Chapter 8: Arrays

An **array** is a collection of elements of the same type placed in contiguous memory locations. Arrays are used to store a set of values of the same type under a single variable name. Each element in an array can be accessed using its position in the list called index number or subscript.

The syntax for declaring an array in C++ is as follows.



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data_type array_name[size];
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Eg: int num[10];

This statement declares an array named num that can store 10 integer numbers.

For a single dimensional array, the total size allocated can be computed using the following formula:

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total_bytes = sizeof(array_type) × size_of_array
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The array in the above example require $4 \times 10 = 40$ Bytes

Array elements can be initialised in their declaration statements in the same manner as in the case of variables, except that the values must be included in braces, as shown in the following example:

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int score[5] = \{98, 87, 92, 79, 85\};
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Algorithm for selection sort

- Step 1. Start
- Step 2. Accept a value in N as the number of elements of the array
- Step 3. Accept N elements into the array AR
- Step 4. Repeat Steps 5 to 9, (N-1) times
- Step 5. Assume the first element in the list as the smallest and store it in MIN and its position in POS
- Step 6. Repeat Step 7 until the last element of the list
- Step 7. Compare the next element in the list with the value of MIN. If it is found smaller, store it in MIN and its position in POS
- Step 8. If the first element in the list and the value in MIN are not the same, then swap the first element with the element at position POS
- Step 9. Revise the list by excluding the first element in the current list
- Step 10. Print the sorted array AR
- Step 11. Stop

Algorithm for bubble sort

- Step 1. Start
- Step 2. Accept a value in N as the number of elements of the array
- Step 3. Accept N elements into the array AR
- Step 4. Repeat Steps 5 to 7, (N 1) times
- Step 5. Repeat Step 6 until the second last element of the list
- Step 6. Starting from the first position, compare two adjacent elements in the list. If they are not in proper order, swap the elements.
- Step 7. Revise the list by excluding the last element in the current list.
- Step 8. Print the sorted array AR
- Step 9. Stop



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Algorithm for Linear Search

- Step 1. Start
- Step 2. Accept a value in N as the number of elements of the array
- Step 3. Accept N elements into the array AR
- Step 4. Accept the value to be searched in the variable ITEM
- Step 5. Set LOC = -1
- Step 6. Starting from the first position, repeat Step 7 until the last element
- Step 7. Check whether the value in ITEM is found in the current position. If found then store the position in LOC and Go to Step 8, else move to the next position.
- Step 8. If the value of LOC is less than 0 then display "Not Found", else display the value of LOC + 1 as the position of the search value.
- Step 9. Stop

Algorithm for binary search



- Step 1. Start
- Step 2. Accept a value in MAX as the number of elements of the array
- Step 3. Accept MAX elements into the array LIST
- Step 4. Accept the value to be searched in the variable ITEM
- Step 5. Store the position of the first element of the list in FIRST and that of the last in LAST
- Step 6. Repeat Steps 7 to 11 While (FIRST <= LAST)
- Step 7. Find the middle position using the formula (FIRST + LAST)/2 and store it in MIDDLE
- Step 8. Compare the search value ITEM with the element at the MIDDLE of the list
- Step 9. If the MIDDLE element contains the search value ITEM then stop search, display the position and go to Step 12.
- Step 10. If the search value is smaller than the MIDDLE element

Then set LAST = MIDDLE - 1

Step 11. If the search value is larger than the MIDDLE element

Then set FIRST = MIDDLE + 1

Step 12. Stop

Linear search method	Binary search method		
The elements need not be in any order	• The elements should be in sorted order		
Takes more time for the process	Takes very less time for the process		
May need to visit all the elements	All the elements are never visited		
Suitable when the array is small	Suitable when the array is large		

Two dimensional (2D) arrays

A two dimensional array is an array in which each element itself is an array. For instance, an array AR[m][n] is a 2D array containing \mathbf{m} rows and \mathbf{n} columns.

The general form of a two dimensional array declaration in C+ + is as follows:

data type array name[rows][columns];

where $data_type$ is any valid data type of C++ and elements of this 2D array will be of this type. The rows refers to the number of rows in the array and columns refers to the number of columns in the array. The indices (subscripts) of rows and columns, start at 0 and ends at (rows-1) and (columns-1) respectively. The following declaration declares an array named marks of size 5×4 (5 rows and 4 columns) of type integer. int marks[5][4];

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Questions from Previous Years' Question Papers

1. An	array is	s dec	lared	as fo	ollows:
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int $a[5] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\};$

What will be the value of a[2] + a[3]?

- a) 7
- b) 5
- c) 6
- d) 4

- (1) (July 2017)
- 2. Write C++ statements to double each element of the array int A[100].

(2) (July 2017)

3. Consider an array A with the following elements sorted in ascending order.

Explain the working of binary search algorithm to search 25. How many comparisons are required for this searching? (3) (July 2017)

4. Find the value of score[4] based on the following declaration statement:

(1) (March 2017)

- 5. Suppose M[5][5] is a 2D array that contains the elements of a square matrix. Write C++ statements to find the sum of the diagonal elements. (2) (March 2017)
- 6. Write an algorithm for arranging elements of an array in ascending order using bubble sort. (3) (March 2017)
- 7.search method is an example for 'divide and conquer method'.

(1) (Sept. 2016)

- 8. What is an array? Write C++ program to declare and use a single dimensional array for storing the computer science marks of all students in your class. (3) (Sept. 2016)
- 9. a) Write C++ program for sorting a list of numbers using Bubble sort method. (2)
 - b) Write different passes of sorting the following numbers using Bubble sort:

(2) (Sept. 2016)

10. Declare a two dimensional array to store the elements of a matrix with order 3 x 5.

(1) (March 2016)

- 11. Define an array. Also write an algorithm for searching an element in the array using any one method that you are familiar with. (3) (March 2016)
- 12. int num[10];

The above C++ statement declares an array named num that can store maximum integer location.

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- a) 9
- b) 10 c) N
- d) none of these

- (1) (Sept. 2015)
- 13. Explain the memory allocation for the following declaration statement.

(2) (Sept. 2015)

14. Write a C++ program to illustrate array traversal.

(3) (Sept. 2015)

15. Read the following C++ statement:

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- (a) How many bytes will be allocated for this array?
- (1) (March 2015)
- (b) Suppose MAT[4][4] is a 2D array that contains the elements of a square matrix. Write C++ statements to find the sum of all the elements in the array.

(2) (March 2015)

16. Write the names of two searching methods in arrays. Prepare a chart that shows the comparison of two searching methods. (3) (March 2015)

