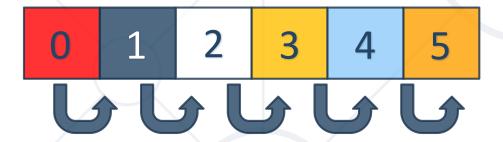
# **Arrays and Nested Arrays**

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# Working with Arrays of Elements

Arrays in JavaScript

## What is an Array?



Arrays are list-like objects



Array of 5 elements 0 1 2 3 4 Element index

... ... ... ... Array element

- Elements are numbered from 0 to length 1
- Creating an array using an array literal

```
let numbers = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50];
```



## What is an Array?



- Neither the length of a JavaScript array or the types of its elements are fixed
- An array's length can be changed at any time
- Data can be stored at non-contiguous locations in the array
- JavaScript arrays are not guaranteed to be dense



### **Arrays of Different Types**





```
// Array holding numbers
let numbers = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50];
```

```
// Array holding strings
let weekDays = ['Monday', 'Tuesday', 'Wednesday',
    'Thursday', 'Friday', 'Saturday', 'Sunday'];
```

```
// Array holding mixed data (not a good practice)
let mixedArr = [20, new Date(), 'hello', {x:5, y:8}];
```



## **Accessing Elements**



Array elements are accessed using their index

```
let cars = ['BMW', 'Audi', 'Opel'];
let firstCar = cars[0]; // BMW
let lastCar = cars[cars.length - 1]; // Opel
```

Accessing indexes that do not exist in the array returns undefined

```
console.log(cars[3]); // undefined
console.log(cars[-1]); // undefined
```

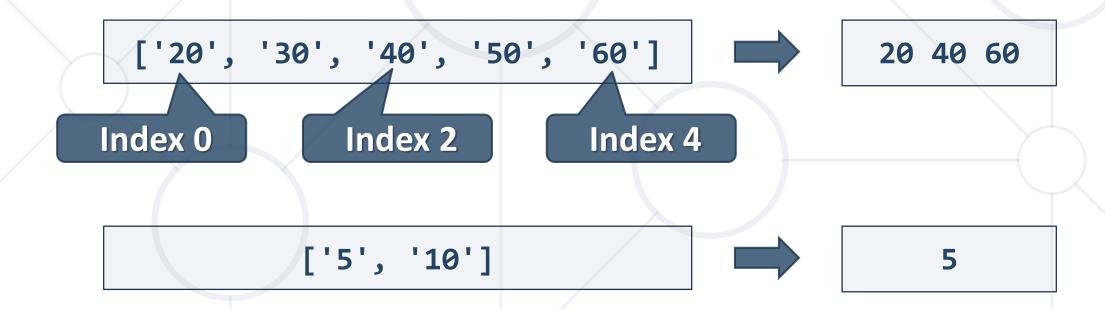
Arrays can be iterated using for-of loop

```
for (let car of cars) { ... }
```

#### **Problem: Even Position Element**



- Find every element at even index in input array
- Print them on the console, separated by space



#### **Solution: Even Position Element**



```
function solve(arr) {
 let result = '';
  for (let i = 0; i < arr.length; i+=2) {
    result += arr[i];
    result += ' ';
  console.log(result);
```

## **Arrays Indexation**



 Setting values via non-integers using bracket notation (or dot notation) creates object properties instead of array elements (will be discussed in later lesson)

```
let arr = [];
arr[3.4] = 'Oranges';
arr[-1] = 'Apples';
console.log(arr.length);
console.log(arr.hasOwnProperty(3.4)); // true
arr["1"] = 'Grapes';
console.log(arr.length);
console.log(arr); // [ <1 empty item>, 'Grapes',
'3.4': 'Oranges', '-1': 'Apples' ]
```

# **Destructuring Syntax**



 Expression that unpacks values from arrays or objects, into distinct variables

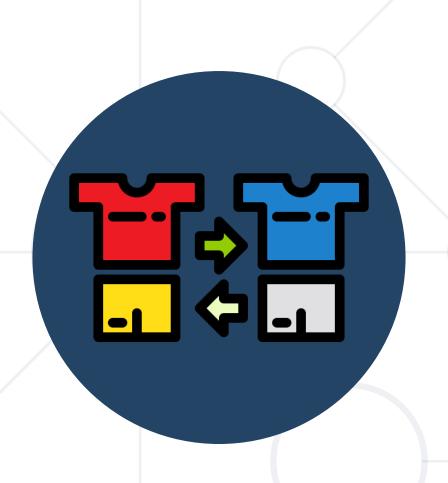
```
let numbers = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50];
let [a, b, ...elems] = numbers;

Rest operator

console.log(a) // 10
console.log(b) // 20
console.log(elems) // [30, 40, 50]
```

 The rest operator can also be used to collect function parameters into an array





# **Mutator Methods**

Modify the Array

## Pop



- Removes the last element from an array and returns that element
- This method changes the length of the array



```
let nums = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70];
console.log(nums.length); // 7
console.log(nums.pop()); // 70
console.log(nums.length); // 6
console.log(nums); // [ 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 ]
```

#### Push



The push() method adds one or more elements to the end of an array and returns the new length of the array



```
let nums = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70];
console.log(nums.length); // 7
console.log(nums.push(80)); // 8 (nums.length)
console.log(nums); // [ 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 ]
```

#### Shift



- The shift() method removes the first element from an array and returns that removed element
- This method changes the length of the array

```
let nums = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70];
console.log(nums.length); // 7
console.log(nums.shift()); // 10 (removed element)
console.log(nums); // [ 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70 ]
```

#### Unshift



 The unshift() method adds one or more elements to the beginning of an array and returns the new length of the array

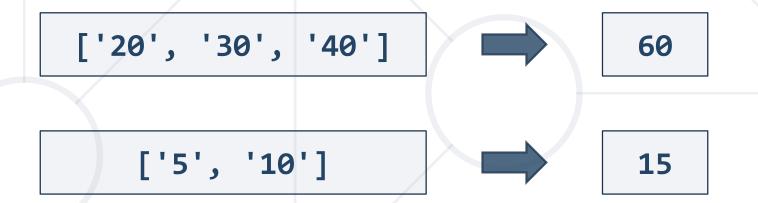


```
let nums = [40, 50, 60];
console.log(nums.length);  // 3
console.log(nums.unshift(30)); // 4 (nums.length)
console.log(nums.unshift(10,20)); // 6 (nums.length)
console.log(nums); // [ 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60 ]
```

## **Problem: Sum First and Last**



- Receive an array of strings as input
- Calculate the sum of the first and last elements
- Return the value at the end of your function



#### **Solution: Sum First and Last**



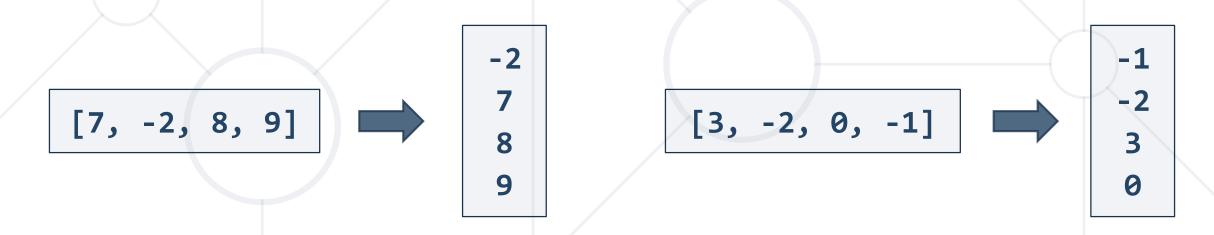
```
function firstSolution(arr) {
  const first = Number(arr[0]);
  const last = Number(arr[arr.length - 1]);
  return first + last;
}
```

```
function secondSolution(arr) {
  return Number(arr.pop()) + Number(arr.shift());
}
```

## **Problem: Negative / Positive Numbers**



- Create a new array from the input array
  - Prepend negative elements at the front of the result
  - Append non-negative elements at the end of the result
- Print each resulting value on a new line



## **Solution: Negative / Positive Numbers**



```
function solve(arr) {
  const result =[];
  for (let num of arr) {
    if (num < 0) { result.unshift(num); }</pre>
    else { result.push(num); }
  for (let num of result) {
    console.log(num);
```

## **Splice**



 Changes the contents of an array by removing or replacing existing elements and/or adding new elements

```
let nums = [1, 3, 4, 5, 6];
nums.splice(1, 0, 2); // inserts at index 1
console.log(nums); // [ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 ]
nums.splice(4, 1, 19); // replaces 1 element at index 4
console.log(nums); // [ 1, 2, 3, 4, 19, 6 ]
let el = nums.splice(2, 1); // removes 1 element at index 2
console.log(nums); // [ 1, 2, 4, 19, 6 ]
console.log(el); // [ 3 ]
```



#### Fill



 Fills all the elements of an array from a start index to an end index with a static value

```
let arr = [1, 2, 3, 4];
// fill with 0 from position 2 until position 4
console.log(arr.fill(0, 2, 4)); // [1, 2, 0, 0]
// fill with 5 from position 1
console.log(arr.fill(5, 1)); // [1, 5, 5, 5]
console.log(arr.fill(6)); // [6, 6, 6, 6]
```



#### Reverse



- Reverses the array
  - The first array element becomes the last, and the last array element becomes the first

```
let arr = [1, 2, 3, 4];
arr.reverse();
console.log(arr); // [ 4, 3, 2, 1 ]
```





# **Sorting Arrays**

**Default Behavior and Compare Functions** 

# **Sorting Arrays**



- The sort() method sorts the items of an array
- Depending on the provided compare function, sorting can be alphabetic or numeric, and either ascending (up) or descending (down)
- By default, the sort() function sorts the values as strings in alphabetical and ascending order
- If you want to sort numbers or other values, you need to provide the correct compare function!

## **Sorting Arrays – Example**



```
let names = ["Peter","George","Mary"];
names.sort(); // Default behaviour - alphabetical order
console.log(names); // ["George","Mary","Peter"]
```

```
let numbers = [20, 40, 10, 30, 100, 5];
numbers.sort(); // Unexpected result on arrays of numbers!
console.log(numbers); // [10, 100, 20, 30, 40, 5]
```

# **Compare Functions**



- A function receiving two parameters, e.g. a and b
  - Returns either a positive number, a negative number, or zero
  - If result < 0, a is sorted before b</p>
  - If result > 0, a is sorted after b
  - If result = 0, a and b are equal (no change)

```
let nums = [20, 40, 10, 30, 100, 5];
nums.sort((a, b) => a - b); // Compare elements as numbers
console.log(nums.join('|')); // 5/10/20/30/40/100
```

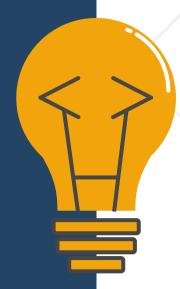


# **Sorting String Arrays**



- The localeCompare() method is used to compare any two characters without regard for the case used
  - It's a string method so it can't be used directly on an array
  - Pass localeCompare() as the comparison function

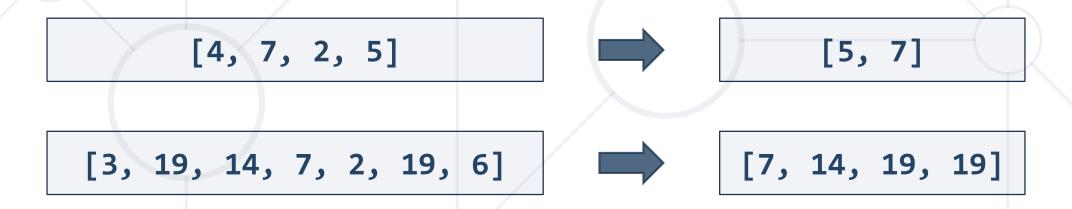
```
let words = ['nest', 'Eggs', 'bite', 'Grip', 'jAw'];
words.sort((a, b) => a.localeCompare(b));
// ['bite', 'Eggs', 'Grip', 'jAw', 'nest']
```



# **Problem: Bigger Half**



- Sort an input array of numbers in ascending order
- Create a new array from the second half of the input array
  - If there are an odd number of elements, take the bigger half
- Return the resulting array



# **Solution: Bigger Half**



```
function solve(arr) {
  arr.sort((a, b) => a - b);
  const middle = Math.floor(arr.length / 2);
  const result = arr.slice(middle);
  return result;
}
```



#### Join



 Creates and returns a new string by concatenating all of the elements in an array (or an array-like object),
 separated by commas or a specified separator string



```
let elements = ['Fire', 'Air', 'Water'];
console.log(elements.join()); // "Fire,Air,Water"
console.log(elements.join('')); // "FireAirWater"
console.log(elements.join('-')); // "Fire-Air-Water"
console.log(['Fire'].join(".")); // Fire
```

#### **Concat**



- The concat() method is used to merge two or more arrays
- This method does not change the existing arrays, but instead returns a new array

```
const num1 = [1, 2, 3];
const num2 = [4, 5, 6];
const num3 = [7, 8, 9];
const numbers = num1.concat(num2, num3);
console.log(numbers); // [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9]
```

#### Slice



- The slice() method returns a shallow copy of a portion of an array into a new array object selected from begin to end (end not included)
- The original array will not be modified

// citrus contains ['Orange', 'Lemon']

# **Includes**



 Determines whether an array contains a certain element, returning true or false as appropriate

```
// array length is 3
// fromIndex is -100
// computed index is 3 + (-100) = -97
let arr = ['a', 'b', 'c'];
arr.includes('a', -100); // true
arr.includes('b', -100); // true
arr.includes('c', -100); // true
arr.includes('a', -2); // false
```





#### **IndexOf**



- The indexOf() method returns the first index at which a given element can be found in the array
  - Output is -1 if element is not present

```
const beasts = ['ant', 'bison', 'camel', 'duck', 'bison'];
console.log(beasts.indexOf('bison')); // 1
// start from index 2
console.log(beasts.indexOf('bison', 2)); // 4
console.log(beasts.indexOf('giraffe')); // -1
```



# **Problem: Piece of Pie**



- Receive three parameters an array of pies and two strings
- Take all pie flavors between and including the two strings
- Return the result as an array of strings

```
['Pumpkin Pie',
'Key Lime Pie',
'Cherry Pie',
'Lemon Meringue Pie',
'Sugar Cream Pie'],
'Key Lime Pie',
'Lemon Meringue Pie']
```

# **Solution: Piece of Pie**



```
function solve(pies, startFlavor, endFlavor) {
  const start = pies.indexOf(startFlavor);
  const end = pies.indexOf(endFlavor) + 1;

  const result = pies.slice(start, end);

  return result;
}
```



#### **ForEach**



- The forEach() method executes a provided function once for each array element
- Converting a for loop to forEach

```
const items = ['item1', 'item2', 'item3'];
const copy = [];
// For Loop
for (let i = 0; i < items.length; i++) {
  copy.push(items[i]);
// ForEach
items.forEach(item => { copy.push(item); });
```

# Map



 Creates a new array with the results of calling a provided function on every element in the calling array

```
let numbers = [1, 4, 9];
let roots = numbers.map(function(num, i, arr) {
  return Math.sqrt(num)
});
// roots is now [1, 2, 3]
// numbers is still [1, 4, 9]
```

#### Some



 The some() method tests whether at least one element in the array passes the test implemented by the provided function

It returns a Boolean value

```
let array = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];
let isEven = function(element) {
   // checks whether an element is even
   return element % 2 === 0;
};
console.log(array.some(isEven)); //true
```

#### **Find**



Returns the first found value in the array, if an element in the array satisfies the provided testing function or undefined if not found



```
let array1 = [5, 12, 8, 130, 44];
let found = array1.find(function(element) {
    return element > 10;
});
console.log(found); // 12
```

#### **Filter**



- Creates a new array with filtered elements only
- Calls a provided callback function once for each element in an array
- Does not mutate the array on which it is called

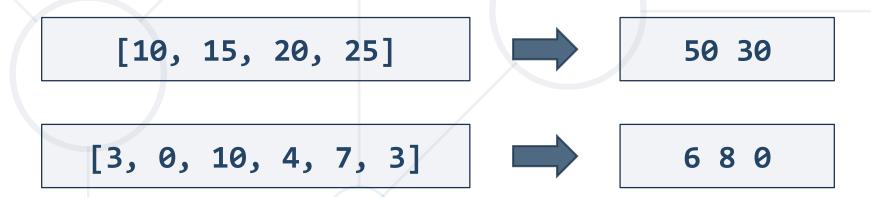
```
let fruits = ['apple', 'banana', 'grapes', 'mango', 'orange'];
// Filter array items based on search criteria (query)
function filterItems(arr, query) {
   return arr.filter(function(el) {
      return el.toLowerCase().indexOf(query.toLowerCase()) !== -1;
   });
};
console.log(filterItems(fruits, 'ap')); // ['apple', 'grapes']
```

# **Problem: Process Odd Positions**



# You are given array of numbers

- Find all elements at odd positions (indexes)
- Multiply them by 2
- Reverse them
- Return the elements separated with a single space



# **Solution: Process Odd Positions**



```
function solve(arr) {
  return arr.filter((a, i) => i % 2 !== 0)
    .map(x => x * 2)
    .reverse()
    .join(' ');
}
```



#### Reduce



 The reduce() method executes a reducer function on each element of the array, resulting in a single output value

```
const array1 = [1, 2, 3, 4];
const reducer =
  (accumulator, currentValue) => accumulator + currentValue;
console.log(array1.reduce(reducer)); // 10
console.log(array1.reduce(reducer, 5)); // 15
```

# **Reducer Function**



- The reducer function takes four arguments:
  - Accumulator
  - Current Value
  - Current Index (Optional)
  - Source Array (Optional)
- Your reducer function's returned value is assigned to the accumulator
- Accumulator's value the final, single resulting value



# **Examples**

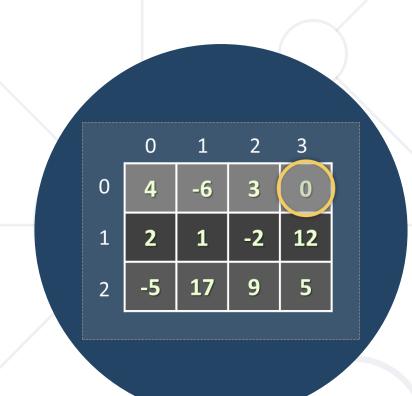


Sum all values

```
let sum = [0, 1, 2, 3].reduce(function (acc, curr) {
    return acc + curr;
    }, 0);
console.log(sum); // 6
```

Finding an average with reduce

```
const numbersArr= [30, 50, 40, 10, 70];
const average =
  numbersArr.reduce((total, number, index, array) => {
    total += number;
    if( index === array.length-1) {
       return total/array.length;
    } else { return total; }
});
console.log(average) // 40
```

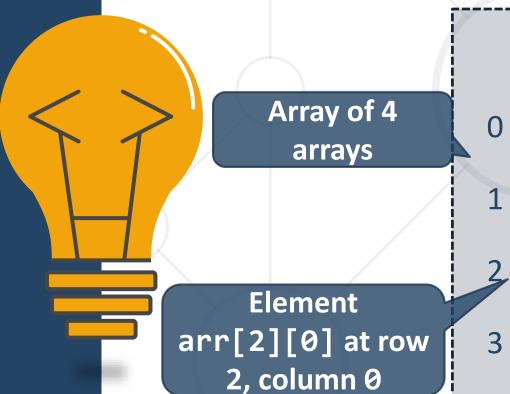


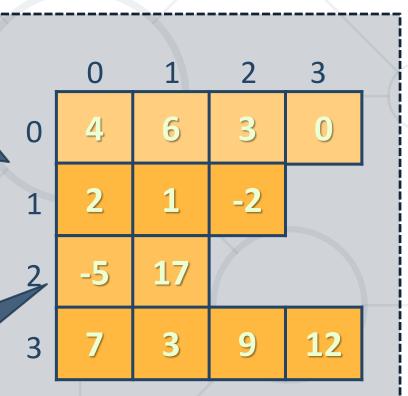
# **Array of Arrays**

**Nested Arrays** 

# **Nested Arrays in JS**







```
let arr = [
    [4, 6, 3, 0],
    [2, 1, -2],
    [-5, 17],
    [7, 3, 9, 12]
];
```

# **Looping Through a Nested Array**

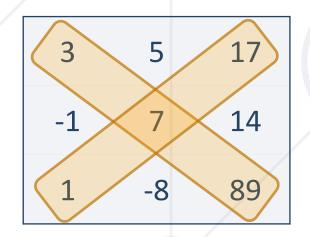


```
arr.forEach(printRow);
function printRow(row){
    console.log(row);
    row.forEach(printNumber);
}
function printNumber(num){
    console.log(num);
}
Prints each row of the
array on a separate line
Prints each element of the
array on a separate line
```

# **Problem: Diagonal Sums**



- You are given an array of arrays, containing number elements
  - Find what is the sum at the main diagonal
  - Find what is the sum at the secondary diagonal
  - Print the diagonal sums separated by space





# **Solution: Diagonal Sums**



```
function diagonalSums(input) {
    let firstDiagonal = 0;
    let secondDiagonal = 0;
    let firstIndex = 0;
    let secondIndex = input[0].length - 1;
    input.forEach(array => {
        firstDiagonal += array[firstIndex++];
        secondDiagonal += array[secondIndex--];
    });
    console.log(firstDiagonal + ' ' + secondDiagonal);
```



# Summary



- Arrays are list-like objects
- Elements are accessed using their index
- Mutator methods change the original array
- Accessor methods return a new array
- Arrays can be reduced to a single value
- An array of arrays is called a matrix
- Matrices can have more than 2 dimensions





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