



**CMPS 4143 - Topics in Contemporary  
Programming Languages**

# **L2-3- Java Array and Algorithms**

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An array is an **Abstract Data Type**

- The array type has a set of *values*
- The array type has a set of *operations* that can be applied uniformly to each of these values
  - The only operation is *indexing*
  - Alternatively, this can be viewed as two operations:
    - *inspecting* an indexed location
    - *storing into* an indexed location
- It's *abstract* because the implementation is hidden: all access is via the defined operations

An **array** is an indexed sequence of components

- Typically, the array occupies sequential storage locations
- The length of the array is determined when the array is created, and cannot be changed
- Each component of the array has a fixed, unique **index**
  - Indices range from a **lower bound** to an **upper bound**
  - Any component of the array can be inspected or updated by using its index
    - This is an efficient operation:  **$O(1)$**  = constant time

- The array indices may be integers (C++, Java) or other discrete data types (Pascal, Ada)
- The lower bound may be zero (C++, Java), one (Fortran), or chosen by the programmer (Pascal, Ada)
- Bounds may be dynamic , that is set at run-time (Ada, C++, Java) or not (Pascal)
- Bounds may be undefined (Ada, Java)

- Multidimensional (C++),
- Faked multidimensional (Java, Ada, Pascal)
- Arrays may be rectangular (C++, Ada) or nonrectangular (Java)
- Arrays may be accessed in “slices” (Java, Ada, Pascal) or not (C++)
- Array initializations are possible (Java, C++, Pascal, Ada)



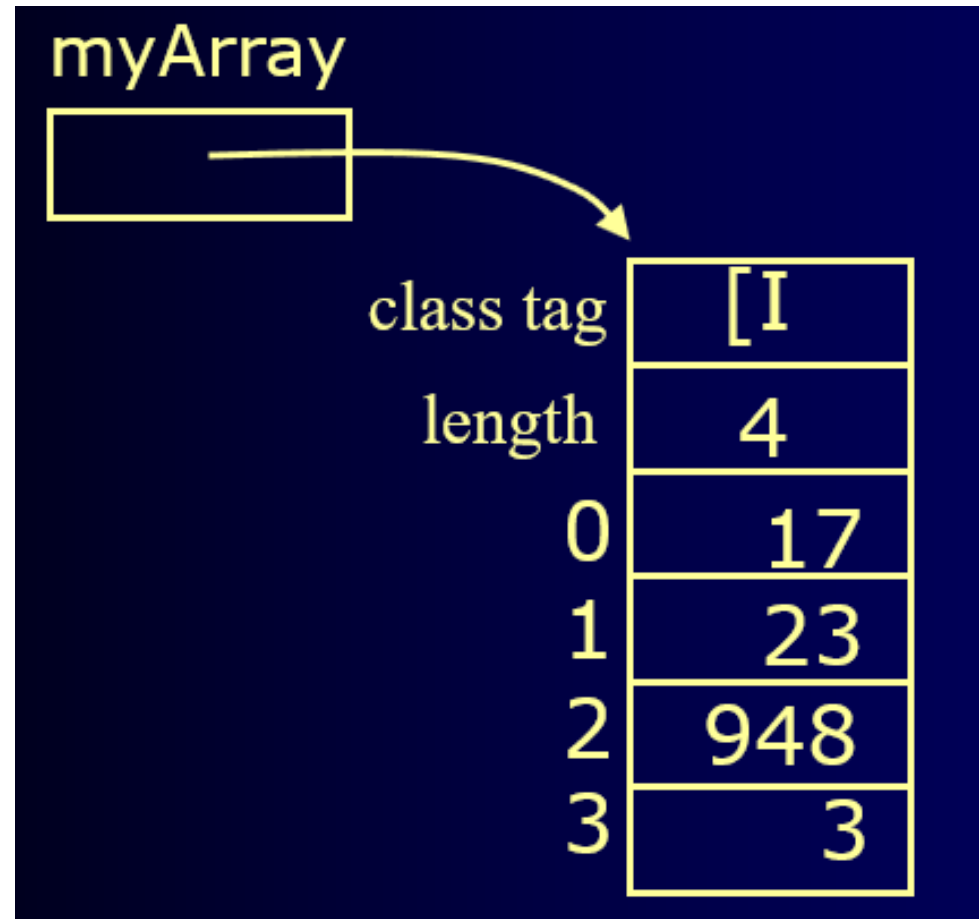
- In most languages, arrays are **homogeneous** (all components must have the same type);
- In some (Lisp, Prolog) the components may be **heterogeneous** (of varying types)
- In an object-oriented language, arrays may be objects (Java) or not objects (C++)

- Whole operations
  - Fortran: NO
  - Ada and Pascal: YES (assignment of entire arrays of same size and *type, not structure*)
  - C++: NO (arrays referenced by pointers)
  - Java: Yes (clone and equality test)
- Arrays may carry additional information about themselves, such as type and length (Java), or may consist *only* of their components (C, C++)
  - The terms **reflective** and **non-reflective**, respectively, refer to these two types of arrays
  - This is not standard terminology, but it is consistent with other uses of the terms

- Array indices are integers
  - The bracket notation `a[i]` is used (and not overloaded)
  - Bracket operator performs bounds checking
- An array of length `n` has bounds `0` and `n-1`
- Arrays are homogeneous
  - However, an array of an object type may contain objects of any subtype of that object
    - For example, an array of `Animal` may contain objects of type `Cat` and objects of type `Dog`
    - An array of `Object` may contain any type of object (but cannot contain primitives)



Here's one way  
to visualize an  
array in Java:



## Arrays are objects

Arrays are allocated by **new**, manipulated by reference, and garbage collected

```
int a[] = new int [100];  
int[] a = new int [100];
```

## Arrays can be initialized

```
int [ ] smallPrimes = {2,3,5,7,11,13};
```

```
dataType[] arrayName;
```

```
// declare an array
```

```
double[] data;
```

```
// allocate memory
```

```
data = new double[10];
```

```
double[] data = new double[10];
```

```
//declare and initialize and array
```

```
int[] age = {12, 4, 5, 2, 5};
```

```
// initialize array
```

```
age[0] = 12;
```

```
age[1] = 4;
```

```
age[2] = 5;
```

# Printing an Array



```
class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
        // create an array  
        int[] age = {12, 4, 5};  
  
        // loop through the array  
        // using for loop  
        System.out.println("Using for Loop:");  
        for(int i = 0; i < age.length; i++) {  
            System.out.println(age[i]);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Printing an Array with for-each loop



```
class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
        // create an array  
        int[] age = {12, 4, 5};  
  
        // loop through the array  
        // using for loop  
        System.out.println("Using for-each Loop:");  
        for(int a : age) {  
            System.out.println(a);  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Compute Sum and AVG of an Array



```
class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
  
        int[] numbers = {2, -9, 0, 5, 12, -25, 22, 9, 8, 12};  
        int sum = 0;  
        Double average;  
  
        // access all elements using for each loop  
        // add each element in sum  
        for (int number: numbers) {  
            sum += number;  
        }  
  
        // get the total number of elements  
        int arrayLength = numbers.length;  
  
        // calculate the average  
        // convert the average from int to double  
        average = ((double)sum / (double)arrayLength);  
  
        System.out.println("Sum = " + sum);  
        System.out.println("Average = " + average);  
    }  
}
```



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```
int[] array = new int[] { 3, 5, 2, 5, 14, 4 };
```

```
// access array elements
```

```
array[index]
```

```
int firstItem = array[0];
```

```
int lastItem = array[array.length - 1];
```

```
int anyValue = array[new  
Random().nextInt(array.length)];
```

```
int[] newArray = Arrays.copyOf(array, array.length + 1);  
  
newArray[newArray.length - 1] = newItem;  
  
int[] newArray = ArrayUtils.add(array, newItem);
```

# Insert a value between two values



```
int[] largerArray = ArrayUtils.insert(2, array, 77);
```

```
boolean areEqual = Arrays.equals(array1, array2);
```

# Checking an Empty Array



```
// These are empty arrays
Integer[] array1 = {};
Integer[] array2 = null;
Integer[] array3 = new Integer[0];

// All these will NOT be considered empty
Integer[] array3 = { null, null, null };
Integer[][] array4 = { {}, {}, {} };
Integer[] array5 = new Integer[3];
```

```
boolean isEmpty = array == null || array.length == 0;
```

```
boolean isEmpty = ArrayUtils.isEmpty(array);
```



# Shuffling an Array



```
ArrayUtils.shuffle(array);
```

# Boxing and Unboxing an Array



```
Integer[] list = ArrayUtils.toObject(array);
```

```
Integer[] objectArray = { 3, 5, 2, 5, 14, 4 };  
int[] array = ArrayUtils.toPrimitive(objectArray);
```

# Remove duplicates from an Array



```
// Box
Integer[] list = ArrayUtils.toObject(array);

// Remove duplicates
Set<Integer> set = new
HashSet<Integer>(Arrays.asList(list));

// Create array and unbox
return ArrayUtils.toPrimitive(set.toArray(new Integer[set.size()]));
```

## Arrays are reflective

`a.length` is the length of array `a`

```
for (int i= 0; i < a .length; i++)  
    System.out.println (a[i]);
```

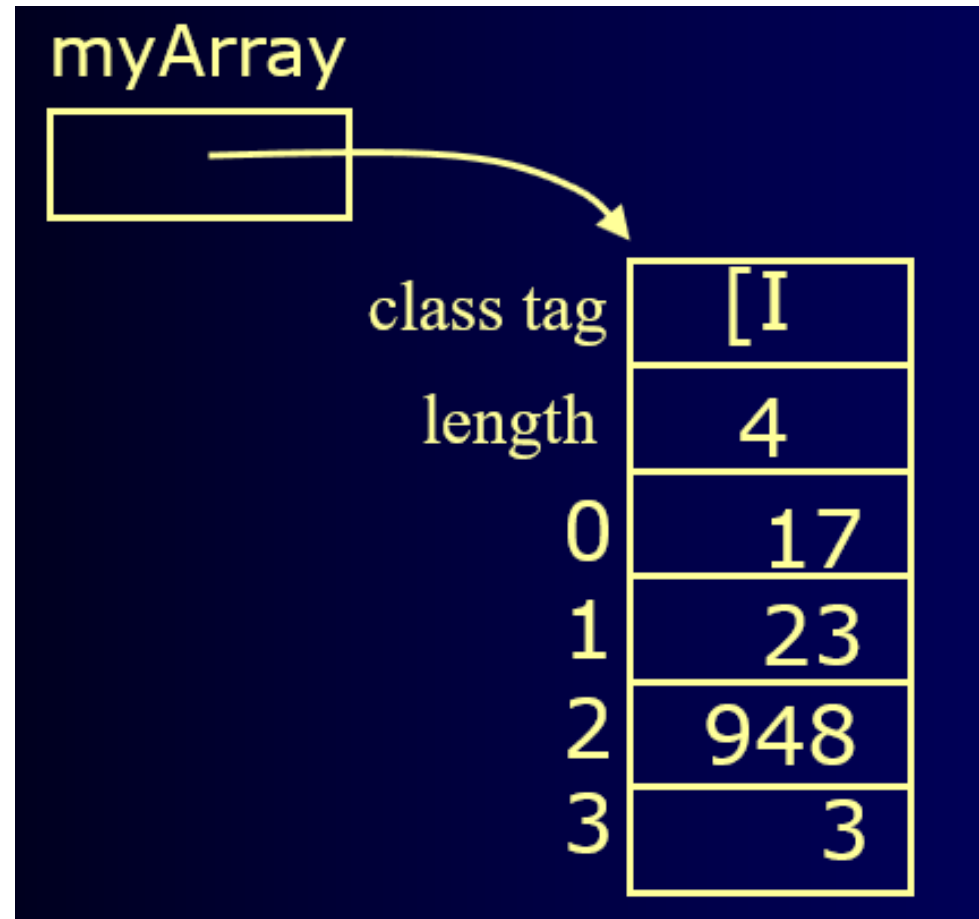
`a.getClass()` is the type of array `a`

An array of integers has type `[I`

An array of Strings has type

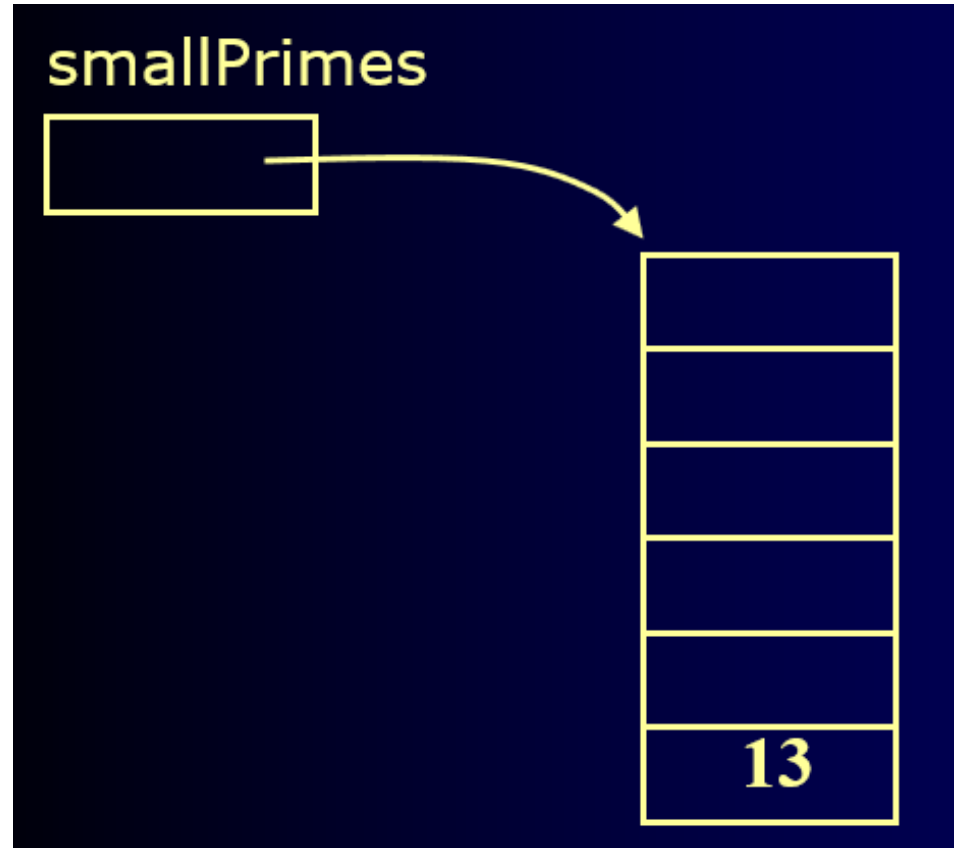
`[Ljava.lang.String;`

Here's one way  
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array in Java:



## Coping Array

```
int[] luckyNumbers =  
smallPrimes;  
  
luckyNumbers[5]=12;
```



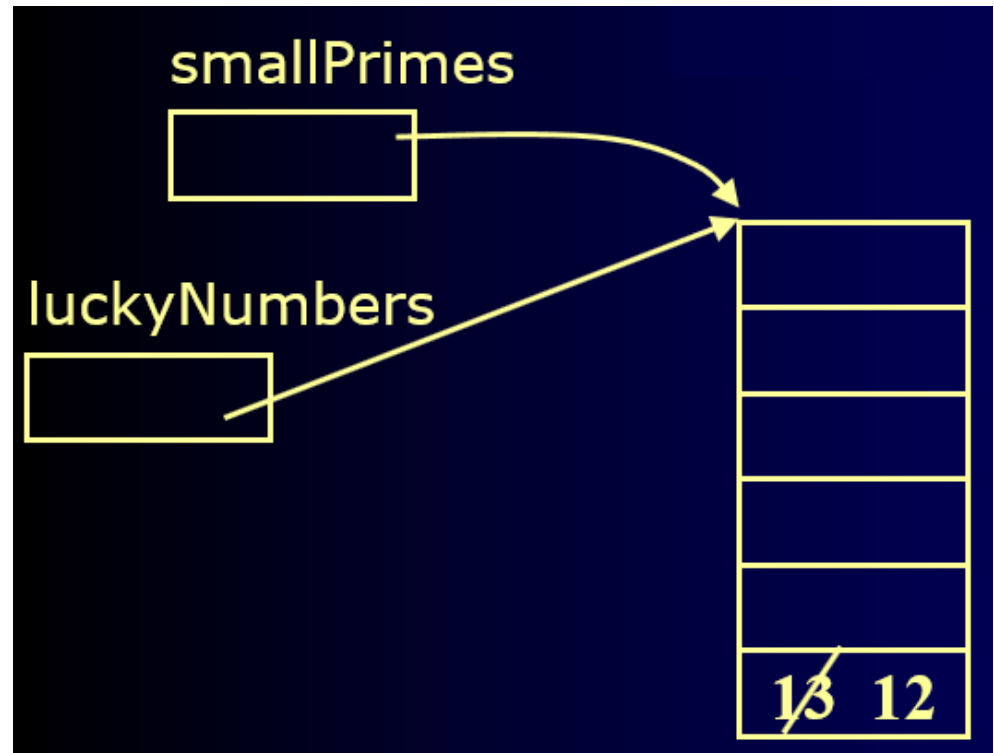


# Copying an Array (..)

## Copying arrays - The wrong way

```
int[] luckyNumbers =  
smallPrimes;
```

```
luckyNumbers[5]=12;
```



## Copying arrays - The right way

```
System.arraycopy (fromObject, fromIndex , toObject,  toIndex, count);
```

```
toObject = Arrays.copyOf(fromObject, fromObject.length);  (SE 6)
```

### Example:

```
int [ ] luckyNumbers;
```

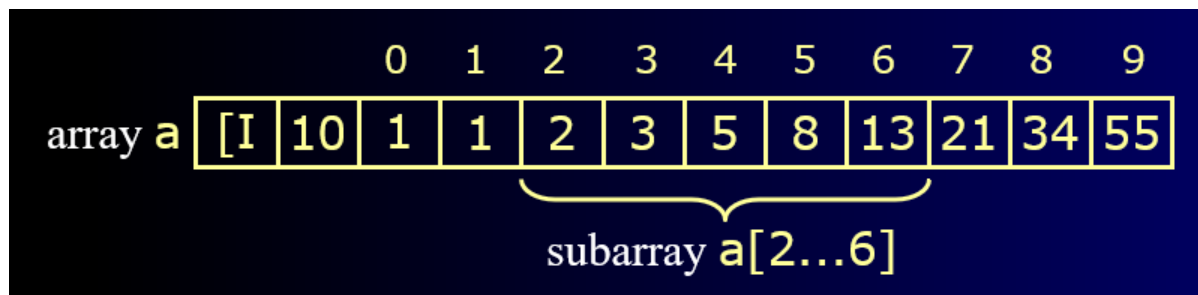
```
System.arraycopy (smallPrimes, 0, luckyNumbers, 0,  
                  smallPrimes.length);
```

```
int [ ] copiedLuckyNumbers = Arrays.copyOf (luckyNumbers,  
                                             luckyNumbers.length);
```

## Sorting arrays

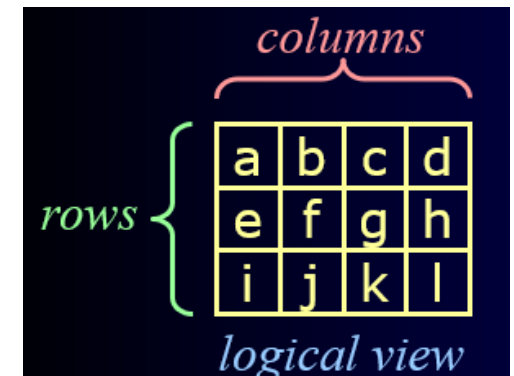
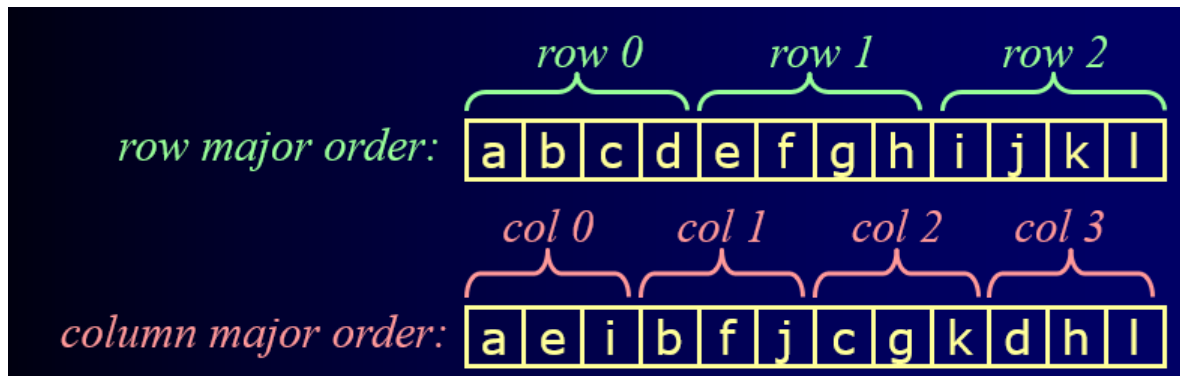
```
Arrays.sort (smallPrimes);
```

A subarray is a consecutive portion of an array



- Java provides *no language support* for subarrays
- To use a subarray, *you* must keep track of (1) the array itself, (2) the lower bound, and (3) the upper bound
- Typically, these will be three parameters to a method that does something with the subarray

- Some languages (Fortran, Pascal) support two-dimensional (**2D**) arrays:
- A two-dimensional array may be stored in computer memory in either of two ways:



- In a 2D array, we generally consider the first index to be the row, and the second to be the column: **`a[row, col]`**
- In most languages we don't need to know the implementation;

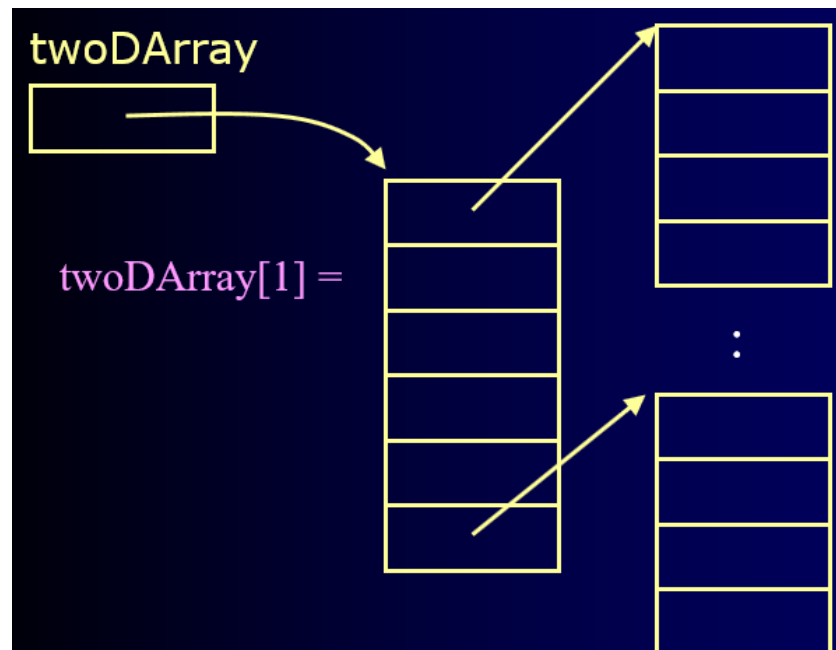
		<i>columns</i>				
		<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>rows</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0,0</i>	<i>0,1</i>	<i>0,2</i>	<i>0,3</i>	<i>0,4</i>
	<i>1</i>	<i>1,0</i>	<i>1,1</i>	<i>1,2</i>	<i>1,3</i>	<i>1,4</i>
	<i>2</i>	<i>2,0</i>	<i>2,1</i>	<i>2,2</i>	<i>2,3</i>	<i>2,4</i>
	<i>3</i>	<i>3,0</i>	<i>3,1</i>	<i>3,2</i>	<i>3,3</i>	<i>3,4</i>

- We work with this *abstraction*



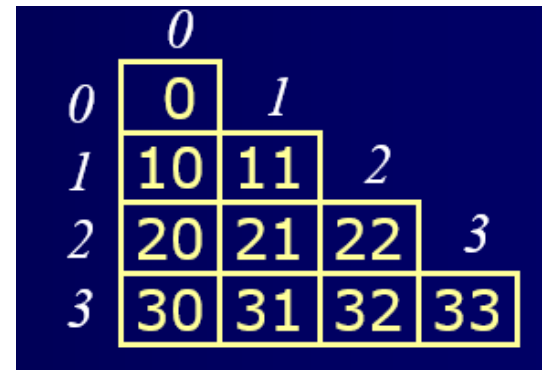
- Java doesn't have “real” 2D arrays, but array elements can themselves be arrays:  
`int x[][];` denotes an array *X* of *array* components, each of which is an array of *integer* components
- We can *define* the above array like this:  
`x = new int[5][8];`  
and treat it as a regular 2D array
- However, we can do fancier things than this with arrays in Java

Java implements 2D arrays as array of arrays



# Ragged (Nonrectangular) arrays

```
int ragged[][] = new int[4][];  
  
for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++) {  
    ragged[i] = new int[i + 1];  
}
```



A diagram illustrating a ragged array structure. It shows a 4x4 grid of cells, each containing a value. The rows are indexed 0 to 3 on the left, and the columns are indexed 0 to 3 on top. The values in the cells are calculated as 10 \* i + j, where i is the row index and j is the column index. The cells are highlighted with yellow borders.

	0			
0	0	1		
1	10	11	2	
2	20	21	22	3
3	30	31	32	33

- ```
for (int i = 0; i < 4; i++) {  
    for (int j = 0; j < ragged[i].length; j++) {  
        ragged[i][j] = 10 * i + j;  
    }  
}
```

- Suppose we want to insert the value 8 into this sorted array (while keeping the array sorted)



|   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |    |
|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 12 | 14 | 17 | 19 | 22 | 30 |
|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|

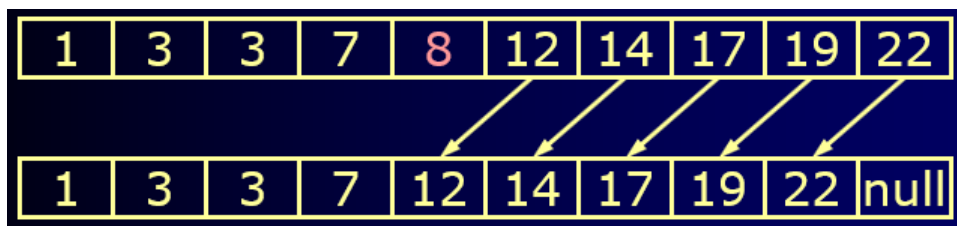
- We can do this by shifting all the elements after the mark right by one location
  - Of course, we have to discard the **30** when we do this



|   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |    |
|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 12 | 14 | 17 | 19 | 22 |
|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|

- Moving all those elements makes this a *very slow* operation!

- Deleting an element is similar--again, we have to move all the elements after it
- This leaves a “vacant” location at the end--we can fill it with **null**



- Again, this is a slow operation; we don't want to do it very often

# Array Problems (Spiral Matrix)

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | → | 2 | → | 3 |
| 4 | → | 5 |   | ↓ |
| ↑ |   |   |   | ↓ |
| 7 | ← | 8 | ← | 9 |

Input: matrix = `[[1,2,3],[4,5,6],[7,8,9]]`  
Output: `[1,2,3,6,9,8,7,4,5]`

From position (row, col)

- move right: (row, col + 1)
- move downwards: (row + 1, col)
- move left: (row, col - 1)
- move upwards: (row - 1, col)

# Array Problems (Spiral Matrix-Algorithm)

1. Initialize the top, right, bottom, and left boundaries as up, right, down, and left.
2. Initialize the output array result.
3. Traverse the elements in spiral order and add each element to result:
  1. Traverse from left boundary to right boundary.
  2. Traverse from up boundary to down boundary.
  3. Before we traverse from right to left, we need to make sure that we are not on a row that has already been traversed. If we are not, then we can traverse from right to left.
  4. Similarly, before we traverse from top to bottom, we need to make sure that we are not on a column that has already been traversed. Then we can traverse from down to up.
  5. Remember to move the boundaries by updating left, right, up, and down accordingly.
4. Return result.

|       |     |     |
|-------|-----|-----|
| 1 →   | 2 → | 3 ↓ |
| 4 →   | 5   | 6 ↓ |
| ↑ 7 ← | 8 ← | 9   |

# Array Problems (Spiral Matrix-Algorithm)

1. Initialize the top, right, bottom, and left boundaries as up, right, down, and left.

```
int rows = matrix.length;  
int columns = matrix[0].length;  
int up = 0;  
int left = 0;  
int right = columns - 1;  
int down = rows - 1;
```

|        |       |        |
|--------|-------|--------|
| 1 →    | 2 →   | 3      |
| 4 →    | 5     | ↓<br>6 |
| ↑<br>7 | ← 8 ← | ↓<br>9 |



2. Initialize the output array result.

```
List<Integer> result = new ArrayList<>();
```

# Array Problems (Spiral Matrix-Algorithm)

3. Traverse the elements in spiral order and add each element to result:

**Traverse from left boundary to right boundary.**

// Traverse from left to right.

```
for (int col = left; col <= right; col++) {  
    result.add(matrix[up][col]);  
}
```

**Traverse from up boundary to down boundary.**

// Traverse downwards.

```
for (int row = up + 1; row <= down; row++) {  
    result.add(matrix[row][right]);  
}
```

|       |     |     |
|-------|-----|-----|
| 1 →   | 2 → | 3 ↓ |
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# Array Problems (Spiral Matrix-Algorithm)



3. Traverse the elements in spiral order and add each element to result:

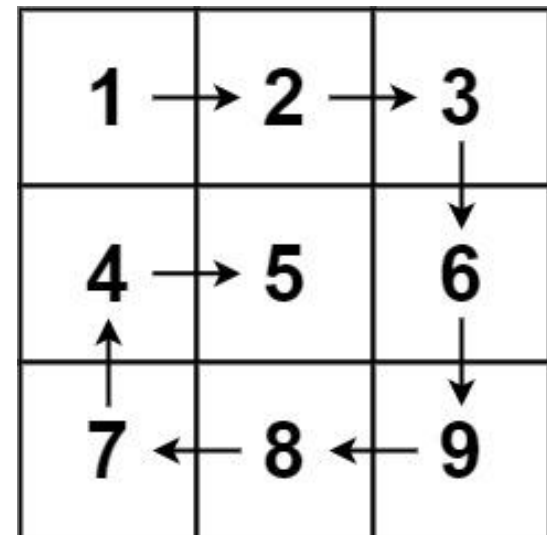
```
// Make sure we are now on a different row.  
if (up != down) {  
    // Traverse from right to left.  
    for (int col = right - 1; col >= left; col--) {  
        result.add(matrix[down][col]);  
    }  
}  
  
// Make sure we are now on a different column.  
if (left != right) {  
    // Traverse upwards.  
    for (int row = down - 1; row > up; row--) {  
        result.add(matrix[row][left]);  
    }  
}
```

|     |     |   |
|-----|-----|---|
| 1 → | 2 → | 3 |
| 4 → | 5   | 6 |
| 7 ← | 8 ← | 9 |

# Array Problems (Spiral Matrix-Algorithm)

Remember to move the boundaries by updating left, right, up, and down accordingly.

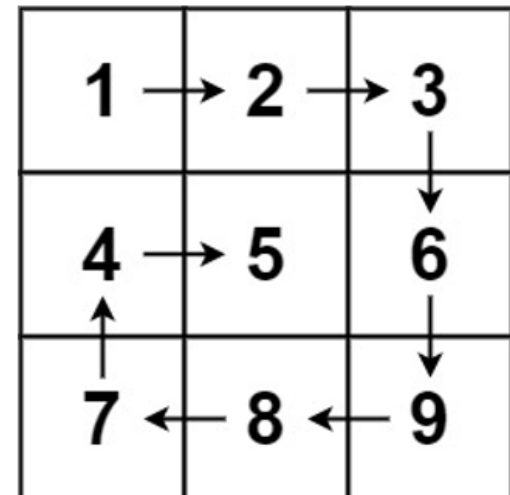
```
left++;  
right--;  
up++;  
down--;
```



# Array Problems (Spiral Matrix)

```
class Solution {
    public List<Integer> spiralOrder(int[][] matrix) {
        List<Integer> result = new ArrayList<>();
        int rows = matrix.length;
        int columns = matrix[0].length;
        int up = 0;
        int left = 0;
        int right = columns - 1;
        int down = rows - 1;

        while (result.size() < rows * columns) {
            // Traverse from left to right.
            for (int col = left; col <= right; col++) {
                result.add(matrix[up][col]);
            }
            // Traverse downwards.
            for (int row = up + 1; row <= down; row++) {
                result.add(matrix[row][right]);
            }
            // Make sure we are now on a different row.
            if (up != down) {
                // Traverse from right to left.
                for (int col = right - 1; col >= left; col--) {
                    result.add(matrix[down][col]);
                }
            }
            // Make sure we are now on a different column.
            if (left != right) {
                // Traverse upwards.
                for (int row = down - 1; row > up; row--) {
                    result.add(matrix[row][left]);
                }
            }
            left++; right--; up++; down--;
        }
        return result;
    }
}
```



- Arrays have the following advantages:
  - Accessing an element by its index is very fast (constant time)
- Arrays have the following disadvantages
  - All elements must be of the same type
  - The array size is fixed and can never be changed
  - Insertion into arrays and deletion from arrays is very slow

