

# **C - MULTIDIMENSIONAL ARRAYS**

# 2D ARRAYS

- Example: `int mat[2][3];`
  - 2 rows, 3 columns
- Can initialize when declaring:
  - `int mat[2][3] = {{1, 3, 4}, {8, 2, 5}};`
- Access elements: `mat[row_num][colnum]`
- Declared on the stack
- One contiguous block of memory underneath

## 2D ARRAYS (CONT.)

- `mat[i][j]` = an element of the 2d array
- `mat` = address of first element
- `mat[i] = &mat[i]` = address to first element of row `i`
- `mat+i = *(mat+i) = ^`address to first element of row `i`
- Think of `mat[i]` as a pointer to an array (row)
- Doing pointer arithmetic on `mat` advances by the whole length of the subarrays

## 2D ARRAYS (CONT.)

- Can also use pointer arithmetic to access into certain col
- $*(\text{mat}[i] + j) = \text{mat}[i][j]$
- $*(*(\text{mat} + i) + j) = \text{mat}[i][j]$ 
  - recall  $*(\text{mat} + i)$  is memory address to start of row  $i$
  - advance this by  $j$  cols, then dereference to get actual value stored
- What about  $\text{mat} + i + j$ ?