

Arrays (1A)

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Calculating the Mean of n Numbers

The mean of **N** numbers

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

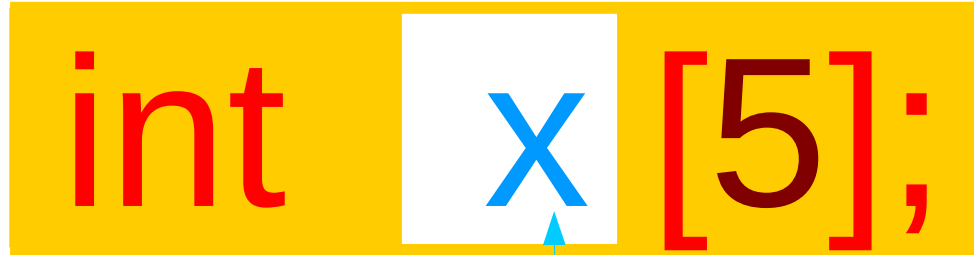
$$m = \frac{1}{5} \sum_{i=0}^4 x_i = \frac{1}{5} (x_0 + x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4)$$

5 variables

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

Definition of an Array

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

A diagram illustrating the components of the array declaration 'int x[5];'. The text is displayed on a yellow background. The word 'int' is in red, 'x' is in blue, and '[5];' is in red. A white square highlights the 'x'. A blue arrow points from the 'x' to the label 'Array Name' below. Another blue arrow points from the '[5]' to the label 'Array Type' below.

Array Type

int [5]

Array Name

x

Element Type

int x [5] ;

Array Type

int [5]

Array Name

x

a constant

Value: the starting address of
5 consecutive int variables

int x [5] ;

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]
```

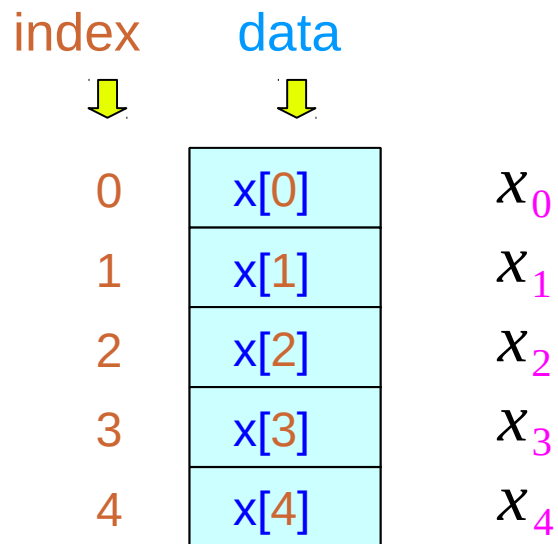
$i = 0, \dots, 4$

Accessing array elements – using an index

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

`x` is an array
with 5 integer elements

5 int variables

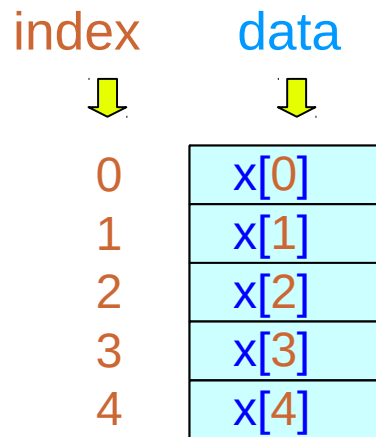


Accessing array elements – using an address

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

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

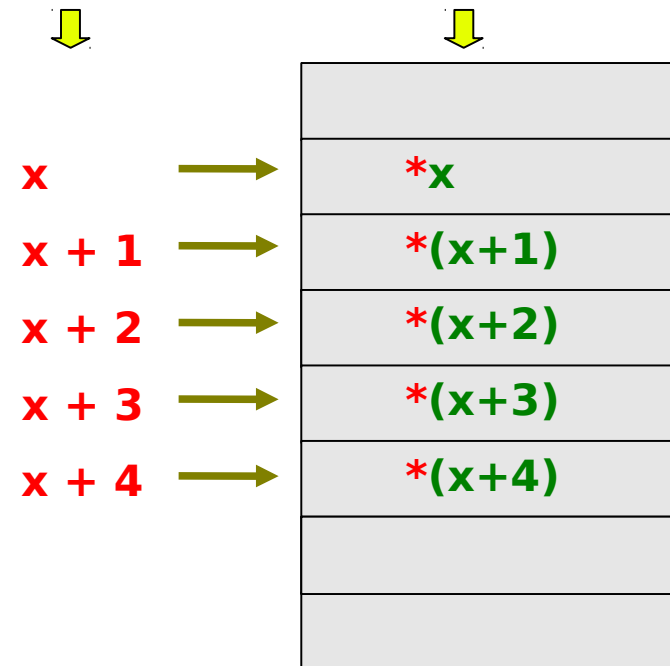
5 int variables



cannot change
address x
(constant)

address

data



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 $(i+1)^{\text{th}}$ element value

x : the starting address
 $x+i$: the $(i+1)^{\text{th}}$ element's address
 $*(x+i)$: the $(i+1)^{\text{th}}$ 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



$x[i]$



write

read



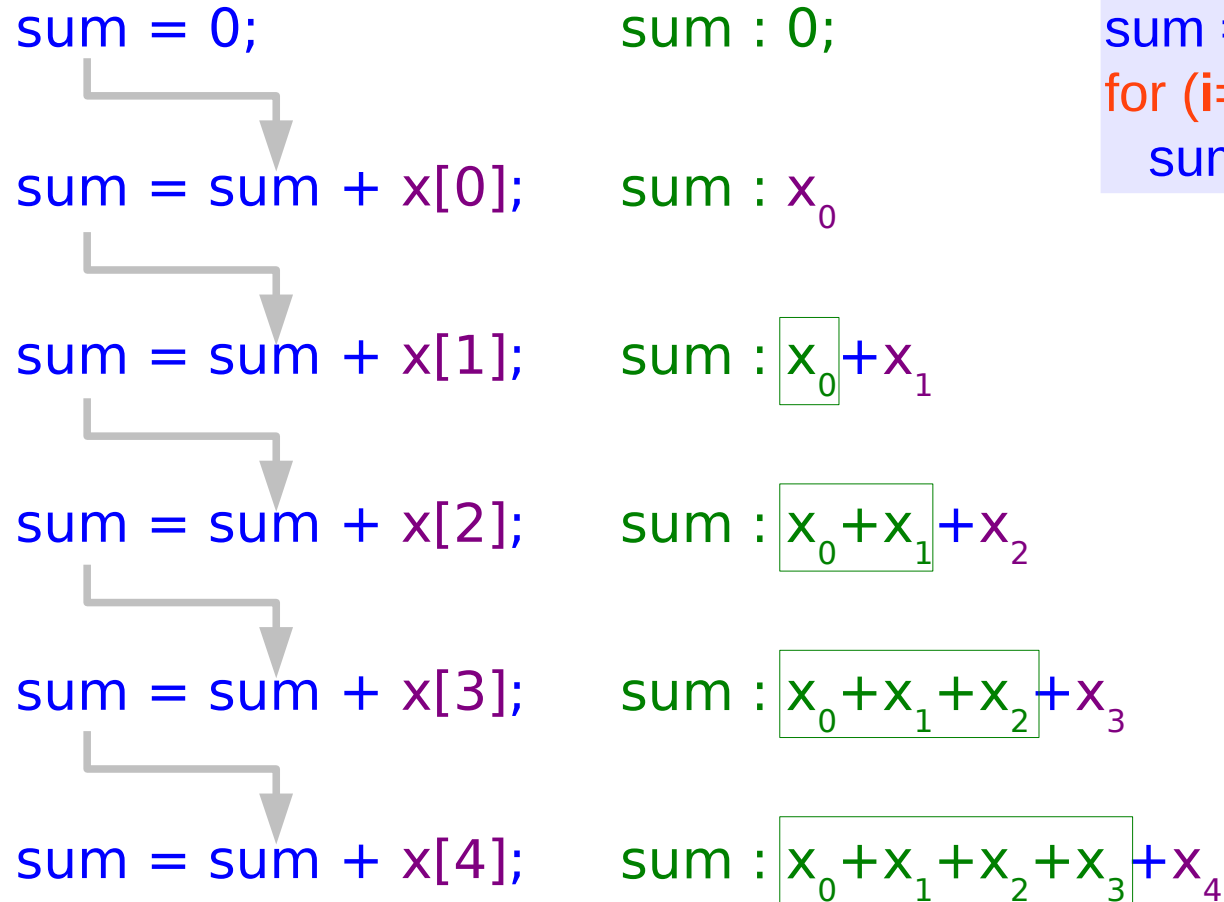
$*(x+i)$



write

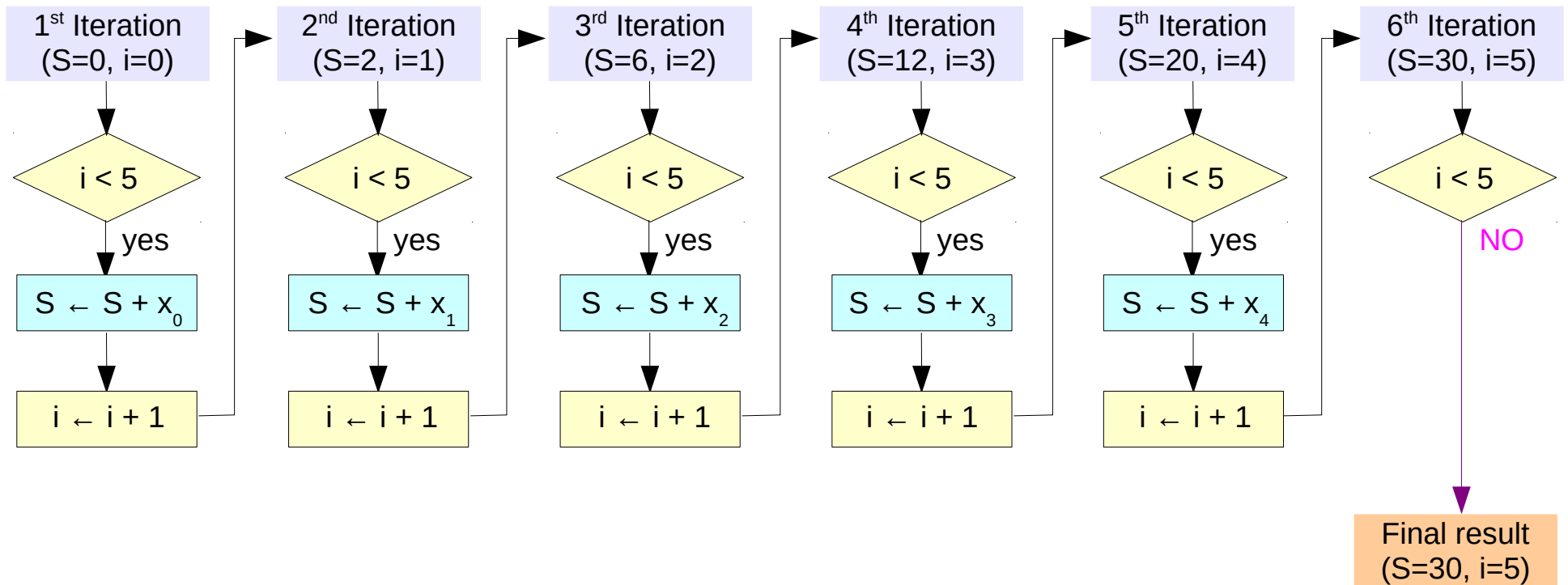
an index variable i

Computing the sum of n numbers (1)



```
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];
```

x₀=2,
x₁=4,
x₂=6,
x₃=8,
x₄=10

| | 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 [] ;
```

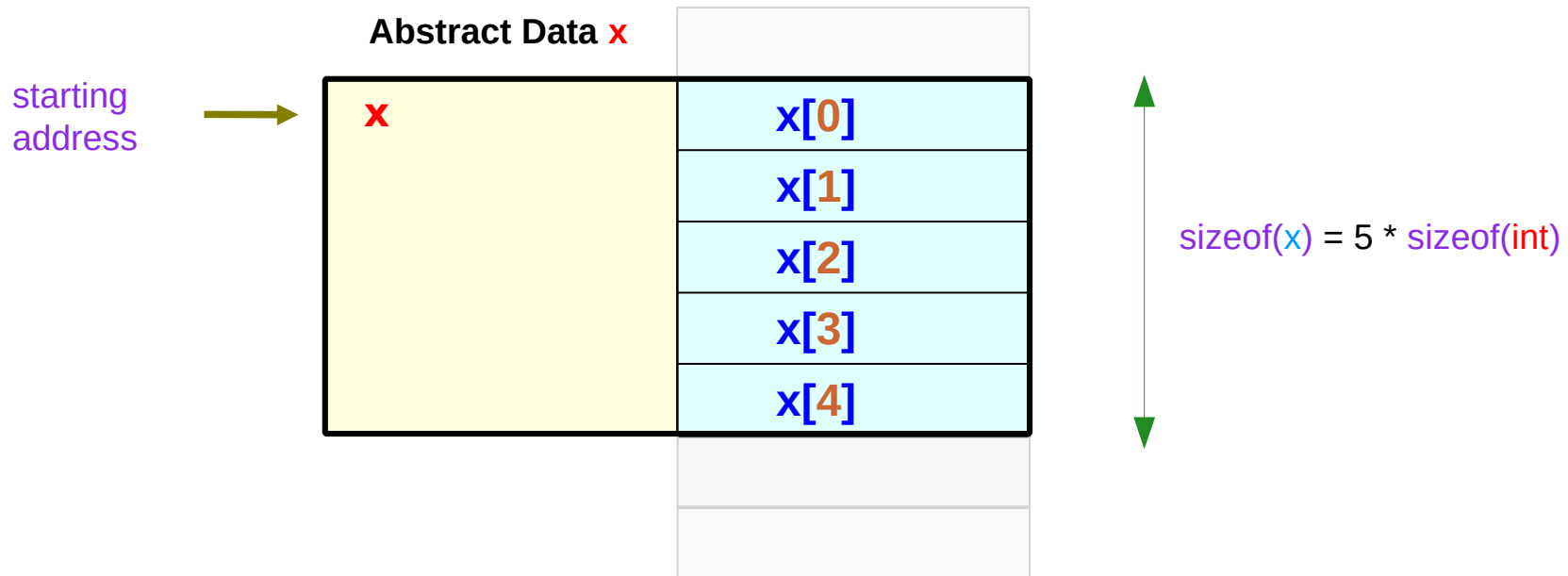
```
int c [3][4] = { { 1, 2, 3, 4},  
                 { 5, 6, 7, 8},  
                 {9,10,11,12} };
```

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

Abstract data **x**

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

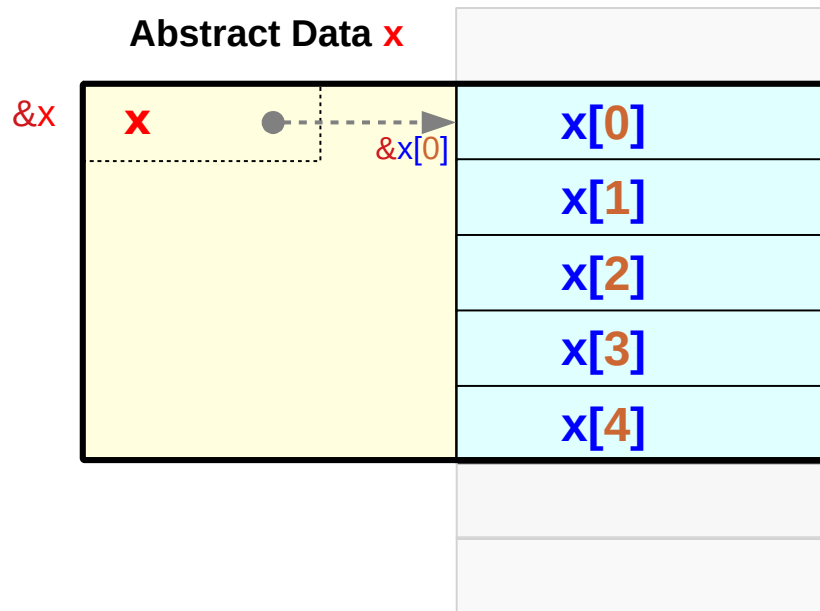
x holds the *starting address*
of **5** consecutive *int* variables



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

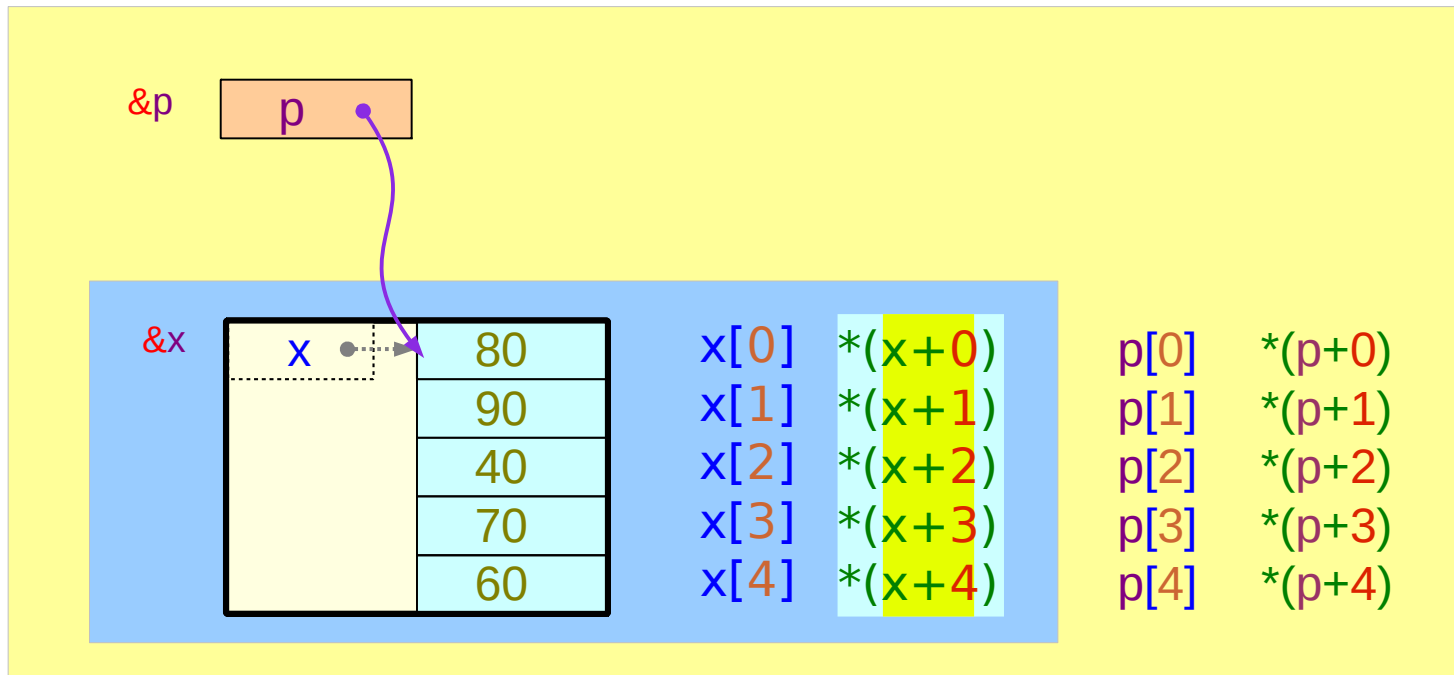
Accessing an Array with a Pointer Variable

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

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

x is a constant symbol
cannot be changed

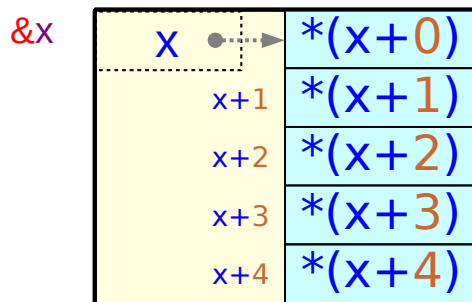
p is a variable
can point to other addresses



An Array Name and a Pointer Variable

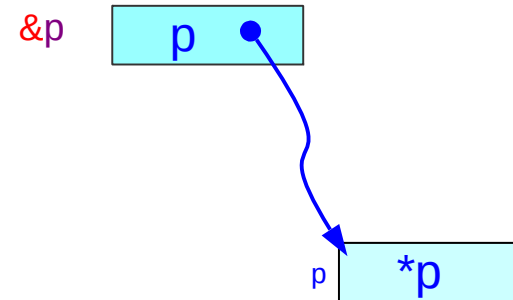
```
int x [5] ;
```

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



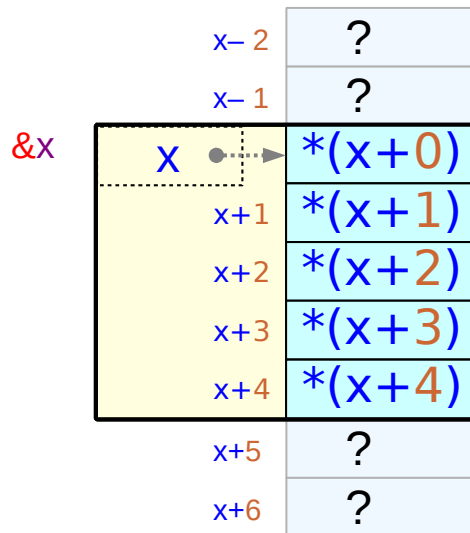
```
int * p ;
```

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

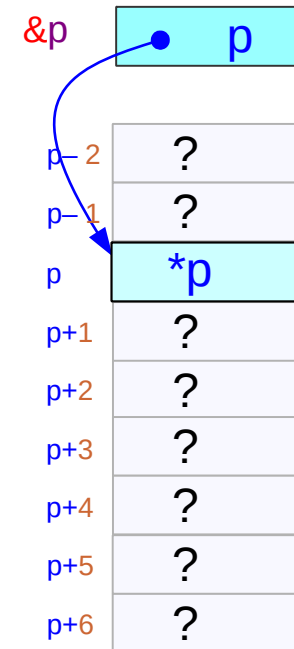


Out of range index

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



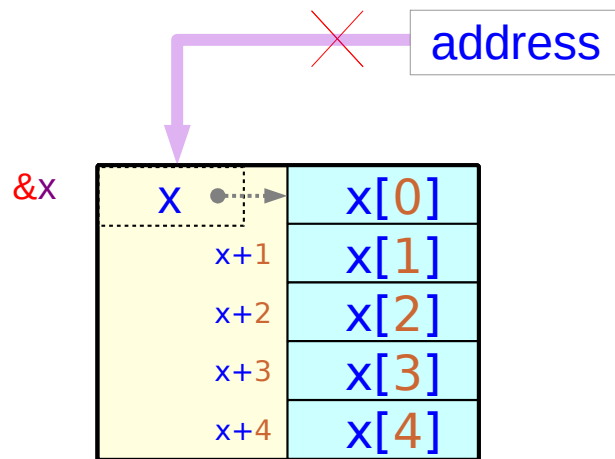
```
int * p ;
```



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 ;
```



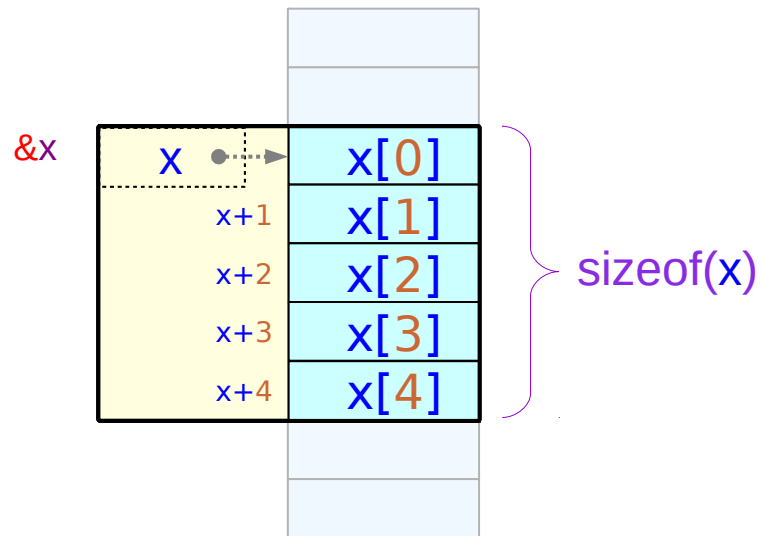
p is a variable

has an allocated memory location

its value can be changed

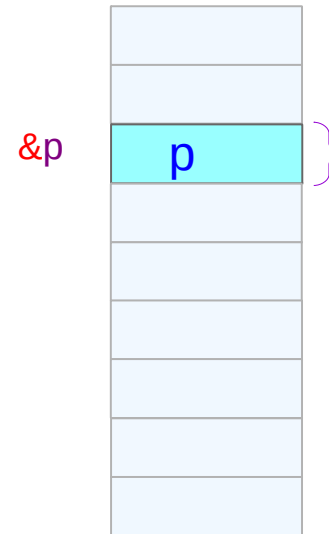
Size

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



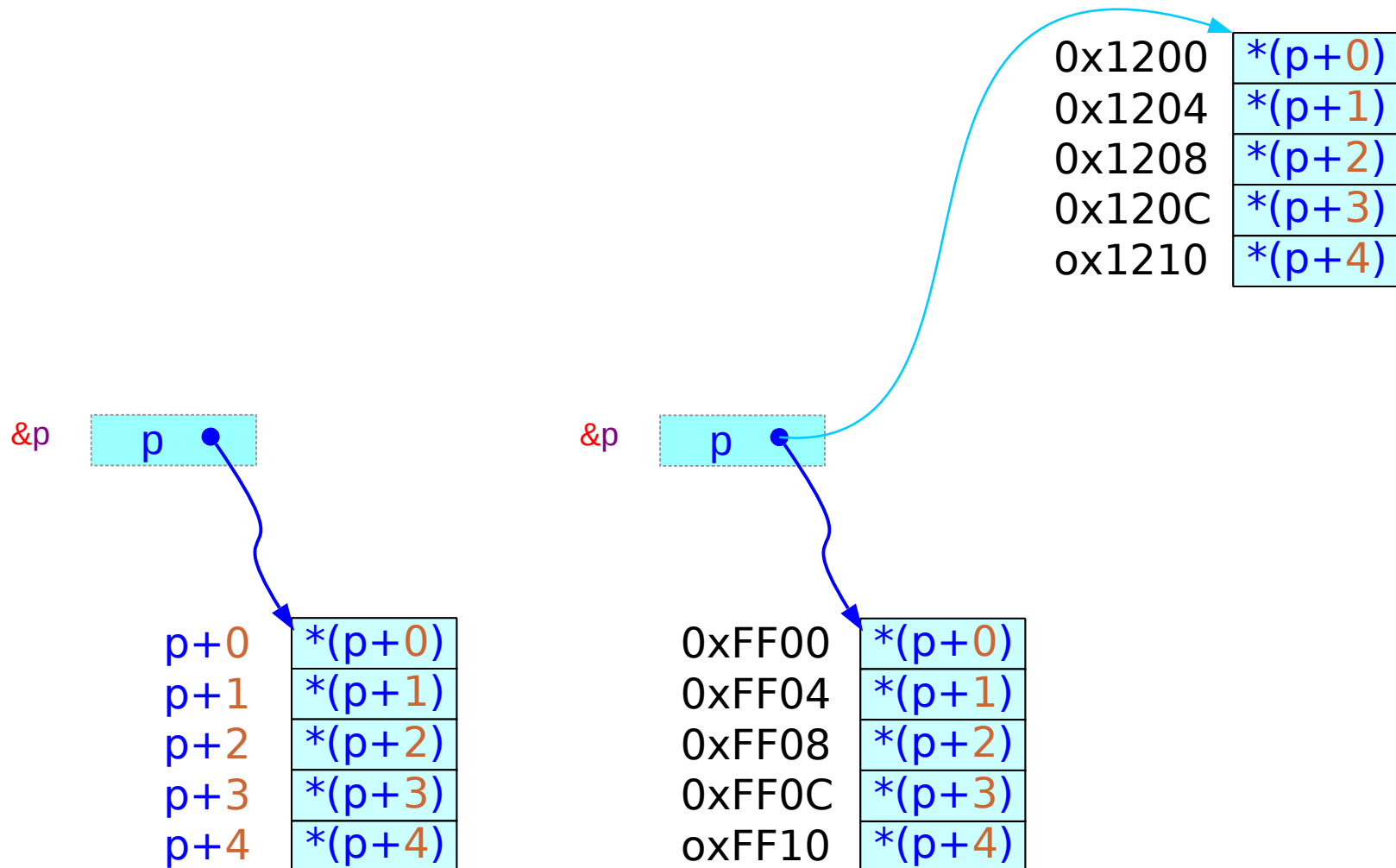
$\text{sizeof}(x) = 5 * \text{sizeof}(\text{int})$

```
int * p ;
```



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

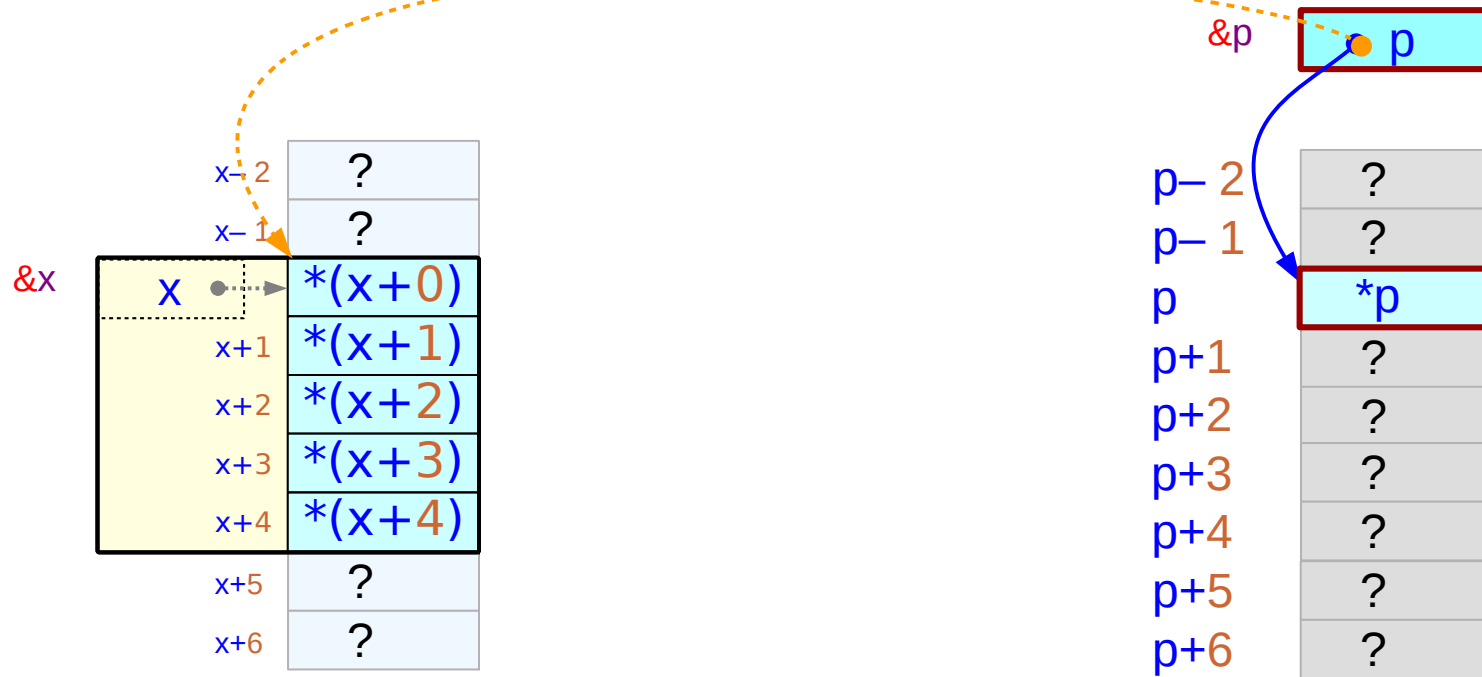
Pointer variable can point different locations



Pointer to an integer

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

```
int * p ;
```



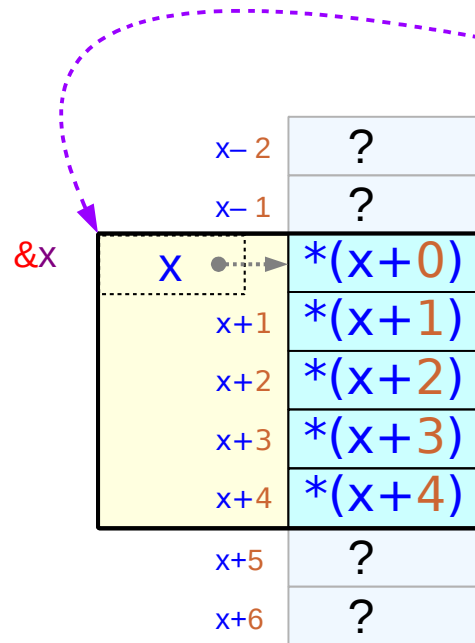
```
*p = *x ;
```



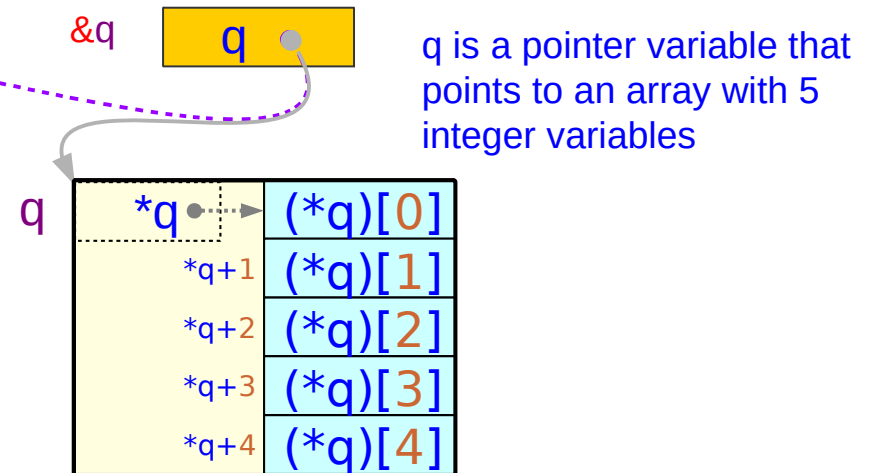
```
p = x ;
```


Pointer to an array

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



```
int (*q) [5] ;
```



```
*q = x ;
```

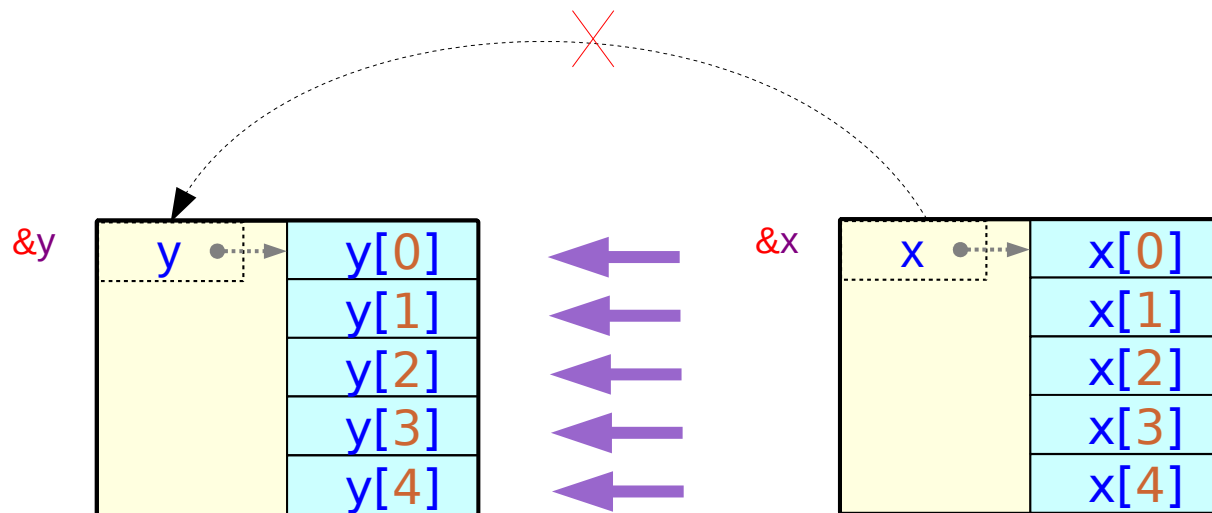


```
q = &x ;
```

* not frequently used feature

Copying an Array to another Array

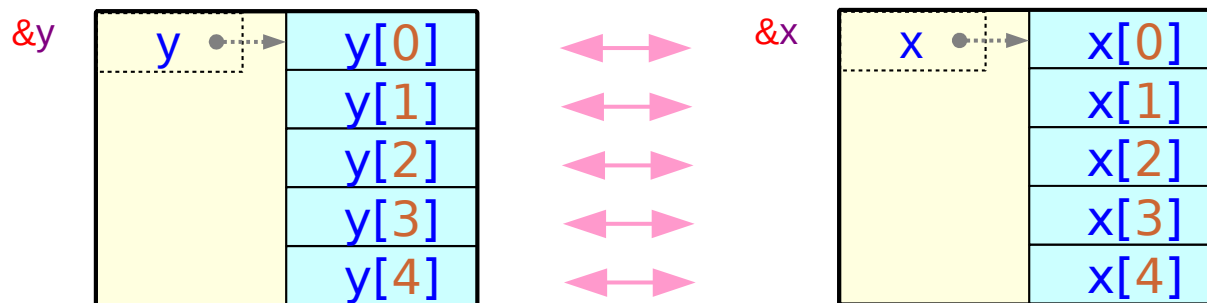
```
int x [5] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 };  
int y [5] ;  
y = x;
```



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

Comparing an Array with another Array

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



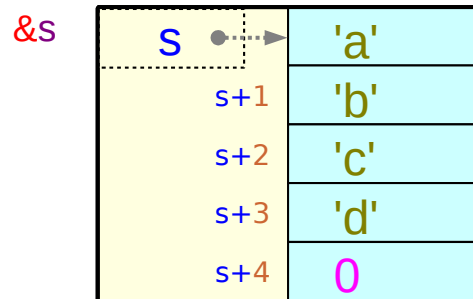
```
EQ=1;  
for (i=0; i<5; ++i)  
    EQ &= (y[i] == x[i]);
```

Initialized Character Arrays and Pointers (1)

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

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

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

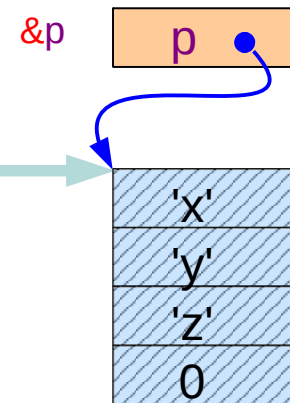


can change the value of any element

```
*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

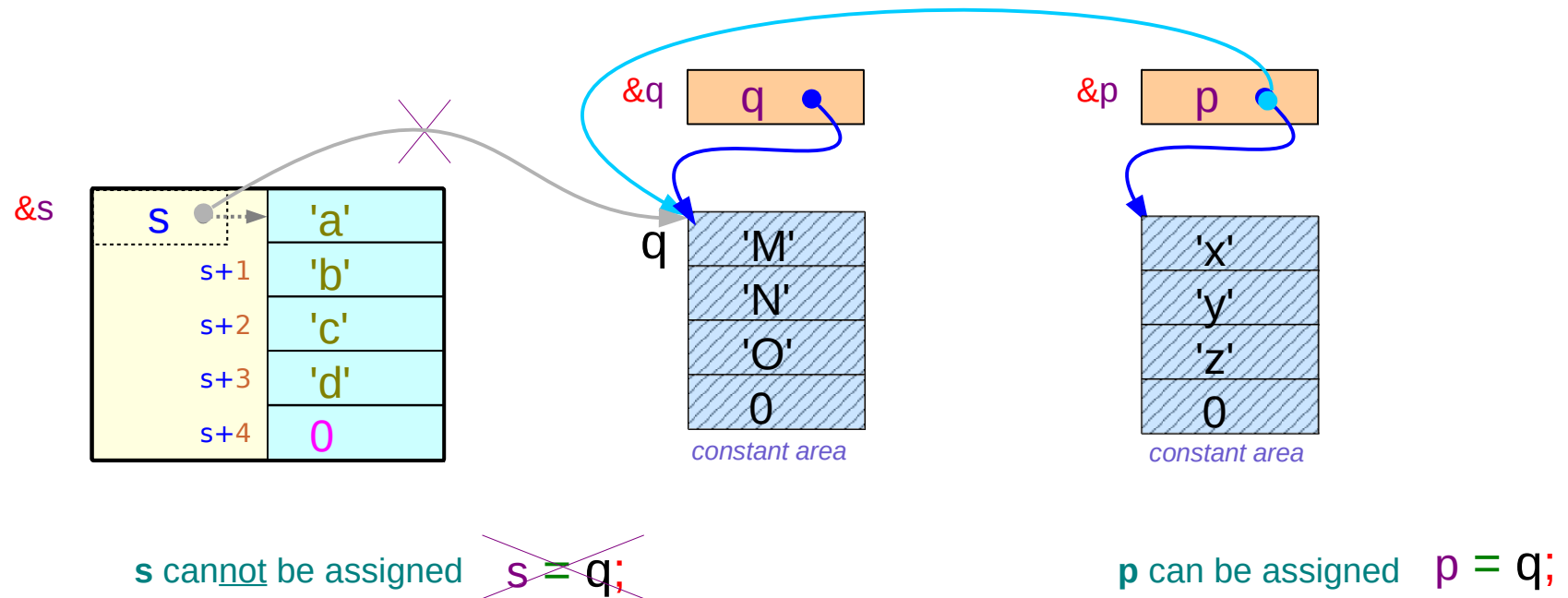
```
*p = 'm';  
p[0] = 'm';
```

Initialized Character Arrays and Pointers (2)

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

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

```
char *p = "xyz", *q = "MNO" ;
```

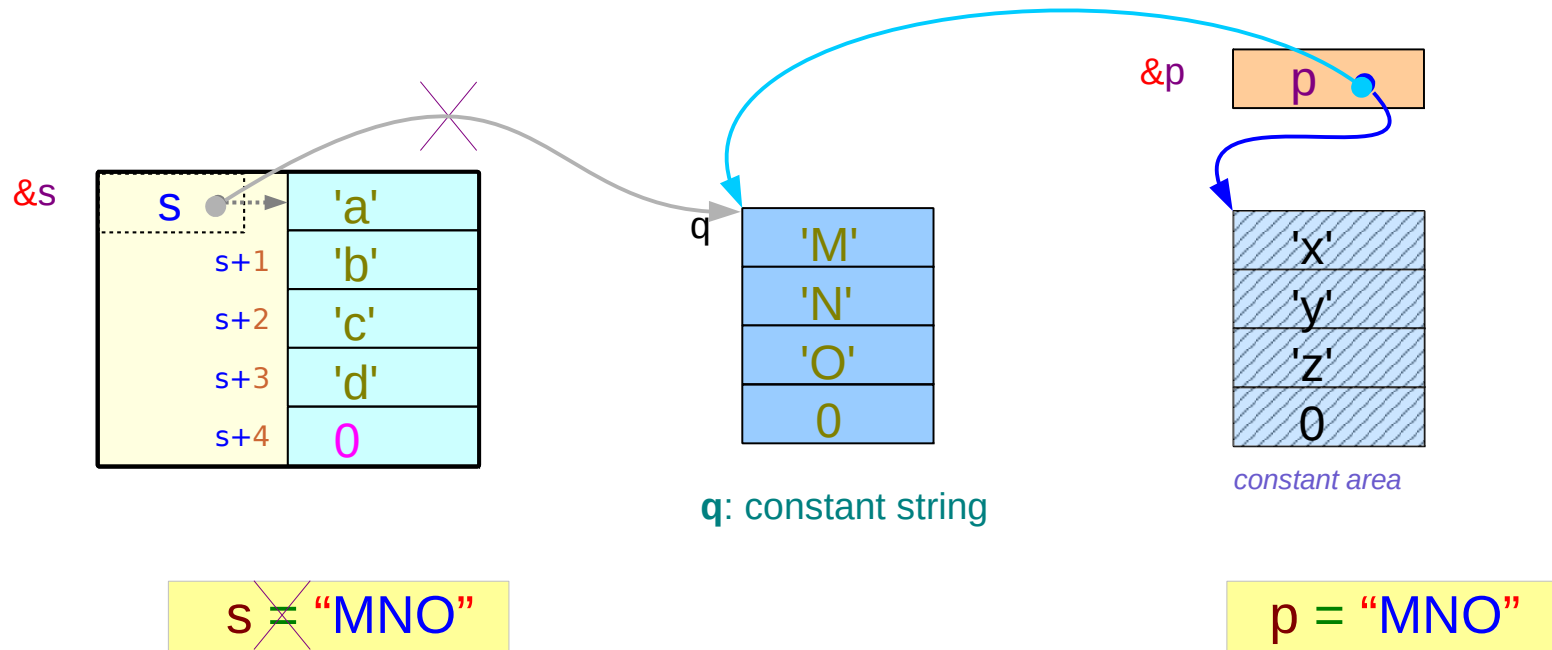


Assigning a constant character string

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

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

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

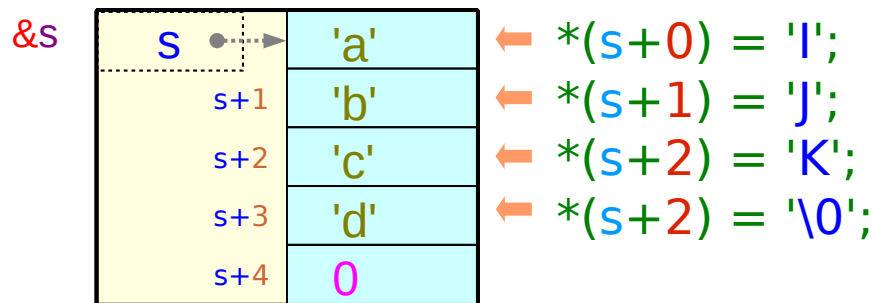


Copying a string

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

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

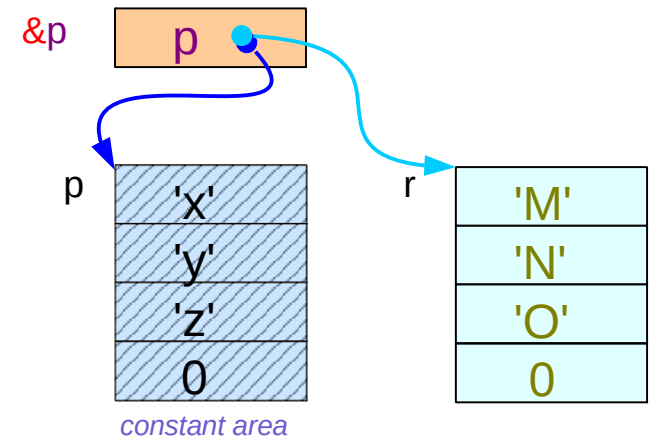
```
char *p = "xyz";
```



```
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;
```

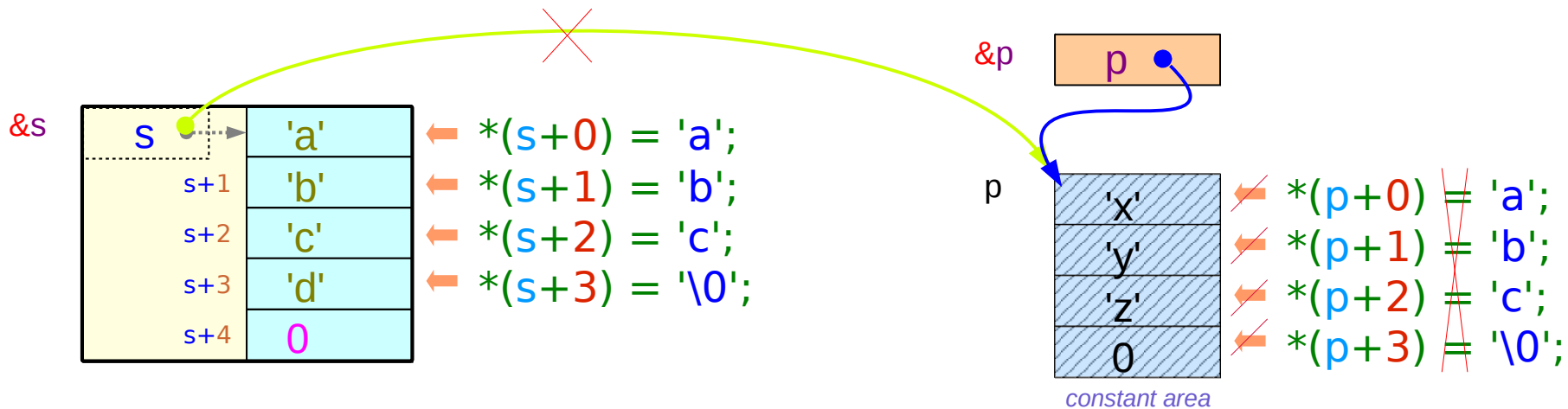
```
s = "xyz";      char * const s  
p = "xyz";      const char * p
```

```
strcpy (s, "abc");
```

```
strcpy (p, "abc");
```

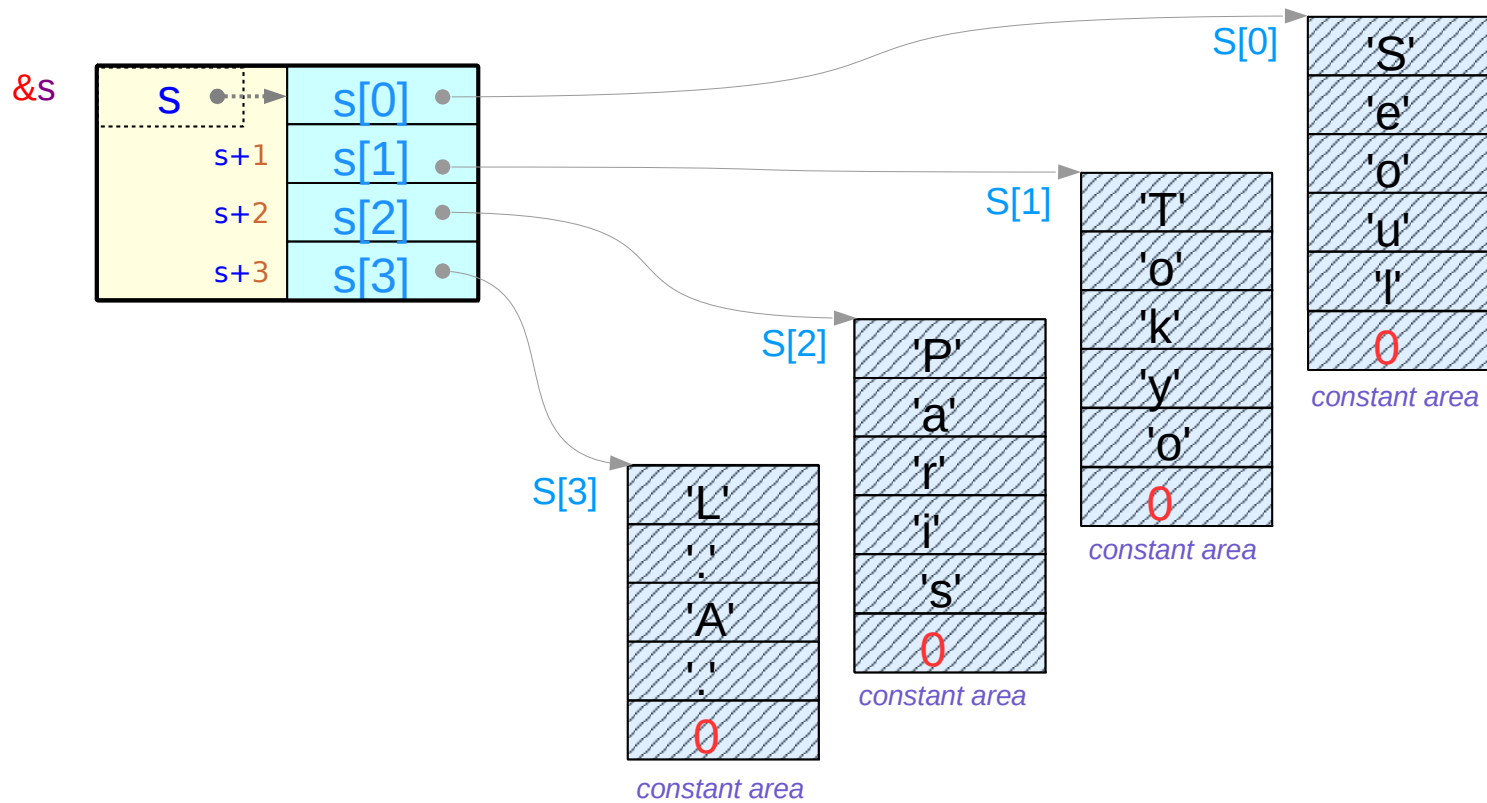
s cannot point to other location

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)

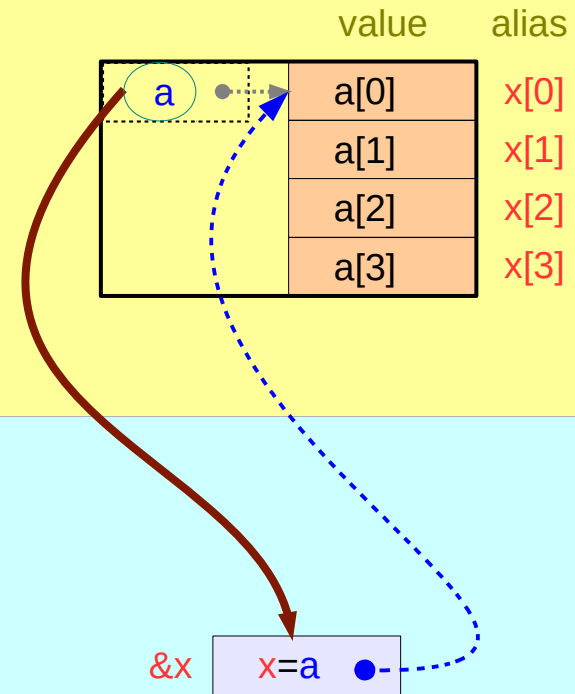
Passing 1-d Arrays – using 0-d array pointer

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

```
func( a );
```

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

or `int x []`



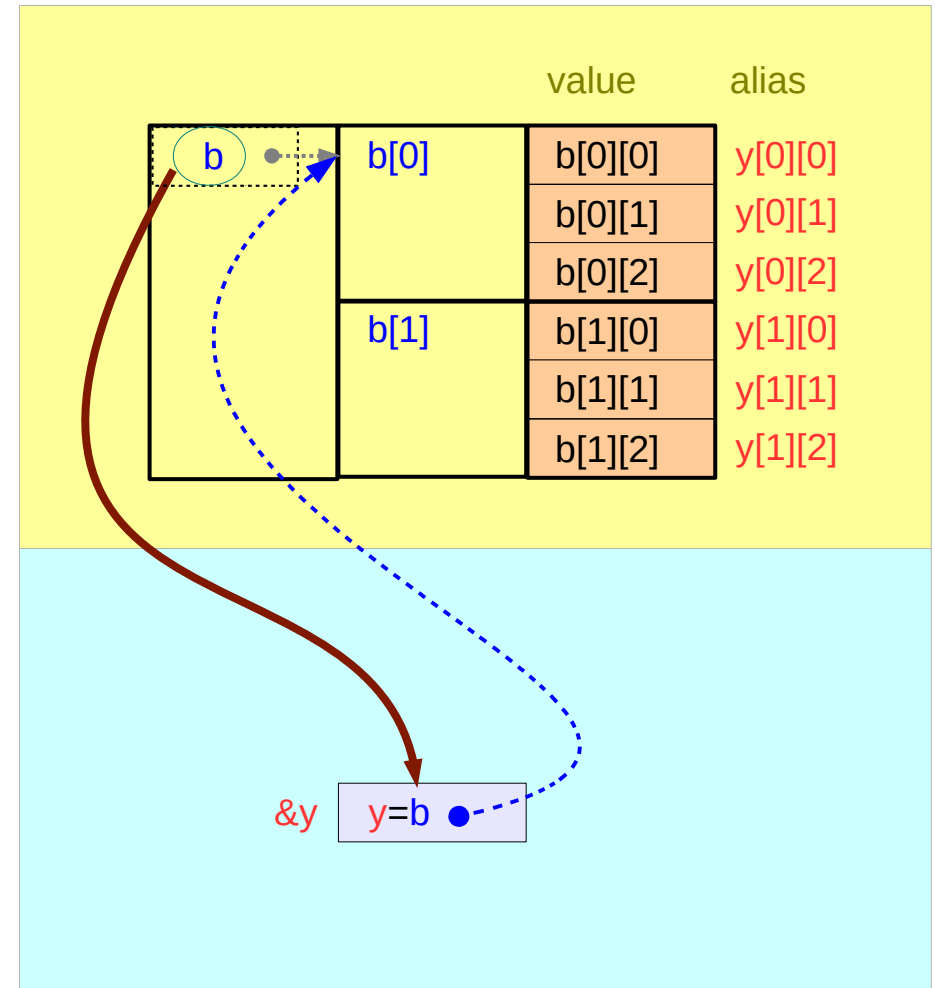
Passing 2-d Arrays – using 1-d array pointer

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

```
func( b );
```

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

or `int y [][3]`



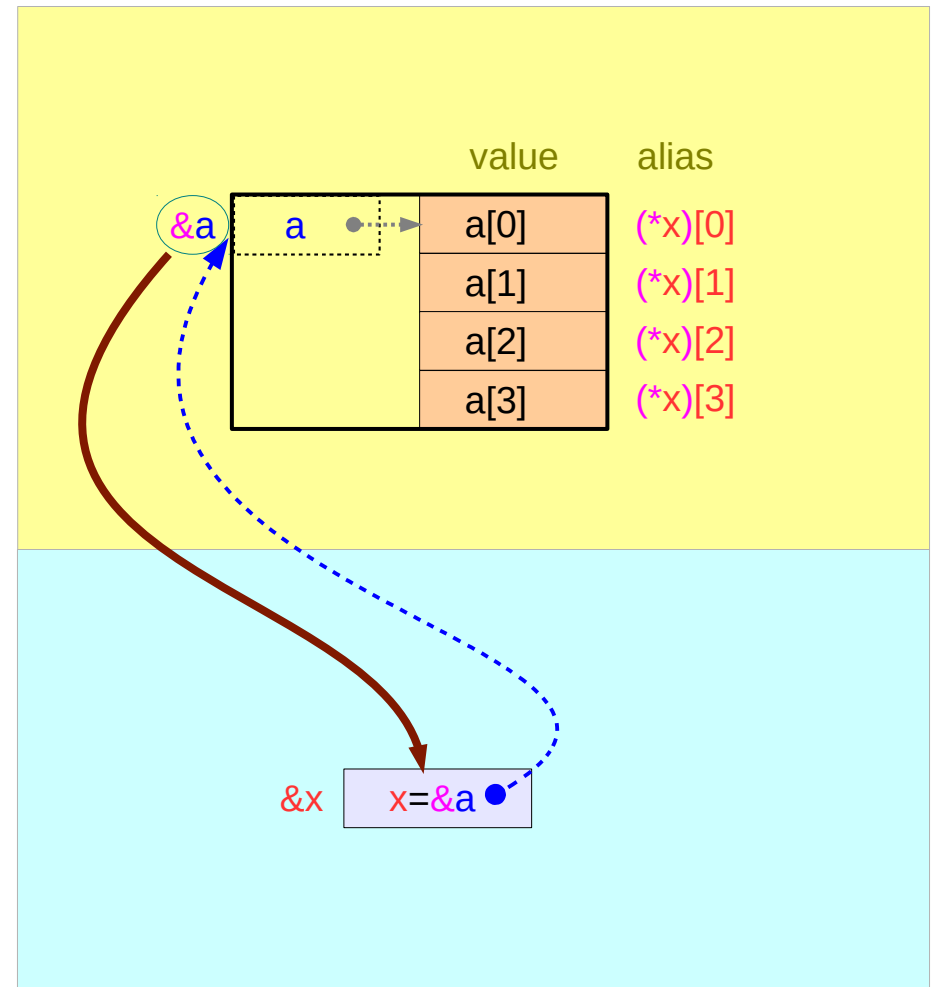
Passing 1-d Arrays – using 1-d array pointer

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

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

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

or `int x [][4]`



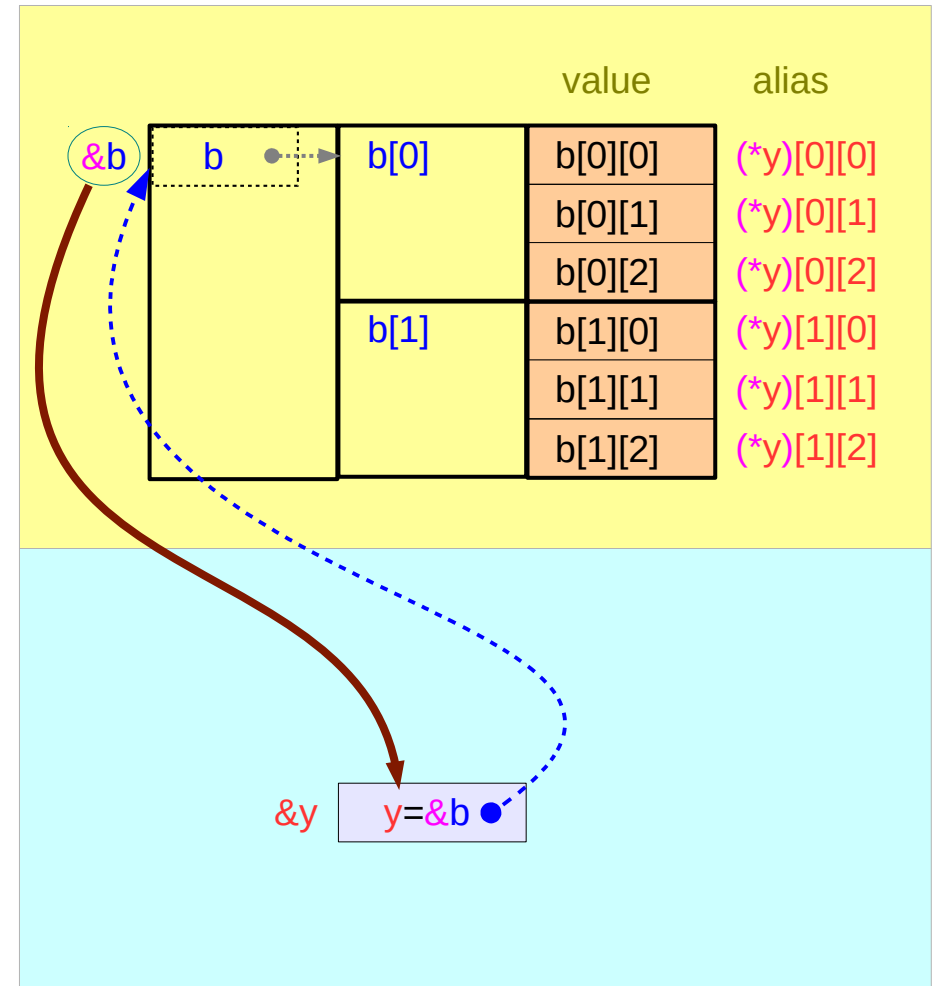
Passing 2-d Arrays – using 2-d array pointer

```
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 [10] ;
```

```
AType A;
```

≡

```
int A [10] ;
```

```
A [0] = 100;
```

```
A [1] = 200;
```

```
A [2] = 300;
```

```
A [m] = 400;
```

Pointer to Array Type definition

```
typedef int AType [10] ;
```

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

```
q = &A ;
```

```
typedef int (* PType) [10] ;
```

```
PType p;
```

```
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];
```

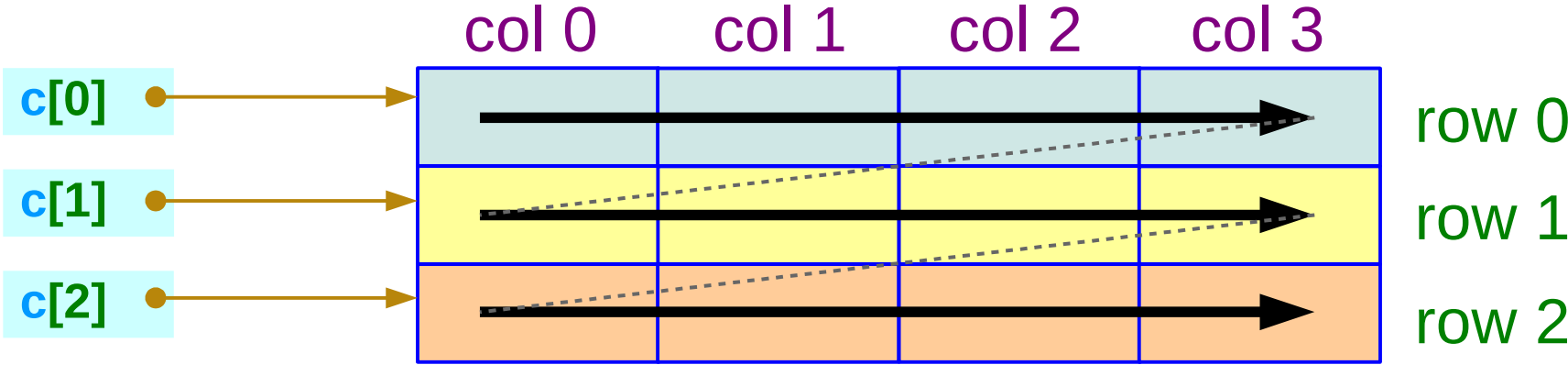
A matrix view

| | 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] |

2-d array as a matrix

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

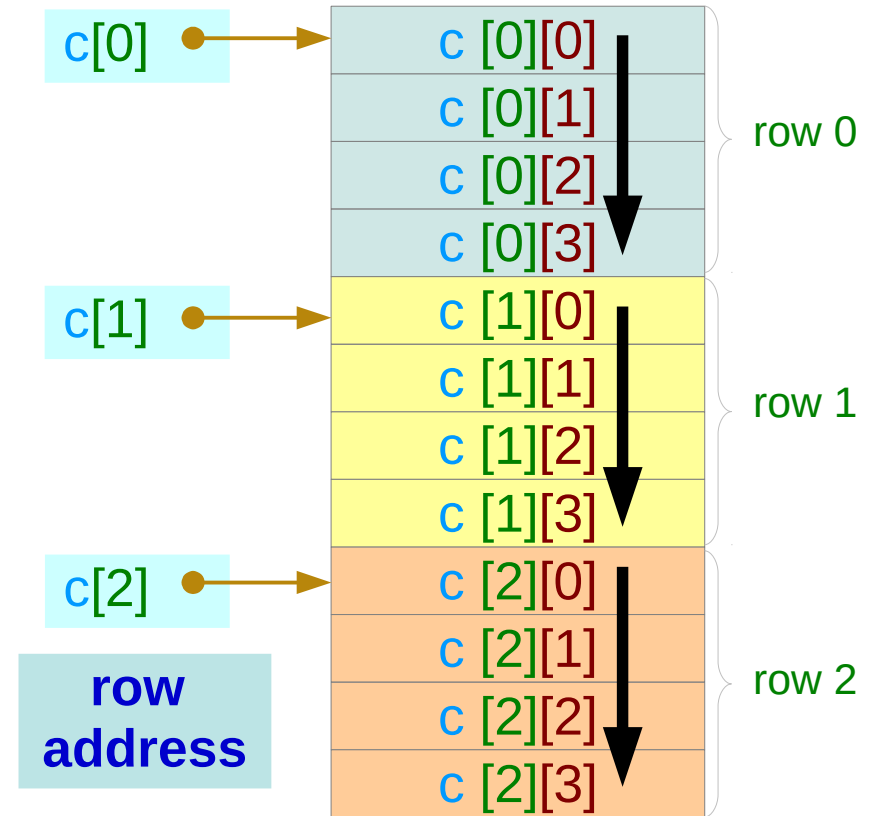
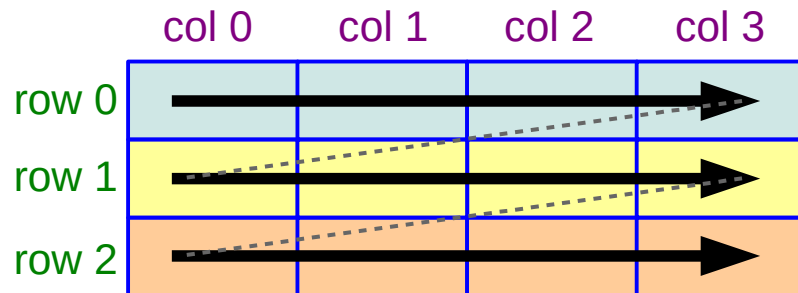
row major ordering



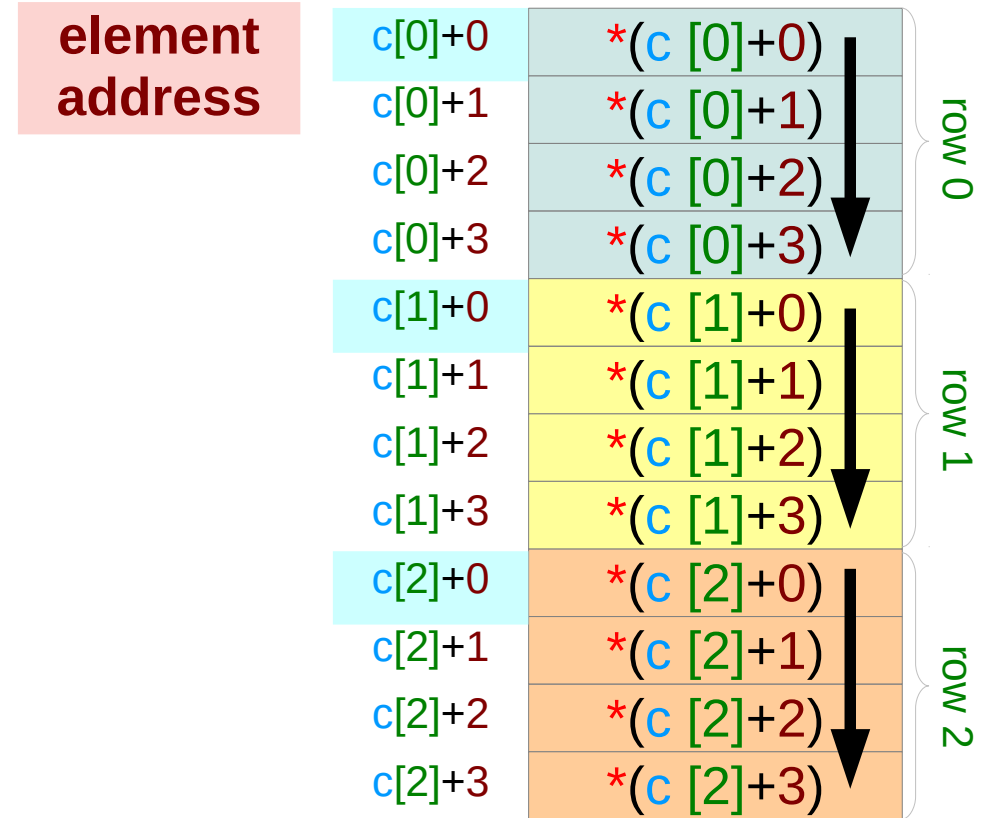
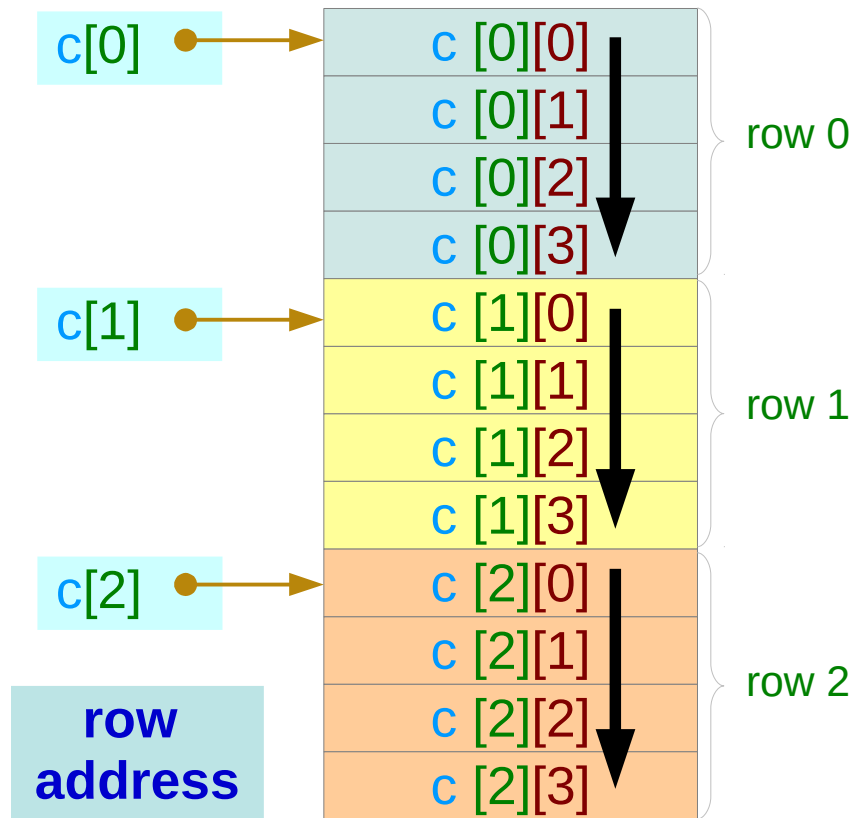
consider each $c[i]$ as a pointer to the first element of each 4 element array

2-d array stored as a linear array

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



Row Address and Element Address

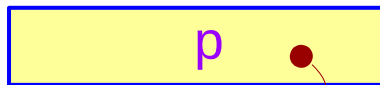


row address + column address

A 1-d array pointer – extending a dimension

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

1-d array pointer



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

→ 2nd dim



1st dim

| | | | | | | | |
|-----|--------|---|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| p+0 | *(p+0) | • | → | p[0][0] | p[0][1] | p[0][2] | p[0][3] |
| p+1 | *(p+1) | • | → | p[1][0] | p[1][1] | p[1][2] | p[1][3] |
| p+2 | *(p+2) | • | → | p[2][0] | p[2][1] | p[2][2] | p[2][3] |
| p+3 | *(p+3) | • | → | p[3][0] | p[3][1] | p[3][2] | p[3][3] |

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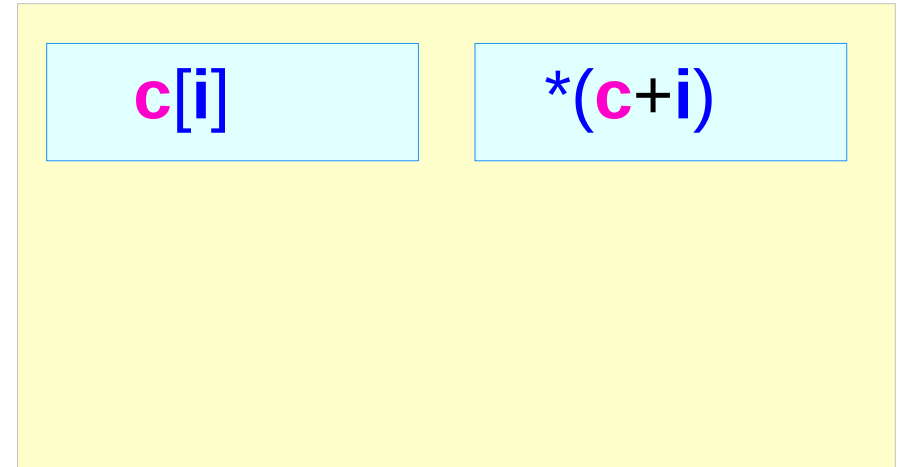
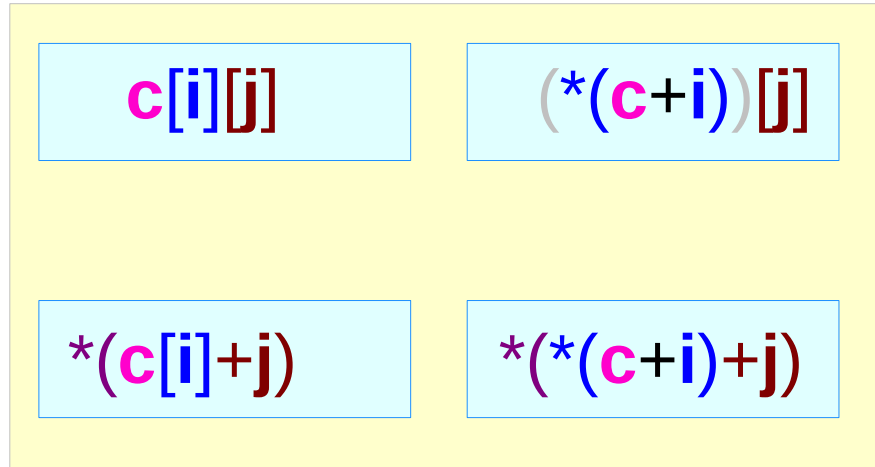
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1-d array names

1-d array elements

A 2-D array element address



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

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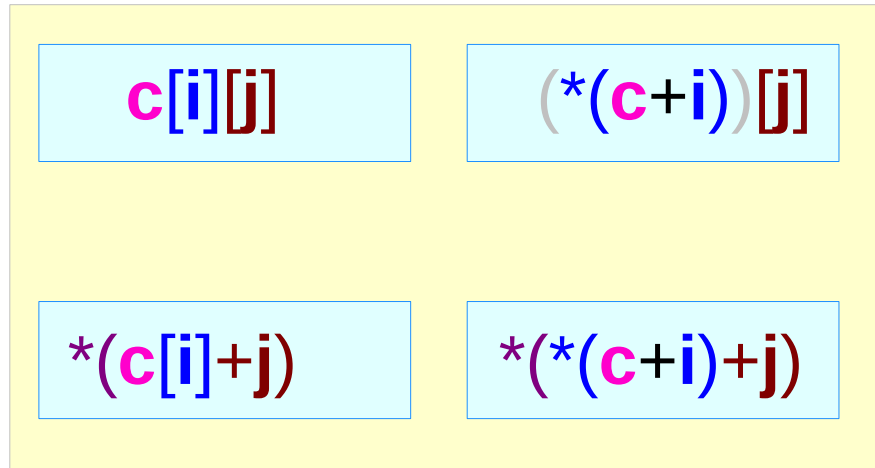
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the address of $c[i]$ is $c+i$

A 2-D array element address



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

Element address = Row address + Column address

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

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

$$c[0]+2 = *(c+0)+2$$

$$c[0]+3 = *(c+0)+3$$

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

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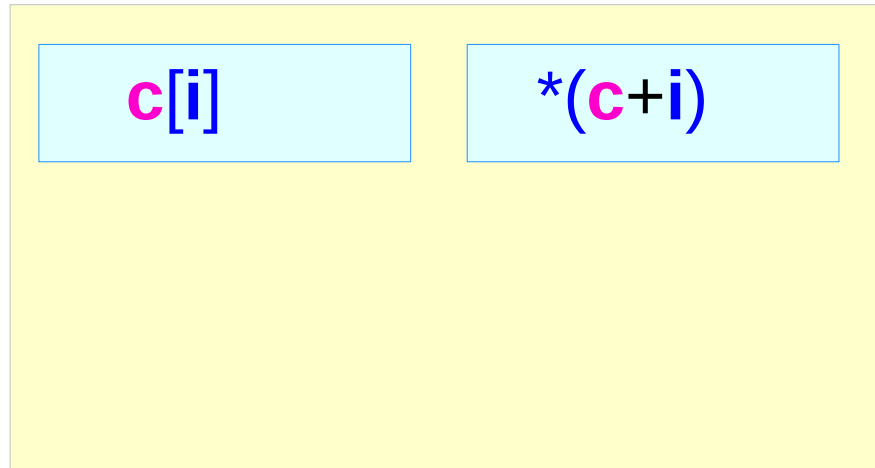
$$c[2]+1 = *(c+2)+1$$

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| |
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| $c[0][0]$ |
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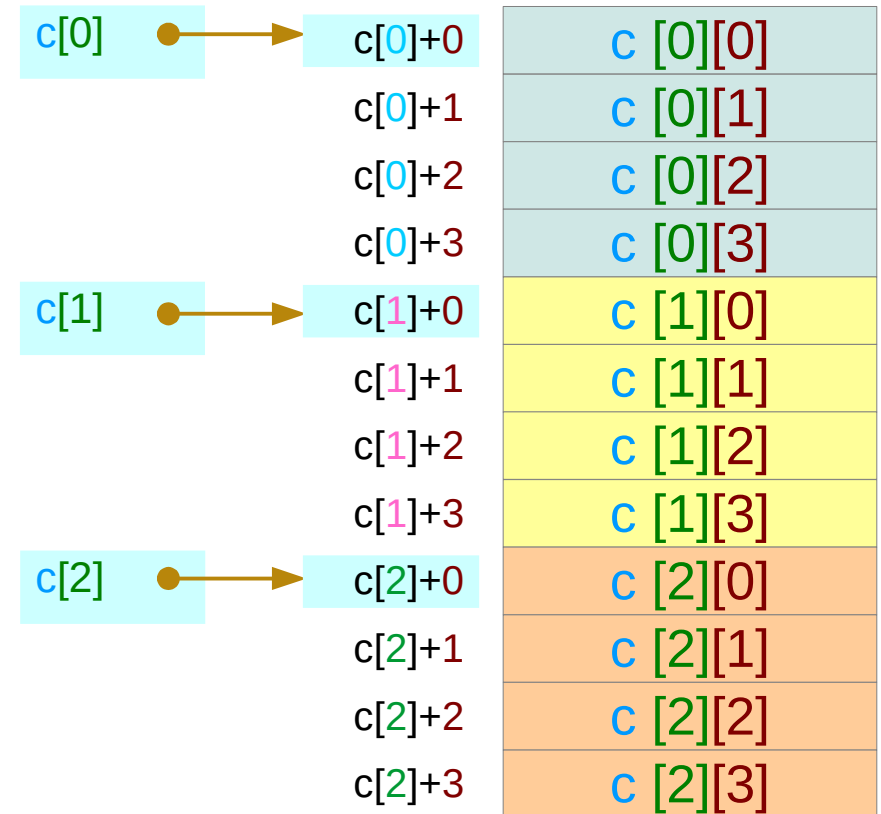
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Row address

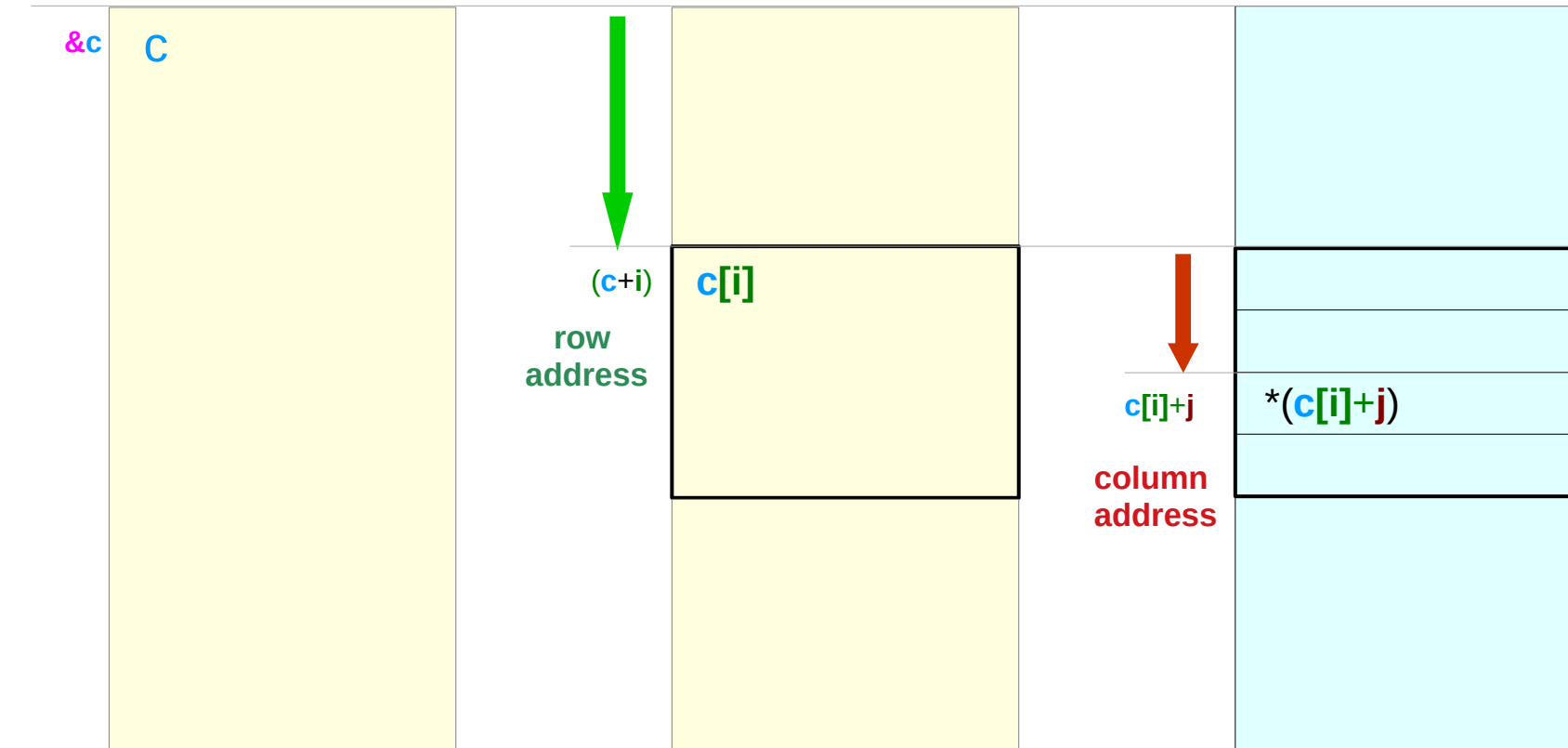


A 2-d Array – an index view

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

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

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

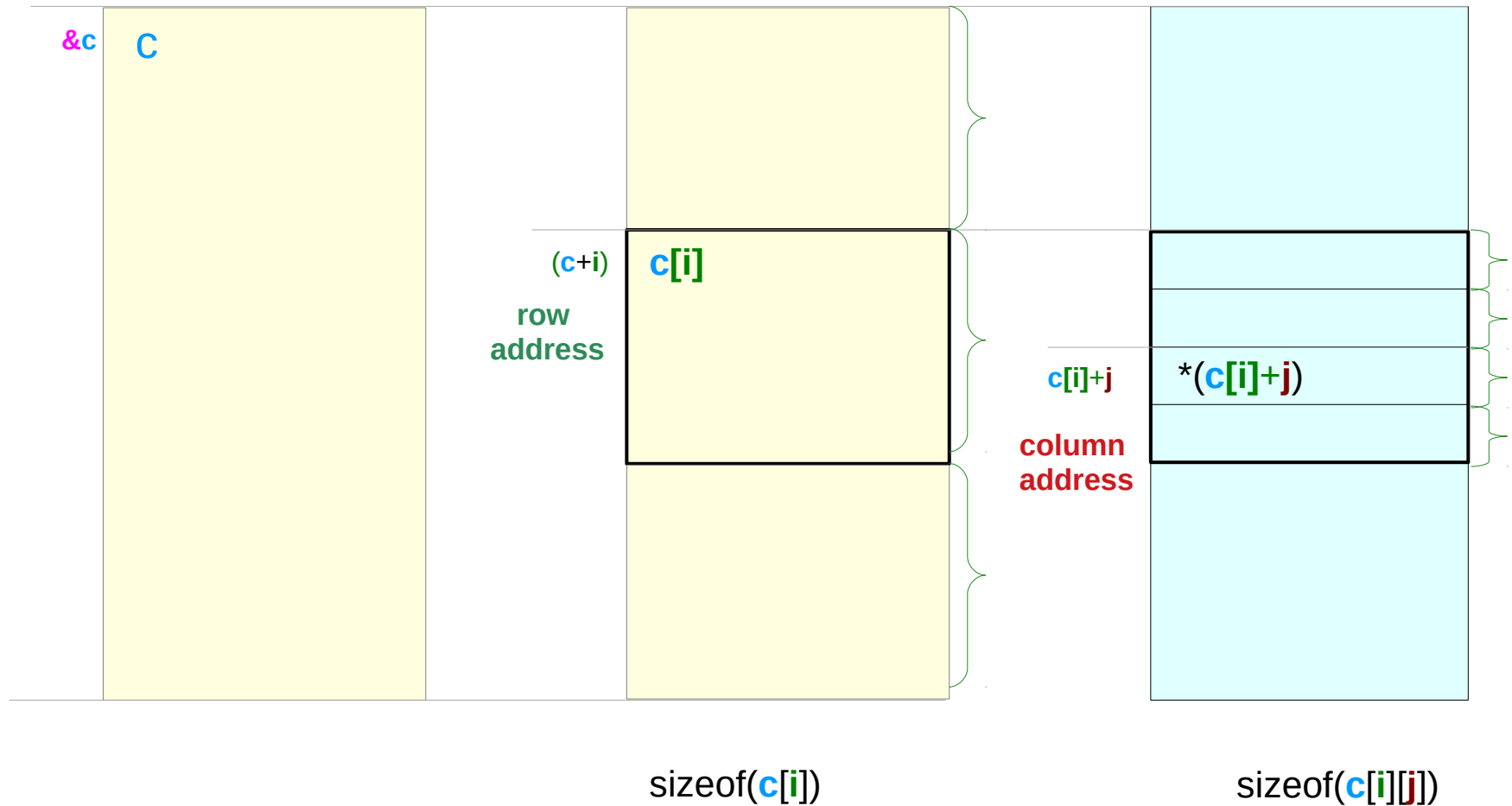


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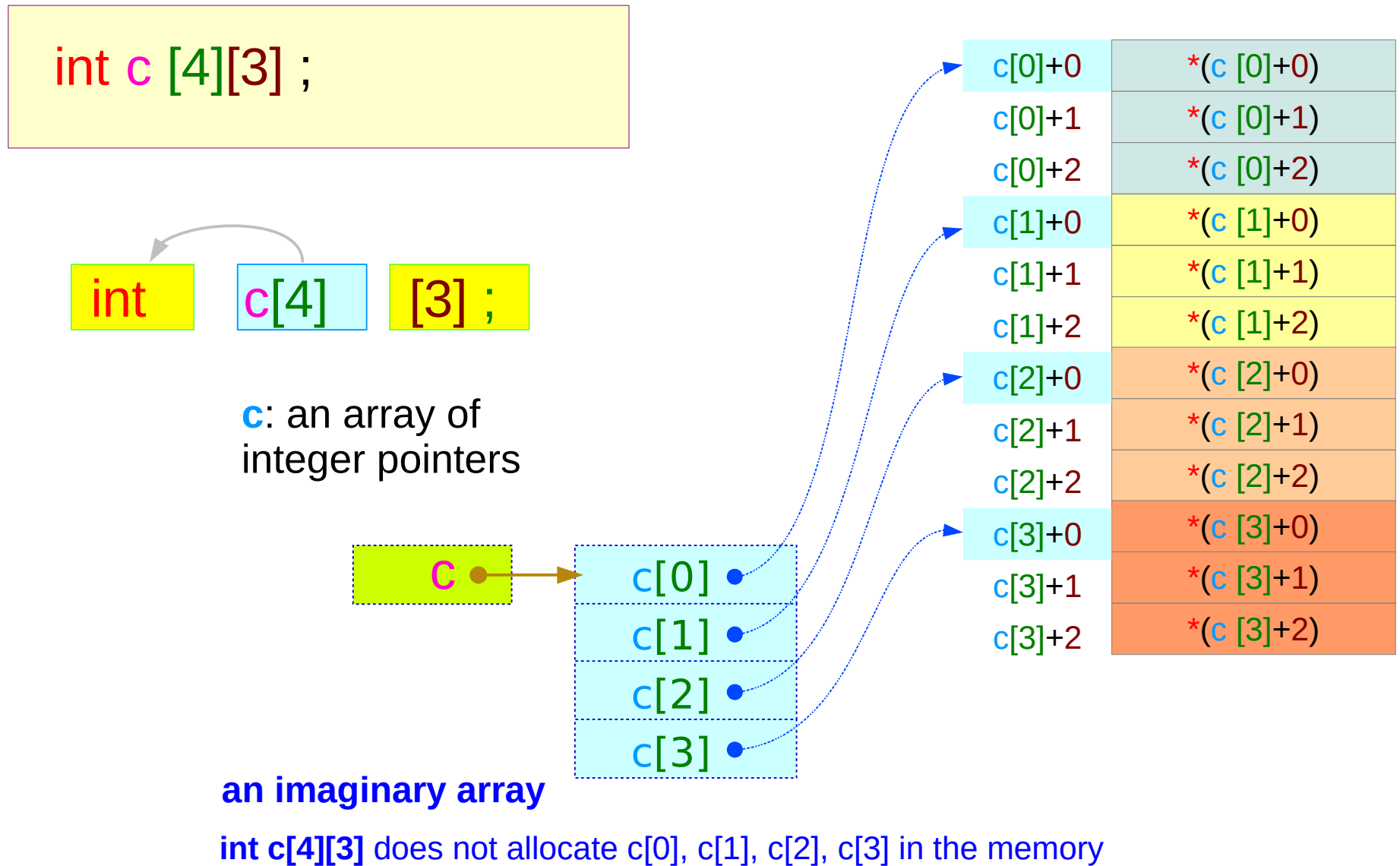
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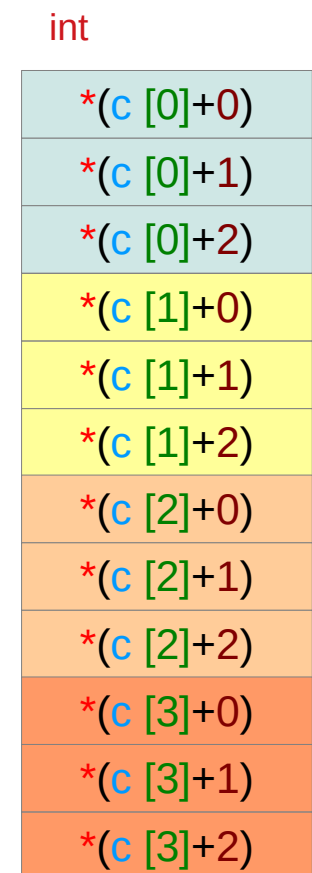
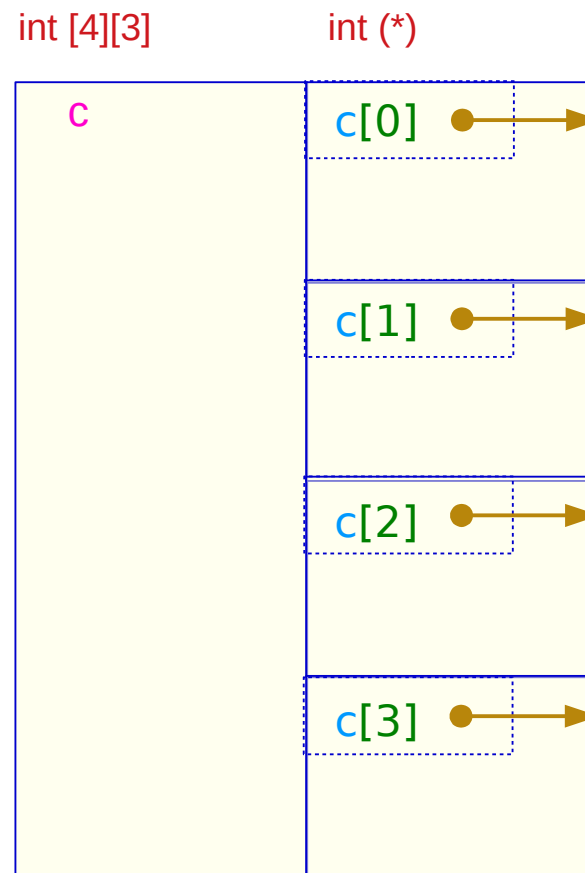
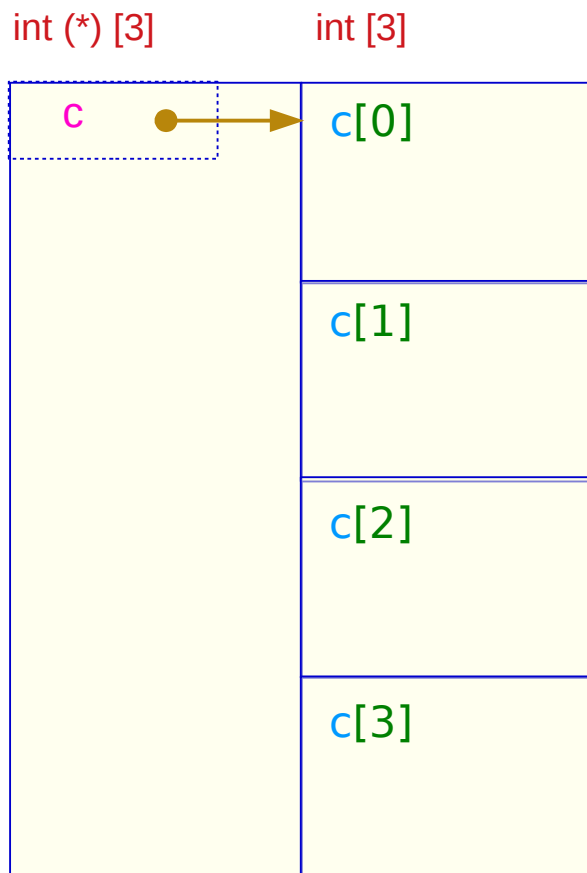
$$*(*(c+i)+j) = c[i][j]$$



Nested arrays



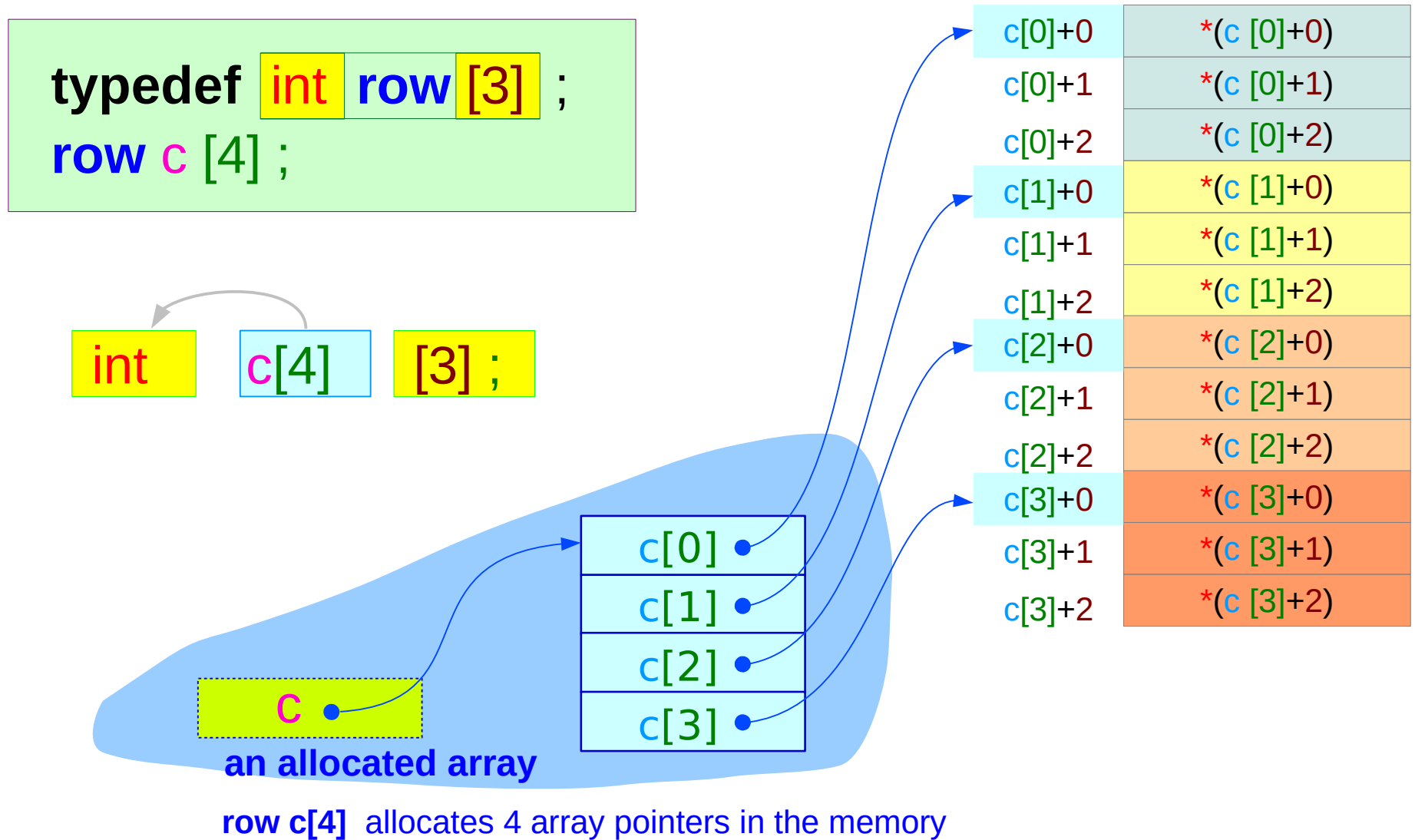
Nested arrays



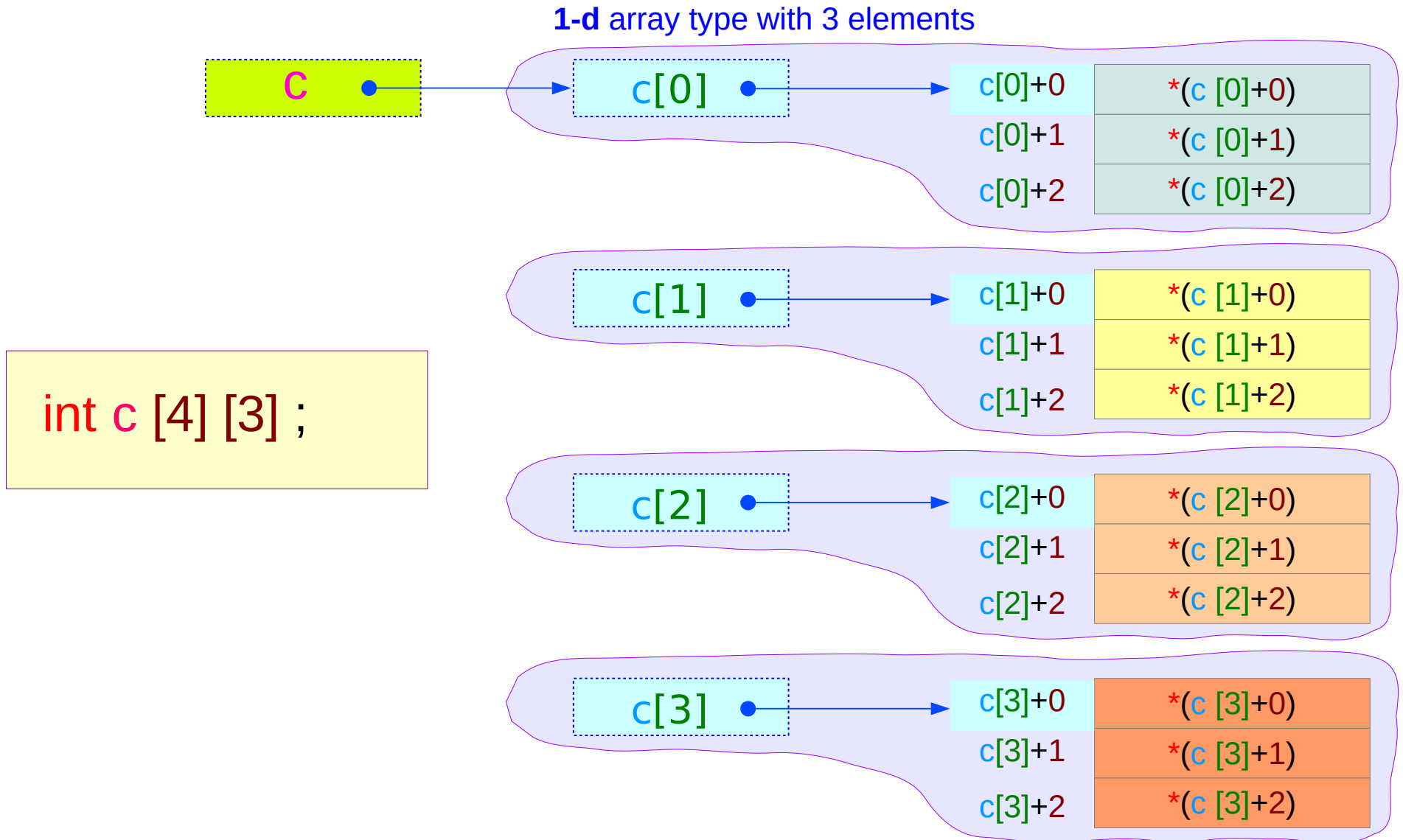
an imaginary array

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

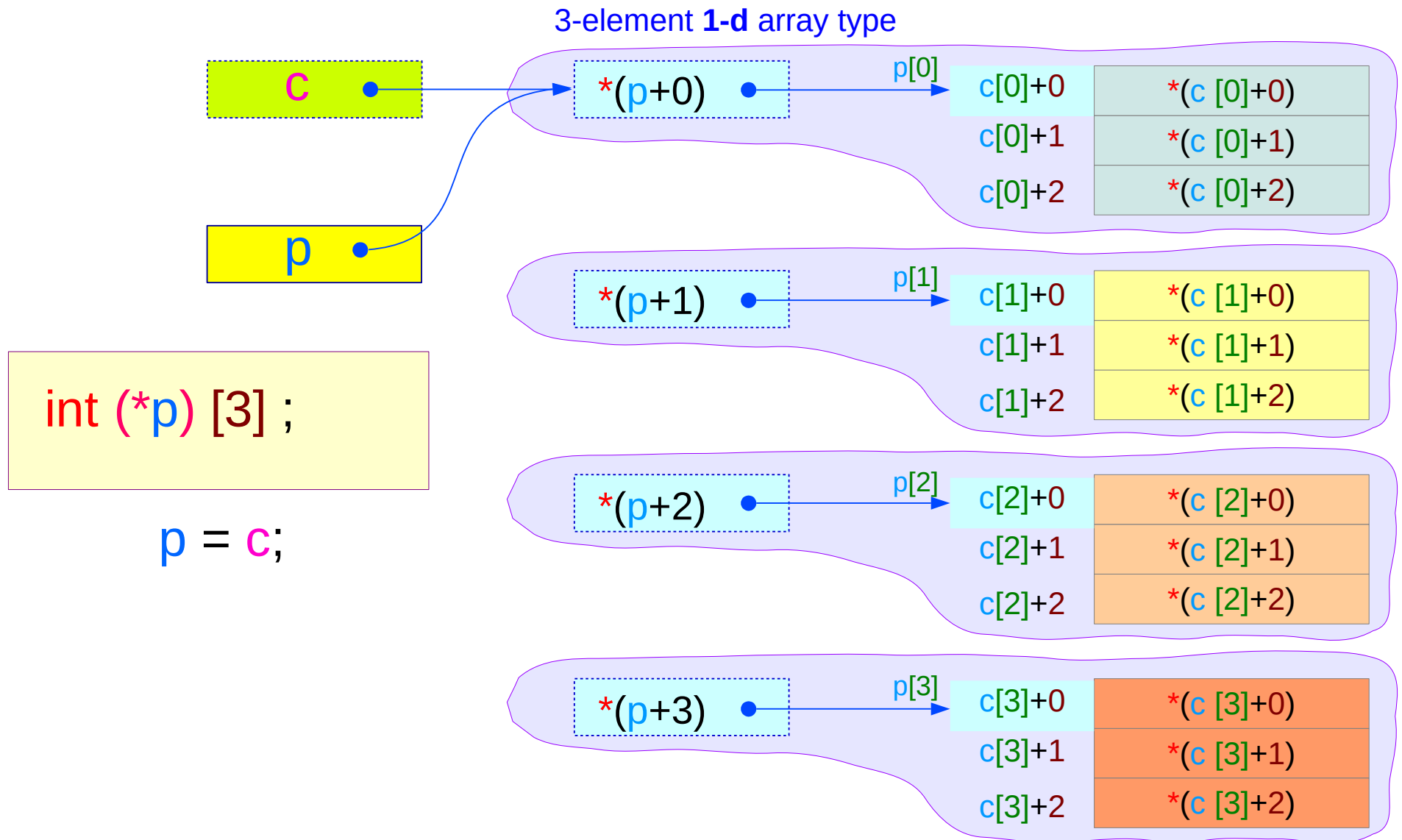
Nested array declared explicitly



2-d Array : rows of 1-d arrays



Pointer to 1-d arrays



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];
```

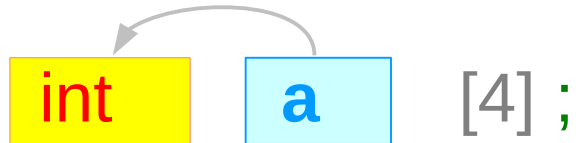
c is the name of the 2-d array

int [3][4]

start address = **&c[0][0]**

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

Values of array names

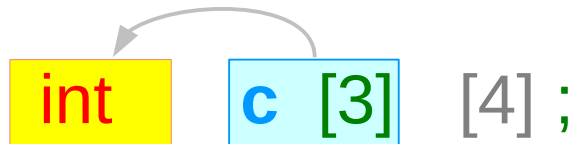


the value of **a** is the starting address of a 4 element array of **int** type

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]



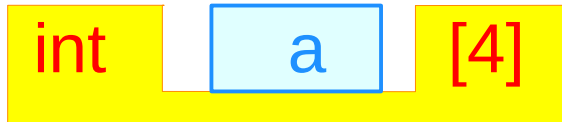
the value of **c** is the starting address of a 3 element array of **int [4]** type

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



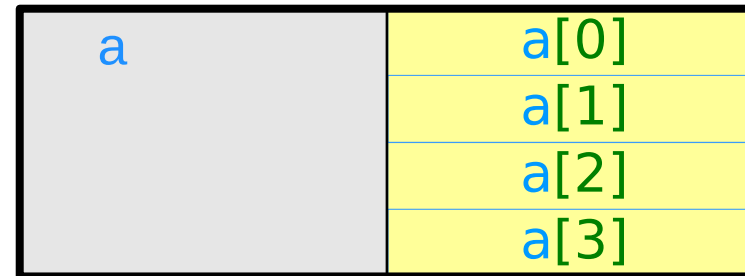
a 0-d array pointer (virtual)

type : int (*)

size : 4 * 4

a points to the 1st int element
there are 4 int elements

int [4]

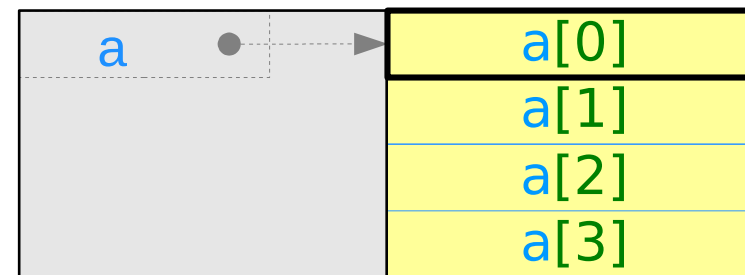


no physical
memory locations

real consecutive
memory locations

int (*)

int



no physical
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2-d array type



C 2-d array

type : int [3][4]

size : 3 * 4 * 4

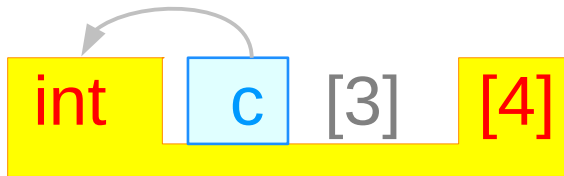
int [3][4]

| | | |
|---|------|---------|
| c | c[0] | c[0][0] |
| | | c[0][1] |
| | | c[0][2] |
| | | c[0][3] |
| | c[1] | c[1][0] |
| | | c[1][1] |
| | | c[1][2] |
| | | c[1][3] |
| | c[2] | c[2][0] |
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1-d array pointer type

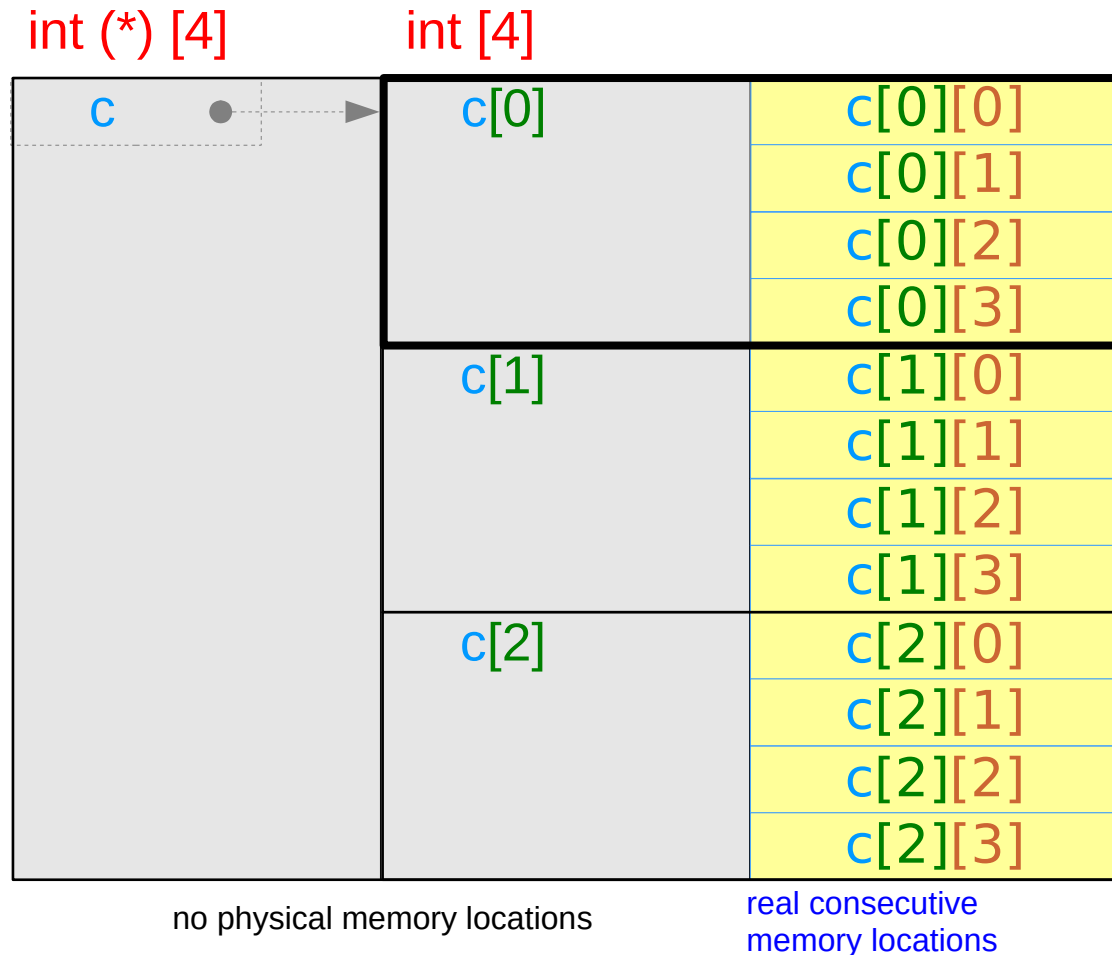


C 1-d array pointer (virtual)

type : `int (*) [4]`

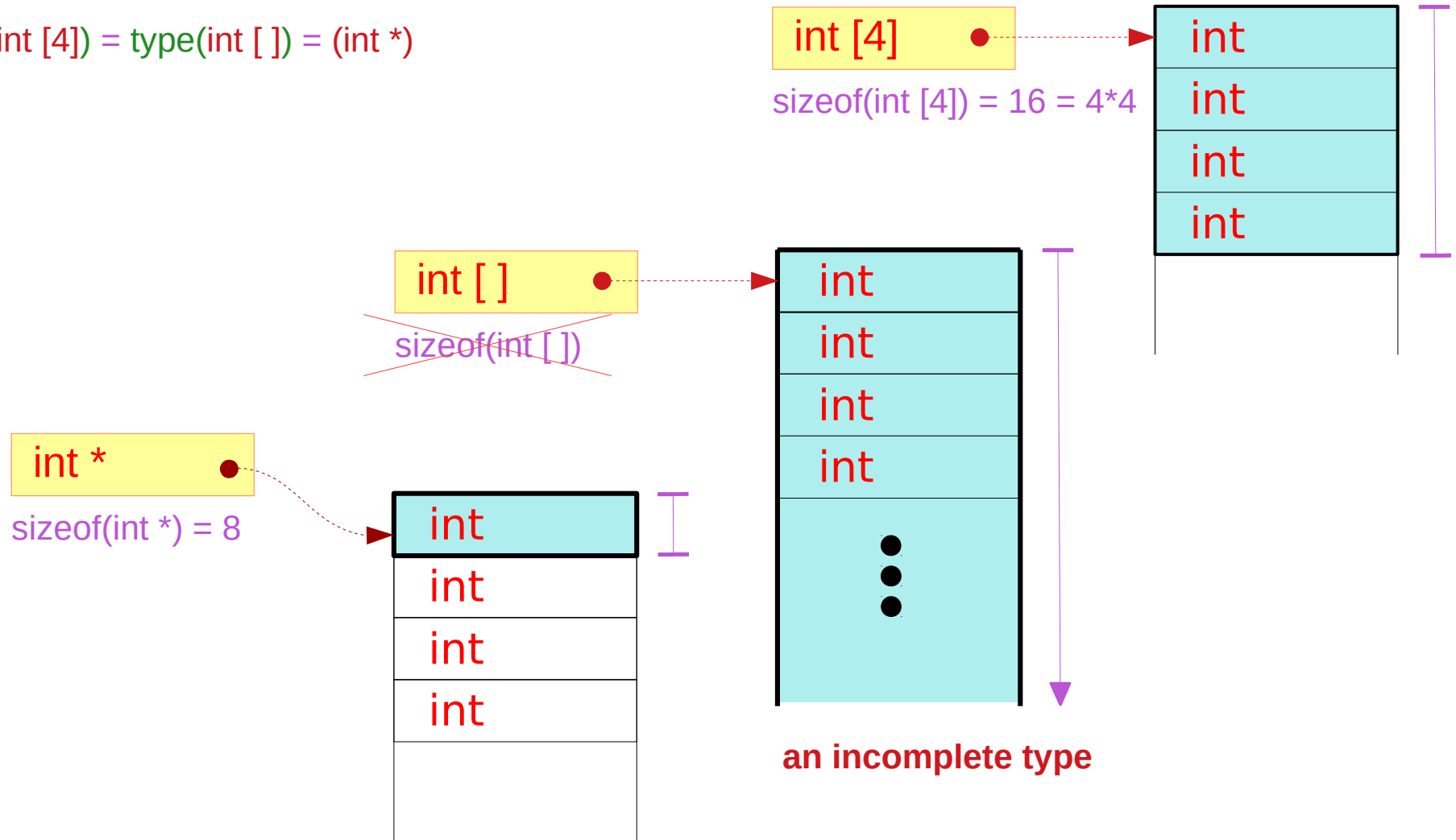
size : `3 * 4 * 4`

`c` points to the 1st `int [4]` element
There are 3 `int [4]` elements



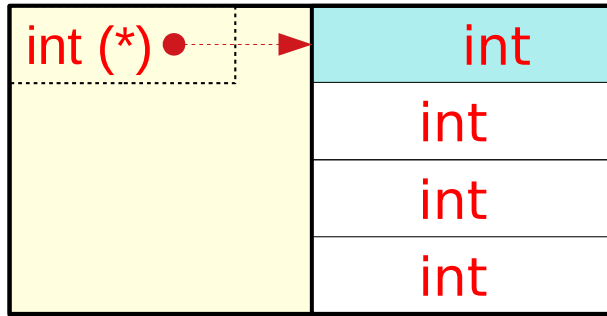
Differences in pointer types – `int [4]`, `int []`, `int *`

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

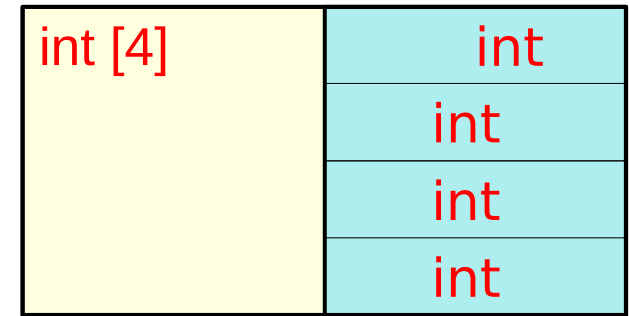


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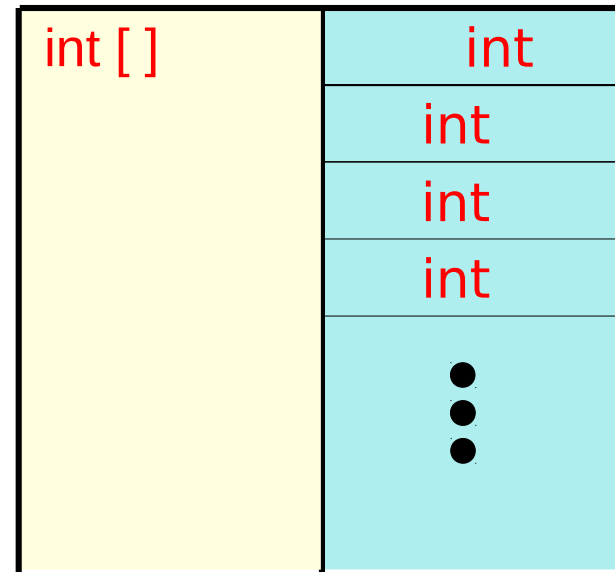
`sizeof(int (*)) = 16 = 4*4`



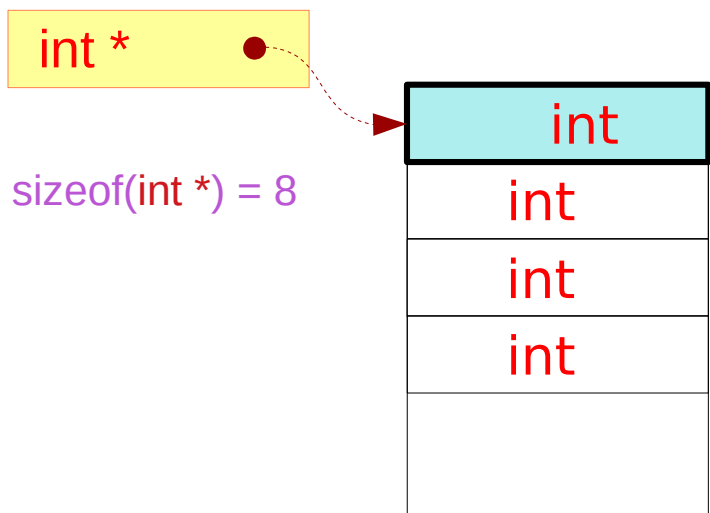
`sizeof(int [4]) = 16 = 4*4`



~~`sizeof(int [])`~~



an incomplete type



`sizeof(int *) = 8`

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]

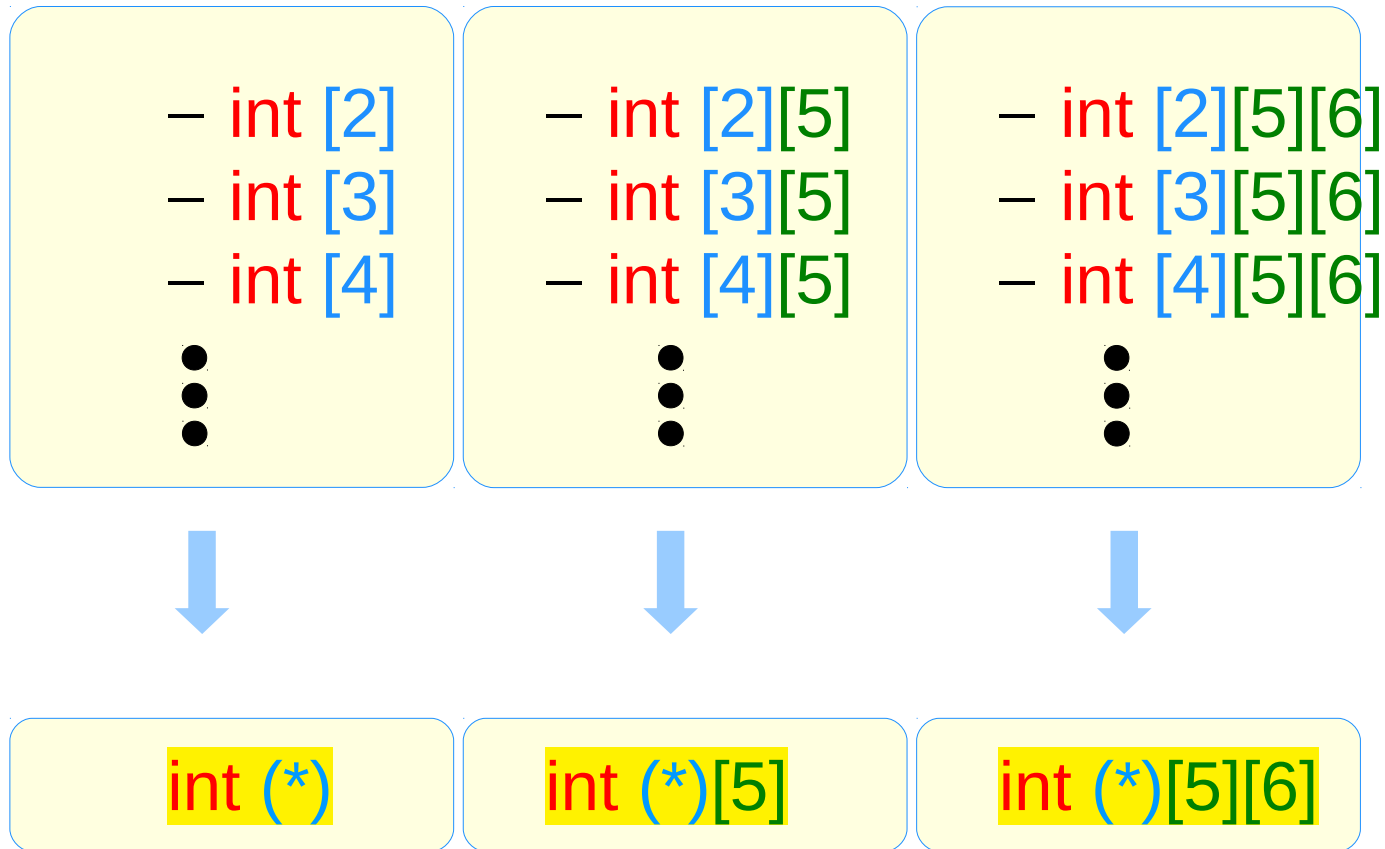
array types

specific types

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general type

Array pointers v.s. Array



specific types

general type

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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