

C Programming II

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Outline















Functions

Functions

- A function is a group of statements that together perform a task.
- Every C program has at least one function, which is main()
- Functions receive either a fixed or variable amount of arguments.
- Functions can only return one value, or return no value (void).
- In C, arguments are passed by value to functions
- How to return value? Pointers
- Functions are defined using the following syntax:

```
return_type function_name( parameter list )
{
    body of the function
}
```

- A function **declaration** tells the compiler about a function's name, return type, and parameters.
- A function definition provides the actual body of the function.

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Function Definition

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- **Return Type:** Function's return type is the data type of the value the function returns. When there is no return value, return void.
- Function Name: This is the actual name of the function.
- **Parameter:** The parameter list refers to the type, order, and number of the parameters of a function. A function may contain no parameters.
- **Function Body:** The function body contains a collection of statements that define the function behavior.

```
/* function returning the max between two numbers */
int max(int i, int j)
{
    /* local variable declaration */
    int result;
    if (i > j)
        result = i;
    else
        result = j;
    return result;
}
```

Example of using a Function

```
#include <stdio.h>
/* function declaration */
int max(int i, int j);
int main() {
  /* local variable definition */
  int i = 100, j = 200, maxval;
 /* calling a function to get max value */
 maxval = max(a, b);
  printf( "Max value is : %d\n", maxval );
  return 0:
}
/* function returning the max between two numbers */
int max(int i, int j)
 /* local variable declaration */
  int result:
 if (i > j)
    result = i;
  else
    result = j;
  return result;
```

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Scope Rules: Local & Global Variables I

- A scope is a region of the program where a defined variable can have its existence and beyond that variable can not be accessed.
- Local Variables: declared inside a function or block. can be used only by statements that are inside that function or block of code. Local variables are not known to functions outside their own.
- **Global Variables:** defined outside of a function, usually on top of the program. will hold their value throughout the lifetime of your program and, they can be accessed inside any of the functions defined for the program.
- A program can have same name for local and global variables but value of local variable inside a function will take preference.

Scope Rules: Local & Global Variables II

```
#include <stdio.h>
/* global variable declaration */
int a = 20;
int main ()
 /* local variable declaration in main function */
 int a = 10:
 int b = 20;
 int c = 0;
 printf ("value of a in main() = %d\n", a);
 c = sum(a, b);
 printf ("value of c in main() = %d\n", c);
  return 0;
/* function to add two integers */
int sum(int a, int b)
{
 printf ("value of a in sum() = %d\n", a);
 printf ("value of b in sum() = %d\n", b);
  return a + b;
}
    value of a in main() = 10
   value of a in sum() = 10
    value of b in sum() = 20
    value of c in main() = 30
```

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Initializing Local & Global Variables

- Local Variables are not initialized by the system, the programmer must initialize it.
- Global variables are automatically initialized by the system depending on the data type

Data Type	Initial Default Value
int	0
char	`\0'
float	0
double	0
pointer	NULL

• It is a good programming practice to initialize variables properly otherwise, your program may produce unexpected results because uninitialized variables will take some garbage value already available at its memory location.

Arrays

Arrays

- Arrays are special variables which can hold more than one value using the same name with an index.
- Declaring Arrays: type arrayName [arraySize];

```
/* simply define the arrays */
double balance[10];
float atom[1000];
int index[5];
```

• C array starts its index from 0

[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
10	15	14	3	7

index[2] (3rd element of the array) has a value 14

Initialize arrays with values

```
/* initialize the array with values*/
double atmass[4] = {12.0, 1.0, 1.0, 16.0};
double atmass[] = {12.0, 1.0, 1.0, 16.0};
atmass[0] = 12.0
```

Access array values via index

```
/* access the array values*/
int current_index = index[i];
double current_value=value[current_cell_index];
```

Array Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main ()
{
    int n[ 10 ]; /* n is an array of 10 integers */
    int i, j;
    /* initialize elements of array n to 0 */
    for ( i = 0; i < 10; i++ )
        {
            n[ i ] = i + 100; /* set element at location i to i + 100 */
        }
    /* output each array element's value */
    for (j = 0; j < 10; j++ )
        {
            printf("Element[%d] = %d\n", j, n[j] );
        }
</pre>
```

```
return 0;
```

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Accessing C arrays

- C arrays are a sequence of elements with contiguous addresses.
- There is no bounds checking in C.
- Be careful when accessing your arrays
- Compiler will not give you error, you will have *undefined* runtime behavior:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int index[5]={5, 4, 6, 3, 1};
    int a=3;
    /* undefined behavior */
    printf("%d\n",index[5]);
}
```

Multidimensional Arrays

• General form of multidimensional array

type name[size1][size2]...[sizeN];

• Declaring 2D and 3D arrays:

float array2d[4][5];
double array3d[2][3][4];

• Initializing multidimensional arrays

```
int a[3][4] = {{/* 2D array is composed of 1D arrays*/
{0, 1, 2, 3}, /* initializers for row indexed by 0 */
{4, 5, 6, 7}, /* initializers for row indexed by 1 */
{8, 9, 10, 11} /* initializers for row indexed by 2 */
};
```

	col0	col1	col2	col3
row0	a[0][0]=0	a[0][1]=1	a[0][2]=2	a[0][3]=3
row1	a[1][0]=4	a[1][1]=5	a[1][2]=6	a[1][3]=7
row2	a[2][0]=8	a[2][1]=9	a[2][2]=10	a[2][3]=11

• C arrays are row major order i.e. in memory, the C array appears as

a[0][0] a[0][1] a[0][2] a[0][3] a[1][0] a[1][1] ··· a[1][3] a[2][0] ··· a[2][3]

Example: Arrays

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```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <time.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main () {
 /* Program to calculate the sum, min and max of an integer array */
 int i, sum, min, max, n=11 ;
  int a[] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9};
  sum = max = 0.0; min = 10.0;
 /* Initialize array */
 /* Find sum, min and max */
  for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
   sum += a[i] ;
   if (a[i] > max ) max = a[i];
    if (a[i] < min ) min = a[i];</pre>
 printf("The max value is: %d\n", max);
  printf("The min value is: %d\n", min);
  printf("The sum value is: %d\n", sum);
 return 0;
```

Strings in C I

• Strings in C are a special type of array: array of characters terminated by a null character '\0'.

```
/* define string */
char str[7]={'H', 'E', 'L', 'L', 'O', '!', '\0'};
char strl="HELLO!";
```

• Memory presentation of above defined string in C/C++:

str[]	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]
	'H'	'Е'	Ľ,	Ľ	,0,	'!'	`\0'

• C uses built-in functions to manipulate strings:

```
/* C sample string functions */
stropy(s1, s2); /* Copies string s2 into string s1.*/
strcat(s1, s2); /* Concatenates string s2 onto the end of string s1. */
strlen(s1); /* Returns the length of string s1. */
strcmp(s1, s2); /* Returns 0 if s1 and s2 are the same; less than 0 if
s1<s2; greater than 0 if s1>s2. */
```

Strings in C II

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
int main ()
{
  char str1[12] = "Hello";
  char str2[12] = "World";
  char str3[12];
 int len ;
 /* copy strl into str3 */
  strcpy(str3, str1);
  printf("strcpy( str3, str1) : %s\n", str3 );
 /* concatenates str1 and str2 */
  strcat( str1, str2);
 printf("strcat( str1, str2): %s\n", str1 );
 /* total lenghth of str1 after concatenation */
 len = strlen(strl);
 printf("strlen(strl) : %d\n", len );
 return 0;
```

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Pointers

Pointers

- Pointers are a very important part of the C programming language.
- They are used in many ways, such as:
 - Array operations (e.g., while parsing strings)
 - Dynamic memory allocation
 - Sending function arguments by reference
 - · Generic access to several similar variables
 - Malloc data structures of all kinds, especially trees and linked lists
 - Efficient, by-reference "copies" of arrays and structures, especially as function parameters
- Necessary to understand memory and address · · · and the C programming language.

What is a Pointer

- A pointer is essentially a variable whose value is the address of another variable.
- Since it is a variable, it must be declared before use.
- Pointer "points" to a specific part of the memory.
- How to define pointers?

```
/* type: pointer's base type
var-name: name of the pointer variable.
asterisk *:designate a variable as a pointer */
type *pointer_var_name;
```

• Examples

```
int *i_ptr; /* pointer to an integer */
double *d_ptr; /* pointer to a double */
float *f_ptr; /* pointer to a float */
char *ch_ptr; /* pointer to a character */
int **p_ptr; /* pointer to an integer pointer */
```

Pointer Rules

• There are two prefix unary operators to work with pointers.

```
& /*"address of" operator */
```

- * /*"dereferencing" operator */
- Use ampersand "&" in front of a variable to access it's address, this can be stored in a pointer variable.
- Use asterisk "*" in front of a pointer you will access the value at the memory address pointed to (**dereference** the pointer).
- Example

var_name	var_address	var_value
а	bff5a400	8
р	bff5a3f6	bff5a400

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```
int a = 8;
int *p;
/* point p to a */
p = &a;
/* dereference pointer p */
*p = 10;
```

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Pointer to variables and dereference pointers

```
/* pointer_rules.c */
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
 int a = 6, b = 10;
 int *p;
 printf("\nInitial values:\n\tthe value of a is %d, value of b is %d\n", a, b);
 printf("the address of a is : p, address of b is : p n", a, b);
 p = \&a; /* point p to a */
 printf("\nafter \"p = &a\":\n");
 printf("\tthe value of p is %p, value at that address is %d\n", p, *p);
 p = \&b; /* point p to b */
 printf("\nafter \"p = &b\":\n");
 printf("\tthe value of p is p, value at that address is d^n, p, p;
 /* dereference pointer p */
 *p = 6, p = &a, *p = 10;
 printf("\nafter dereferencing the pointer:\n");
 printf("\tthe value of a is %d, value of b is %d\n", a, b);
 return 0;
```

Never dereference an uninitialized pointer!

- In order to dereference the pointer, pointer must have a valid value (address).
- What is the problem for the following code?

```
int *ptr;
*ptr = 3;
```

- Again, you will have **undefined behavior** at runtime, you are operating on unknown memory space.
- Typically error: "Segmentation fault", possible illegal memory operation
- Always initialize your variables before use!

var_name	var_address	var_value
ptr	0x22aac0	0xXXXX
	0xXXXX	3

NULL Pointer

- Memory address 0 has special significance, if a pointer contains the null (zero) value, it is assumed to point to nothing, defined as NULL in C.
- Set the pointer to NULL if you do not have exact address to assign to your pointer.
- A pointer that is assigned NULL is called a null pointer.

```
/* set the pointer to NULL 0 */
int *ptr = NULL;
```

• Before using a pointer, ensure that it is not equal to NULL:

```
if (ptr != NULL) {
    /* make use of pointer1 */
    /* ... */
}
```

Pointers and Functions I

- In C, arguments are passed by value to functions: changes of the parameters in functions do **not** change the parameters in the calling functions.
- Take a look at the below example, what are the values of a and b after we called swap(a, b);

```
/* this is the main calling function */
int main() {
    int a = 2;
    int b = 3;
    printf("Before: a = %d and b = %d\n", a, b );
    swap( a, b );
    printf("After: a = %d and b = %d\n", a, b );
}
/* this is function, pass by value */
void swap(int pl, int p2) {
    int t;
    t = p2, p2 = pl, pl = t;
    printf("Swap: a (pl) = %d and b(p2) = %d\n", pl, p2 );
}
```

Pointers and Functions II

- The values of a and b do not change after calling swap(a,b)
- Pass by value means the called function's parameter will be a copy of the caller's passed argument. The value of the caller and called functions will be the same, but the identity (the variable) is different caller and called function each has its own copy of parameters

```
/* this is function, pass by reference */
void swap_by_reference(int *pl, int *p2) {
    int t;
    t = *p2, *p2 = *p1, *p1 = t;
    printf("Swap: a (p1) = %d and b(p2) = %d\n", *p1, *p2);
}
/* call by-address function */
swap_by_reference( &a, &b );
```

- The most frequent use of pointers in C is for walking efficiently along arrays.
- Remember, array name is the first element address of the array (it is a constant)

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Pointers and Functions III

• Recall 2D array structure: combination of 1D arrays

int a[2][2]={{1,2},{3,4}};

- The 2D array contains 2 1D arrays: array a[0] and array a[1]
- a[0] is the address of a[0][0], i.e:
 - $a[0] \Leftrightarrow \&a[0][0]$
 - $a[1] \Leftrightarrow \&a[1][0]$
- Array a is then actually an address array composed of a[0], a[1], i.e. a ⇔ &a[0]

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Walk through array with pointer

```
#include <stdio.h>
const int MAX = 3;
int main () {
  int a i[] = \{10, 20, 30\};
 double a f[] = \{0.5, 1.5, 2.5\};
  int i;
  int *i_ptr;
 double *f_ptr;
 /* let us have array address in pointer */
  i_ptr = a_i;
  f ptr = a f;
 /* use the ++ operator to move to next location */
  for (i=0; i<MAX; i++,i_ptr++,f_ptr++ ) {</pre>
    printf("adr a_i[%d] = %8p \ ;, i, i_ptr );
   printf("adr a_f[%d] = %8p\n", i, f_ptr );
   printf("val a_i[%d] = %8d\t", i, *i_ptr );
    printf("val a_f[%d] = %8.2f\n", i, *f_ptr );
 return 0;
```

Dynamic memory allocation using pointers

- For situations that the size of an array is unknown, we must use pointers to dynamically manage storage space.
- C provides several functions for memory allocation and management.
- Include <stdlib.h> header file to use these functions.
- Function prototype:

```
/* This function allocates a block of num bytes of memory and
    return
a pointer to the beginning of the block. */
void *malloc(int num);
/* This function release a block of memory block specified by
address. */
void free(void *address);
```

Example of 1D dynamic array

/* dynamic_ld_array.c */

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
int main(void) {
  int n;
 int* i_array; /* define the integer pointer */
  int j;
 printf("Input the number of elements in the array:\n");
 scanf("%d",&n);
  i_array = (int*)malloc(n*sizeof(int));
  for (j=0; j<n; j++) {</pre>
   i_array[j]=j; /* use the pointer to walk along the array */
   printf("%d ",i_arrav[j]);
  }
  printf("\n");
  free((void*)i array); /* free memory after use*/
  return 0:
```

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File Input/Output

Opening & Closing Files

• Opening Files: use the fopen() function to create a new file or to open an existing file, this call will initialize an object of the type FILE

```
FILE *fopen( const char * filename, const char * mode );
```

• filename is string literal, which you will use to name your file and access mode can have one of the following values:

Mode	Description
r	Read Only, file pointer is at beginning of file
W	Write Only, file pointer is at beginning of file
а	Append, if file exists, file pointer is at end of file
r+	Read & Write
w+	first truncate the file to zero length if it exists otherwise create the file if it does not exist.
a+	creates file if it does not exist. The reading will start from the beginning but writing can only be appended.
• Cl	losing Files: use the fclose() function.

```
int fclose( FILE *fp );
```

- The fclose () function returns zero on success, or EOF if there is an error in closing the file.
- This function actually, flushes any data still pending in the buffer to the file, closes the file, and releases any memory used for the file.
- The EOF is a constant defined in the header file stdio.h.

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Writing Files

• simplest function to write individual characters to a stream:

```
int fputc( int c, FILE *fp );
```

- function fputc() writes the character value of the argument 'c' to the output stream referenced by fp.
- returns the written character written on success otherwise EOF if there is an error.
- to write a null-terminated string to a stream:

```
int fputs( const char *s, FILE *fp );
```

- function fputs() writes the string 's' to the output stream referenced by fp.
- returns a non-negative value on success, otherwise EOF is returned in case of any error.
- You can use int fprintf(FILE *fp, const char *format, ...) function as well to write a string into a file.

Reading Files

• simplest function to read a single character from a file:

```
int fgetc( FILE * fp );
```

- getc() | unction reads a character from the input file referenced by fp.
- return value is the character read, or in case of any error it returns EOF.
- functions to read a string from a stream:

```
char *fgets( char *buf, int n, FILE *fp );
```

- function fgets () reads up to n-1 characters from the input stream referenced by fp.
- It copies the read string into the buffer buf, appending a null character to terminate the string.

Example: Writing & Reading a File

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

#include <stdio.h>

```
main()
{
   FILE *fp;
   char buff[255];
```

```
fp = fopen("/tmp/test.txt", "r");
fscanf(fp, "%s", buff);
printf("1 : %s\n", buff);
```

```
fgets(buff, 255, (FILE*)fp);
printf("2: %s\n", buff );
```

```
fgets(buff, 255, (FILE*)fp);
printf("3: %s\n", buff);
fclose(fp);
```

}

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Preprocessor

C Preprocessor I

- The C Preprocessor is not part of the compiler, but is a separate step in the compilation process.
- In simplistic terms, a C Preprocessor is just a text substitution tool and they instruct compiler to do required pre-processing before actual compilation.
- All preprocessor commands begin with a pound symbol (#).
- It must be the first nonblank character, and for readability, a preprocessor directive should begin in first column.

Directive	Description
#define	Substitutes a preprocessor macro
#include	Inserts a particular header from another file
#undef	Undefines a preprocessor macro
#ifdef	Returns true if this macro is defined
#ifndef	Returns true if this macro is not defined
#if	Tests if a compile time condition is true
#else	The alternative for #if
#elif	#else an #if in one statement
#endif	Ends preprocessor conditional
#error	Prints error message on stderr
#pragma	Issues special commands to the compiler, using a standardized method

C Preprocessor II

• replace instances of MAX_ARRAY_LENGTH with 20

#define MAX_ARRAY_LENGTH 20

• get stdio.h from System Libraries and add the text to the current source file.

#include <stdio.h>

• get myheader.h from the local directory and add the content to the current source file.

#include "myheader.h"

• undefine existing FILE_SIZE and define it as 42.

#undef FILE_SIZE

#define FILE_SIZE 42

• define MESSAGE only if MESSAGE isn't already defined.

```
#ifndef MESSAGE
#define MESSAGE "You wish!"
#endif
```

C Preprocessor III

• process the statements enclosed if DEBUG is defined.

```
#ifdef DEBUG
/* Your debugging statements here */
#endif
```

• This is useful if you pass the -DDEBUG flag to gcc compiler at the time of compilation.

Exercise

Calculate Area and Circumference

• Write a code to read a radius from standard input and calculate area and circumference of a circle of that radious

Algorithm 1 Pseudo code for calculating area and circumference

program AREACIRCUM Define π $r \leftarrow$ some number $a = \pi r^2$ $c = 2\pi r$ **end program** AREACIRCUM

Roots of Quadratic Equation

• Solve the quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{(b^2 - 4ac)}}{2a}$$

Algorithm 2 Pseudo Code for Solving Quadratic Equation

program ROOTS read a, b, c from standard input $d \leftarrow b^2 + 4ac$ $x \leftarrow (-b + \sqrt{d})/2a$ and $x \leftarrow (-b - \sqrt{d})/2a$ **end program** ROOTS

Fibonacci Numbers

• In mathematical terms, the sequence F_n of Fibonacci numbers is defined by the recurrence relation

$$F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2},$$

with seed values

$$F_0 = 0; F_1 = 1.$$

• Calculate the first n Fibonacci Numbers.

Algorithm 3 Pseudo Code to calculate sequence of Fibinacci Numbers

```
program FIBONACCI

n \leftarrow a \text{ number} > 5

f0 \leftarrow 0, f1 \leftarrow 1

do i \leftarrow 2 \cdots n

fn \leftarrow f0 + f1, f0 \leftarrow f1, fn \leftarrow f1

end do

end program FIBONACCI
```

Factorial

• Calculate factorial and double factorial of a number

Algorithm 4 Pseudo Code for Factorial

```
program FACTORIAL

n \leftarrow a number

do i \leftarrow n, n - 1, n - 2 \cdots 1

f = f * i

end do

end program FACTORIAL
```

Calculate GCD & LCM I

- In mathematics, the greatest common divisor (gcd) of two or more integers, when at least one of them is not zero, is the largest positive integer that divides the numbers without a remainder.
- Using Euclid's algorithm

$$gcd(a, 0) = a$$

 $gcd(a, b) = gcd(b, a\%b)$

• In arithmetic and number theory, the least common multiple of two integers a and b is the smallest positive integer that is divisible by both a and b.

$$lcm(a,b) = \frac{\mid a \cdot b \mid}{gcd(a,b)}$$

Calculate GCD & LCM II

Algorithm 5 Pseudo Code to calculate gcd

program GCDLCM $a, b \leftarrow$ two integers **do while** $b \neq 0$ $t \leftarrow v, v \leftarrow u\%v, u \leftarrow t$ **end do** $gcd \leftarrow |u|$ $lcm \leftarrow |a \cdot b|/gcd$ **end program** GCDLCM

Calculate pi by Numerical Integration I

• We know that

$$\int_0^1 \frac{4.0}{(1+x^2)} \, dx = \pi$$

• So numerically, we can approxiate pi as the sum of a number of rectangles

$$\sum_{i=0}^{N} F(x_i) \Delta x \approx \pi$$

Meadows et al, A "hands-on" introduction to OpenMP, SC09



Calculate pi by Numerical Integration II

Algorithm 6 Pseudo Code for Calculating Pi

```
program CALCULATE_PI

step \leftarrow 1/n

sum \leftarrow 0

do i \leftarrow 0 \cdots n

x \leftarrow (i + 0.5) * step; sum \leftarrow sum + 4/(1 + x^2)

end do

pi \leftarrow sum * step

end program
```

SAXPY

 SAXPY is a common operation in computations with vector processors included as part of the BLAS routines

 $y \leftarrow \alpha x + y$

• Write a SAXPY code to multiply a vector with a scalar.

Algorithm 7 Pseudo Code for SAXPY

program SAXPY

 $n \leftarrow$ some large number $x(1:n) \leftarrow$ some number say, 1 $y(1:n) \leftarrow$ some other number say, 2 $a \leftarrow$ some other number ,say, 3 **do** $i \leftarrow 1 \cdots n$ $y_i \leftarrow y_i + a * x_i$ **end do**

end program SAXPY

Matrix Multiplication I

- Most Computational code involve matrix operations such as matrix multiplication.
- Consider a matrix **C** which is a product of two matrices **A** and **B**: Element *i*,*j* of **C** is the dot product of the *i*th row of **A** and *j*th column of **B**
- Write a MATMUL code to multiple two matrices.



Matrix Multiplication II

Algorithm 8 Pseudo Code for MATMUL

```
\begin{array}{c} \textbf{program MATMUL} \\ m,n \leftarrow \text{some large number} \leq 1000 \\ \text{Define } a_{mn}, b_{nm}, c_{mm} \\ a_{ij} \leftarrow i + j; b_{ij} \leftarrow i - j; c_{ij} \leftarrow 0 \\ \textbf{do } i \leftarrow 1 \cdots m \\ \textbf{do } j \leftarrow 1 \cdots m \\ c_{i,j} \leftarrow \sum_{k=1}^{n} a_{i,k} * b_{k,j} \\ \textbf{end do} \\ \textbf{end do} \\ \textbf{end program MATMUL} \end{array}
```