

# Applications of Array Pointers (1A)

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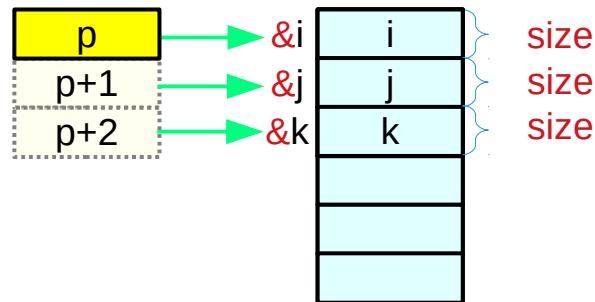
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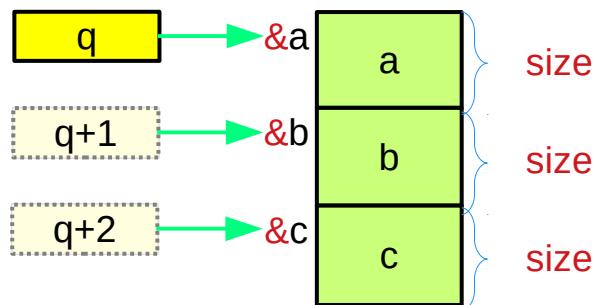
# Virtual Array Pointers in Multi-dimensional Arrays

# Pointers to various data types

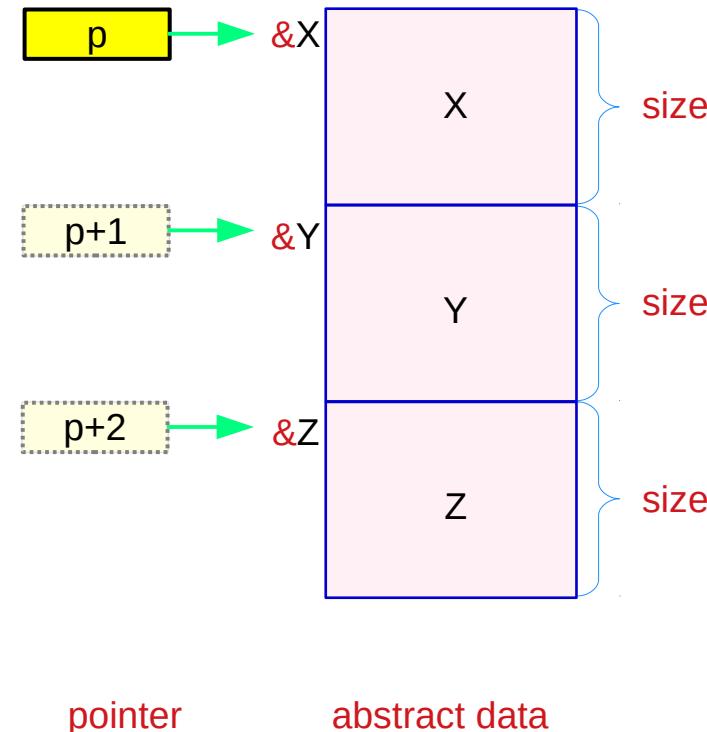
**int \*p;**      **int i, j, k;**



**double \*q;**      **double a, b, c;**



**T \*p;**      **T X, Y, Z;**

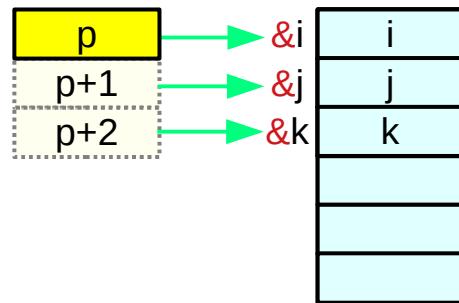


# Pointers to primitive data

**int \*p;**

**int i, j, k;**

**sizeof(int) = 4 bytes**



size  
size  
size

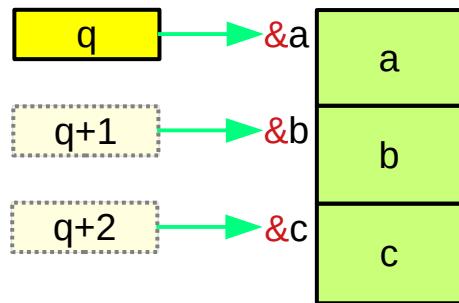
= sizeof(i)      = sizeof(\*p)  
= sizeof(j)      = sizeof(\*(p+1))  
= sizeof(k)      = sizeof(\*(p+2))

≠ sizeof(p)  
≠ sizeof(p+1)  
≠ sizeof(p+2)

pointer size  
4 or 8 bytes

**double \*q;**    **double a, b, c;**

**sizeof(double) = 8 bytes**



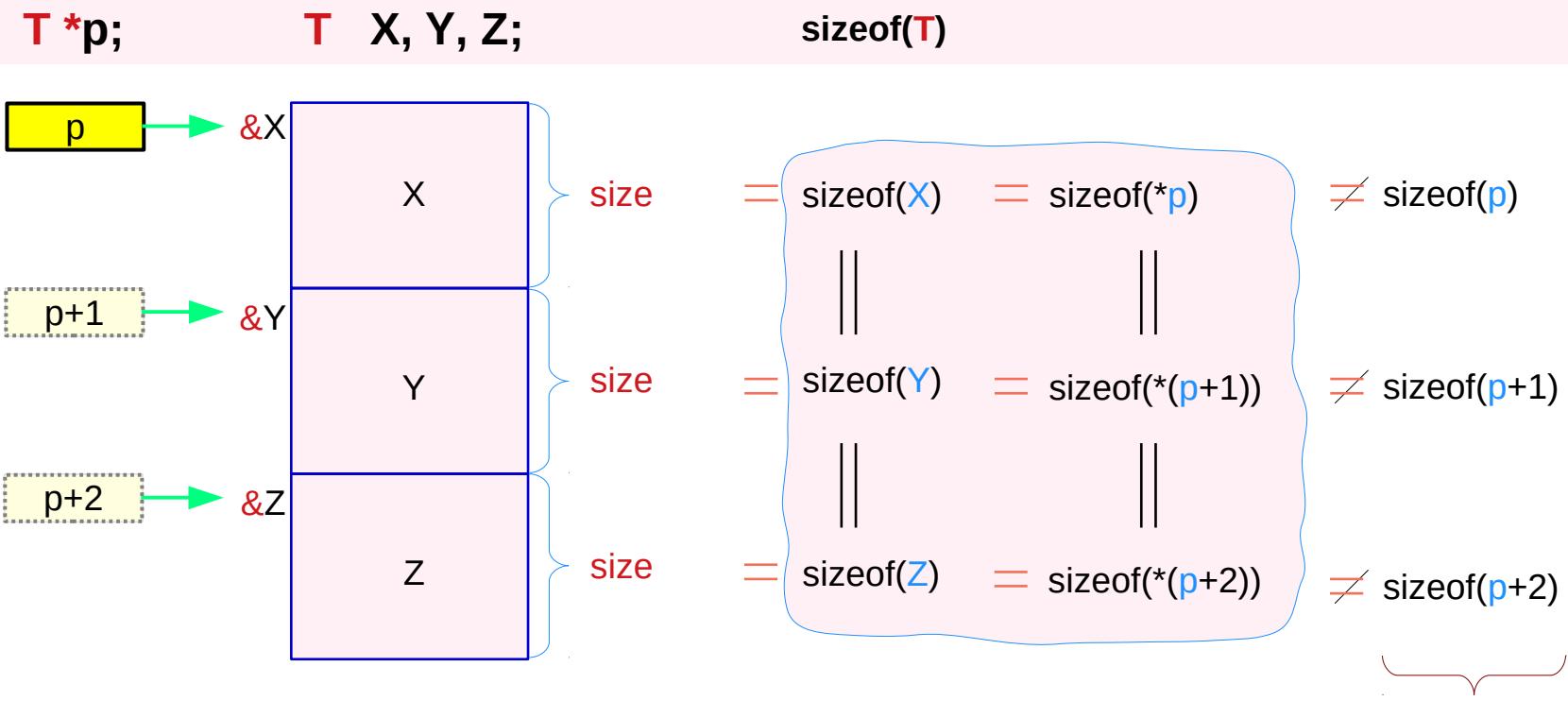
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size  
size

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pointer size  
4 or 8 bytes

# Pointers to abstract data

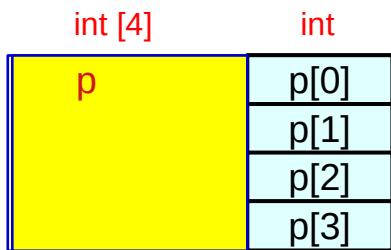


type ----- array  
value ----- start address  
increment size ----- size

# Virtual pointers in an array of integers

`int p[3];`

**p is an abstract data (array)**

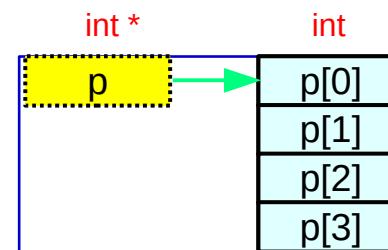


**p** is the name of an array

**p** has the size of the whole array

**p** has an array type (abstract data)

**p can also be viewed as a pointer**



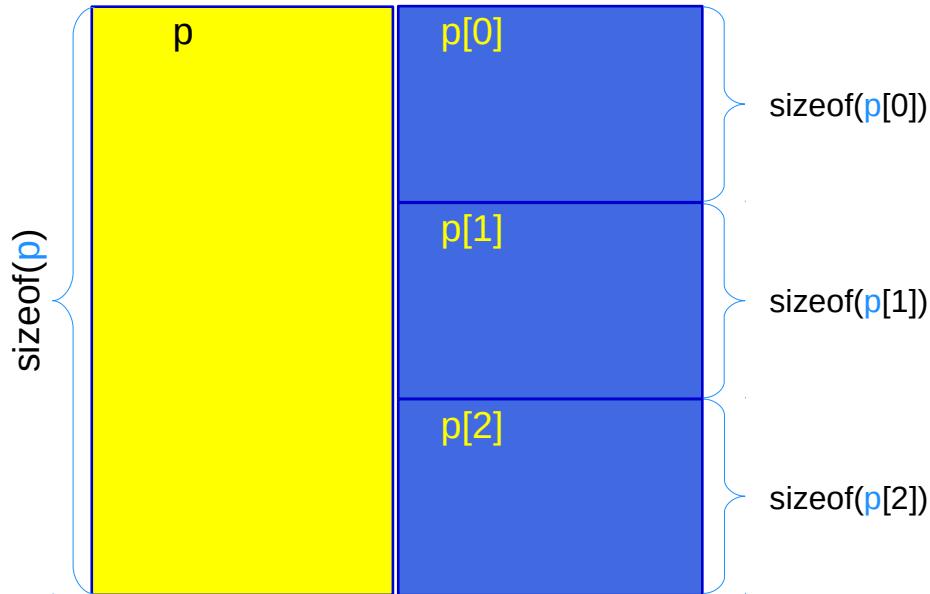
**p** also has pointer characteristics

**p** has the value of the starting address

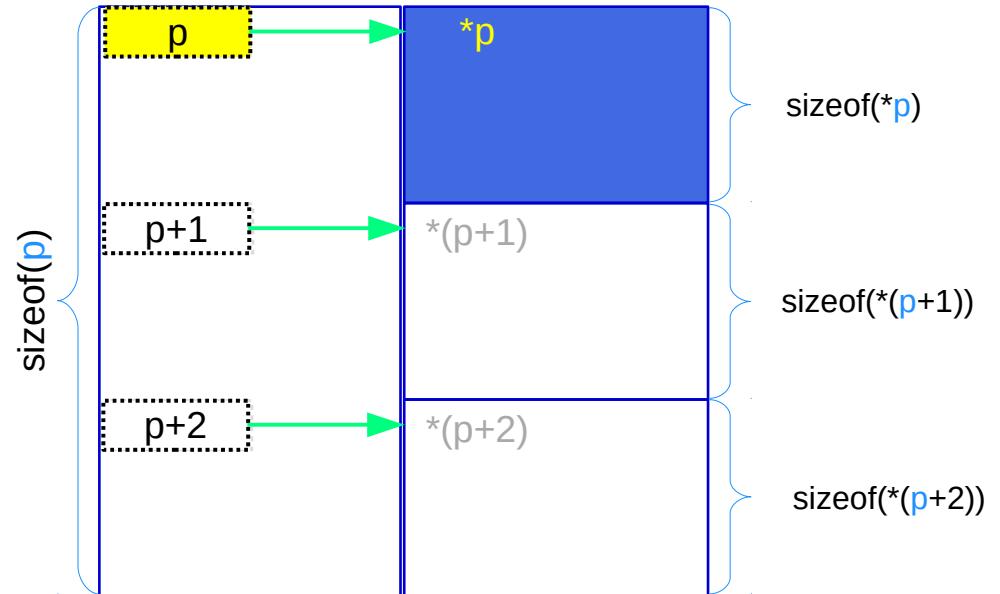
**p** is a virtual pointer

# Virtual pointers in an array of abstract data

Abstract data array p



Virtual pointer p

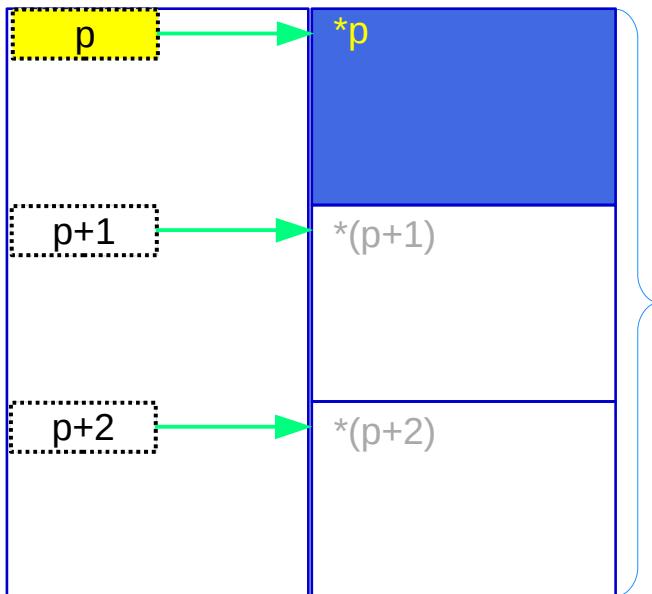


**p** has an array type (abstract data element)  
**p** is the name of an array  
**p** has the size of the whole array

**p** also has a pointer type  
**p** has the value of the starting address  
**p** is a virtual array pointer

# Virtual pointer to abstract data

virtual pointer p abstract data \*p



whole array size

$\text{sizeof}(p)$

$\equiv$

$\text{sizeof}(*p) * 3$

~~$\text{sizeof}(p+1)$~~

~~$\equiv$~~

$\text{sizeof}(*p+1) * 3$

~~$\text{sizeof}(p+2)$~~

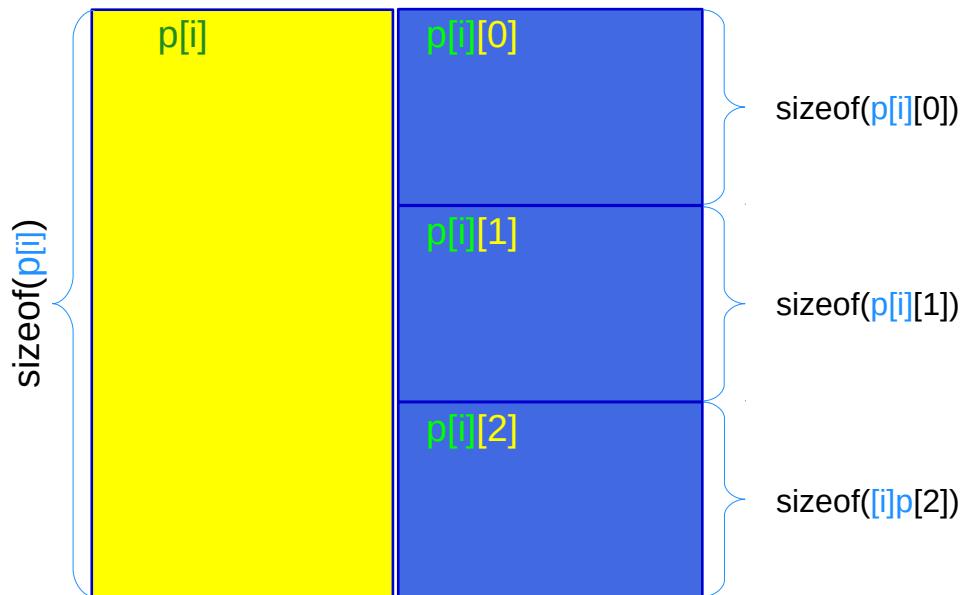
~~$\equiv$~~

$\text{sizeof}(*p+2) * 3$

pointer size  
4 / 8 bytes

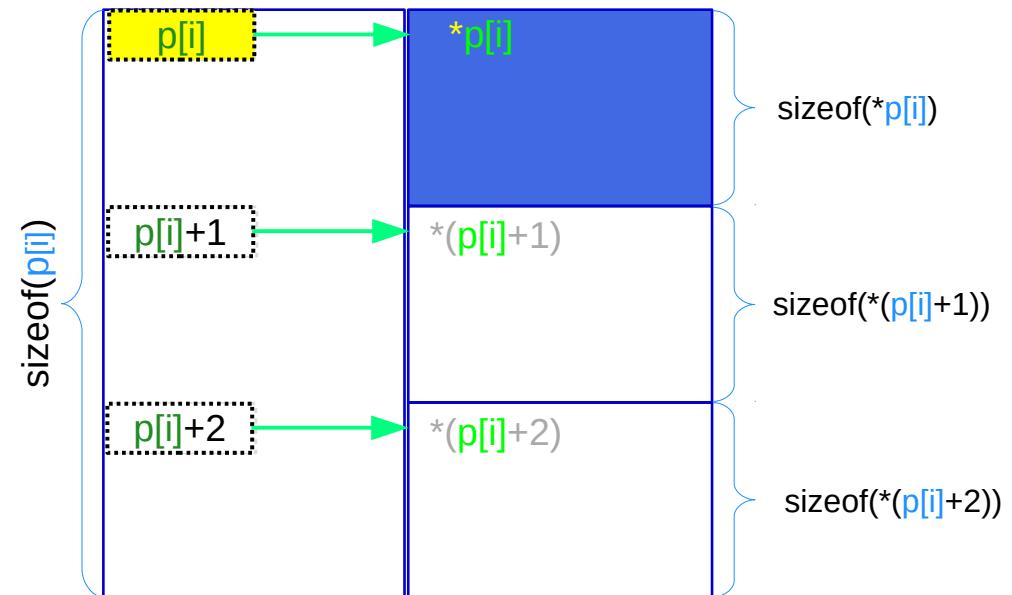
# Virtual array pointers in a multi-dimensional array

## Abstract data (array) $p[i]$



$p[i]$  has an array type (abstract data)  
 $p[i]$  is the name of an array  
 $p[i]$  has the size of the whole array

## Virtual array pointer $p[i]$



$p[i]$  also has an array pointer type  
 $p[i]$  has the value of the starting address  
 $p[i]$  is a virtual array pointer

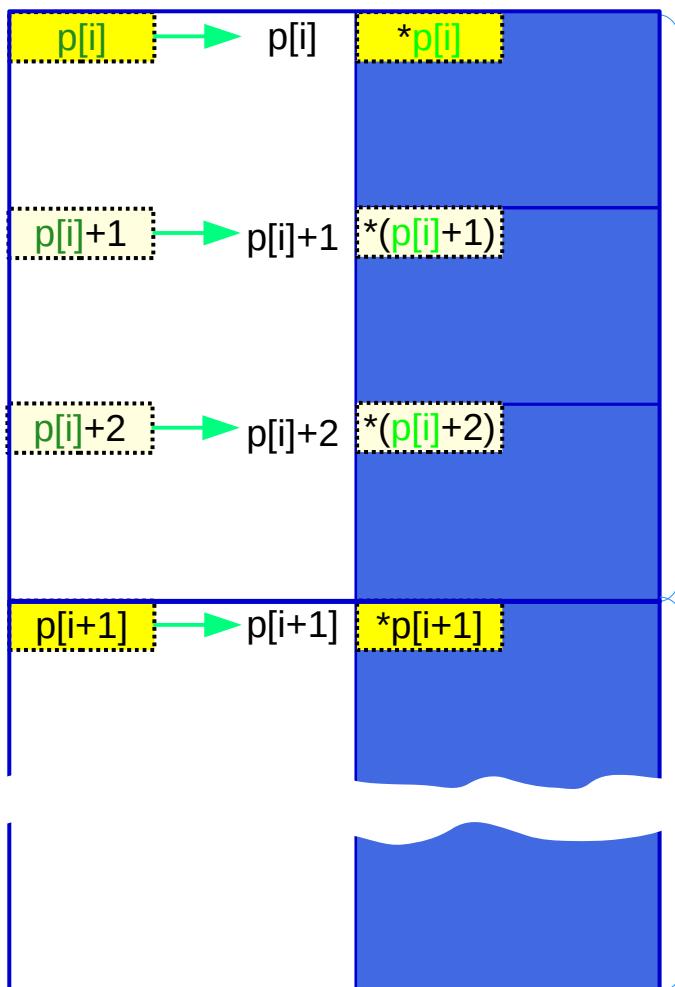
# Virtual pointers to a sub array

$p[i] :: T *$

array pointer type

$*p[i], *p[i+1] :: T$

array type



$\text{sizeof}(p[i])$

$$= \text{sizeof}(*p[i]) * N$$
$$= \text{sizeof}(p[i][0]) * N$$

$$\text{size} = \text{sizeof}(*p[i]) =$$
$$= \text{sizeof}(p[i][0])$$

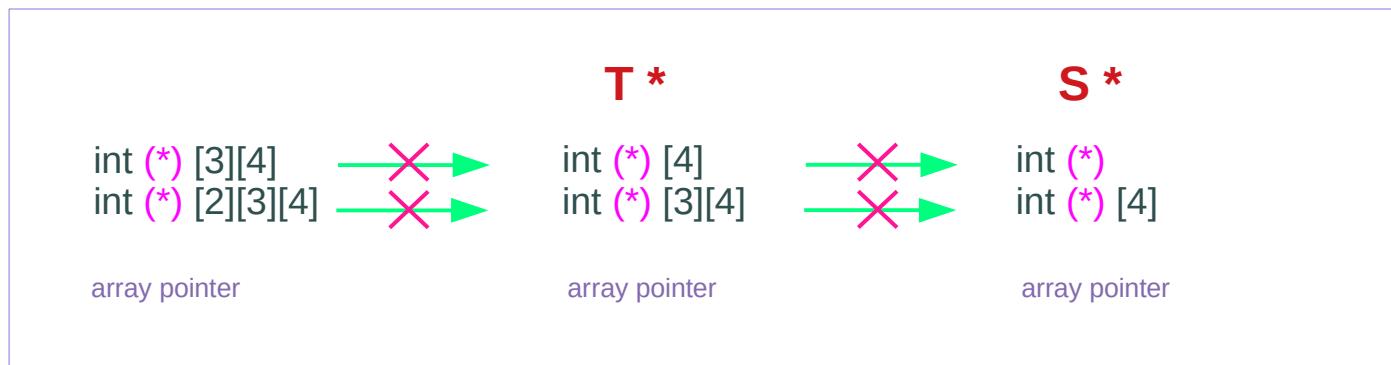
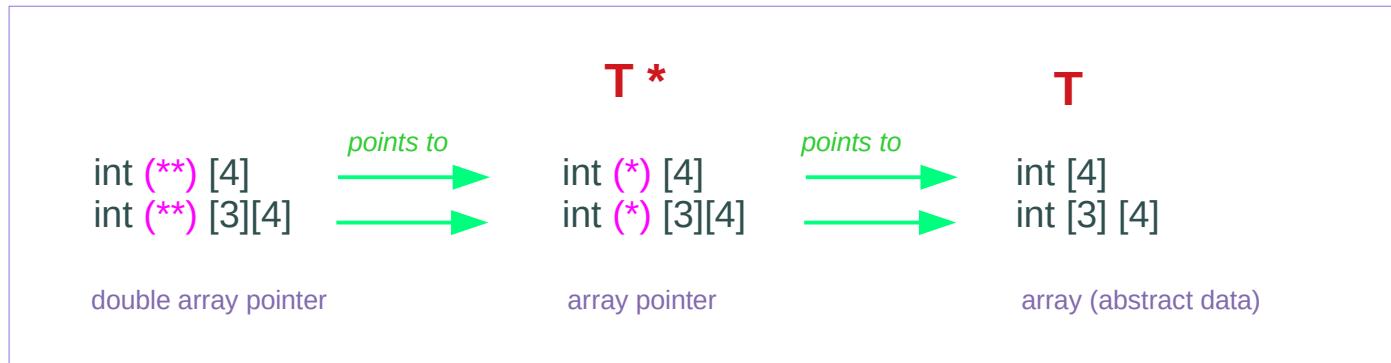
$$\text{size} = \text{sizeof}(*p[i]+1) =$$
$$= \text{sizeof}(p[i][1])$$

$$\text{size} = \text{sizeof}(*p[i]+2) =$$
$$= \text{sizeof}(p[i][2])$$

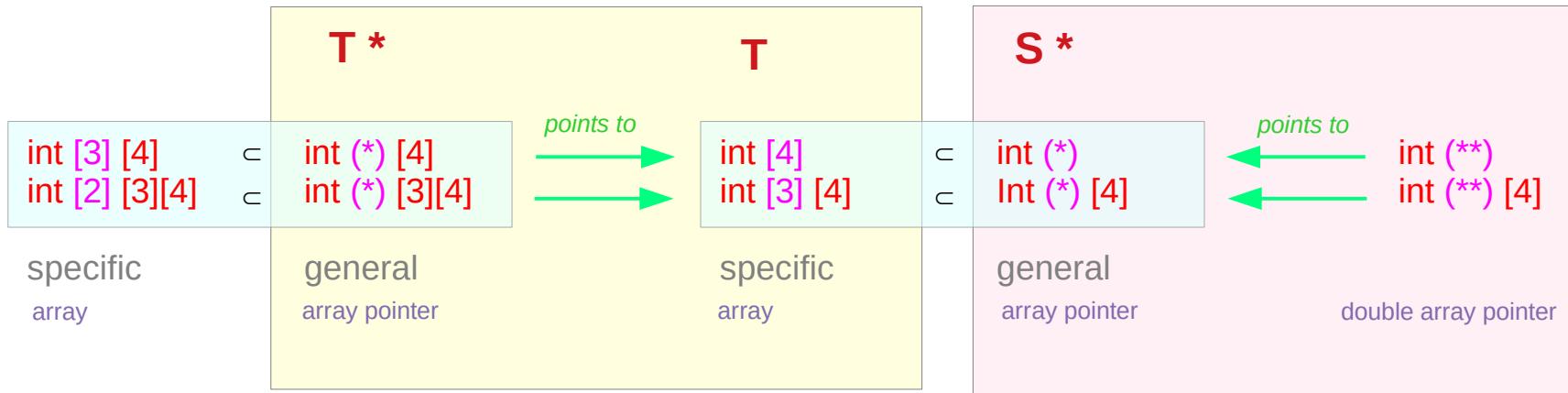
$\text{sizeof}(p[i+1])$

$$= \text{sizeof}(*p[i+1]) * N$$
$$= \text{sizeof}(p[i+1][0]) * N$$

# Array pointer types



# Array pointer types point to array types



# Virtual array pointers pointing to arrays

```
typedef int (*T1) [4];  
typedef int (*T1) [3][4];
```

int (\*) [4]  
int (\*) [3][4]  
general

```
typedef int T2[4];  
typedef int T2[3][4];
```

int [4]  
int [3] [4]  
specific

**T1 a;**  
**T2 b;**

T1 is a pointer type  
T2 is an array type  
T1 has one more dimension than T2

**a = &b;**  
**\*a = b;**

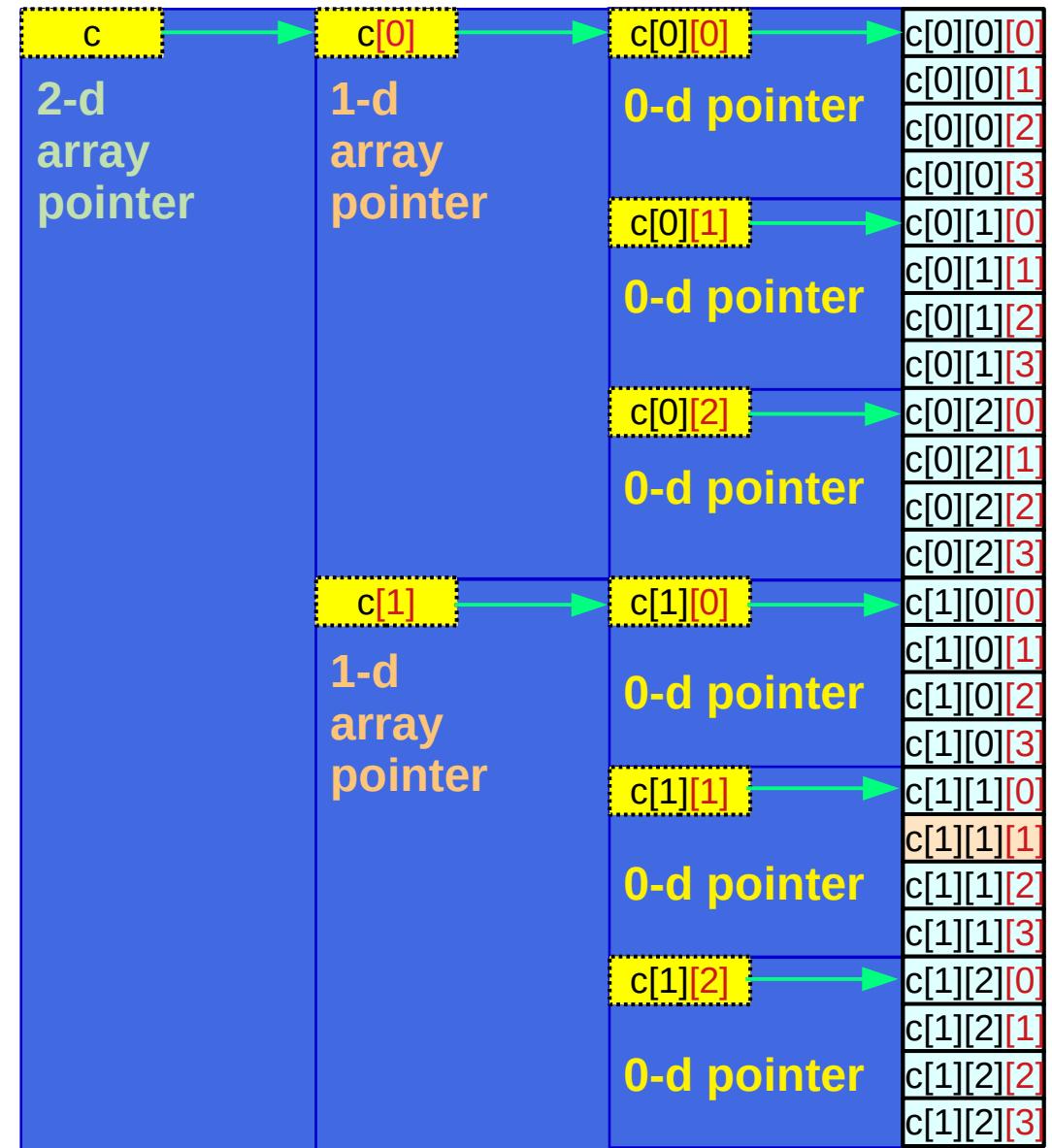
**a** references **b**  
**b** is the dereference of **a**

# 3-d array structure – pointer representation

```
int c[2][3][4];
```

```
*(*(*c + i) + j) + k)
```

- Hierarchical
- Nested Structure
- Virtual Array Pointers to abstract data (subarrays)
- Contiguous and Linear Data Layout
- Row Major Order



# 3-d array structure – abstract data representation

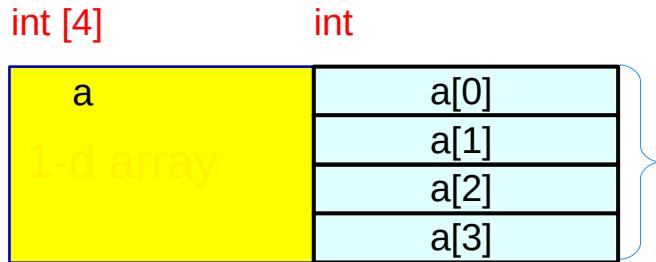
```
int c[2][3][4];
```

```
((c [i])[j])[k]
```

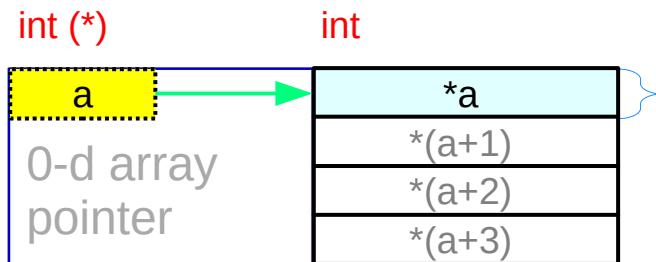
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c 3-d array name	c[0] 2-d array name	c[0][0] 1-d array name	c[0][0][0] c[0][0][1] c[0][0][2] c[0][0][3]
		c[0][1] 1-d array name	c[0][1][0] c[0][1][1] c[0][1][2] c[0][1][3]
		c[0][2] 1-d array name	c[0][2][0] c[0][2][1] c[0][2][2] c[0][2][3]
	c[1] 2-d array name	c[1][0] 1-d array name	c[1][0][0] c[1][0][1] c[1][0][2] c[1][0][3]
		c[1][1] 1-d array name	c[1][1][0] c[1][1][1] c[1][1][2] c[1][1][3]
		c[1][2] 1-d array name	c[1][2][0] c[1][2][1] c[1][2][2] c[1][2][3]

# Array a and pointer a



**1-d array a** specific array type  
sizeof(a)



**pointer a** general pointer type  
sizeof(a) = sizeof(\*a) \* 4

- a is the name of a 1-d array
  - a also has a pointer type
  - a has the size of the array
  - a has the value of the starting address
- a is a virtual array pointer

# Array **b** and pointer **b**

**2-d array b** specific array type

`sizeof(b)`

`int [3] [4]`      `int [4]`

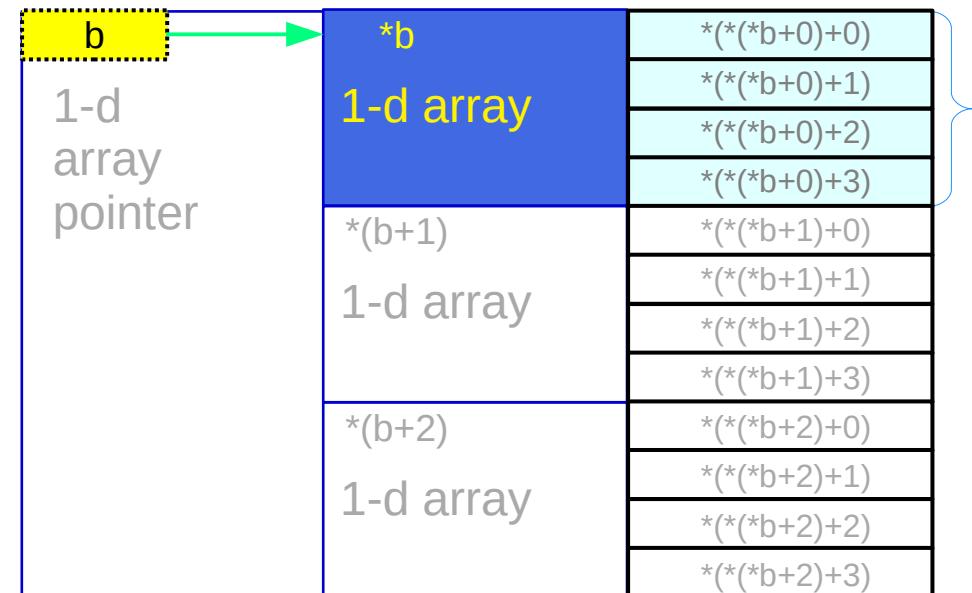


**b** is the name of a 2-d array  
**b** has the size of the array

**1-d array pointer b** general pointer type

`sizeof(b) = sizeof(*b) * 3`

`int (*) [4]`      `int [4]`



**b** also has a 1-d array pointer type  
**b** has the value of the starting address

**b** is a virtual array pointer

# Array c

## 3-d array c

specific array type

`sizeof(c)`

int [2][3][4]	int [3][4]	int [4]	
c 3-d array	c[0] 2-d array	c[0][0] 1-d array	c[0][0][0] c[0][0][1] c[0][0][2] c[0][0][3]
		c[0][1] 1-d array	c[0][1][0] c[0][1][1] c[0][1][2] c[0][1][3]
		c[0][2] 1-d array	c[0][2][0] c[0][2][1] c[0][2][2] c[0][2][3]
	c[1] 2-d array	c[1][0] 1-d array	c[1][0][0] c[1][0][1] c[1][0][2] c[1][0][3]
		c[1][1] 1-d array	c[1][1][0] c[1][1][1] c[1][1][2] c[1][1][3]
		c[1][2] 1-d array	c[1][2][0] c[1][2][1] c[1][2][2] c[1][2][3]

c is the name of a 3-d array

c has the size of the array

# Pointer c

## 2-d array pointer c

general pointer type

`sizeof(c) = sizeof(*c) * 2`

c also has a 2-d array pointer type  
c has the value of the starting address

c is a virtual array pointer

<code>int (*) [3][4]</code>	<code>int [3][4]</code>	<code>int [4]</code>	
<code>c</code>	<code>*c</code>	<code>*(c+0)</code>	<code>*(*(c+0)+0)</code>
2-d array pointer	2-d array	1-d array	<code>*(*(c+0)+1)</code>
			<code>*(*(c+0)+2)</code>
			<code>*(*(c+0)+3)</code>
	<code>*(c+1)</code>	<code>*(c+1)</code>	<code>*(*(c+1)+0)</code>
	2-d array	1-d array	<code>*(*(c+1)+1)</code>
			<code>*(*(c+1)+2)</code>
			<code>*(*(c+1)+3)</code>
	<code>*(c+2)</code>	<code>*(c+2)</code>	<code>*(*(c+2)+0)</code>
	2-d array	1-d array	<code>*(*(c+2)+1)</code>
			<code>*(*(c+2)+2)</code>
			<code>*(*(c+2)+3)</code>
	<code>*(c+1)</code>	<code>*(c+1)</code>	<code>*(*(c+1)+0)</code>
	2-d array	1-d array	<code>*(*(c+1)+1)</code>
			<code>*(*(c+1)+2)</code>
			<code>*(*(c+1)+3)</code>
	<code>*(c+1)</code>	<code>*(c+1)</code>	<code>*(*(c+1)+0)</code>
	2-d array	1-d array	<code>*(*(c+1)+1)</code>
			<code>*(*(c+1)+2)</code>
			<code>*(*(c+1)+3)</code>
	<code>*(c+1)</code>	<code>*(c+1)</code>	<code>*(*(c+1)+0)</code>
	2-d array	1-d array	<code>*(*(c+1)+1)</code>
			<code>*(*(c+1)+2)</code>
			<code>*(*(c+1)+3)</code>

# Types of virtual array pointers in a 3-d array

```
int c[2][3][4];
```

c[i][j][k]

c[i][j]  
[k]

c[i]  
[j] [k]

c  
[i] [j] [k]

int

int [4]  
[k]

int [3][4]  
[j] [k]

int [2][3][4]  
[i] [j] [k]

int

int (\*)  
[k]

int (\*)[4]  
[j] [k]

int (\*)[3][4]  
[i] [j] [k]

array type (name)

array pointer type

# Sizes of virtual array pointers in a 3-d array

```
int c[2][3][4];
```

$$\text{sizeof}(c[i][j][k]) = \text{sizeof(int)}$$

$$\text{sizeof}(c[i][j])_{[k]} = \text{sizeof(int)} * 4_{[k]}$$

$$\text{sizeof}(c[i])_{[j] [k]} = \text{sizeof(int)} * 3 * 4_{[j] [k]}$$

$$\text{sizeof}(c)_{[i] [j] [k]} = \text{sizeof(int)} * 2 * 3 * 4_{[i] [j] [k]}$$

# Address values of virtual array pointers in a 3-d array

```
int c[2][3][4];
```

$$c[i][j][k] = \&c[i][j][k]$$

$$c[i][j]+k = \&c[i][j][0] + k * \text{sizeof}(c[i][j][k])$$

$\text{sizeof}(*c[i][j])$   
 $= \text{sizeof}(c[i][j][0]) = \text{sizeof(int)}$

$$c[i]+j = \&c[i][0][0] + j * \text{sizeof}(c[i][j])$$

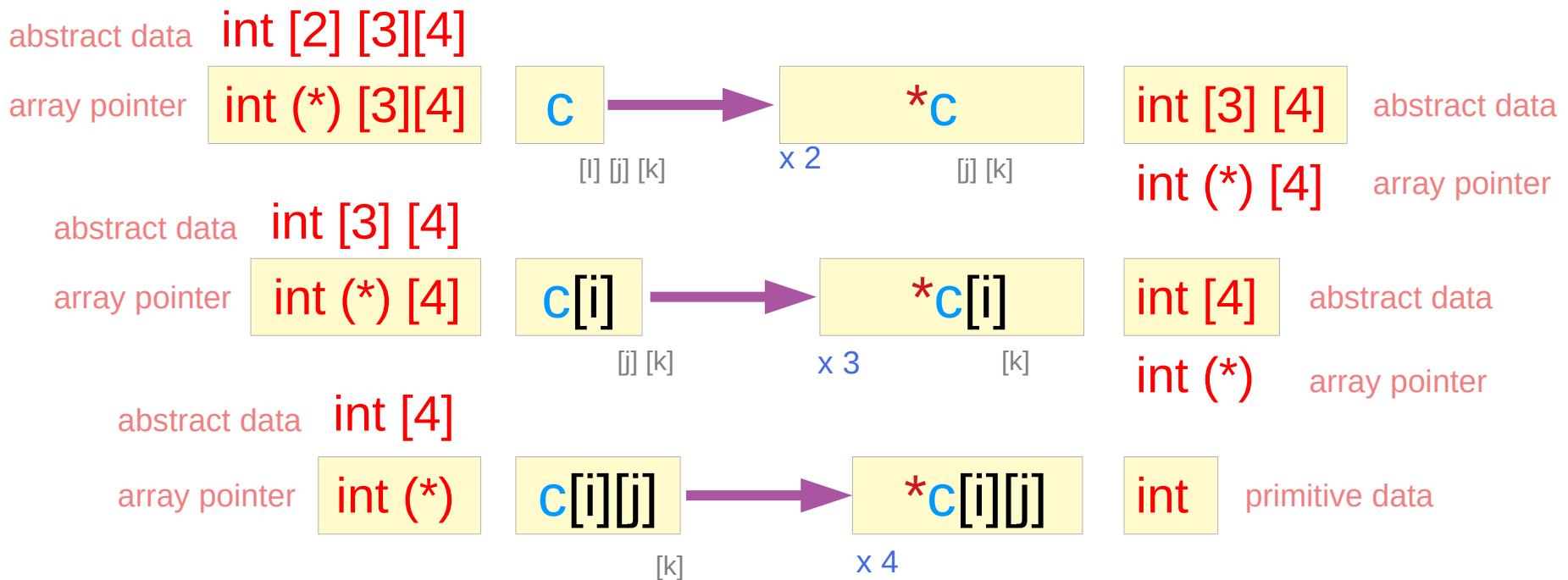
$\text{sizeof}(*c[i])$   
 $= \text{sizeof}(c[i][0]) = \text{sizeof(int)} * 4$   
[k]

$$c+i = \&c[0][0][0] + i * \text{sizeof}(c[i])$$

$\text{sizeof}(*c)$   
 $= \text{sizeof}(c[0]) = \text{sizeof(int)} * 3 * 4$   
[j] [k]

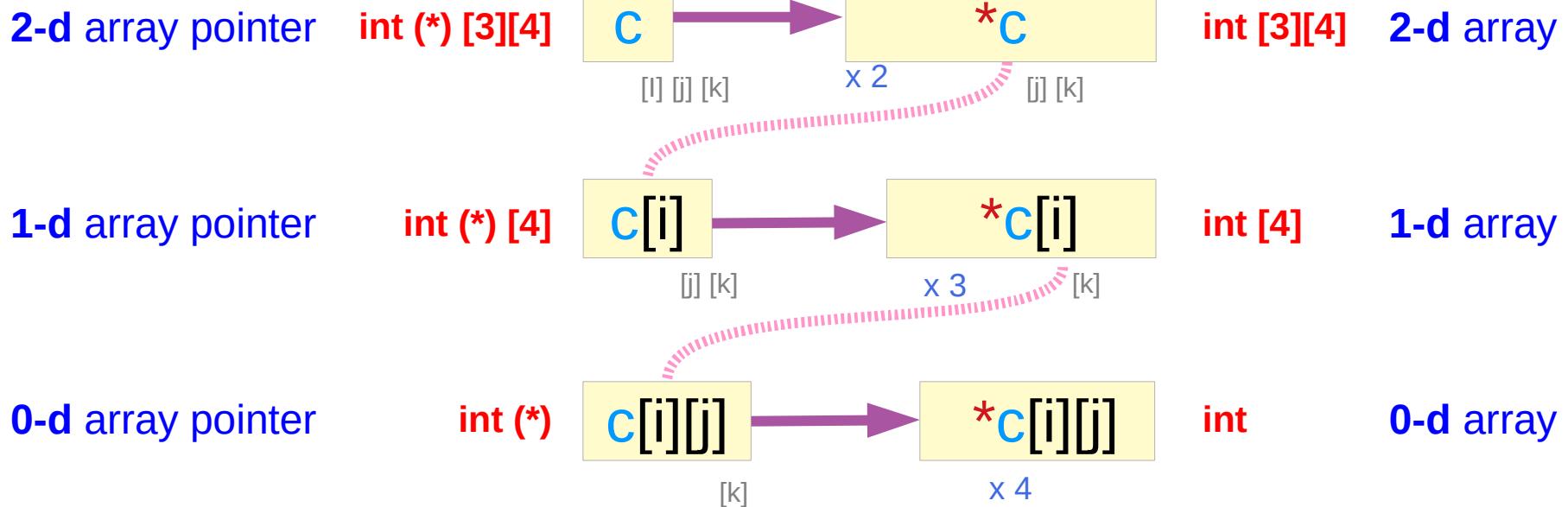
# Types in a multi-dimensional 3-d array

```
int    c [2][3][4];
```



# Virtual array pointers and abstract data

```
int c [2][3][4];
```



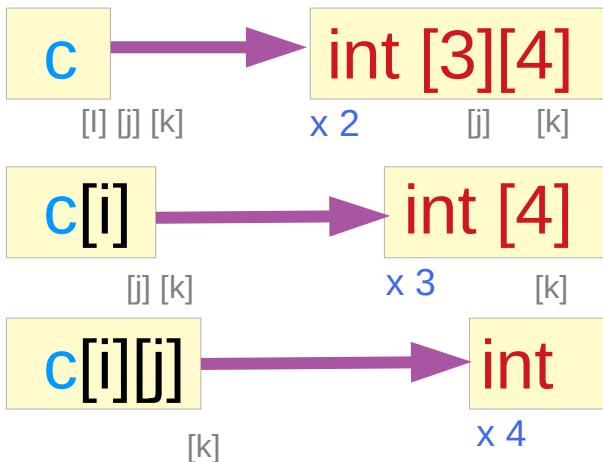
all these pointers are virtual, and  
take no actual memory locations

exploiting the **contiguity** of  
allocated memory locations

# Abstract data sizes

```
int c [2][3][4];
```

the size of a pointer type is fixed  
Here, the sizes of virtual pointers are shown  
i.e, the sizes of different abstract data types



sizeof( **c**)  
sizeof(**\*c**)

sizeof( **c[i]**)  
sizeof(**\*c[i]**)

sizeof( **c[i][j]**)  
sizeof(**\*c[i][j]**)

= sizeof(int **[2][3][4]**)  
= sizeof(int **[3][4]**)

= sizeof(int **[3][4]**)  
= sizeof(int **[4]**)

= sizeof(int **[4]**)  
= sizeof(int)

all are sizes of arrays

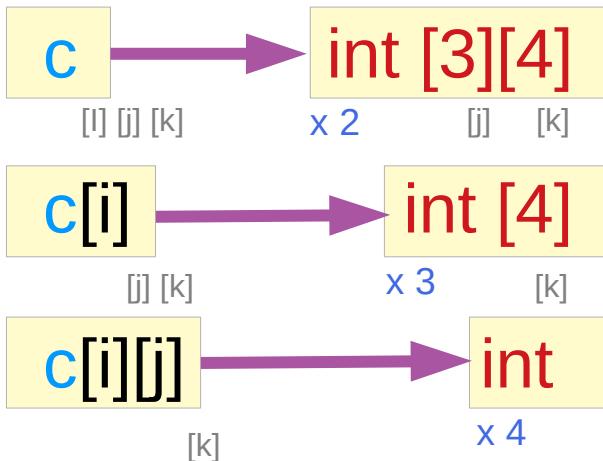
c, c[i], c[i][i]  
and they are also abstract data (arrays)

when sizes are considered,  
view them as abstract data (arrays)

# Virtual array pointer sizes and abstract data sizes

```
int c [2][3][4];
```

size of a virtual array pointer = size of the pointed abstract data type \* the number of such types



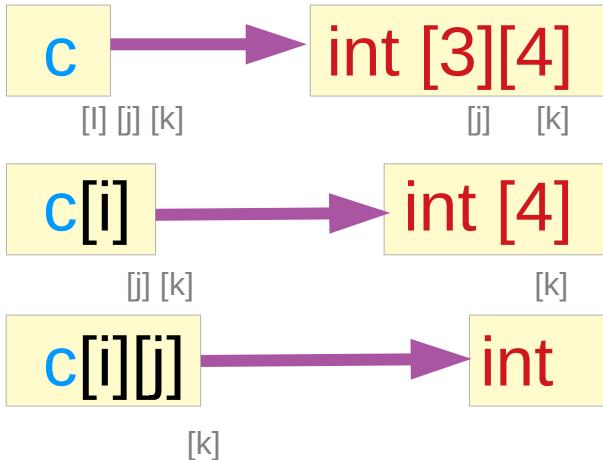
$$\text{sizeof}( \text{c} ) = \text{sizeof}( *c ) * 2$$

$$\text{sizeof}( \text{c}[i] ) = \text{sizeof}( *c[i] ) * 3$$

$$\text{sizeof}( \text{c}[i][j] ) = \text{sizeof}( *c[i][j] ) * 4$$

# Sizes of array pointer types

```
int c [2][3][4];
```



not real array pointers  
virtual array pointers

`c`      `int (*)[3][4]`      = `sizeof(c)`  
`sizeof(int (*) [3][4])`      = pointer size       $\neq \text{sizeof}(c)$

`c[i]`      `int (*) [4]`      = `sizeof(c[i])`  
`sizeof(int (*) [4])`      = pointer size       $\neq \text{sizeof}(c[i])$

`c[i][j]`      `int [4]`      = `sizeof(c[i][j])`  
`sizeof(int [4])`      = pointer size       $\neq \text{sizeof}(c[i][j])$

4 bytes for 32-bit machines  
8 bytes for 64-bit machines

# Virtual array pointer increment size

```
int c [2][3][4];
```

c points to a **2-d** array  
increment size: `sizeof(int[2][3][4])`

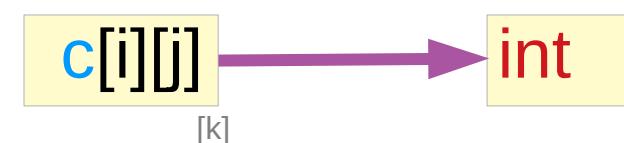
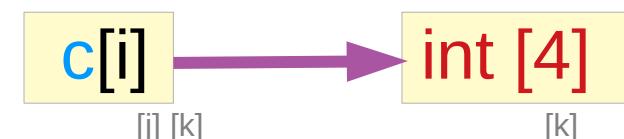
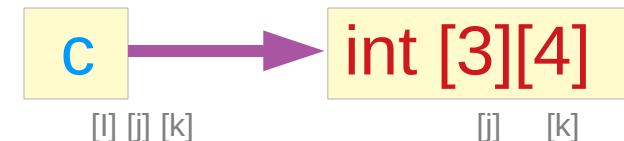
`c[i]` points to an **1-d** array  
increment size: `sizeof(int[3][4])`

`c[i][j]` points to an integer  
increment size: `sizeof(int[4])`

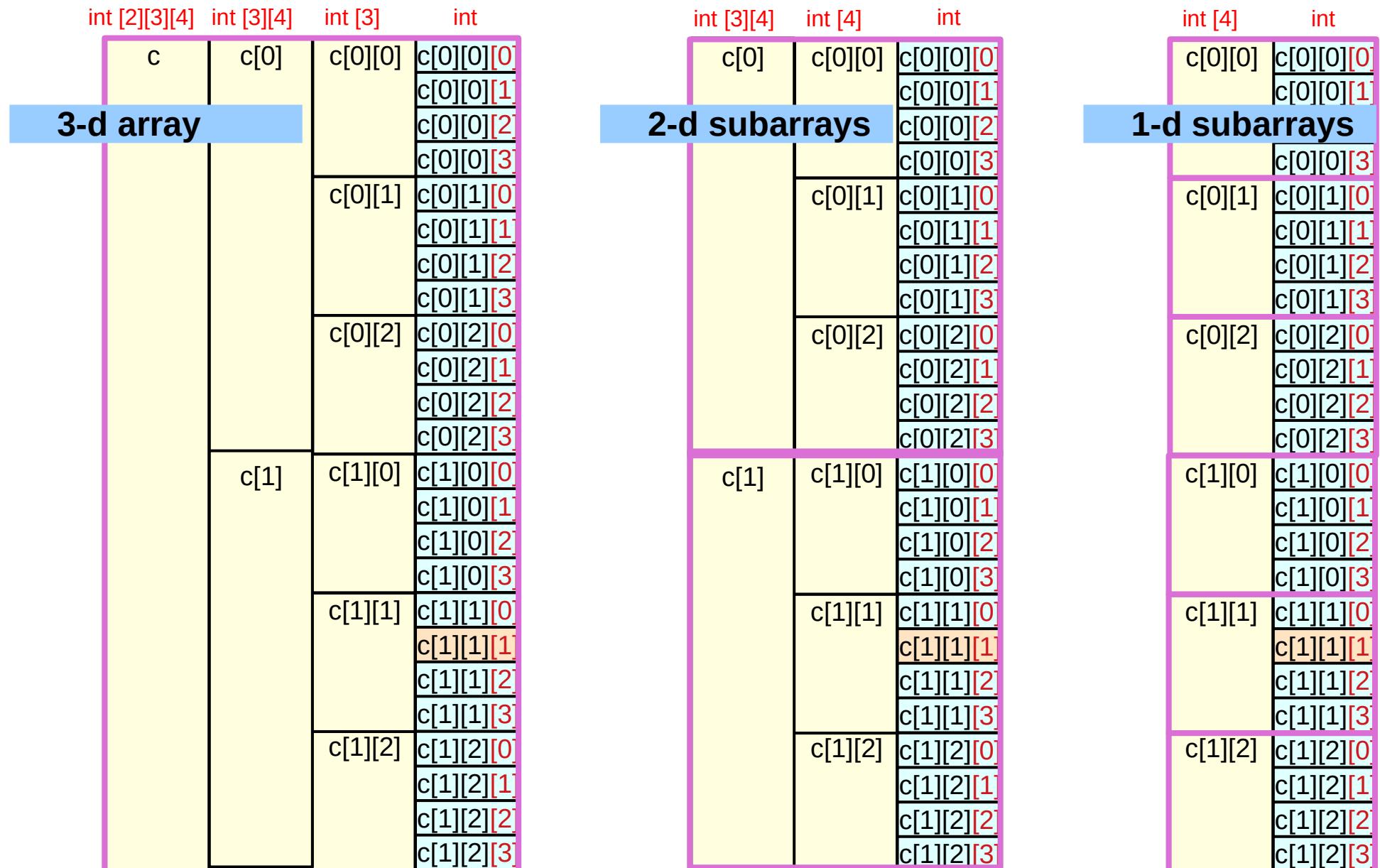
`int (*) [3][4]`

`int (*) [4]`

`int (*)`

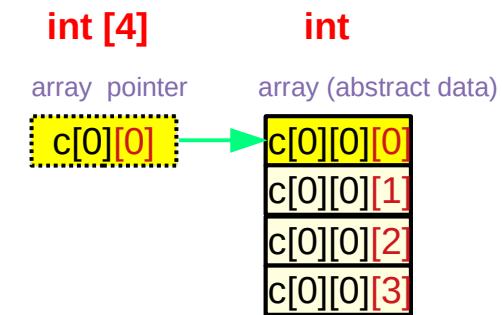
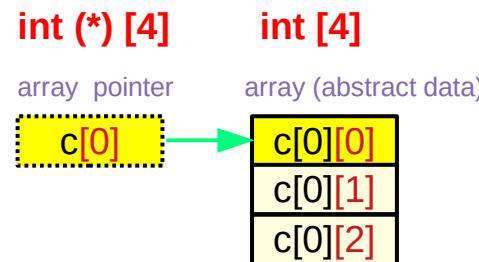
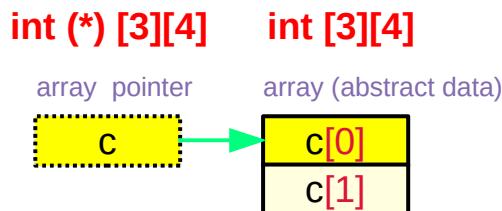


# Subarrays in a 3-d array



# Virtual array pointer c, c[0], c[0][0] – types and sizes

## Types – array pointers



## Sizes – abstract data

`sizeof(c)`  
`sizeof(int [2][3][4])`  
`sizeof(int) * 2 * 3 * 4`

`sizeof(int [2][3][4]) = 96`  
`sizeof(int (*)[3][4]) = 4 / 8`

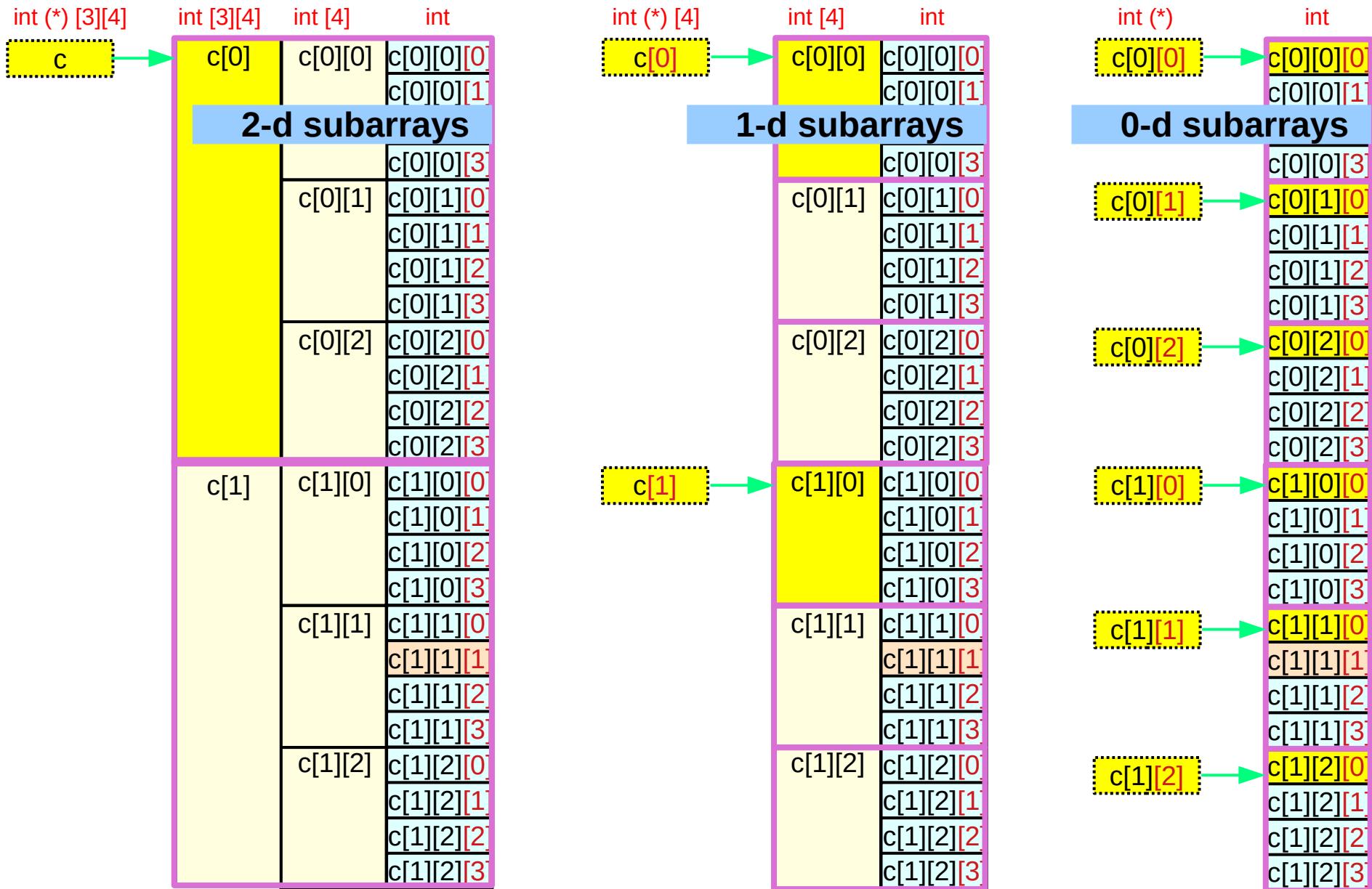
`sizeof(c[0])`  
`sizeof(int [3][4])`  
`sizeof(int) * 3 * 4`

`sizeof(int [3][4]) = 48`  
`sizeof(int (*)[4]) = 4 / 8`

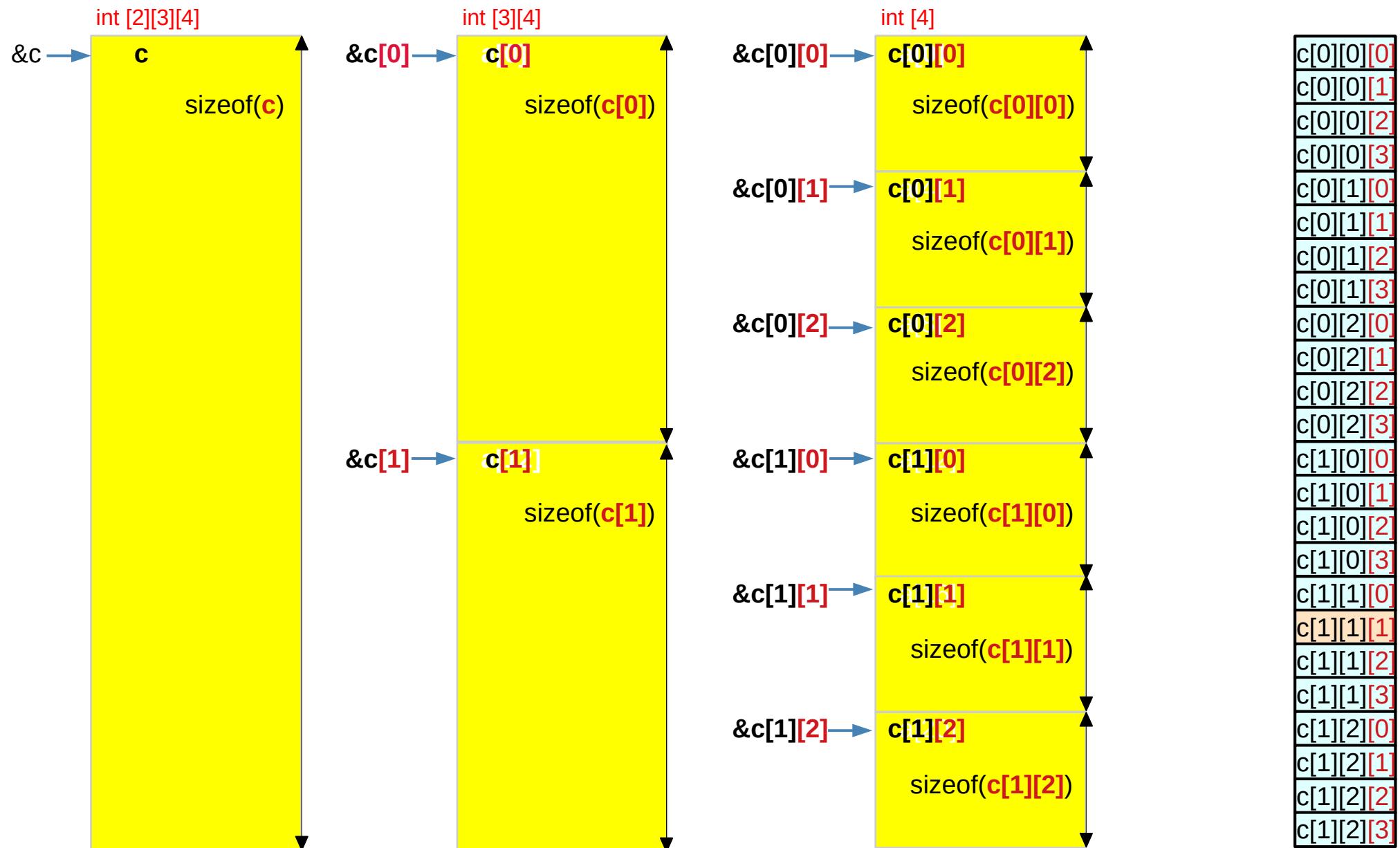
`sizeof(c[0][0])`  
`sizeof(int [4])`  
`sizeof(int) * 4`

`sizeof(int [4]) = 16`  
`sizeof(int (*)) = 4 / 8`

# Pointers to subarrays in a 3-d array



# Abstract Data $c$ , $c[i]$ , $c[i][j]$ – start addresses and sizes



# Virtual array pointers – types, sizes, and values

`int c[2][3][4];`

`c[i][j]`

`c[i][j][0]`

type

`int [4]  
int (*)`



`int  
int`

- abstract data type
- array pointer type

size

`sizeof(c[i][j]) =`

`sizeof(c[i][j][0]) * 4`

$$= \text{sizeof(int)} * 4$$

value (address)

`c[i][j] =`

`&c[i][j][0]`

`int c[2][3][4];`

`c[i]`

`c[i][0]`

type

`int [3][4]  
int (*)[4]`



`int [4]  
int (*)`

- abstract data type
- array pointer type

size

`sizeof(c[i]) =`

`sizeof(c[i][0]) * 3`

$$= \text{sizeof(int)} * 4 * 3$$

value (address)

`c[i] =`

`&c[i][0][0]`

`int c[2][3][4];`

`c`

`c[0]`

type

`int [2][3][4]  
int (*)[3][4]`



`int [3][4]  
int (*)[4]`

- abstract data type
- array pointer type

size

`sizeof(c) =`

`sizeof(c[0]) * 2`

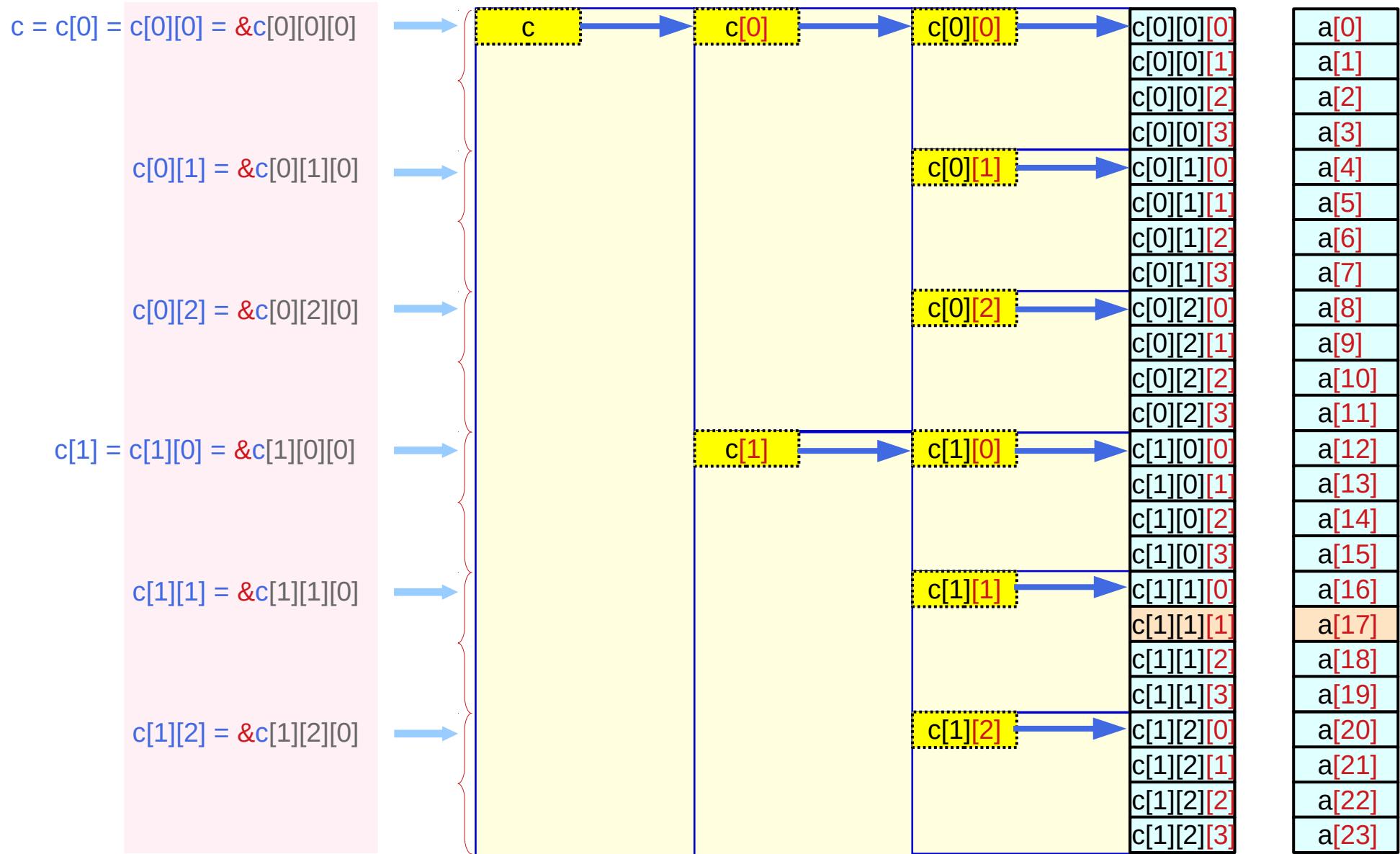
$$= \text{sizeof(int)} * 4 * 3 * 2$$

value (address)

`c =`

`&c[0][0][0]`

# Virtual array pointer c, c[i], c[i][j] – values (addresses)



# Virtual array pointer c, c[i], c[i][j] – vertical displacement

$c = c[0] = c[0][0] = \&c[0][0][0]$



For address values

$c[0][1] = \&c[0][1][0]$



Horizontal displacements  
are not counted

$c[0][2] = \&c[0][2][0]$



Only vertical displacements  
are considered

$c[1] = c[1][0] = \&c[1][0][0]$



$c[1][1] = \&c[1][1][0]$



$c[1][2] = \&c[1][2][0]$



c[0][0][0]	a[0]
c[0][0][1]	a[1]
c[0][0][2]	a[2]
c[0][0][3]	a[3]
c[0][1][0]	a[4]
c[0][1][1]	a[5]
c[0][1][2]	a[6]
c[0][1][3]	a[7]
c[0][2][0]	a[8]
c[0][2][1]	a[9]
c[0][2][2]	a[10]
c[0][2][3]	a[11]
c[1][0][0]	a[12]
c[1][0][1]	a[13]
c[1][0][2]	a[14]
c[1][0][3]	a[15]
c[1][1][0]	a[16]
c[1][1][1]	a[17]
c[1][1][2]	a[18]
c[1][1][3]	a[19]
c[1][2][0]	a[20]
c[1][2][1]	a[21]
c[1][2][2]	a[22]
c[1][2][3]	a[23]

# Virtual array pointer c, c[i], c[i][j] – values and types

$c = c[0] = c[0][0] = \&c[0][0][0]$

means  
→

$c[0][1] = \&c[0][1][0]$

means  
→

$c[0][2] = \&c[0][2][0]$

means  
→

$c[1] = c[1][0] = \&c[1][0][0]$

means  
→

$c[1][1] = \&c[1][1][0]$

means  
→

$c[1][2] = \&c[1][2][0]$

means  
→

$\text{value}(c) = \text{value}(c[0]) = \text{value}(c[0][0]) = \text{value}(\&c[0][0][0])$ $\text{type}(c) \neq \text{type}(c[0]) \neq \text{type}(c[0][0]) = \text{type}(\&c[0][0][0])$ $\text{int } (*) [3][4] \quad \text{int } (*) [4] \quad \text{int } * \quad \text{int } *$	
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	$\text{value}(c[0][1]) = \text{value}(\&c[0][1][0])$ $\text{type}(c[0][1]) = \text{type}(\&c[0][1][0])$ $\text{int } * \quad \text{int } *$
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	$\text{value}(c[0][2]) = \text{value}(\&c[0][2][0])$ $\text{type}(c[0][2]) = \text{type}(\&c[0][2][0])$ $\text{int } * \quad \text{int } *$
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	$\text{value}(c[1]) = \text{value}(c[1][0]) = \text{value}(\&c[1][0][0])$ $\text{type}(c[1]) \neq \text{type}(c[1][0]) = \text{type}(\&c[1][0][0])$ $\text{int } (*) [4] \quad \text{int } * \quad \text{int } *$
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	$\text{value}(c[1][1]) = \text{value}(\&c[1][1][0])$ $\text{type}(c[1][1]) = \text{type}(\&c[1][1][0])$ $\text{int } * \quad \text{int } *$
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	$\text{value}(c[1][2]) = \text{value}(\&c[1][2][0])$ $\text{type}(c[1][2]) = \text{type}(\&c[1][2][0])$ $\text{int } * \quad \text{int } *$
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# Summary of virtual array pointers in a 3-d array

$$c[i] \equiv *(c + i)$$

$$c[i][j] \equiv *(c[i] + j)$$

$$c[i][j][k] \equiv *(c[i][j] + k)$$

int (\*) [3][4] 2-d array pointer `c`  
int [2] [3][4] 3-d array name `c`

int (\*) [4] 1-d array pointers `c[i]`  
Int [3] [4] 2-d array names `c[i]`

int (\*) 0-d array pointers `c[i][j]`  
int [4] 1-d array names `c[i][j]`

address value  $c + i$

`&c[0][0][0] + i * sizeof(*c)`  
`&c[0][0][0] + i * sizeof(c[0])`  
`&c[0][0][0] + i * 4 * 3 * 4`

address value  $c[i] + j$

`&c[i][0][0] + j * sizeof(*c[i])`  
`&c[i][0][0] + j * sizeof(c[i][0])`  
`&c[i][0][0] + j * 4 * 4`

address value  $c[i][j] + k$

`&c[i][j][0] + k * sizeof(*c[i][j])`  
`&c[i][j][0] + k * sizeof(c[i][j][0])`  
`&c[i][j][0] + k * 4`

leading elements  
`c[0][0][0]`

leading elements  
`c[0][0][0]`

`c[1][0][0]`

leading elements  
`c[0][0][0]`  
`c[0][1][0]`  
`c[0][2][0]`  
`c[1][0][0]`  
`c[1][1][0]`  
`c[1][2][0]`

# Sub-array properties in multi-dimensional arrays

int c [2][3][4];            3-d access      c [i][j][k]

2-d array pointer      c      int (\*) [3][4]

1-d array pointers      c[i]      int (\*) [4]

0-d array pointers      c[i][j]      int (\*)

# Hierarchical Sub-arrays in a 3-d array

```
int    c [L][M][N];
```

c [i][j][k]

left-to-right associativity

Array Names and Types

Pointers to hierarchical sub-arrays

c	[i]	[j][k]
c[i]	[j]	[k]
c[i][j]	[k]	

c	3-d array names
c[i]	2-d array names
c[i][j]	1-d array names

int (*) [M][N]	2-d array pointer
int (*) [N]	1-d array pointer
int (*)	0-d array pointer

# Associativity and Equivalence Relations

left-to-right associativity

$$((c[i])[j])[k]$$

$\equiv$

left-to-right associativity

$$*(*(*(c+i)+j)+k)$$

$$X[n]$$

$\equiv$

$$*(X+n)$$

given  $c[i][j]$

$$c[i][j][k]$$

$\equiv$

$$*(c[i][j]+k)$$

for all k

given  $c[i]$

$$c[i][j]$$

$\equiv$

$$*(c[i]+j)$$

for all j

given c

$$c[i]$$

$\equiv$

$$*(c+i)$$

for all i

# Requirements for the expression $c[i][j][k]$

3 contiguity requirements

for a given  $c[i][j]$ , for all k

for a given  $c[i]$ , for all j

for a given c], for all i

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j][k] &= *(c[i][j]+k) \\c[i][j] &= *(c[i]+j) \\c[i] &= *(c+i)\end{aligned}$$

for a given  $c[i][j]$ , contiguous  $c[i][j][k]$

for a given  $c[i]$ , contiguous  $c[i][j]$

for a given c], contiguous c[i]

# Equivalent requirements for the expression $c[i][j][k]$

for all k

$$c[i][j][k] = *(c[i][j]+k)$$

for all j

$$c[i][j] = *(c[i]+j)$$

for all i

$$c[i] = *(c+i)$$



$$\&c[i][j][k] = c[i][j]+k$$

$$\&c[i][j] = c[i]+j$$

$$\&c[i] = c+i$$

for all k

for all j

for all i



$$c[i][j][0] = *(c[i][j])$$

$$c[i][0] = *(c[i])$$

$$c[0] = *(c)$$

with contiguous subarrays



$$\&c[i][j][0] = c[i][j]$$

$$\&c[i][0] = c[i]$$

$$\&c[0] = c$$

with contiguous subarrays

# 3-d access pattern $c[i][j][k]$

## General requirements

$c[i][j][k]$



$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i\end{aligned}$$

for all k  
for all j  
for all i

## Pointer array approach

```
int** c[2];
int* b[2*3];
int c[2*3*4];
```

```
c[i][j][k] :: int
c[i][j]   :: int *
c[i]      :: int **
```

```
c[i]    ← &b[i*3]
b[j]    ← &a[j*4]
```

with contiguous subarrays

**Explicit  
Arrays of pointers with  
Multiple Indirection**

## N-dim Array approach

```
int c[2][3][4];
```

```
c[i][j][k] :: int
c[i][j]   :: int [4]
c[i]      :: int (*) [4]
```

```
c[i][j] ← &c[i][j][0]
c[i]     ← &c[i][0][0]
c        ← &c[0][0][0]
```

with contiguous subarrays

**Implicit  
Nested  
Virtual Array Pointers**

# 3-d access pattern $c[i][j][k]$ – array pointer approach

## General requirements

$c[i][j][k]$



$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i\end{aligned}$$

for all k  
for all j  
for all i

## N-dim array approach

`int c[2][3][4];`

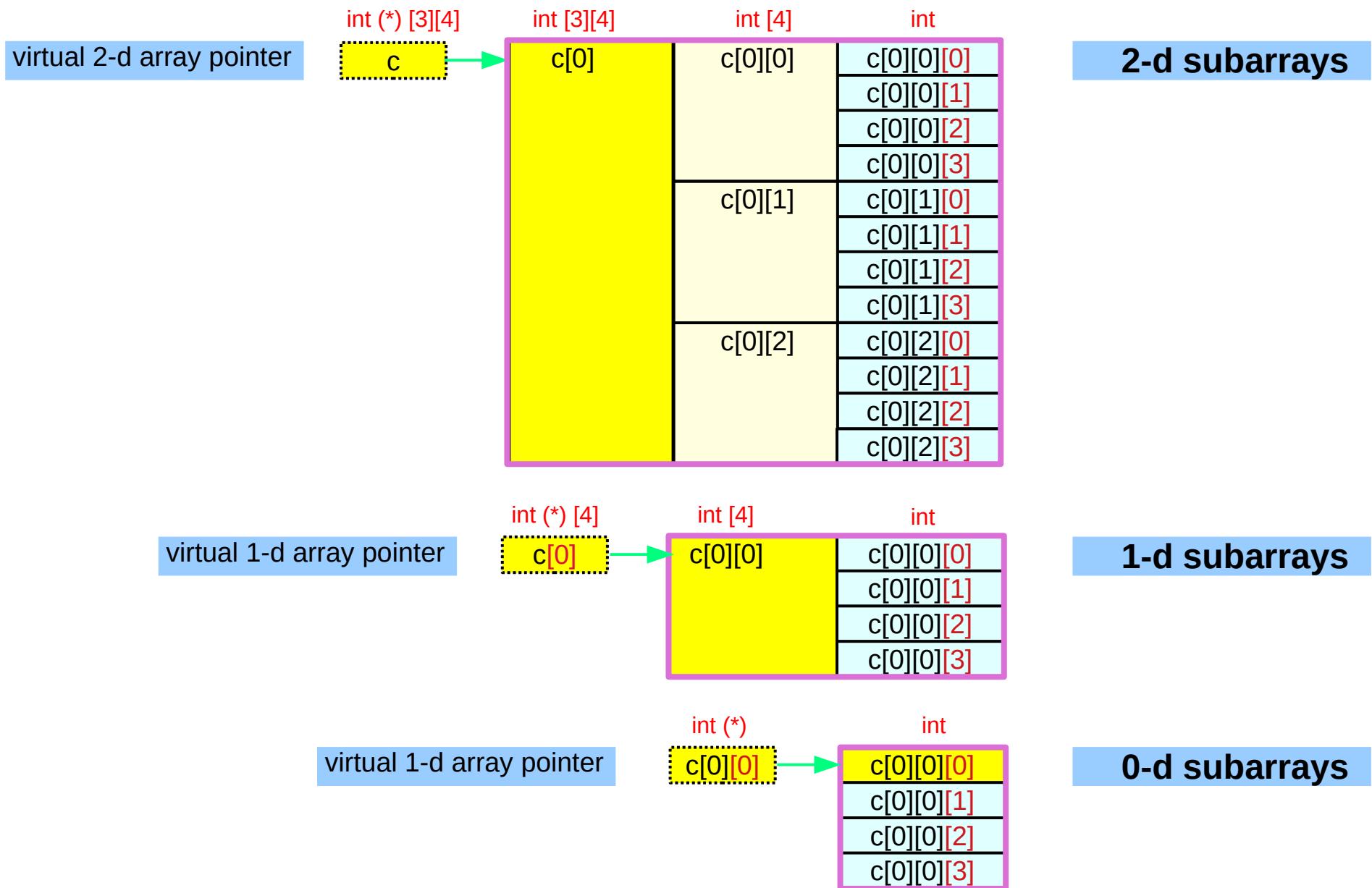
$c[i][j][k] :: int$   
 $c[i][j] :: int [4]$   
 $c[i] :: int (*) [4]$   
 $c :: int (*) [3][4]$

$c[i][j] \leftarrow \&c[i][j][0]$   
 $c[i] \leftarrow \&c[i][0][0]$   
 $c \leftarrow \&c[0][0][0]$

with contiguous subarrays

Implicit  
Nested  
Virtual Array Pointers

# Pointers to subarrays in a 3-d array



# Using N-dimensional arrays

```
int c [2][3][4];
```

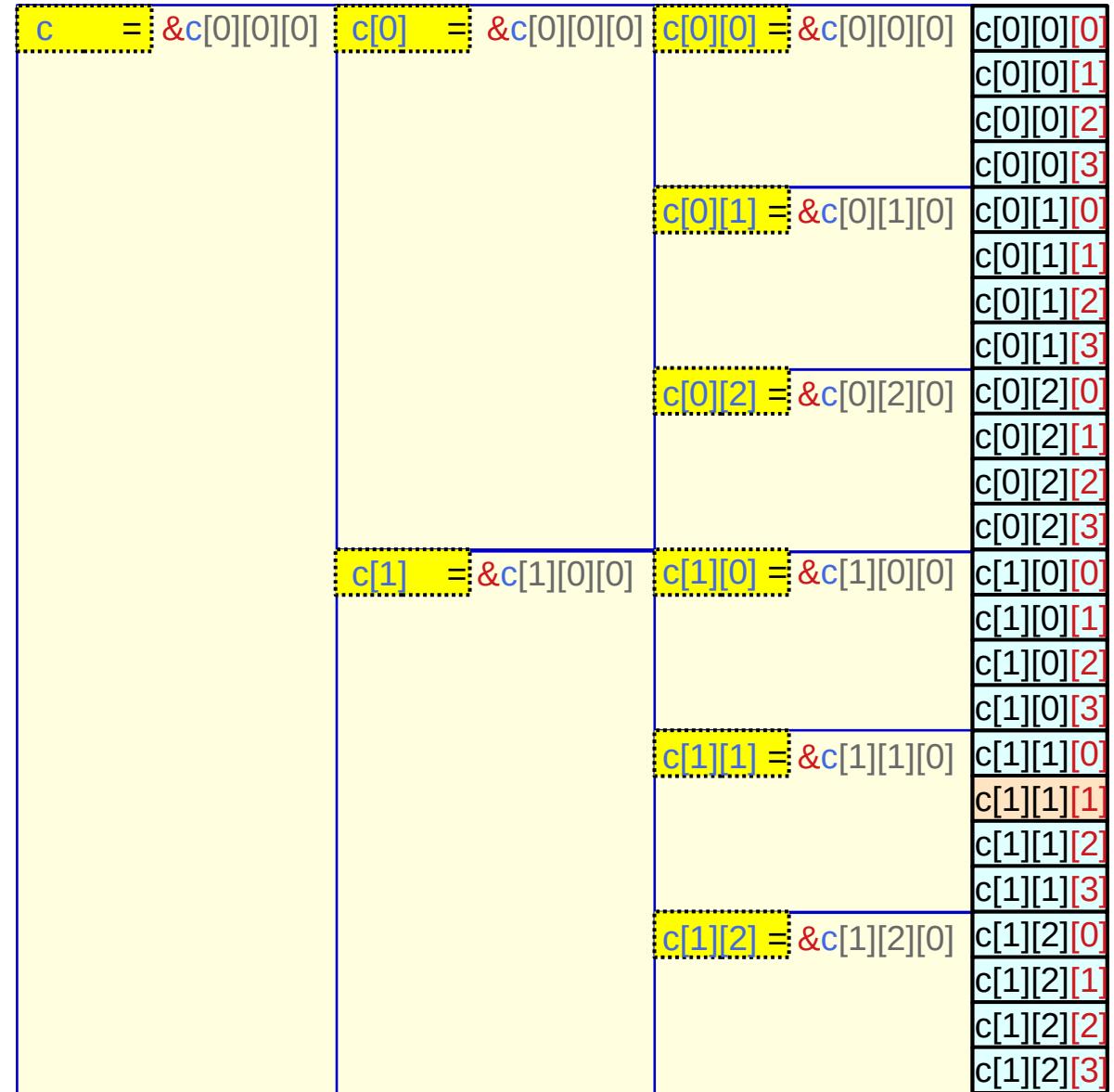


```
c [i][j][k];
```

virtual assignments

```
c ← &c[0][0][0]
c[i] ← &c[i][0][0]
c[i][j] ← &c[i][j][0]
```

row major ordering  
contiguous linear layout



# Virtual assignments

```
int c [2][3][4];
```



```
c [i][j][k];
```



## virtual assignments

c	↔	&c[0][0][0]
c[i]	↔	&c[i][0][0]
c[i][j]	↔	&c[i][j][0]

row major ordering  
contiguous linear layout

if c, c[i], c[i][j] were real pointer variables,  
type casts would be needed

# Types of $c[i]$ and $c[i][j]$

int  $c[2][3][4];$

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

with contiguous subarrays

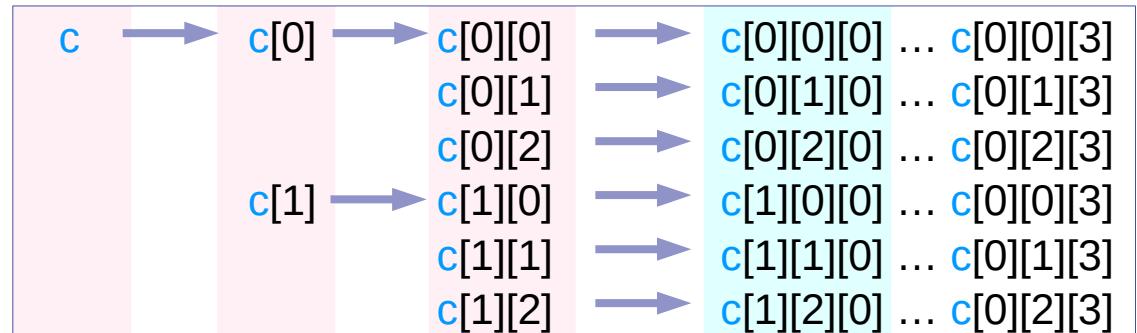
$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i\end{aligned}$$

for all k  
for all j  
for all i

$c[i][j][k]$

$c[i]$  virtual 1-d array pointer of the type  $\text{int (*) [4]}$   
 $c[i][j]$  : the name of 1-d array with 4 integers  $\text{int [4]}$

$c[i][j]$  (virtual 0-d array) pointer of the type  $\text{int (*)}$   
 $c[i][j][k]$  : an element of a 4-integer array  $\text{int}$



$\text{int [2] [3][4]}$	$\text{int [3] [4]}$	$\text{int [4]}$	$\text{int}$	$\dots$	$\text{int}$
$\text{int (*) [3][4]}$	$\text{int (*) [4]}$	$\text{int (*)}$	$\text{int}$	$\dots$	$\text{int}$
pointers to a 2-d array	pointers to a 1-d array	1-d array names	leading element of 4-integer array		

# Values of $c$ , $c[i]$ , $c[i][j]$

**int**  $c[2][3][4];$

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

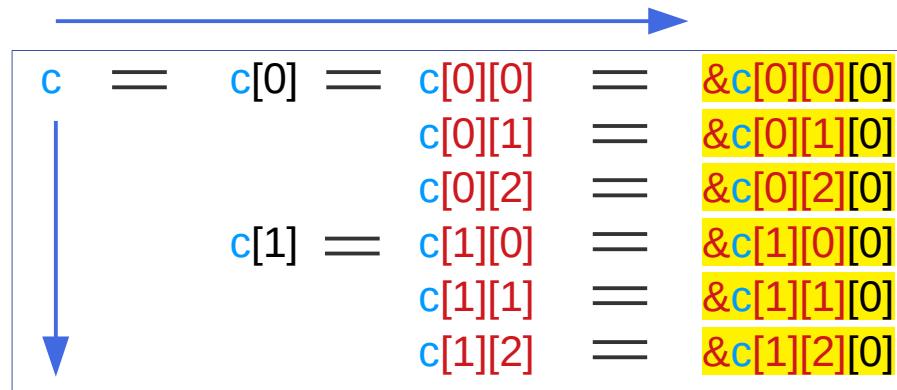
with contiguous subarrays

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i\end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{for all } k \\ \text{for all } j \\ \text{for all } i\end{array}$$

$c[i][j][k]$

**virtual array pointers**

in each row in the following figure  
have the same address value



Horizontal displacements are not counted  
only vertical displacements are considered  
for address values

**virtual assignments**

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

# Finding address values of $c$ , $c[i]$ , $c[i][j]$

int  $c[2][3][4];$

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

with contiguous subarrays

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i\end{aligned}$$

for all k  
for all j  
for all i

$c[i][j][k]$

virtual assignments

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

append [0] to the right

$c$	$\stackrel{+[0]}{=}$	$c[0]$	$\stackrel{+[0]}{=}$	$c[0][0]$	$\stackrel{+[0]}{=}$	$c[0][1]$	$\stackrel{+[0]}{=}$	$c[0][2]$	$\stackrel{+[0]}{=}$	$c[1][0]$	$\stackrel{+[0]}{=}$	$c[1][1]$	$\stackrel{+[0]}{=}$	$c[1][2]$	$\stackrel{+[0]}{=}$	$\&c[0][0][0]$
															$\&c[0][1][0]$	
															$\&c[0][2][0]$	
															$\&c[1][0][0]$	
															$\&c[1][1][0]$	
															$\&c[1][2][0]$	

int (\*) [3][4]

int (\*) [4]

int [4]

int

$c[0][0][0]$  :  
leading  
elements  
of  $c$

$c[i][0][0]$  :  
leading  
elements  
of  $c[i]$

$c[i][j][0]$  :  
leading  
elements  
of  $c[i][j]$

$\&c[0][0][0]$

$\&c[0][0][0]$

$\&c[1][0][0]$

$\&c[0][0][0]$   
 $\&c[0][1][0]$   
 $\&c[0][2][0]$   
 $\&c[1][0][0]$   
 $\&c[1][1][0]$   
 $\&c[1][2][0]$

# Finding sub-array names with the address $\&c[i][j][0]$

int      c [2][3][4];

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

with contiguous subarrays

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i\end{aligned}\quad \begin{array}{l} \text{for all } k \\ \text{for all } j \\ \text{for all } i\end{array}$$

c [i][j][k]

virtual assignments

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

delete [0] from the right

$\&c[0][0][0]$	$\overline{-[0]}$	$c[0][0]$	$\overline{-[0]}$	$c[0]$	$\overline{-[0]}$	$c$
$\&c[0][1][0]$	$\overline{-[0]}$	$c[0][1]$				
$\&c[0][2][0]$	$\overline{-[0]}$	$c[0][2]$				
$\&c[1][0][0]$	$\overline{-[0]}$	$c[1][0]$	$\overline{-[0]}$	$c[1]$		
$\&c[1][1][0]$	$\overline{-[0]}$	$c[1][1]$				
$\&c[1][2][0]$	$\overline{-[0]}$	$c[1][2]$				

int

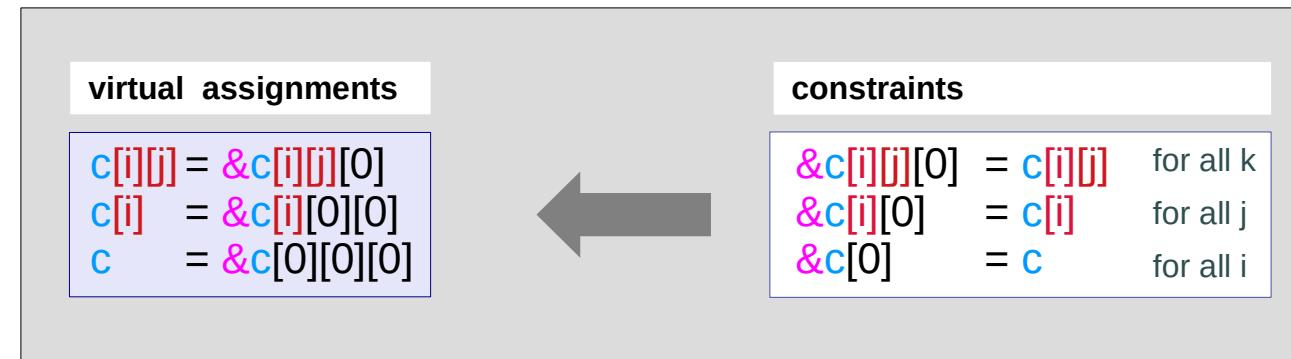
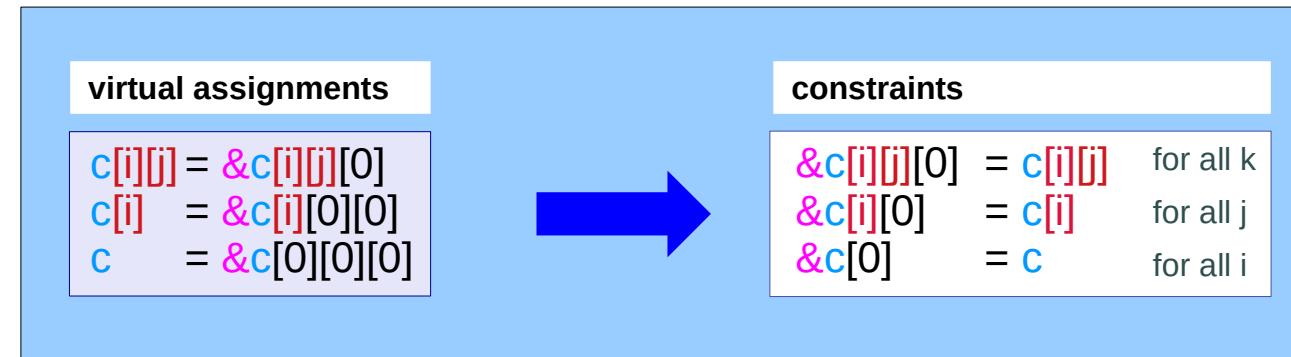
int [4]

int (\*) [4]

int (\*) [3][4]

$c[0][0][0]$  is the leading element of  $c[0][0]$ ,  $c[0]$ ,  $c$   
 $c[0][1][0]$  is the leading element of  $c[0][1]$   
 $c[0][2][0]$  is the leading element of  $c[0][2]$   
 $c[1][0][0]$  is the leading element of  $c[1][0]$ ,  $c[1]$   
 $c[1][1][0]$  is the leading element of  $c[1][1]$   
 $c[1][2][0]$  is the leading element of  $c[1][2]$

## multi-dimensional arrays



# Pointer reference relationship

**int c [2][3][4];**

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

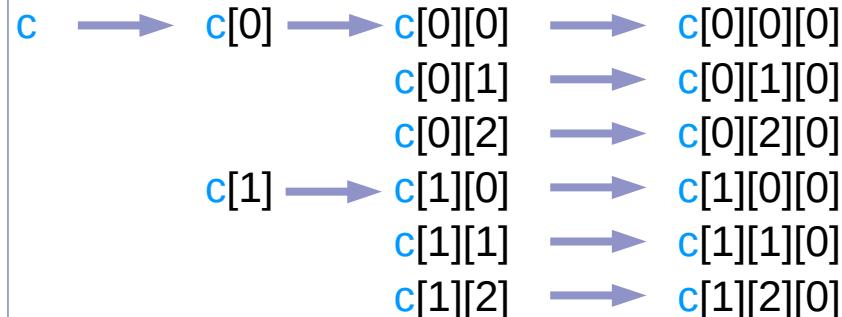
with contiguous subarrays

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k && \text{for all } k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j && \text{for all } j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i && \text{for all } i\end{aligned}$$



virtual assignments

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$



$$c[i][j] = \&c[i][j][0]$$

$$\begin{aligned}c[0][0] &= \&c[0][0][0] \\ c[0][1] &= \&c[0][1][0] \\ c[0][2] &= \&c[0][2][0] \\ c[1][0] &= \&c[1][0][0] \\ c[1][1] &= \&c[1][1][0] \\ c[1][2] &= \&c[1][2][0]\end{aligned}$$

$$c[i] = \&c[i][0]$$

$$\begin{aligned}c[0] &= \&c[0][0][0] \\ c[1] &= \&c[1][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

$$c = \&c[0]$$

$$c = \&c[0] = \&c[0][0][0]$$

# General requirements for $c[i][j][k]$

```
int    c [2][3][4];
```

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

with contiguous subarrays

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i\end{aligned}$$

for all k  
for all j  
for all i



virtual assignments

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

$c[i][j]$  virtual array pointer of the type  $\text{int} (*)$   
 $c[i][j][0]$  : leading element of a 4-integer array  $\text{int}$

$$\begin{aligned}\*(c[0][0]+0) &= c[0][0][0] \\ \*(c[0][1]+0) &= c[0][1][0] \\ \*(c[0][2]+0) &= c[0][2][0] \\ \*(c[1][0]+0) &= c[1][0][0] \\ \*(c[1][1]+0) &= c[1][1][0] \\ \*(c[1][2]+0) &= c[1][2][0]\end{aligned}$$

$c[0][0]$  is the address of  $c[0][0][0]$   
 $c[0][1]$  is the address of  $c[0][1][0]$   
 $c[0][2]$  is the address of  $c[0][2][0]$   
 $c[1][0]$  is the address of  $c[1][0][0]$   
 $c[1][1]$  is the address of  $c[1][1][0]$   
 $c[1][2]$  is the address of  $c[1][2][0]$

$c[i]$  virtual array pointer of the type  $\text{int} (*) [4]$   
 $c[i][j]$  : a 4-element 1-d array name  $\text{int} [4]$

$$\begin{aligned}\*(c[0]+0) &= c[0][0] \\ \*(c[1]+0) &= c[1][0]\end{aligned}$$

$c[0]$  is the address of  $c[0][0]$   
 $c[1]$  is the address of  $c[1][0]$

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

# General requirements for $c[i][j][k]$

```
int    c [2][3][4];
```

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

with contiguous subarrays

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i\end{aligned}$$



virtual assignments

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

int (\*)  
int (\*) [4]  
int (\*) [3][4]

$c[i][j]$   
 $c[i]$   
 $c$

Pointer  
Types

(int (\*))  
(int (\*)[4])  
(int (\*)[3][4])

$\&c[i][j][0]$   
 $\&c[i][0][0]$   
 $\&c[0][0][0]$

int [4]  
int [3][4]  
int [2][3][4]

$c[i][j]$   
 $c[i]$   
 $c$

Pointer  
Types

size =  $4^*4$   
size =  $3^*4^*4$   
size =  $2^*3^*4^*4$

$c[i][j][0]$   
 $c[i][0][0]$   
 $c[0][0][0]$

stride =  $4^*4$   
stride =  $3^*4^*4$   
stride =  $2^*3^*4^*4$

$c[i][j][k]$   
 $c[i][j][k]$   
 $c[i][j][k]$

4 integers  
3\*4 integers  
2\*3\*4 integers

# General requirements for $c[i][j][k]$

```
int    c [2][3][4];
```

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

with contiguous subarrays

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i\end{aligned}$$



virtual assignments

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

int [4]	$c[i][j]$	size = $4^*4$	$c[i][j][0]$	stride = $4^*4$
int [3][4]	$c[i]$	size = $3^*4^*4$	$c[i][0][0]$	stride = $3^*4^*4$
int [2][3][4]	$c$	size = $2^*3^*4^*4$	$c[0][0][0]$	stride = $2^*3^*4^*4$

Pointer  
Types

$c[i][j][k]$	$k=0..3$	4 integers
$c[i][j][k]$	$j=0..2, k=0..3$	$3^*4$ integers
$c[i][j][k]$	$i=0..1, j=0..2, k=0..3$	$2^*3^*4$ integers

$c[i][j]+1$	size = $4^*4$	4 integers away
$c[i]+1$	size = $3^*4^*4$	$3^*4$ integers away
$c+1$	size = $2^*3^*4^*4$	$2^*3^*4$ integers away

# General requirements for $c[i][j][k]$

**int       $c[2][3][4];$**

$$\begin{aligned} \&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c \end{aligned}$$

with contiguous subarrays

$$\begin{aligned} \&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i \end{aligned}$$



**virtual assignments**

$$\begin{aligned} c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{llll} \text{int} & \&c[i][j][0] & = \\ \text{int [4]} & \&c[i][0] & = \\ \text{int [3][4]} & \&c[0] & = \end{array}$$

Abstract Data Types      Pointer Types

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{int (*)} & c[i][j] & = \&c[i][j][0] \\ \text{int (*) [4]} & c[i] & = \&c[i][0] \\ \text{int (*) [3][4]} & c & = \&c[0] \end{array}$$

Pointer Types      Abstract Data Types

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{int (*)} & c[i][j] & = (\text{int (*)}) \\ \text{int (*) [4]} & c[i] & = (\text{int (*) [4]}) \\ \text{int (*) [3][4]} & c & = (\text{int (*) [3][4]}) \end{array}$$

Pointer Types

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{int [4]} & c[i][j] & \text{size } = 4^*4 \\ \text{int [3][4]} & c[i] & \text{size } = 3^*4^*4 \\ \text{int [2][3][4]} & c & \text{size } = 2^*3^*4^*4 \end{array}$$

Pointer Types

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{int (*)} & c[i][j] & = \&c[i][j][0] \\ \text{int (*) [4]} & c[i] & = \&c[i][0] \\ \text{int (*) [3][4]} & c & = \&c[0] \end{array}$$

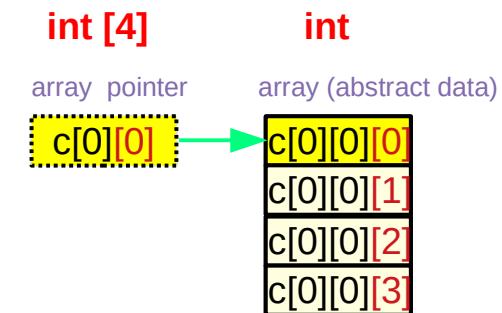
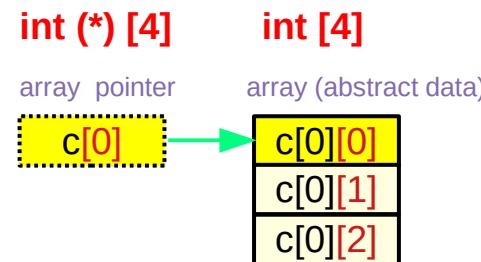
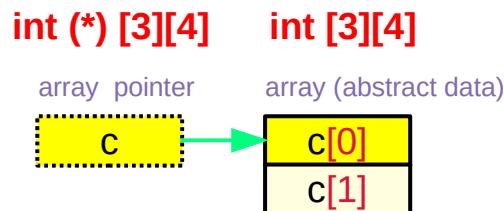
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$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{&c[i][j][0]} & c[i][j] & = (\text{int (*)}) \\ \text{&c[i][0][0]} & c[i] & = (\text{int (*) [4]}) \\ \text{&c[0][0][0]} & c & = (\text{int (*) [3][4]}) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} \text{stride } = 4^*4 & c[i][j][0] & \\ \text{stride } = 3^*4^*4 & c[i][0][0] & \\ \text{stride } = 2^*3^*4^*4 & c[0][0][0] & \end{array}$$

# Virtual array pointer c, c[0], c[0][0] – types and sizes

## Types – array pointers



## Sizes – abstract data

`sizeof(c)`  
`sizeof(int [2][3][4])`  
`sizeof(int) * 2 * 3 * 4`

`sizeof(int [2][3][4]) = 96`  
`sizeof(int (*)[3][4]) = 4 / 8`

`sizeof(c[0])`  
`sizeof(int [3][4])`  
`sizeof(int) * 3 * 4`

`sizeof(int [3][4]) = 48`  
`sizeof(int (*)[4]) = 4 / 8`

`sizeof(c[0][0])`  
`sizeof(int [4])`  
`sizeof(int) * 4`

`sizeof(int [4]) = 16`  
`sizeof(int (*)) = 4 / 8`

# General requirements for $c[i][j][k]$

```
int c [2][3][4];
```

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

with contiguous subarrays

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i\end{aligned}$$

for all k  
for all j  
for all i



virtual assignments

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

**int [2][3][4]** Contiguous  $2*3*4$  integers

array pointer



**int (\*) [3][4]**

array pointer



**int [3][4]** Contiguous  $3*4$  integers

array (abstract data)



2  $c[i]$ 's, contiguous

**int (\*) [4]**

array pointer



**int [4]** Contiguous 4 integers

array (abstract data)



3  $c[0][j]$ 's, contiguous

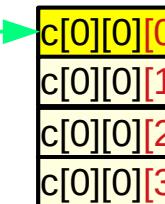
**int (\*)**

array pointer



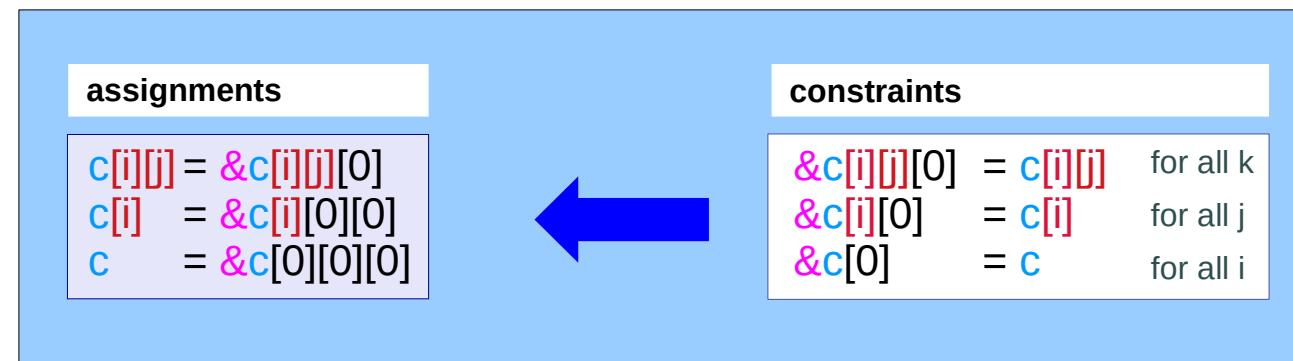
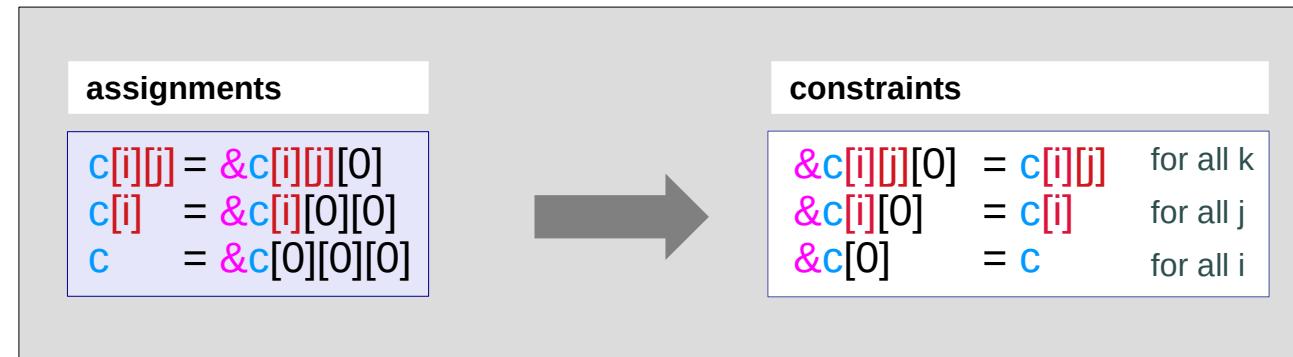
**int**

array (abstract data)



4  $c[0][0][k]$ 's, contiguous

## multi-dimensional arrays



# $c[0] = c[0][0]$ relation

```
int    c [2][3][4];
```

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

with contiguous subarrays

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k && \text{for all } k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j && \text{for all } j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i && \text{for all } i\end{aligned}$$



virtual assignments

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

$c = c[0] = c[0][0] = \&c[0][0][0]$

$$\text{value}(c[0]) = \&c[0][0][0]$$

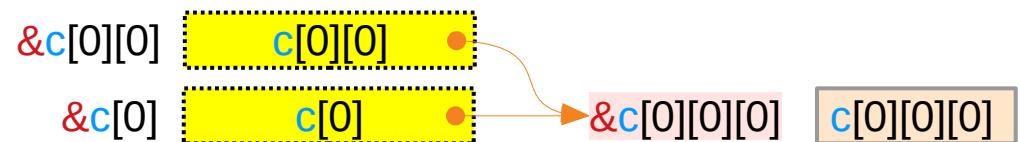
$$\text{value}(c[0][0]) = \&c[0][0][0]$$

$$\text{type}(c[0]) = \text{int } (*)[4]$$

$$\text{type}(c[0][0]) = \text{int } [4]$$

$c[0] = c[0][0]$  means

$$\text{value}(c[0]) = \text{value}(c[0][0])$$



$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

# Addresses and Values of $c[0]$ and $c[0][0]$

```
int c [2][3][4];
```

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

with contiguous subarrays

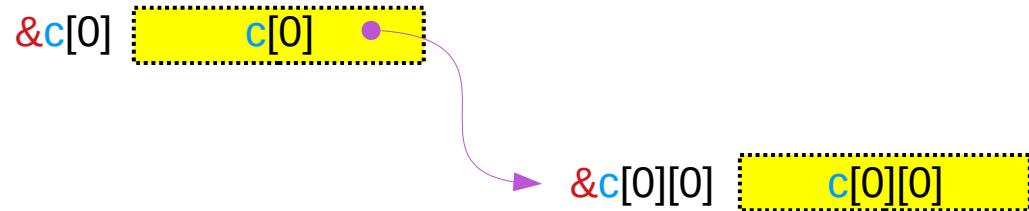
$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i\end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{for all } k \\ \text{for all } j \\ \text{for all } i \end{array}$$



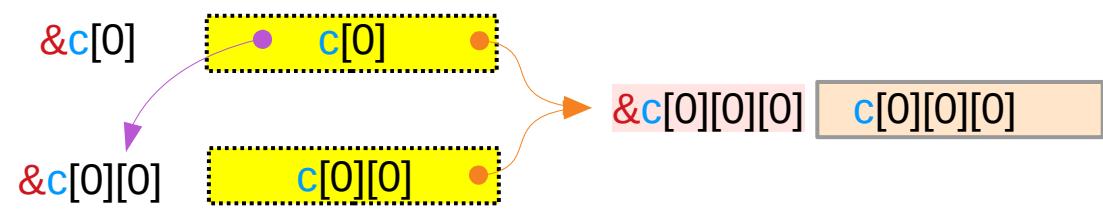
virtual assignments

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

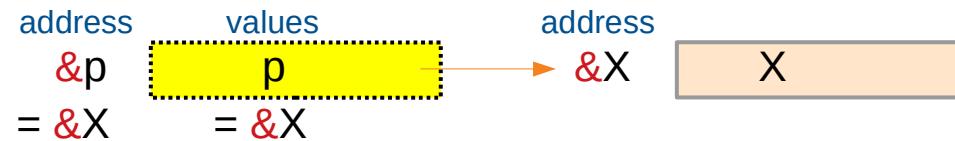
$$c \rightarrow c[0] \rightarrow c[0][0] = \&c[0][0][0]$$



$$c = c[0] = c[0][0] = \&c[0][0][0]$$



A virtual pointer's address and value are the same



# $c[0]$ and $c[0][0]$ point to the same $c[i][0][0]$

```
int    c [2][3][4];
```

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

with contiguous subarrays

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i\end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{for all } k \\ \text{for all } j \\ \text{for all } i \end{array}$$

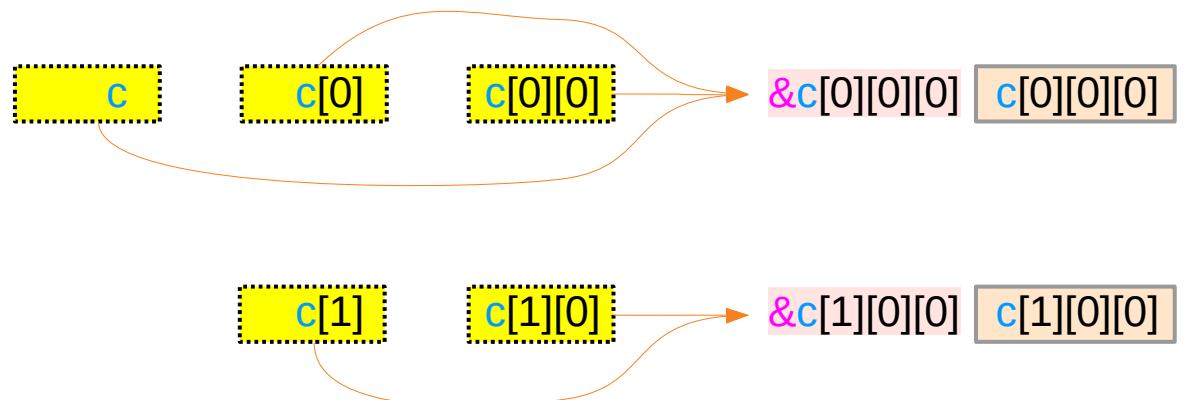


virtual assignments

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

$c =$	$c[0] =$	$c[0][0] =$	$\&c[0][0][0]$	← value
$\text{int}^*[*][4]$	$\text{int}^*[4]$	$\text{int}^*$	$\text{int}$	← type

$c[1] =$	$c[1][0] =$	$\&c[1][0][0]$	← value
$\text{int}^*[4]$	$\text{int}^*$	$\text{int}$	← type



These virtual pointers have different types  
but the same value (address)

# `&c[i][0]` and `&c[i][0][0]` – equivalence relations

```
int    c [2][3][4];
```

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

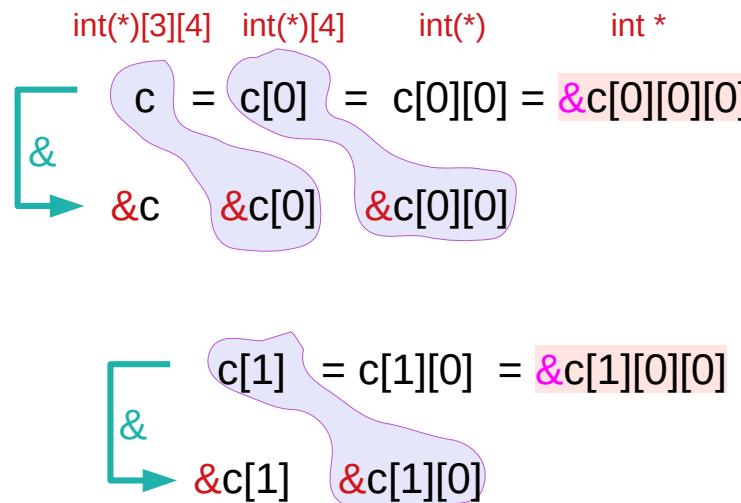
with contiguous subarrays

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i\end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{for all } k \\ \text{for all } j \\ \text{for all } i \end{array}$$



virtual assignments

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$



equivalences

$$\begin{aligned}c &\equiv \&c[0], \\ c[0] &\equiv \&c[0][0] \\ c[0][0] &\equiv \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

equivalences

$$\begin{aligned}c[1] &\equiv \&c[1][0] \\ c[1][0] &\equiv \&c[1][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

Horizontal displacements are not counted  
only vertical displacements are considered  
for address values

equivalences

$$\begin{aligned}c &\equiv \&c[0], \\ c[i] &\equiv \&c[i][0] \\ c[i][0] &\equiv \&c[i][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

# $c[i] = \&c[i]$ and $c[i][0] = \&c[i][0]$

```
int    c [2][3][4];
```

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

with contiguous subarrays

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k && \text{for all } k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j && \text{for all } j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i && \text{for all } i\end{aligned}$$

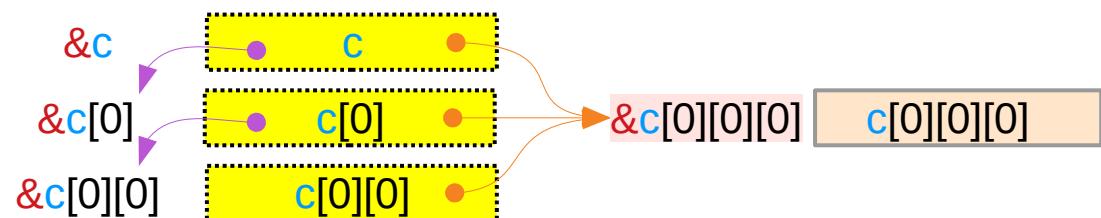


virtual assignments

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}c &= \boxed{c} \\ \&c &= \boxed{\&c} \\ \&c[0] &= \boxed{c[0]} \\ \&c[0][0] &= \boxed{c[0][0]} \\ c[0][0][0] &= \boxed{\&c[0][0][0]}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}c[1] &= \boxed{c[1]} \\ \&c[1] &= \boxed{\&c[1]} \\ c[1][0] &= \boxed{c[1][0]} \\ \&c[1][0] &= \boxed{\&c[1][0]}\end{aligned}$$



# $c[i] = &c[i]$ and $c[i][0] = &c[i][0]$

```
int    c [2][3][4];
```

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

with contiguous subarrays

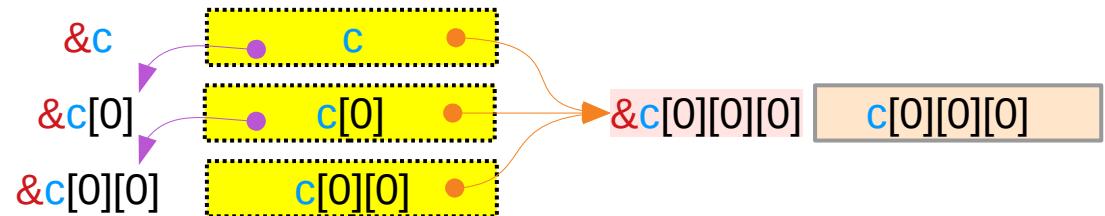
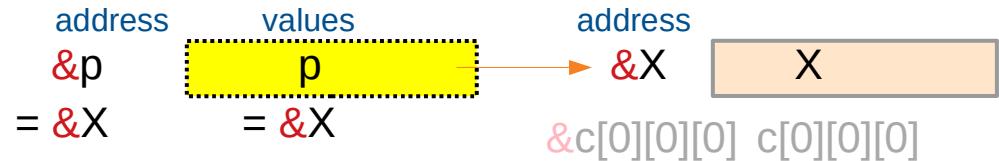
$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i\end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{for all } k \\ \text{for all } j \\ \text{for all } i \end{array}$$



virtual assignments

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

A virtual pointer's address and value are the same



**c[i]**

# Array Pointers to $c[i][0][0]$

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

with contiguous subarrays

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i\end{aligned}$$

for all k  
for all j  
for all i



assignments

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

$$\&c[i][0][0] \equiv c[i][0]$$

$$\&c[i][0] \equiv c[i]$$

$$\&c[i] \equiv c+i$$

virtual pointers:  
the address of a pointer is  
the same as its value

$$\begin{aligned}&= c + i * \text{sizeof}(*c) \\ &= \&c[0][0][0] + i * 3 * 4\end{aligned}$$

delete [0] from the right

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} \&c[0][0][0] & \xrightarrow{-[0]} & c[0][0] & \xrightarrow{-[0]} & c[0] & \xrightarrow{-[0]} c \\ \&c[1][0][0] & \xrightarrow{-[0]} & c[1][0] & \xrightarrow{-[0]} & c[1] & \xrightarrow{-[0]} c \end{array}$$

# Array Pointers to $c[i][j][0]$

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][0] &= c[i] \\ \&c[0] &= c\end{aligned}$$

with contiguous subarrays

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= c[i][j]+k && \text{for all } k \\ \&c[i][j] &= c[i]+j && \text{for all } j \\ \&c[i] &= c+i && \text{for all } i\end{aligned}$$



assignments

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &= \&c[i][j][0] \\ c[i] &= \&c[i][0][0] \\ c &= \&c[0][0][0]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][0] &= c[i][j] \\ \&c[i][j] &\equiv c[i] + j\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}&= c[i] + j * \text{sizeof}(c[i]) \\ &= c + i * \text{sizeof}(c) + j * 4 \\ &= \&c[0][0][0] + i * 3 * 4 + j * 4\end{aligned}$$

delete [0] from the right

$\&c[0][0][0]$	$\stackrel{[0]}{=}$	$c[0][0]$	$\stackrel{[0]}{=}$	$c[0]$	$\stackrel{[0]}{=}$	$c$
$\&c[0][1][0]$	$\stackrel{[0]}{=}$	$c[0][1]$				
$\&c[0][2][0]$	$\stackrel{[0]}{=}$	$c[0][2]$				
$\&c[1][0][0]$	$\stackrel{[0]}{=}$	$c[1][0]$	$\stackrel{[0]}{=}$	$c[1]$		
$\&c[1][1][0]$	$\stackrel{[0]}{=}$	$c[1][1]$				
$\&c[1][2][0]$	$\stackrel{[0]}{=}$	$c[1][2]$				

# Contiguity Constraints

c [i][j][k];

Virtual Array Pointers and Contiguity

# Using array pointers

`int (*) [N]`    `int (*) [M][N]`    `int (*) [L][M][N]`



Array Pointer

`int [N]`

`int [M][N]`

`int [L][M][N]`

`int (*)`

`int (*) [N]`

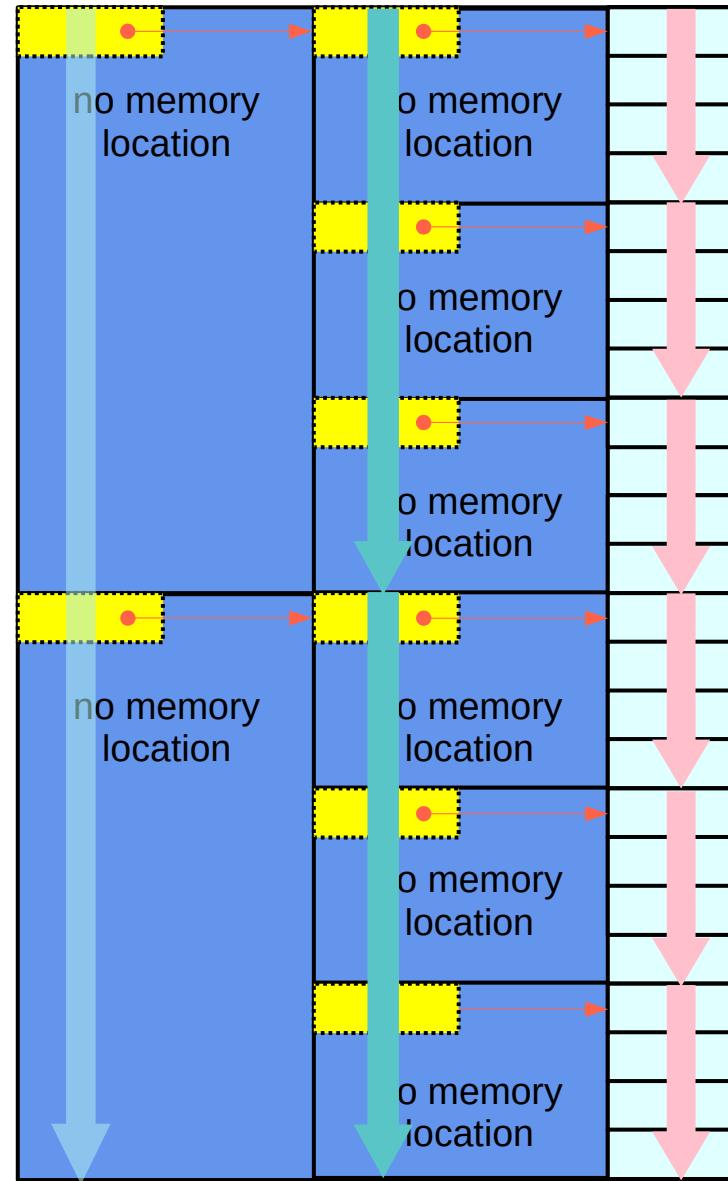
`int (*)[M][N]`

Array Name

Array Pointer

# Array pointer approach – contiguity constraints

Array Pointer Approach  
(pointer to arrays)



# Equivalence and contiguity (1)

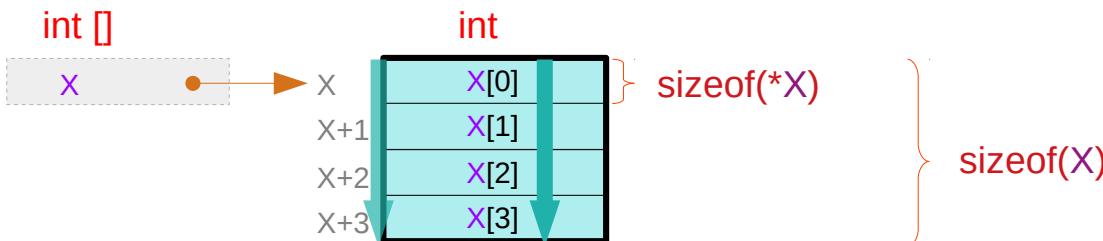
consecutive address

$*(\text{X}+n)$

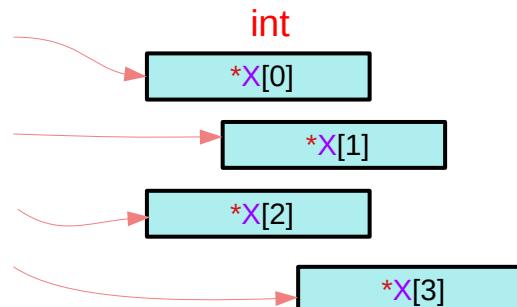
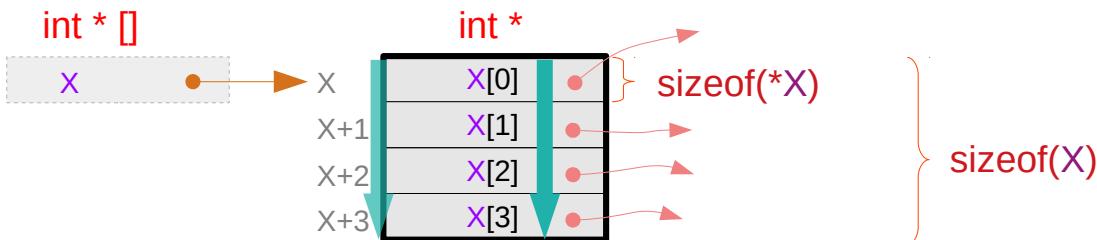
consecutive data

$\equiv \text{X}[n]$

contiguous index : n



$\text{int X[4]}$ ; contiguous  $\text{X[i]}$  for a given  $\text{X}$  : primitive types



$\text{int } * \text{X[4]}$ ; contiguous  $\text{X[i]}$  for a given  $\text{X}$  : pointer types

# Equivalence and contiguity (2)

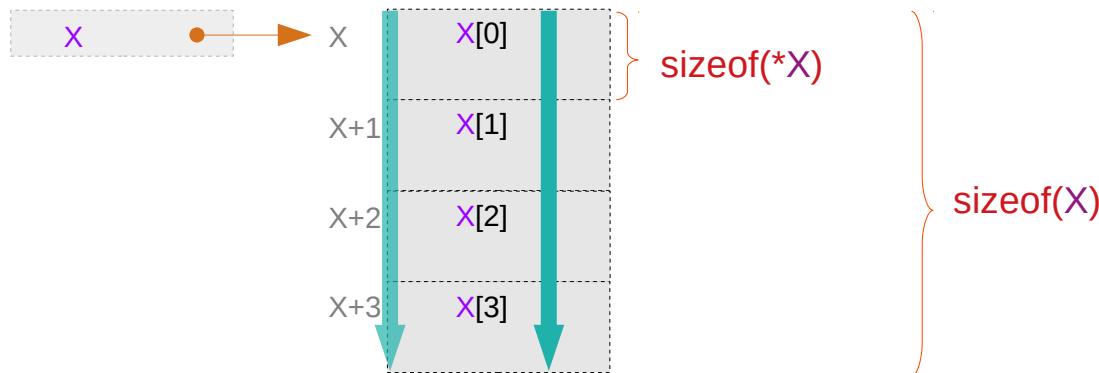
consecutive address

consecutive data

$$*(\textcolor{red}{X} + \textcolor{blue}{n}) \equiv \textcolor{red}{X}[n]$$

contiguous index : n

can be recursively applied



atype \* X[4]; contiguous X[i] for a given X : abstract data types

# Recursive applications of equivalences

By definition, contiguous memory locations are assumed

consecutive address

consecutive data

$$*(\mathbf{X} + \mathbf{n}) \equiv \mathbf{X}[\mathbf{n}]$$

contiguous index : n

$$*(\mathbf{p}[\mathbf{m}] + \mathbf{n}) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{p}[\mathbf{m}][\mathbf{n}]$$

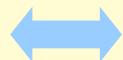
$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{p}[\mathbf{m}]$  contiguous index : n

$$(*(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{m}))[n]; \leftrightarrow \mathbf{p}[\mathbf{m}][\mathbf{n}];$$

$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{p}$  contiguous index : m

# Equivalence for a given $p[m]$ (1)

$*(p[m]+n)$



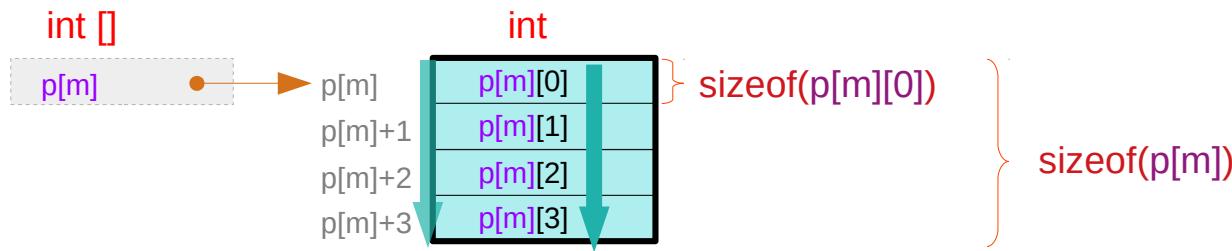
$p[m][n]$

for a given  $p[m]$

contiguous index :  $n$

**int p[M][4]; contiguous  $p[m][n]$  for a given  $p[m]$  : primitive types**

$m = 0, 1, \dots, M-1$



**int \* p[M][4]; contiguous  $p[m][n]$  for a given  $p[m]$  : pointer types**

$m = 0, 1, \dots, M-1$

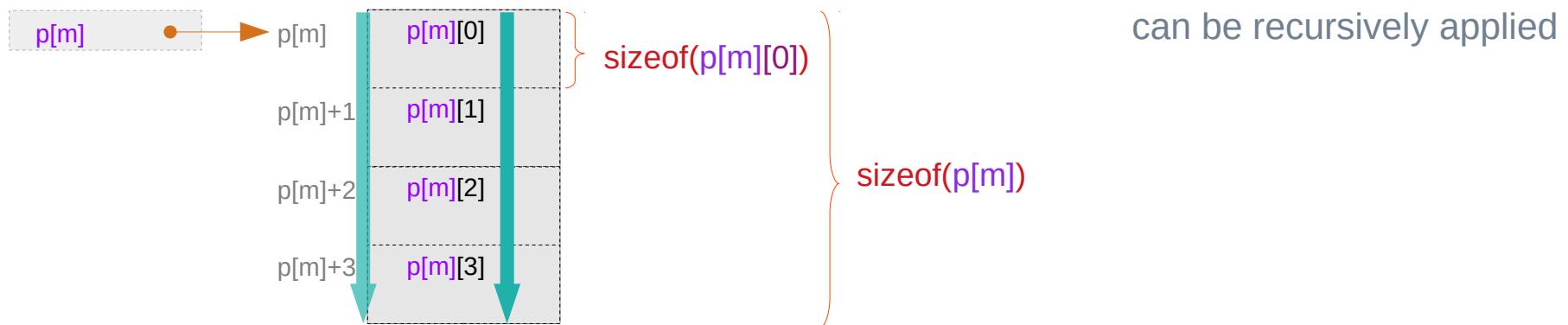


# Equivalence for a given $p[m]$ (2)

$$*(p[m] + n) \leftrightarrow p[m][n]$$

for a given  $p[m]$  contiguous index :  $n$

**atype \* p[M][4]; contiguous  $p[m][n]$  for a given  $p[m]$  : abstract data types**       $m = 0, 1, \dots, M-1$

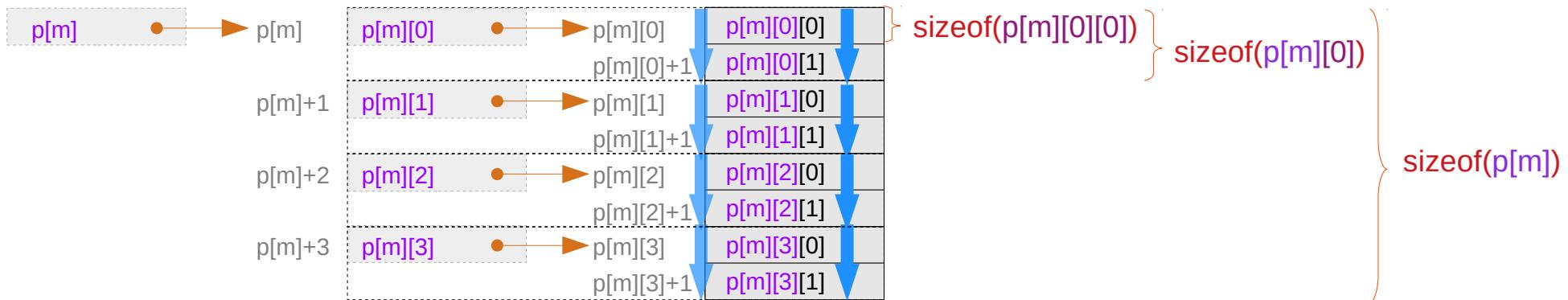


# Equivalence for a given $p[m][n]$

$$*(p[m][n]+k) \leftrightarrow p[m][n][k]$$

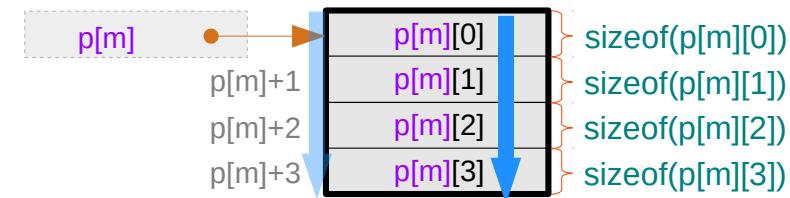
for a given  $p[m][n]$  contiguous index :  $k$

**atype \* p[M][4][2]; contiguous  $p[m][n][k]$  for a given  $p[m][n]$  : abstract data types**     $m = 0, 1, \dots, M-1$



# Contiguity constraints in multi-dimensional arrays

$$*(p[m] + n) \leftrightarrow p[m][n]$$



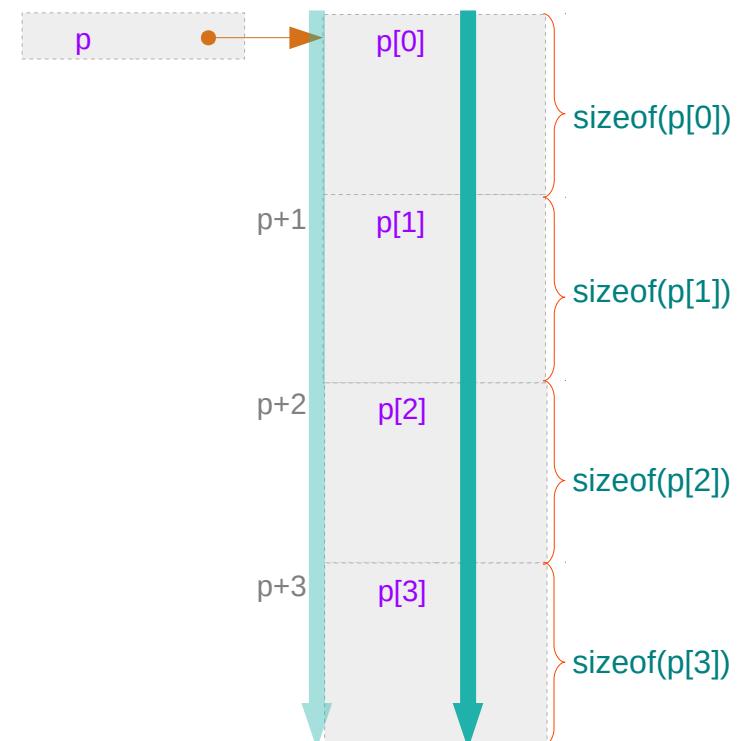
for a given  $p[m]$ , thus for a given  $p$  and  $m$ ,  
 $p[m][n]$ 's must be contiguous for all  $n$ .  
 $p[m][0], p[m][1], \dots, p[m][N-1]$

contiguous index :  $n$

$$*(p+m) \leftrightarrow p[m]$$

for a given  $p$ ,  
 $p[m]$ 's must be contiguous for all  $m$ .  
 $p[0], p[1], \dots, p[M-1]$

contiguous index :  $m$



# Contiguity constraints for p

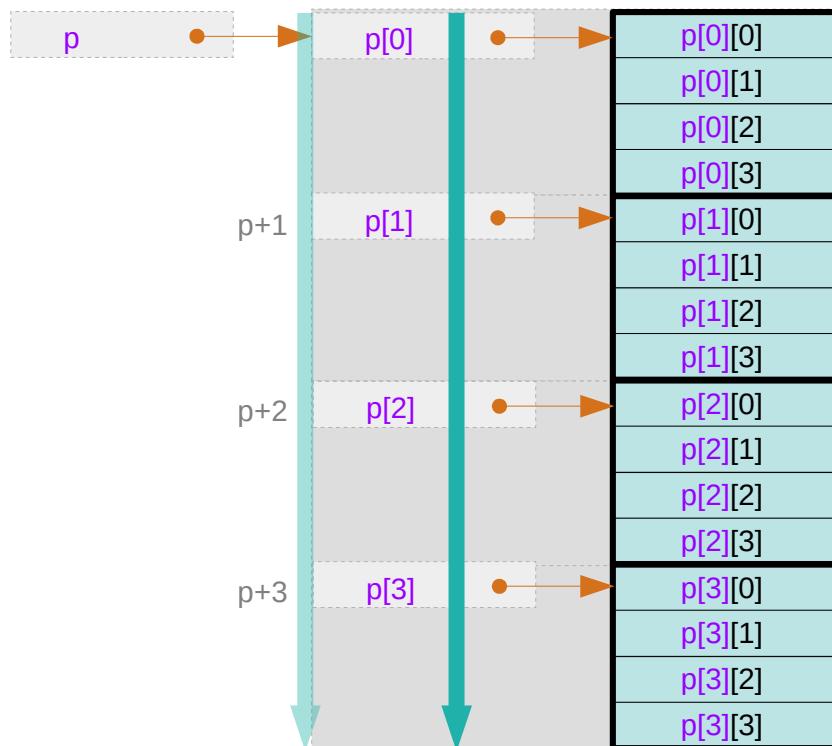
$$*(p+m) \leftrightarrow p[m]$$

for a given  $p$

contiguous index :  $m$

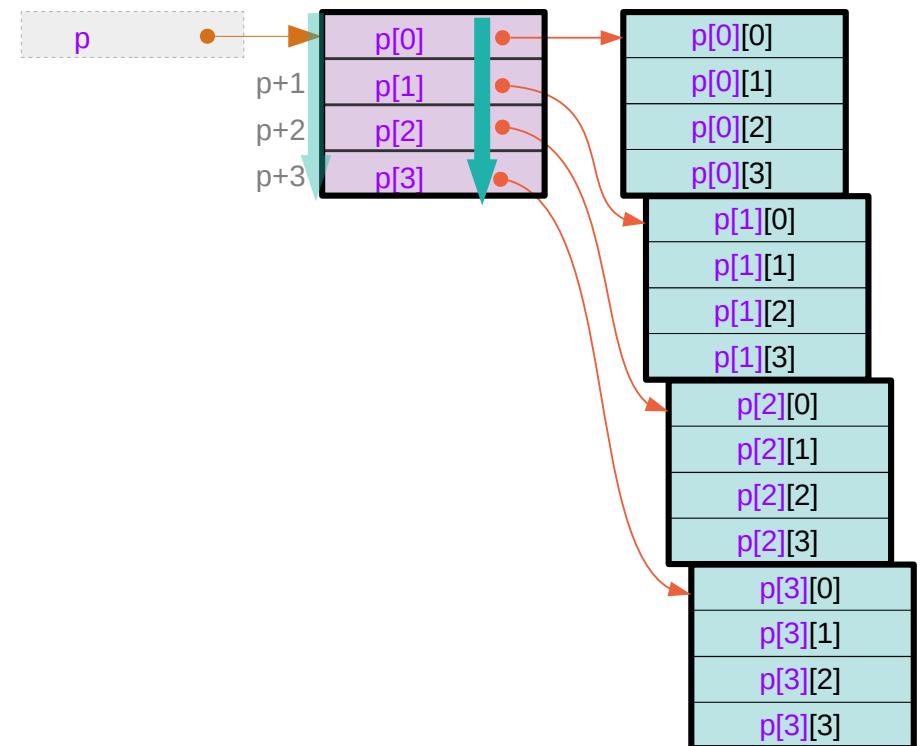
2-d array name

1-d array names



contiguous  $p[m]$  → contiguous  $p[m][n]$

1-d array of pointers

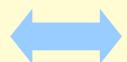


contiguous  $p[m]$  → contiguous  $p[m][n]$

Not necessarily

# Contiguity constraints for $p[m]$ – using array pointers

$*(p[m]+n)$

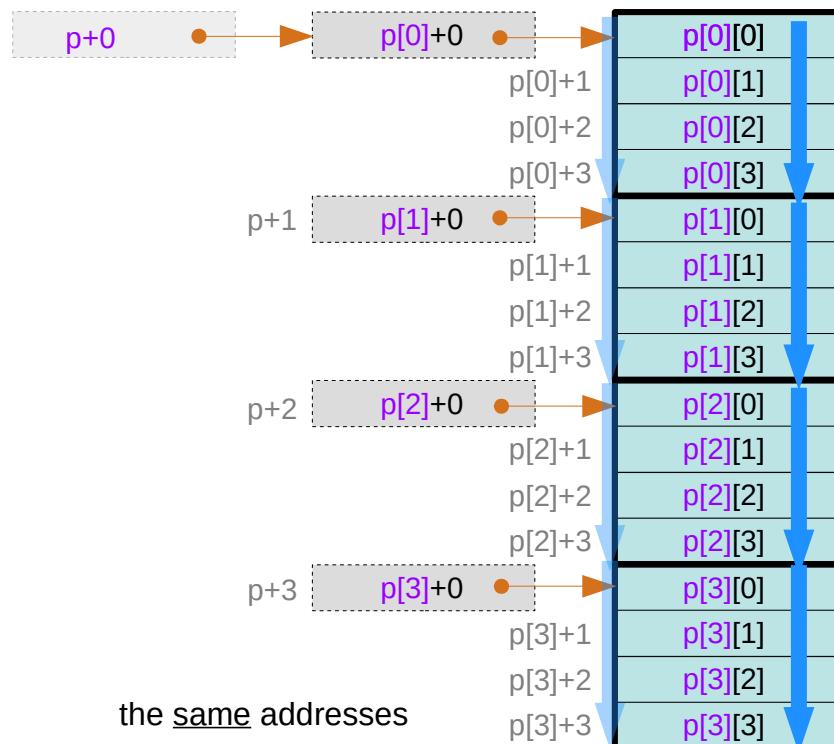


$p[m][n]$

for a given  $p[m]$  contiguous index :  $n$

2-d array name

1-d array names



$$p[0][0] = *(p[0]+0) \quad \text{addr} \quad \&p[0][0] = p[0] \quad \text{addr} \quad p+0$$

$$p[1][0] = *(p[1]+0) \quad \text{addr} \quad \&p[1][0] = p[1] \quad \text{addr} \quad p+1$$

$$p[2][0] = *(p[2]+0) \quad \text{addr} \quad \&p[2][0] = p[2] \quad \text{addr} \quad p+2$$

$$p[3][0] = *(p[3]+0) \quad \text{addr} \quad \&p[3][0] = p[3] \quad \text{addr} \quad p+3$$

the same addresses

virtual array pointer → no real memory locations

# Contiguity constraints for $p[m]$ – using pointer arrays

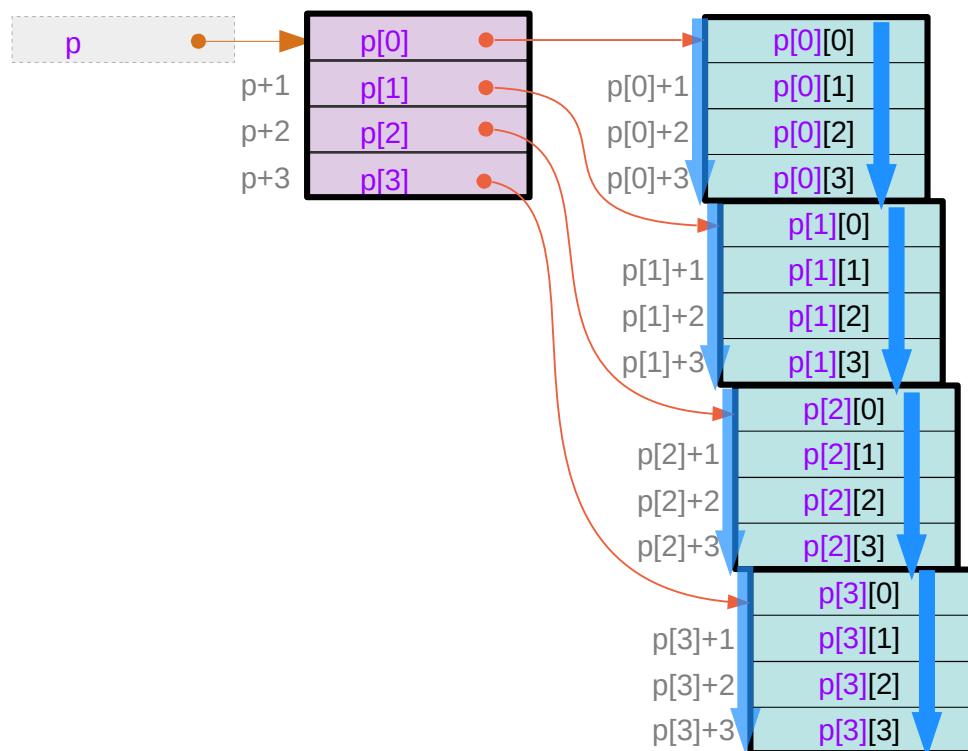
$*(p[m]+n)$



$p[m][n]$

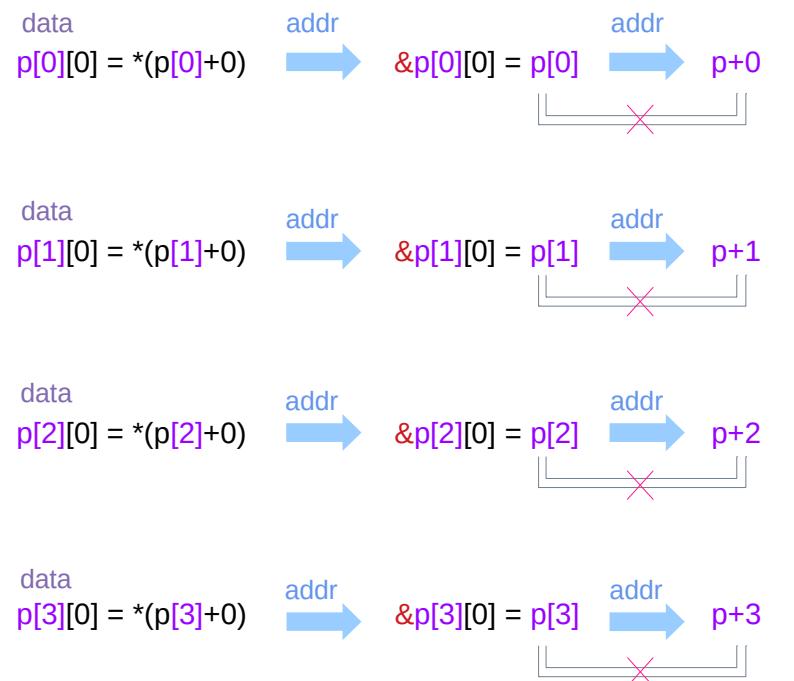
for a given  $p[m]$  contiguous index :  $n$

1-d array of pointers



contiguous  $p[m]$  contiguous  $p[m][n]$

Not necessarily



the different addresses

# Contiguity constraints for 2-d arrays

`int a[M][N] ;`

$$*(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{m}) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{a}[\mathbf{m}]$$

$\mathbf{a}[0], \mathbf{a}[1], \dots, \mathbf{a}[\mathbf{M}-1]$   
are contiguous

$$*(\mathbf{a}[\mathbf{m}] + \mathbf{n}) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{a}[\mathbf{m}][\mathbf{n}]$$

$\mathbf{a}[\mathbf{m}][0], \mathbf{a}[\mathbf{m}][1], \dots, \mathbf{a}[\mathbf{m}][\mathbf{N}-1]$   
are contiguous

`int (*b)[N] ;`

$$*(\mathbf{b} + \mathbf{m}) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{b}[\mathbf{m}]$$

$\mathbf{b}[0], \mathbf{b}[1], \dots, \mathbf{b}[\mathbf{M}-1]$   
are contiguous

$$*(\mathbf{b}[\mathbf{m}] + \mathbf{n}) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{b}[\mathbf{m}][\mathbf{n}]$$

$\mathbf{b}[\mathbf{m}][0], \mathbf{b}[\mathbf{m}][1], \dots, \mathbf{b}[\mathbf{m}][\mathbf{N}-1]$   
are contiguous

`int * c[M] ;`

$$*(\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{m}) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{c}[\mathbf{m}]$$

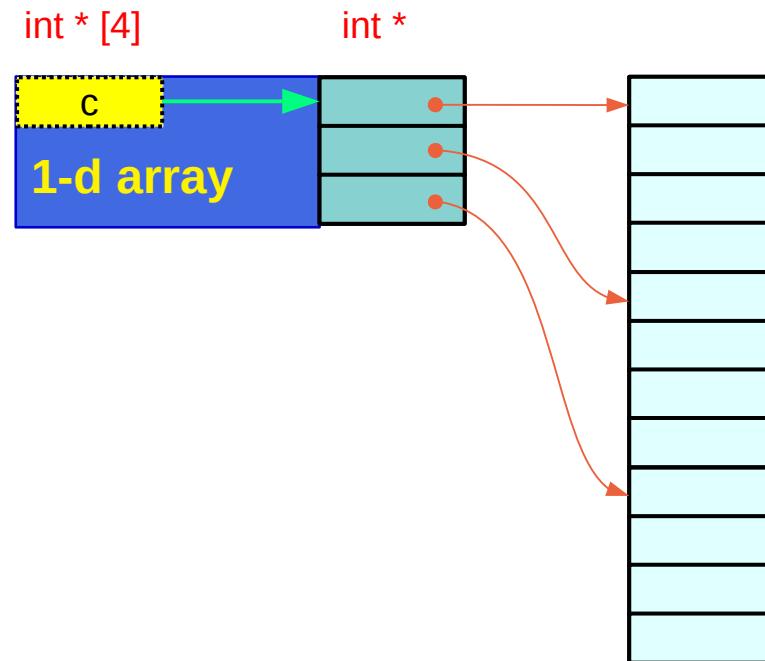
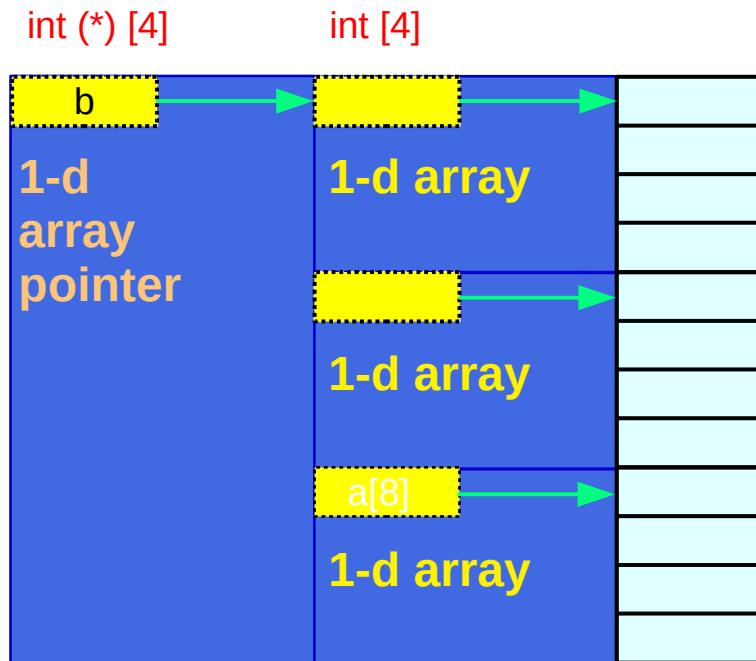
$\mathbf{c}[0], \mathbf{c}[1], \dots, \mathbf{c}[\mathbf{M}-1]$   
are contiguous

$$*(\mathbf{c}[\mathbf{m}] + \mathbf{n}) \leftrightarrow \mathbf{c}[\mathbf{m}][\mathbf{n}]$$

$\mathbf{c}[\mathbf{m}][0], \mathbf{c}[\mathbf{m}][1], \dots, \mathbf{c}[\mathbf{m}][\mathbf{N}-1]$   
are contiguous

a set of assignments of pointers  
are necessary for this contiguity

# Pointer Arrays vs Array Pointers



`int (*b)[N] ;`

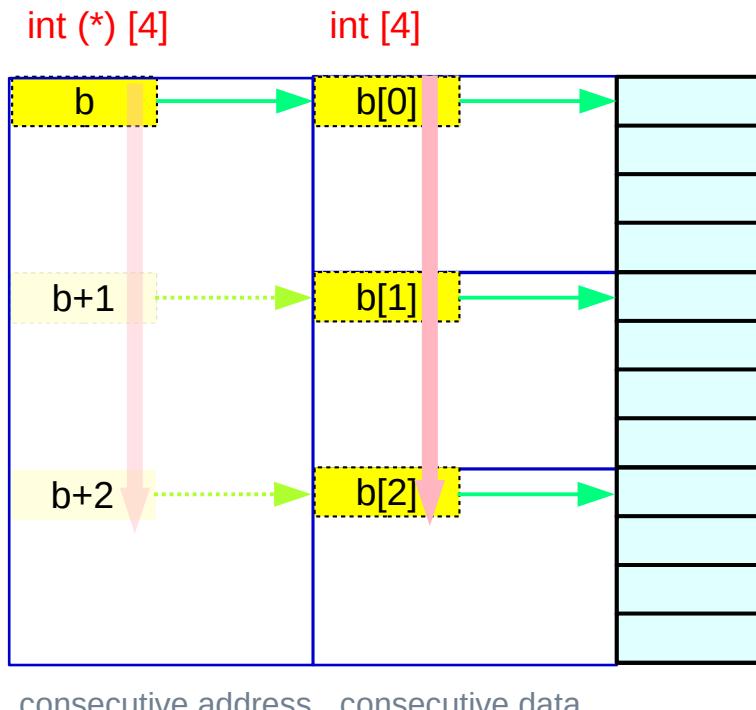
$$\begin{array}{ccc} *(b+m) & \leftrightarrow & b[m] \\ *(b[m]+n) & \leftrightarrow & b[m][n] \end{array}$$

`int * c[M] ;`

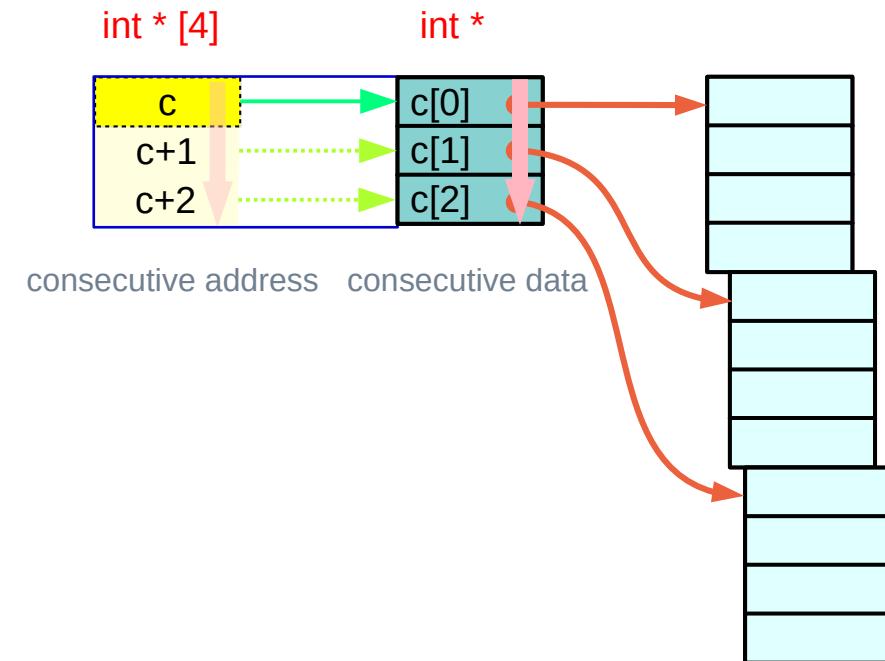
with proper assignments

$$\begin{array}{ccc} *(c+m) & \leftrightarrow & c[m] \\ *(c[m]+n) & \leftrightarrow & c[m][n] \end{array}$$

# Pointer Arrays vs Array Pointers



consecutive address    consecutive data



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`int (*b)[N] ;`

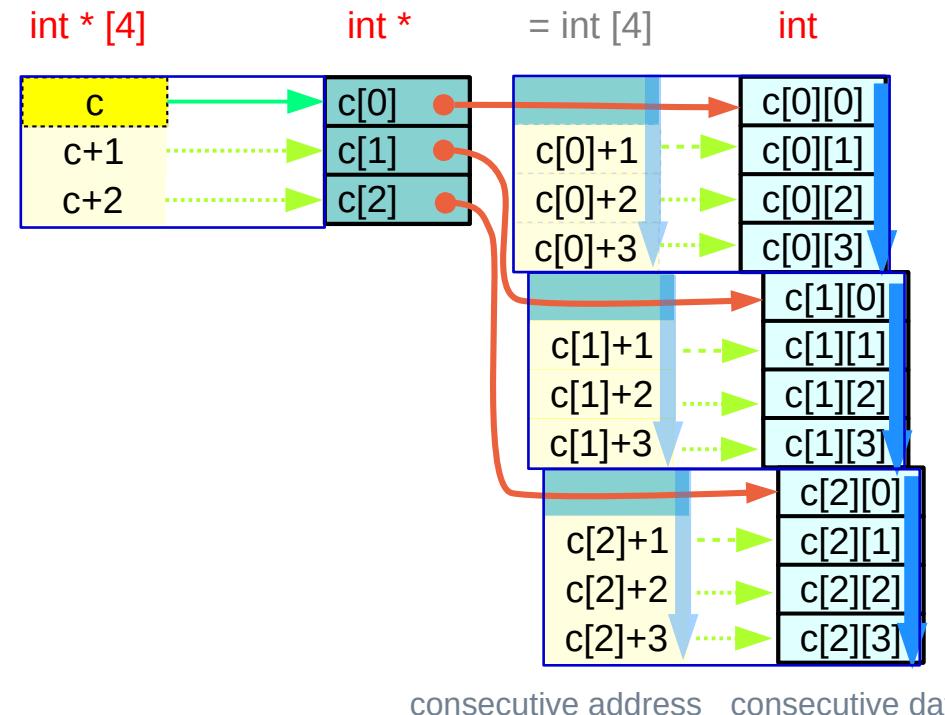
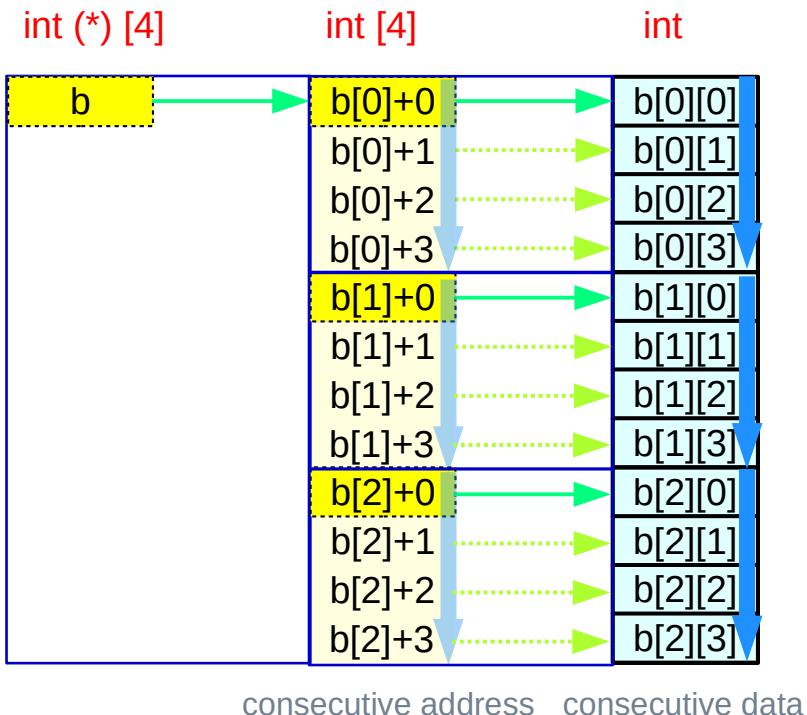
$\ast(b+m)$      $\longleftrightarrow$      $b[m]$   
 $\ast(b[m]+n)$      $\longleftrightarrow$      $b[m][n]$

`int * c[M] ;`

with proper assignments

$\ast(c+m)$      $\longleftrightarrow$      $c[m]$  or  
 $\ast(c[m]+n)$      $\longleftrightarrow$      $c[m][n]$

# Pointer Arrays vs Array Pointers



$\text{int } (*b)[N] ;$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} *(b+m) & \leftrightarrow & b[m] \\ *(b[m]+n) & \leftrightarrow & b[m][n] \end{array}$$

$\text{int } * c[M] ;$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} *(c+m) & \leftrightarrow & c[m] \\ *(c[m]+n) & \leftrightarrow & c[m][n] \end{array}$$

# Three contiguity constraints for 3-d arrays

## Pointer Array Approach (array of pointers)

$c[i][j][k]$	$\rightarrow$	$*(c[i][j] + k)$
$*(c[i][j] + k)$	$\rightarrow$	$*(*(c[i] + j) + k)$
$*(*(c[i] + j) + k)$	$\rightarrow$	$*(*(*(c + i) + j) + k)$

contiguous int	int
contiguous pointers to int	int *
contiguous double pointers to int	int **

the contiguity constraints are satisfied by allocating arrays of pointers

## Array Pointer Approach (pointer to arrays)

$c[i][j][k]$	$\rightarrow$	$*(c[i][j] + k)$
$*(c[i][j] + k)$	$\rightarrow$	$*(*(c[i] + j) + k)$
$*(*(c[i] + j) + k)$	$\rightarrow$	$*(*(*(c + i) + j) + k)$

contiguous 0-d arrays	int	int
contiguous 1-d arrays	int [4]	int *
contiguous 2-d arrays	int [3][4]	int (*) [4]

The contiguity constraints are satisfied by row major ordered linear data layout

# Contiguous array pointers $c[i][j][k] \equiv *(*c[i][j] + k)$

$c[0][0][0] = *(c[0][0] + 0)$
$c[0][0][1] = *(c[0][0] + 1)$
$c[0][0][2] = *(c[0][0] + 2)$
$c[0][0][3] = *(c[0][0] + 3)$
$c[0][1][0] = *(c[0][1] + 0)$
$c[0][1][1] = *(c[0][1] + 1)$
$c[0][1][2] = *(c[0][1] + 2)$
$c[0][1][3] = *(c[0][1] + 3)$
⋮
⋮

contiguous 1-d array elements

$c[i][j]$

$\text{int } [4]$

$\text{int } *$

$\text{int}$

$\text{sizeof}(c[i][j])$   
 $[k]$   
 $\text{sizeof}(c[i][j][k]) * 4$   
 $\text{sizeof}(\text{int}) * 4$

int  $c[2][3][4];$

Address Value

$c[i][j] + k$

$\&c[i][j][0] + k * \text{sizeof}(*c[i][j])$

$\&c[i][j][0] + k * \text{sizeof}(c[i][j][0])$

$\&c[i][j][0] + k * 4$

pointer  $\text{int } (*)$

$c[0][0]$

$c[0][0][0]$   
 $c[0][0][1]$   
 $c[0][0][2]$   
 $c[0][0][3]$

$c[0][1]$

$c[0][1][0]$   
 $c[0][1][1]$   
 $c[0][1][2]$   
 $c[0][1][3]$

$c[0][2]$

$c[0][2][0]$   
 $c[0][2][1]$   
 $c[0][2][2]$   
 $c[0][2][3]$

$c[1][0]$

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$c[1][1]$

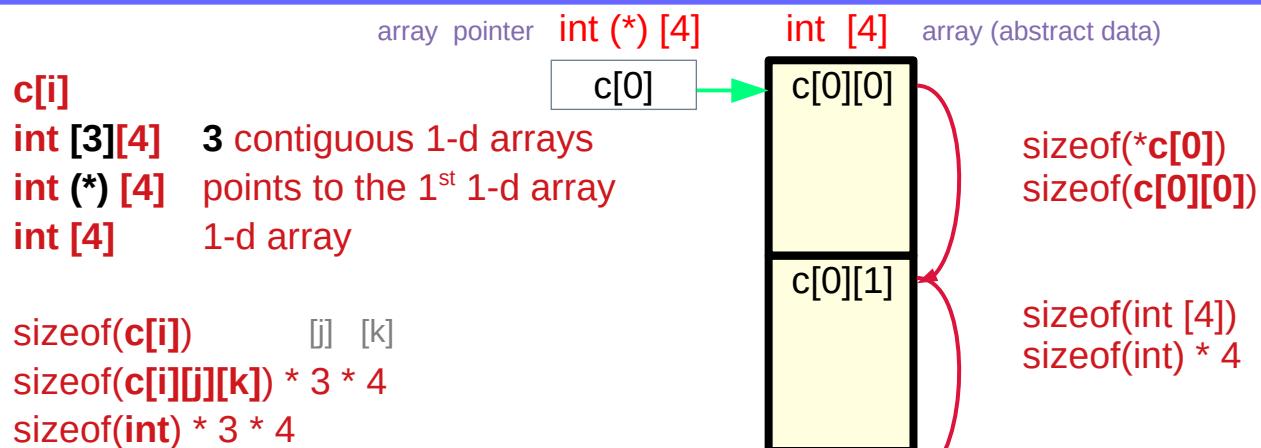
$c[1][1][0]$   
 $c[1][1][1]$   
 $c[1][1][2]$   
 $c[1][1][3]$

$c[1][2]$

$c[1][2][0]$   
 $c[1][2][1]$   
 $c[1][2][2]$   
 $c[1][2][3]$

# Contiguous array pointers $c[i][j] \equiv *(*c[i] + j)$

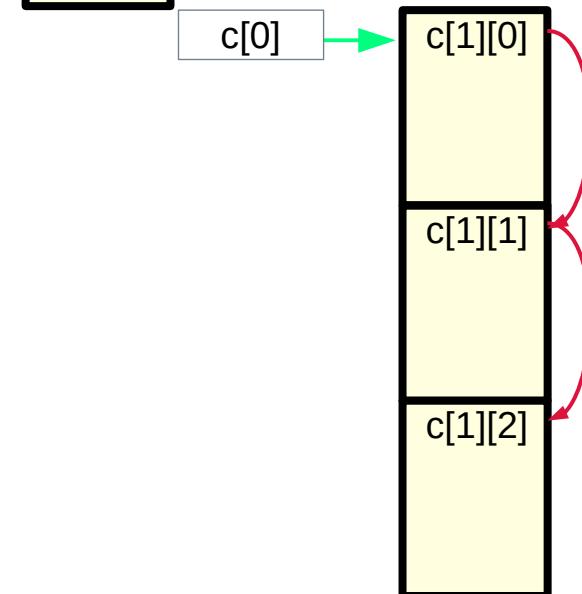
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c[0][0] = *(c[0] + 0)
c[0][1] = *(c[0] + 1)
c[0][2] = *(c[0] + 2)
c[1][0] = *(c[1] + 0)
c[1][1] = *(c[2] + 1)
c[1][2] = *(c[3] + 2)
```



```
int c[2][3][4];
```

Address Value

$c[i] + j$   
 $\&c[i][0][0] + j * \text{sizeof}(*c[i])$   
 $\&c[i][0][0] + j * \text{sizeof}(c[i][0])$   
 $\&c[i][0][0] + j * 4 * 4$



# Contiguous array pointers $c[i] \equiv *(c + i)$

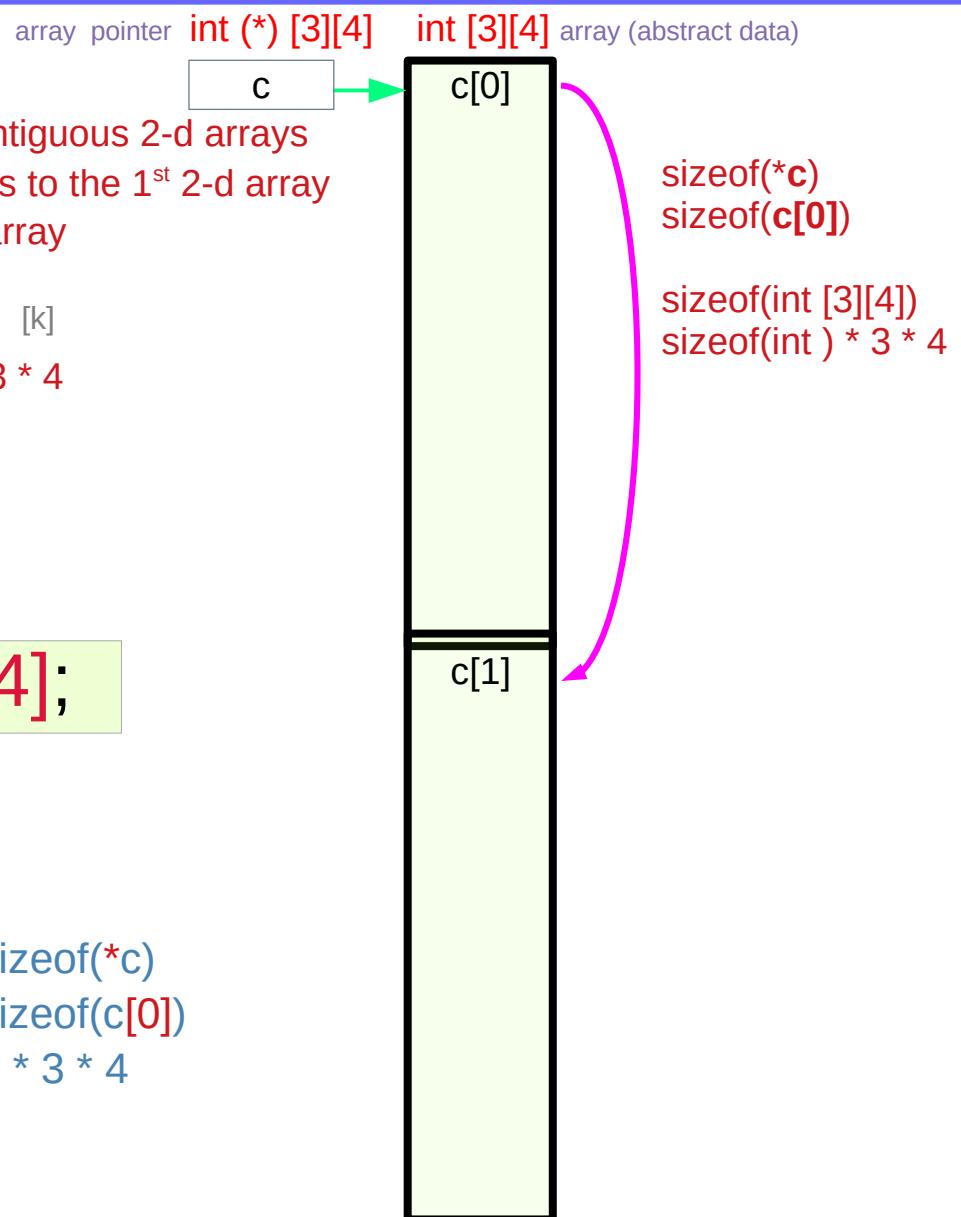
$c[0] = *(c + 0)$
$c[1] = *(c + 1)$

array pointer  $\text{int } (*) [3][4]$   
int [2][3][4]  
 $\text{Int } (*) [3][4]$   
 $\text{int } [3][4]$

2 contiguous 2-d arrays  
points to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2-d array  
2-d array

$\text{sizeof}(c)$        $[i] \quad [j] \quad [k]$   
 $\text{sizeof}(c[i][j][k]) * 2 * 3 * 4$   
 $\text{sizeof}(\text{int}) * 2 * 3 * 4$

int  $c[2][3][4];$



# Contiguous linear layout

```
int c [L][M][N];
```

```
c [i][j][k];
```

L	M	N
i	j	k
$i^*M^*N$	$j^*N$	k

Base Index = 0

Offset Index 1 (i=1)

$i^*M^*N$

Offset Index 2 (j=1)

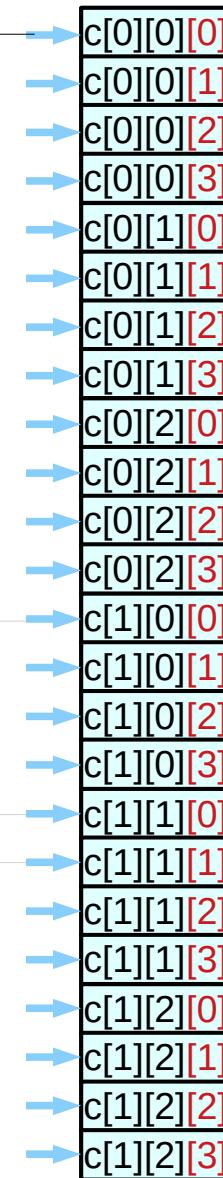
$j^*N$

Offset Index 3 (k=1)

$k$

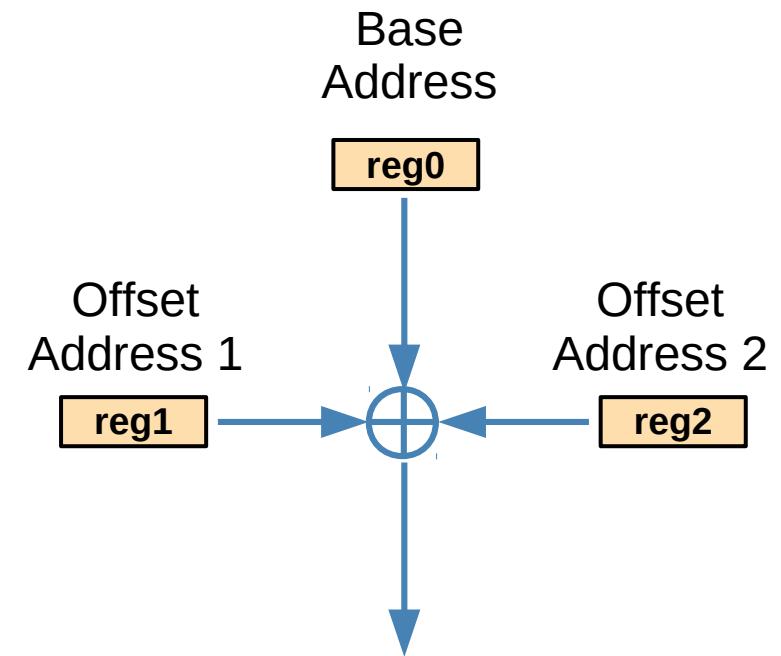
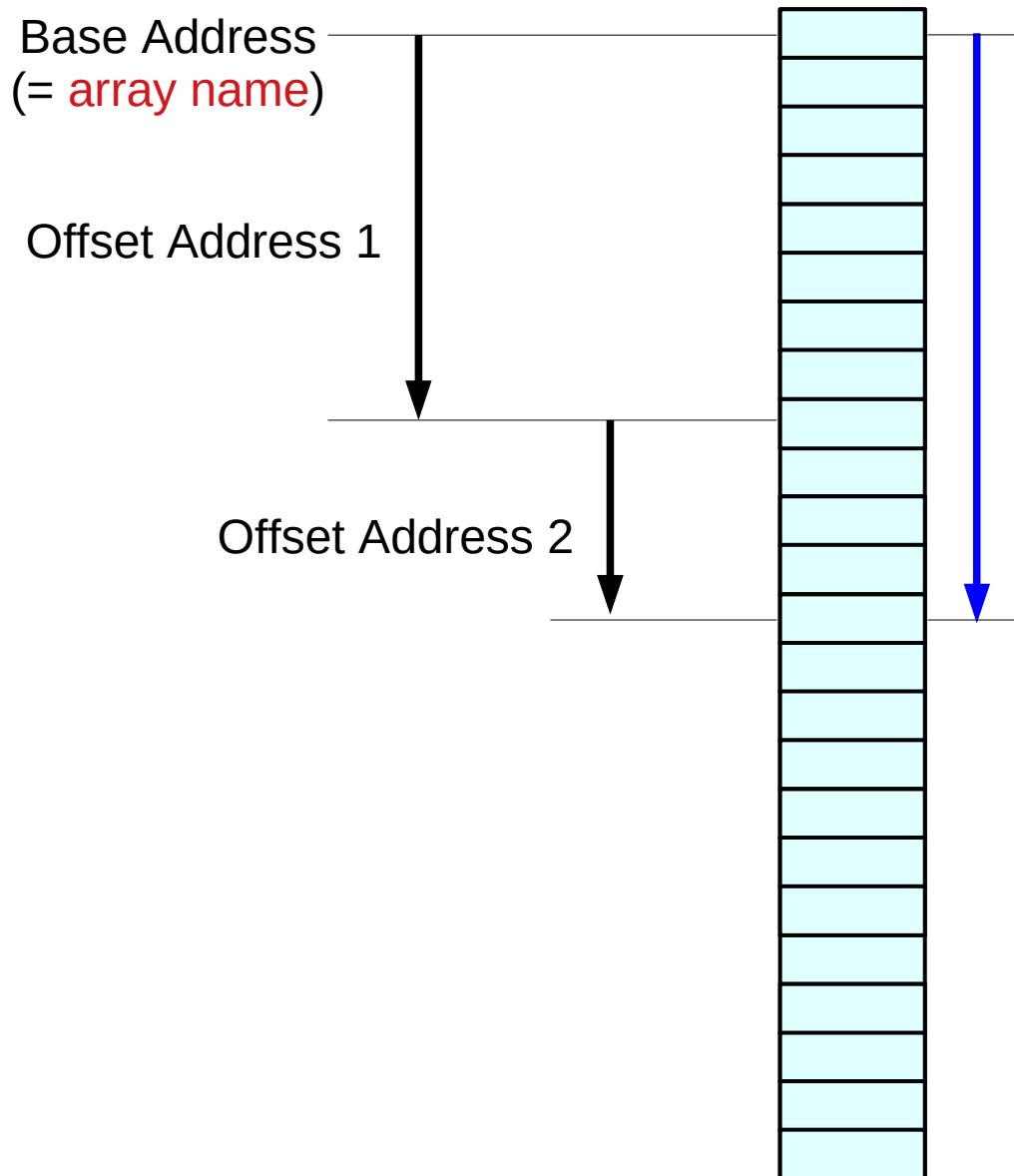
$$(i^*M^*N + j^*N + k)$$

$$((i^*M + j)^*N + k)$$



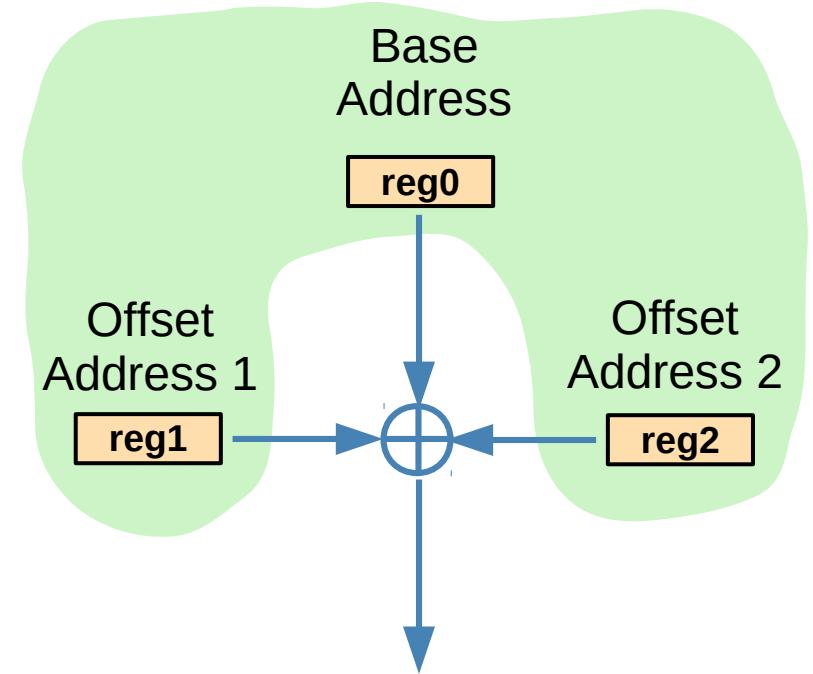
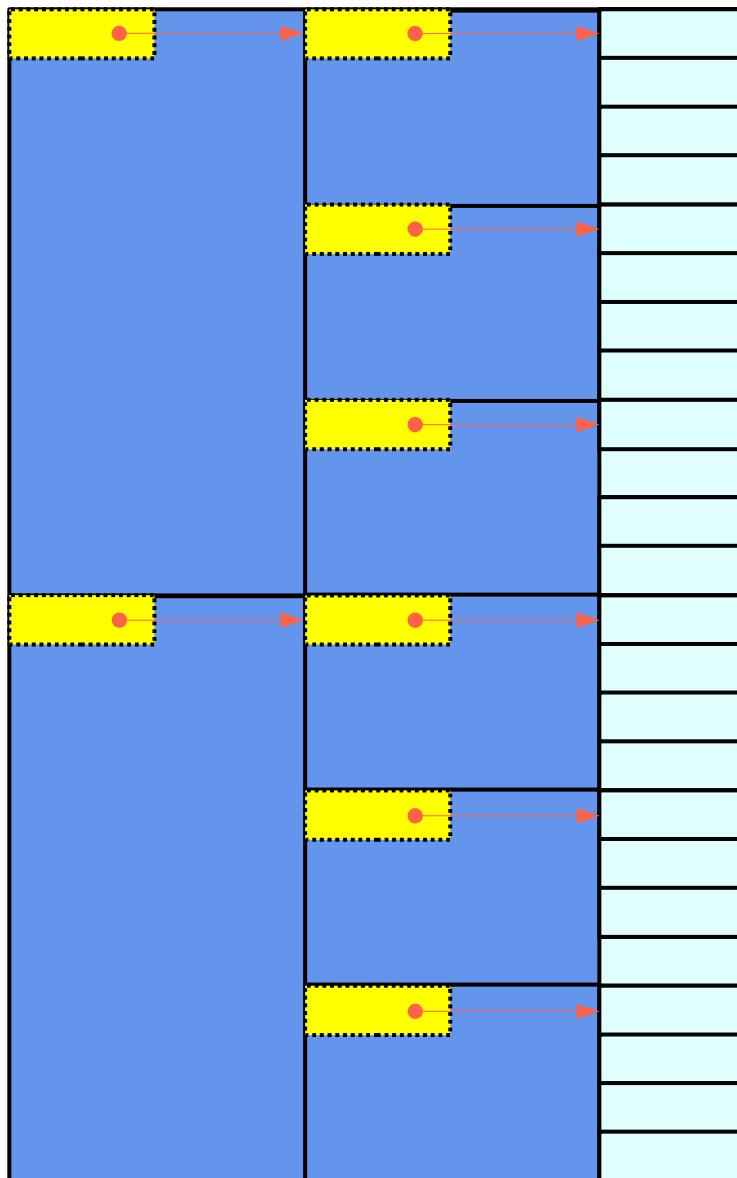
$$24 = 2^3 \cdot 3^4$$

# Base and Offset Addressing



compiler  
assembly instruction  
registers in the CPU

# Array Pointer Approach



**Array Pointer Approach**  
**(pointer to arrays)**

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