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Turn an image by 90 degree

Given an image, how will you turn it by 90 degrees? A vague question. Minimize the browser and try your solution before going further.

An image can be treated as 2D matrix which can be stored in a buffer. We are provided with matrix dimensions and it's base address. How can we turn it?

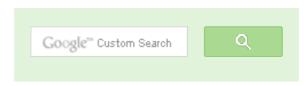
For example see the below picture,

```
* * * ^ * * *
```

After rotating right, it appears (observe arrow direction)

The idea is simple. Transform each row of source matrix into required column of final image. We will use an auxiliary buffer to transform the image.

From the above picture, we can observe that





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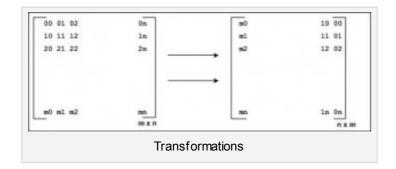
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```
first row of source -----> last column of destination
second row of source ----> last but-one column of destination
so ... on
last row of source ----> first column of destination
```

In pictorial form, we can represent the above transformations of an (m x n) matrix into (n x m) matrix,



If you have not attempted, atleast try your pseudo code now.

It will be easy to write our pseudo code. In C/C++ we will usually traverse matrix on row major order. Each row is transformed into different column of final image. We need to construct columns of final image. See the following algorithm (transformation)

```
for(r = 0; r < m; r++)
   for(c = 0; c < n; c++)
      // Hint: Map each source element indices into
      // indices of destination matrix element.
       dest_buffer [ c ] [ m - r - 1 ] = source_buffer [ r ] [ c ];
```

Note that there are various ways to implement the algorithm based on traversal of matrix, row major or column major order. We have two matrices and two ways (row and column major) to traverse each matrix. Hence, there can atleast be 4 different ways of transformation of source matrix into final matrix.



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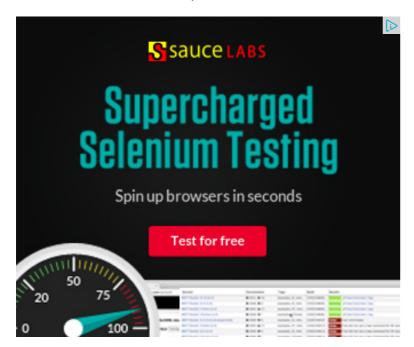
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```
#include <stdio.h>
 #include <stdlib.h>
void displayMatrix (unsigned int const *p, unsigned int row, unsigned int
void rotate(unsigned int *pS, unsigned int *pD, unsigned int row, unsigned int 
int main()
              // declarations
             unsigned int image[][4] = \{\{1,2,3,4\}, \{5,6,7,8\}, \{9,10,11,12\}\};
             unsigned int *pSource;
             unsigned int *pDestination;
             unsigned int m, n;
             // setting initial values and memory allocation
             m = 3, n = 4, pSource = (unsigned int *)image;
             pDestination = (unsigned int *)malloc(sizeof(int) *m*n);
             // process each buffer
             displayMatrix(pSource, m, n);
             rotate(pSource, pDestination, m, n);
             displayMatrix(pDestination, n, m);
             free (pDestination);
              getchar();
              return 0;
void displayMatrix (unsigned int const *p, unsigned int r, unsigned int
             unsigned int row, col;
             printf("\n\n");
              for (row = 0; row < r; row++)
                          for(col = 0; col < c; col++)</pre>
                                       printf("%d\t", *(p + row * c + col));
                          printf("\n");
```



```
printf("\n\n");
void rotate (unsigned int *pS, unsigned int *pD, unsigned int row, unsigned int row,
                                           unsigned int r, c;
                                             for (r = 0; r < row; r++)
                                                                                     for(c = 0; c < col; c++)
                                                                                                                                 *(pD + c * row + (row - r - 1)) = *(pS + r * col + c);
```

Compiled by Venki. Please write comments if you find anything incorrect, or you want to share more information about the topic discussed above.



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Matrix in Java

- Kth smallest element in a row-wise and column-wise sorted 2D array | Set 1
- Find the number of zeroes
- Find if there is a subarray with 0 sum
- Divide and Conquer | Set 5 (Strassen's Matrix Multiplication)
- Count all possible groups of size 2 or 3 that have sum as multiple of 3









Writing code in comment? Please use ideone.com and share the link here.

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alien • 3 months ago most easiest algorithm

```
int i,j,row=4,col=0;
for(i=0;i<3;i++,col++)
row=4;
for(j=0;j<5;j++,row--)
arr2[i][j] = arr[row][col];
```

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```
for(i=0:i<3:i++)
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```

```
for(int i=0; i < n / 2; i++)
  for(int j=0; j<(n+1)/2; j++)
    cyclic_roll(m[i][j], m[n-1-j][i], m[n-1-i][n-1-j], n

void cyclic_roll(int &a, int &b, int &c, int &d)
{
  int temp = a;
  a = b;</pre>
```

```
b = c;
c = d;
d = temp;
}
```



shivi • 10 months ago

```
//shivi..coding is adictive!!
#include<shiviheaders.h>
#define M 4
#define N 7
using namespace std;
int main()
{
        char brr[N][M];
        char arr[][N]=
        {'*','*','*','^','*','*','*'},{'*','*','*',''','','','*','*'},{
        };
        int x=N-1, y=M-1;
        for(int i=0;i<M;++i)</pre>
```

see more





```
raste your code nere ( fou may wetere these ities I not writing or
#include<stdio.h>
int main()
    int n, m, i, j;
    scanf("%d%d",&n,&m);
    int src[n][m], des[m][n];
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)</pre>
     for(j=0;j<m;j++)
       scanf("%d",&src[i][j]);
    printf("Initial Matrix\n");
    for(i=0;i<n;i++)</pre>
        for(j=0;j<m;j++)
             printf("%2d ", src[i][j]);
        printf("\n");
```

see more





Sreenivas Doosa • a year ago

First transpose the matrix and then swap the columns. Here is the working co

[sourcecode language="java"]

package com.ds.algo;

public class Matrix {

int input[];

int ROWS, COLS;

```
public static void main(String args[]) {
int M = 4;
int N = 3:
Matrix matrix = new Matrix(M, N);
System.out.println("Original Matrix -->");
matrix.printMatrix(M, N);
matrix.rotateBy90();
System out nrintln/"After rotating by On -->").
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```



Hanish ⋅ a year ago

"We have two matrices and two ways (row and column major) to traverse eac different ways of transformation of source matrix into final matrix."

Can you please explain this ??

We will traverse either source matrix in row or column major and fill the destin not be just 2 ways?

Please elaborate the 4 different PSEUDO procedures of traversal.





Kunal Chitkara • 2 years ago

Another very simple method without using any pointers

```
#include<stdio.h>
int main()
    int image[][4] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9, 9};
    int i, j, rows, cols, i1, j1;
    rows = sizeof(image) / sizeof(image[0]);
```

```
cols = sizeof(image[0])/sizeof(image[0][0]);
int rot[cols][rows] ;
printf("Original Matrix:\n");
for(i = 0; i < rows; i++)
     for(j = 0; j < cols; j++)
            printf("%d ", image[i][j]);
      printf("\n");
```

see more



vivek • 2 years ago

is it not taking transpose of a matrix?



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algopiggy → vivek ⋅ a year ago

In transpose, the first row will become the first column. Here the first ro matrix after the transformation. :)

/* Paste your code here (You may delete these lines if not writ



Diksha • 2 years ago

I have tried doing it inplace & its working. here is the code.

```
int main()
```

```
int old[][3]={1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9},i,first,last,j,L,offset;
clrscr();

for(L=0;L<3/2;L++)
{
    first=L;
    last=3-1-L;
    for(i=0;i<last;i++)
    {
        offset=i-first;
        j=old[first][i];
    }
}</pre>
```

see more





Bhupendra → Diksha · 2 years ago

This will work only for case where number of rows and column are equation straight forward. You have to deal with cycles, see wiki for in place transport of the column are equations.



jIntrnal frame • 2 years ago

Thanks for finally talking about >Turn an image by 90 degree | GeeksforGeeks jPanel frame into jDestopPane





Priyanka • 2 years ago

```
#define ROW 2
#define COL 3
//Rotating an image by 90 degree
void rotateimage(int a[][COL])
{
int i,j;
printf("\nRotated Image\n");
for(i=0;i<COL;i++)</pre>
{
        for(j=ROW-1;j>=0;j--)
        printf("%d ",a[j][i]);
printf("\n");
```



Priya T B · 3 years ago Let a[n][n] be the pixel matrix.

```
for(int i=0;i<n/2;i++){
    for(int j=0; j< n+1/2; j++){
       exchange(a[i][j], a[n-j-1][i], a[n-i-1][n-j-1], a[j][n-1-i]);
}
exchange(int &a, int &b, int &c, int &d){
      int temp;
      temp = a;
```

```
a-u,
b=c;
c=d;
d=temp;
}
```



Priya T B · 3 years ago

```
//Let a[][] be n*n the 2d array having the pixel values...
for(int i=0;i<n/2;i++){
    for(int j=0;j<n+1/2;j++){
       exchange(a[i][j], a[n-j-1][i], a[n-i-1][n-j-1], a[j][n-1-i]);
}
exchange(int &a, int &b, int &c, int &d){
      int temp;
      temp = a;
      a=b;
      b=c;
      c=d;
      d=temp;
```



I think in place rotation can be done by first taking transpose of matrix and ther

with las, second with second last and so on..) complexity-O(n²)



wgpshashank • 3 years ago In Place Matrix Rotation

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```
void rotate_matrix_90degree(int **m, int n)
{
    int i, j;
    // first mirror the matrix along the diagonal line.
    for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
          for (j = i + 1; j < n; j++)
             int tmp = m[i][j];
             m[i][j] = m[j][i];
             m[j][i] = tmp;
    }
```

see more





extremecode → wgpshashank · 2 years ago

@wgpshashank your first loop has no efect on the matrix, simulate and

/* Paste your code here (You may delete these lines if not writ



Algoseekar → wgpshashank · 3 years ago

@wgpshashank..yes it will work only for square matrix & fail for m*n m to solve it..inplace..isn't it..??





abc → wgpshashank • 3 years ago

But this will work only for square matrix. Right?





```
Sajeesh · 3 years ago
```

```
//for each point-(0,0)(1,1) and so on...
for(i=0;i<rows;i++)</pre>
{
        //traversing along the row and col from the point(i,i) and swa
        t=i+1;
        while(t<rows||t<cols){</pre>
                 swap(a[i][t],a[t][i]);
                 t++;
```



Gaurav ⋅ 3 years ago

I think we can implement it in-place by doing a four way swap by first starting f elements clockwise from the edges. I hope you understood what i am trying to

A .





harry → Jing · 3 years ago

Can somebody please provide code/algorithm for in-place rotat





sharat → harry • 3 years ago check this link

http://stackoverflow.com/quest...

for some interesting ideas on inplace rotation

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kartik · 3 years ago nice in-place implementation:)

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Algoseekar → kartik · 3 years ago

@kartik...wgpshashank has provided inplace implementation for squar for general m*n matrix..???

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Venki → kartik • 3 years ago

No, it is not in-place. I am using O(mn) extra buffer for transformations

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sharat → Venki • 3 years ago

probably Karthik was sarcastic:)





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