# Arrays and Structures Multidimensional Arrays

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	$col_0 \qquad col_1 \qquad \cdots$		$col_{u_1-1}$	
$row_0$	A[0][0]	A[0][1]	1	$A[0][u_1-1]$
$row_1$	A[1][0]	A[1][1]	•••	$A[1][u_1-1]$
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$row_{u_0-1}$	$A[u_0-1][0]$	$A[u_0-1][1]$		$A[u_0-1][u_1-1]$



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### Multidimensional Arrays

• The address of  $A[i_0][i_1][i_2] \dots [i_{n-1}]$  is:

$$\alpha + i_{0}u_{1}u_{2}...u_{n-1} 
+ i_{1}u_{2}...u_{n-1} 
+ i_{2}u_{3}...u_{n-1} 
\vdots 
+ i_{n-2}u_{n-1} 
+ i_{n-1} 
= \alpha + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} i_{j}a_{j},$$

where 
$$a_j = \prod_{k=j+1}^{n-1} u_k$$
 for  $0 \le j \le n-1$  and  $a_{n-1} = 1$ .



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# **Discussions**

