

# **5.2**

## **Two-dimensional Arrays**

# Why Learning Two-dimensional Arrays?

- We have discussed one-dimensional arrays in which only a single index (or subscript) is needed to access a specific element of the array.
- The number of indexes that are used to access a specific element in an array is called the **dimension** of the array.
- Arrays that have more than one dimension are called multi-dimensional arrays.
- In this lecture, we focus mainly on two-dimensional arrays. We may use two-dimensional arrays to represent data stored in tabular form.
- Two-dimensional arrays are particularly useful for matrix manipulation.

# Two-dimensional Arrays

- **Two-dimensional Arrays Declaration, Initialization and Operations**
- Two-dimensional Arrays and Pointers
- Two-dimensional Arrays as Function Arguments
- Applying 1-D Array to Process 2-D Arrays
- sizeof Operator and Arrays

# Two-dimensional (or Multi-dimensional) Arrays Declaration

- Declared as consecutive pairs of brackets.
- E.g. a **2-dimensional** array is declared as follows:  

int x[3][5];

 // a 3-element array of 5-element arrays
- E.g. a **3-dimensional** array is declared as follows:  
char x[3][4][5]; // a 3-element array of 4-element arrays of 5-element arrays
- ANSI C standard requires a minimum of 6 dimensions to be supported.

# Two-dimensional Arrays: Memory Layout

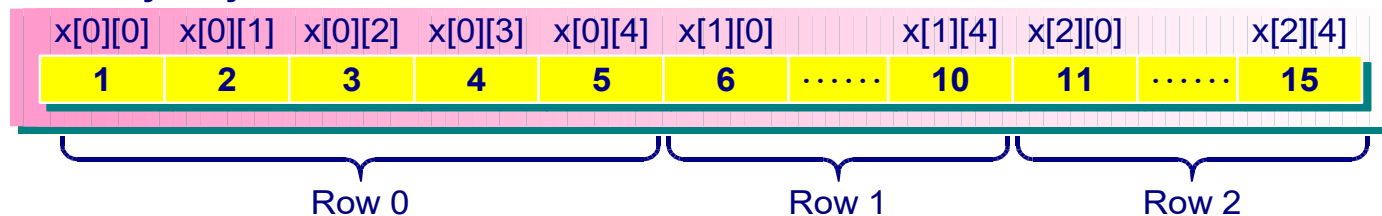
```
int x[3][5];
```

Row-major order i.e.  $x[\text{row}][\text{column}]$

|       | Column 0  | Column 1  | Column 2  | Column 3  | Column 4  |
|-------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Row 0 | $x[0][0]$ | $x[0][1]$ | $x[0][2]$ | $x[0][3]$ | $x[0][4]$ |
| Row 1 | $x[1][0]$ | $x[1][1]$ | $x[1][2]$ | $x[1][3]$ | $x[1][4]$ |
| Row 2 | $x[2][0]$ | $x[2][1]$ | $x[2][2]$ | $x[2][3]$ | $x[2][4]$ |



Memory Layout :



Consecutive & sequential memory

# Initializing Two-dimensional Arrays

- **Initializing** multidimensional arrays: enclose each row in braces.

```
int x[2][2] = { { 1, 2}, /* row 0 */  
               { 6, 7} }; /* row 1 */
```

or

```
int x[2][2] = { 1, 2, 6, 7};
```

- **Partial** initialization:

```
int exam[3][3] = { {1,2}, {4}, {5,7} };
```



```
int exam[3][3] = { 1,2,4,5,7 };  
                  i.e. = { {1,2,4}, {5,7}};
```

# Operations on 2-D Arrays – Sum of Rows

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main()
```

```
{ // declare an array with initialization
```

```
int array[3][3]={  column  
row  {5, 10, 15},  
{10, 20, 30},  
{20, 40, 60}  
};
```

```
int row, column, sum;
```

```
/* compute sum of row - traverse each row first */
```

```
for (row = 0; row < 3; row++) // nested loop
```

```
{
```

```
/* for each row – compute the sum */
```

```
sum = 0;
```

```
for (column = 0; column < 3; column++)
```

```
sum += array[row][column];
```

```
printf("Sum of row %d is %d\n", row, sum);
```

```
}
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

## Output

Sum of row 0 is 30

Sum of row 1 is 60

Sum of row 2 is 120



## Nested Loop

# Operations on 2-D Arrays – Sum of Columns

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main()
```

```
{ // declare an array with initialization
```

```
int array[3][3]={  column  
row  {5, 10, 15},  
{10, 20, 30},  
{20, 40, 60}  
};
```

```
int row, column, sum;
```

```
/* compute sum of each column */
```

```
for (column = 0; column < 3; column++)
```

```
{
```

```
    sum = 0;
```

```
    for (row = 0; row < 3; row++)
```

```
        sum += array[row][column];
```

```
    printf("Sum of column %d is %d\n", column, sum);
```

```
}
```

```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

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## Output

Sum of column 0 is 35

Sum of column 1 is 70

Sum of column 2 is 105



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# Two-dimensional Arrays and Pointers

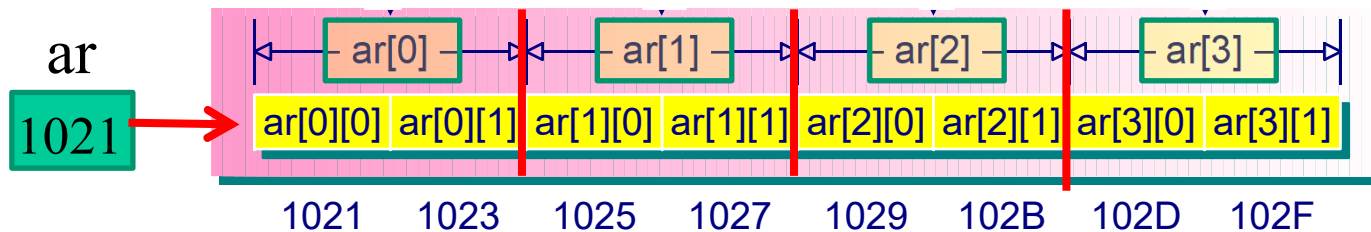
- Two-dimensional array variable declaration:

```
int ar[4][2];
```

/\* **ar** is an array of **4** elements;  
each element is an array of **2** ints \*/

or `int ar[4][2] = {`  
    `{1, 2},`  
    `{3, 4},`  
    `{5, 6},`  
    `{7, 8}`  
    `};`

2-D array data are stored sequentially in the memory



# Two-dimensional Arrays and Pointers

- Two-dimensional array variable declaration:

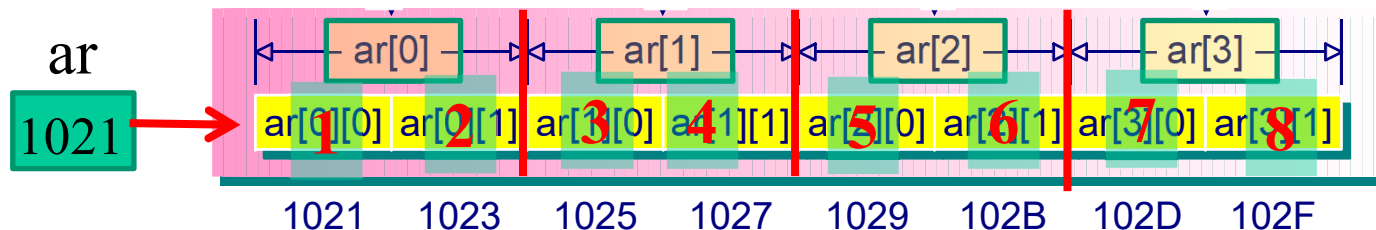
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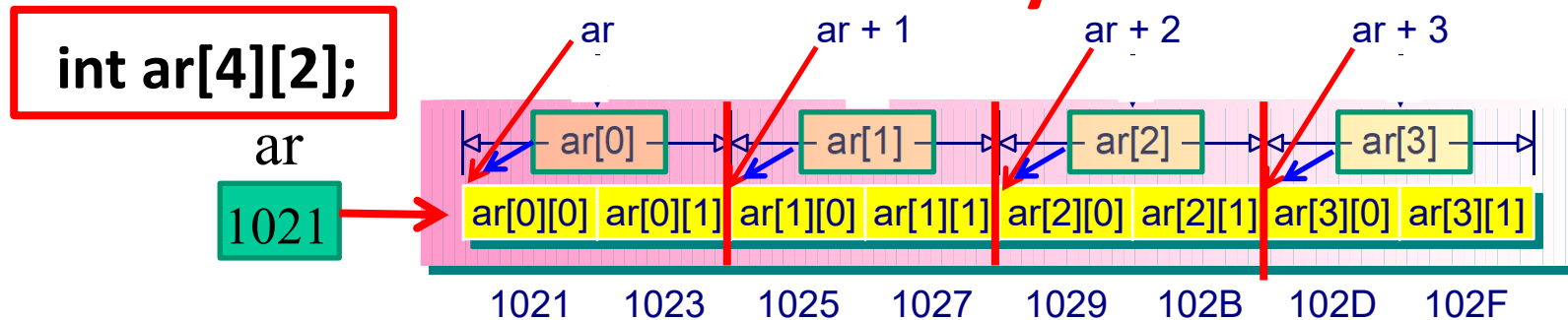
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    `{5, 6},`  
    `{7, 8}`

2-D array data are stored sequentially in the memory

- After array declaration, memory locations are allocated and used to store the initial values of the array.



# Two-dimensional Arrays and Pointers



- **ar** - the address of the **1st element** of the array. In this case, the 1st element is an **array of 2 ints**. So, **ar** is the address of a **two-int-sized object**.

**ar == &ar[0]**

**ar + 1 == &ar[1]**

**ar + 2 == &ar[2]**

**ar + 3 == &ar[3]**

**Note:** Adding 1 to a pointer or address yields a value larger by the size of the referred-to object.

e.g. **ar** has the same address value as **ar[0]**

**ar+1** has the same address value as **ar[1]**, etc.

- **ar[0]** is an array of 2 integers, so **ar[0]** is the **address of int-sized object**.

**ar[0] == &ar[0][0]**

**ar[1] == &ar[1][0]**

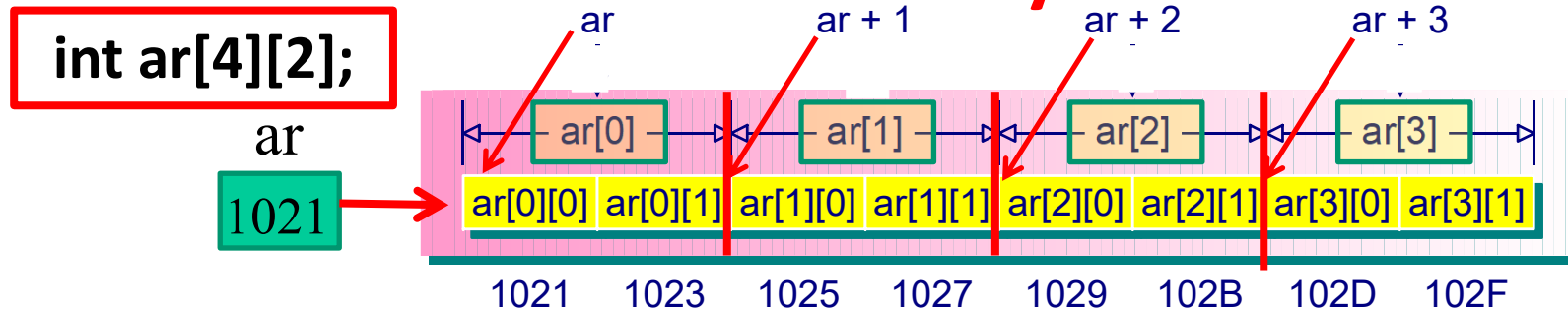
**ar[2] == &ar[2][0]**

**ar[3] == &ar[3][0]**

**Note:**

- **ar[0]** has the same address as **ar[0][0]**;
- **ar[0]+1** refers to the address of **ar[0][1]** (i.e. 1023)

# Two-dimensional Arrays and Pointers



- **Dereferencing** a pointer or an address (apply **\*** **operator**) yields the value represented by the referred-to object.

**ar == &ar[0]**

ar + 1 == &ar[1]

ar + 2 == &ar[2]

ar + 3 == &ar[3]

**\*ar == ar[0]** (by dereferencing)

**\*(ar + 1) == ar[1]**

**\*(ar + 2) == ar[2]**

**\*(ar + 3) == ar[3]**

- Similarly

**ar[0] == &ar[0][0]**

ar[1] == &ar[1][0]

ar[2] == &ar[2][0]

ar[3] == &ar[3][0]

**\*ar[0] == ar[0][0]** (dereferencing)

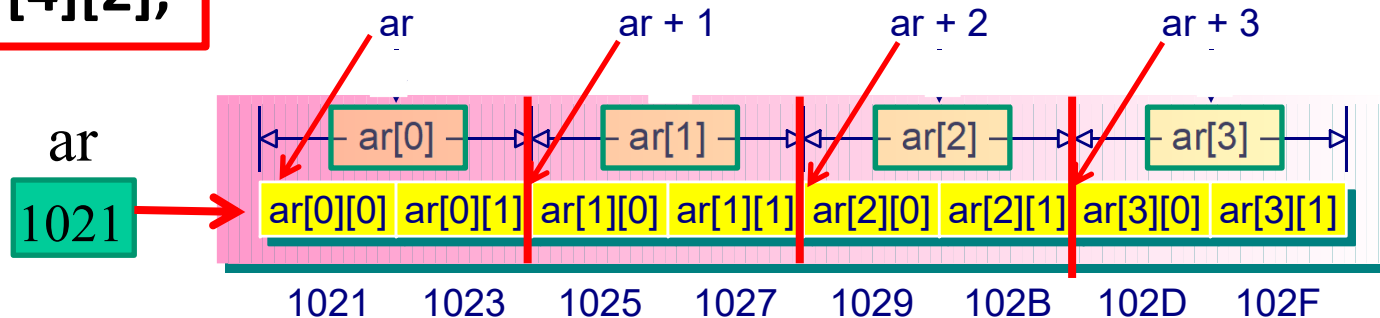
**\*ar[1] == ar[1][0]**

**\*ar[2] == ar[2][0]**

**\*ar[3] == ar[3][0]**

# Two-dimensional Arrays and Pointers

```
int ar[4][2];
```



- Therefore:

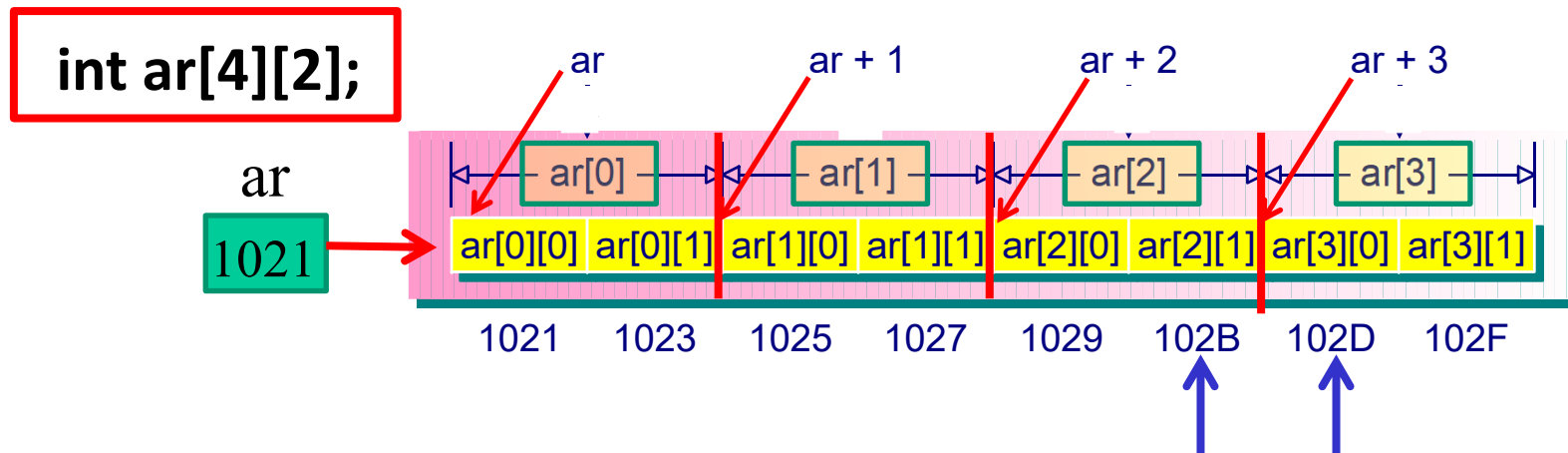
**`*ar[0]`** == the value stored in **`ar[0][0]`**.

**`*ar`** == the value of its first element, **`ar[0]`**.

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**`**ar`** == the value of **`ar[0][0]`** (**double indirection**)

# Two-dimensional Arrays and Pointers



- After some calculations using **double** dereferencing as shown above, we will get the general formula for using pointer to access each element of a 2-D array **ar** with row=**m**, column=**n**, as follows:

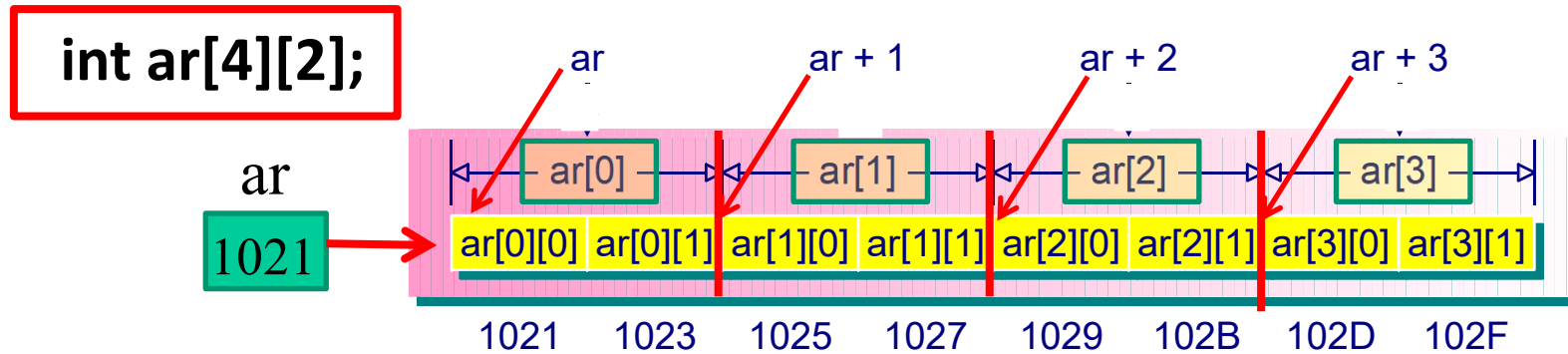
$$\mathbf{ar[m][n]} == * ( * ( \mathbf{ar + m} ) + \mathbf{n} )$$

$$\text{e.g. } \mathbf{ar[2][1]} = * ( * ( \mathbf{ar + 2} ) + \mathbf{1} ) \quad [m=2, n=1]$$

$$\mathbf{ar[3][0]} = * ( * ( \mathbf{ar + 3} ) + \mathbf{0} ) \quad [m=3, n=0]$$

**Note:** you are not required to remember the calculation on deriving the general formula.

# Two-dimensional Arrays and Pointers



## Two ways to access two-dimensional Array:

- Using the two indexes (e.g. `m` and `n`):  
e.g. `ar[m][n]`
- Using pointers and the general formula for two-dimensional array:

$$\text{ar}[\text{m}][\text{n}] == *( *(\text{ar} + \text{m}) + \text{n})$$



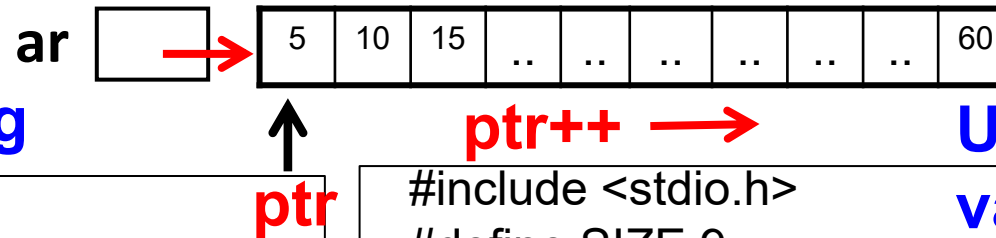
# Processing Two-dimensional Arrays: Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int ar[3][3]= {
        {5, 10, 15},
        {10, 20, 30},
        {20, 40, 60}
    };
    int i, j;
    // (1) using indexing approach
    for (i=0; i<3; i++)
        for (j=0; j<3; j++)
            printf("%d ", ar[i][j]);
    printf("\n");
    // (2) using the pointer formula
    for (i=0; i<3; i++)
        for (j=0; j<3; j++)
            printf("%d ", (*(ar+i)+j));
    return 0;
}
```

## Output

```
5 10 15 10 20 30 20 40 60
5 10 15 10 20 30 20 40 60
```

# Processing 2-D Arrays (Indexing vs Pointer Variable)



## Using indexing

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main ( ) {
    int ar[3][3]= {
        {5, 10, 15},
        {10, 20, 30},
        {20, 40, 60}
    };
    int i, j;

    /* using index – nested loop*/
    printf("\n");
    for (i=0; i<3; i++)
        for (j=0; j<3; j++)
            printf("%d ", ar[i][j]);
    printf("\n");
    return 0;
}
```

## Using pointer variable

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define SIZE 9
int main ( ) {
    int ar[3][3]= {
        {5, 10, 15},
        {10, 20, 30},
        {20, 40, 60}
    };
    int i;
    int *ptr;
    ptr = *ar;

    /* using pointer - looping */
    for (i=0; i<SIZE; i++)
        printf("%d ", *ptr++);
    printf("\n");
    return 0;
}
```

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## Two-dimensional Arrays as Function Arguments

- The definition of a function with a 2-D array as the argument is:

|  |    |  |
|--|----|--|
| <pre>void fn(int array[2][4]) {     .... }</pre> | or | <pre>void fn(int array[ ][4]) {     .... }</pre> |
|--|----|--|

/\*note that the first dimension can be excluded\*/

In the above definition, the first dimension can be excluded because the C compiler does not need the information of the first dimension.

## Why the First Dimension can be Omitted?

- For example, in the assignment operation: `array[1][3] = 100;` requests the **compiler** to compute the address of `array[1][3]` and then place 100 to that address.
- In order to compute the address, the dimension information of the array must be given to the compiler.
- Let's redefine **array** as

`int array[D1][D2]; // with D1=2, D2=4`

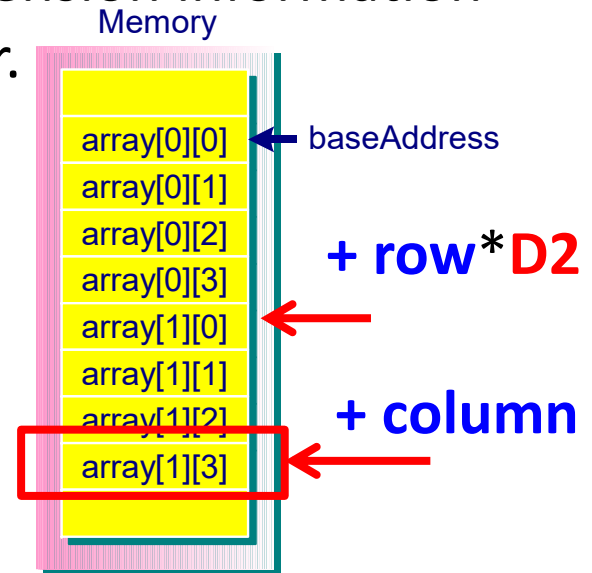
The address of `array[1][3]` is computed as:

$\text{baseAddress} + \text{row} * \text{D2} + \text{column}$

$\Rightarrow \text{baseAddress} + 1 * 4 + 3$

$\Rightarrow \text{baseAddress} + 7$

The **baseAddress** is the address pointing to the beginning of array.



## Why the First Dimension can be Omitted? (Cont'd.)

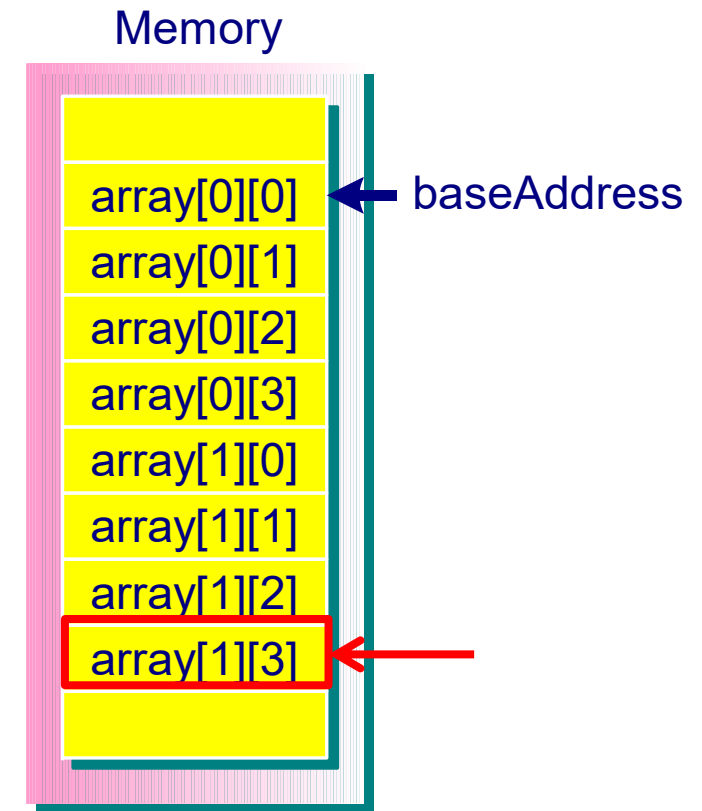
- Since D1 is not needed in computing the address, we can omit the first dimension value in defining a function which takes arrays as its formal arguments.

- Therefore, the prototype of the function could be:

void fn(int **array[2][4]**);

or

void fn(int **array[ ][4]**);



# Passing 2-D Array as Function Arguments: Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

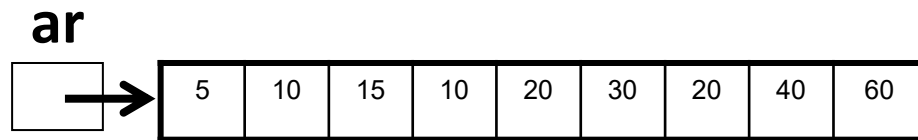
```
int sum_all_rows(int array[ ][3]);
```

```
int sum_all_columns(int array[ ][3]);
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int ar[3][3]= {  
                    {5, 10, 15},  
                    {10, 20, 30},  
                    {20, 40, 60}
```



```
};
```

```
int total_row, total_column;
```

```
total_row = sum_all_rows(ar); // sum of all rows
```

```
total_column = sum_all_columns(ar); //all columns
```

```
printf("The sum of all elements in rows is %d\n", total_row);
```

```
printf("The sum of all elements in columns is %d\n", total_column);
```

```
return 0;
```

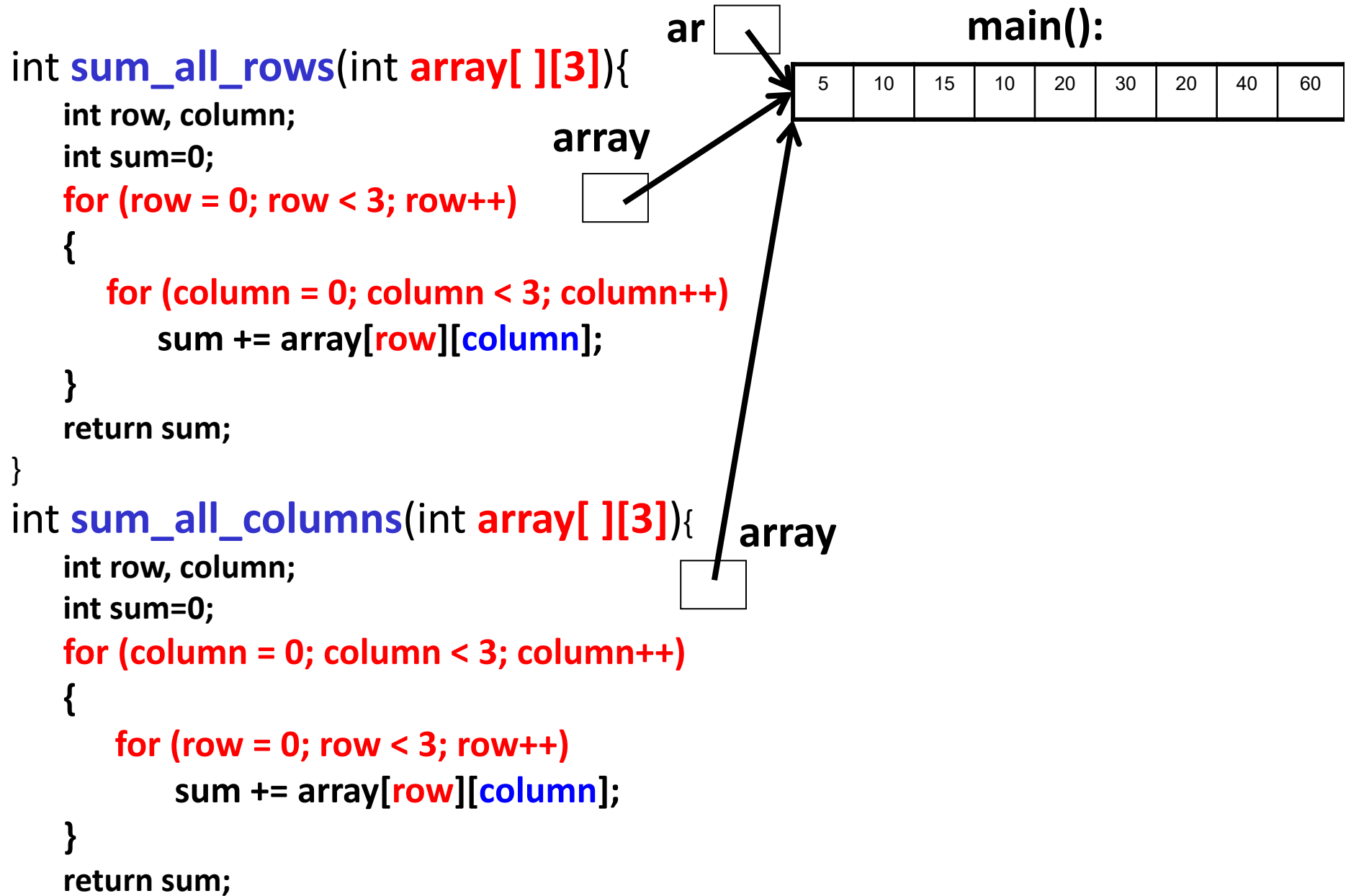
```
}
```

## Output

The sum of all elements in rows is 210

The sum of all elements in columns is 210

# Passing 2-D Array as Function Arguments: Example





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# Applying 1-D Array to Process 2-D Arrays in Functions: Using Pointers

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
void display1(int *ptr, int size);
```

```
void display2(int ar[ ], int size);
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int array[2][4] = { 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 };
```

```
    int i;
```

```
    for (i=0; i<2; i++) { /* as 2-D Array */
        display1(array[i], 4);
    }
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Row: array[0]

array[1]

// Using pointers

```
void display1(int *ptr, int size)
```

```
{
```

```
    int j;
```

ptr

```
    printf("Display1 result: ");
```

```
    for (j=0; j<size; j++)
```

```
        printf("%d ", *ptr++);
```

```
    putchar('\n');
```

```
}
```

**Output:**

Display1 result: 0 1 2 3

Display1 result: 4 5 6 7

# Applying 1-D Array to Process 2-D Arrays in Functions: Using Pointers

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
void display1(int *ptr, int size);
```

```
void display2(int ar[ ], int size);
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int array[2][4] = { 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 };
```

```
    int i;
```

```
    for (i=0; i<2; i++) { /* as 2-D Array */
```

```
        display1(array[i], 4);
```

```
    }
```

```
    display1(array, 8); /* as 1-D array */
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

```
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```

array



```
void display1(int *ptr, int size)
```

```
{
```

```
    int j;
```

ptr



```
    printf("Display1 result: ");
```

```
    for (j=0; j<size; j++)
```

```
        printf("%d ", *ptr++);
```

```
    putchar('\n');
```

```
}
```

## Output:

```
Display1 result: 0 1 2 3
```

```
Display1 result: 4 5 6 7
```

```
Display1 result: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
```

# Applying 1-D Array to Process 2-D Arrays in Functions: Using Indexing

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
void display1(int *ptr, int size);
```

```
void display2(int ar[ ], int size);
```

```
int main()
```

```
{
```

```
    int array[2][4] = { 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 };
```

```
    int i;
```

```
    for (i=0; i<2; i++) { /* as 2-D Array */
        display2(array[i], 4);
    }
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

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array[0]

array[1]

// Using indexes

```
void display2(int ar[ ], int size)
```

```
{
```

```
    int k;
```

ar

```
    printf("Display2 result: ");
```

```
    for (k=0; k<size; k++)
```

```
        printf("%d ", ar[k]*5);
```

```
    putchar('\n');
```

```
}
```

**Output:**

Display2 result: 0 5 10 15

Display2 result: 20 25 30 35

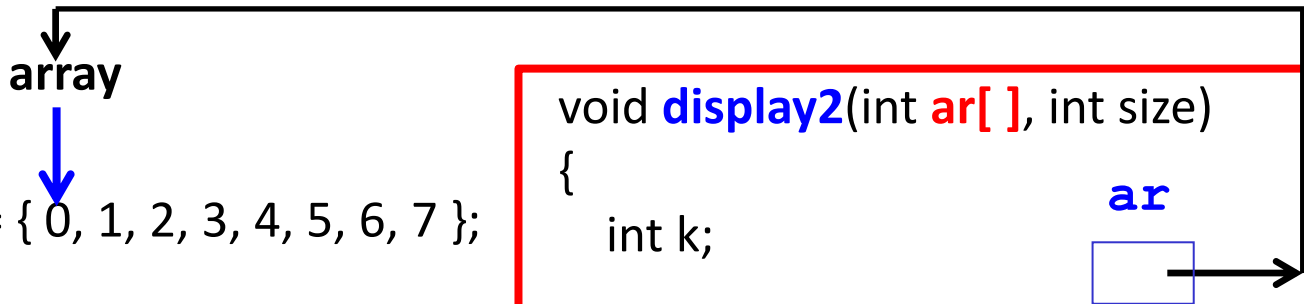
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```
#include <stdio.h>
```


```
void display1(int *ptr, int size);
```

```
void display2(int ar[ ], int size);
```

```
int main()  
{  
    int array[2][4] = { 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 };  
    int i;  
  
    for (i=0; i<2; i++) { /* as 2-D Array */  
        display2(array[i], 4);  
    }  
  
    display2(array, 8); /* as 1-D array */  
  
    return 0;  
}
```



```
void display2(int ar[ ], int size)  
{  
    int k;  
  
    printf("Display2 result: ");  
    for (k=0; k<size; k++)  
        printf("%d ", ar[k]*5);  
    putchar('\n');  
}
```



```
return 0;
```

```
}
```

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## Output:

Display2 result: 0 5 10 15

Display2 result: 20 25 30 35

**Display2 result: 0 5 10 15 20 25 30 35**

## Example: minMax()

Write a C function minMax() that takes a 5x5 two-dimensional array of integers *a* as a parameter. The function returns the minimum and maximum numbers of the array to the caller through the two parameters *min* and *max* respectively. [using call by reference]

```
#include <stdio.h>
void minMax(int a[5][5], int *min, int *max);
int main()
{
    int A[5][5];
    int i, j;
    int min, max;

    printf("Enter your matrix data (5x5): \n");
    // nested loop
    for (i=0; i<5; i++)
        for (j=0; j<5; j++)
            scanf("%d", &A[i][j]);
    minMax(A, &min, &max);
    printf("min = %d; max = %d", min, max);
    return 0;
}
```

```
void minMax(int a[5][5], int *min,
            int *max)
```

```
{
    int i, j;
    /* add your code here */
```

**Q: Using indexing?**

**Q: Using pointer?**

```
}
```


# minMax: Using the Array Indexing Approach

Using indexing:

```
void minMax(int a[5][5],  
            int *min,  
            int *max)
```

```
{  
    int i, j;  
  
    *max = a[0][0];  
    *min = a[0][0];  
    for (i=0; i<5; i++)  
        for (j=0; j<5; j++)  
        {  
            if (a[i][j] > *max)  
                *max = a[i][j];  
            else if (a[i][j] < *min)  
                *min = a[i][j];  
        }  
}
```

**a**

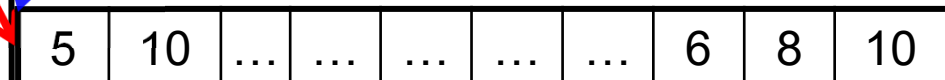


**main():**

```
int A[5][5] = {  
    {5, 10, 15, 20, 25},  
    {10, 20, 30, 40, 50},  
    {20, 40, 60, 80, 100},  
    {1, 3, 5, 7, 9},  
    {2, 4, 6, 8, 10}  
};
```

**col** →

↓  
**row**



|   |    |     |     |     |     |     |   |   |    |
|---|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|---|----|
| 5 | 10 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 8 | 10 |
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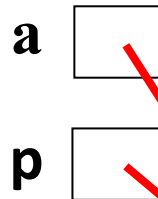
# minMax: Using Pointer Variable Approach

## Using pointer variable:

```
void minMax(int a[5][5], int *min, int *max)
{
    int i;
    int *p;
    p=*a;

    *max = *p;
    *min = *p;

    for (i=0; i<25; i++) {
        if ( *p > *max )
            *max = *p;
        else if ( *p < *min )
            *min = *p;
        p++;
    }
}
```



Using pointer variable  
to process 2D arrays

main():

```
int A[5][5]= {
    {5, 10, 15, 20, 25},
    {10, 20, 30, 40, 50},
    {20, 40, 60, 80, 100},
    {1, 3, 5, 7, 9},
    {2, 4, 6, 8, 10}
};
```

Consecutive & sequential memory



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## Two-dimensional Arrays

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## Sizeof Operator and Array

- **sizeof**(operand) is an operator which gives the **size** (i.e. how many bytes) of its operand. Its syntax is

**sizeof** (**operand**)

or

**sizeof operand**

- The **operand** can be:

int, float, ....., complexDataTypeName,  
variableName, arrayName

# Sizeof Operator and Array: Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
int sum(int a[ ], int n);
int main(){
    int ar[6] = {1,2,3,4,5,6};
    int total;
    printf("Array size is %d\n",
        sizeof(ar)/sizeof(ar[0]));
    total = sum (ar, 6);
    return 0;
}
int sum ( int a[ ], int n ) {
    int i, total=0;
    printf("Size of a = %d\n", sizeof(a));
    for ( i=0; i<n ; i++)
        total += a[i];
    return total;
}
```

## Output

Array size is 6  
(i.e.  $24/4=6$ )  
Size of a = 4

Apply *sizeof* to a **pointer variable (e.g. a)** yields the size of the pointer.

**Thank You!**