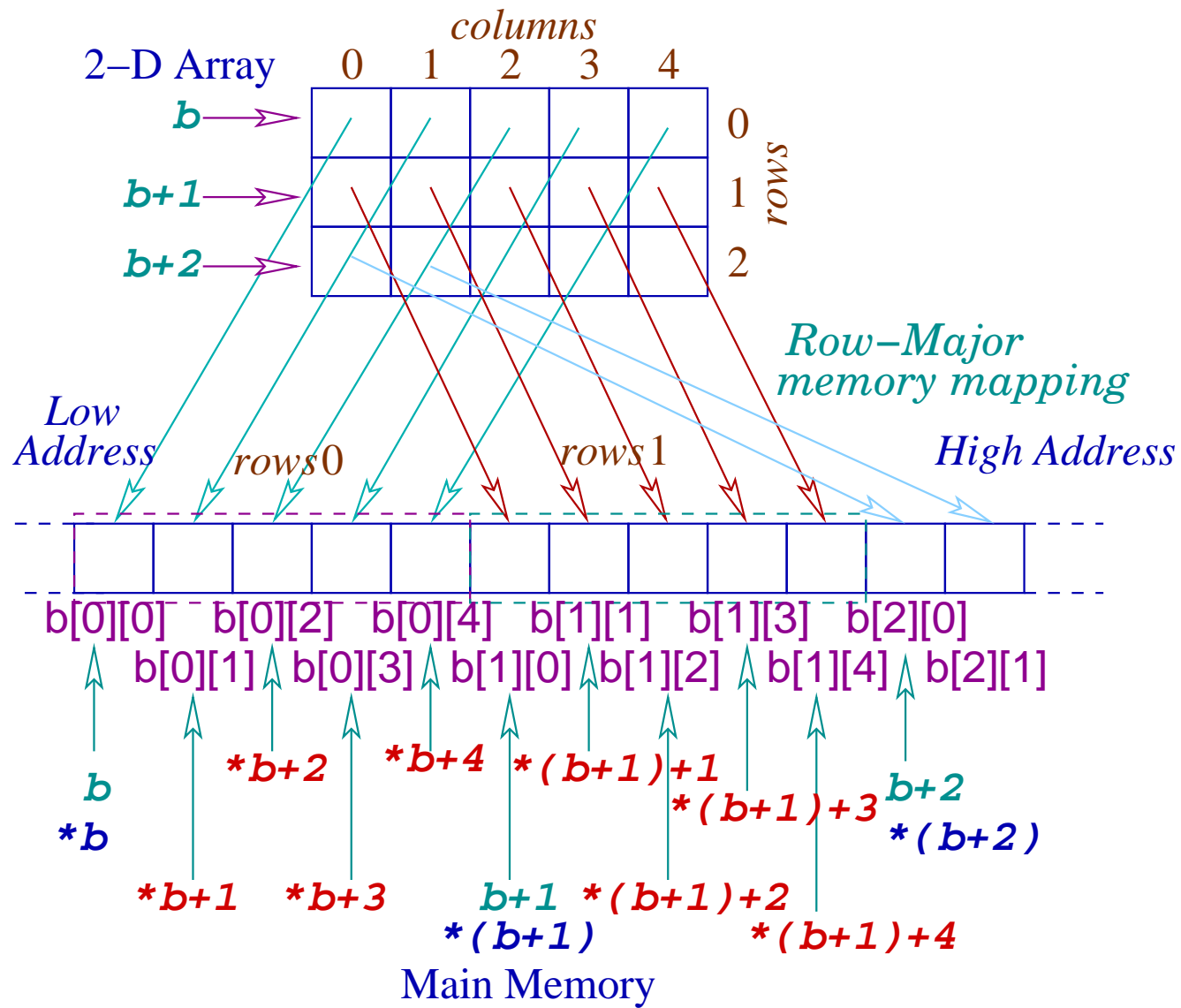
- If  $b$  is the address of the  $0^{th}$  row,  $*b$  is the  $0^{th}$  row itself. A row may be viewed as an 1-D array, so  $*b$  is the address of the  $0^{th}$  element of the  $0^{th}$  row.
- Similarly  $b+i$  is the address of the  $i^{th}$  row,  $*(b+i)$  is the  $i^{th}$  row, so  $*(b+i)$  is the address of the  $0^{th}$  element of the  $i^{th}$  row.

## Arithmetic of $*(b+i)$

- If  $*b$  is the address of the  $0^{th}$  element of the  $0^{th}$  row,  $*b + 1$  is the address of the  $1^{st}$  element of the  $0^{th}$  row.
- Similarly  $*b + j$  is the address of the  $j^{th}$  element of the  $0^{th}$  row.
- The difference between  $b + 1$  and  $b$  is 20 (bytes) but the difference between  $*b + 1$  and  $*b$  is the `sizeof(int)`, 4 (bytes).

## Arithmetic of $*(b+i)$

- If  $*(b+i)$  is the address of the  $0^{th}$  element of the  $i^{th}$  row,  $*(b+i) + 1$  is the address of the  $1^{st}$  element of the  $i^{th}$  row.
- Similarly  $*(b+i) + j$  is the address of the  $j^{th}$  element of the  $i^{th}$  row.
- The difference between  $b + i$  and  $b$  is  $20i$  (bytes), but the difference between  $*(b + i) + j$  and  $*(b+i)$  is  $4j$  (bytes).



## C Program

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() // 2DArith2.c
{
    int b[3][5] ;
    printf("b: %p\t*b: %p\n", b, *b) ;
    printf("b+1: %p\t*b+1: %p\n", b+1, *b+1) ;
    printf("b+2: %p\t*(b+2): %p\t*(b+2)+3: %p\n",
           b+2, *(b+2), *(b+2)+3) ;
    return 0;
}
```

## Output

```
$ cc -Wall 2DArith2.c  
$ a.out  
b: 0xbfef3360 *b: 0xbfef3360  
b+1: 0xbfef3374 *b+1: 0xbfef3364  
b+2: 0xbfef3388 *(b+2): 0xbfef3388  
*(b+2)+3: 0xbfef3394
```

$$*(b + i) + j$$

We know that

- $b$  is the address of the  $0^{th}$  row,
- $b+i$  is the address of the  $i^{th}$  row,
- $*(b+i)$  is the address of the  $0^{th}$  element of the  $i^{th}$  row,
- $*(b+i)+j$  is the address of the  $j^{th}$  element of the  $i^{th}$  row,



$$*(b + i) + j \text{ and } \&b[i][j]$$

We know that

- $*(b+i)+j$  is the address of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  element of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row,
- $b[i][j]$  is the  $j^{\text{th}}$  element of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row,
- $\&b[i][j]$  is the address of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  element of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row, so

$$*(b + i) + j \text{ is equivalent to } \&b[i][j]$$

$*(*(b + i) + j)$  and  $b[i][j]$

We know that  $*(b+i)+j$  is the address of the  $j^{th}$  element of the  $i^{th}$  row, so

$*(*(b + i) + j)$  is equivalent to  $b[i][j]$

## Equivalences

- $*(*(b + i) + j)$  is equivalent to  $b[i][j]$
- $*(b + i) + j$  is equivalent to  $\&b[i][j]$
- $*(b[i] + j)$  is equivalent to  $b[i][j]$
- $b[i] + j$  is equivalent to  $\&b[i][j]$
- $(*(b+i))[j]$  is equivalent to  $b[i][j]$

We shall use the right-hand side notations

## C Program

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() // 2DArith3.c
{
    int b[3][5] = {{0,1,2,3,4},
                  {5,6,7,8,9},
                  {10,11,12,13,14}
    };

    printf("b[2][3]: %d\n", b[2][3]);
    printf("(*(b+2))[3]: %d\n", (*(b+2))[3]);
    printf("*(b[2]+3): %d\n", *(b[2]+3));
    printf("*(*(b+2)+3): %d\n", (*(b+2)+3));
}
```

```
printf("&b[2][3]: %p\n", &b[2][3]);  
printf("*(b+2)+3: %p\n", *(b+2)+3);  
printf("b[2]+3: %p\n", b[2]+3);  
return 0;  
}
```

## Output

```
$ cc -Wall 2DArith3.c
$ a.out
b[2][3]: 13
*(b+2)[3]: 13
*(b[2]+3): 13
*(*(b+2)+3): 13
&b[2][3]: 0xbfe94c44
*(b+2)+3: 0xbfe94c44
b[2]+3: 0xbfe94c44
```

## Calculation of the Address of `b[i][j]`

Given the declaration `int b[3][5]`, the C compiler can calculate the address of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  element of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  row by the following formula:

$$b + k(5i + j)$$

where  $k = \text{sizeof}(\text{int})$ . Other than the value of row and column indices the compiler needs the starting address `b`, the number of columns `5` and the size of the data type.

## C Program

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define COL 5
int main() // 2DArith4.c
{
    int b[3][COL], i=1, j=2;
    printf("&b[%d][%d]=%p\n", i, j, &b[i][j]);
    printf("(int*)(b+%d)+%d=%p\n", i, j, (int*)(b+i)+j);
    printf("(int)b+%d*(%d*%d+%d)=0x%x\n", sizeof(int),
           COL, i, j, (int)b+sizeof(int)*(COL*i+j));
    return 0;
}
```



## Output

```
$ cc -Wall 2DArith4.c  
$ a.out  
&b[1][2]=0xbff6104c  
(int *) (b+1)+2=0xbff6104c  
(int) b+4*(5*1+2)=0xbff6104c
```

## 1-D Array and Formal Parameter

Consider the declaration `int a[10]`,

- the array name is a pointer constant.
- the formal parameter: `int x[]` or `int *x` is a pointer variable of the corresponding type, where the address of an array location is copied.
- These two information are sufficient for the compiler to compute the address of `x[i]`.

## Formal Parameter for 2-D Array

Consider the declaration *type* **b**[**ROW**][**COL**].  
C compiler needs the starting address **b**, the data type *type*, and the number of columns **COL** inside a called function to calculate the address of **x**[**i**][**j**] (values of **i** and **j** are information local to the function).

## Formal Parameter for 2-D Array

The formal parameter looks like

... *but* (*type* *x* [] [COL] ...)

where *x* is a variable of type *type* [] [COL].

## Matrix Multiplication

Consider the real matrices  $[a_{ij}]_{p \times q}$  and  $[b_{ij}]_{q \times r}$ .

The product matrix  $[c_{ij}]_{p \times r} = [a_{ij}]_{p \times q} \times [b_{ij}]_{q \times r}$ ,

where  $c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^q a_{ik} \times b_{kj}$ , for all  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq p$

and all  $j$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq r$ .

We can store the matrices in 2-D array and multiply.

## C Code

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAXROW 50
#define MAXCOL 50
void matMult( // matMult.c
    double matA[][MAXCOL],
    double matB[][MAXCOL],
    double matC[][MAXCOL],
    int rowA, int colA, int colB
    ) {
    int i, j, k ;

    for(i = 0; i < rowA; ++i)
```

```
        for(j = 0; j < colB; ++j) {
            matC[i][j] = 0.0 ;
            for(k = 0; k < colA; ++k)
                matC[i][j] += matA[i][k]*matB[k][j] ;
        }
    }

void readMatrix(
    char *name,
    double x[][MAXCOL],
    int row, int col
    ) {
    int i, j ;

    printf("Enter the matrix %s:\n", name) ;
```

```
printf("Row-by-row\n") ;
for(i = 0; i < row; ++i)
    for(j = 0; j < col; ++j)
        scanf("%lf", &x[i][j]);
}
void writeMatrix(
    char *name,
    double x[][MAXCOL],
    int row, int col
    ) {
    int i, j ;
    printf("The matrix %s:\n", name) ;
    for(i = 0; i < row; ++i) {
        for(j = 0; j < col; ++j)
```



```
                printf("%6.2f ", x[i][j]);  
            printf("\n") ;  
        }  
    }  
int main() // matMult.c data matData  
{  
    double aMat [MAXROW] [MAXCOL] ,  
           bMat [MAXROW] [MAXCOL] ,  
           cMat [MAXROW] [MAXCOL] ;  
    int aRow, aCol, bCol;  
  
    printf("Enter the row and column numbers of A\n");  
    scanf("%d%d", &aRow, &aCol);  
    readMatrix("A", aMat, aRow, aCol);  
}
```

```
printf("Enter the column numbers of B\n");  
scanf("%d", &bCol);  
readMatrix("B", bMat, aCol, bCol);  
writeMatrix("A", aMat, aRow, aCol);  
writeMatrix("B", bMat, aCol, bCol);  
matMult(aMat, bMat, cMat, aRow, aCol, bCol);  
writeMatrix("C", cMat, aRow, bCol);  
return 0;  
}
```

## Output

```
$ cc -Wall matMult.c
$ a.out < matData
Enter the row and column numbers of A
Enter the matrix A:
Row-by-row
Enter the column numbers of B
Enter the matrix B:
Row-by-row
The matrix A:
1.00 2.00 3.00 4.00
5.00 6.00 7.00 8.00
The matrix B:
0.00 2.00 3.00
4.00 0.00 6.00
```

```
7.00 8.00 0.00
```

```
1.00 5.00 6.00
```

```
The matrix C:
```

```
33.00 46.00 39.00
```

```
81.00 106.00 99.00
```

## Type of `x` in `readMatrix()`

Consider the prototype

```
..... readMatrix(..., int x[][50], ..)
```

- `x` is single a variable of type pointer to an `int` i array of 50-locations,

- we can equivalently write

```
.. readMatrix(..., int (*x)[50], ..).
```

Increment of `x` is a jump by  $50 \times \text{sizeof}(\text{int})$  bytes.

- The parenthesis is essential, otherwise in

```
..... readMatrix(..., int *x[50], ..), x is a  
pointer to an int pointer
```

## C Program

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAXROW 10
#define MAXCOL 50
void what(int x[][MAXCOL],int (*y)[MAXCOL]){
    printf("x: %u\tx+1: %u\n",
           (unsigned)x, (unsigned)(x+1)) ;
    printf("y: %u\ty+1: %u\n",
           (unsigned)y, (unsigned)(y+1)) ;
}
int main() // 2DArith5.c
{
    int a[MAXROW][MAXCOL] ;
```

```
printf("a: %u\ta+1: %u\n",  
      (unsigned)a, (unsigned)(a+1)) ;  
what(a,a) ;  
return 0;  
}
```

## Output

```
$ cc -Wall 2DArith5.c
```

```
$ a.out
```

```
a: 3220066416 a+1: 3220066616
```

```
x: 3220066416 x+1: 3220066616
```

```
y: 3220066416 y+1: 3220066616
```