

Arrays (1A)

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Calculating the Mean of n Numbers

The mean of N numbers

$$m = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} x_i$$

$$m = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{i=0}^4 x_i = \frac{1}{5} (x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4)$$

5 variables

x[0] x[1] x[2] x[3] x[4]

Definition of an Array

```
int X [5];
```

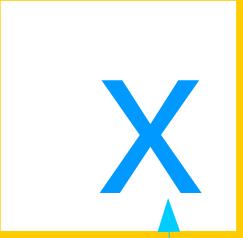
Array Type

int [5]

Array Name

X

Element Type

int  [5] ;

Array Type
int [5]

Array Name
x

a constant
Value: the starting address of
5 consecutive int variables

int  ;

Element Type
int

Element
x[i]

i = 0, ... , 4

Using an Array

```
int x [5] ;
```

Array Name

```
int x [5] ;
```

Element Type : int

int variables

```
x [i]
```

i = 0, ... , 4

Accessing array elements – using an index

```
int      x[5];
```

x is an array
with 5 integer elements

5 int variables

| index | data |
|-------|------|
| 0 | x[0] |
| 1 | x[1] |
| 2 | x[2] |
| 3 | x[3] |
| 4 | x[4] |

Accessing array elements – using an address

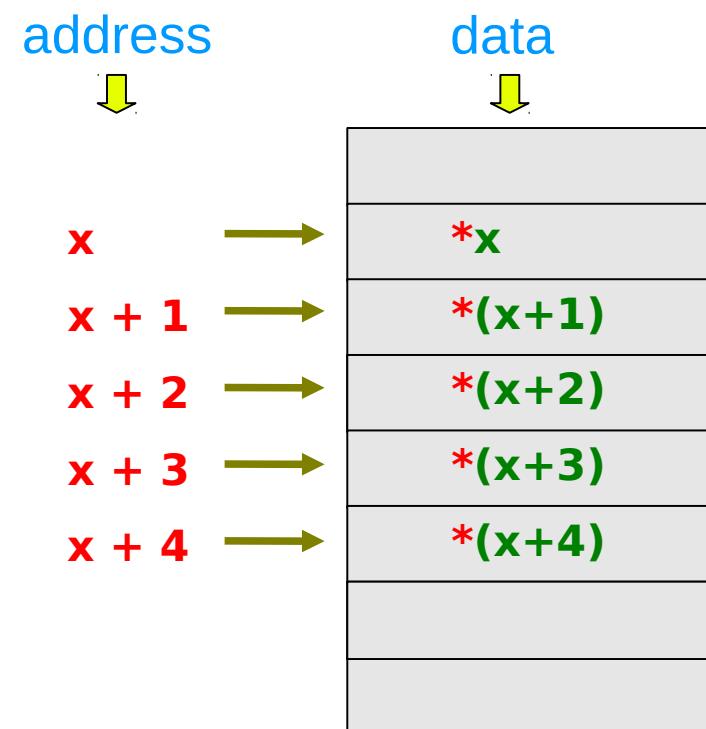
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```

x holds the starting address
of 5 consecutive int variables

5 int variables

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| 0 | x[0] |
| 1 | x[1] |
| 2 | x[2] |
| 3 | x[3] |
| 4 | x[4] |

cannot change
address x
(constant)



Index and Address Notations

int

x[5];

x holds the *starting address*
of 5 consecutive int variables

x[i] or *(x+i)

i : an index variable [0..4]

x[i] : the (i+1)th element value

x : the starting address

x+i : the (i+1)th element's address

*(x+i) : the (i+1)th element value

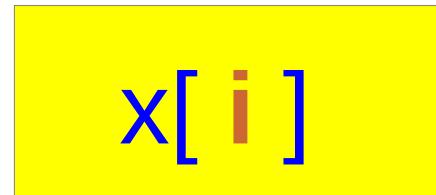
A variable expressed by another variable

```
int      x[5];
```

x holds the starting address
of 5 consecutive int variables

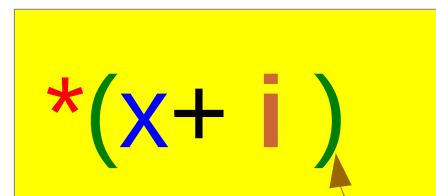
treated as a variable

read



write

read



write

an index variable i

Computing the sum of n numbers (1)

sum = 0;
sum = sum + x[0];
sum = sum + x[1];
sum = sum + x[2];
sum = sum + x[3];
sum = sum + x[4];

sum : 0;

sum : x_0

sum : $x_0 + x_1$

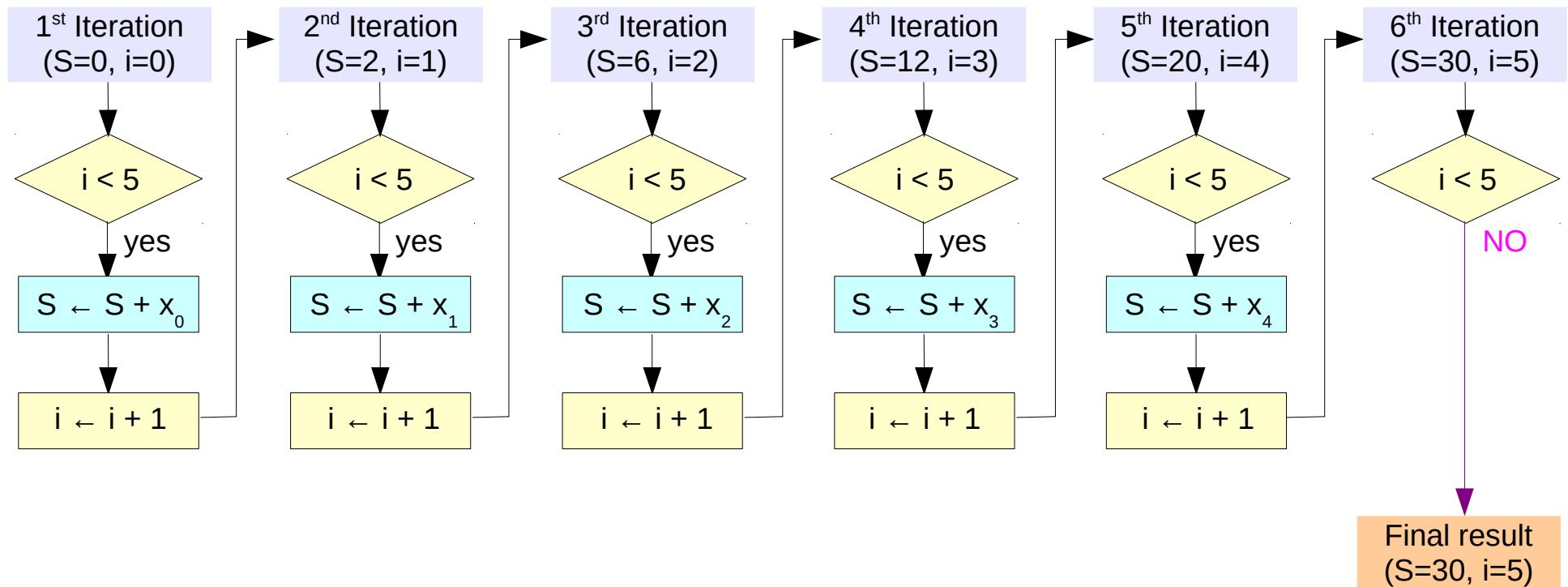
sum : $x_0 + x_1 + x_2$

sum : $x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3$

sum : $x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4$

sum = 0;
for (i=0; i<5; ++i)
 sum = sum + x[i];

Computing the sum of n numbers (2)



```
sum = 0;  
for (i=0; i<5; ++i)  
    sum = sum + x[i];
```

$$\begin{aligned}x_0 &= 2, \\x_1 &= 4, \\x_2 &= 6, \\x_3 &= 8, \\x_4 &= 10\end{aligned}$$

| | A | B | | | | |
|-------|---|---|---|----|----|----|
| i | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| x_i | | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 10 |
| S | 0 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 20 | 30 |

Using Array Names

declaration

```
int A [3] = { 1, 2, 3 };      ==      int A [] = { 1, 2, 3 };
```

accessing elements

```
A [0] = 100;  
A [1] = 200;  
A [2] = 300;
```

```
A[m] = 100 * m;
```

m = 0, 1, 2

a function argument

```
func( A );  
func( int x [] ) { ... }
```

Array Initialization (1)

```
int a [5] ;
```

uninitialized values (garbage)

```
int a [5] = { 1, 2, 3 };
```

= { 1, 2, 3, 0, 0 }

```
int a [5] = { 0 };
```

= { 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 }

All elements with zero

Array Initialization (2)

```
int a [5] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };
```

sizeof(a) = 5*4 = 20 bytes

```
int b [] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };
```

sizeof(b) = 5*4 = 20 bytes

~~int b [] ;~~

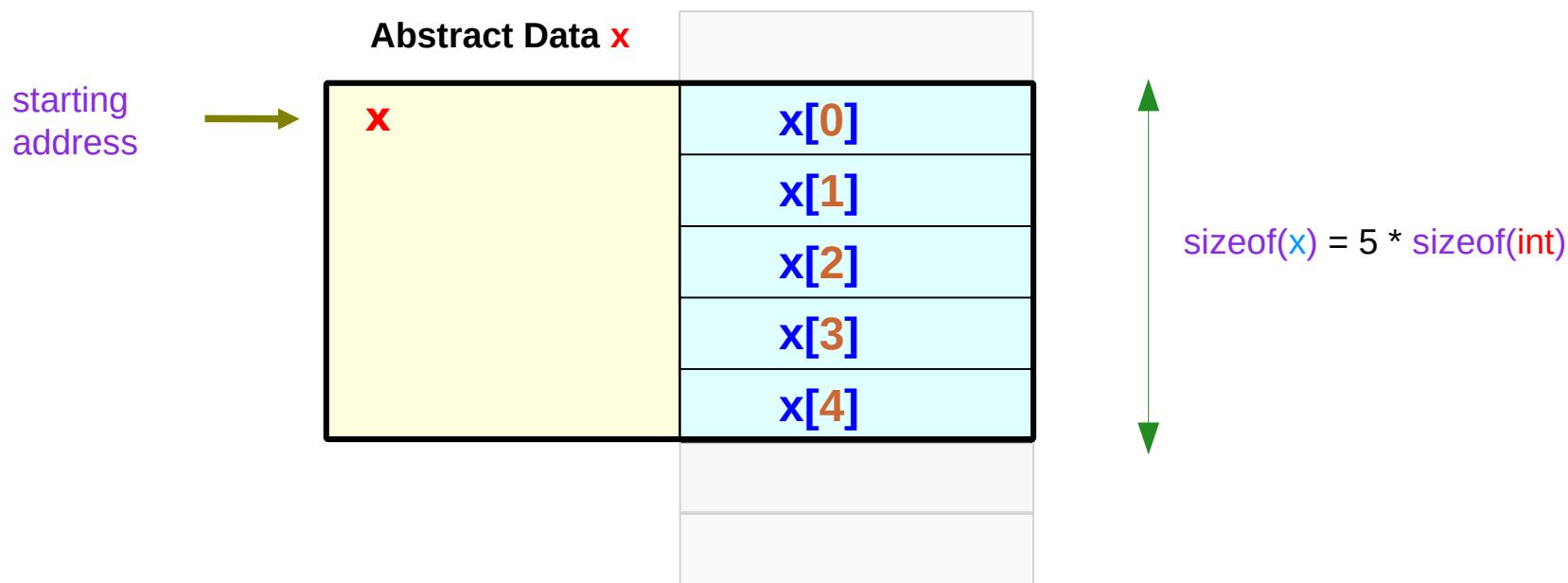
```
int c [3][4] = { { 1, 2, 3, 4},  
                 { 5, 6, 7, 8},  
                 {9,10,11,12} };
```

sizeof(c) = 3*4*4 = 48 bytes

Abstract data x

int x[5];

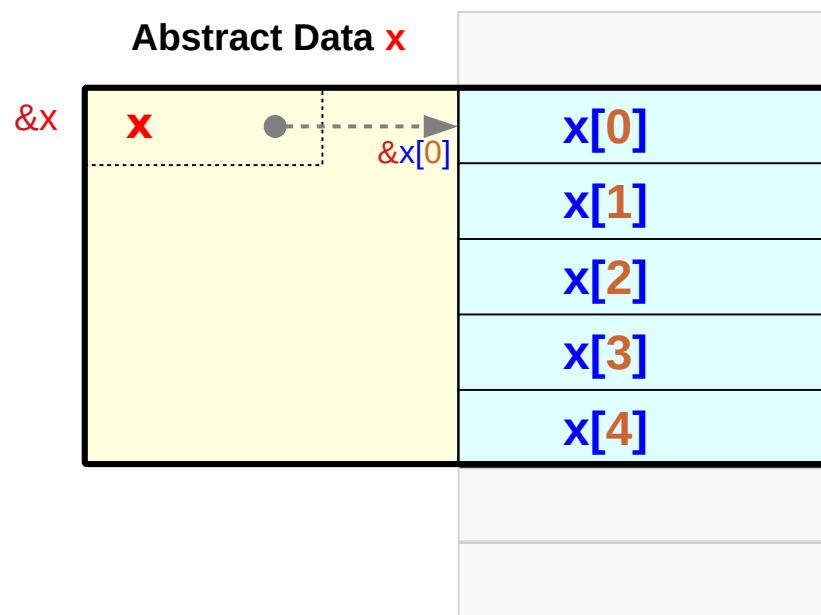
x holds the *starting address*
of 5 consecutive int variables



Abstract data x as a pointer

```
int      x[5];
```

x holds the *starting address* of 5 consecutive *int* variables



pointer relation

$$x \equiv \&x[0]$$

$$*x \equiv x[0]$$

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

the starting address of 5 consecutive int variables

not a real pointer x

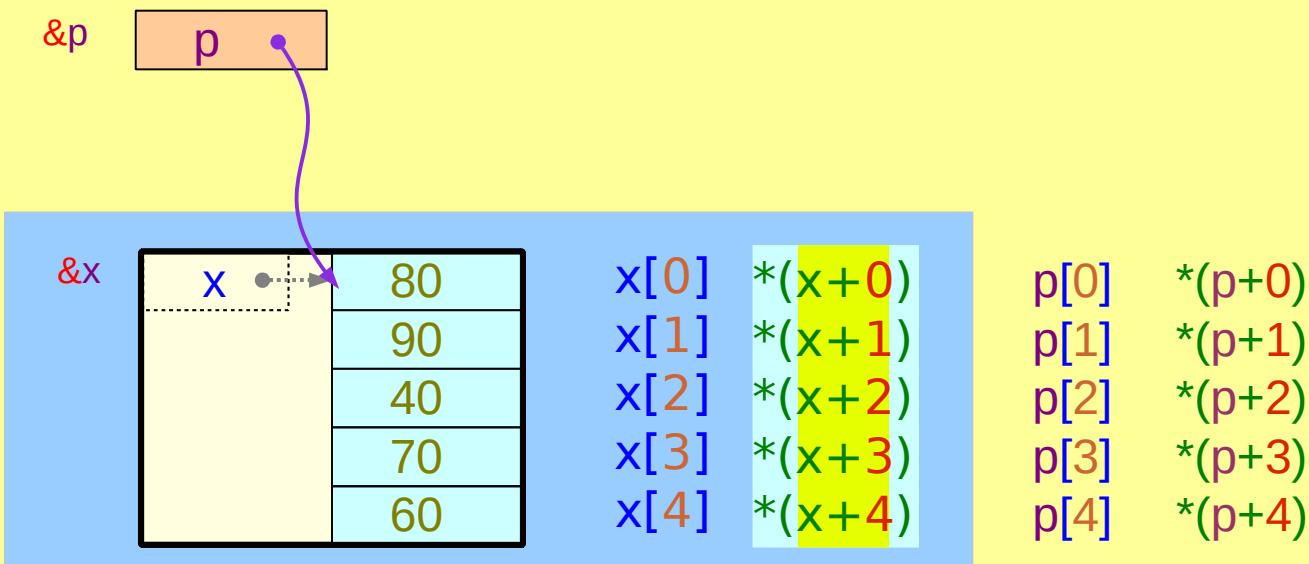
Accessing an Array with a Pointer Variable

```
int x [5] = { 80, 90, 40, 70, 60 };
```

```
int *p = x;
```

x is a constant symbol
cannot be changed

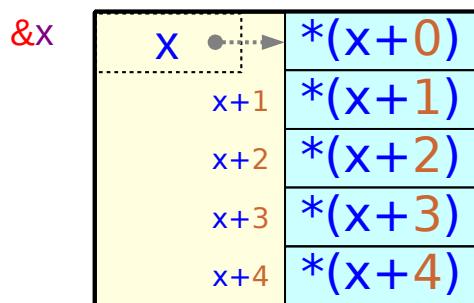
p is a variable
can point to other addresses



An Array Name and a Pointer Variable

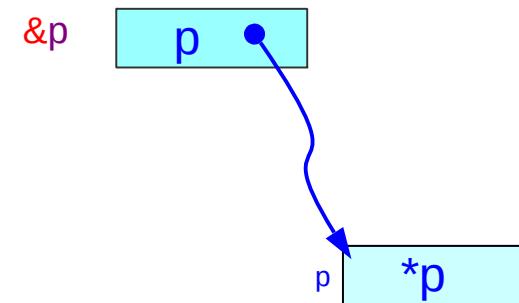
`int x [5] ;`

`x`: an array name (constant)
Value: the starting address of
5 consecutive int variables



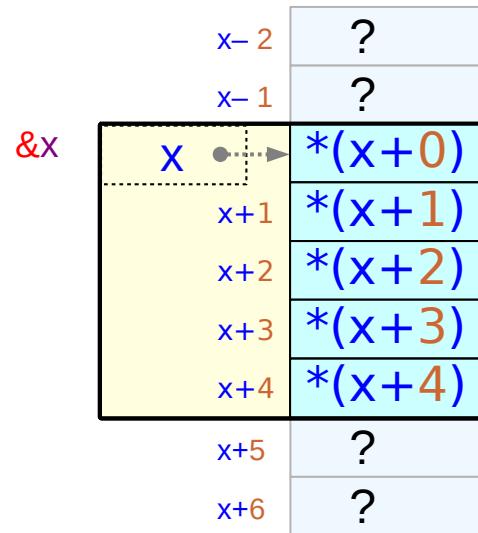
`int * p ;`

`p`: an variable name
Value: the address
of an int variable

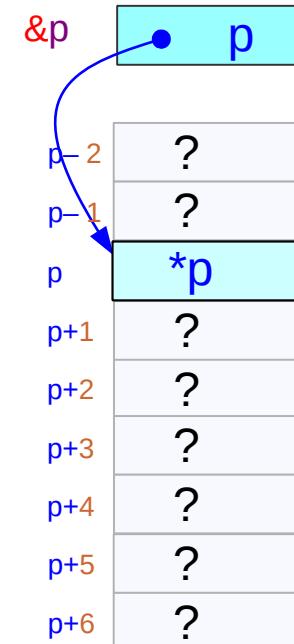


Out of range index

int x [5] ;



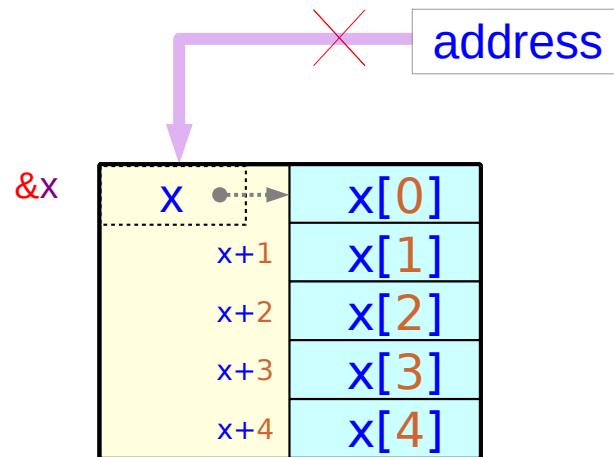
int * p ;



A programmer's responsibility

Assignment of an address

`int x [5] ;`

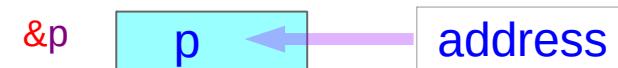


`x` is not a variable
but a constant symbol

`x` and `&x` give the same
value of `&x[0]`

This address is embedded
as a constant in the executable file
and cannot be changed

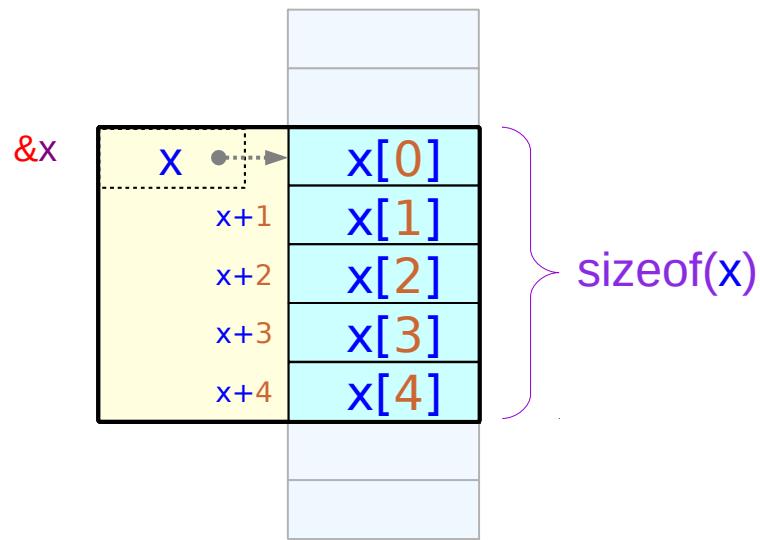
`int * p ;`



`p` is a variable
has an allocated memory location
its value can be changed

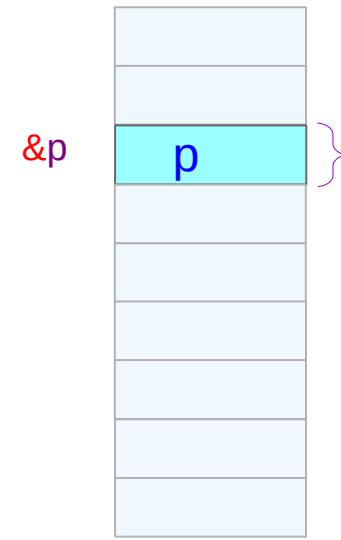
Size

`int x [5] ;`



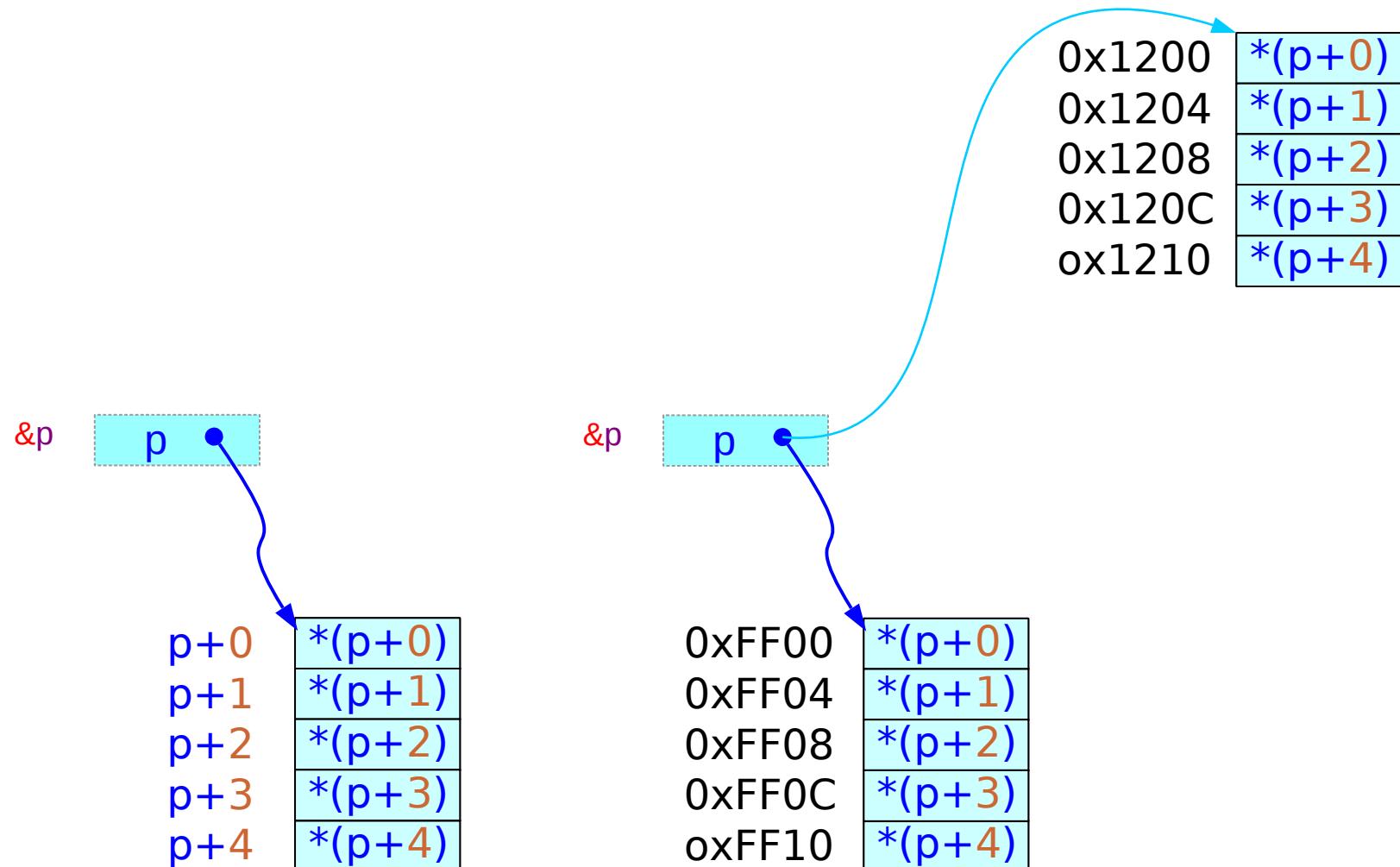
$$\text{sizeof}(x) = 5 * \text{sizeof}(\text{int})$$

`int * p ;`



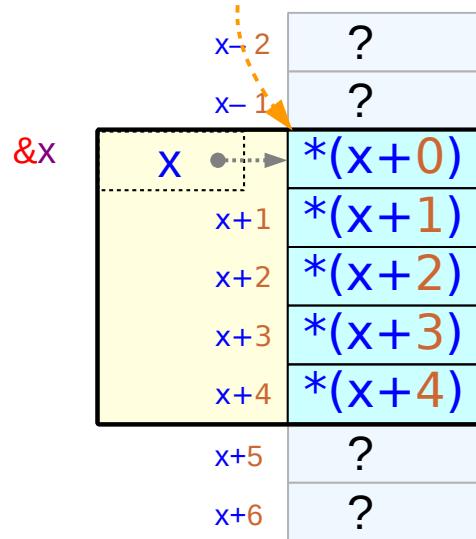
$$\begin{aligned}\text{sizeof}(p) &= \text{size of a pointer} \\ &= 4 / 8 \text{ bytes}\end{aligned}$$

Pointer variable can point different locations

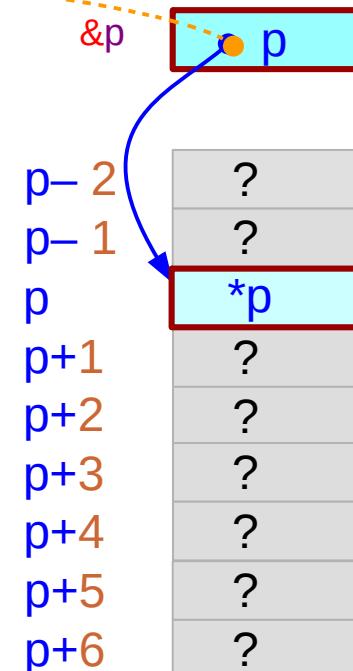


Pointer to an integer

`int x [5] ;`



`int * p ;`

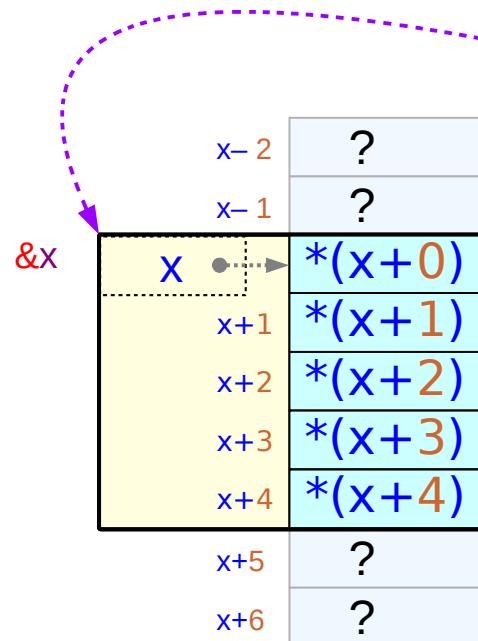


`*p = *x ;`

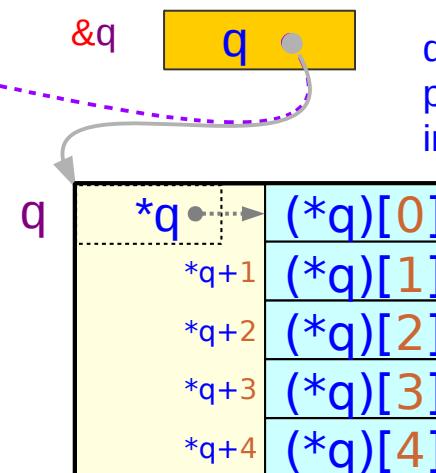
`p = x ;`

Pointer to an array

`int x [5] ;`



`int (*q) [5] ;`



`q` is a pointer variable that points to an array with 5 integer variables

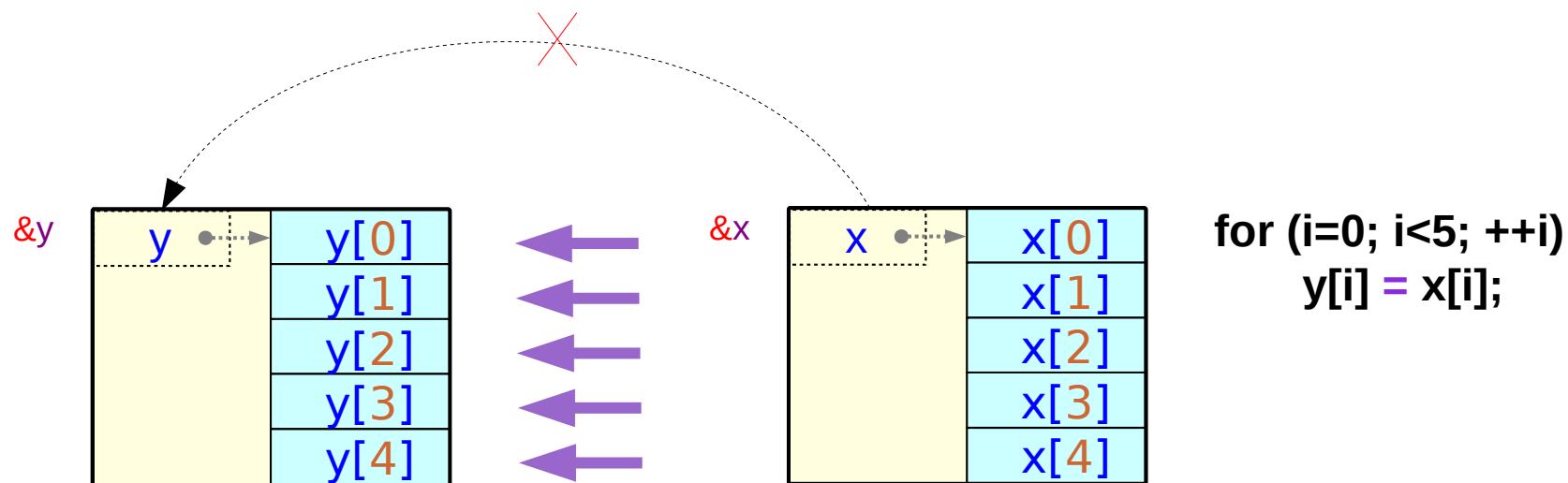
`*q = x ;`

`q = &x ;`

* not frequently used feature

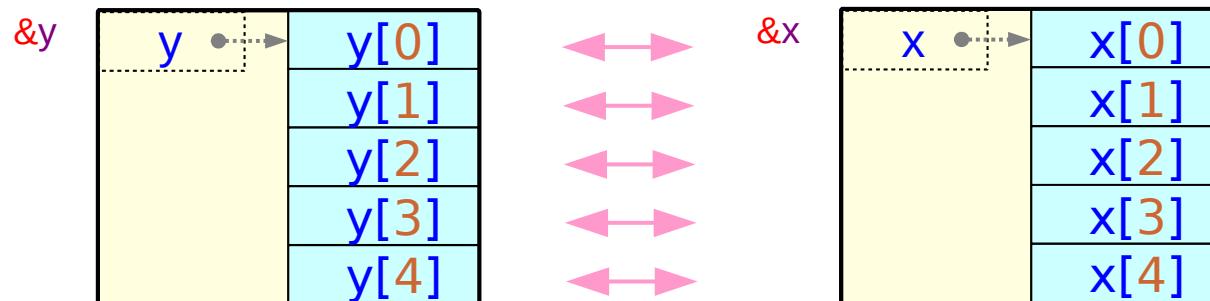
Copying an Array to another Array

```
int x [5] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };  
int y [5] ;  
y = x;
```



Comparing an Array with another Array

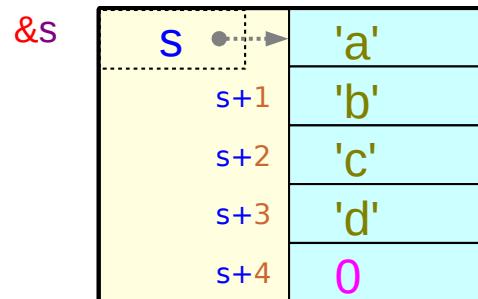
```
int x [5] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };
int y [5] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };
x != y
```



```
EQ=1;
for (i=0; i<5; ++i)
    EQ &= (y[i] == x[i]);
```

Initialized Character Arrays and Pointers (1)

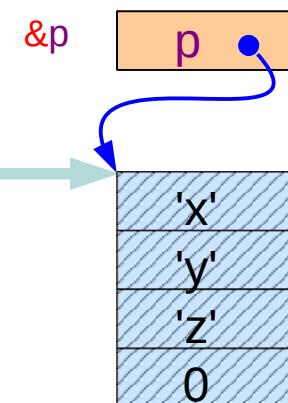
```
char s [5] = { 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 0 };
char s [5] = "abcd";
char *p = "xyz";
```



can change the value
of any element

```
*s = 'm';
s[0] = 'm';
```

a compiler determined
constant address
a constant character
string (array)

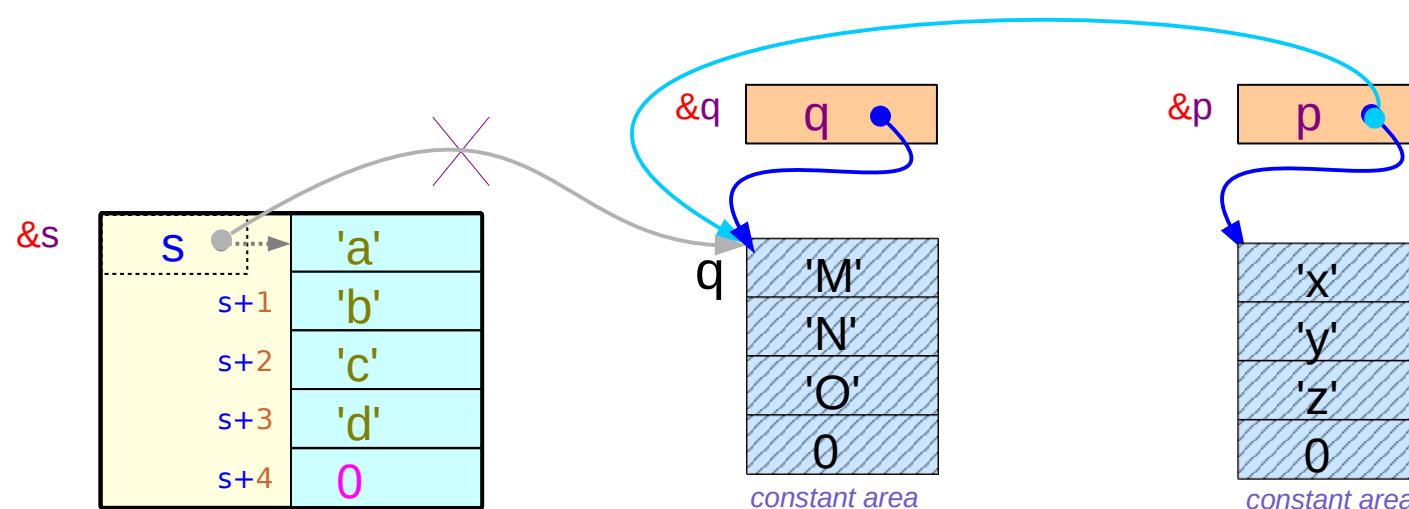


cannot change the
value of any element
of a constant array

~~```
*p = 'm';
p[0] = 'm';
```~~

# Initialized Character Arrays and Pointers (2)

```
char s [5] = { 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 0 };
char s [5] = "abcd";
char *p = "xyz", *q = "MNO";
```

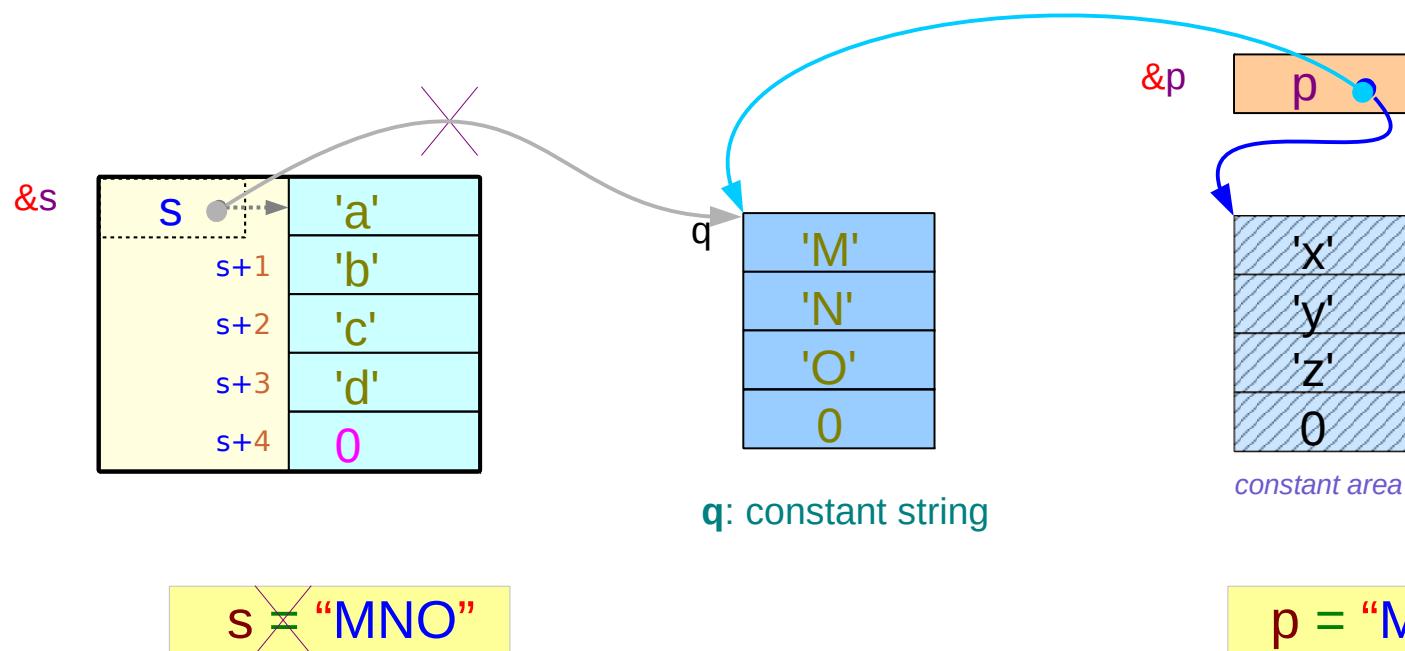


s cannot be assigned ~~s = q;~~

p can be assigned  $p = q;$

# Assigning a constant character string

```
char s [5] = { 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 0 };
char s [5] = "abcd";
char *p = "xyz";
```

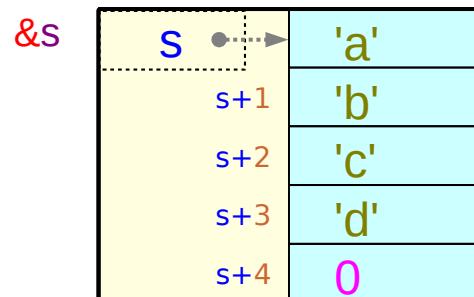


# Copying a string

```
char s [5] = { 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd', 0 };
```

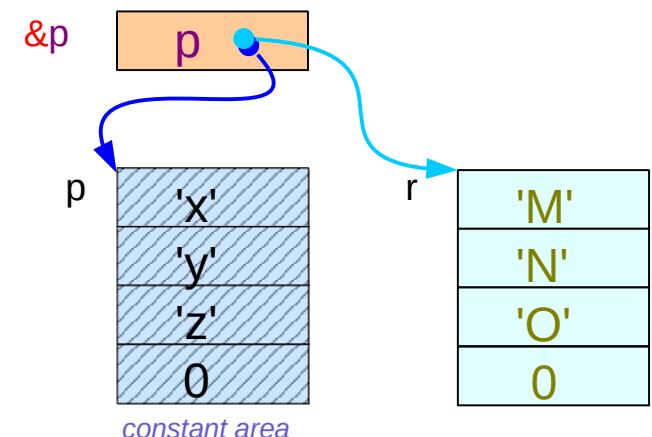
```
char s [5] = "abcd";
```

```
char *p = "xyz";
```



↳ `*(s+0) = 'I';`  
↳ `*(s+1) = 'J';`  
↳ `*(s+2) = 'K';`  
↳ `*(s+3) = '\0';`

`strcpy (s, "IJK");`



`p: constant string`

`r: non-constant string`

`strcpy (p, "IJK");`

`strcpy (r, "IJK");`

# Uninitialized Character Arrays and Pointers

```
char s [5];
char *p;
```

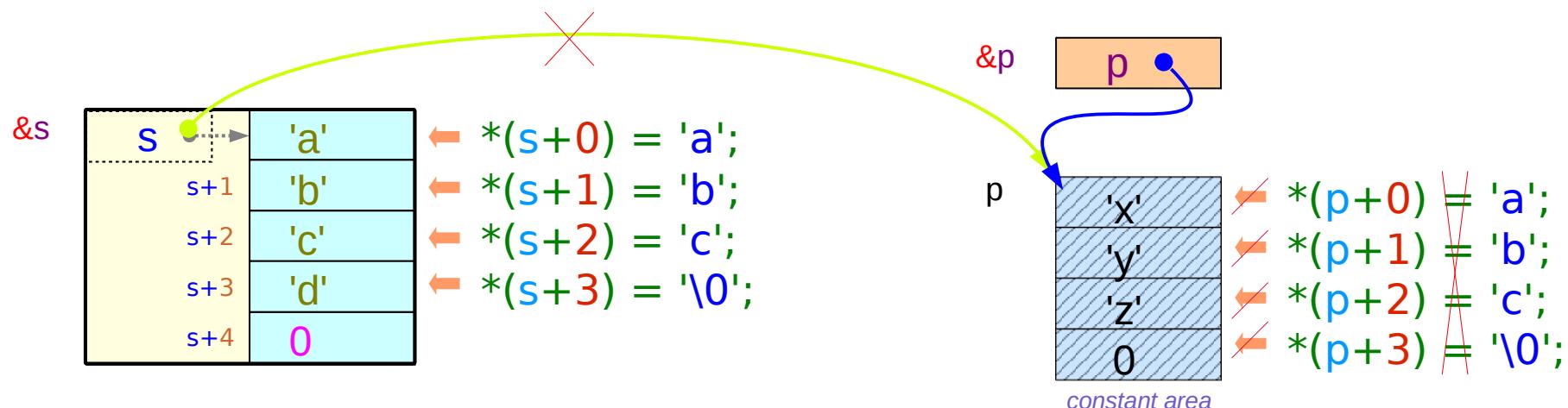
~~s = "xyz";~~  
~~p = "xyz";~~

char \* const s  
const char \* p

strcpy (s, "abc");  
strcpy (p, ~~"abc"~~);

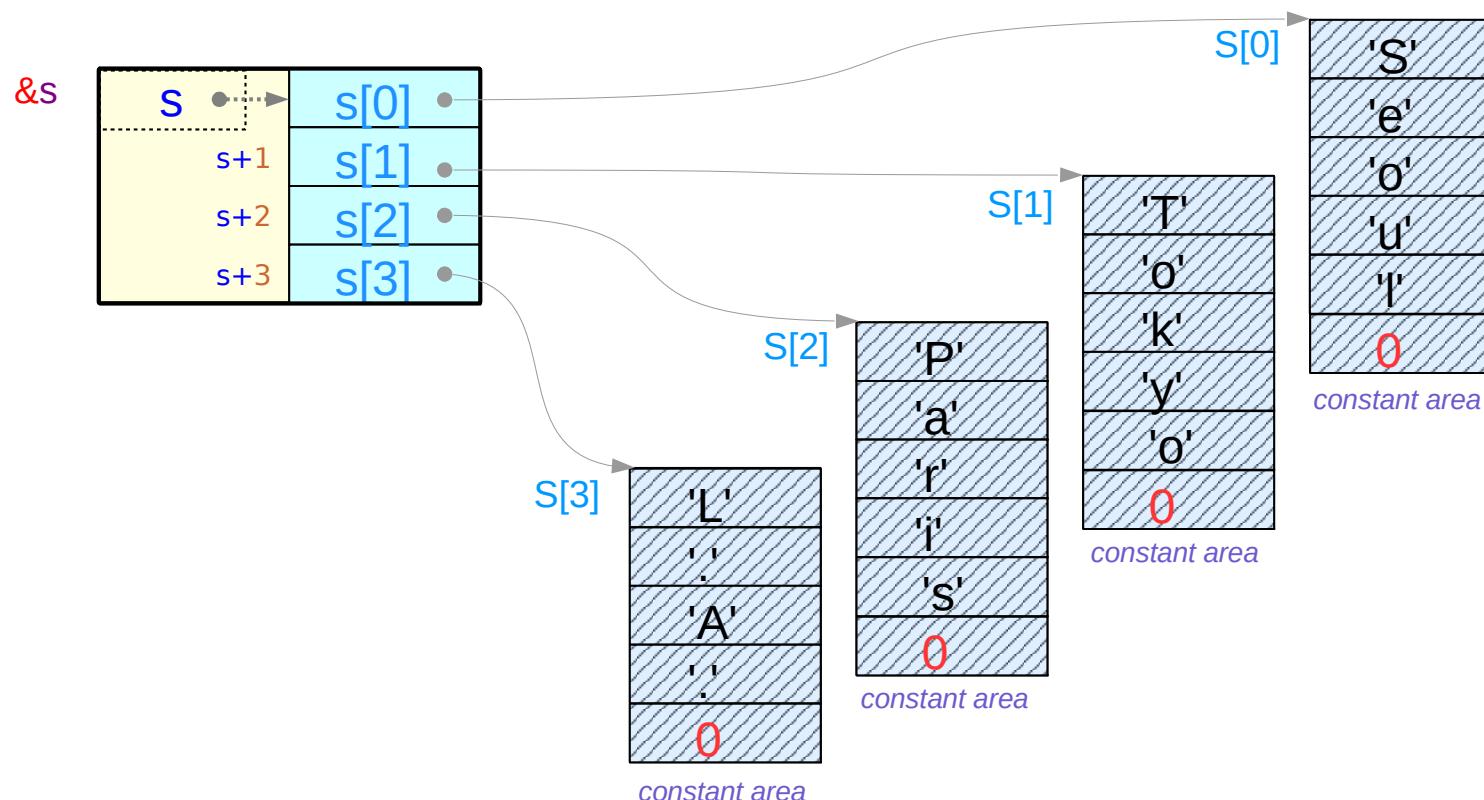
s cannot point to other location

p points to a string constant  
which cannot be changed



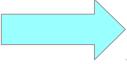
# Arrays of Pointers

```
char * S [4] = { "Seoul", "Tokyo", "Paris", "LA"};
```

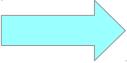


# A[ ] Notation

1. An array definition with **initializers**

`int x [ ] = { 1, 2, 3 };`  `int x [3]`

2. A formal **parameter** definition in a function

`func( int x [ ] ) { ... }`  `int * const x` (x : a constant)

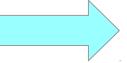
compatible  `int * p` (p : a variable)

# A[ ][n] Notation

1. An array definition with **initializers**

`int x [ ][3] = { {1, 2, 3}, {4,5,6} };`  `int x [2][3]`

2. A formal **parameter** definition in a function

`func( int x [ ][3] ) { ... }`  `int (* const x)[3]` (constant)

not compatible  `int ** p` (variable)

# Passing 1-d Arrays – using 0-d array pointer

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

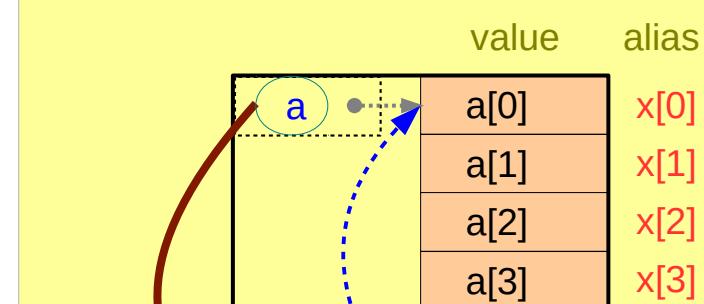
```
func(a);
```

```
func(int (*x)) {
```

```
...
```

```
}
```

or `int x [ ]`



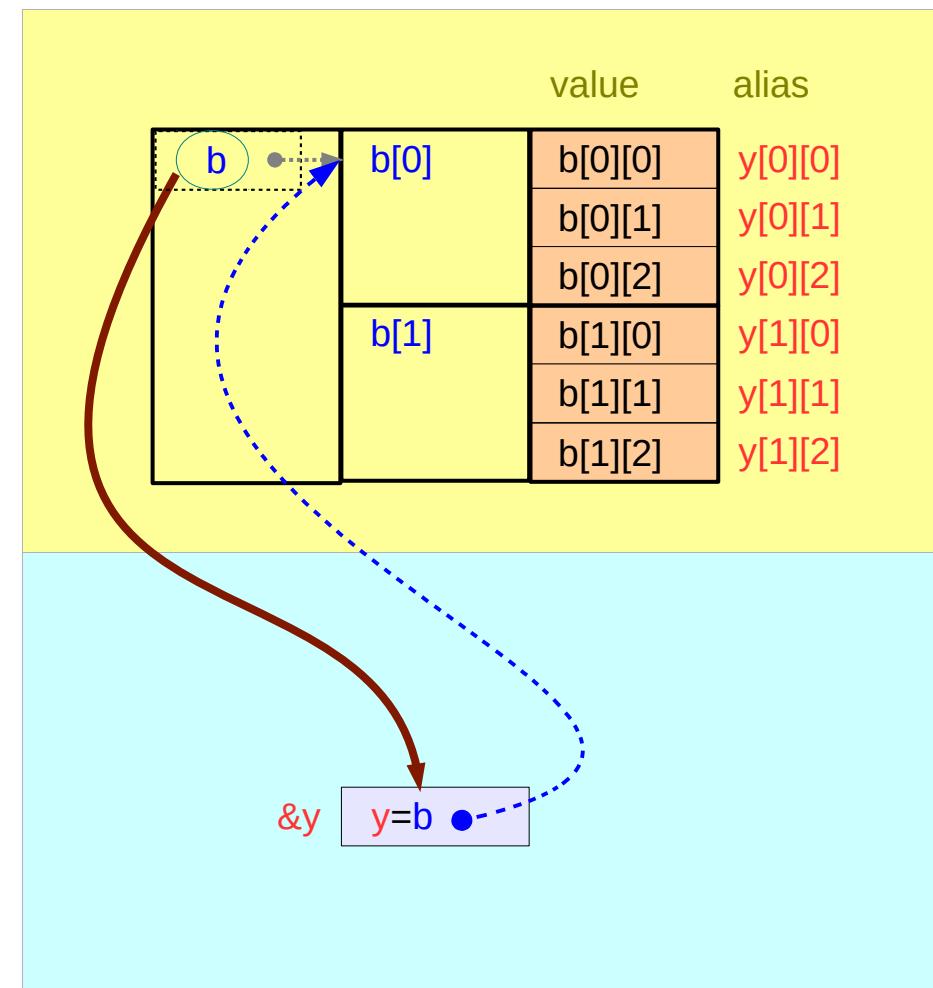
# Passing 2-d Arrays – using 1-d array pointer

```
int b [][3] = { {1, 2, 3},
 {4, 5, 6} };
```

```
func(b);
```

```
func(int (*y) [3]) {
 ...
}
```

*or int y [ ][3]*



# Passing 1-d Arrays – using 1-d array pointer

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

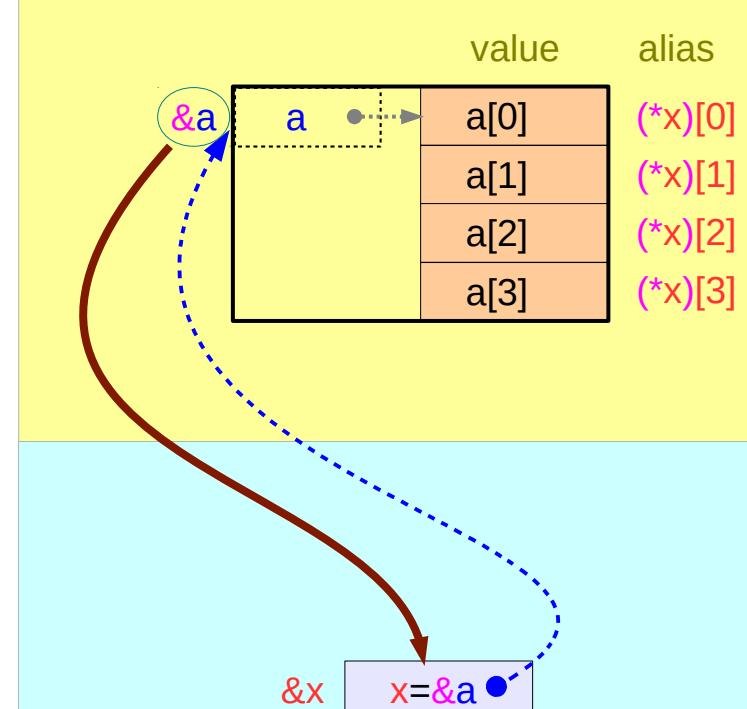
```
func(&a);
```

```
func(int (*x) [4]) {
```

...

```
}
```

*or int x [ ][4]*



# Passing 2-d Arrays – using 2-d array pointer

```
int b [][3] = { {1, 2, 3},
 {4, 5, 6} };
```

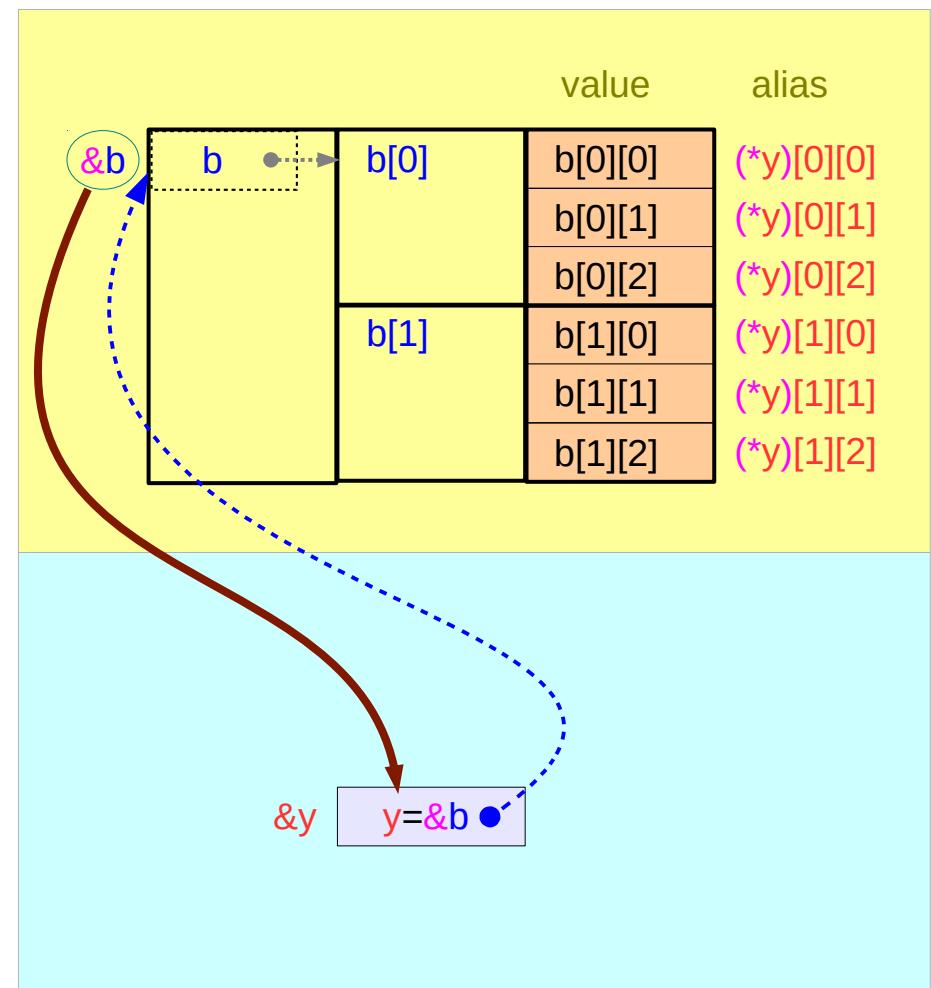
```
func(&b);
```

```
func(int (*y) [2][3]) {
```

...

```
}
```

or int y [ ][2][3]



# Passing an individual element by value

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

```
func(a[3]);
```

```
func(int x) {
 ...
}
```

```
int b [][3] = { {1, 2, 3},
 {4, 5, 6} };
```

```
func(b[0][1]);
```

```
func(int y) {
 ...
}
```

# Passing an individual element by reference

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

```
func(&a[3]);
```

```
func(int *x) {
 ...
}
```

```
int b [][3] = { {1, 2, 3},
 {4, 5, 6} };
```

```
func(&b[0][1]);
```

```
func(int *y) {
 ...
}
```

# Array Type definition

```
typedef int AType [4];
```

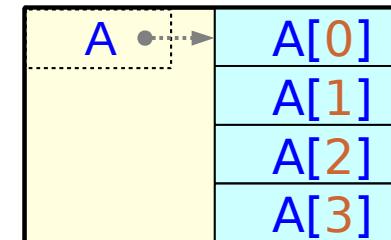
```
AType A;
```

≡

```
int A [4];
```

```
A [0] = 100;
A [1] = 200;
A [2] = 300;
A [3] = 400;
```

&A



# Pointer to Array Type definition

```
typedef int AType [4];
```

```
AType A, *q;
```

≡

```
int A[10], int (*q)[4];
```

```
typedef int (* PType) [4];
```

```
PType p;
```

≡

```
int (*p)[4];
```

# Pointer to Array Type definition

```
typedef int AType [4];
```

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```

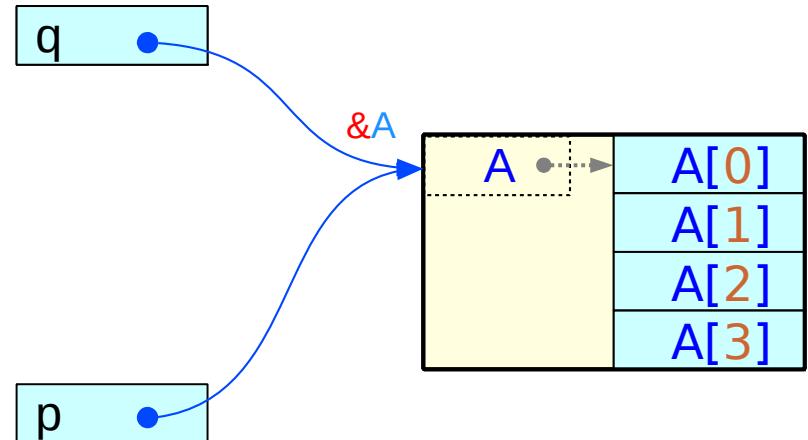
```
int A[10], int (*q)[4];
```

```
typedef int (* PType) [4];
```

```
PType p;
```

```
int (*p)[4];
```

$q = \&A ;$



$p = \&A ;$

$p = q ;$

```
int a [4];
```

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

- Types of array names
- Values of array names

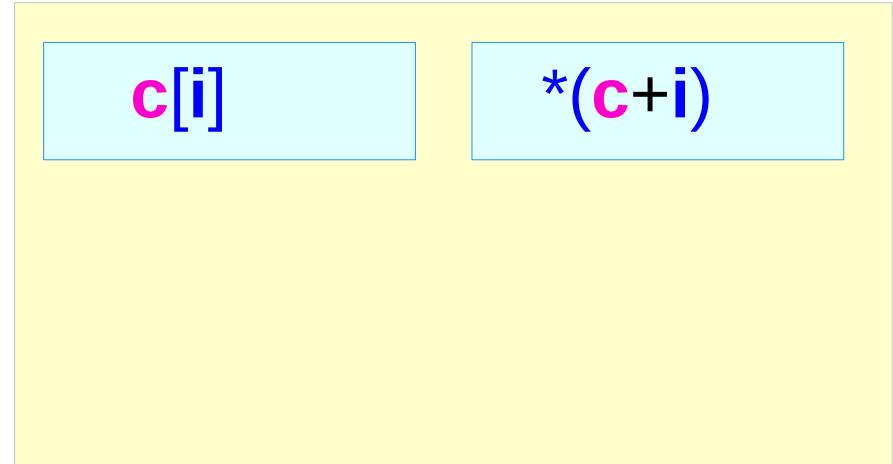
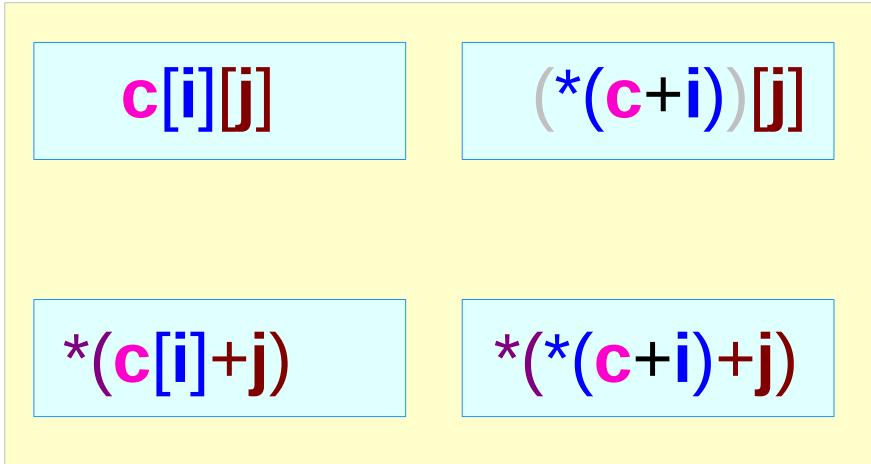
# 2-d array definition

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

A matrix view

|       | col 0    | col 1    | col 2    | col 3    |
|-------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| row 0 | c [0][0] | c [0][1] | c [0][2] | c [0][3] |
| row 1 | c [1][0] | c [1][1] | c [1][2] | c [1][3] |
| row 2 | c [2][0] | c [2][1] | c [2][2] | c [2][3] |

# A 2-D array element address



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

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

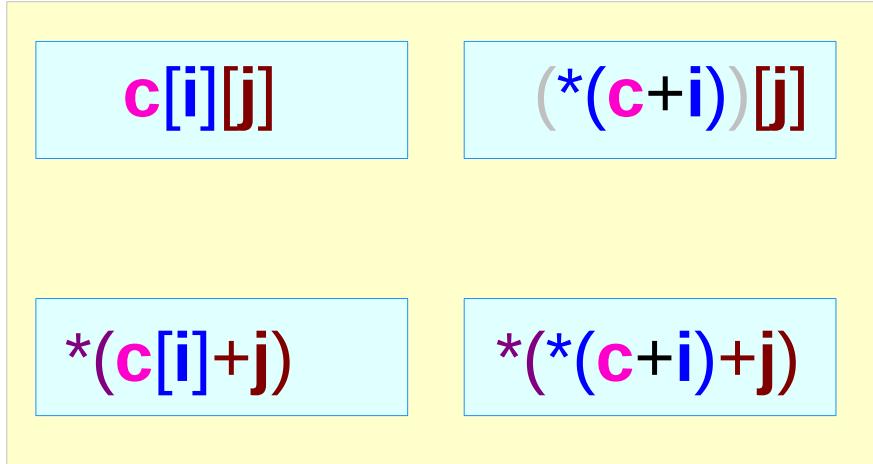
$$&c[i][j] \equiv *(c+i)+j$$

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

the address of  $c[i][j]$  is  $*(c+i)+j$

the address of  $c[i]$  is  $(c+i)$

# A 2-D array element address



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

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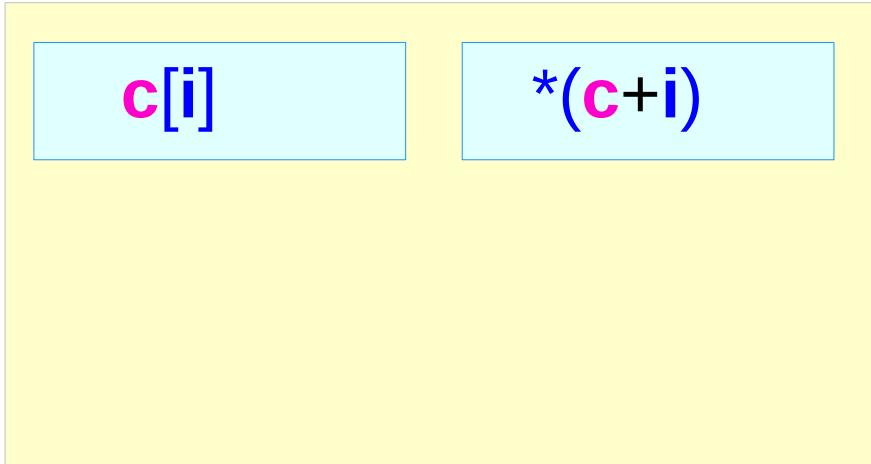
$$\begin{aligned} c[0]+0 &= *(c+0)+0 \\ c[0]+1 &= *(c+0)+1 \\ c[0]+2 &= *(c+0)+2 \\ c[0]+3 &= *(c+0)+3 \\ c[1]+0 &= *(c+1)+0 \\ c[1]+1 &= *(c+1)+1 \\ c[1]+2 &= *(c+1)+2 \\ c[1]+3 &= *(c+1)+3 \\ c[2]+0 &= *(c+2)+0 \\ c[2]+1 &= *(c+2)+1 \\ c[2]+2 &= *(c+2)+2 \\ c[2]+3 &= *(c+2)+3 \end{aligned}$$

|          |
|----------|
| c [0][0] |
| c [0][1] |
| c [0][2] |
| c [0][3] |
| c [1][0] |
| c [1][1] |
| c [1][2] |
| c [1][3] |
| c [2][0] |
| c [2][1] |
| c [2][2] |
| c [2][3] |

the address of  $c[i][j]$  is  $*(c+i)+j$

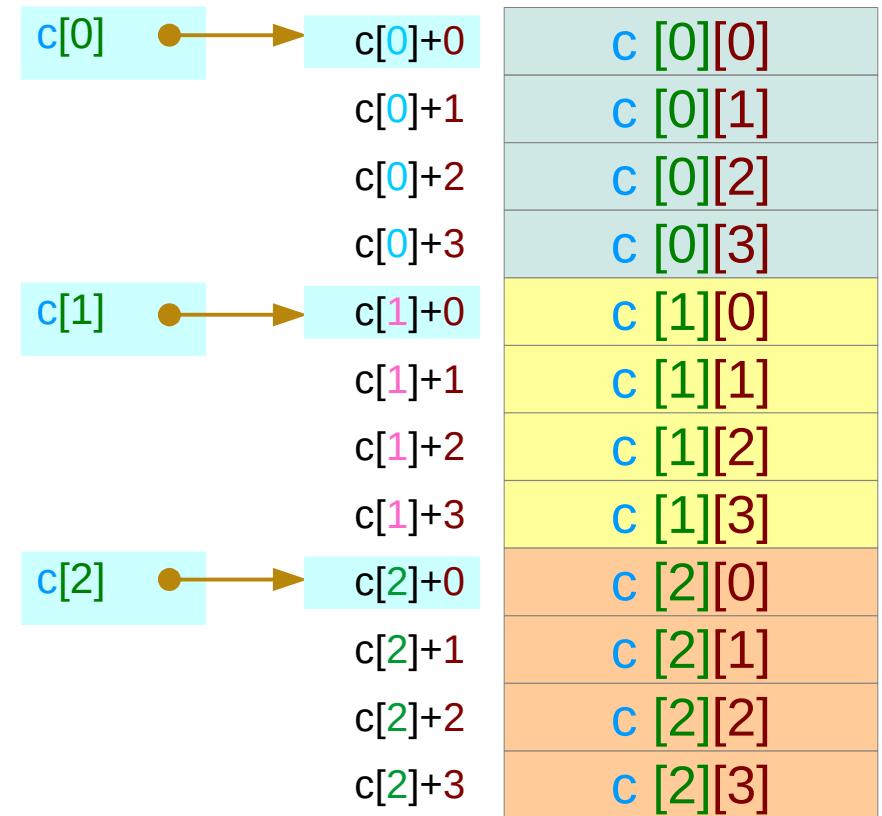
**Element address = Row address + Column address**

# A 2-D array element address



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

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

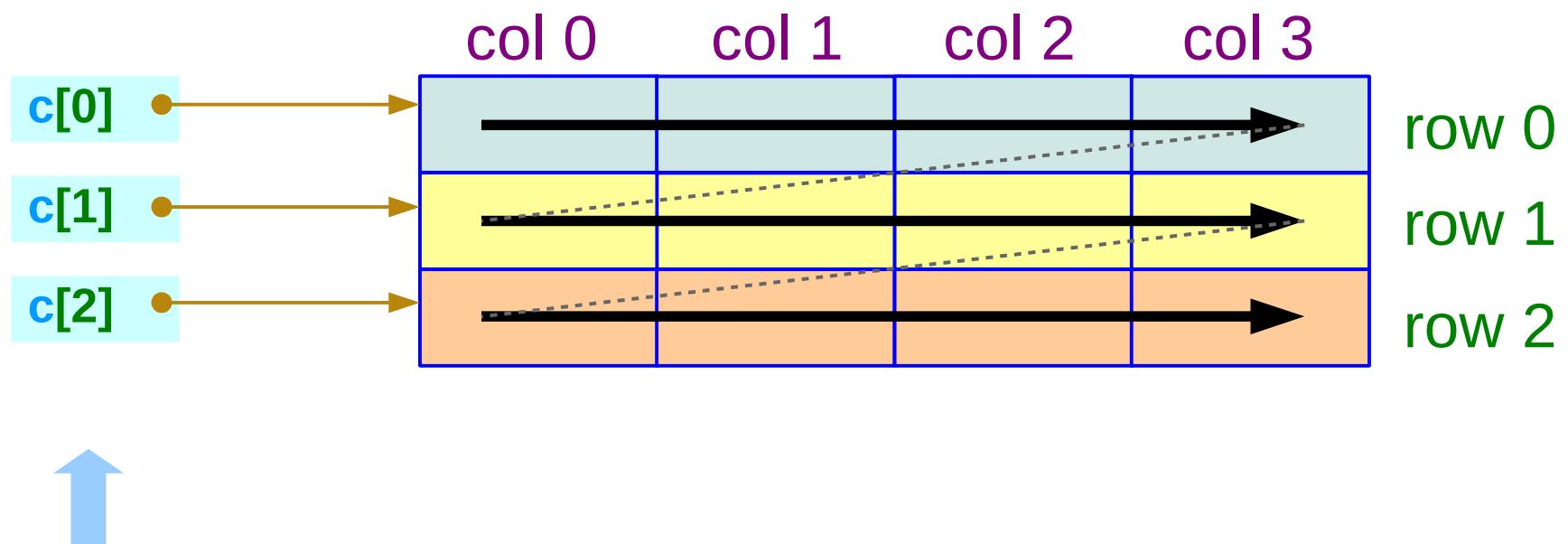


Row address

## 2-d array as a matrix

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

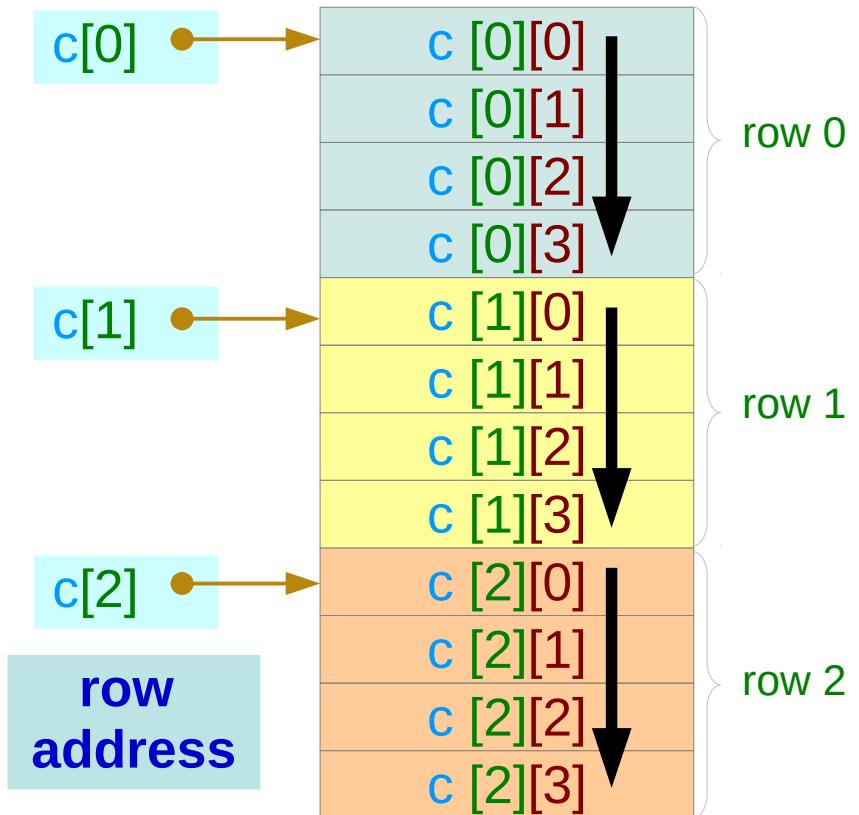
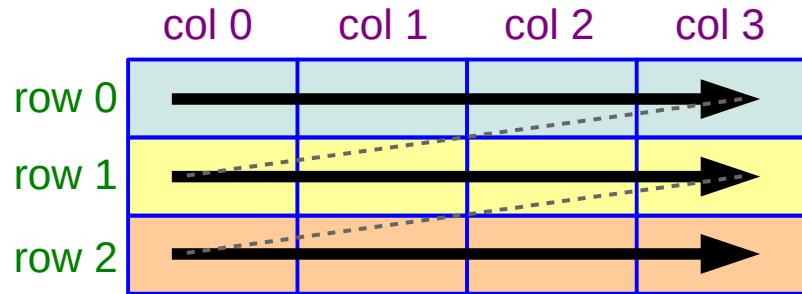
row major ordering



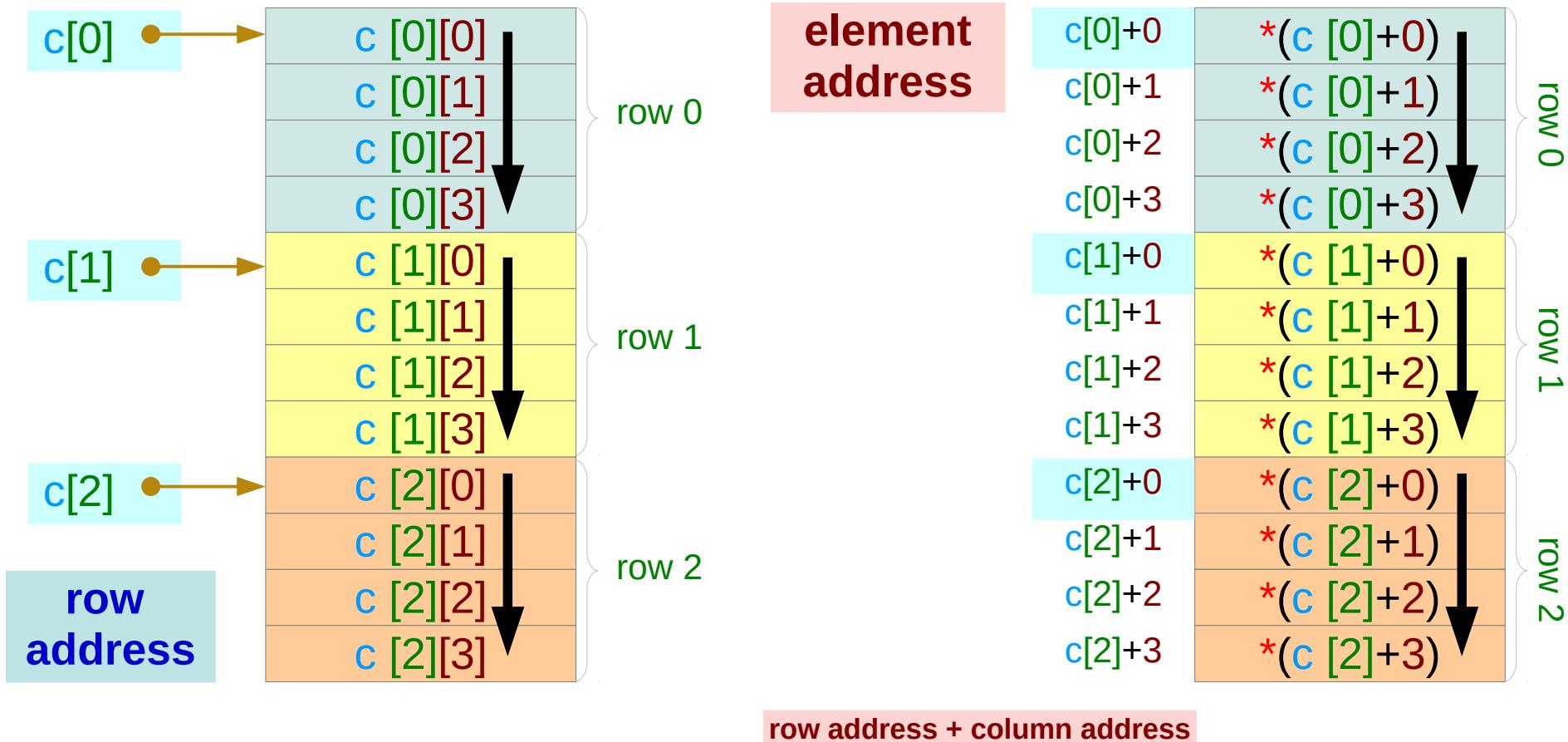
consider each `c[i]` as a pointer to the first element of each 4 element array

# 2-d array stored as a linear array

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



# Row Address and Element Address

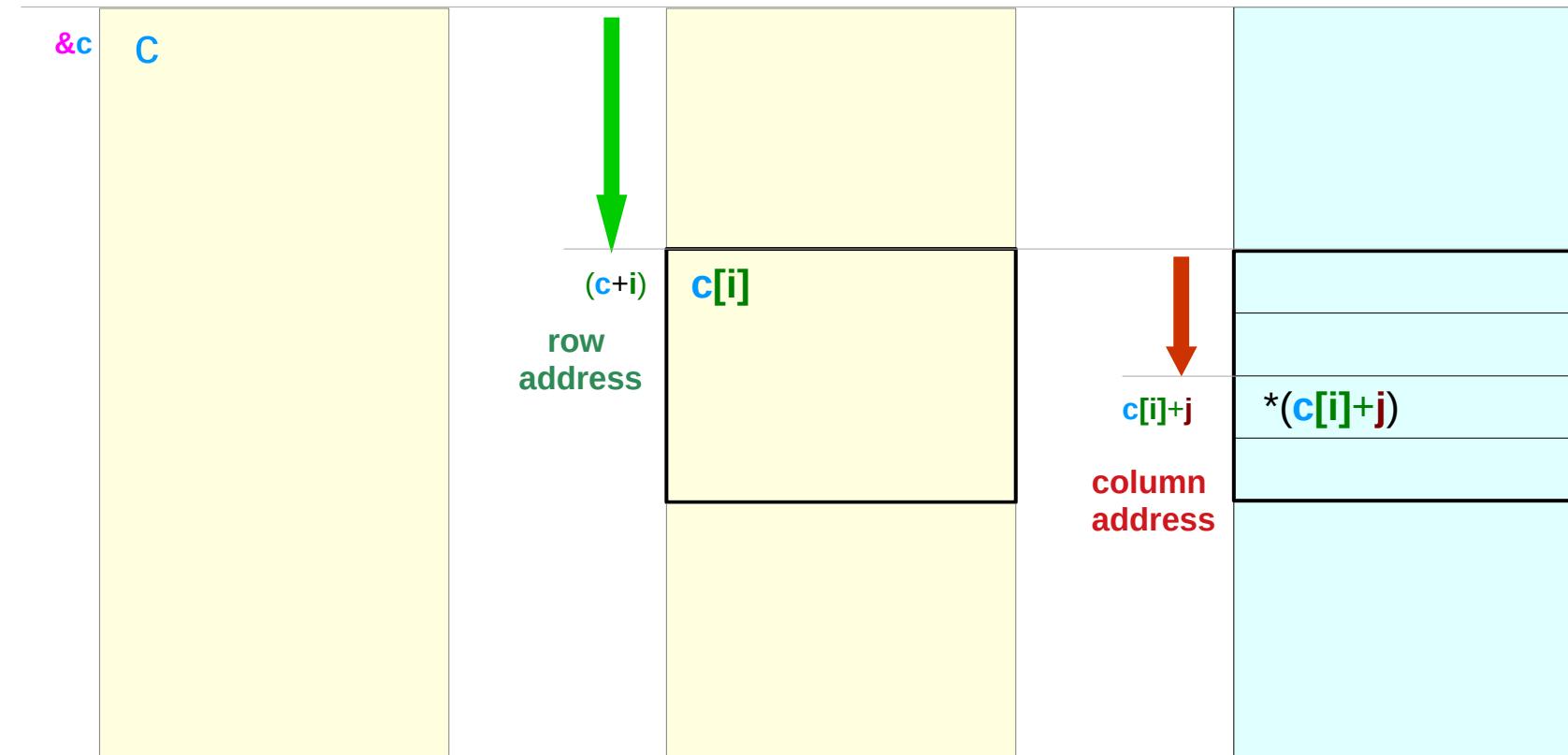


# A 2-d Array – an index view

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

$$*(\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{i}) = \mathbf{c}[\mathbf{i}]$$

$$*(\mathbf{*}(\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{i}) + \mathbf{j}) = \mathbf{c}[\mathbf{i}][\mathbf{j}]$$

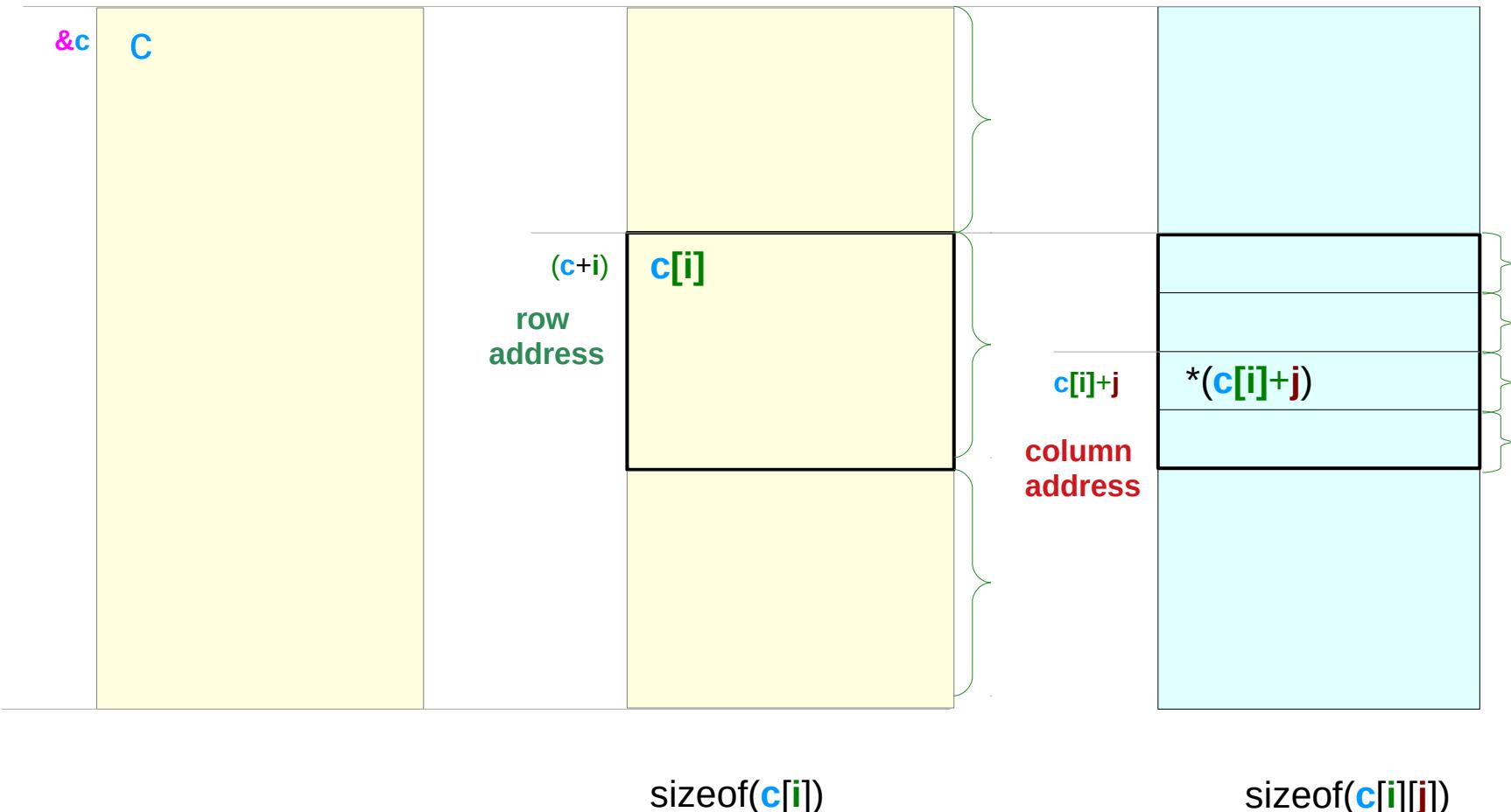


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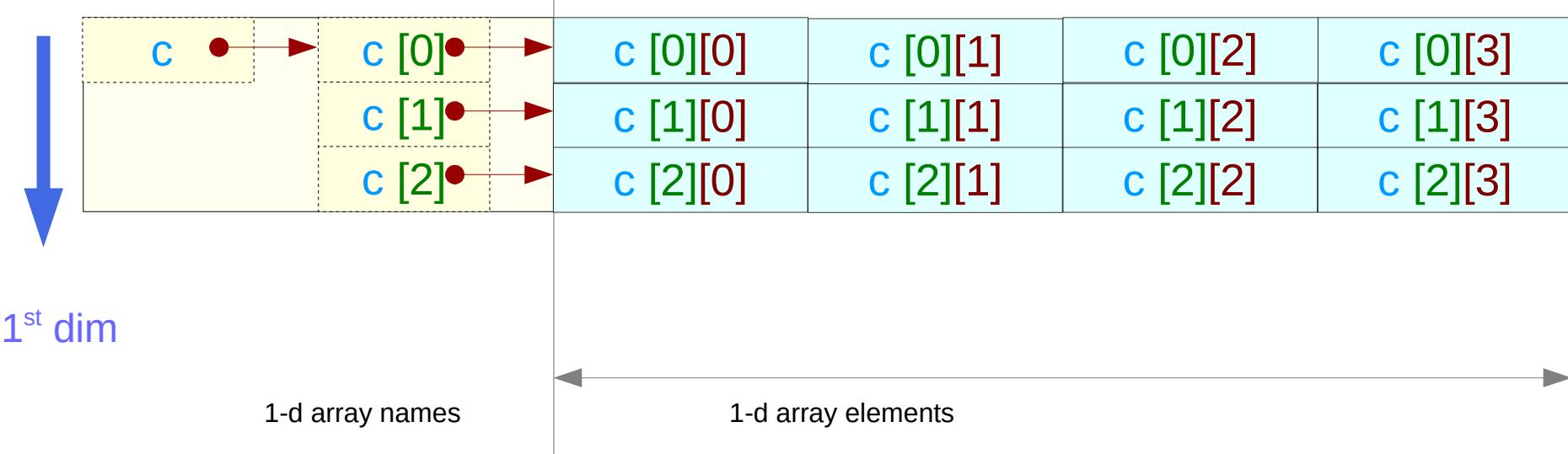


# A 1-d array pointer – extending a dimension

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

can be viewed as a 2-d array name  
: an additional dimension is extended

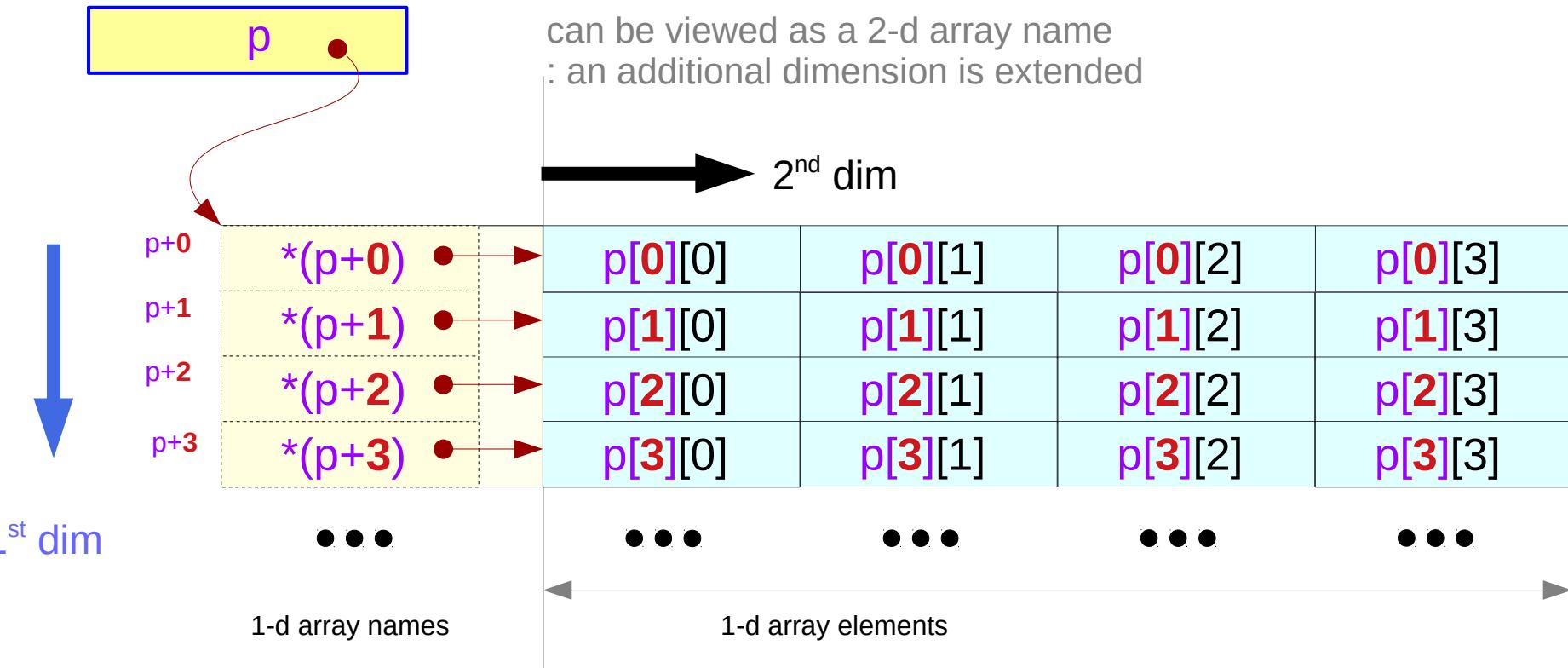
2<sup>nd</sup> dim



# A 1-d array pointer – extending a dimension

```
int (*p) [4] ;
```

## 1-d array pointer

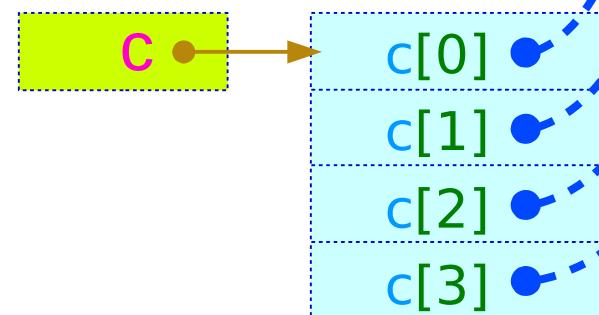


# Nested arrays

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

int      c[4]    [3] ;

c: an array of  
integer pointers

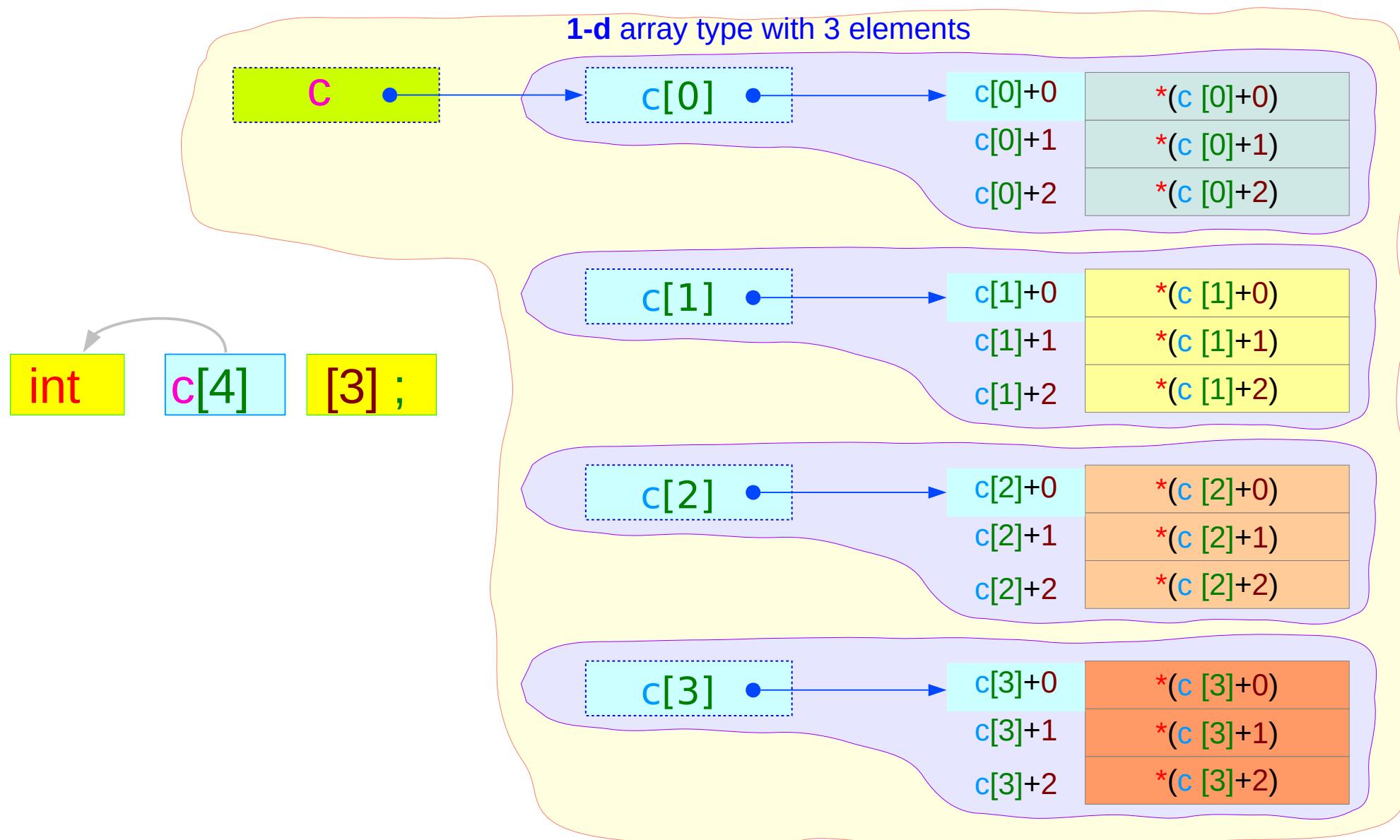


an imaginary array

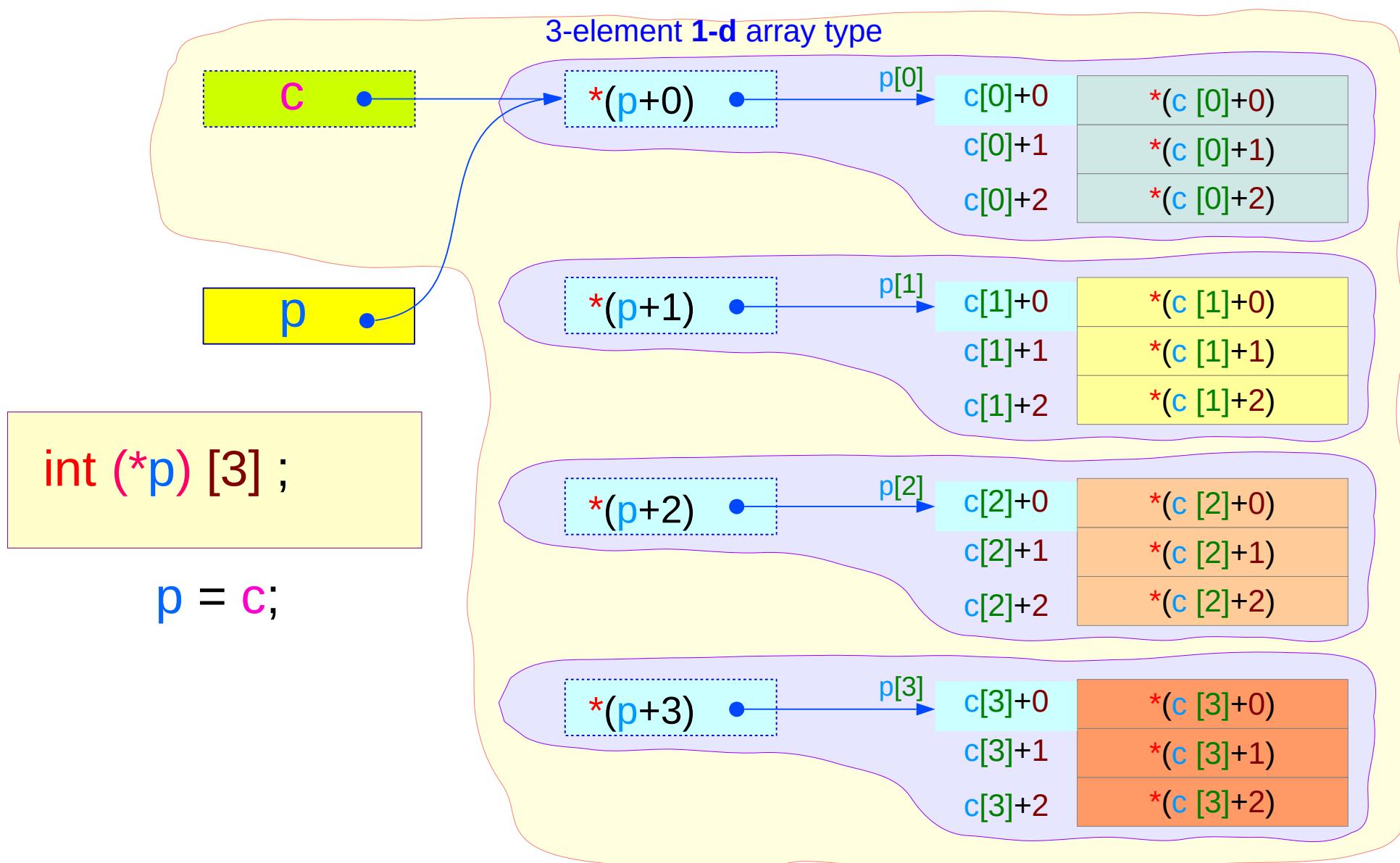
`int c[4][3]` does not allocate `c[0]`, `c[1]`, `c[2]`, `c[3]` in the memory

|                     |                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| <code>c[0]+0</code> | <code>*(c [0]+0)</code> |
| <code>c[0]+1</code> | <code>*(c [0]+1)</code> |
| <code>c[0]+2</code> | <code>*(c [0]+2)</code> |
| <code>c[1]+0</code> | <code>*(c [1]+0)</code> |
| <code>c[1]+1</code> | <code>*(c [1]+1)</code> |
| <code>c[1]+2</code> | <code>*(c [1]+2)</code> |
| <code>c[2]+0</code> | <code>*(c [2]+0)</code> |
| <code>c[2]+1</code> | <code>*(c [2]+1)</code> |
| <code>c[2]+2</code> | <code>*(c [2]+2)</code> |
| <code>c[3]+0</code> | <code>*(c [3]+0)</code> |
| <code>c[3]+1</code> | <code>*(c [3]+1)</code> |
| <code>c[3]+2</code> | <code>*(c [3]+2)</code> |

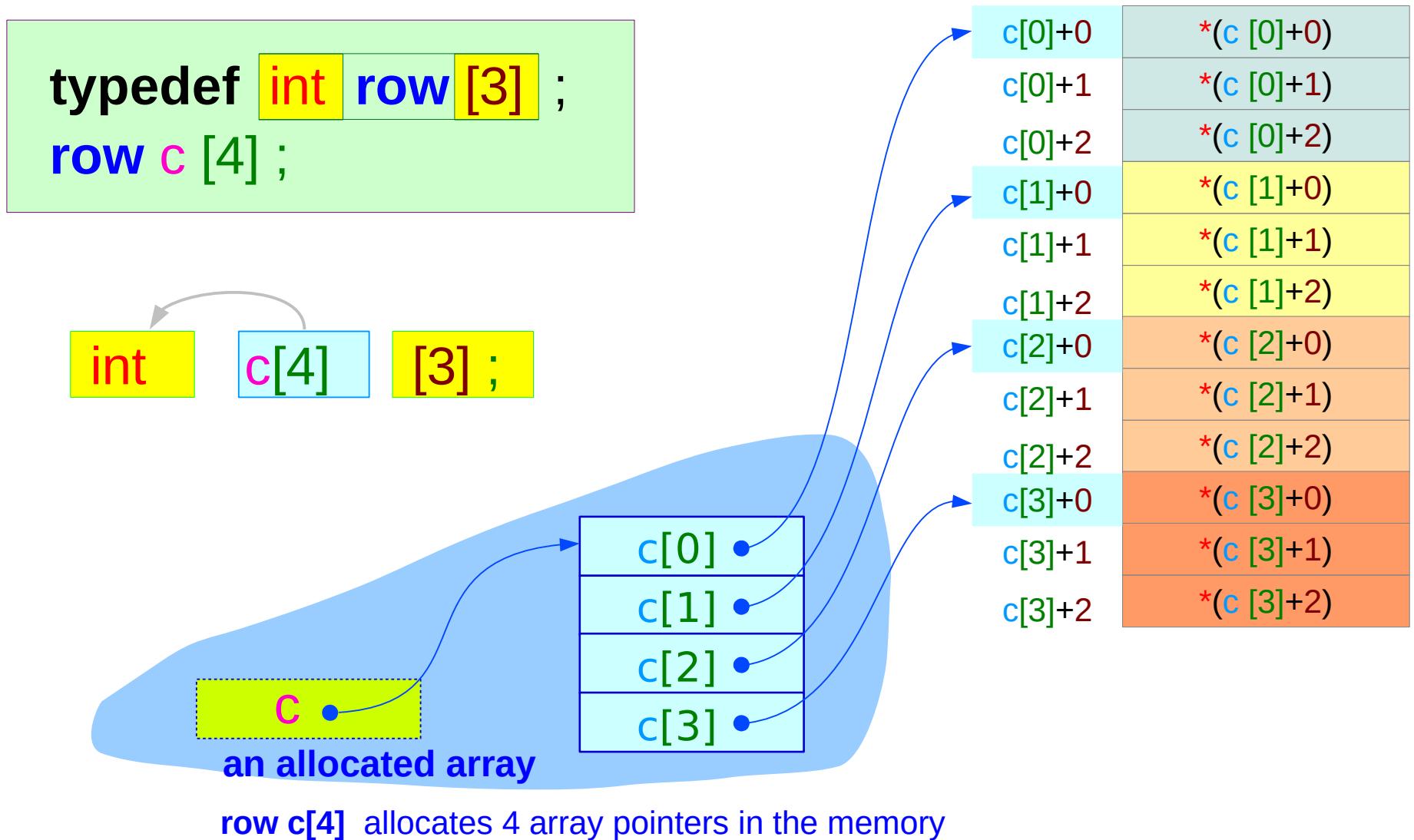
# 2-d Array : rows of 1-d arrays



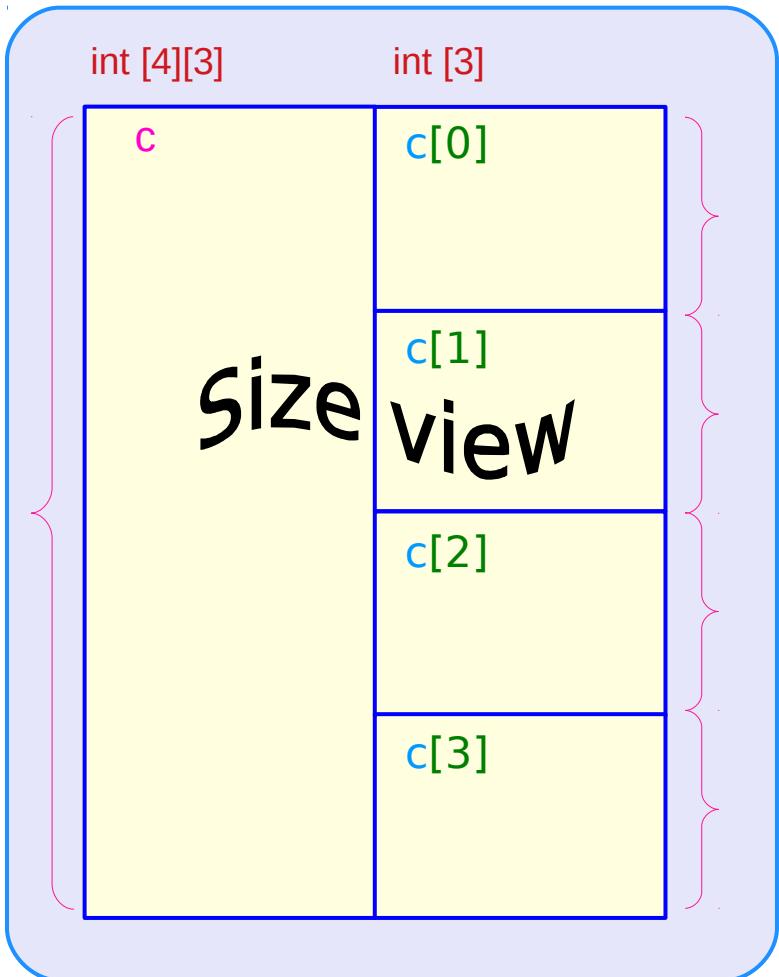
# Pointer to 1-d arrays



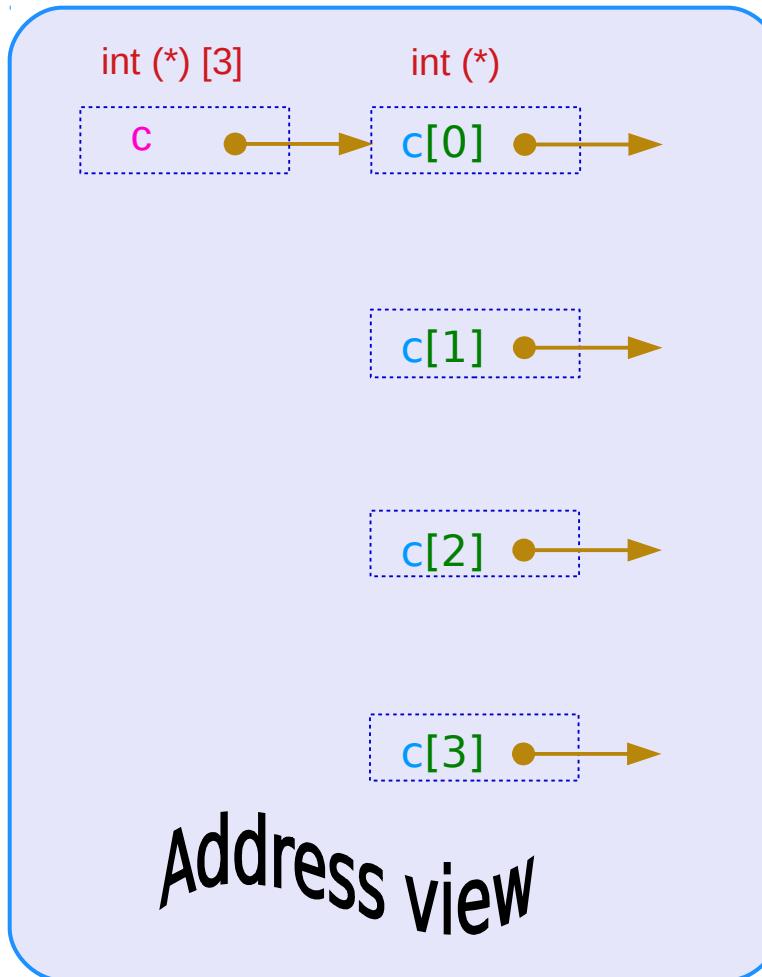
# Nested array declared explicitly



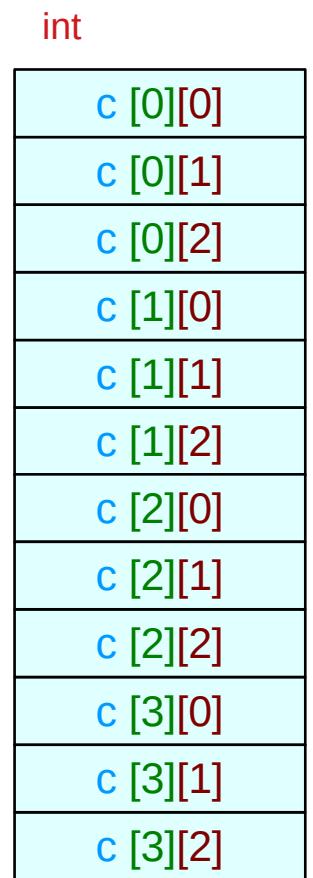
# Nested arrays



`sizeof(c) = sizeof(c[i]) * 4`

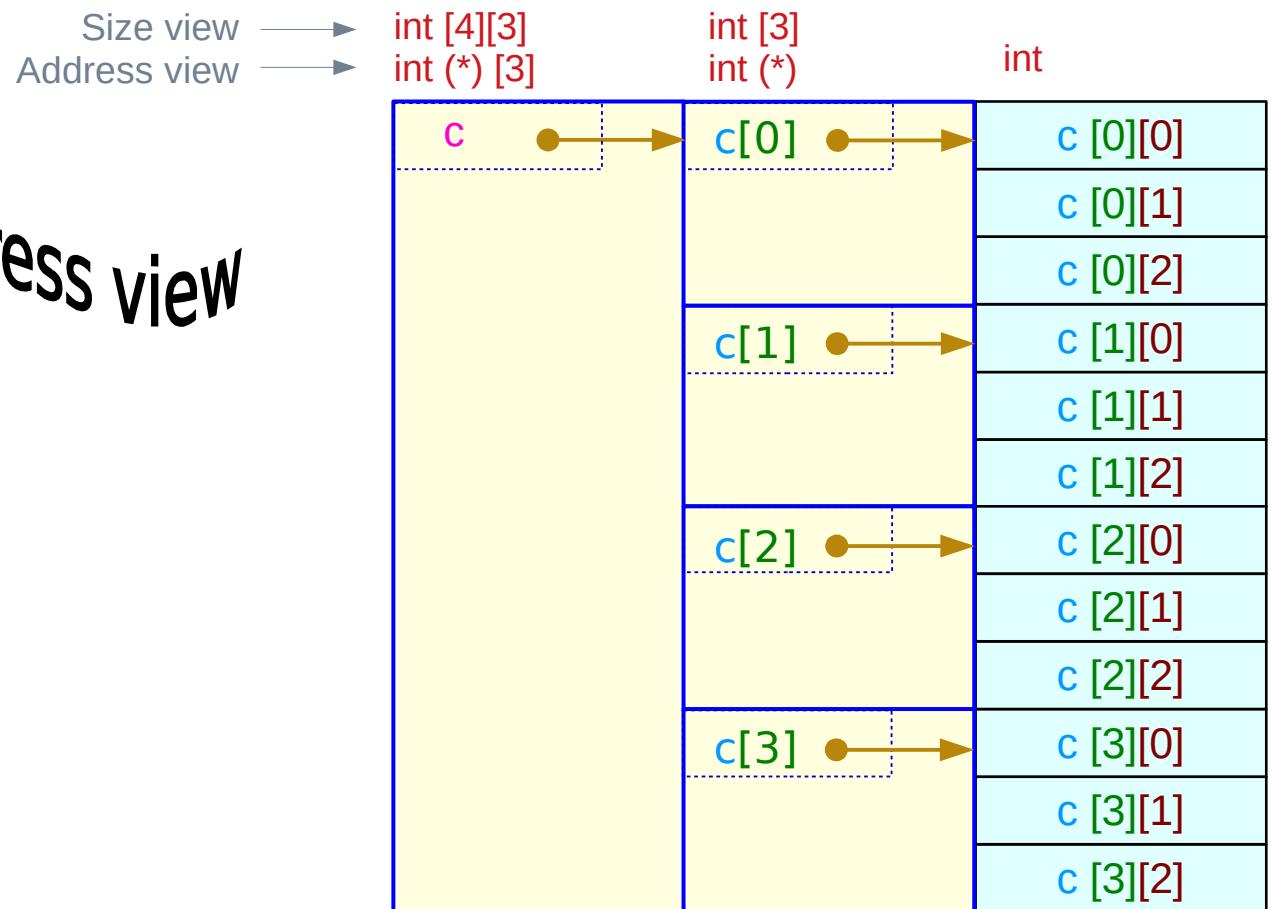


`c = c[0] = &c[0][0]`  
`c[1] = &c[1][0]`  
`c[2] = &c[2][0]`  
`c[3] = &c[3][0]`



# Nested arrays

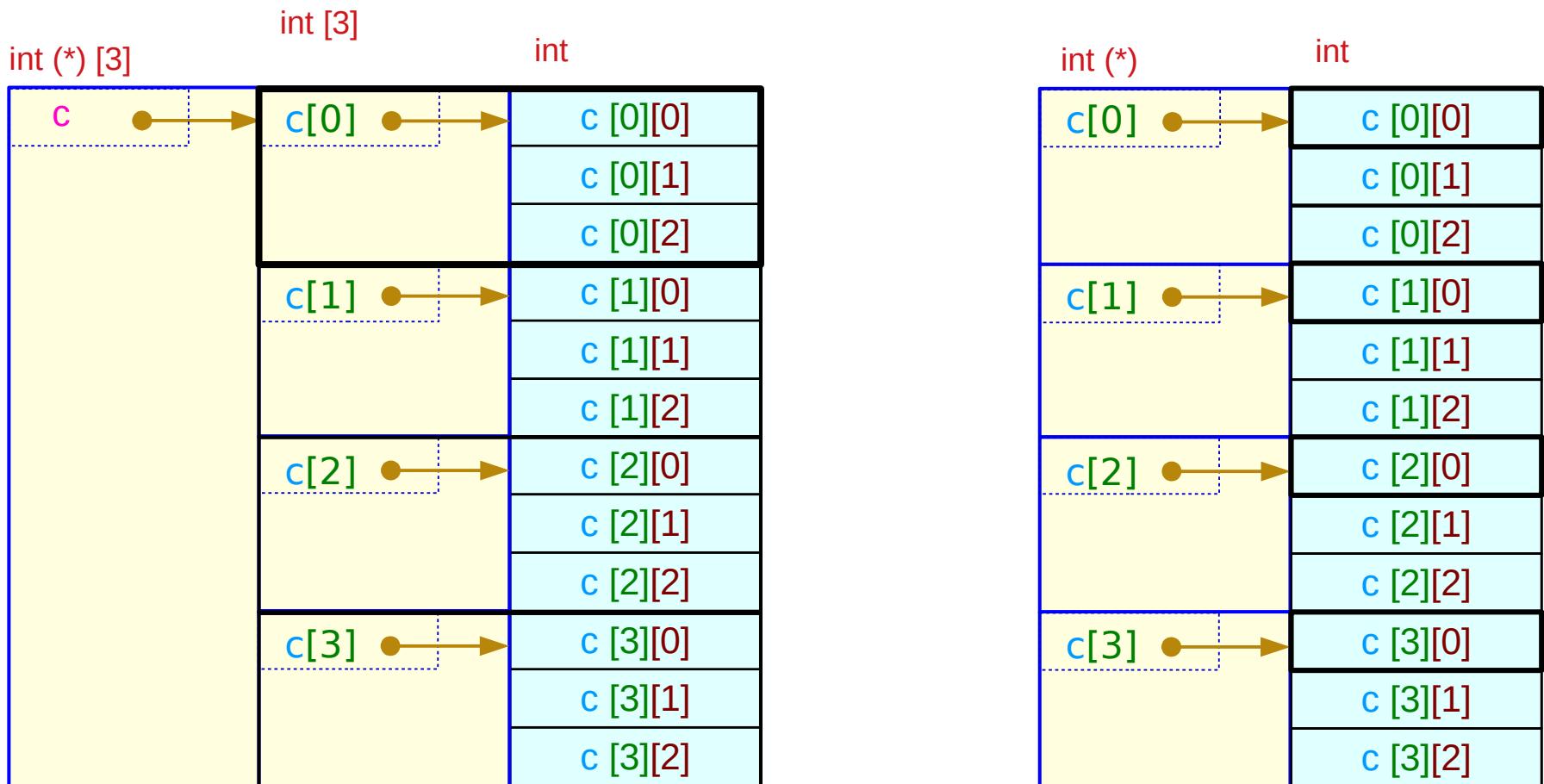
Size view + Address view



an imaginary array

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# Nested arrays



an imaginary array

int `c[4][3]` does not allocate `c[0]`, `c[1]`, `c[2]`, `c[3]` in the memory

# Types of multi-dimension array names

int a ;

int b [4];

int c [4][5];

int d [4][5][6];

a :: int → int

b :: int [4] → int (\*)

int \*

c :: int [4][5] → int (\*)[5]

d :: int [4][5][6] → int (\*)[5][6]

array types

*specific types*

array pointer types

*general type*

# Relaxing the 1<sup>st</sup> dimension

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

⋮

- int [2][5]
- int [3][5]
- int [4][5]

⋮

- int [2][5][6]
- int [3][5][6]
- int [4][5][6]

⋮

specific types



Relaxing the 1<sup>st</sup> dimension

int (\*)

int (\*)[5]

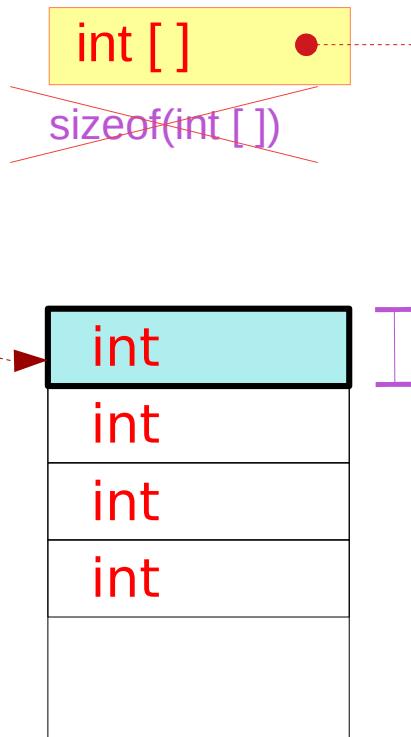
int (\*)[5][6]

general type

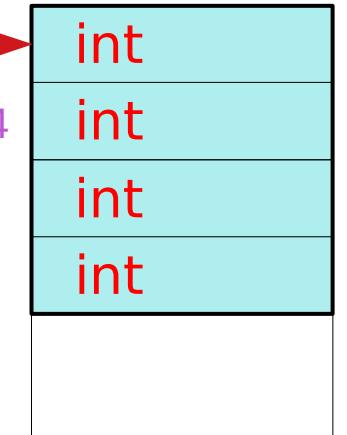
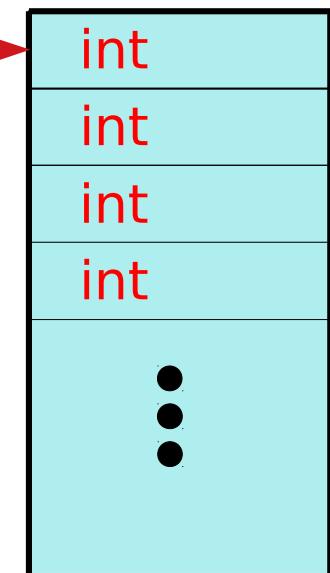
# Differences in pointer types – `int [4]`, `int [ ]`, `int *`

`type(int [4]) = type(int [ ]) = (int *)`

`int *` •  
 $\text{sizeof}(\text{int } \ast) = 8$

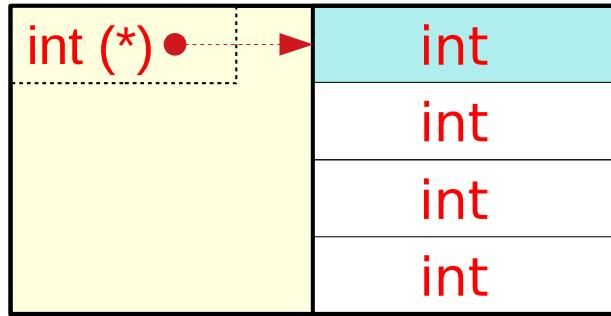


`int [4]` •  
 $\text{sizeof}(\text{int [4]}) = 16 = 4 \times 4$

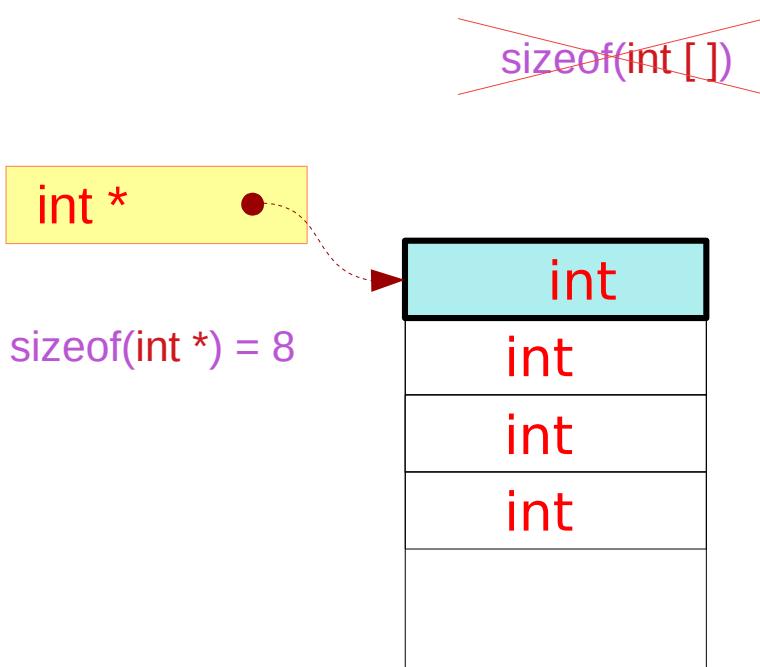


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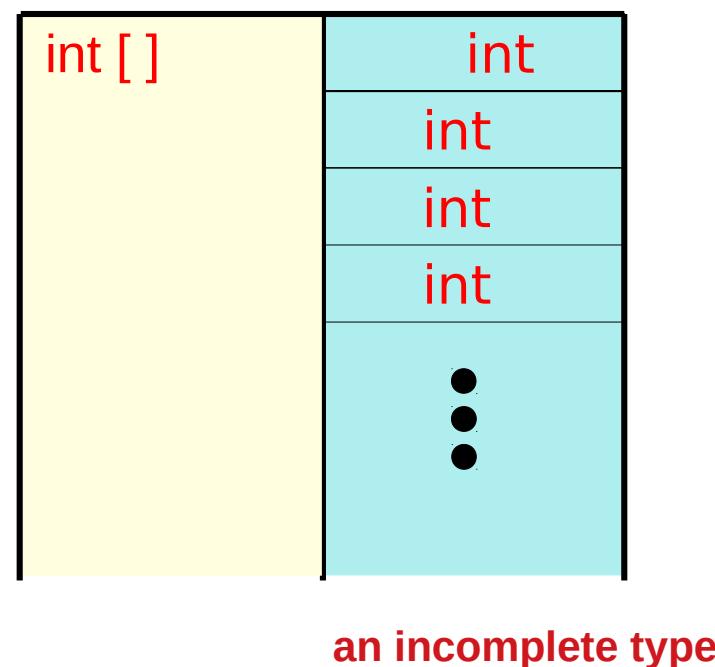
`sizeof(int (*) ) = 16 = 4*4`



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



`sizeof(int *) = 8`



# Types of array names

```
int a [4];
```

a is the name of the 1-d array

int [4]

start address = &a[0]

sizeof(a) = 4 \* 4

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

c[i] is the name of the 1-d subarray

int [4]

start address = &c[i][0]

sizeof(c[i]) = 4 \* 4

```
int c [3] [4]
```

c is the name of the 2-d array

int [3][4]

start address = &c[0][0]

sizeof(c[i]) = 3 \* 4 \* 4

# Values of array names

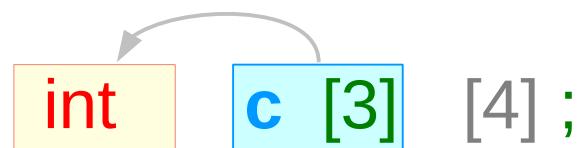


the value of **a** is the starting address  
of a 4 element array of int type

int (\*)

**a**: pointer to the first element

&**a**[0] = **a**

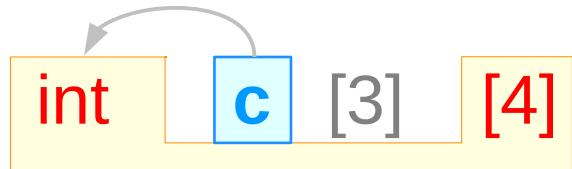


each value of **c[i]** is the starting address  
of a 4 element array of int type

int (\*)

**c[i]**: pointer to the first element

&**c[i][0]** = **c[i]**



the value of **c** is the starting address  
of a 3 element array of int [4] type

int (\*) [4]

**c**: pointer to the first element

&**c[0]** = **c**

# Array and pointer types in a 1-d array



a 1-d array

type : int [4]

size :  $4 * 4$

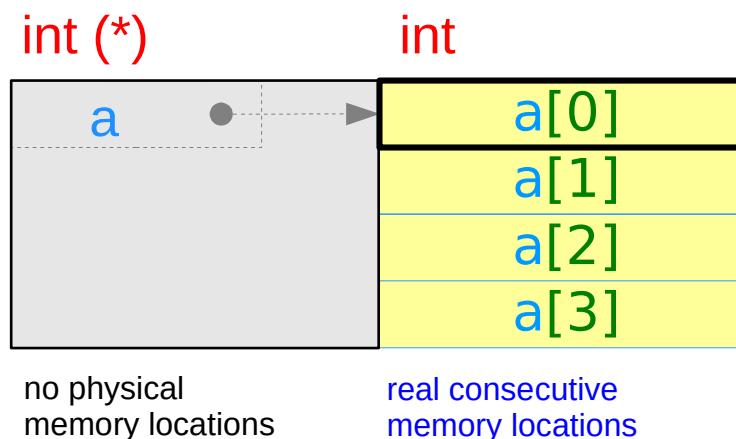
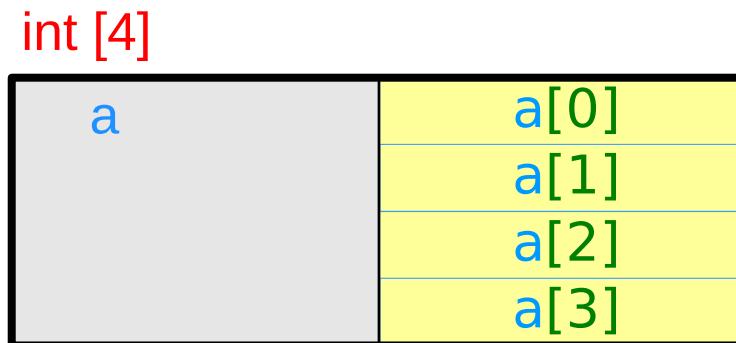


a 0-d array pointer (virtual)

type : int (\*)

size :  $4 * 4$

a points to the 1<sup>st</sup> int element  
there are 4 int elements



# 2-d array type

int    c    [3]   [4]

## C 2-d array

type : int [3][4]

size : 3 \* 4 \* 4

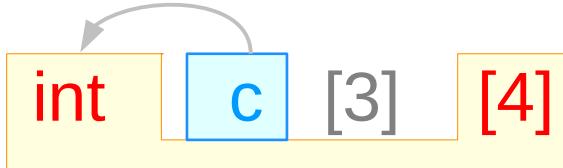
int [3][4]

|   |      |                                          |
|---|------|------------------------------------------|
| c | c[0] | c[0][0]<br>c[0][1]<br>c[0][2]<br>c[0][3] |
|   | c[1] | c[1][0]<br>c[1][1]<br>c[1][2]<br>c[1][3] |
|   | c[2] | c[2][0]<br>c[2][1]<br>c[2][2]<br>c[2][3] |

no physical memory locations

real consecutive  
memory locations

# 1-d array pointer type

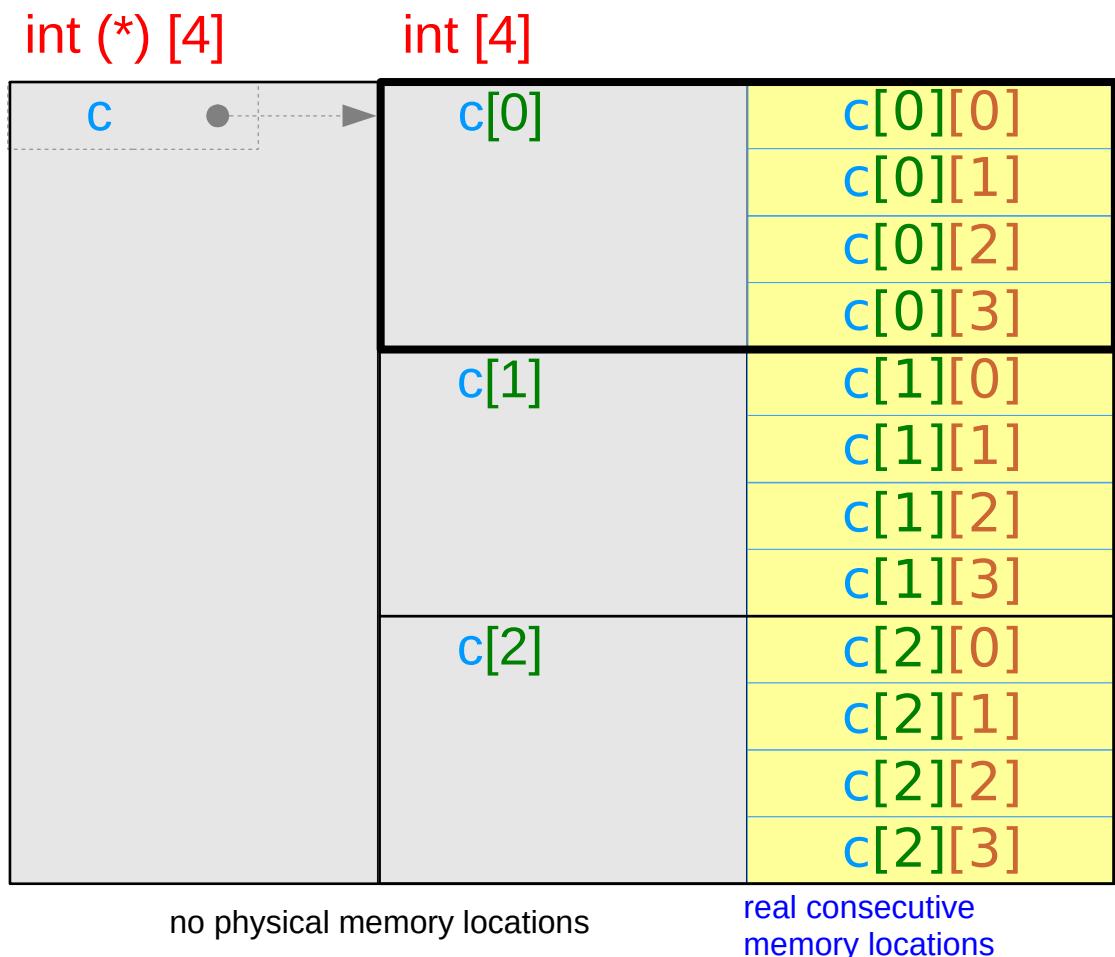


## C 1-d array pointer (virtual)

type : int (\*) [4]

size : 3 \* 4 \* 4

c points to the 1<sup>st</sup> int [4] element  
There are 3 int [4] elements



# Limitations

No index Range Checking

Array Size must be a constant expression

Variable Array Size

Arrays cannot be Copied or Compared

Aggregate Initialization and Global Arrays

Precedence Rule

Index Type Must be Integral

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