

## 4. Employee Management System

### How arrays are represented in memory and their advantages

- **Memory Representation:**

- **Contiguous Memory Allocation:** Arrays are stored in contiguous memory locations. Each element is located at an index offset from the base address of the array. For instance, if the base address is  $B$  and the element size is  $S$ , the address of the element at index  $i$  is  $B + i * S$ .
- **Fixed Size:** Arrays have a fixed size, which is determined at the time of allocation. The size cannot be changed during runtime.

### Analysis:

#### Add:

- Best Case:  $O(1)$  (when adding at the end and space is available).
- Average Case:  $O(1)$  on average due to occasional resizing.
- Worst Case:  $O(n)$  (when resizing the array).

#### Search:

- Linear Search:  $O(n)$  (need to check each element).

**Traverse:**  $O(n)$  (visit each element once).

#### Delete:

- Best Case:  $O(1)$  (when deleting the last element).
- Worst Case:  $O(n)$  (when deleting an element from the start or middle, requiring shifts).

### Limitations of Arrays

1. **Fixed Size:**

- Arrays have a fixed size, which can lead to wasted memory if the allocated size is larger than needed or frequent resizing if the size is smaller than needed.

2. **Resizing Overhead:**

- Resizing an array involves creating a new array and copying all elements, which is time-consuming.

3. **Insertion and Deletion:**

- Insertion and deletion operations, especially in the middle of the array, require shifting elements, leading to  $O(n)$  time complexity.

4. **Inefficient Memory Usage:**

- Large arrays may lead to inefficient memory usage if the array is sparsely populated.