

Using the base address of LA, the computer calculates the address of any element of LA by the formula

$$\text{LOC (LA[K])} = \text{Base(LA)} + w(\text{K} - \text{lower bound})$$

Where, w is the number of words per memory cell for the array LA.

DYNAMICALLY ALLOCATED ARRAYS

One Dimensional Array

While writing computer programs, if finds ourselves in a situation where we cannot determine how large an array to use, then a good solution to this problem is to defer this decision to run time and allocate the array when we have a good estimate of the required array size.

Example:

```
int i, n, *list;
printf("Enter the number of numbers to generate:");
scanf("%d", &n);
if(n<1)
{
    fprintf(stderr, "Improper value of n \n");
    exit(EXIT_FAILURE);
}
```

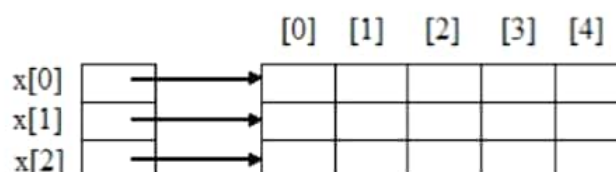
MALLOC (list,n*sizeof(int));

The programs fails only when n<1 or insufficient memory to hold the list of numbers that are to be sorted.

Two Dimensional Arrays

C uses array-of-arrays representation to represent a multidimensional array. The two dimensional arrays is represented as a one-dimensional array in which each element is itself a one-dimensional array.

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



Array-of-arrays representation

C find element $x[i][j]$ by first accessing the pointer in $x[i]$.

Where $x[i] = \alpha + i * \text{sizeof}(\text{int})$, which give the address of the zeroth element of row i of the array.

Then adding $j * \text{sizeof}(\text{int})$ to this pointer ($x[i]$), the address of the $[j]$ th element of row i is determined.

$$\begin{aligned}x[i] &= \alpha + i * \text{sizeof}(\text{int}) \\x[j] &= \alpha + j * \text{sizeof}(\text{int}) \\x[i][j] &= x[i] + i * \text{sizeof}(\text{int})\end{aligned}$$

Creation of Two-Dimensional Array Dynamically

```
int **myArray;
myArray = make2dArray(5,10);
myArray[2][4]=6;

int ** make2dArray(int rows, int cols)
{ /* create a two dimensional rows X cols array */
    int **x, i;
    MALLOC(x, rows * sizeof (*x)); /*get memory for row pointers*/
    for (i=0;i<rows; i++)           /* get memory for each row */
        MALLOC(x[i], cols * sizeof(**x));
    return x;
}
```

The second line allocates memory for a 5 by 10 two-dimensional array of integers and the third line assigns the value 6 to the $[2][4]$ element of this array.