

## Lab 2.9.5 Two-dimensional square array – symmetric or not?

## **Objectives**

Familiarize the student with:

- using two-dimensional arrays (matrices) and their initializers;
- using nested for loops to iterate through rows and columns.

## Scenario

A matrix (a two-dimensional array) is symmetric if:

- it's a square matrix (its sides are equal);
- its elements are placed symmetrically about the main diagonal (the diagonal that goes from the upper-left to the bottom-right vertex).

To be clear – this is a symmetric matrix:

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1 2 3
2 1 2
3 2 1
and this is not:
1 2 3
2 1 2
```

4 2 1

The code below declares a  $4\times4$  matrix initially filled with some data. Your task is to complete the code and to answer the fundamental question: is this matrix symmetric or not?

When you complete your code, play with the matrix a bit: change its dimensions, move some of the elements – be sure that your code works well in any situation.