# Unit 8: 2D Arrays

#### Unit 8 Overview

In Unit 8, you'll explore the 2D Array data structure.

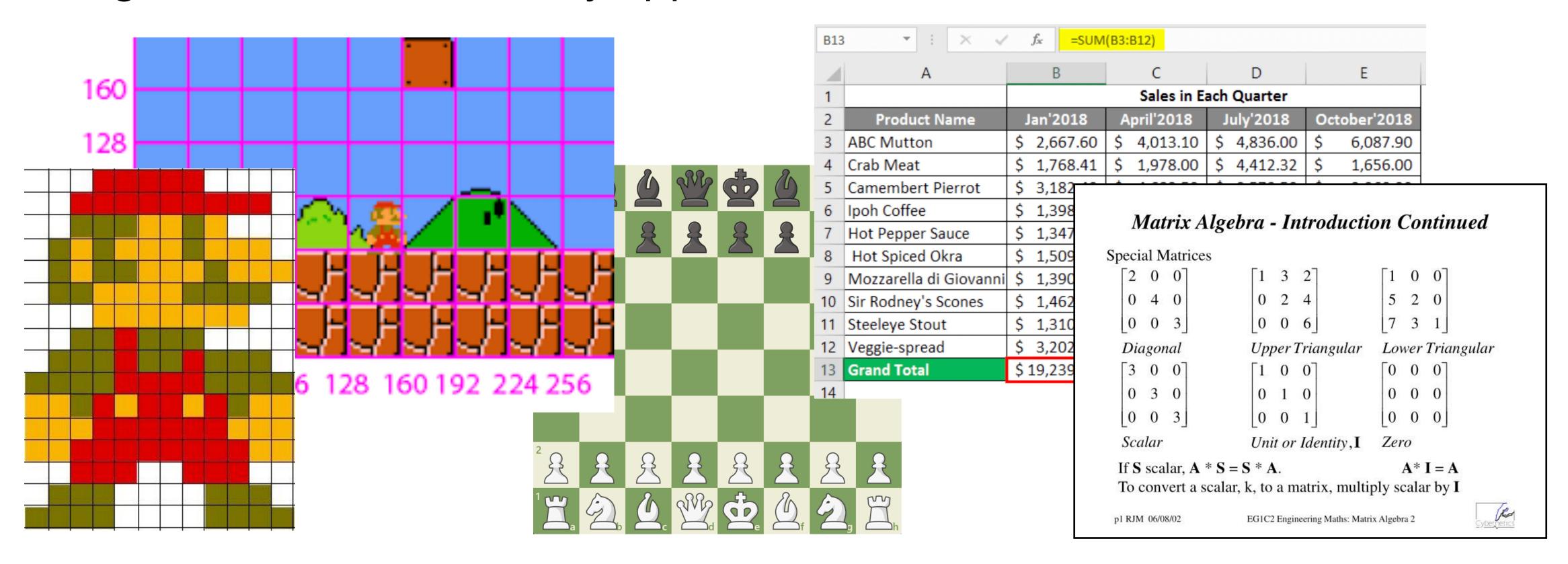
Topics will include:

- Declaring and Instantiating 2D Arrays of various sizes
- Accessing 2D Array elements
- Traversing a 2D Array through row-major and column-major order
- Standard 1D Array algorithms (6.4) apply to 2D Arrays

## Lesson 8.1: 2D Array Basics

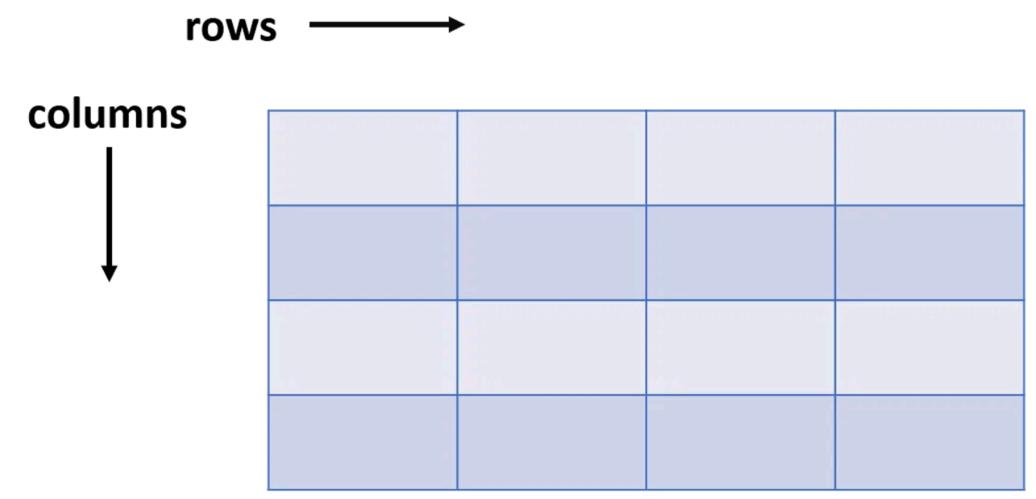
#### Overview (1/2)

If a 1D Array stores a row of values, then 2D arrays store a GRID of values, and grids are useful for many applications.



#### Overview (2/2)

Grids are made up of **rows** and **columns**, and the location of data within the grid is meaningful.

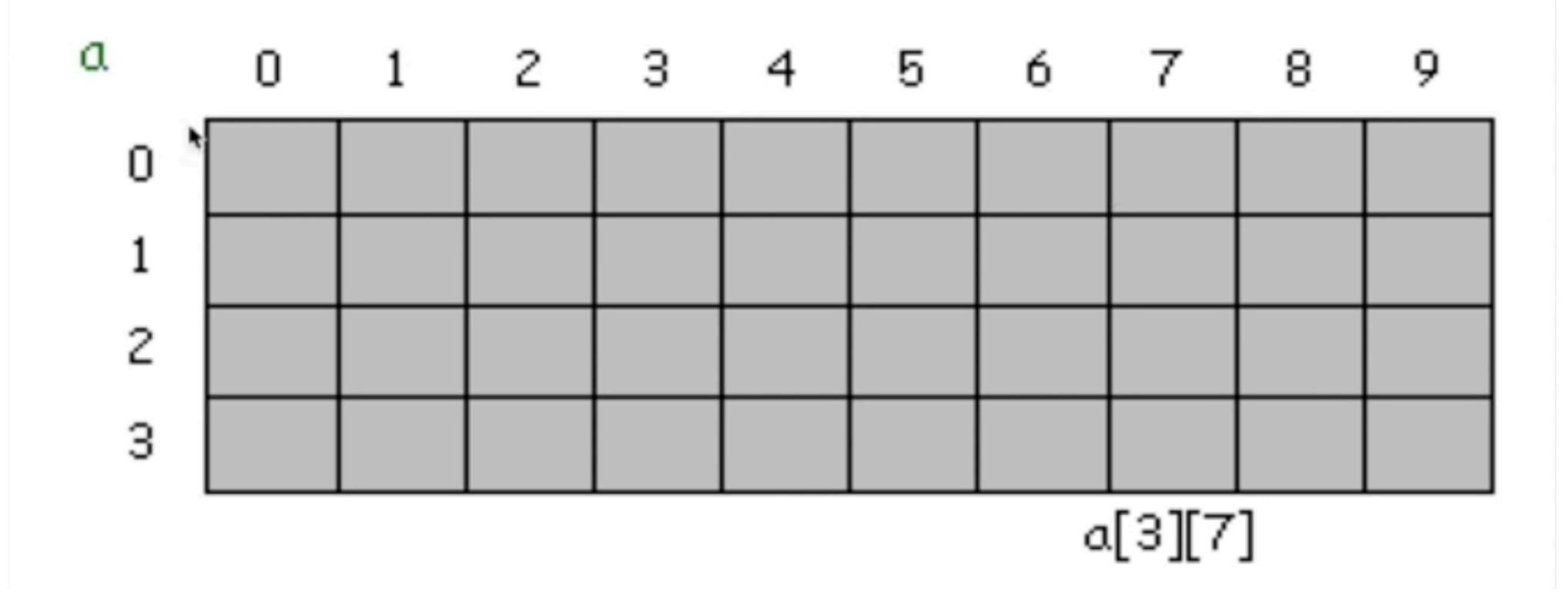


To create a 2D array, you use the syntax:

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int[][] grid = new int[rows][columns];
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#### Instantiation

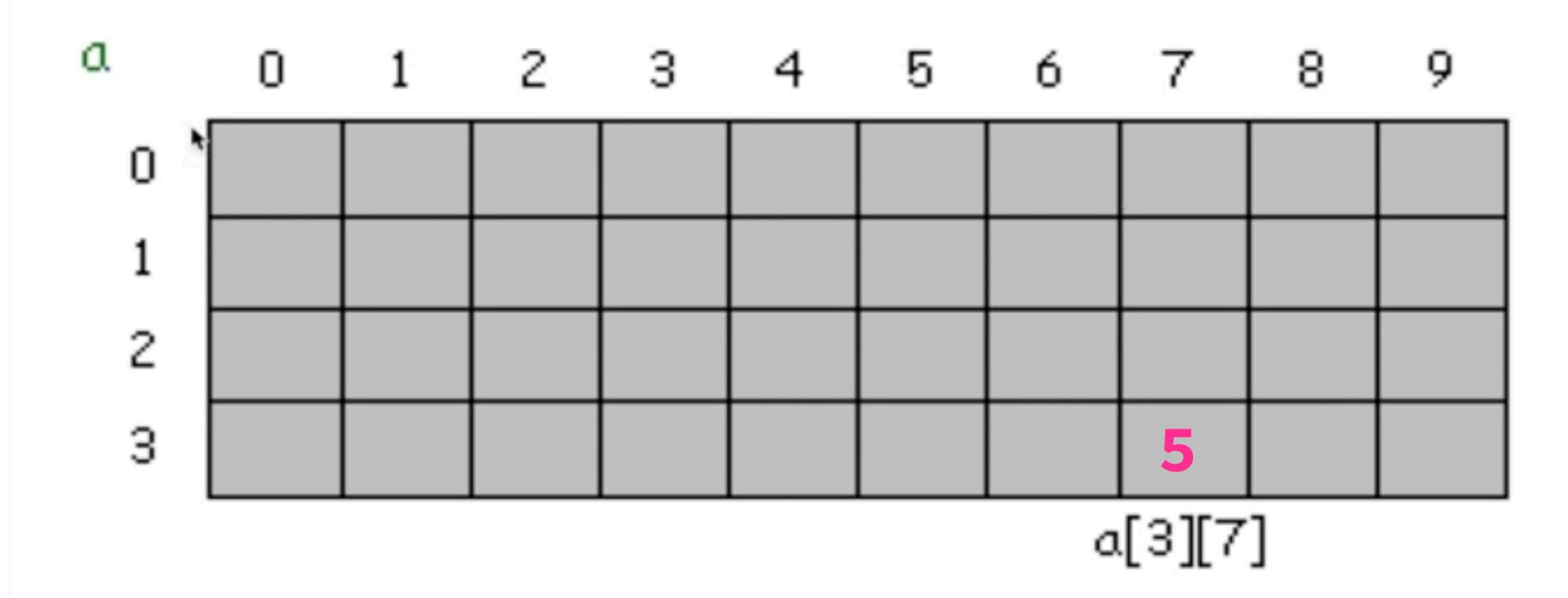
Here is a 2D Array with 4 rows, 10 columns. Note the indices count from zero.



#### **Accessing Elements**

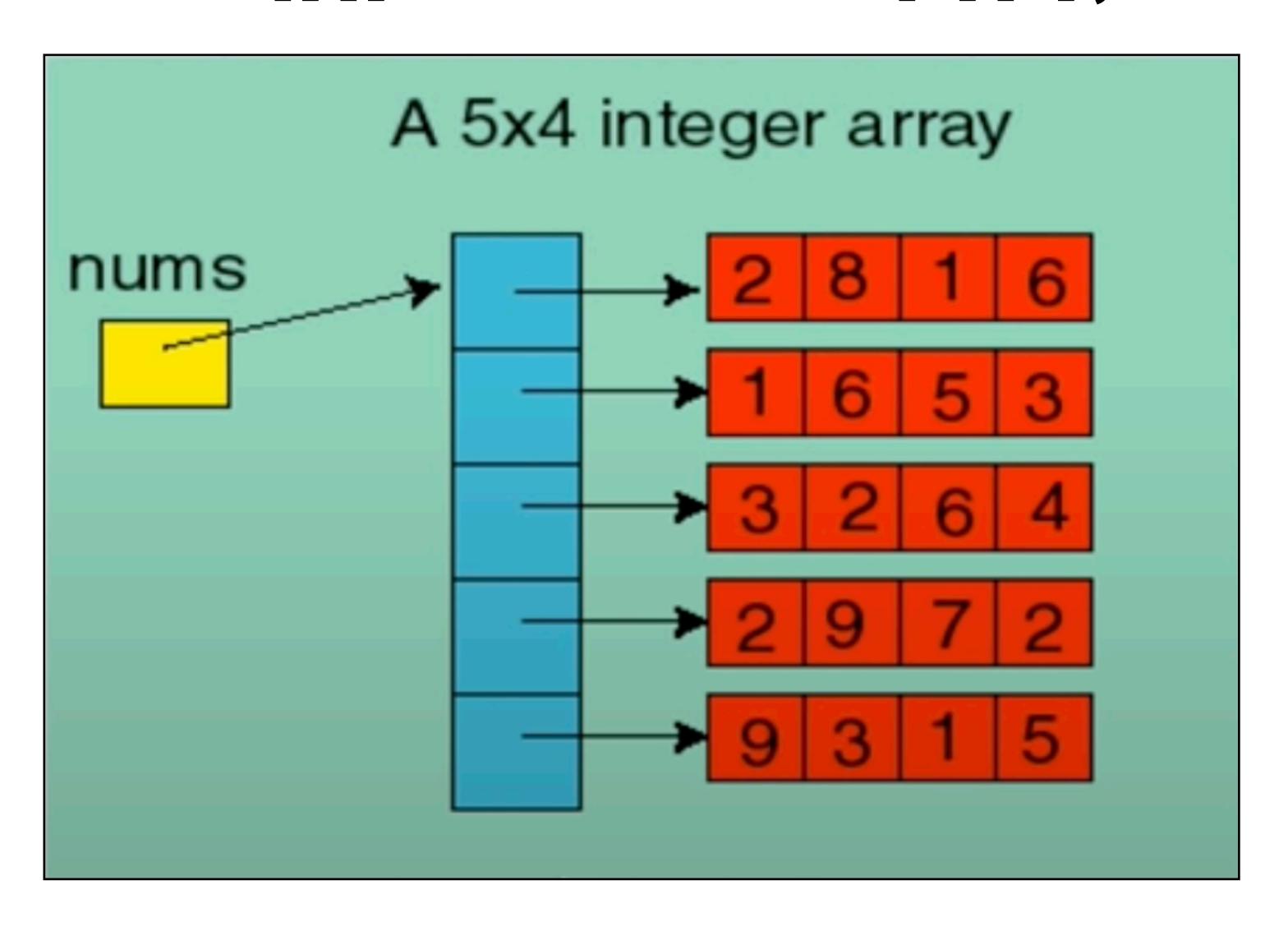
Accessing elements in 2D arrays requires both the row and column.

Example: a[3][7] = 5;



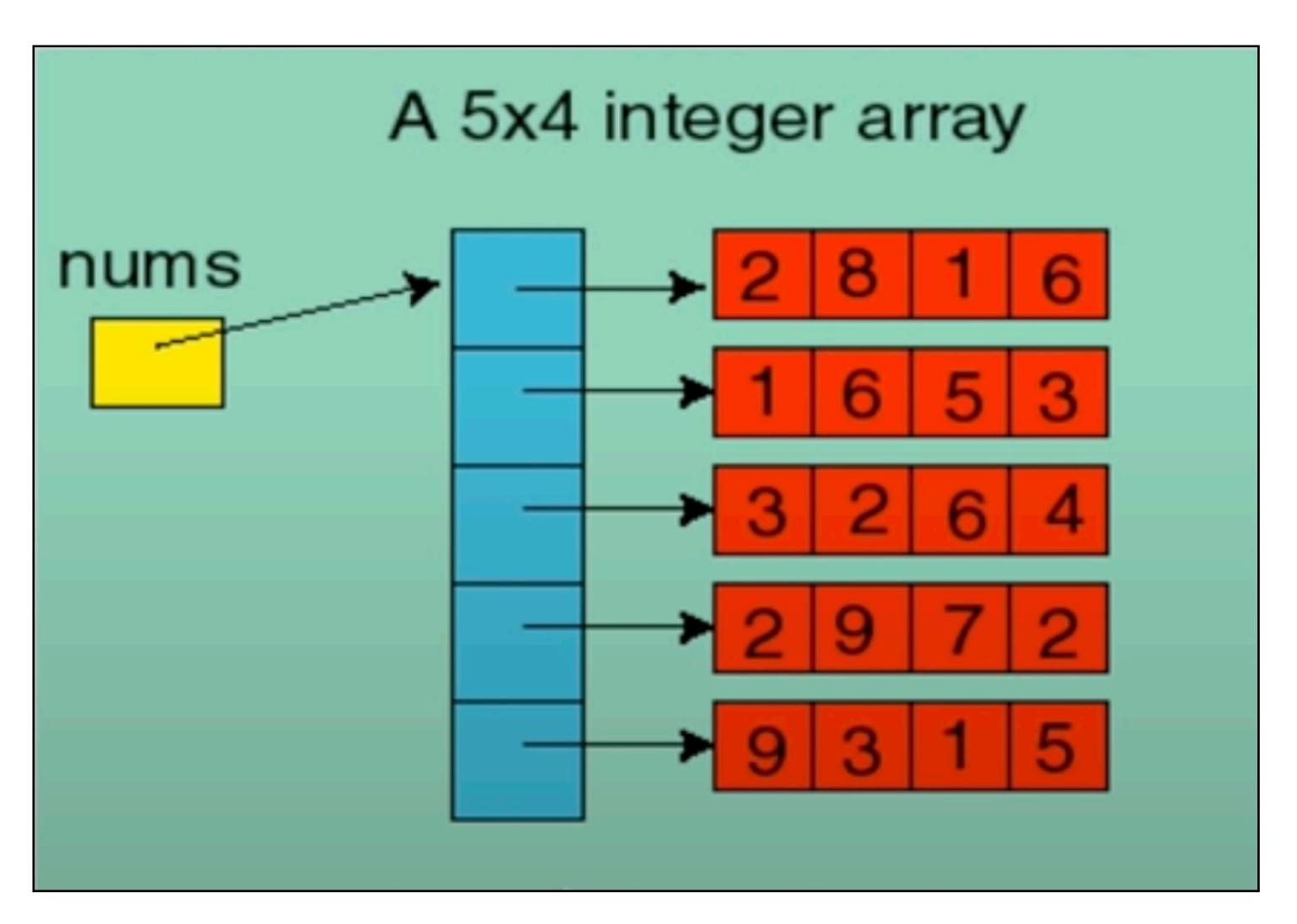
A 2D array is really an 1D array that contains 1D arrays. For example:

int[][] nums = new int[5][4];



#### Finding the number of rows: nums.length;

Finding the number of columns: nums[0].length;



## Lesson 8.2: Traversing 2D Arrays

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To traverse an array, use a nested loop!

```
for (int row = 0; row < nums.length; row++) {
for (int col = 0; col < nums[0].length; col++) {
   System.out.print (grid[row][col]);
                          index
System.out.println();
                                5, 7, 1
```