

Perfect. I'll rewrite Array Destructuring in the **same refined, clean, deep-but-simple PDF-style** you want — with **clear internals, edge cases, and interview clarity**, removing HTML noise and focusing on **JavaScript behavior**.

Array Destructuring in JavaScript — Deep but Simple (PDF-Style)

♦ 1. What is Array Destructuring? (Core Idea)

Definition

Array destructuring is a syntax that lets you **unpack array elements into variables** based on their **position (index)**.

👉 Left side → variables

👉 Right side → array

One-Line Meaning

Array destructuring = **index-based unpacking of array values**

🔍 Internal Perspective

- JavaScript reads array elements **from index 0 onward**
- Values are assigned **in order**
- No new array is created (unless rest is used)
- Objects inside arrays are assigned **by reference**

✅ Key Takeaway

Array destructuring depends on **order**, not names.

⚠️ Interview Trap

Array destructuring is positional; object destructuring is key-based.

♦ 2. Basic Array Destructuring

Syntax

```
js
```

```
const [a, b] = array;
```

Example

```
js
```

```
const arr = [100, 500, 1000];  
const [num1, num2, num3] = arr;
```

Internal Behavior

Equivalent to:

```
js  
  
num1 = arr[0];  
num2 = arr[1];  
num3 = arr[2];
```

Key Takeaway

Variables map directly to **array indexes**.

Interview Trap

Extra variables become `undefined`.

◆ 3. Destructuring Fewer Variables than Elements

```
js  
  
const arr = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6];  
const [a, b] = arr;
```

Internal Behavior

- `a` → `arr[0]`
- `b` → `arr[1]`
- Remaining elements are **ignored**

Key Takeaway

Unused array elements are silently skipped.

◆ 4. Skipping Elements While Destructuring

Syntax

Use **commas** to skip positions.

Example

```
js  
  
const arr = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6];
```

```
const [num1, , num3, , num5] = arr;
```

Internal Behavior

- Empty positions mean “skip this index”
- No temporary variables are created

Equivalent to:

```
js

num1 = arr[0];
num3 = arr[2];
num5 = arr[4];
```

Key Takeaway

Commas control **index skipping**.

Interview Trap

Too many commas can confuse readability.

◆ 5. Array Destructuring with Rest Operator (`...`)

Purpose

Collect **remaining elements** into a new array.

Syntax

```
js

const [first, second, ...rest] = array;
```

Example

```
js

const arr = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6];
const [num1, num2, ...nums] = arr;
```

Internal Behavior

- `num1` → `arr[0]`
- `num2` → `arr[1]`
- `nums` → new array `[3, 4, 5, 6]`

```
js
```

```
Array.isArray(nums); // true
```

✓ Key Takeaway

Rest always produces a **new array**.

⚠ Interview Trap

Rest must be the **last variable**.

♦ 6. Rest Operator in the Middle (INVALID)

```
js
```

```
const [a, ...b, c] = [1, 2, 3]; // ✗ SyntaxError
```

🔍 Reason

- JS cannot determine how many elements to assign after rest

✓ Key Takeaway

Rest must always be **last**.

♦ 7. Default Values in Array Destructuring

Why Needed

- Array may be shorter
- Value may be `undefined`

Example

```
js
```

```
const arr = [1];  
const [a = 10, b = 20, c = 30] = arr;
```

🔍 Internal Behavior

- `a` → `1` (exists)
- `b` → default `20`
- `c` → default `30`

⚠ Important Rule

Defaults apply **only if value is** `undefined`, not `null`.

```
js
```

```
const arr = [null];  
const [x = 10] = arr;  
  
x; // null
```

✓ Key Takeaway

Defaults work only for `undefined`.

♦ 8. Swapping Variables Using Array Destructuring

Classic Use Case

```
js  
  
let a = 50;  
let b = 100;  
  
[a, b] = [b, a];
```

🔍 Internal Behavior

- Temporary array is created
- Values reassigned in one step

Equivalent to:

```
js  
  
temp = a;  
a = b;  
b = temp;
```

✓ Key Takeaway

Destructuring provides **clean swapping syntax**.

⚠ Interview Trap

A temporary array is still created internally.

♦ 9. Destructuring Returned Arrays from Functions

Common Real-World Pattern

```
js  
  
function getNums() {  
  return [99, 80, 70];  
}
```

```
}
```

```
const [x, y, z] = getNums();
```

Internal Behavior

- Function returns an array
- Destructuring happens immediately
- No intermediate variable required

Key Takeaway

Very useful for multiple return values.

◆ 10. Reference Behavior (IMPORTANT EDGE CASE)

```
js
```

```
const arr = [{ x: 1 }, { y: 2 }];
```

```
const [a] = arr;
```

```
a.x = 99;
```

```
arr[0].x; // 99
```

Internal Behavior

- Objects inside arrays are assigned by **reference**
- Destructuring does NOT deep copy

Key Takeaway

Array destructuring does not break references.

Interview Trap

Destructuring ≠ cloning.

FINAL SUMMARY (EXAM + INTERVIEW)

- Array destructuring unpacks by index
- Order matters, names don't
- Missing values → `undefined`
- Defaults apply only for `undefined`
- Rest collects remaining elements into new array
- Objects inside arrays remain references
- Useful for clean code and function returns

NEXT (Choose One)

Reply with **one word**:

- `nested-destructuring`
- `destructuring-edge-cases`
- `spread-vs-destructuring`
- `array-methods-internals`
- `real-world-destructuring`

I'll continue in **exact same refined PDF-style**.