

Jagged Array

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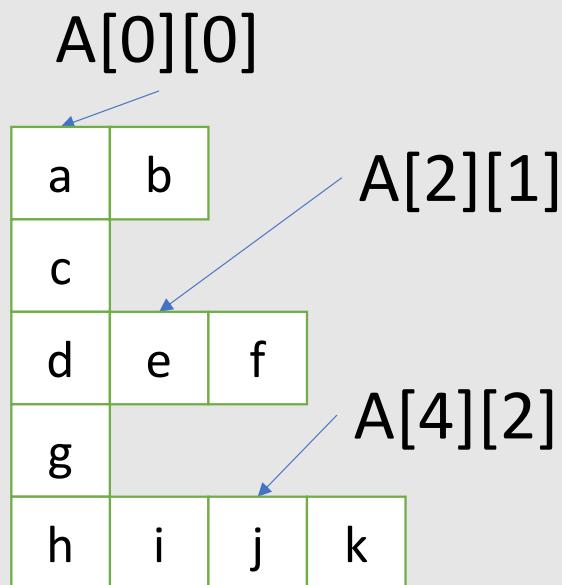


At the low-level, computer
can only handle 1D array

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Array of array is inefficient !

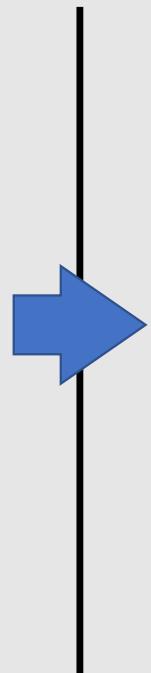
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std::vector< std::vector<int> > arrayOfArray;
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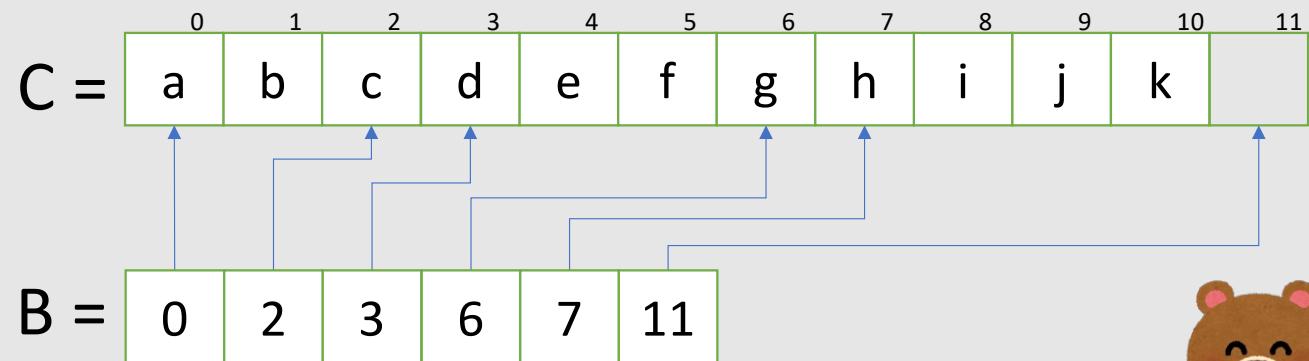
- A jagged array can be expressed by two 1D arrays

$A = [[5,7],[1],[9,3,4],[3],[5,5,4,3]]$

a	b		
c			
d	e	f	
g			
h	i	j	k



$$A[i][j] = C[B[i]+j]$$

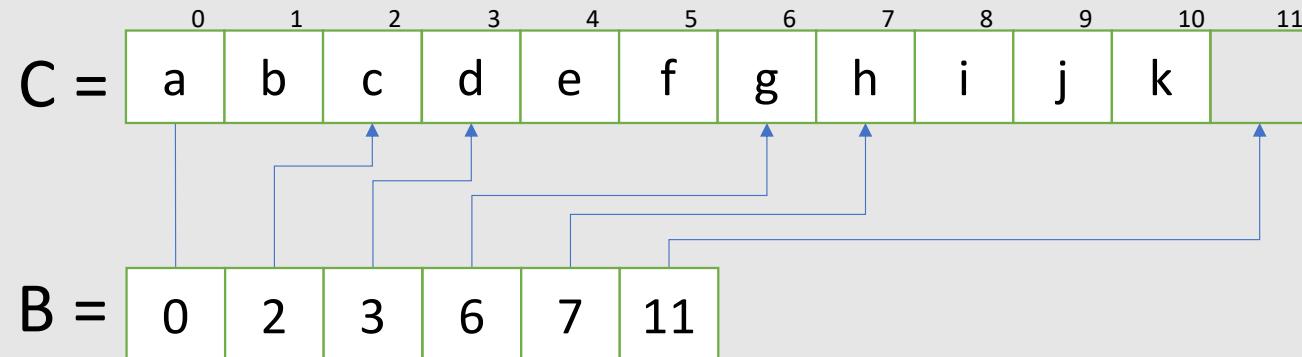


Array of starting indexes for each row



Loop Over Jagged Array

a	b		
c			
d	e	f	
g			
h	i	j	k



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for(int i=0; i<5; ++i){  
    for(int j=B[i]; j<B[i+1]; ++j){  
        float v = C[j];  
    }  
}
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