CSCI 2330 – Multidimensional Array Exercises

Consider a 2-dimensional nested array **A** declared as follows:

T A[R][C]

where T is the type of the array, A is the base pointer of the array, R is the number of rows, and C is the number of columns. Assume the array follows row-major ordering.
1. Give a formula for the number of bytes needed to store A.
2. Without using array notation, give a formula for the address of a row vector A[i]. Verify by computing zips[2] (using the zips array from the slides).
3. Without using array notation, give a formula for the address of a single array element A[i][j]. Verify by computing zips[1][3].
4. Consider storing a 2D array as a multi-level array (i.e., where each row is allocated independently, as in lab 2) instead of a nested array. What is an advantage of a multi-level array over a nested array? (Hint: think of the structure from lab 2 and why it wouldn't work well using a nested array)

5. What is an advantage of a nested array over a multi-dimensional array?

(Hint: think about question 3 in the context of a multi-level array)