

# Applications of Arrays (1A)

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# 2-D Array Definition

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

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

row major ordering

# Accessing 2-D Arrays

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

## 1. recursive pointers

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

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

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

```
int *p = c[0];
```

## 2. linear array pointers

```
p[ i*4 + j ]
```

```
*(p+ i*4 + j)
```

# Array name : a pointer to the 1-d arrays

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

int a [4];

**a** points to *a 4 integer element array*

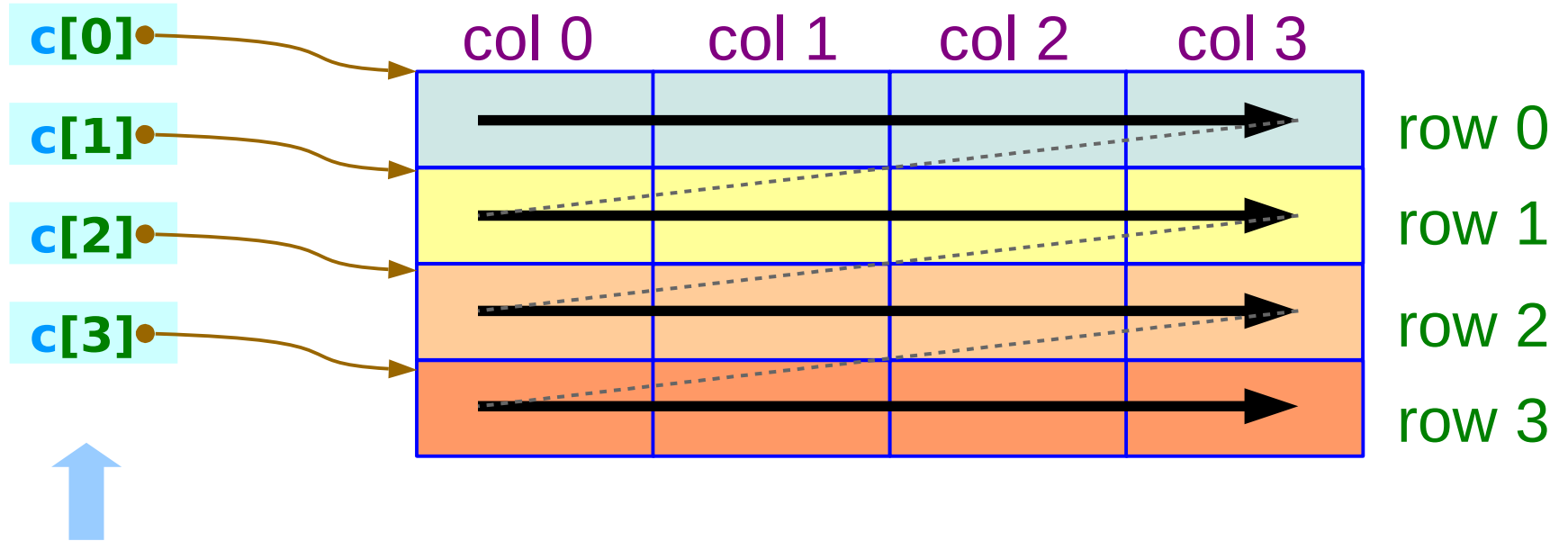
int c[4] [4];

each of **c[0]**, **c[1]**, **c[2]**, **c[3]**  
points to *a 4 integer element array*

# Row Major Ordering

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

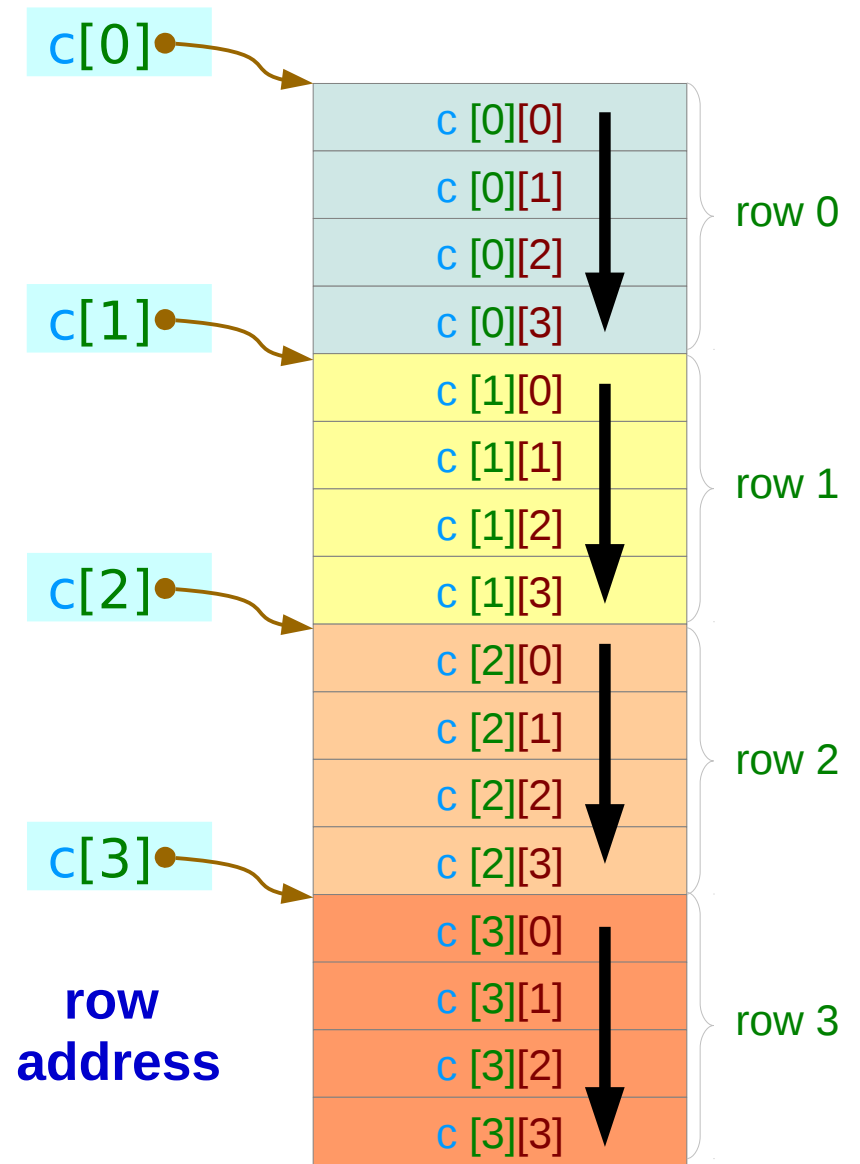
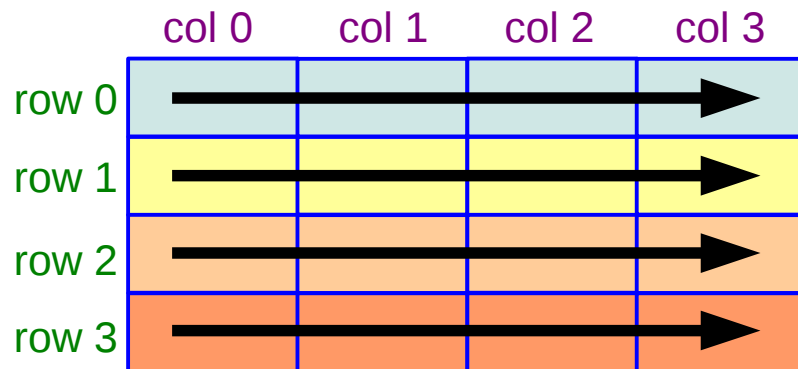
row major ordering



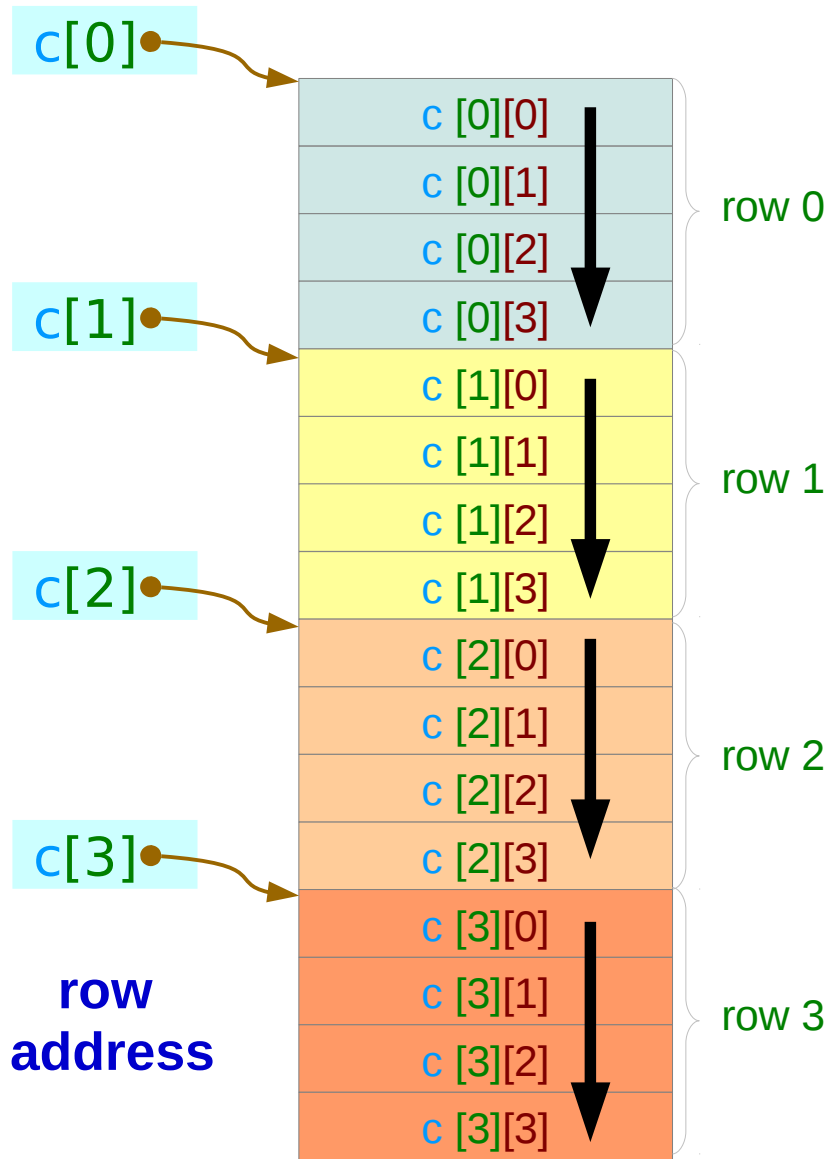
consider each  $c[i]$  as  
the name of a 4 element array

# Linear Array Memory Layout

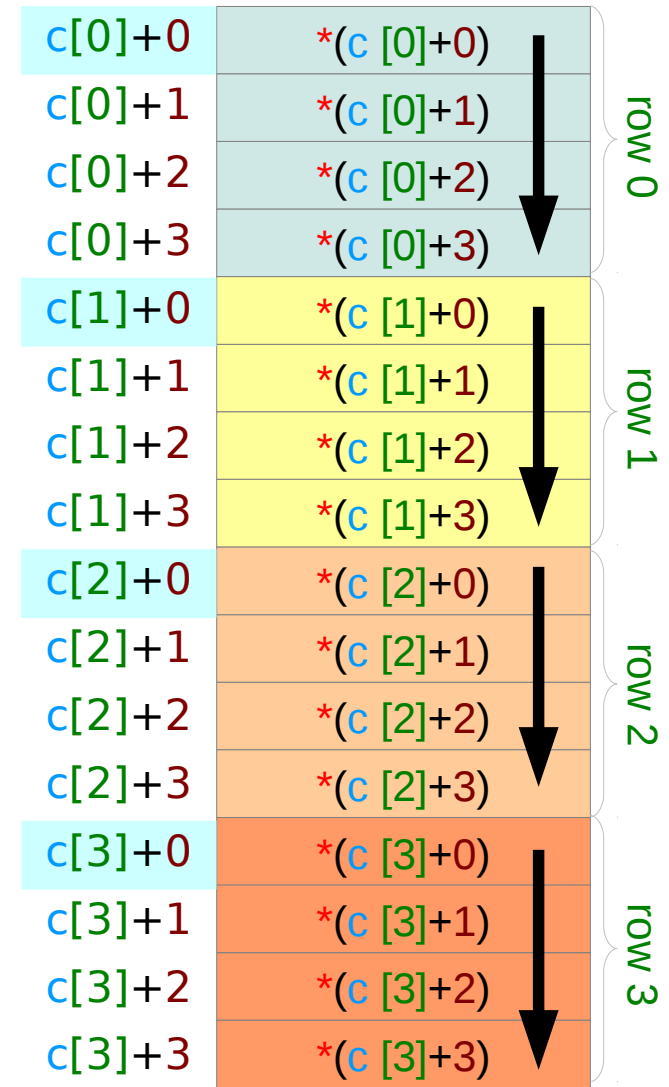
```
int c [4][4];
```



# Row Address and Element Address

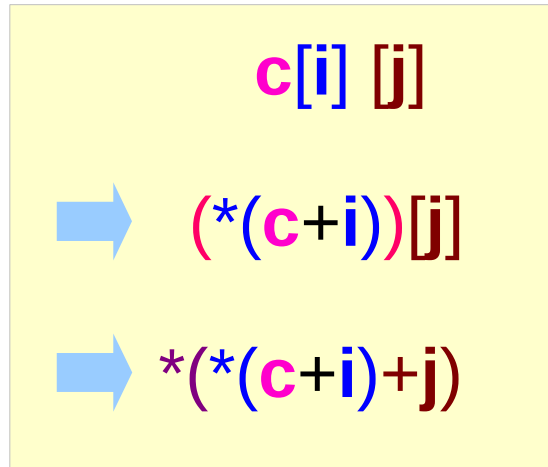


## element address





# Accessing 2-d arrays via recursive pointers



$*c+i$  : row address

$*(*c+i)+j$  : element address

first select a row, then a column

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

# Recursive Conversions to Pointers

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

$c[i] = *(c+i)$  hold row addresses

assumption

$c[i][j]$

$c[i][j]$

$*(c[i]+j)$

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

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

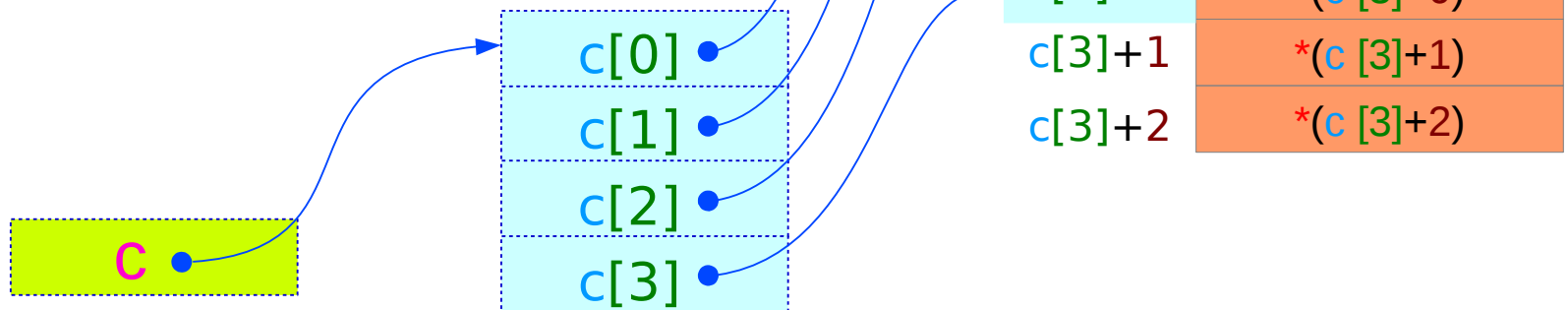
$*(*(c+i)+j)$

# Nested Arrays

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

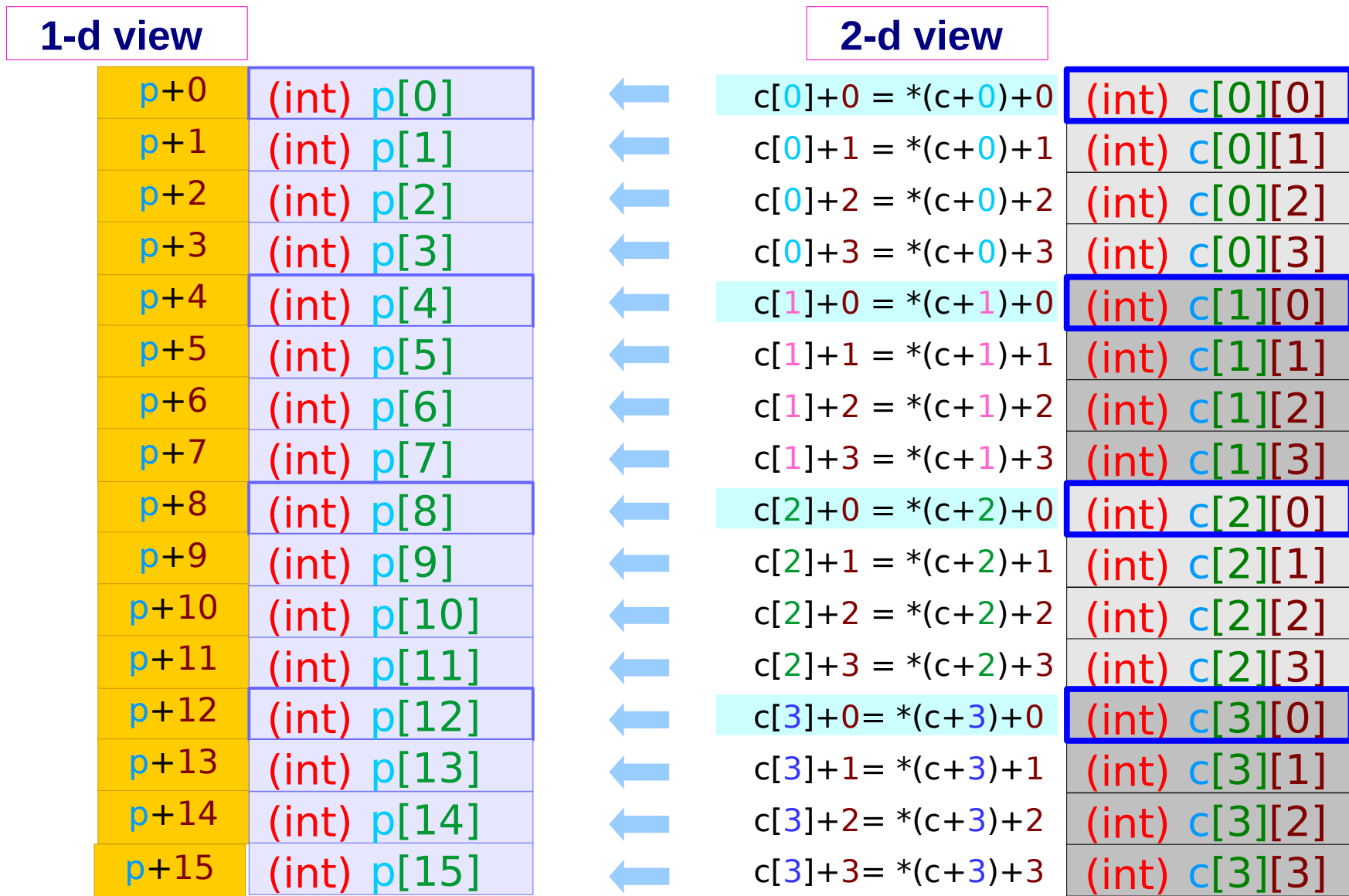
```
typedef int row [3] ;  
row c [4] ;
```

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



The intermediate array : not necessarily allocated in the memory

# A linearization of a 2-D array



# 2-d array access via a single pointer

```
int *p = c[0];
```



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

```
p[ i*4 + j ]
```



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

```
*(p + i*4 + j)
```



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

```
*(p + k)
```

```
i = k / 4;  
j = k % 4;
```

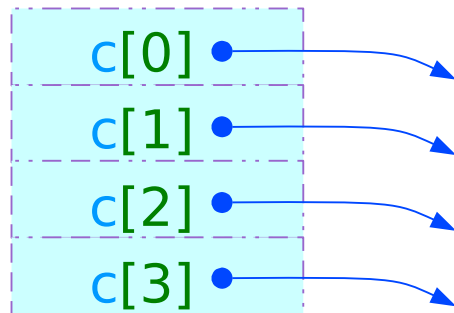
```
*(*(c + i) + j)
```

# Static Allocation of a 2-d Array

```
int A [4][3];
```

A in %eax,  
i in %edx,  
j in %ecx

```
sall    $2, %ecx           ;; j * 4  
leal   (%edx, %edx, 2), %edx  ;; i * 3  
leal   (%ecx, %edx, 4), %edx  ;; j * 4 + i * 12  
movl   (%eax, %edx), %eax    ;; read M[ XA+4(3i +j) ]
```



The intermediate array :  
not necessarily allocated  
in the memory

|        |            |
|--------|------------|
| 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 [1]+1) |
| c[1]+2 | *(c [1]+2) |
| c[2]+0 | *(c [2]+0) |
| c[2]+1 | *(c [2]+1) |
| c[2]+2 | *(c [2]+2) |
| c[3]+0 | *(c [3]+0) |
| c[3]+1 | *(c [3]+1) |
| c[3]+2 | *(c [3]+2) |

# The name of a 2-d array

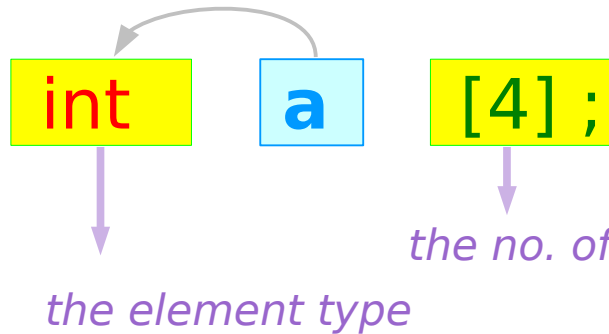
```
int    a [4];
```

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

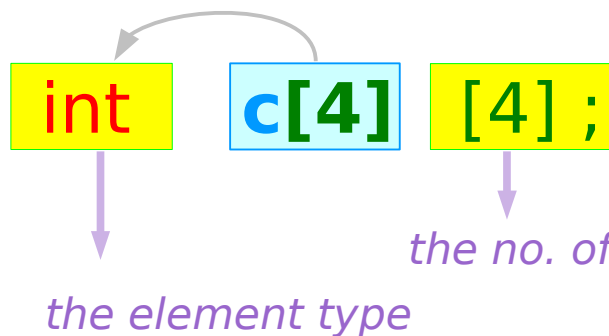
1. the name of the nested array (recursive definition)
2. a double pointer
3. a pointer to an array

# Nested array name

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



The array name **a** holds the starting address of the 4 integer element array

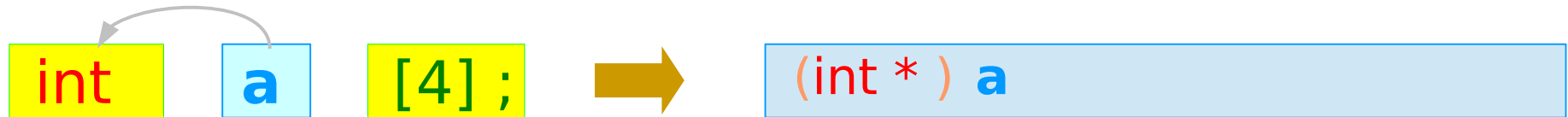


**c[0], c[1], c[2], c[3]** holds the starting address of the 4 integer element array



# A 2-d array name as a double pointer

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



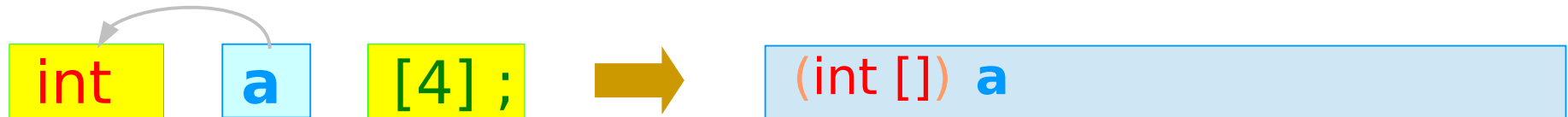
**a** points to an integer data



**c[i]** points to an integer data  
**c** points to an integer pointer

# A 2-d array name as a pointer to an array

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

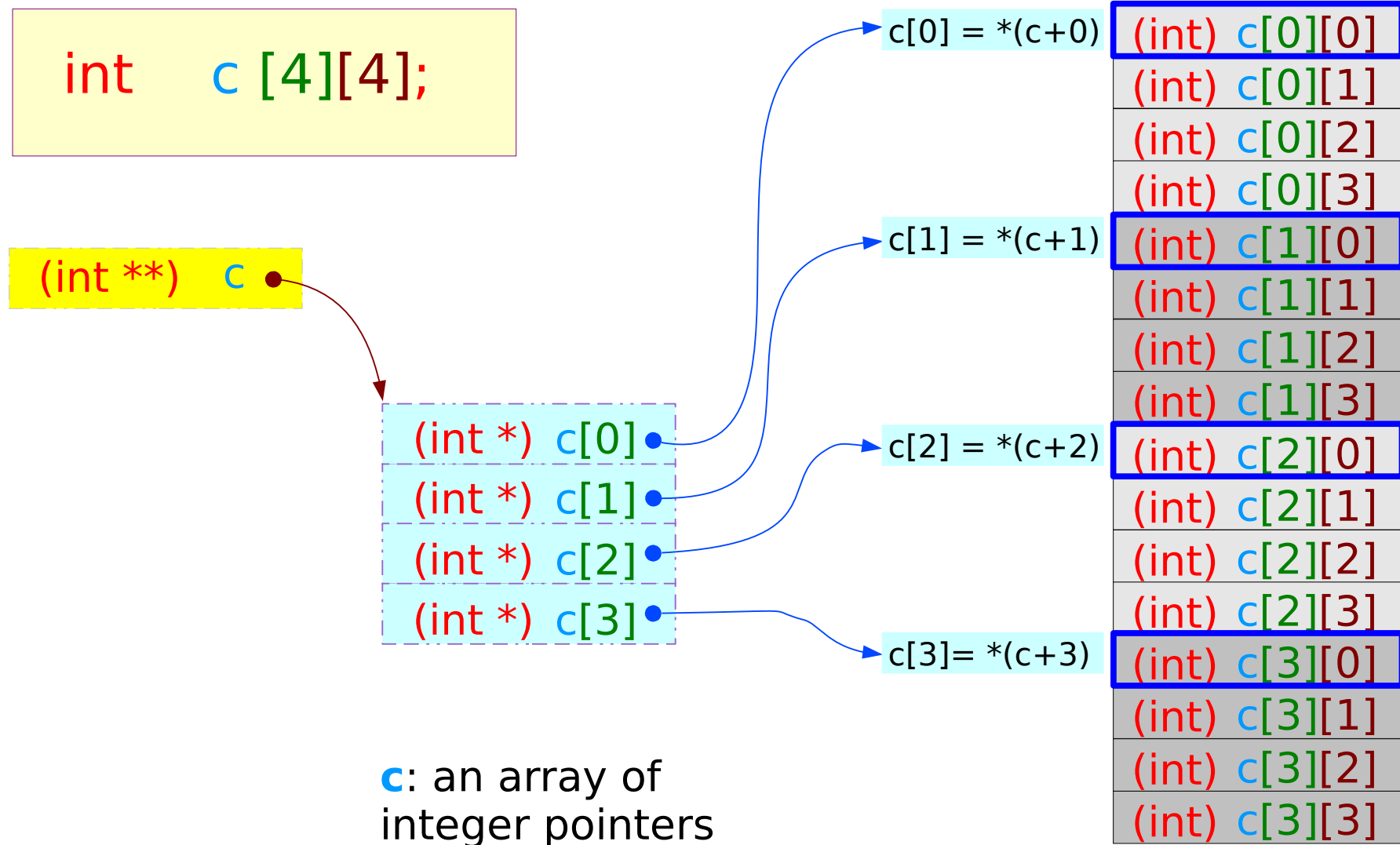


**a** : an array name

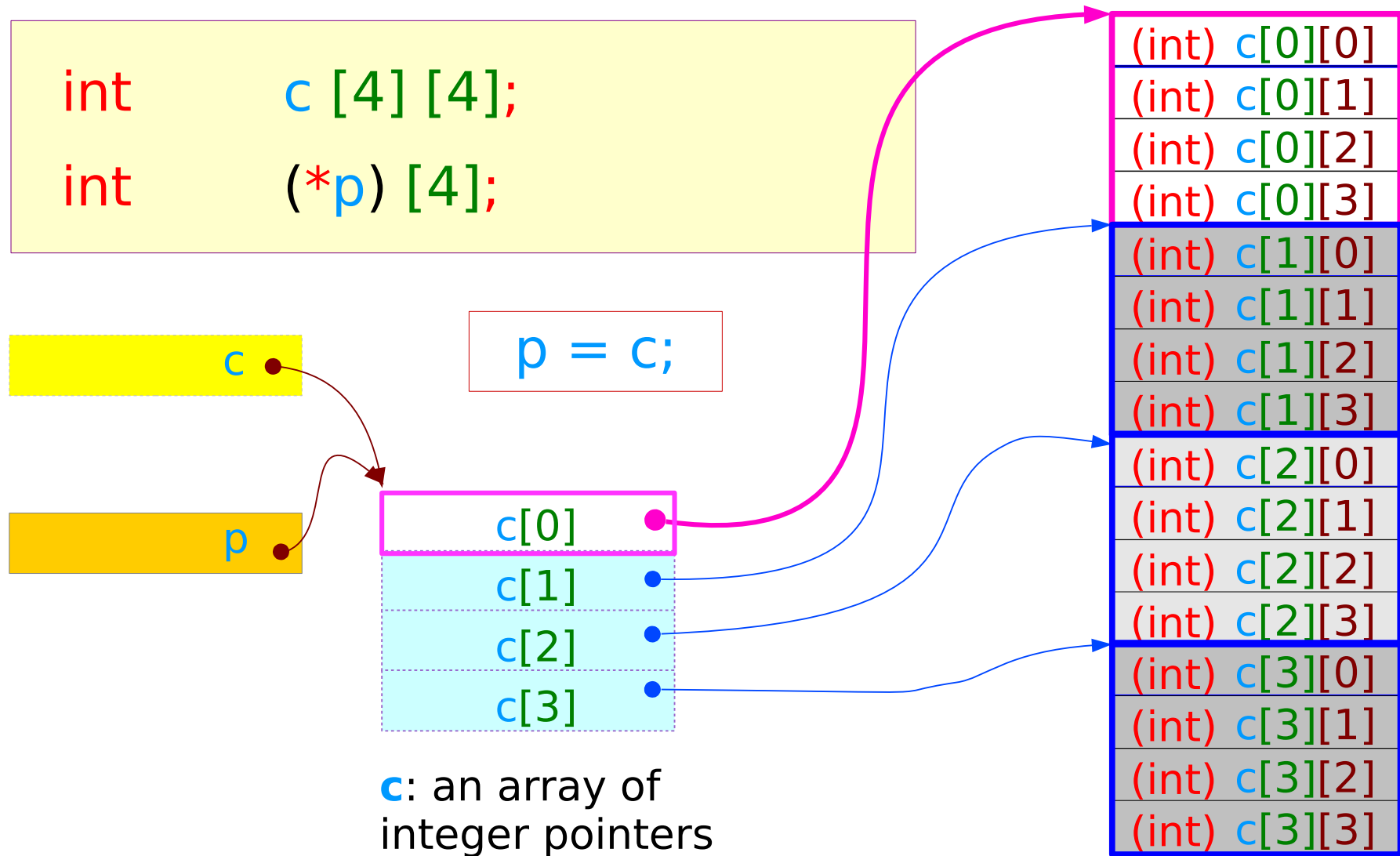


**c[i]** : array names  
**c** : the intermediate array name

# An intermediate array in a 2-d array



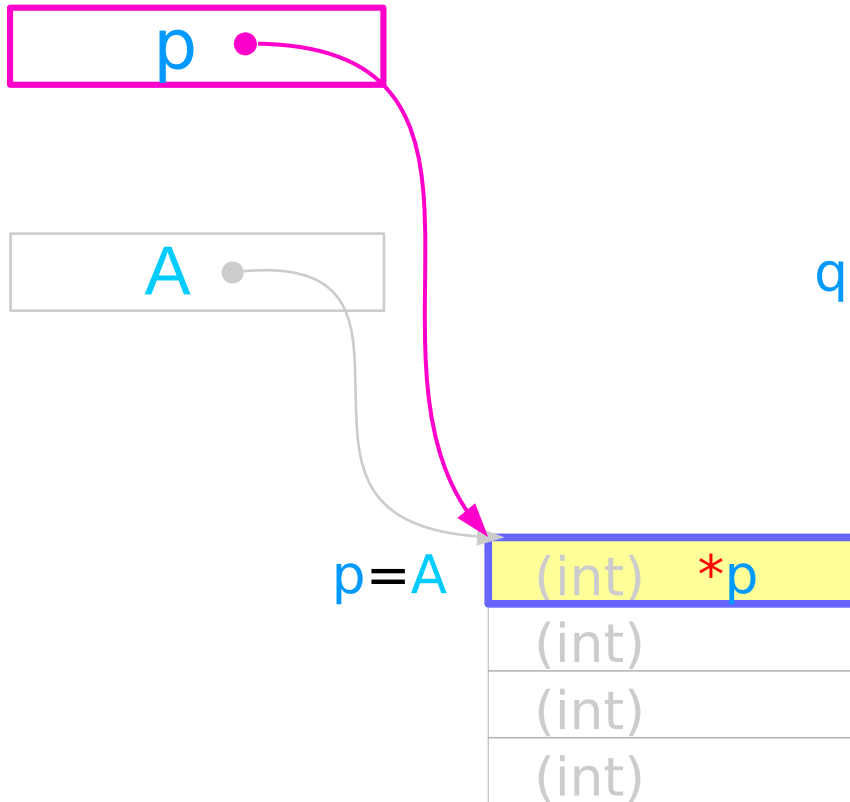
# A 2-d array and a pointer to a 1-d array



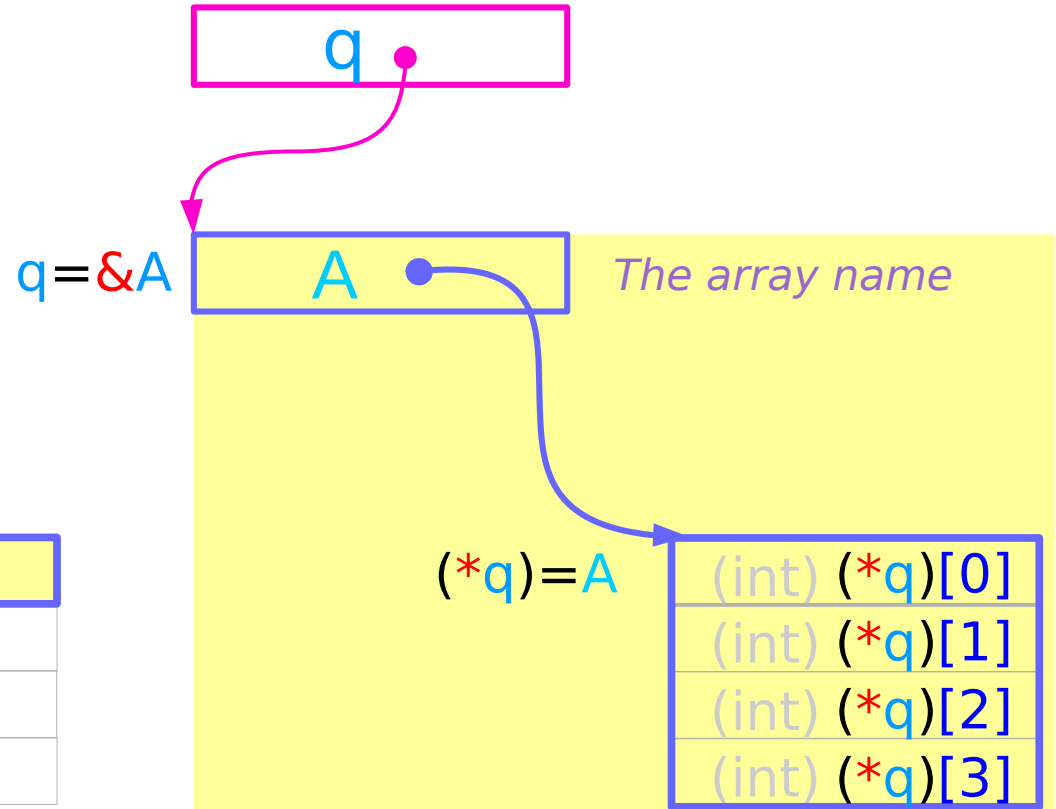
# Pointer to Integer v.s. Pointer to Array

```
int *p ;    p = A ;
```

```
int (*q) [4];    q = &A ;
```



*The int pointer type*

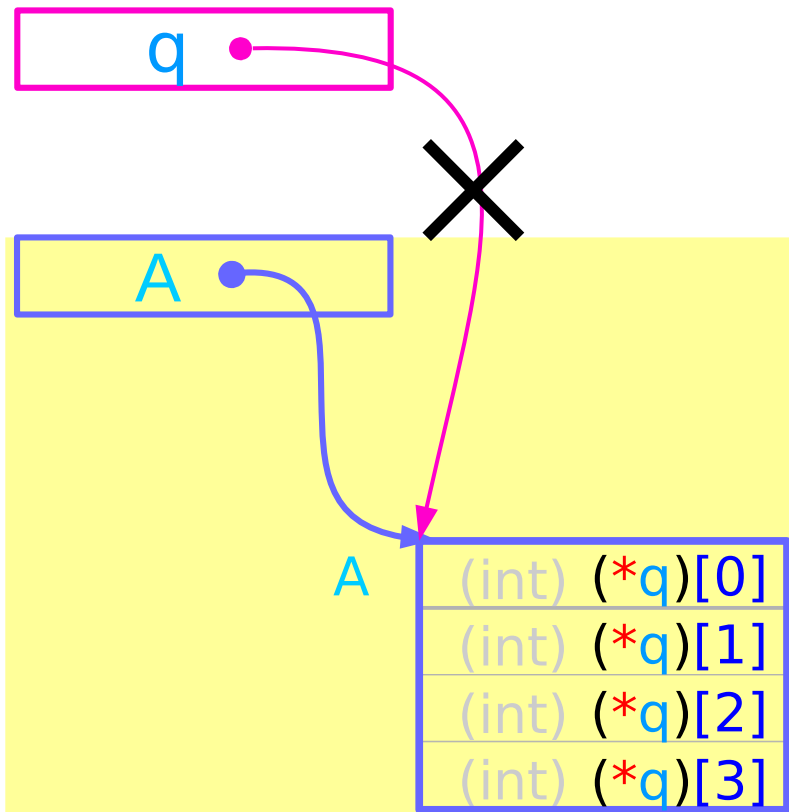


*The array type*

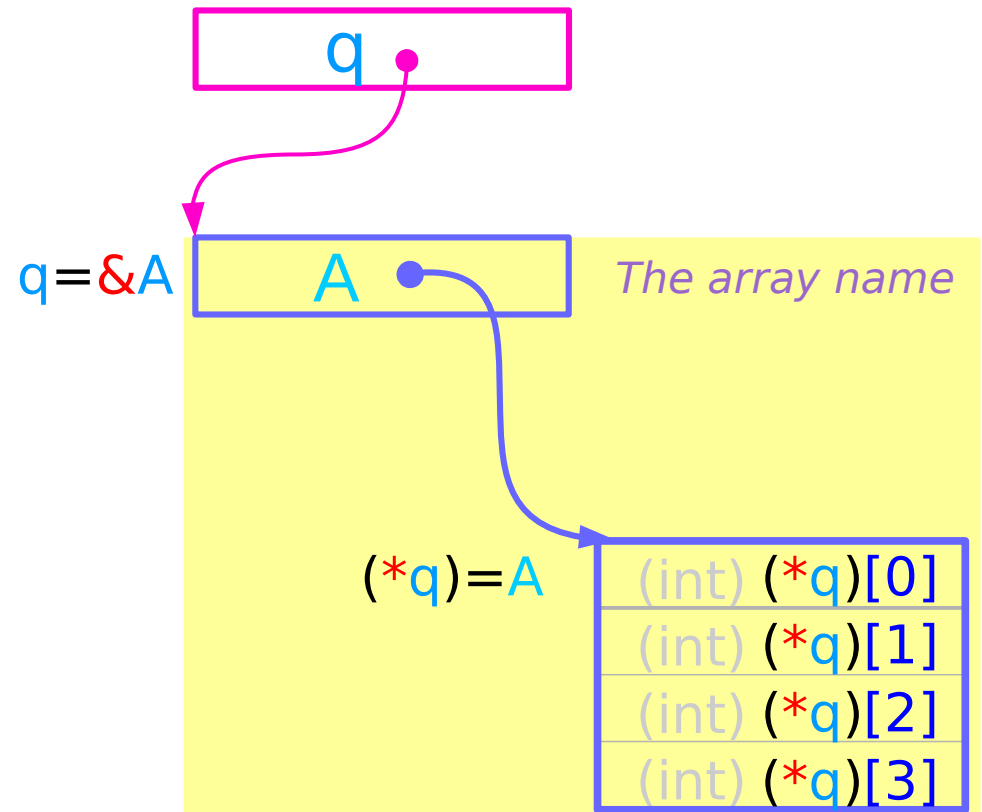
# Must point to an array type (array name)

```
int (*q) [4]; q = A;
```

```
int (*q) [4]; q = &A;
```



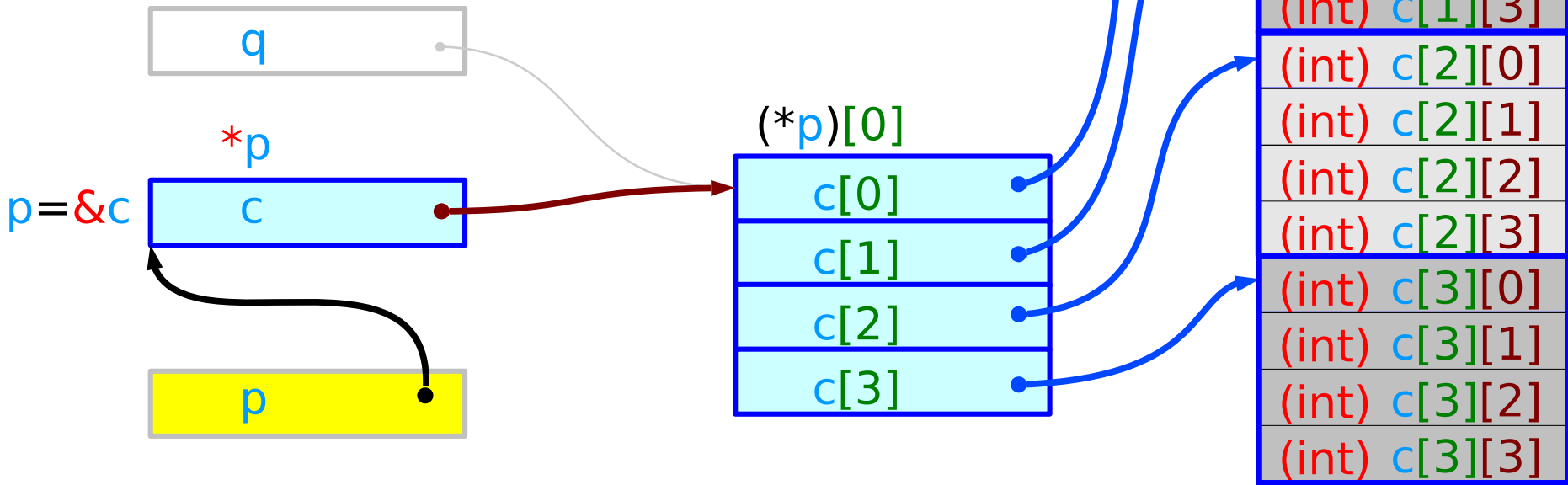
The array type



The array type

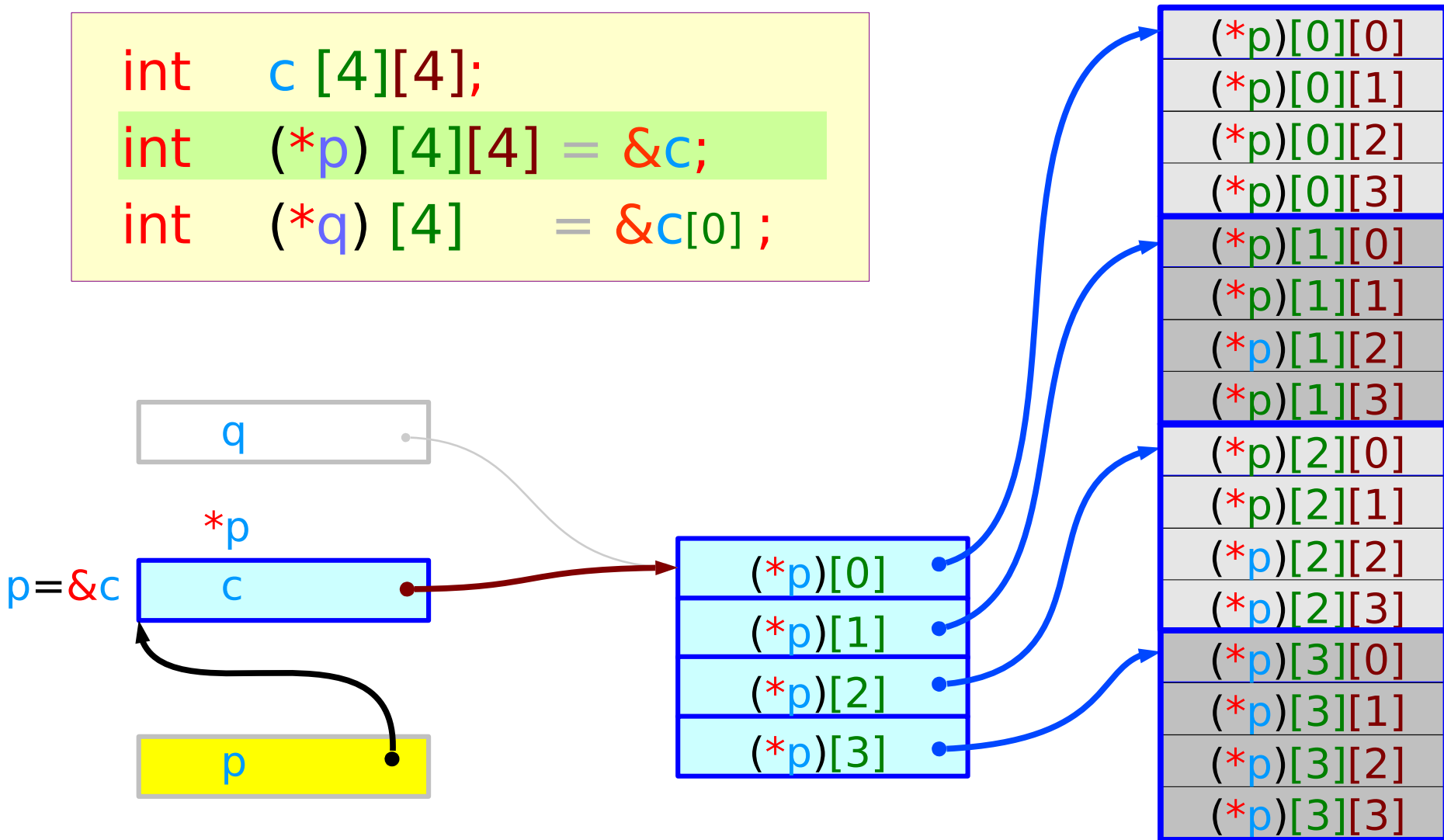
# Pointer to 2-d Arrays

```
int c[4][4];  
int (*p)[4][4] = &c;  
int (*q)[4] = &c[0];
```



# Pointer to 2-d Arrays - accessing elements

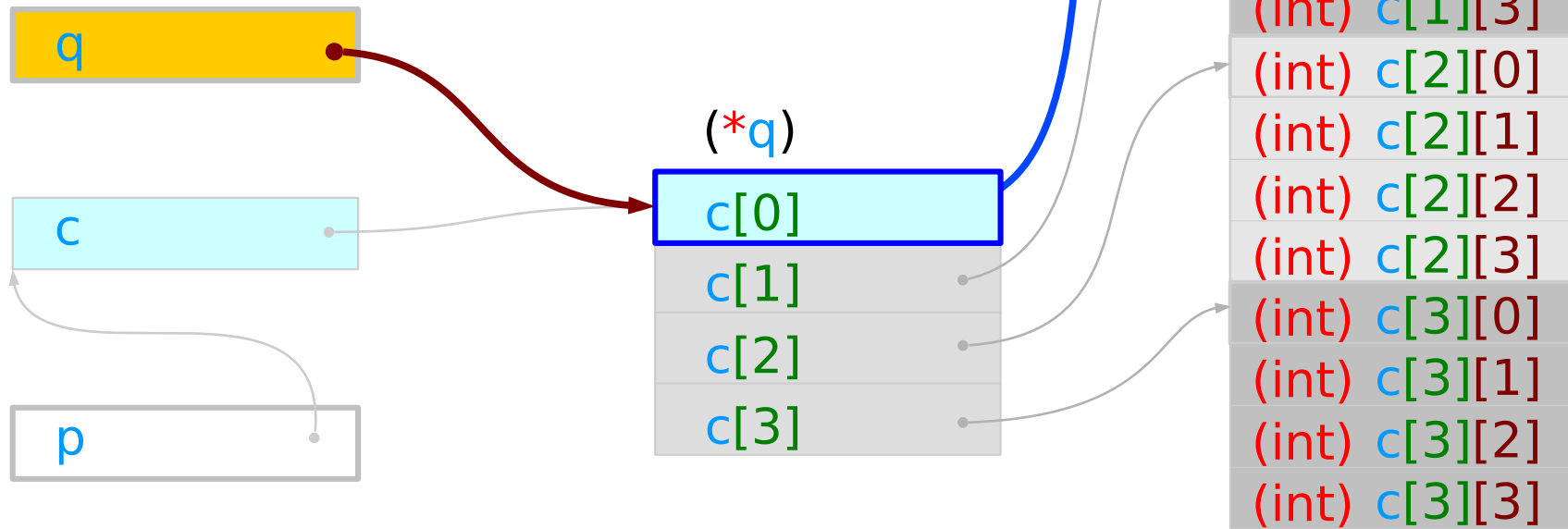
```
int c[4][4];  
int (*p)[4][4] = &c;  
int (*q)[4] = &c[0];
```





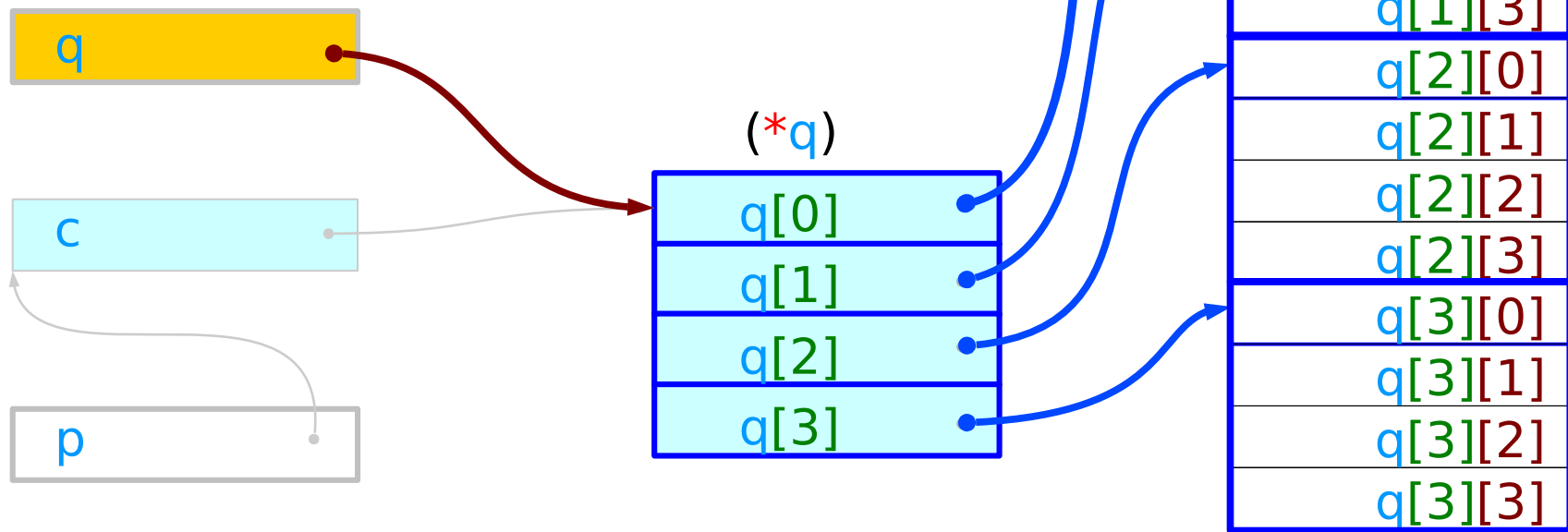
# Pointer to 1-d Arrays

```
int  c [4][4];  
int  (*p) [4][4] = &c;  
int  (*q) [4]   = &c[0];
```



# Pointer to 1-d Arrays - accessing 2-d elements

```
int c [4][4];  
int (*p) [4][4] = &c;  
int (*q) [4] = &c[0];
```



# Pointer to 1-d Arrays – pointer notation

```
int    c [4][4];  
int    (*p) [4][4] = &c;  
int    (*q) [4]    = &c[0];
```

$(*(q+0)) \iff q[0]$   
 $(*(q+1)) \iff q[1]$   
 $(*(q+2)) \iff q[2]$   
 $(*(q+3)) \iff q[3]$

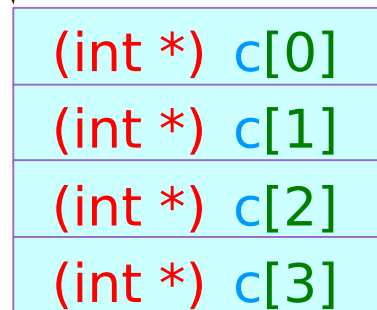
$(*(q+0))[0] \iff q[0][0]$   
 $(*(q+0))[1] \iff q[0][1]$   
 $(*(q+0))[2] \iff q[0][2]$   
 $(*(q+0))[3] \iff q[0][3]$   
 $(*(q+1))[0] \iff q[1][0]$   
 $(*(q+1))[1] \iff q[1][1]$   
 $(*(q+1))[2] \iff q[1][2]$   
 $(*(q+1))[3] \iff q[1][3]$   
 $(*(q+2))[0] \iff q[2][0]$   
 $(*(q+2))[1] \iff q[2][1]$   
 $(*(q+2))[2] \iff q[2][2]$   
 $(*(q+2))[3] \iff q[2][3]$   
 $(*(q+3))[0] \iff q[3][0]$   
 $(*(q+3))[1] \iff q[3][1]$   
 $(*(q+3))[2] \iff q[3][2]$   
 $(*(q+3))[3] \iff q[3][3]$

## 2-d array dynamic allocation : method 1 (a)

```
int ** c ;
```

```
c = malloc(4 * sizeof (int *)) ;
```

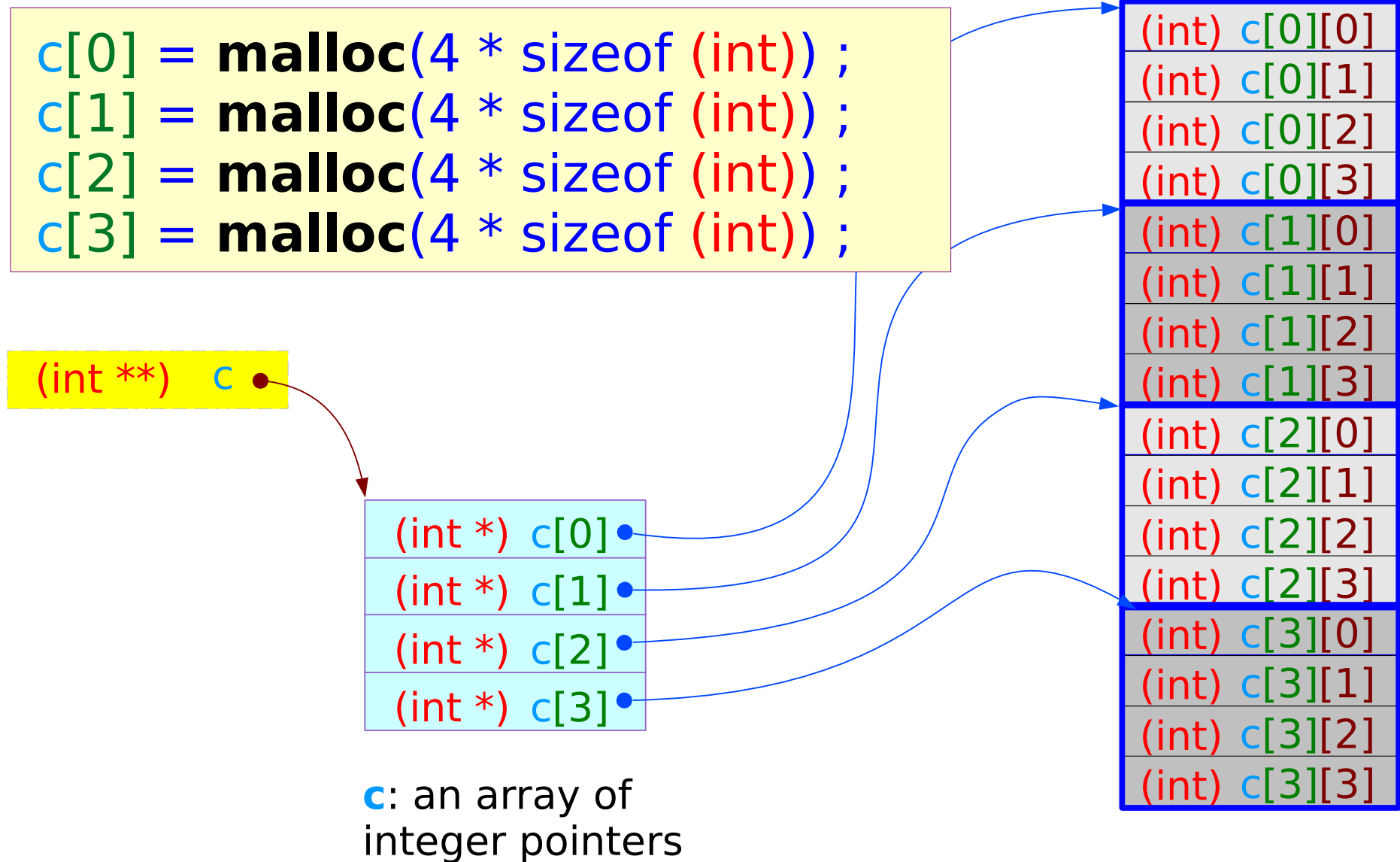
(int \*\*) c ●



The intermediate array :  
Allocated physically  
in memory

**c**: an array of  
integer pointers

## 2-d array dynamic allocation : method 1 (b)

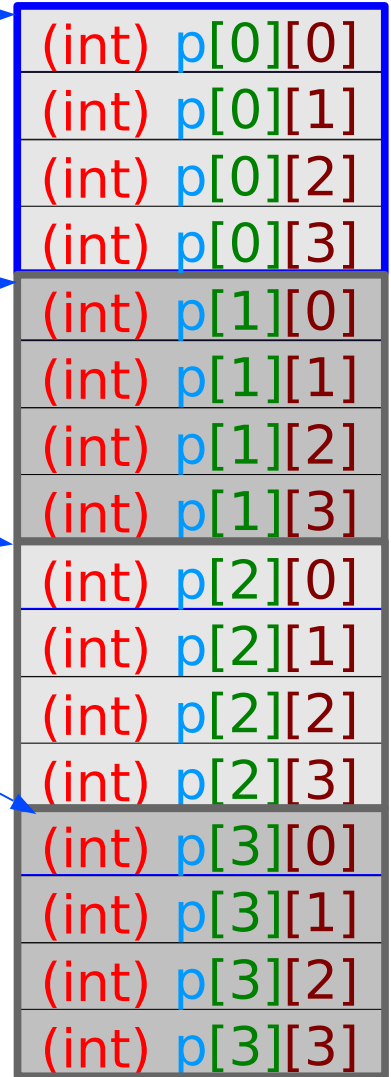
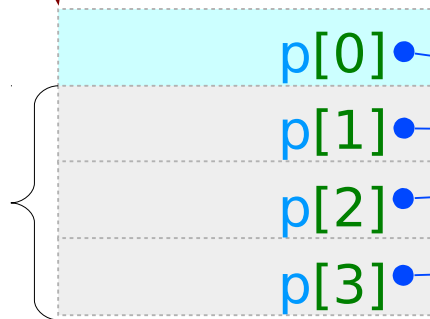


# 2-d array dynamic allocation : method 2

```
int  (*p) [4] ;  
  
p = malloc(4 * 4 * sizeof (int)) ;
```



utilize pointer  
addition property

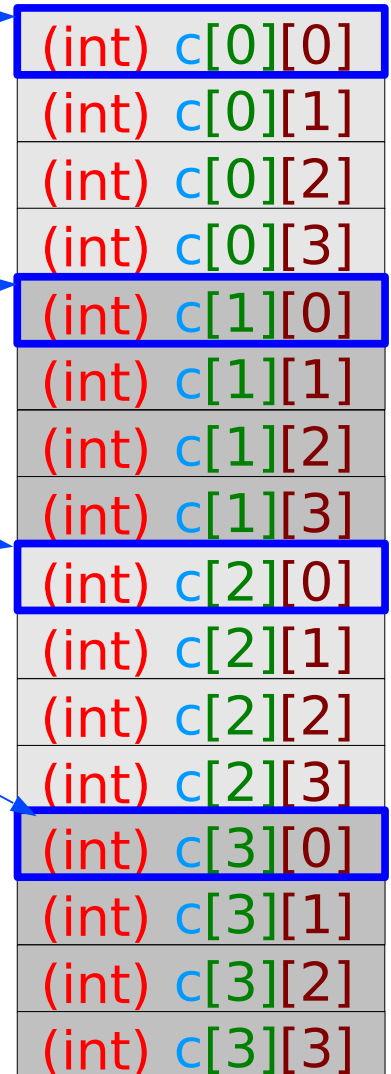
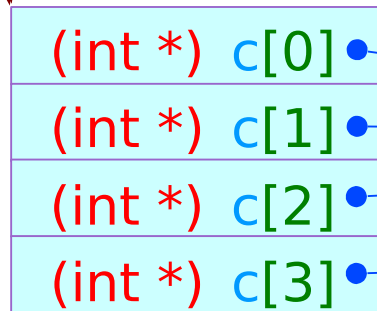


The intermediate array :  
No physical allocation

# 2-d array dynamic allocation : method 3 (a)

```
int  ** c ;  
int  * p ;  
c = malloc( 4 * sizeof(int *) ) ;  
p = malloc( 4 * 4 * sizeof(int) ) ;
```

(int \*\*) c

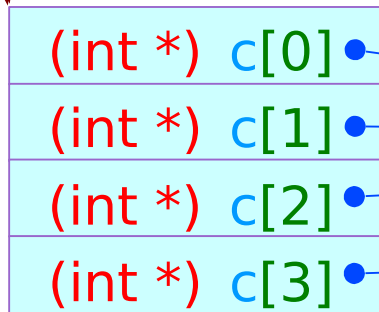


The intermediate array :  
Allocated physically in memory

# 2-d array dynamic allocation : method 3 (b)

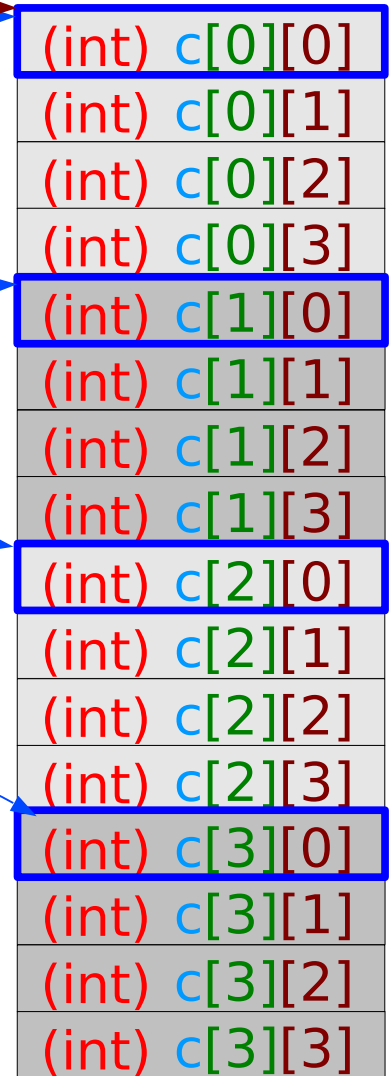
```
for (i=0; i<M; i++)  
    c[i] = p + i*N;
```

(int \*\*) c



c: an array of integer pointers

(int \*) p





# Limitations

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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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