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Working with Arrays of Elements

Arrays in JavaScript

What is an Array?

- Arrays are **list-like objects**
- Arrays are a **reference type**, the variable points to an address in memory



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 Array Elements

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
```

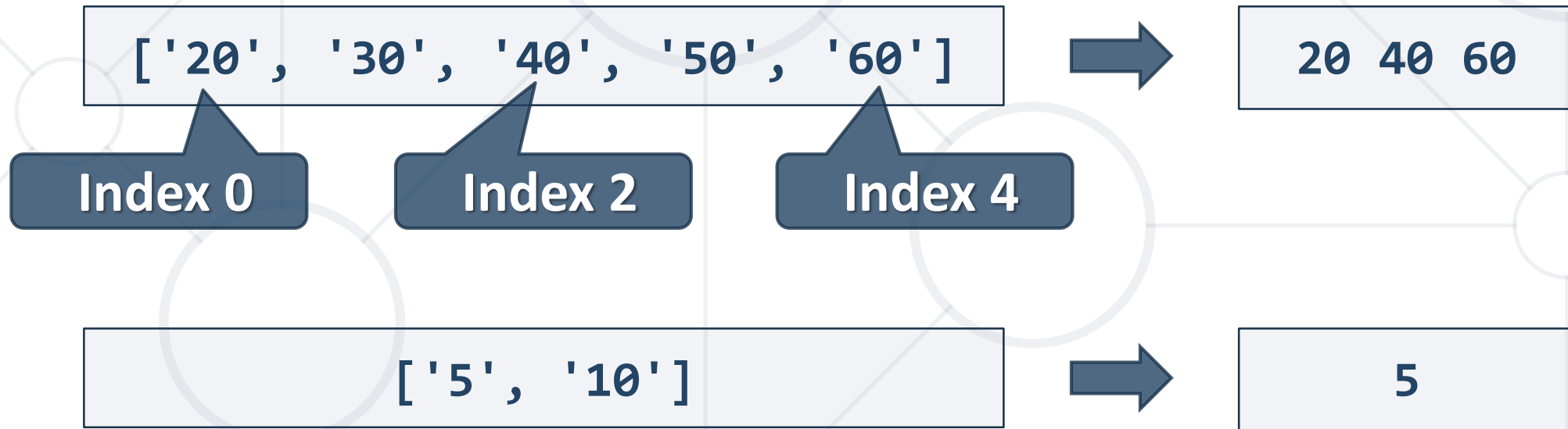
- Arrays can be **iterated** using **for-of** loop

```
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);           // 0  
console.log(arr.hasOwnProperty(3.4)); // true  
  
arr["1"] = 'Grapes';  
console.log(arr.length);           // 2  
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**

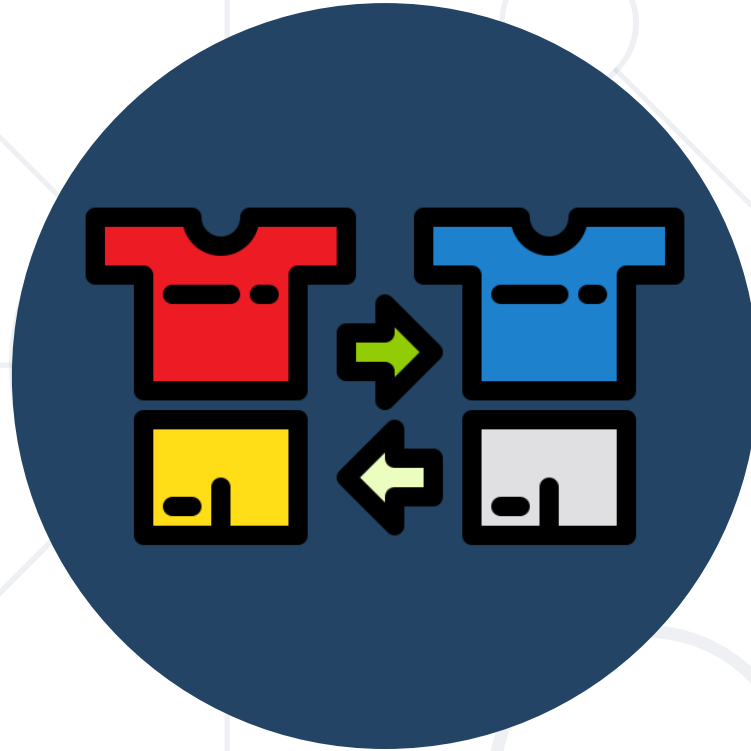
```
let numbers = [10, 20, 30, 40, 50];  
let [a, b, ...elems] = numbers;
```

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); }  
    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 e1 = nums.splice(2, 1); // removes 1 element at index 2
console.log(nums); // [ 1, 2, 4, 19, 6 ]
console.log(e1); // [ 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
 - 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

[4, 7, 2, 5]



[5, 7]

[3, 19, 14, 7, 2, 19, 6]



[7, 14, 19, 19]

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;  
}
```



Accessor Methods

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**



```
let fruits = ['Banana', 'Orange', 'Lemon', 'Apple', 'Mango'];  
let citrus = fruits.slice(1, 3);  
let fruitsCopy = fruits.slice();  
// fruits contains ['Banana', 'Orange', 'Lemon', 'Apple',  
  'Mango']  
// 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

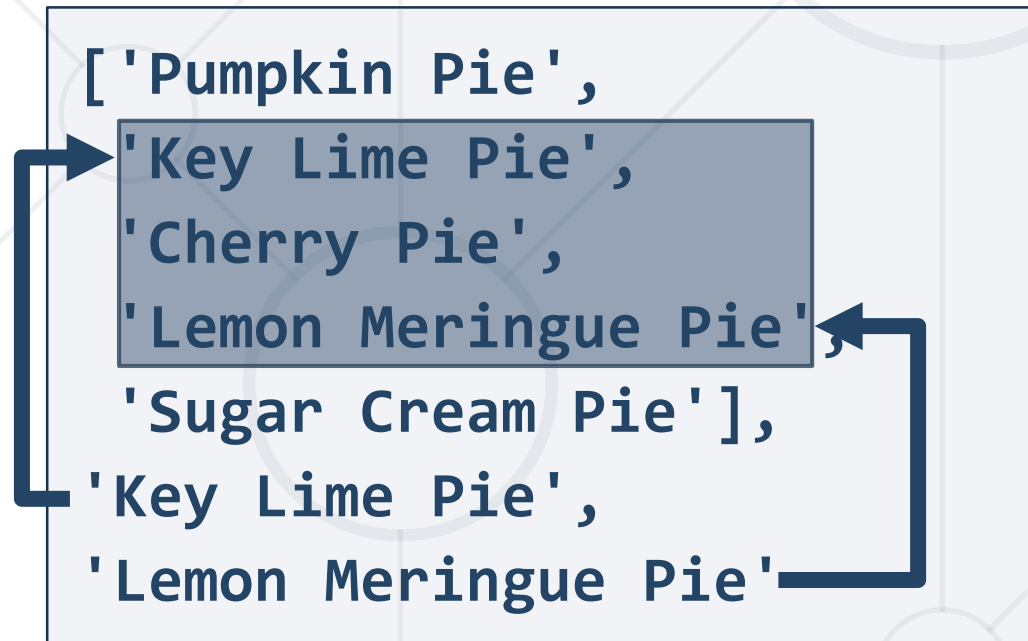
- The `indexOf()` method returns the first index at which a given element can be found in the array
 - Output is `-1` if element is not present

```
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
```



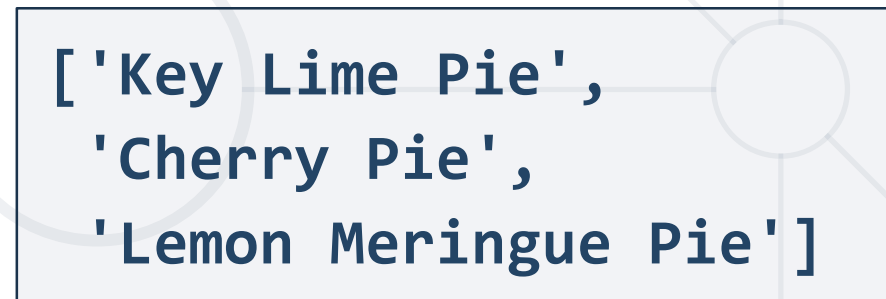
Problem: Piece of Pie

- 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**



The diagram shows a large light blue box containing a list of pie flavors: ['Pumpkin Pie', 'Key Lime Pie', 'Cherry Pie', 'Lemon Meringue Pie', 'Sugar Cream Pie'], 'Key Lime Pie', and 'Lemon Meringue Pie'. A smaller, darker blue box highlights the sub-range from 'Key Lime Pie' to 'Lemon Meringue Pie'. Two arrows point from the 'Key Lime Pie' and 'Lemon Meringue Pie' entries in the large box to the corresponding entries in the smaller box, illustrating the selection of a range between two specified strings.

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



The diagram shows a light blue box containing the resulting array of strings: ['Key Lime Pie', 'Cherry Pie', 'Lemon Meringue Pie'], which represents the slice of the original array between the two specified strings.

```
['Key Lime Pie',  
'Cherry 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;  
}
```



Iteration Methods

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

[10, 15, 20, 25]



50 30

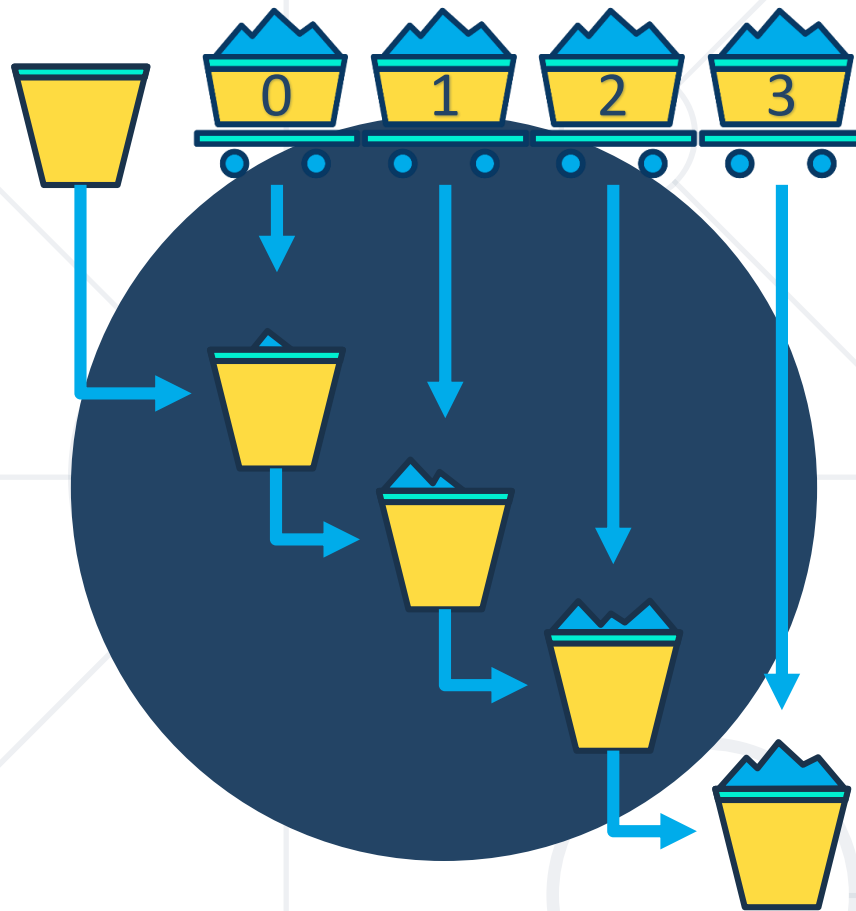
[3, 0, 10, 4, 7, 3]



6 8 0

Solution: Process Odd Positions

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



Reducing Arrays

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

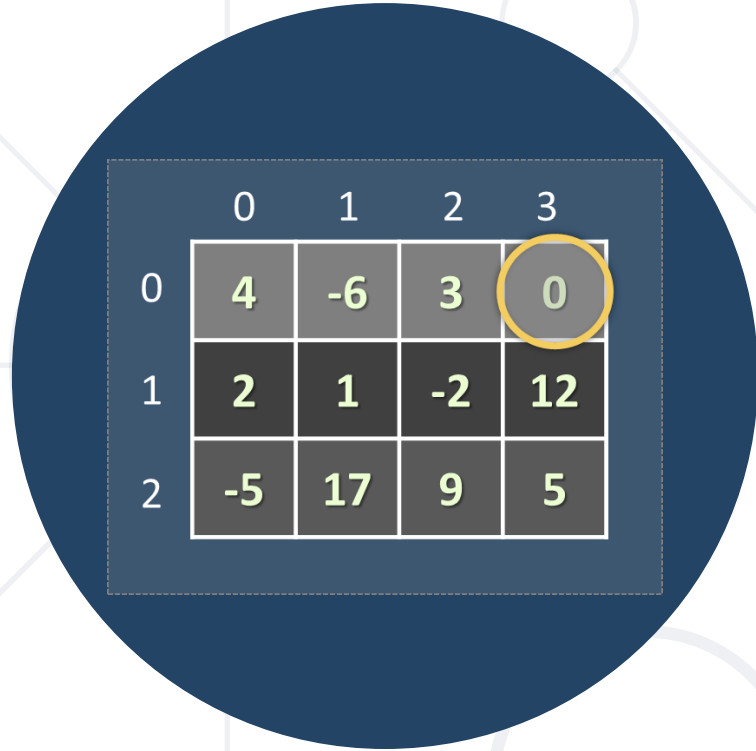
- Sum all values

```
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
```





	0	1	2	3
0	4	-6	3	0
1	2	1	-2	12
2	-5	17	9	5

Array of Arrays

Nested Arrays

Nested Arrays in JS



Array of 4
arrays


Element
arr[2][0] at row
2, column 0

	0	1	2	3
0	4	6	3	0
1	2	1	-2	
2	-5	17		
3	7	3	9	12

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

Looping Through a Nested Array

```
let arr = [[4, 5, 6],  
           [6, 5, 4],  
           [5, 5, 5]];
```



```
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**

3	5	17
-1	7	14
1	-8	89



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);  
}
```

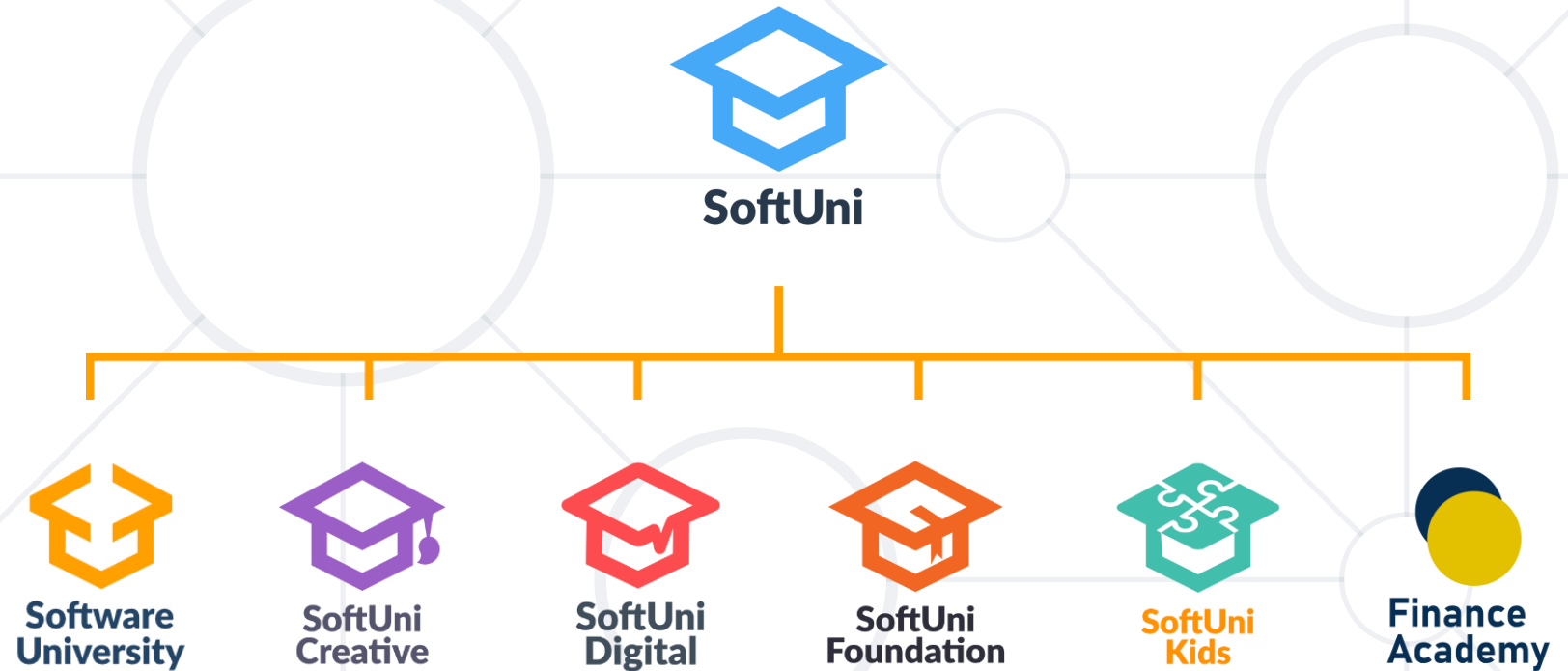



Live Exercises

- 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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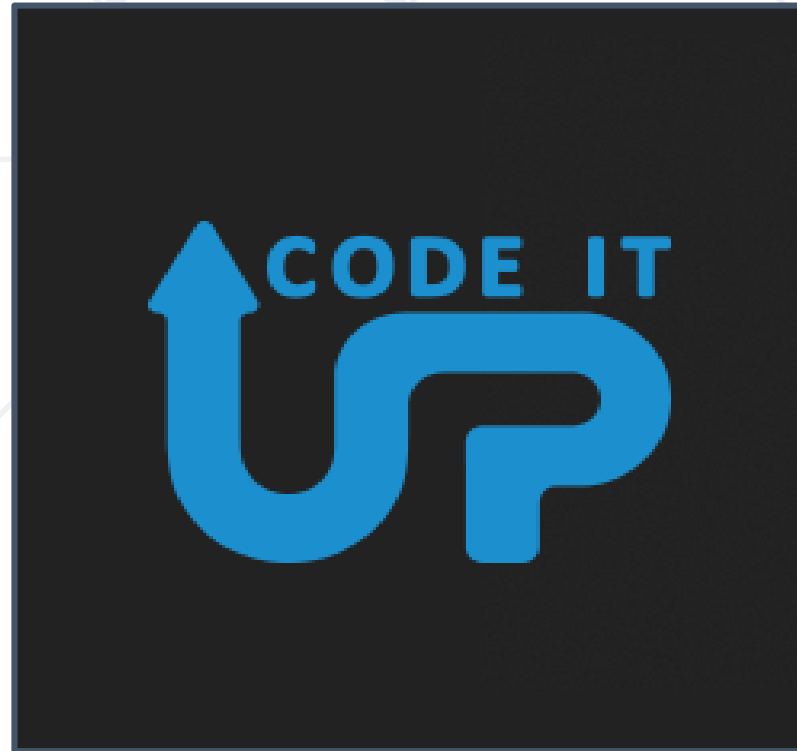


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