

Applications of Pointers (1A)

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n-d access of a 1-d array

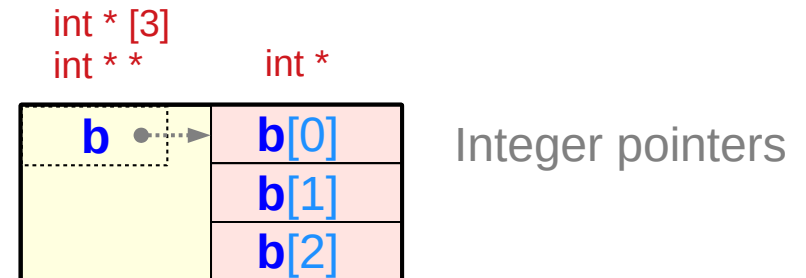
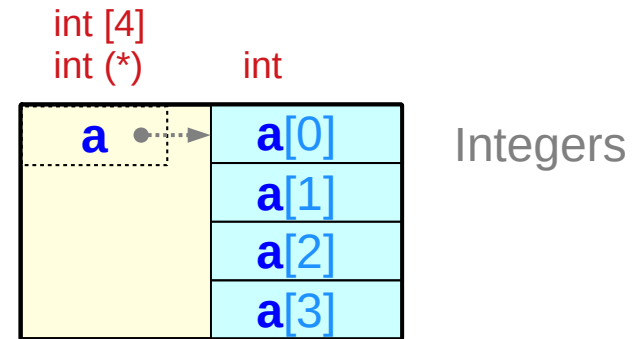
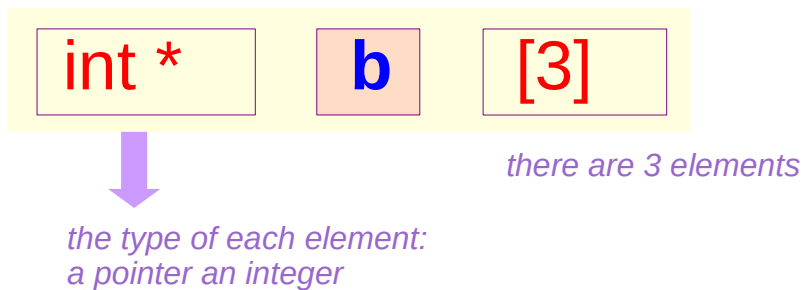
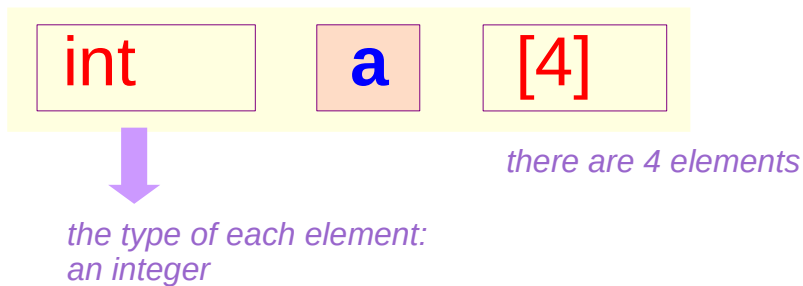
- **2-d** array access of a **1-d** array
- **3-d** array access of a **1-d** array
- Accessing a **contiguous 1-d** array
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- Accessing **static** allocated arrays
- Accessing **dynamically** allocated arrays

2-d array access of a 1-d array

Array of Pointers

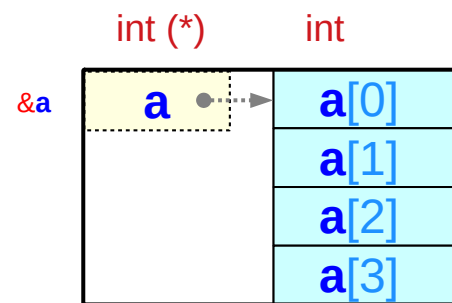
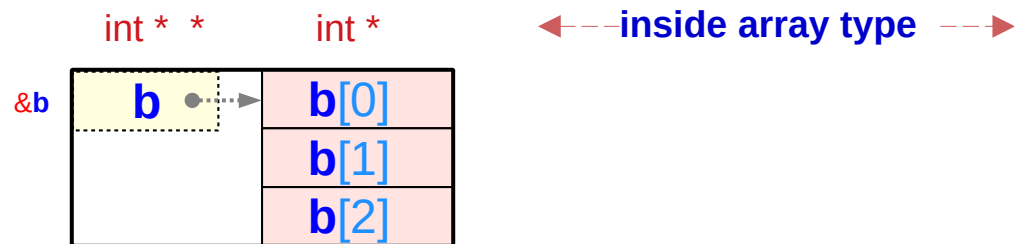
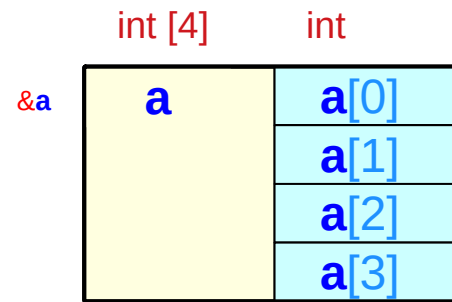
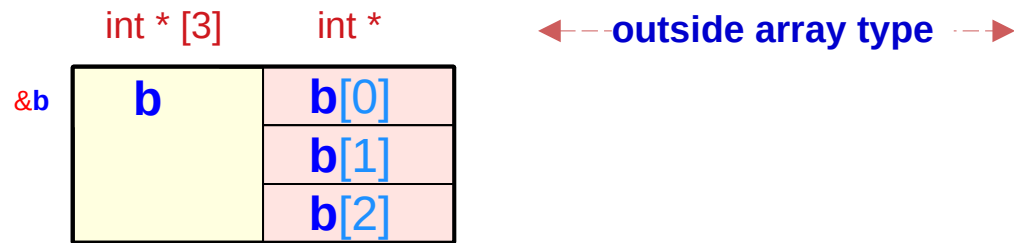
```
int    a [4] ;  
int *  b [3] ;
```



Array of Pointers – a type view

`int *` `b [3] ;` Pointer Array

`int` `a [4] ;`

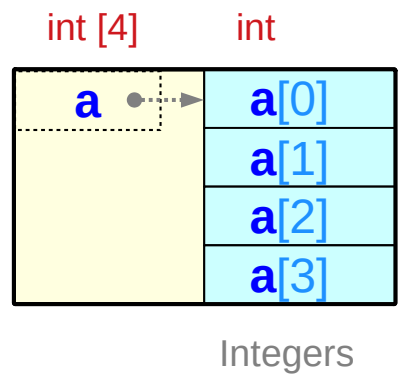
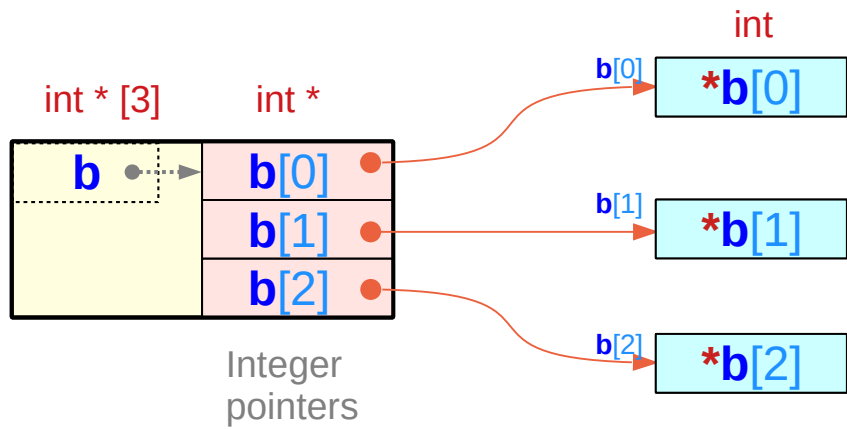


Array of Pointers – a variable view

```
int * b [3] ;
```

Pointer Array

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



Assigning a 1-d array name

int *

b [3] ;

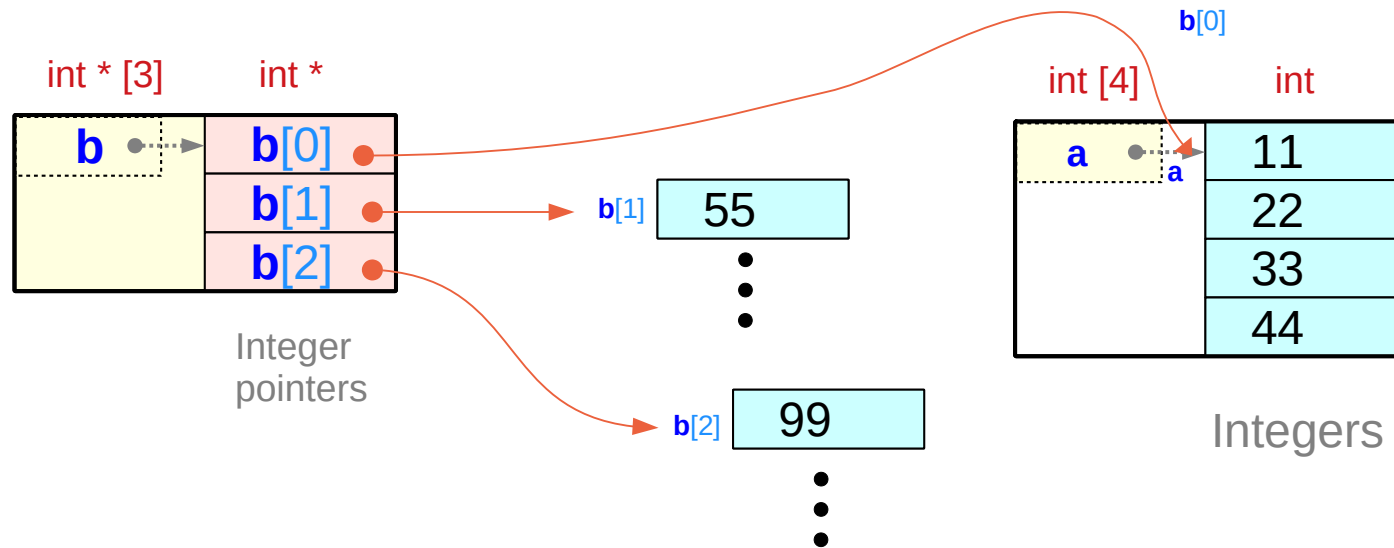
Pointer Array

int

a [4] ;

assignment

b[0] = a (= &a[0])



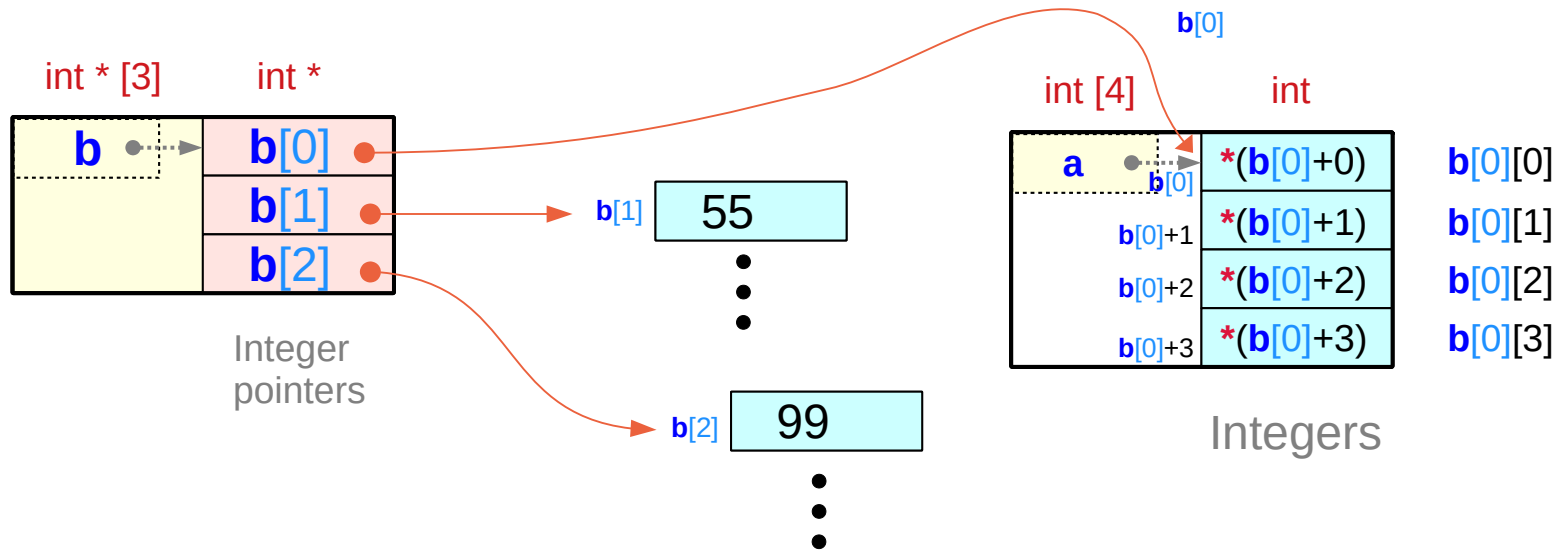
Assigning a 1-d array name – equivalence

`int *` `b [3] ;` Pointer Array

`int` `a [4] ;`

assignment

`b[0] = a (= &a[0])`



Array of Pointers – extended dimension

`int *`

`b [3] ;`

Pointer Array

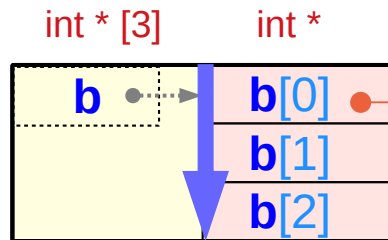
`int`

`a [4] ;`

array name `b`

assignment

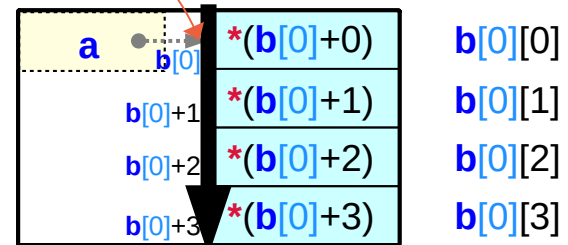
`b[0] = a (= &a[0])`



array name `b[0]`

1st dim

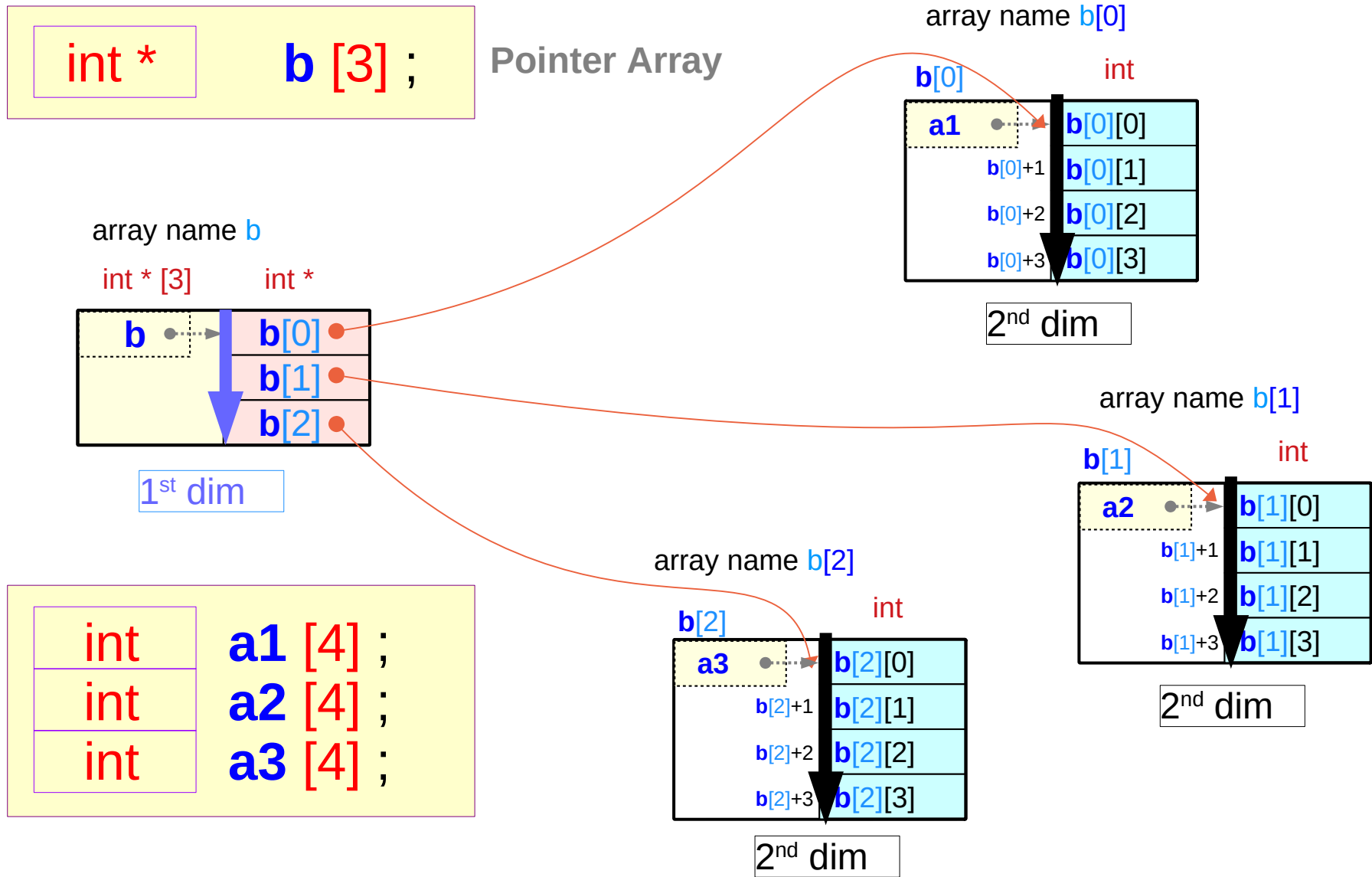
`int [4]` `int`



2nd dim

```
a[0] ≡ b[0][0] ≡ (*(b+0)+0)
a[1] ≡ b[0][1] ≡ (*(b+0)+1)
a[2] ≡ b[0][2] ≡ (*(b+0)+2)
a[3] ≡ b[0][3] ≡ (*(b+0)+3)
```

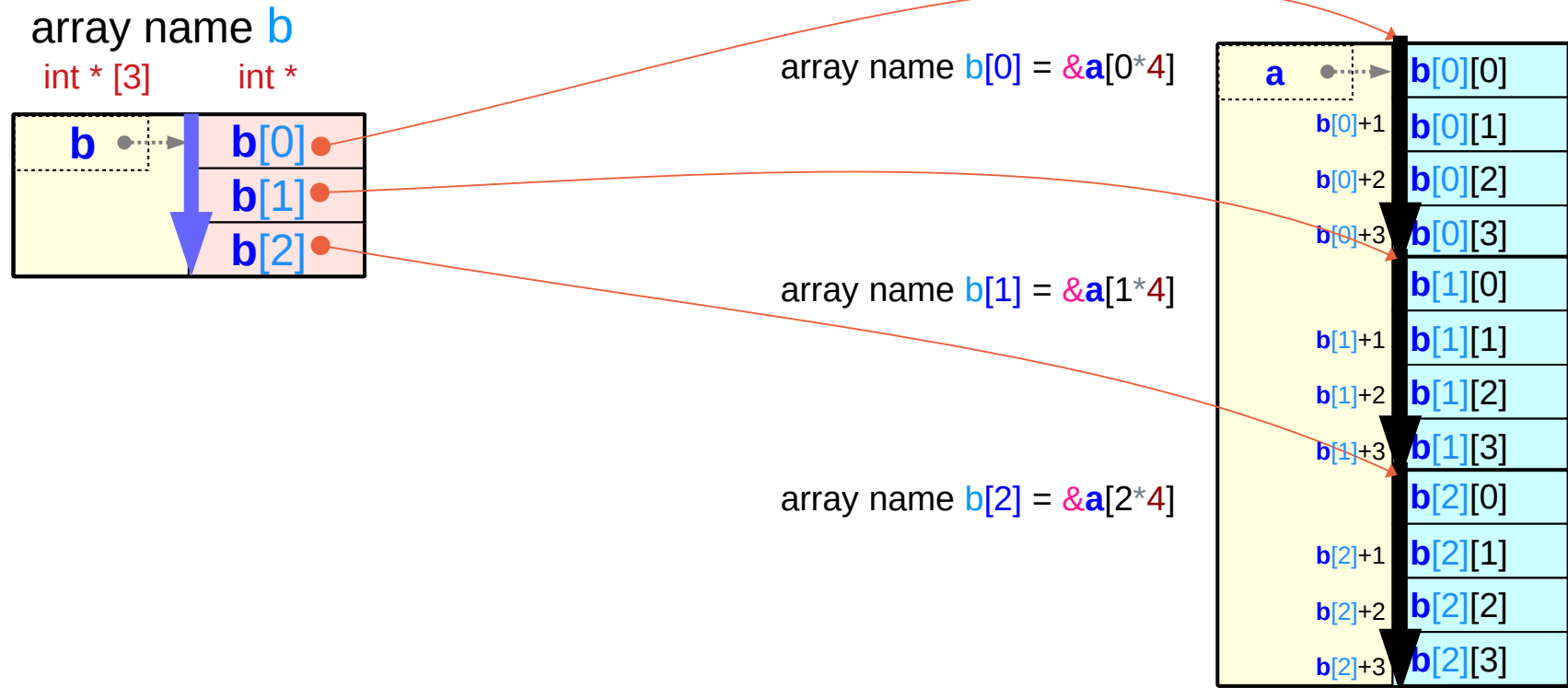
2-d access of 1-d arrays



2-d access of a 1-d array

`int *` `b [3] ;` Pointer Array

`int *` `a [3*4] ;`



2-d access of a 1-d array – pointer array assignment

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

```
b[j] = &a[j*4] (= a+j*4)
```

```
b[j] + k = a+j*4 + k  
*(b[j] + k) = *(a+j*4 + k)
```

```
b[j][k] ≡ a[j*4 + k]
```

```
j = [0:5]      k = [0:3]
```

```
j*4+k = [0:23]
```

constraint : contiguous b[i][j] over j

2-d access of a 1-d array

```
b[i][j]      ≡    *( b[i] + j )  
              ↕              ↕  
a[i*4+j]    ≡    *( a+i*4 + j )
```

1-d access of a 1-d array

constraint : contiguous a[i*4+j] over j

3-d array access of a 1-d array

3-d access of a 1-d array (1)

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

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

```
b[j] = &a[j*4] (= a+j*4)
```

```
b[j] + k = a+j*4 + k  
*(b[j] + k) = *(a+j*4 + k)
```

```
b[j][k] ≡ a[j*4 + k]  
j = [0:5]      k = [0:3]  
j*4+k = [0:23]
```

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

```
c[i] = &b[i*3] (= b+i*3)
```

```
c[i] + j = b+i*3 + j  
*(c[i] + j) = *(b+i*3 + j)
```

```
c[i][j] = b[i*3 + j]
```

```
c[i][j] + k = b[i*3 + j] + k  
*(c[i][j] + k) = b[i*3 + j][k]
```

```
c[i][j][k] = a[(i*3 + j)*4 + k]
```

```
c[i][j][k] ≡ a[(i*3+j)*4+k]  
i = [0:1]      j = [0:2]      k = [0:3]  
(i*3+j)*4+k = [0:23]
```

3-d access of a 1-d array (2)

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

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{a[k]} &\equiv *(\mathbf{a+k}) \\ \mathbf{b[j][k]} &\equiv *(*(\mathbf{b+j})+k) \\ \mathbf{c[i][j][k]} &\equiv *(*(*(\mathbf{c+i})+j)+k) \end{aligned}$$

constraint : contiguous a[i], b[i], c[i]

Assignments

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{c[i]} &= \&\mathbf{b[i*3]} \quad (= \mathbf{b+i*3}) \\ \mathbf{b[j]} &= \&\mathbf{a[j*4]} \quad (= \mathbf{a+j*4}) \end{aligned}$$

Initializing pointer arrays **b** and **c**



3-d access of a 1-d array

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{c[i][j][k]} &\equiv *(\mathbf{c[i][j]} + k) \\ \mathbf{b[i*3+j][k]} &\equiv *(\mathbf{b[i*3+j]} + k) \\ \mathbf{a[(i*3+j)*4 + k]} &\equiv *(\mathbf{a+(i*3+j)*4 + k}) \end{aligned}$$

1-d access of a 1-d array

3-d access of a 1-d array (3)

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

a[k] ≡ *****(**a**+k)
b[j][k] ≡ *****(*****(**b**+j)+k)
c[i][j][k] ≡ *****(*****(*****(**c**+i)+j)+k)

((c[i])[j])[k]
≡ **((b+i*3)[j])[k]** ←
≡ **(b[i*3+j])[k]**
≡ **(a+(i*3+j)*4)[k]** ←
≡ **a[(i*3+j)*4+k]**

c[i] = &b[i*3] = b+i*3

b[j] = &a[j*4] = a+j*4

*****(*****(*****(**c**+i)+j)+k)
≡ *****(*****(**b**+i*3+j)+k)
≡ *****(**b**[i*3+j]+k)
≡ *****(**a**+(i*3+j)*4+k)
≡ **a**[(i*3+j)*4+k]

Equivalence relations in pointer array assignments

$$\begin{aligned}c[i] &= \&b[i*3] = b+i*3 \\ b[j] &= \&a[j*4] = a+j*4\end{aligned}$$

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

substitute $b[m]$ in $*(b[m]+k)$

$$m = i*3+j$$



$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &\stackrel{\text{substitute } c[i]}{=} *(c[i]+j) \\ &= *(b+i*3+j) = b[i*3+j]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}b[m][k] &\stackrel{\text{substitute } b[m]}{=} *(b[m]+k) \\ &= *(a+m*4+k) = a[m*4+k]\end{aligned}$$

$$c[i][j][k] = b[i*3+j][k] = a[(i*3+j)*4+k]$$

$$\begin{aligned}c[i] &= \&b[i*3] = b+i*3 \\ b[j] &= \&a[j*4] = a+j*4\end{aligned}$$

substitute $c[i]$ in $(c[i])[j]$

substitute $b[m]$ in $(b[m])[k]$

$$m = i*3+j$$



$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j] &\stackrel{\text{substitute } c[i]}{=} (b+i*3)[j] \\ &= *(b+i*3+j) = b[i*3+j]\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}b[m][k] &\stackrel{\text{substitute } b[m]}{=} (a+m*4)[k] \\ &= *(a+m*4+k) = a[m*4+k]\end{aligned}$$

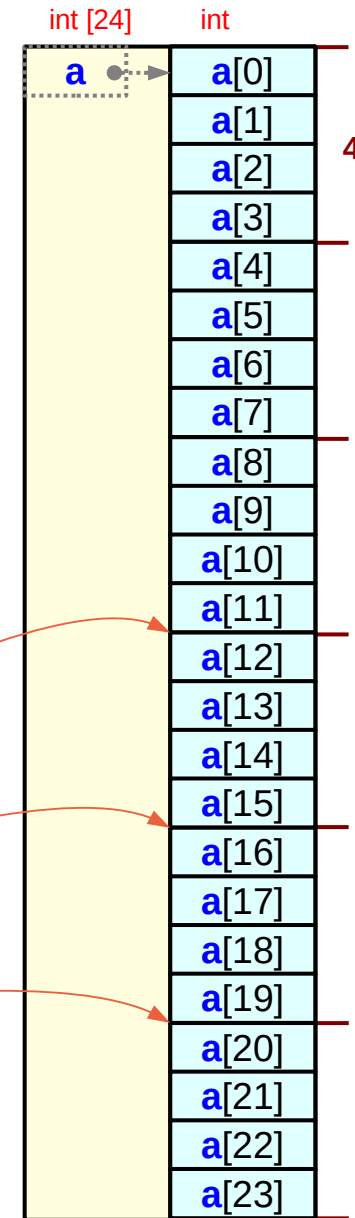
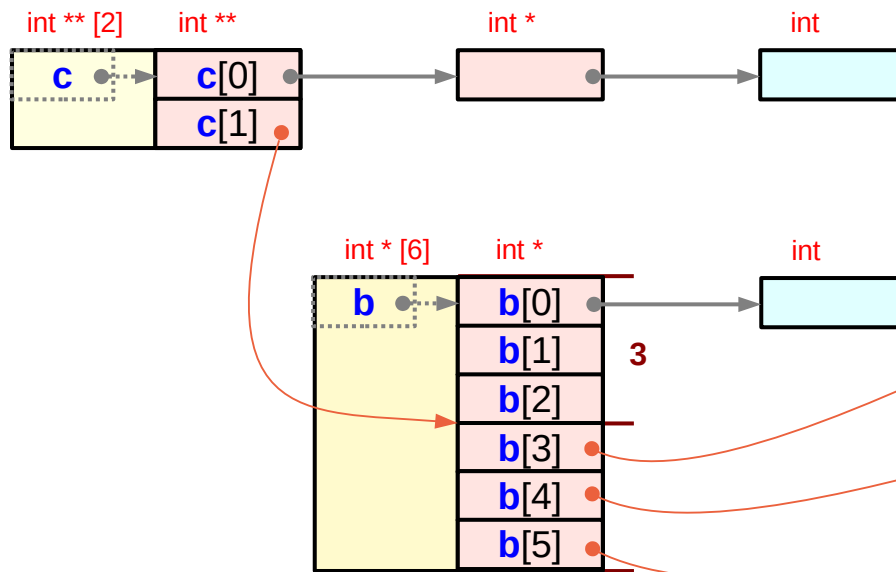
$$c[i][j][k] = b[i*3+j][k] = a[(i*3+j)*4+k]$$

Integer array **a** and pointer arrays **b**, **c**

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

divide 2·3·4 elements of **a** into
six (= 2·3) partitions
each partition has 4 elements

divide 2·3 elements of **b** into
two (= 2) partitions
each partition has 3 elements



Pointer array initializations

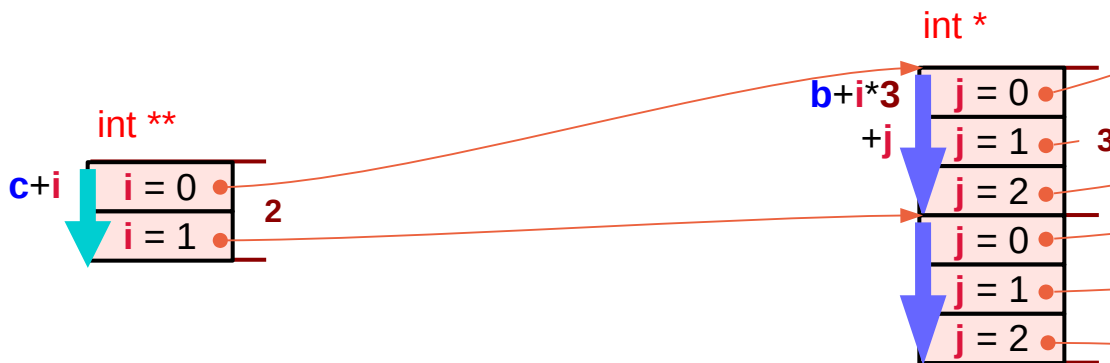
int **	c [2] ;
int *	b [2*3] ;
int	a [2*3*4] ;

$$c[i] = \&b[i*3] \quad (= b+i*3)$$

each element of **c** handles **3** elements of **b**
 → **3**-element partitions in **b**

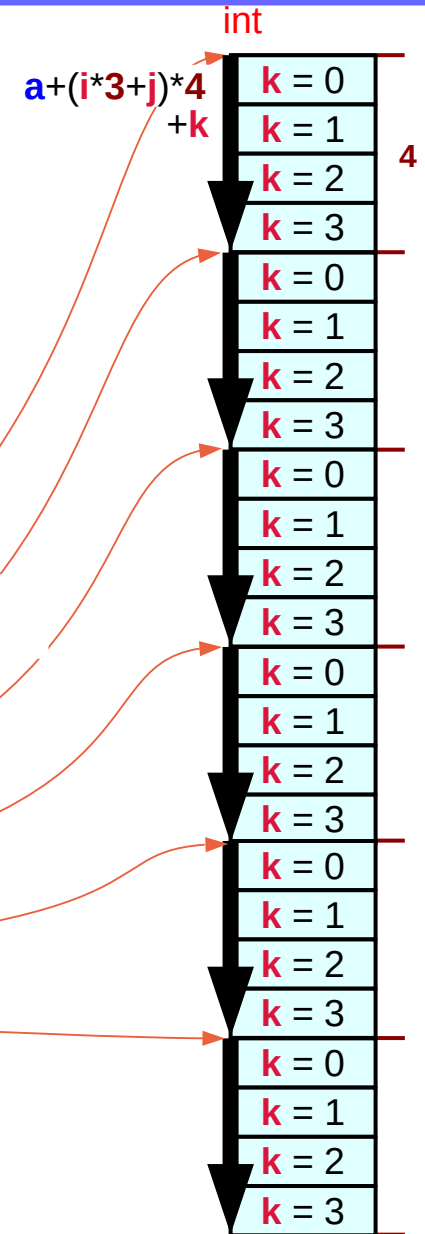
$$b[j] = \&a[j*4] \quad (= a+j*4)$$

each element of **b** handles **4** elements of **a**
 → **4**-element partitions in **a**



skipping **i** elements from **c**
 = skipping **i*3** elements from **b**
 = skipping **i*3*4** leaf elements from **a**

skipping **j** elements from **b**
 = skipping **j*4** leaf elements from **a**



Partitioning arrays **a** and **b**

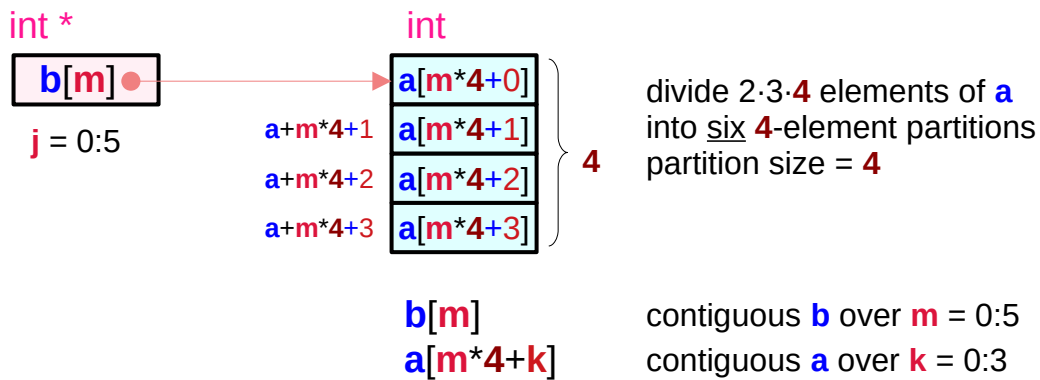
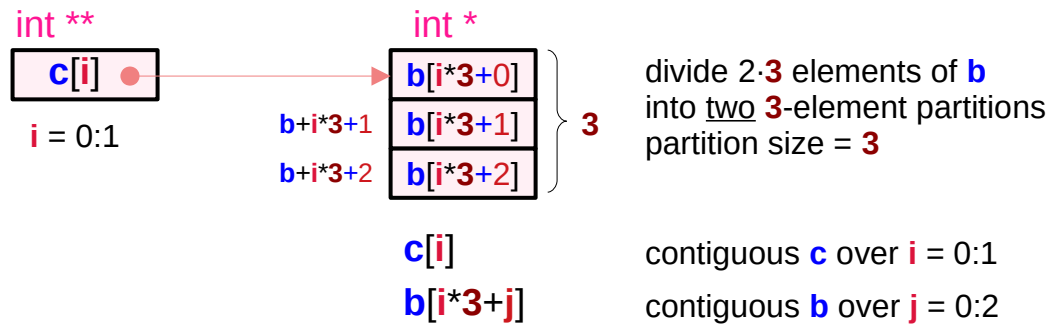
int **	c [2] ;
int *	b [2*3] ;
int	a [2*3*4] ;

Assigning pointer array

b[j] = &**a**[j*4] (= **a**+j*4)
c[i] = &**b**[i*3] (= **b**+i*3)

c[0] = &**b**[0*3]; (= **b** + 0*3)
c[1] = &**b**[1*3]; (= **b** + 1*3)

b[0] = &**a**[0*4]; (= **a** + 0*4)
b[1] = &**a**[1*4]; (= **a** + 1*4)
b[2] = &**a**[2*4]; (= **a** + 2*4)
b[3] = &**a**[3*4]; (= **a** + 3*4)
b[4] = &**a**[4*4]; (= **a** + 4*4)
b[5] = &**a**[5*4]; (= **a** + 5*4)



Skipping leaf elements

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

$$\mathbf{b[j] = \&a[j*4] \quad (= a+j*4)}$$

skipping 1 element in **b**
= skipping **4** leaf elements in **a**

$$\mathbf{c[i] = \&b[i*3] \quad (= b+i*3)}$$

skipping 1 element in **c**
= skipping **3** elements in **b**
= skipping **3*4** leaf elements in **a**

$$\mathbf{c[i][j][k] \equiv a[(i*3 + j)*4+k]}$$

skipping **i*3+j** elements from **b**
+ skipping **k** leaf elements from **a**
= skipping **(i*3+j)*4+k** leaf elements from **a**

$$\mathbf{c[i][j] \equiv b[i*3 + j]}$$

skipping **i** elements from **c**
+ skipping **j** elements from **b**
= skipping **i*3+j** elements from **b**

Contiguous constraints for $c[i][j][k]$

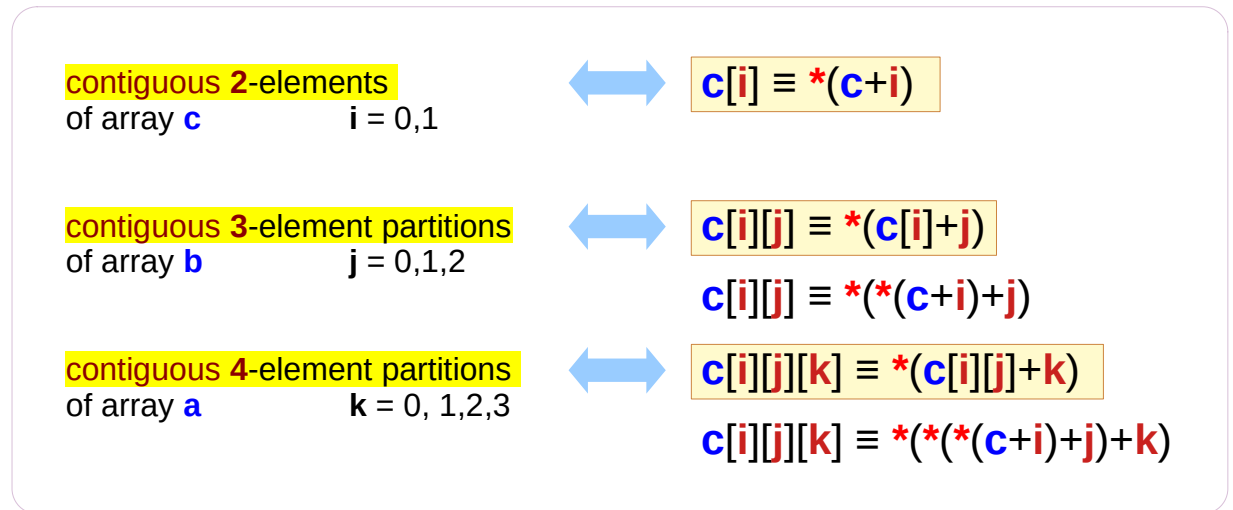
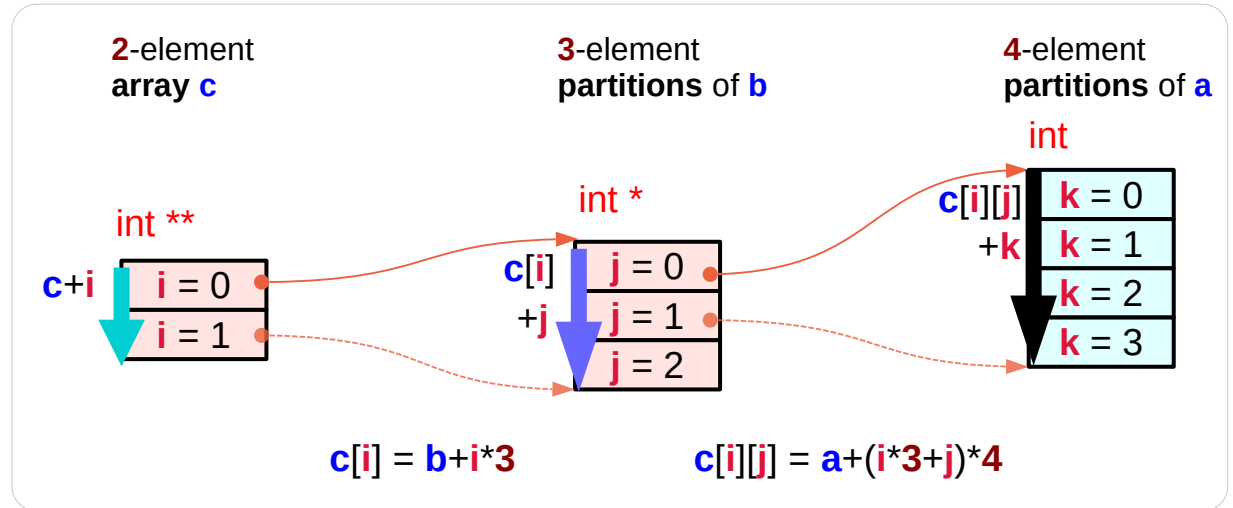
int **	c [2] ;
int *	b [2*3] ;
int	a [2*3*4] ;



$b[j] = \&a[j*4]$ (= $a+j*4$)
 $c[i] = \&b[i*3]$ (= $b+i*3$)



$c[i][j][k] \equiv$
 $a[(i*3 + j)*4+k]$



Minimal constraints and implementations

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

```
c[0] = &b[0*3];  b[0] = &a[0*4];  
c[1] = &b[1*3];  b[1] = &a[1*4];  
                b[2] = &a[2*4];  
                b[3] = &a[3*4];  
                b[4] = &a[4*4];  
                b[5] = &a[5*4];
```

```
int c [2];      int b1 [3];   int a1 [4];  
                int b2 [3];   int a2 [4];  
                int a3 [4];  
                int a4 [4];  
                int a5 [4];  
                int a6 [4];
```

```
c[0] = &b1[0];   b1[0] = &a1[0];  
c[1] = &b2[0];   b1[1] = &a2[0];  
                b1[2] = &a3[0];  
                b2[0] = &a4[0];  
                b2[1] = &a5[0];  
                b2[2] = &a6[0];
```

contiguous
2-element
array **c**

contiguous
2·3-element
array **b**

contiguous
2·3·4-element
array **a**

minimal constraints

contiguous
2-element
array **c**

two contiguous
3-element
partitions of **b**

six contiguous
4-element
partitions of **a**

two contiguous
3-element
arrays **bi**

six contiguous
4-element
arrays **ai**

Accessing a **contiguous 1-d** array

- **1-d** array access
- **2-d** array access
- **3-d** array access

Accessing an int array **a** as a **1-d** array

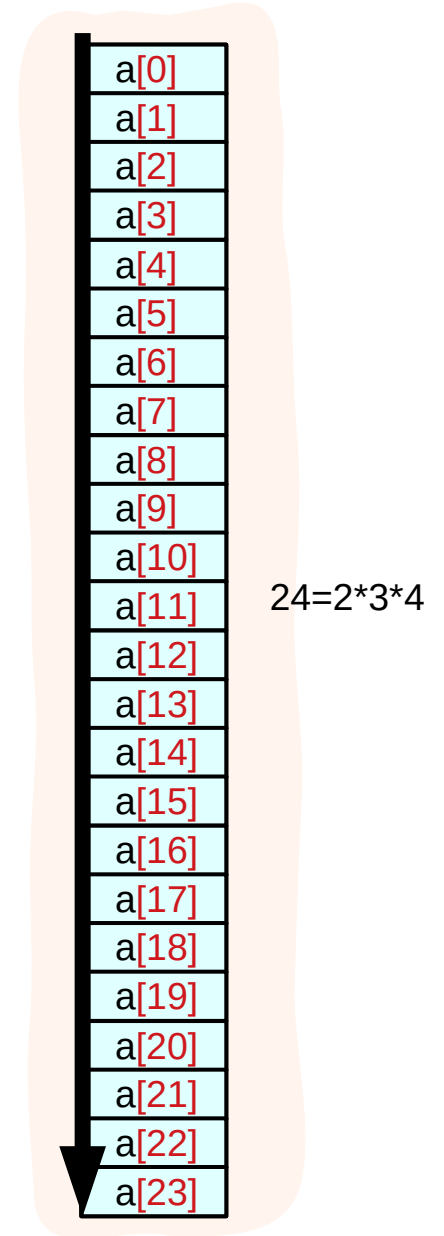
```
int    a [2*3*4] ;
```



```
a [k]
```

k = 0,1, ...,23

```
int a [2*3*4] ;
```



```
c[i][j][k] ≡ *(* (c+i)+j)+k    int ** c[2] ;  
b[j][k]    ≡ *(b+j)+k         int * b[2*3] ;  
a[k]      ≡ *(a+k)           int a[2*3*4] ;
```

Accessing an int array **a** as a 2-d array using **b**

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

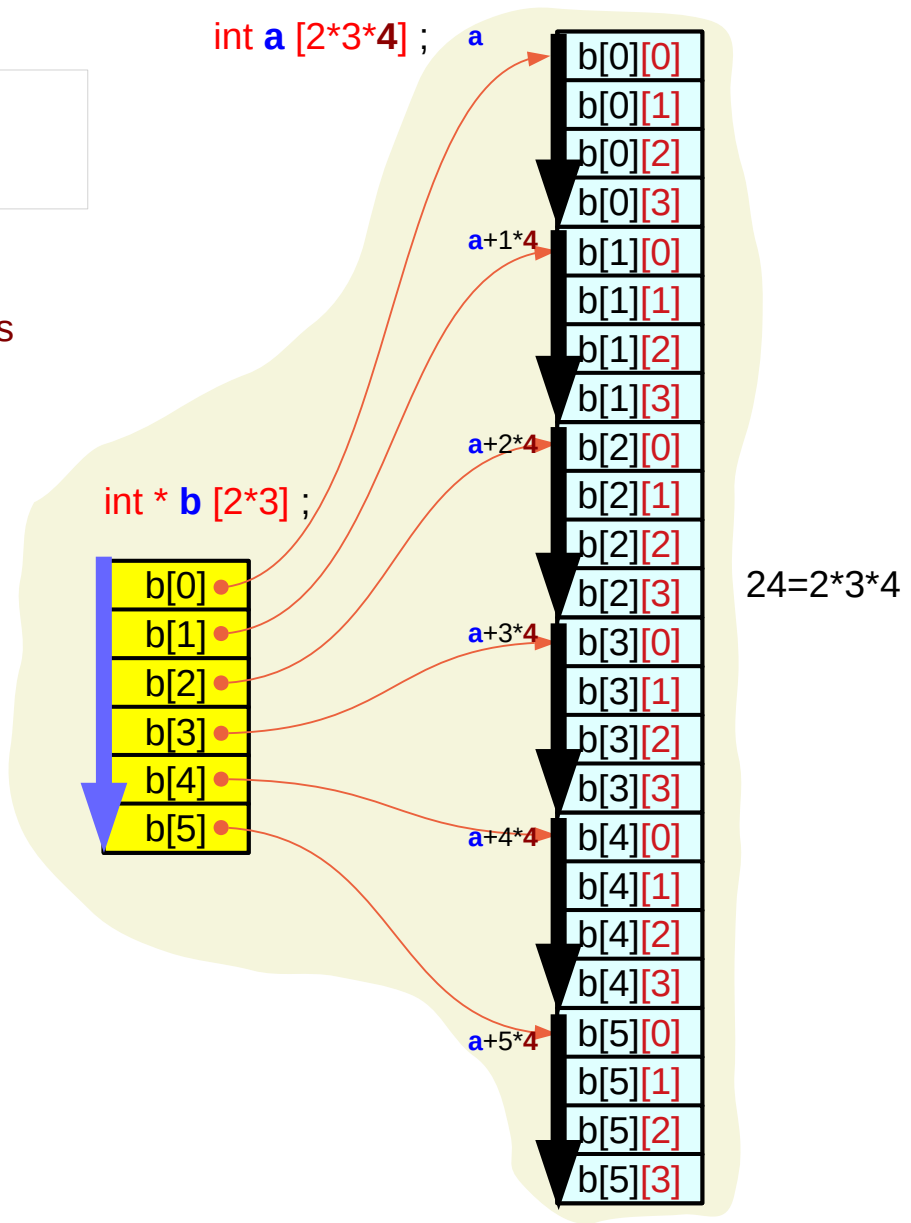
```
b[j] = &a[j*4];
```

a, b take actual memory locations

$$b[j][k] \equiv a[j*4 + k]$$

$j = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$
 $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$

```
c[i][j][k] ≡ *(* (c+i)+j)+k    int ** c[2] ;
b[j][k]    ≡ *(* (b+j)+k)       int * b[2*3] ;
a[k]       ≡ *(a+k)             int a[2*3*4] ;
```



Accessing an int array **a** as a 3-d array

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

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

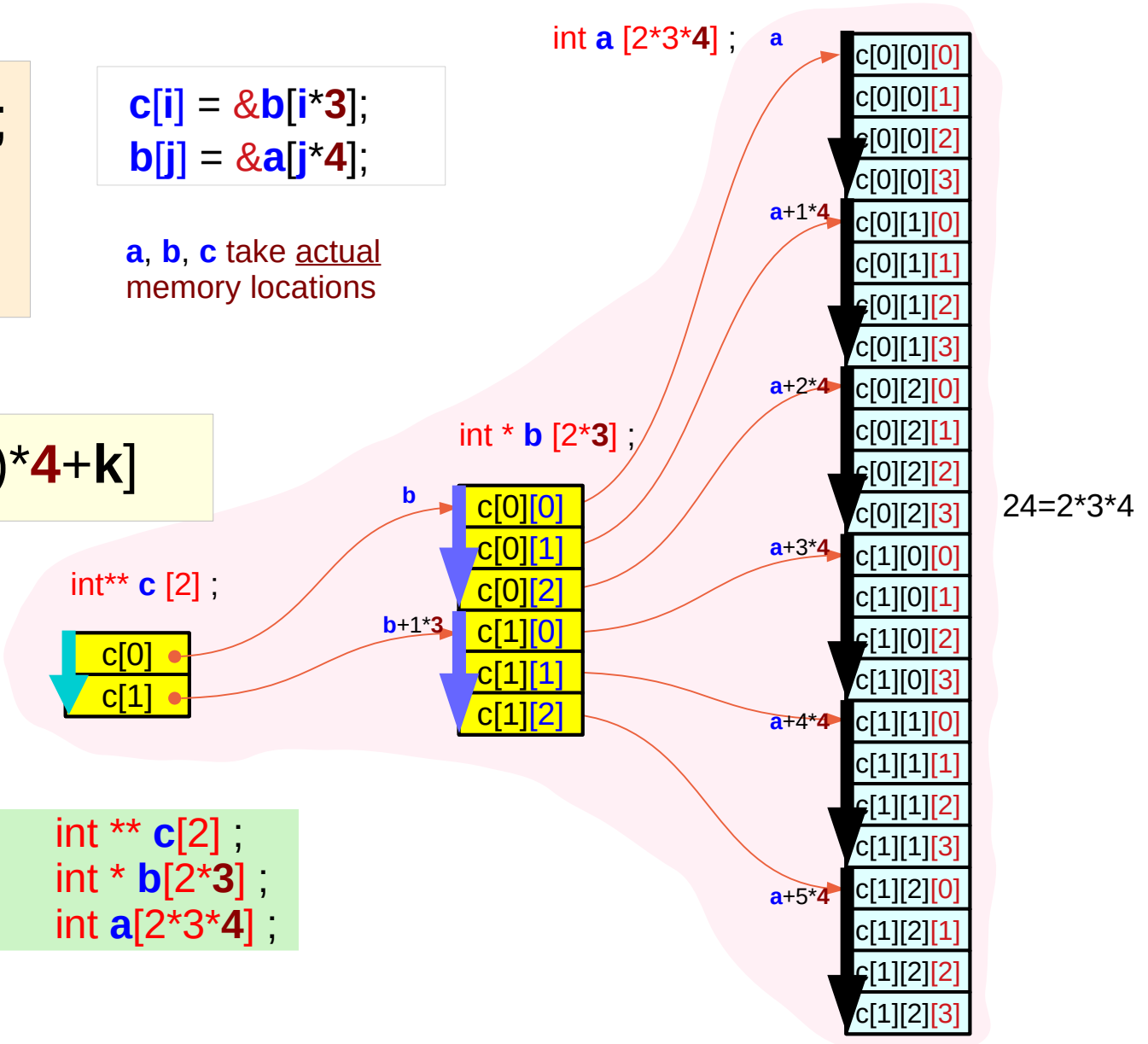
a, **b**, **c** take actual memory locations

$$c[i][j][k] \equiv a[(i*3+j)*4+k]$$

i = 0, 1
j = 0, 1, 2
k = 0, 1, 2, 3

```
c[i][j][k] ≡ *(*(*c+i)+j)+k
b[j][k]    ≡ *(*b+j)+k
a[k]       ≡ *(a+k)

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



Accessing a **non-contiguous 1-d** arrays

- ◆ **3-d** array access

Accessing non-contiguous 1-d arrays as a 3-d array (1)

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

```
c[i] = &b[i*3];  
b[j] = &aj[0];
```

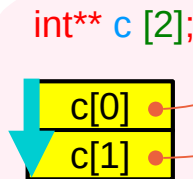
not c expressions

aj, b, c take actual memory locations

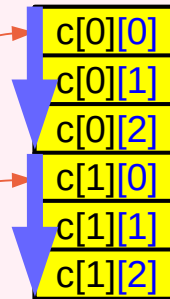
```
int a1 [4];  
int a2 [4];  
int a3 [4];  
int a4 [4];  
int a5 [4];  
int a6 [4];
```

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

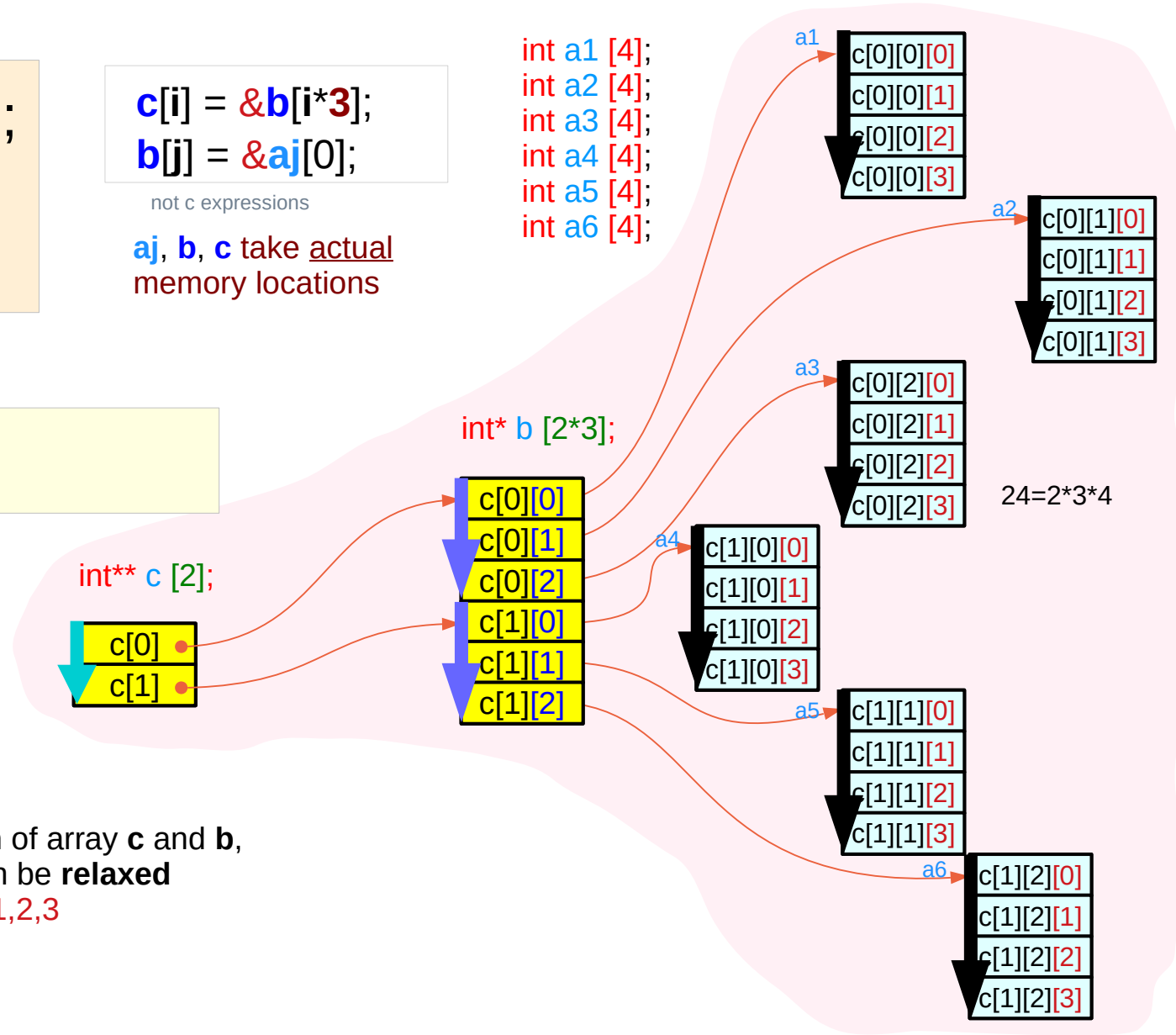
i = 0, 1
j = 0, 1, 2
k = 0, 1, 2, 3



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



Because the physical **allocation** of array **c** and **b**,
the **contiguous constraints** can be **relaxed**
contiguous `c[i][j][k]` only for `k=0,1,2,3`



Accessing non-contiguous 1-d arrays as a 3-d array (2)

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

not c expressions

```
c[i] = &bi[0];
bi[j] = &aj[0];
```

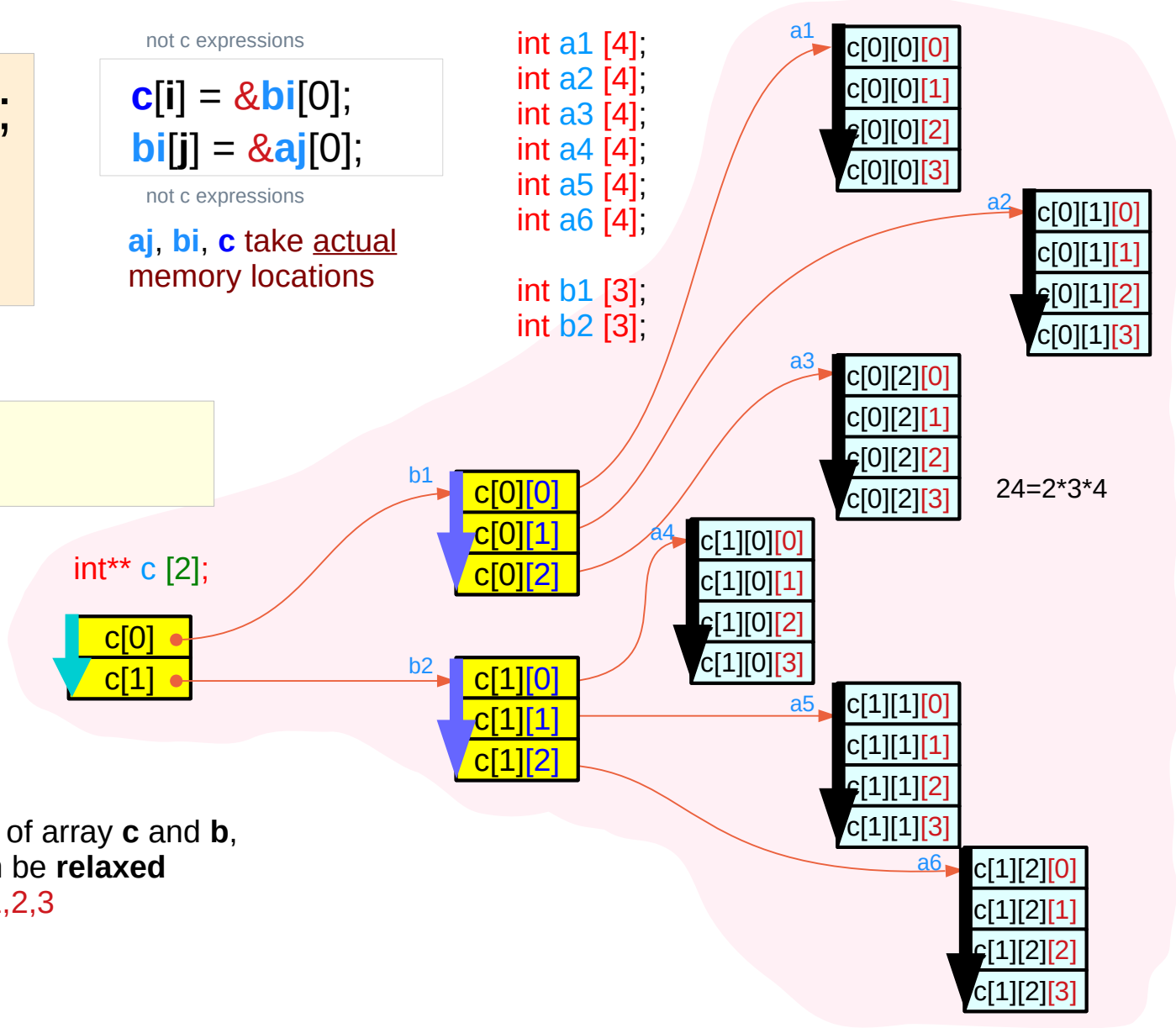
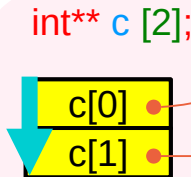
not c expressions
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```
int a1 [4];
int a2 [4];
int a3 [4];
int a4 [4];
int a5 [4];
int a6 [4];

int b1 [3];
int b2 [3];
```

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

i = 0, 1
j = 0, 1, 2
k = 0, 1, 2, 3



Because the physical **allocation** of array **c** and **b**,
the **contiguous constraints** can be **relaxed**
contiguous $c[i][j][k]$ only for $k=0,1,2,3$

Accessing **statically** allocated arrays

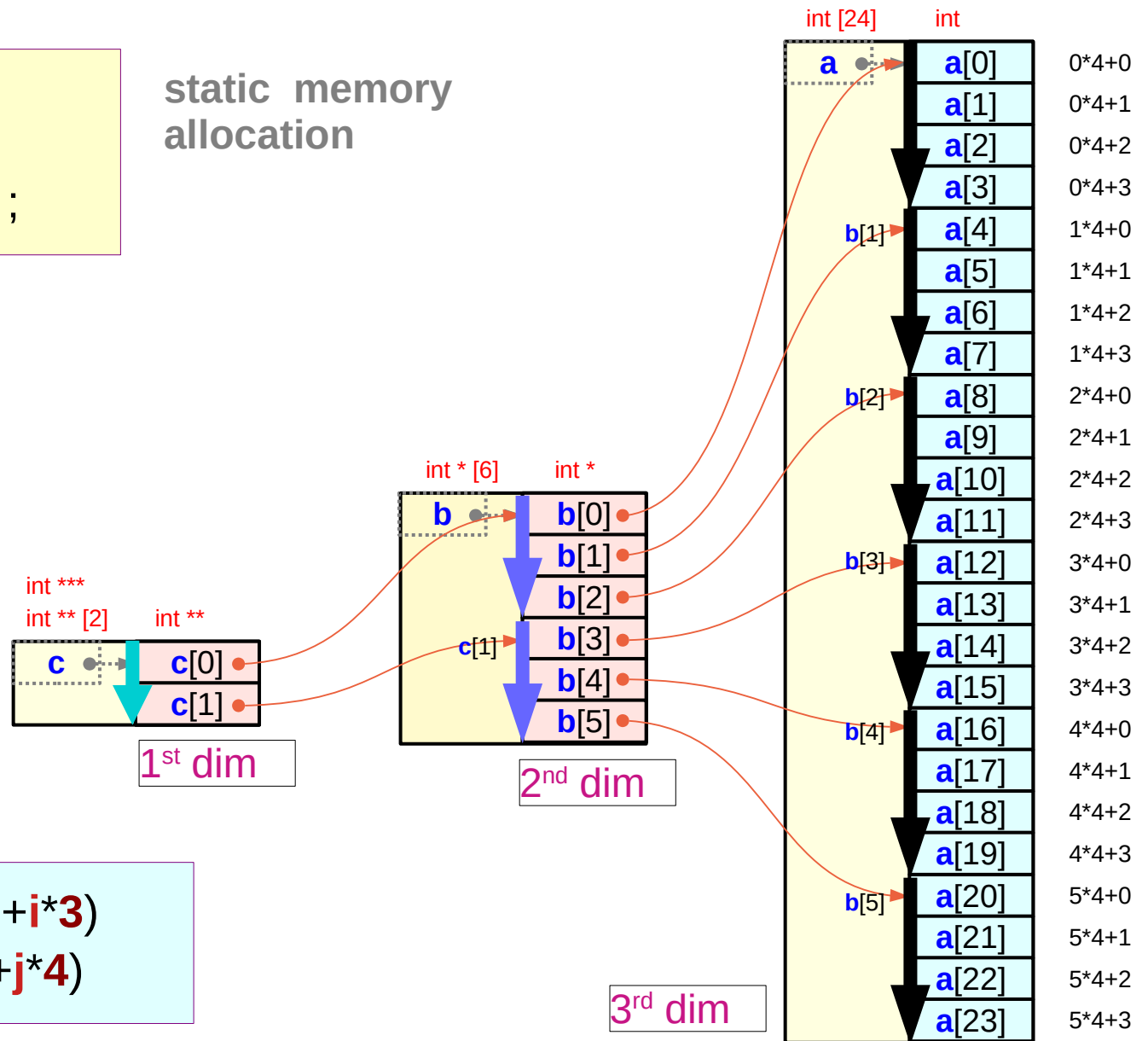
Accessing **dynamically** allocated arrays

Using arrays **a**, **b**, **c** – statically allocated

```

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

static memory allocation



```

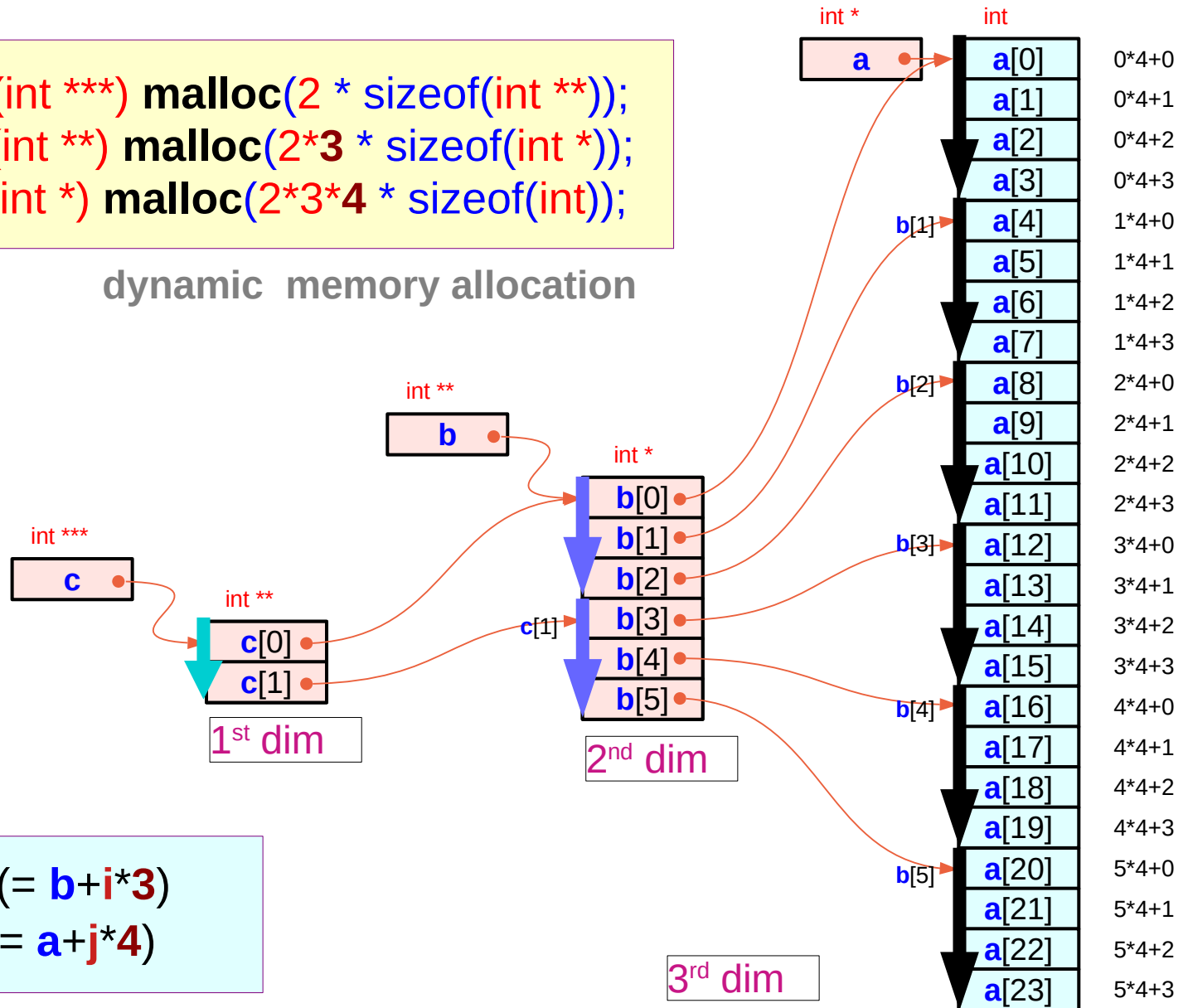
c[i] = &b[i*3] (= b+i*3)
b[j] = &a[j*4] (= a+j*4)
    
```

Using pointer **a**, **b**, **c** – dynamically allocated

```

int *** c = (int ***) malloc(2 * sizeof(int **));
int ** b = (int **) malloc(2*3 * sizeof(int *));
int * a = (int *) malloc(2*3*4 * sizeof(int));
    
```

dynamic memory allocation



```

c[i] = &b[i*3] (= b+i*3)
b[j] = &a[j*4] (= a+j*4)
    
```

Static v.s. dynamic allocation (1)

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

static memory allocations

type(**c**) = int ** [2] → int ***

type(**b**) = int * [2*3] → int **

type(**a**) = int [2*3*4] → int *

sizeof(**c**) = 2 * sizeof(int **)

sizeof(**b**) = 2*3 * sizeof(int *)

sizeof(**a**) = 2*3*4 * sizeof(int)

value(**c**[i]) = **b** + 3*i

value(**b**[j]) = **a** + 4*j

int ***	c	= (int ***) malloc(2 * sizeof(int **));
int **	b	= (int **) malloc(2*3 * sizeof(int *));
int *	a	= (int *) malloc(2*3*4 * sizeof(int));

dynamic memory allocations

type(**c**) = int ***

type(**b**) = int **

type(**a**) = int *

sizeof(**c**) = 4 bytes on 32-bit system

sizeof(**b**) = 4 bytes on 32-bit system

sizeof(**a**) = 4 bytes on 32-bit system

value(**c**[i]) = **b** + 3*i

value(**b**[j]) = **a** + 4*j

c[i] = **&b**[i*3] (= **b**+i*3)

b[j] = **&a**[j*4] (= **a**+j*4)

Static v.s. dynamic allocation (2)

- static allocation

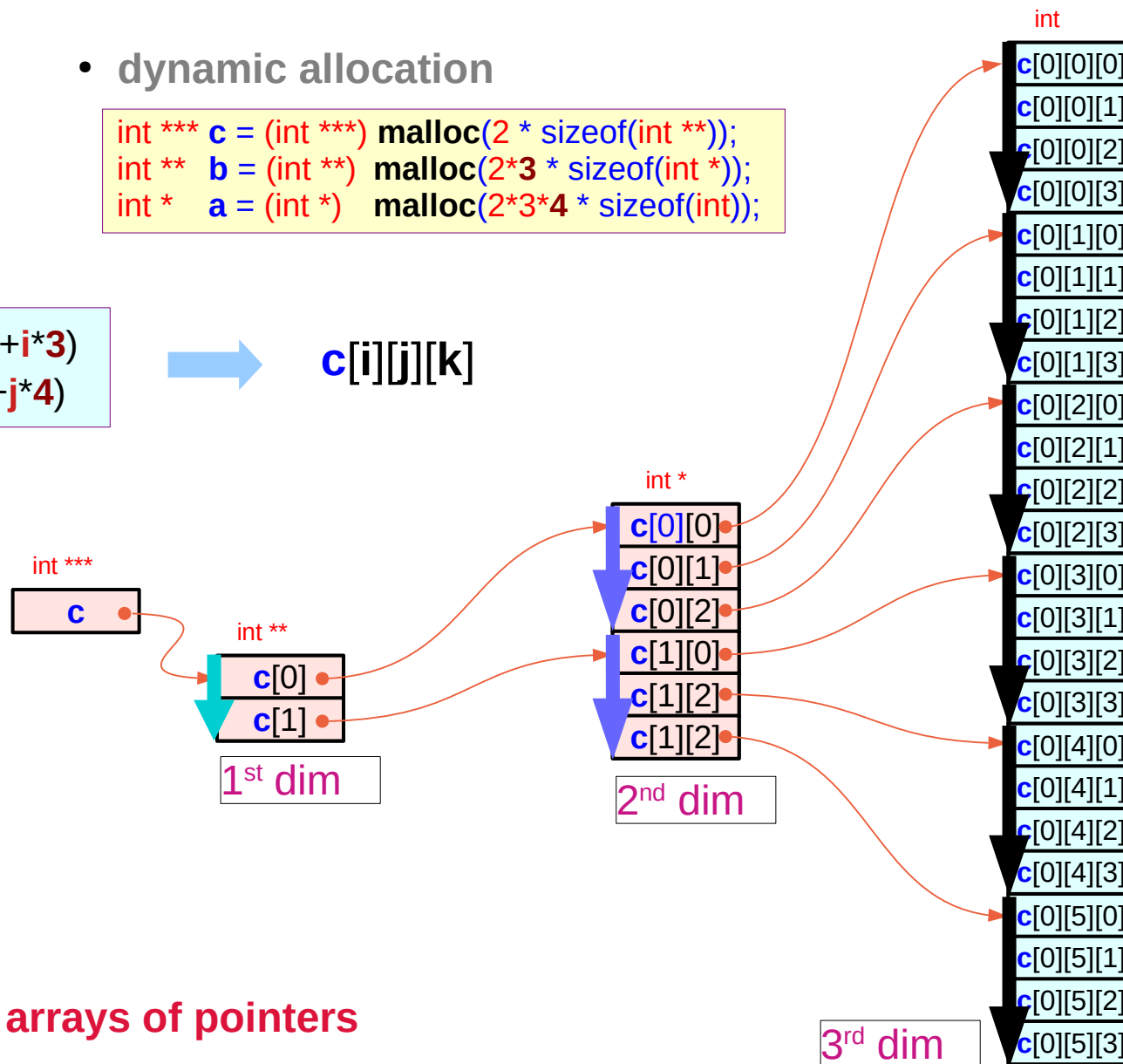
```
int ** c [2];
int * b [2*3];
int a [2*3*4];
```

- dynamic allocation

```
int *** c = (int ***) malloc(2 * sizeof(int **));
int ** b = (int **) malloc(2*3 * sizeof(int *));
int * a = (int *) malloc(2*3*4 * sizeof(int));
```

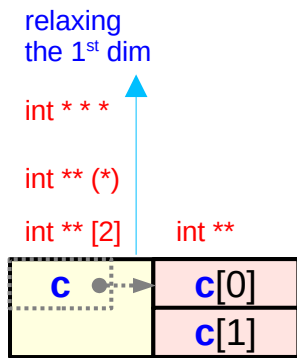
```
c[i] = &b[i*3] (= b+i*3)
b[j] = &a[j*4] (= a+j*4)
```

c[i][j][k]



arrays of pointers

Static v.s. dynamic allocation (3)

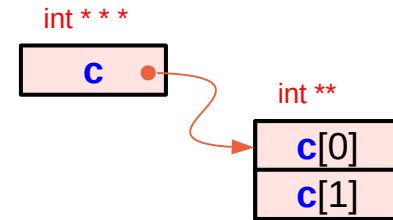
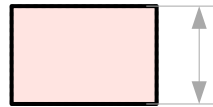


int ** c [2];

static memory allocation

```
int *** c = (int ***) malloc(2 * sizeof(int **));
```

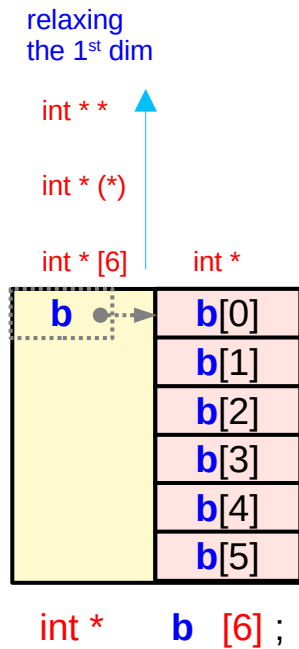
malloc(2 * sizeof(int **));



int *** c = (int ***) malloc(2 * sizeof(int **));

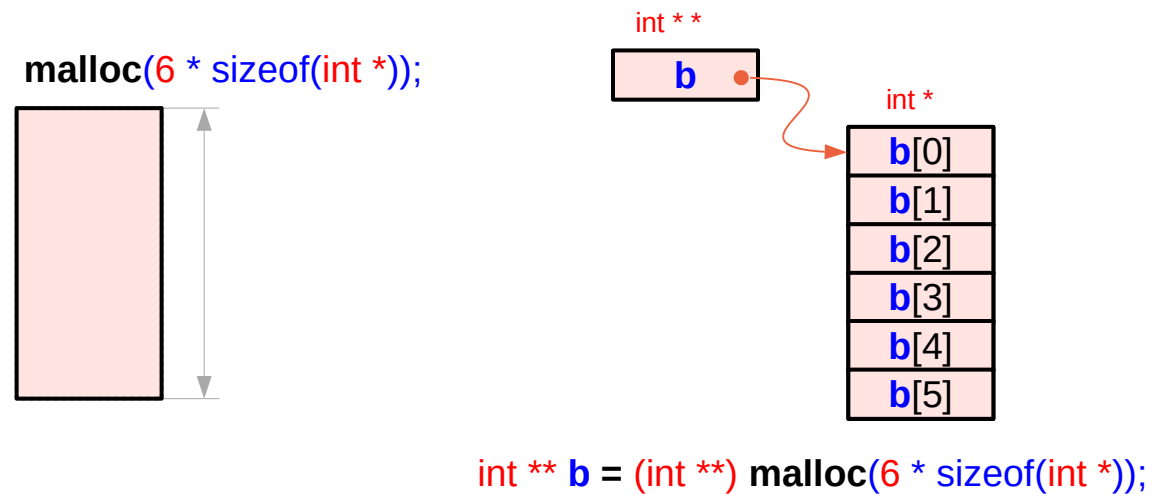
dynamic memory allocation

Static v.s. dynamic allocation (4)



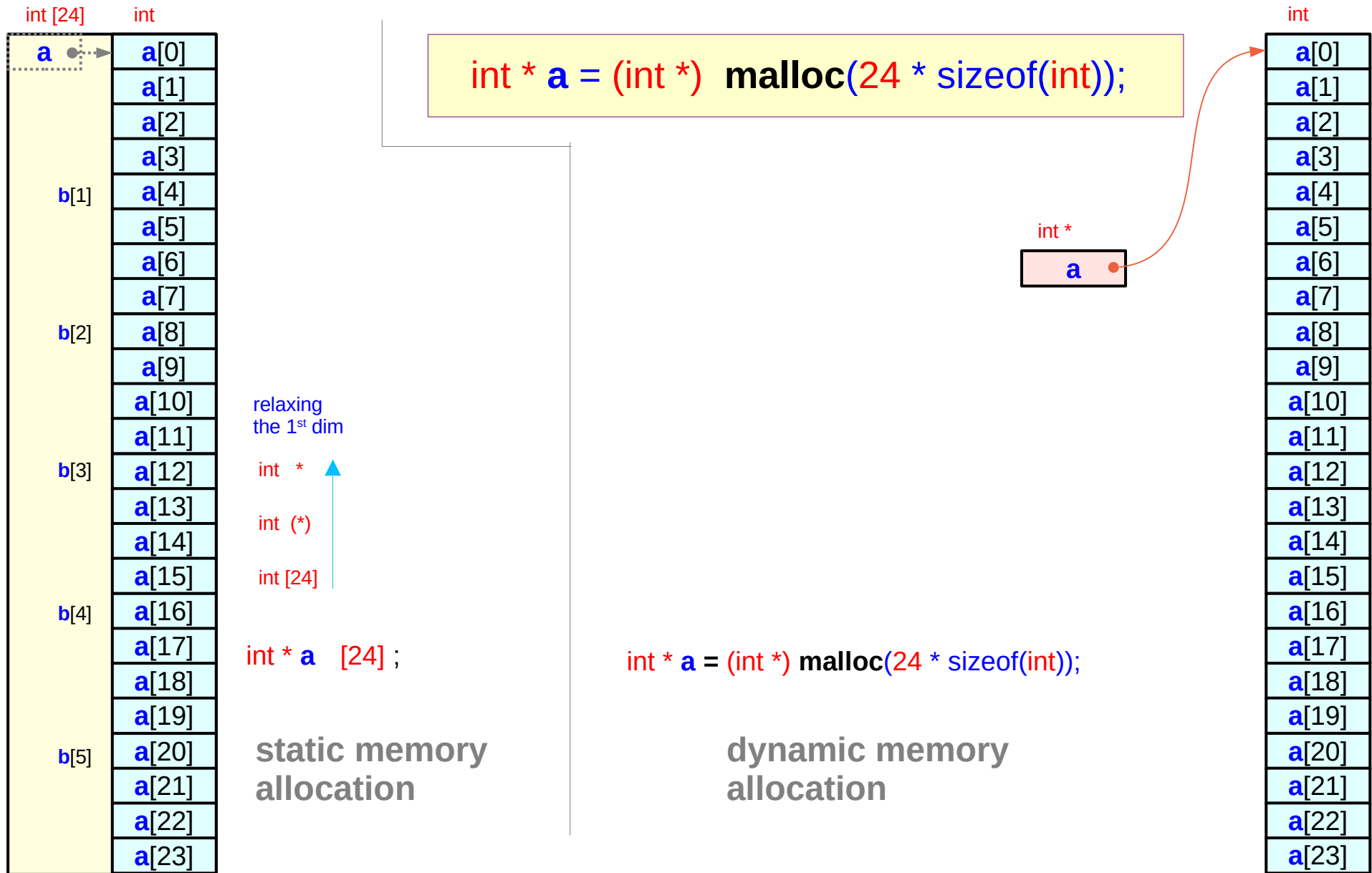
static memory allocation

```
int ** b = (int **) malloc(6 * sizeof(int *));
```



dynamic memory allocation

Static v.s. dynamic allocation (5)



& address-of operator

***** dereference operator

Address-of operator and dereferencing operator

*the address of a variable :
address-of operator **&***

*the content at an address :
dereferencing operator ******

& variable :
returns the address of a variable

variable *has memory locations
whose value can be changed
by an assignment*

(variable must be an lvalue)

*** address** :
returns the value at the address

*** address** *has memory locations
whose value can be changed
by an assignment*

(* address is an lvalue)

Ivalue and rvalue in assignments

Left Hand Side = Right Hand Side
LHS = **RHS**

```
int a, b = 10 ;  
int * p, q = &a ;
```

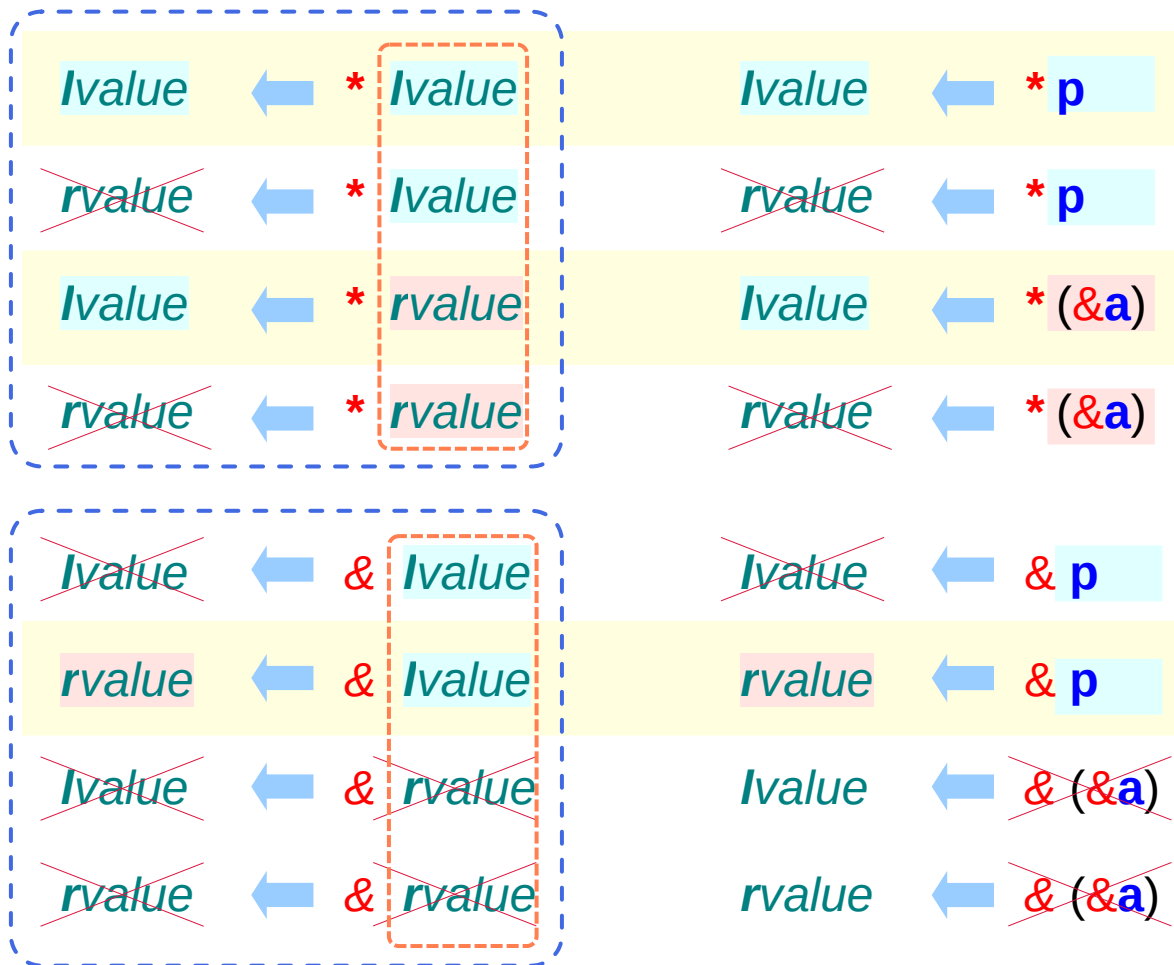
Ivalue = *Ivalue*
Ivalue = *rvalue*
~~*rvalue*~~ = *Ivalue*
~~*rvalue*~~ = *rvalue*

p = *q* ;
p = *&a* ;
~~*&a*~~ = *p* ;
~~*&a*~~ = *&b* ;

in the **LHS**, only *Ivalue* can exist
rvalue can exist only in the **RHS**

<i>a, b, p, q</i>	: Ivalues	... variables	... RW
<i>*p, *q</i>	: Ivalues	... variables	... RW
<i>&a, &b</i>	: rvalues	... constants	... RO

Ivalue and rvalue with * and & operators



```
int  a = 10 ;
int * p = &a ;
```

* can be applied to either an **lvalue** variable or a **rvalue** address

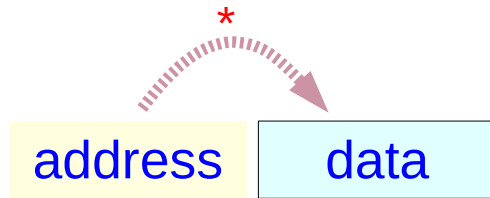
* **operand** becomes an **lvalue** variable thus can be applied successively.

& can be applied to only an **lvalue** variable and returns only an **rvalue** address

a, p : lvalues ... variables ... RW
***p** : lvalues ... variables ... RW
&a : rvalues ... constants ... RO

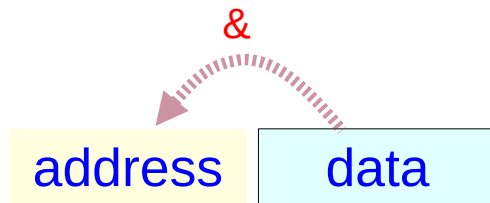
Address-of and dereference operators

Primitive Data Type



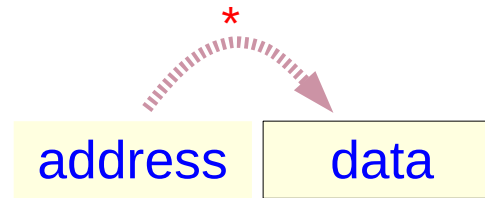
Ivalue **p** *Ivalue* ***p**
pointer *variable*

rvalue **&a** *Ivalue* **a**
constant *variable*



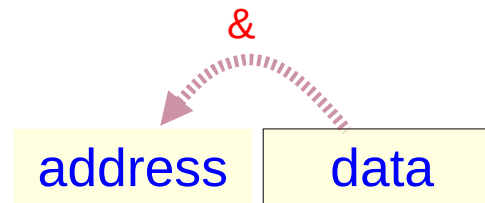
rvalue **&a** *Ivalue* **a**
constant *variable*

Pointer Data Type



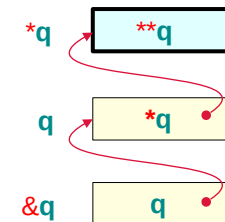
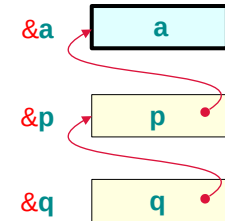
Ivalue **q** *Ivalue* ***q**
double pointer *pointer*

rvalue **&q** *Ivalue* **q**
constant *double pointer*

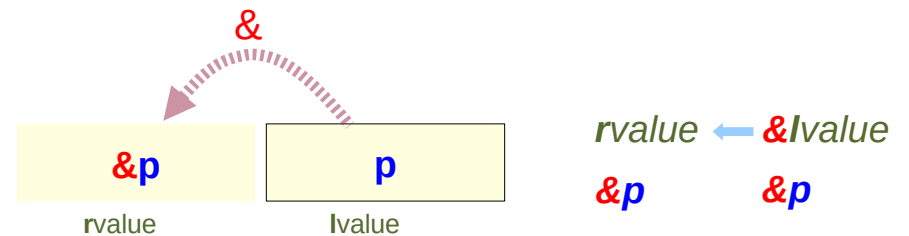
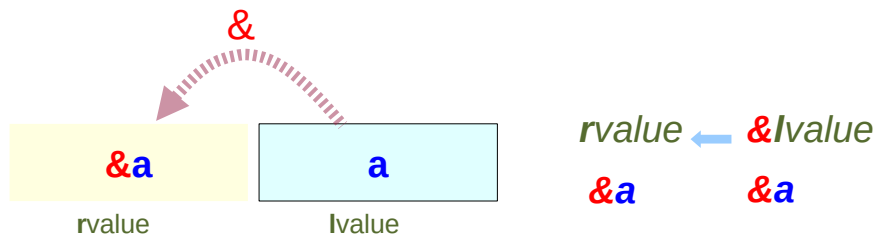
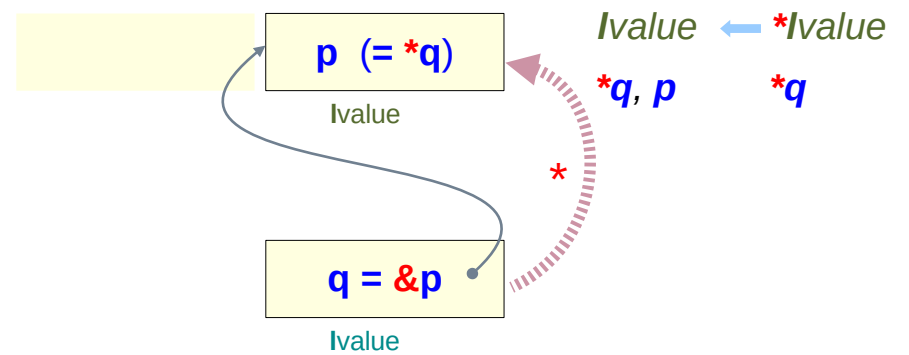
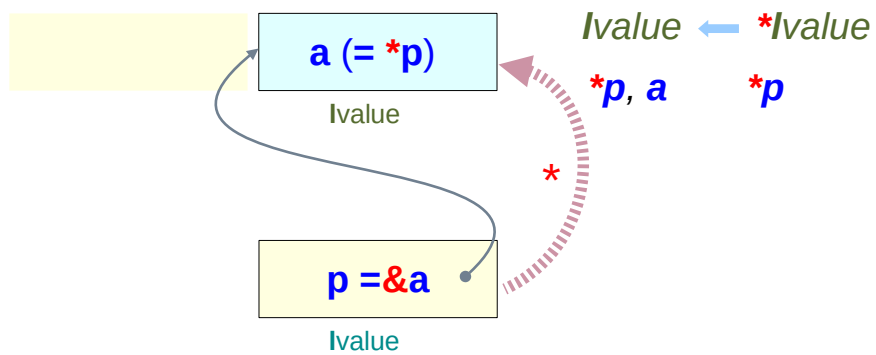
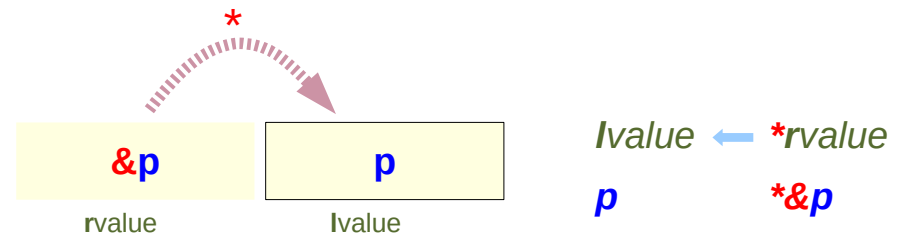
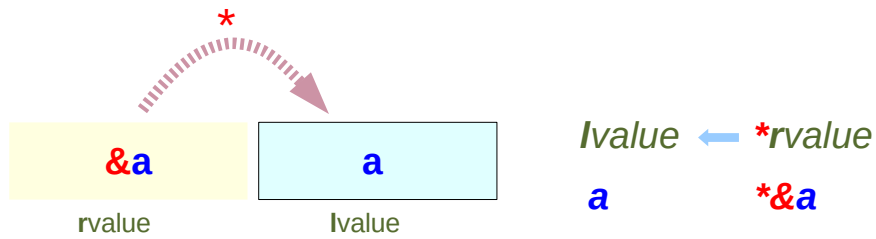


rvalue **&q** *Ivalue* **q**
constant *double pointer*

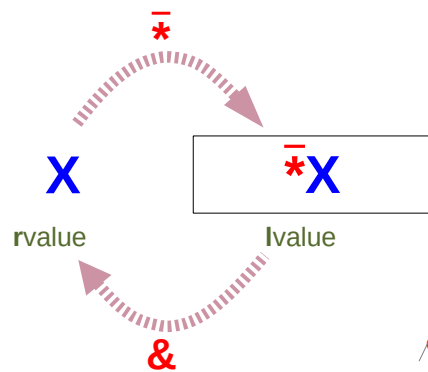
```
int a;  
int * p;  
int ** q;
```



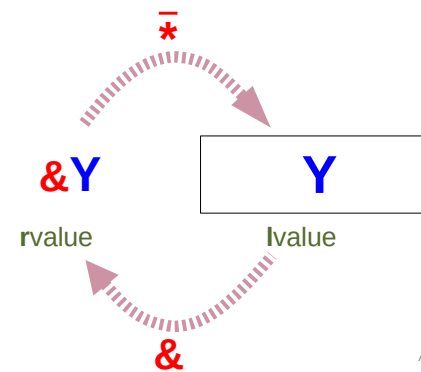
C operators : & and *



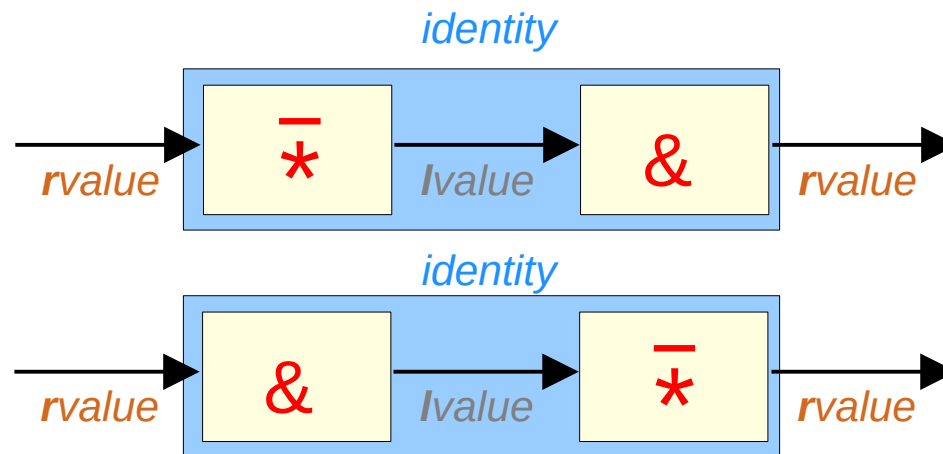
& and mathematical $\bar{*}$



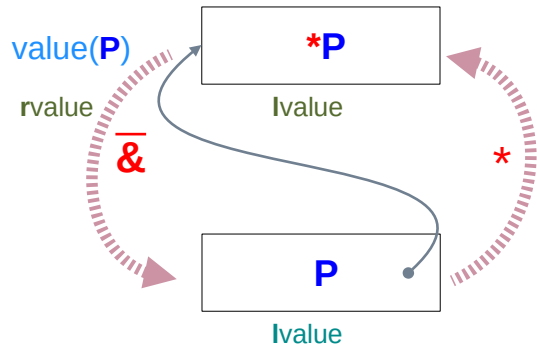
$$\cancel{\&} \bar{*} X = X$$



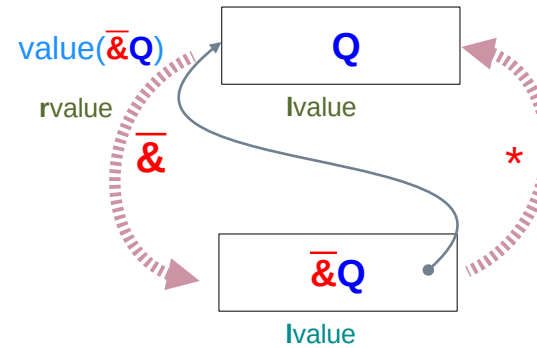
$$\cancel{\bar{*}} \& Y = Y$$



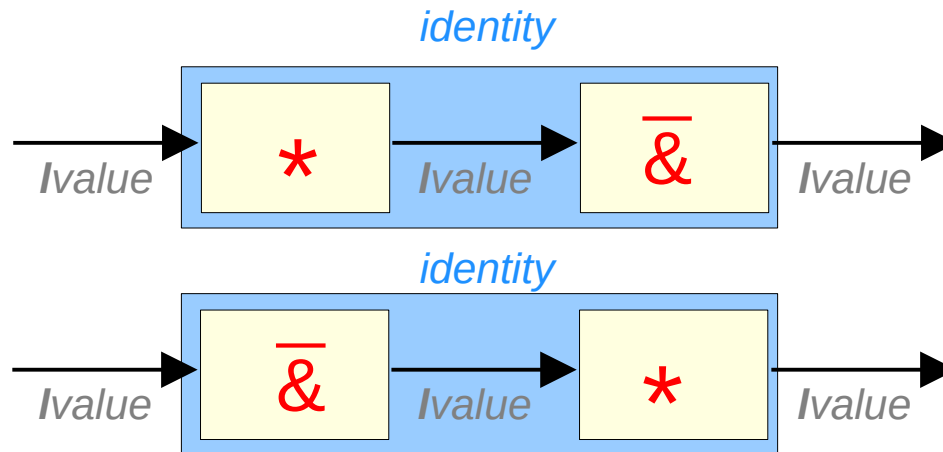
* and mathematical $\bar{\&}$



$$\bar{\&}*P = P$$

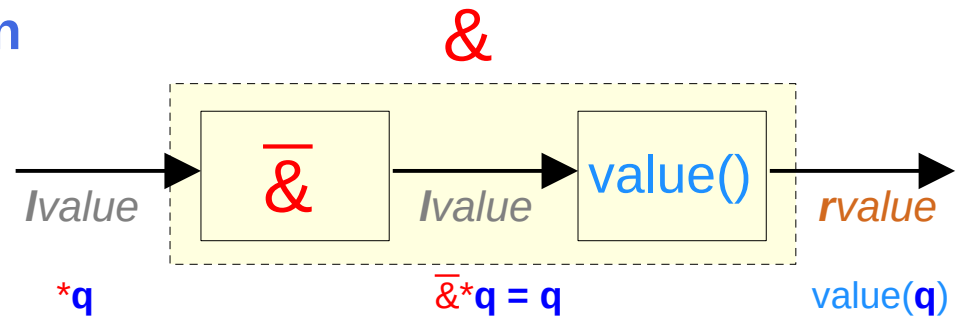


$$*\bar{\&}Q = Q$$

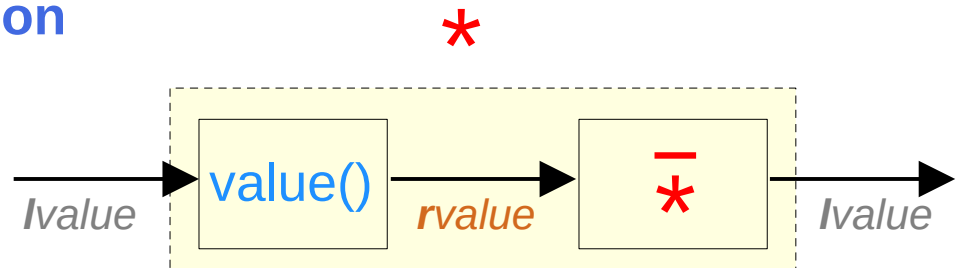
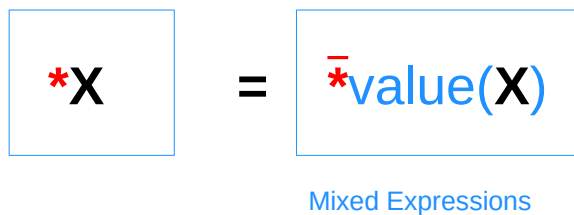


& and * operators in two steps

Two step Address-of operation

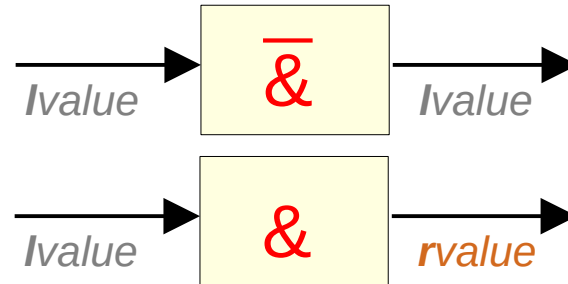


Two step De-reference operation

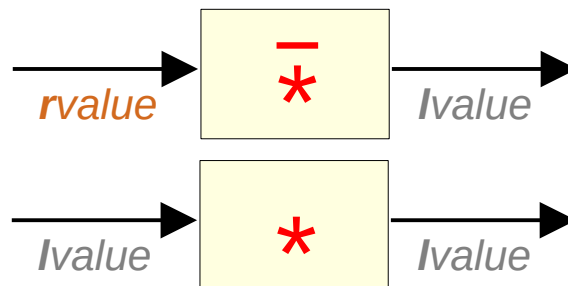
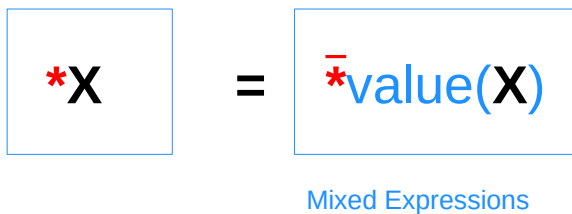


C operators and mathematical operators

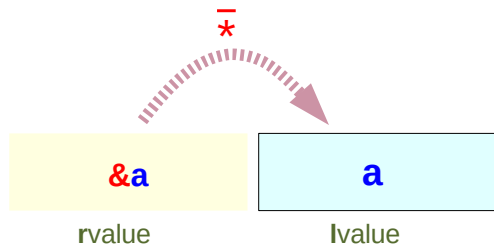
Address-of operation



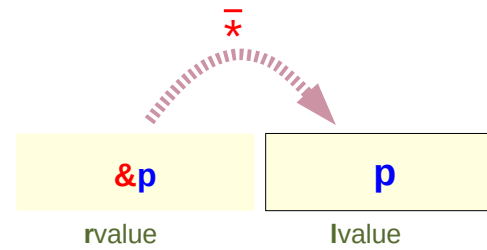
De-reference operation



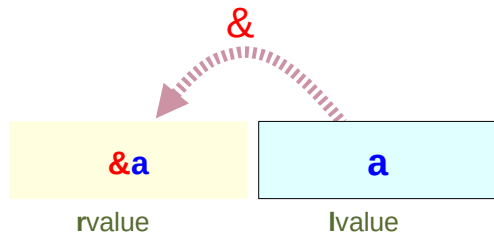
Inverse operators $\bar{*}$ and $\&$



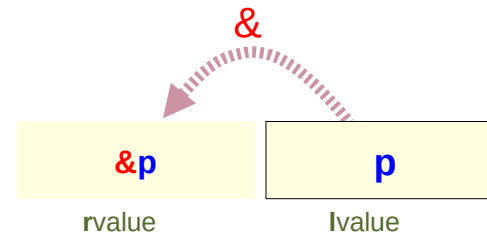
$lvalue = \bar{*}rvalue$
 $a \leftarrow \bar{*}\&a$



$lvalue = \bar{*}rvalue$
 $p \leftarrow \bar{*}\&p$

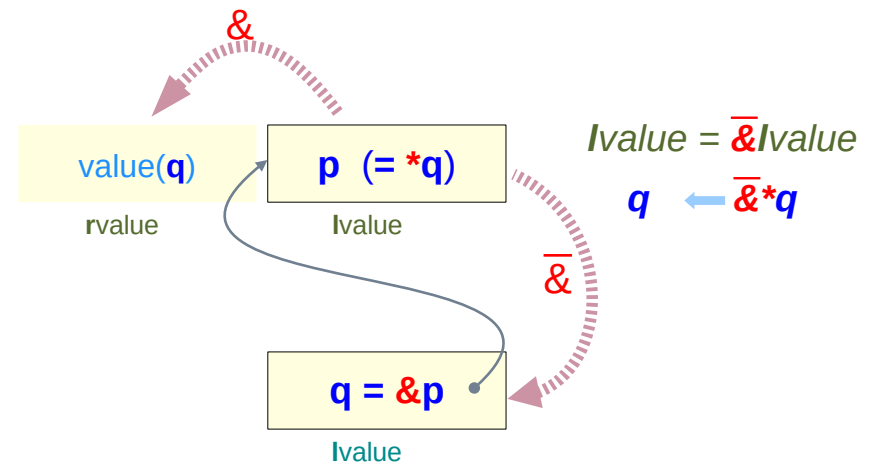
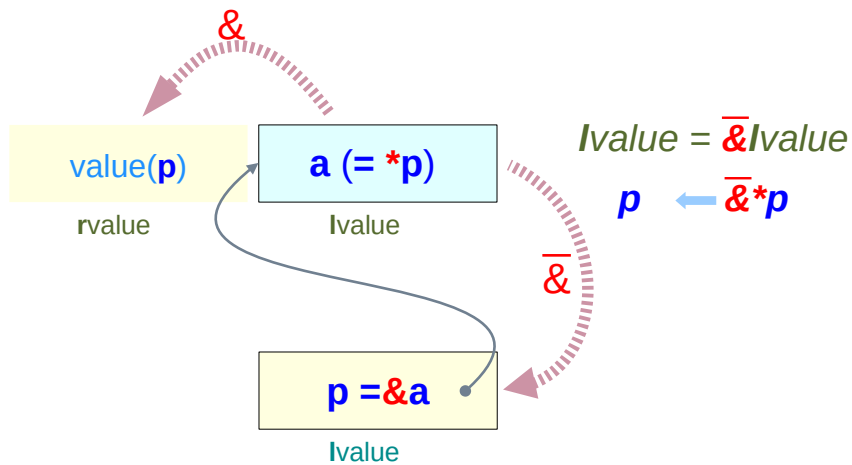
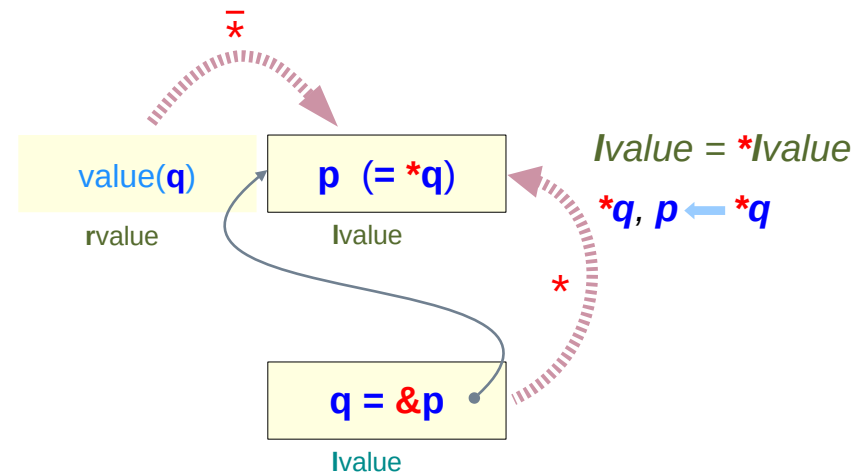
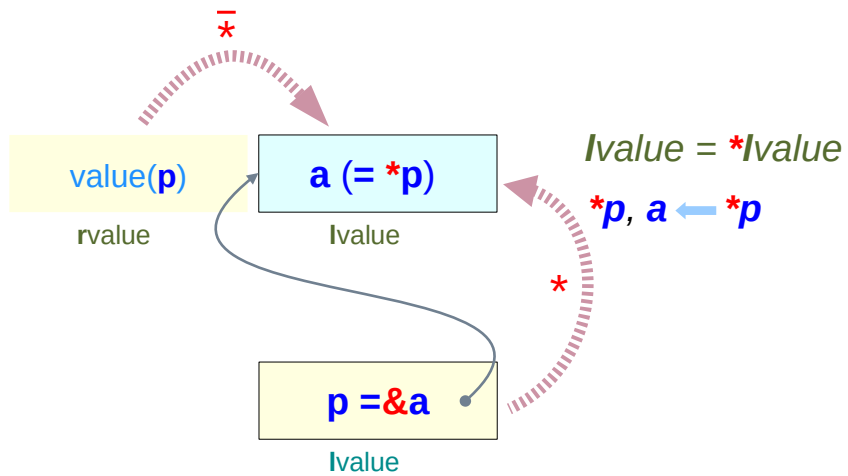


$rvalue = \&lvalue$
 $\&a \leftarrow \&a$



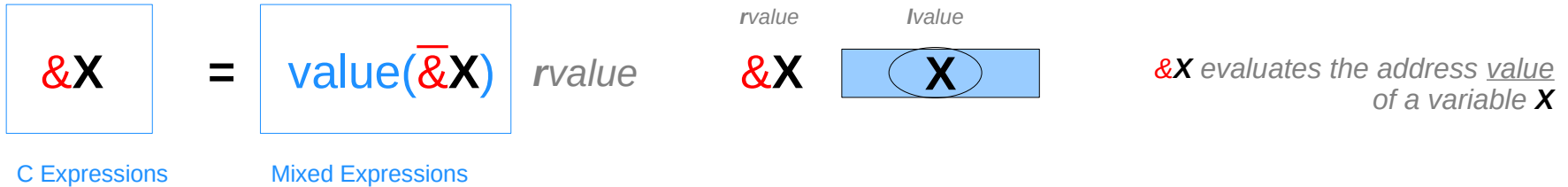
$rvalue = \&lvalue$
 $\&p \leftarrow \&p$

Inverse operators $\bar{\&}$ and $\bar{*}$



Mathematical operators : $\bar{\&}$ and $\bar{*}$

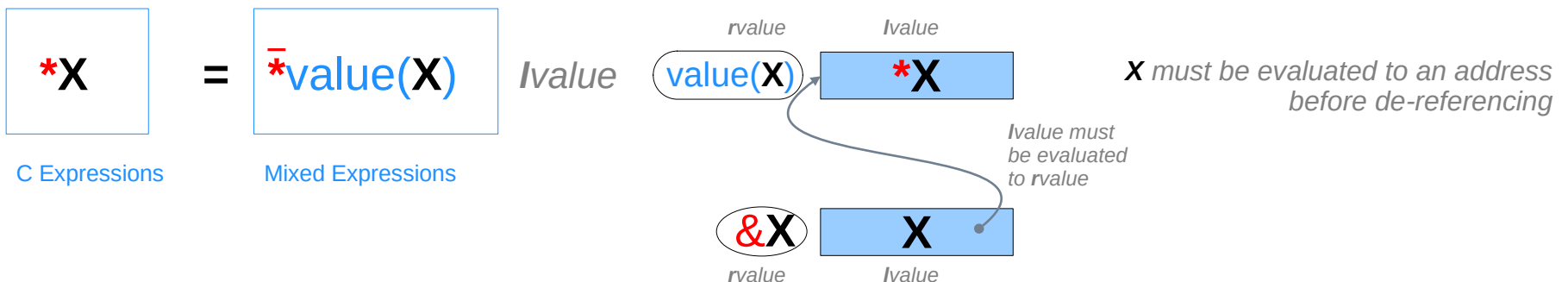
Address-of operation



$\bar{\&}$ is a mathematical operator (the inverse operator of $*$)

$$\text{value}(\&X) = \text{value}(\text{value}(\bar{\&X})) = \text{value}(\bar{\&X}) = \&X$$

De-reference operation



Byte addresses of sub-arrays in an array

~~&(&(&(c[i])[j])[k])~~

& C operator

can be applied to only **lvalue** variable

returns **address value**

thus, the above expression is **not** possible

successive application of & is **not** possible

In contrast, ***p** becomes a lvalue variable

***** operator can be applied successively.

Finding sub-array sizes

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

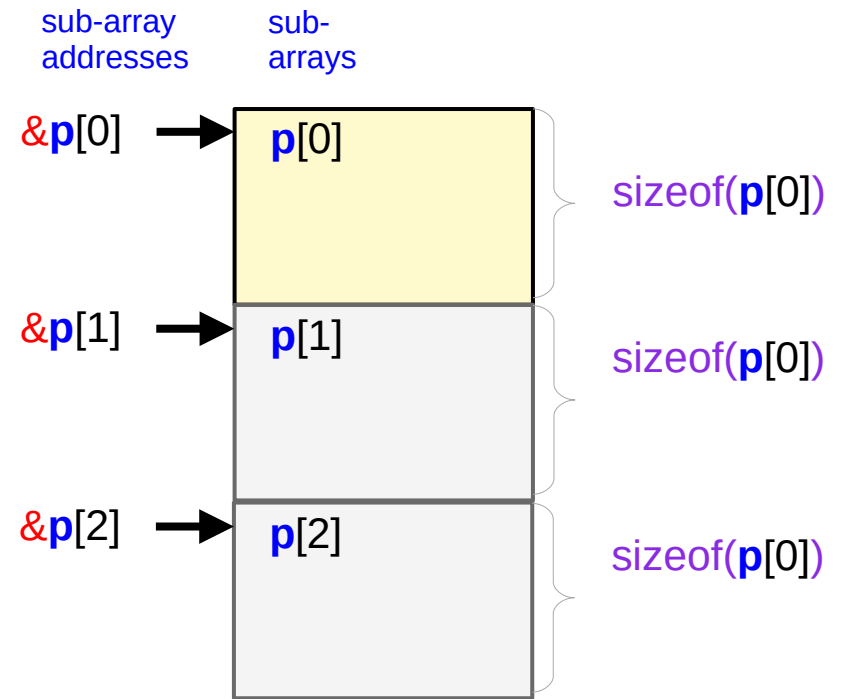
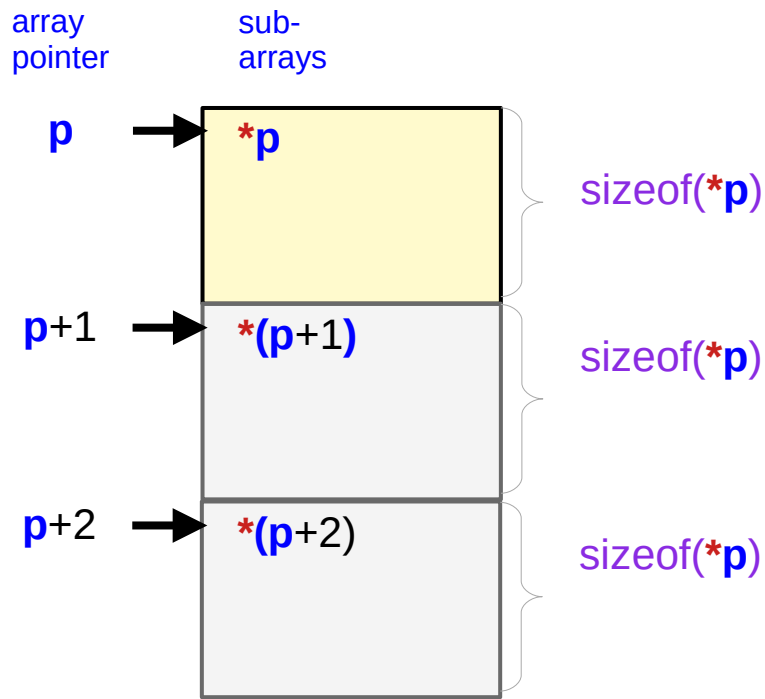
$\text{sizeof}(\text{c}^{[2][3][4]}[\text{i}][\text{j}][0]) = \text{sizeof}(\text{int})$

$\text{sizeof}(\text{c}^{[2][3][4]}[\text{i}][0]) = 4 * \text{sizeof}(\text{int})$

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

$\text{sizeof}(\text{c}^{[2][3][4]}) = 2 * 3 * 4 * \text{sizeof}(\text{int})$

Pointer increments and byte addresses



byte address byte address byte size

$$\text{value}(p+i) = \text{value}(p) + i * \text{sizeof}(*p)$$

math expression with an explicit size information

$$(p+i)\text{sizeof}(*p)$$

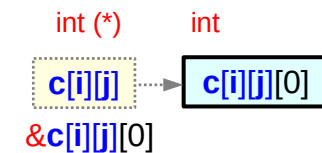
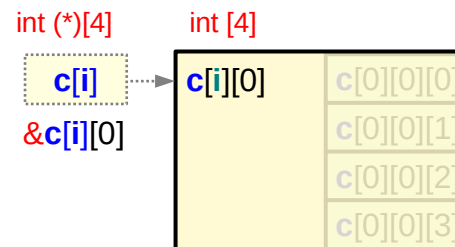
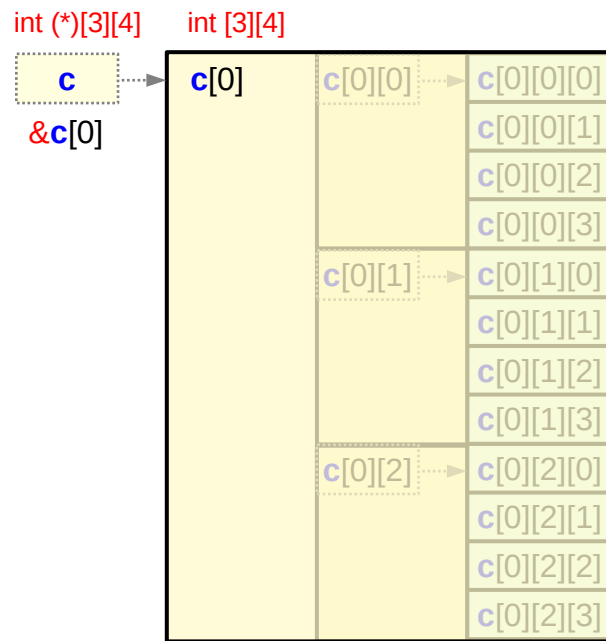
byte address byte address byte size

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

math expression with an explicit size information

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

Byte addresses of subarrays $\&c[i]$, $\&c[i][j]$, $\&c[i][j][k]$



$i = 0:1$
 $j = 0:2$
 $k = 0:3$

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

skip i elements of $*c$ from c

$$(c + i)_{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 4}$$

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

skip j elements of $*c[i]$ from $c[i]$

$$(c[i] + j)_{4 \cdot 4}$$

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

skip k elements of $*c[i][j]$ from $c[i][j]$

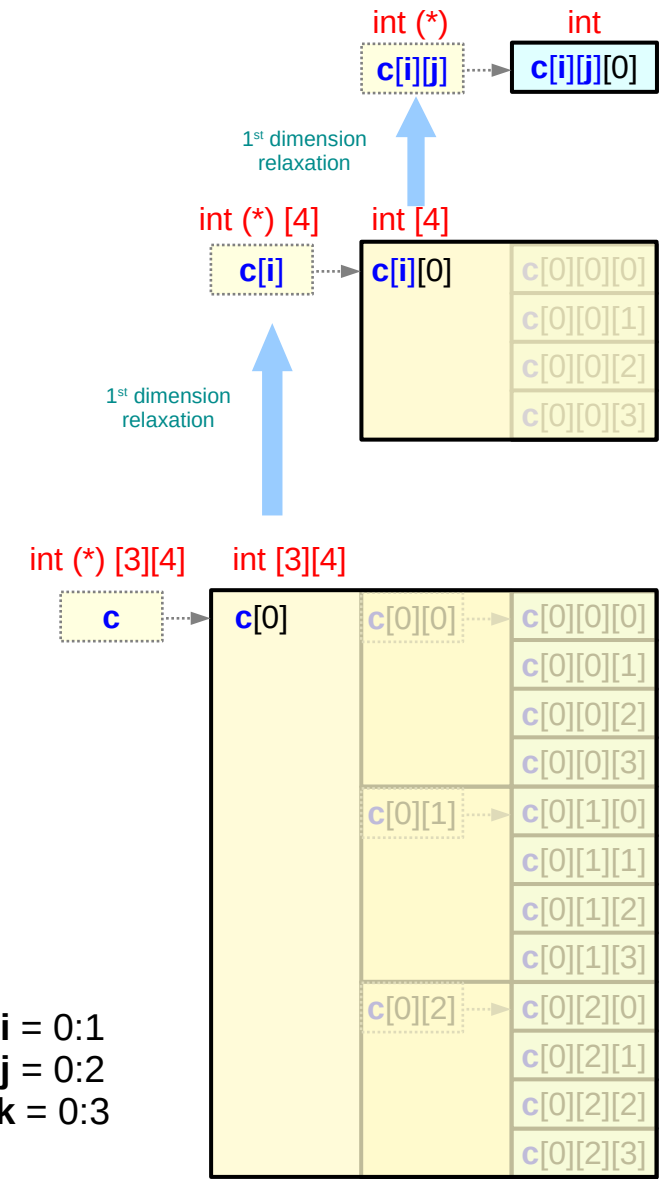
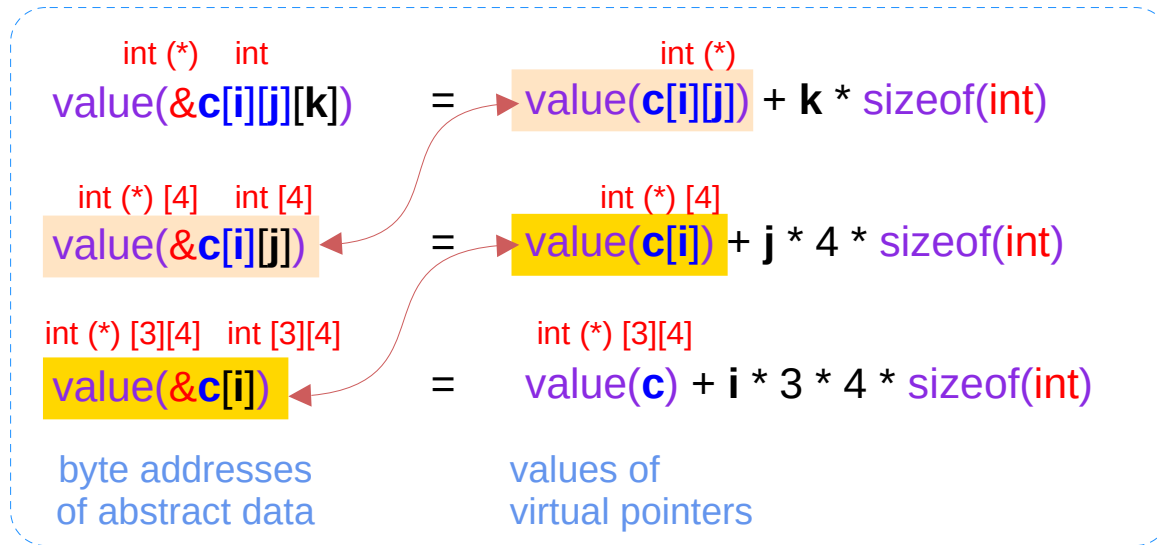
$$(c[i][j] + k)_{1 \cdot 4}$$

Address replications and subarray addresses

Address Replication

transferring pointing address to the pointer that references itself

$$\&X = X$$



Address replications in a multi-dimensional array

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

equivalences

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

address replication

```
value(c[i][j]) = value(&c[i][j])
value(c[i])    = value(&c[i])
value(c)       = value(&c)
```

c, c[0], c[0][0] :
these virtual pointers have
the same address value

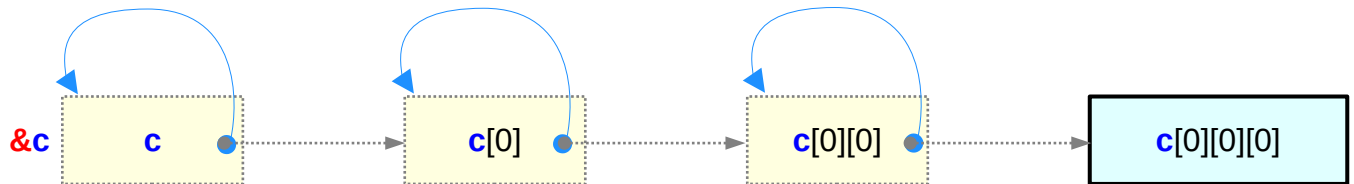
a physical location
has a unique address



$c \equiv \&c[0]$

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

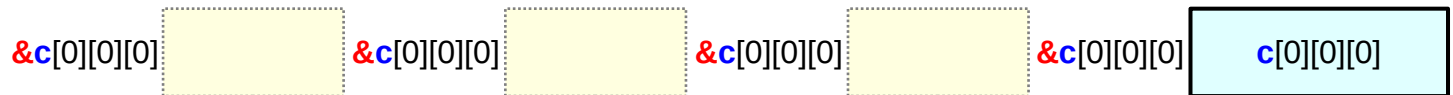
$c[0][0] \equiv \&c[0][0][0]$



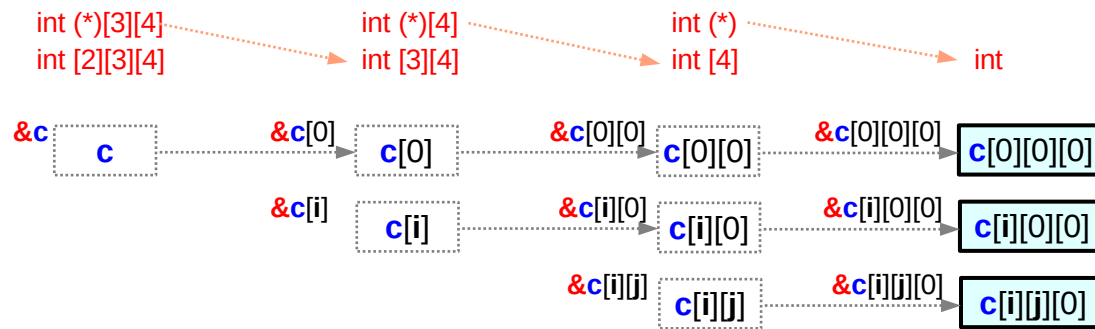
all have the same address value



all have the same starting address



Referencing sub-arrays



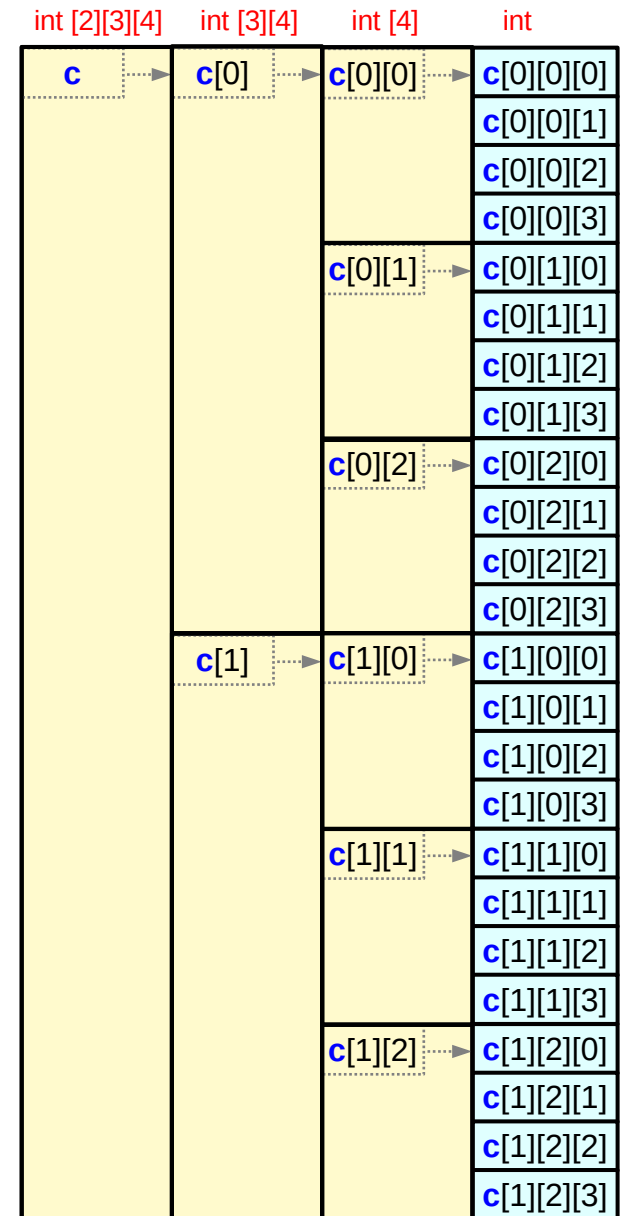
equivalence relations

$c[i][j] \equiv *(c[i]+j)$ $\&c[i][j] \equiv (c[i]+j)$ $\&c[i][0] \equiv c[i]$
 $c[i] \equiv *(c+i)$ $\&c[i] \equiv (c+i)$ $\&c[0] \equiv c$

address replication

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

$c[i], c[i][0]$ point to the same data $c[i][0][0]$
 $c, c[0], c[0][0]$ point to the same data $c[0][0][0]$



Using multi-dimensional arrays

Pointer Array Approach

– using explicit pointers

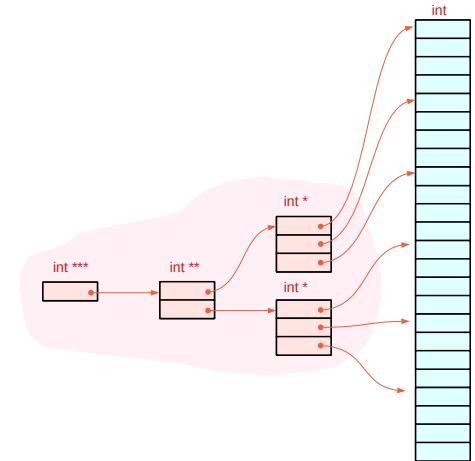
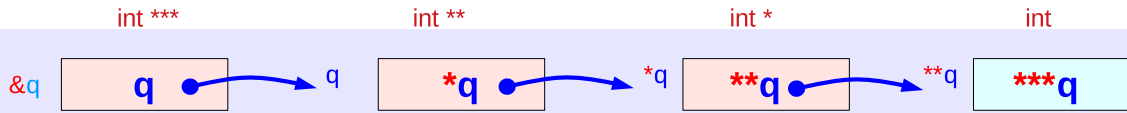
Array Pointer Approach

– using implicit pointers

Two types of 3-d array accesses

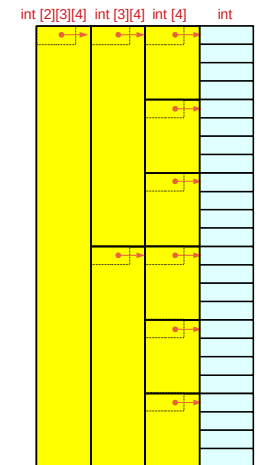
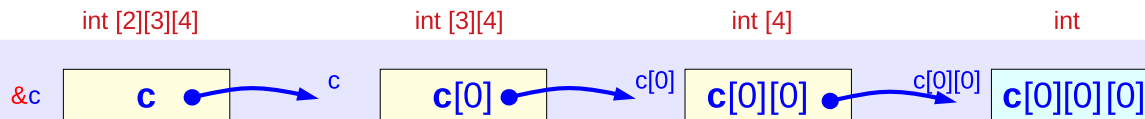
Pointer Array Approach (arrays of pointers)

Pointer Chain Type I



Array Pointer Approach (pointers to arrays)

Pointer Chain Type II



Pointer addition – **math** and **c** expressions

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

– unified c expressions

skip i elements
of $c[i]$ from c

$(c + i)$

skip j elements
of $c[i][j]$ from $c[i]$

$(c[i] + j)$

skip k elements
of $c[i][j][k]$ from $c[i][j]$

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

Pointer Array Approach

$(c + i)_{1 \cdot 4}$

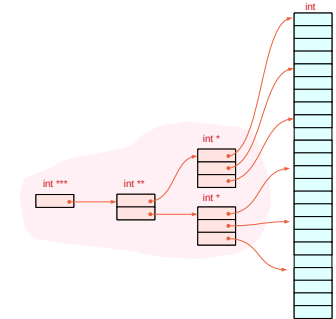
$\text{sizeof}(*c) = 1 \cdot 4$

$(c[i] + j)_{1 \cdot 4}$

$\text{sizeof}(*c[i]) = 1 \cdot 4$

$(c[i][j] + k)_{1 \cdot 4}$

$\text{sizeof}(*c[i][j]) = 1 \cdot 4$



Array Pointer Approach

$(c + i)_{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 4}$

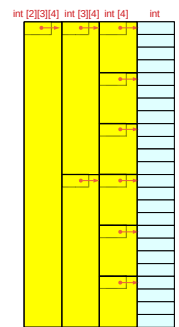
$\text{sizeof}(*c) = 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 4$

$(c[i] + j)_{4 \cdot 4}$

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

$(c[i][j] + k)_{1 \cdot 4}$

$\text{sizeof}(*c[i][j]) = 1 \cdot 4$



Accessing $c[i][j][k]$ element

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

skip i elements
of $c[i]$ from c

$$(c + i)$$

skip j elements
of $c[i][j]$ from $c[i]$

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

skip k elements
of $c[i][j][k]$ from $c[i][j]$

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

Pointer Array Approach

skip $i * \text{sizeof}(\text{int}^{**})$
(= $i*4$) bytes from c

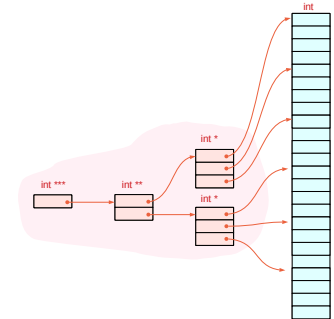
$$(c + i)_{1.4}$$

skip $j * \text{sizeof}(\text{int}^*)$
(= $j*4$) bytes from $c[i]$

$$(c[i] + j)_{1.4}$$

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

$$(c[i][j] + k)_{1.4}$$



Array Pointer Approach

skip $i * \text{sizeof}(\text{int} [3][4])$
(= $i*3*4*4$) bytes from c

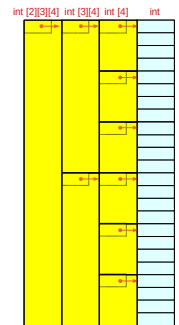
$$(c + i)_{3.4.4}$$

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

$$(c[i] + j)_{4.4}$$

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

$$(c[i][j] + k)_{1.4}$$



Accessing $c[i][j][k]$ – Pointer Array Approach

Pointer Array Approach

skip $i * \text{sizeof}(\text{int}^{**})$
= $i * 4$ bytes from c

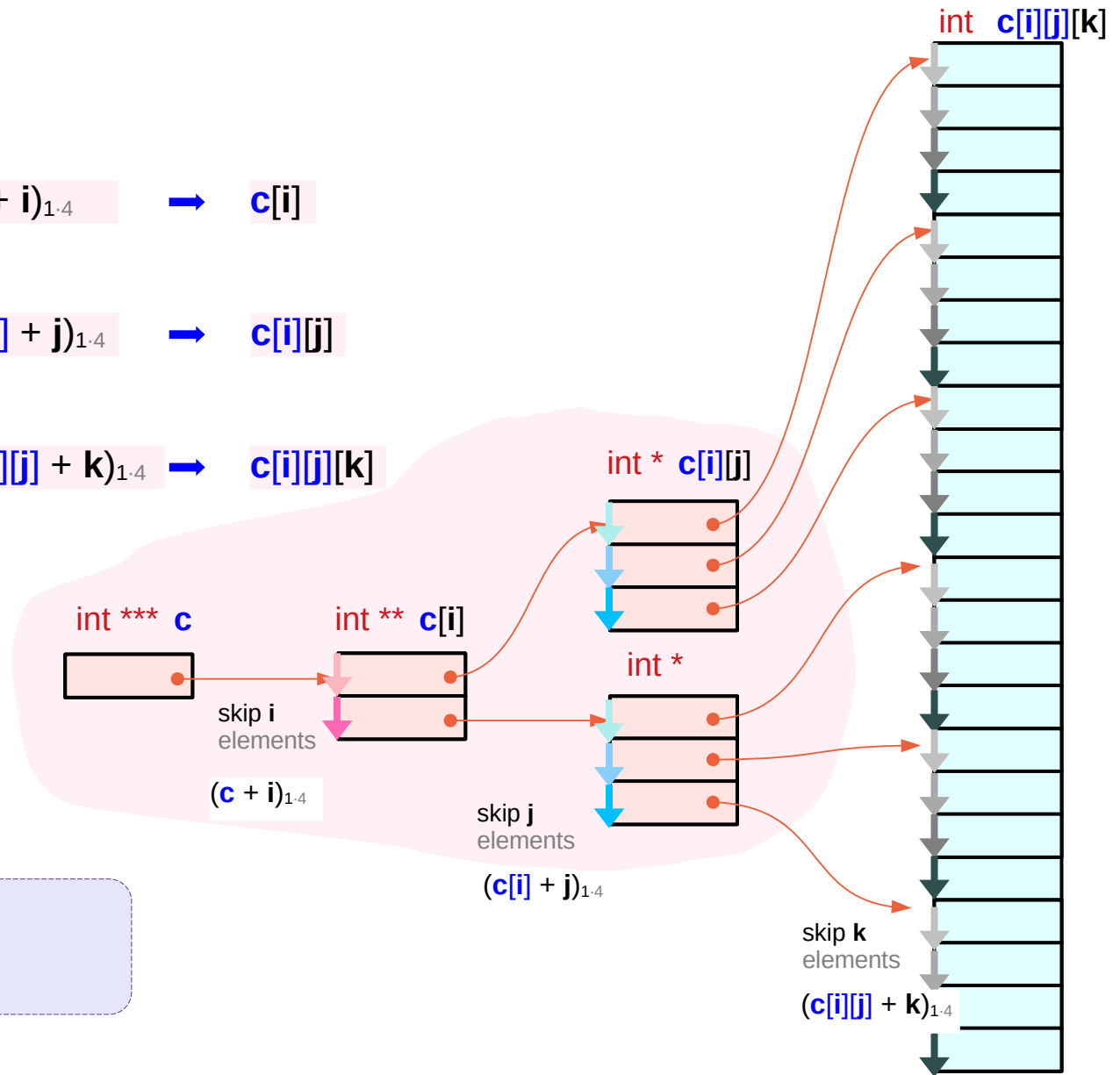
$(c + i)_{1..4} \rightarrow c[i]$

skip $j * \text{sizeof}(\text{int}^*)$
= $j * 4$ bytes from $c[i]$

$(c[i] + j)_{1..4} \rightarrow c[i][j]$

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

$(c[i][j] + k)_{1..4} \rightarrow c[i][j][k]$



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

Accessing $c[i][j][k]$ – Array Pointer Approach

Array **Pointer** Approach

skip $i * \text{sizeof}(\text{int } [3][4])$
 $= i * 3 * 4 * 4$ bytes from c

$$(c + i)_{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 4} \rightarrow c[i]$$

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

$$(c[i] + j)_{4 \cdot 4} \rightarrow c[i][j]$$

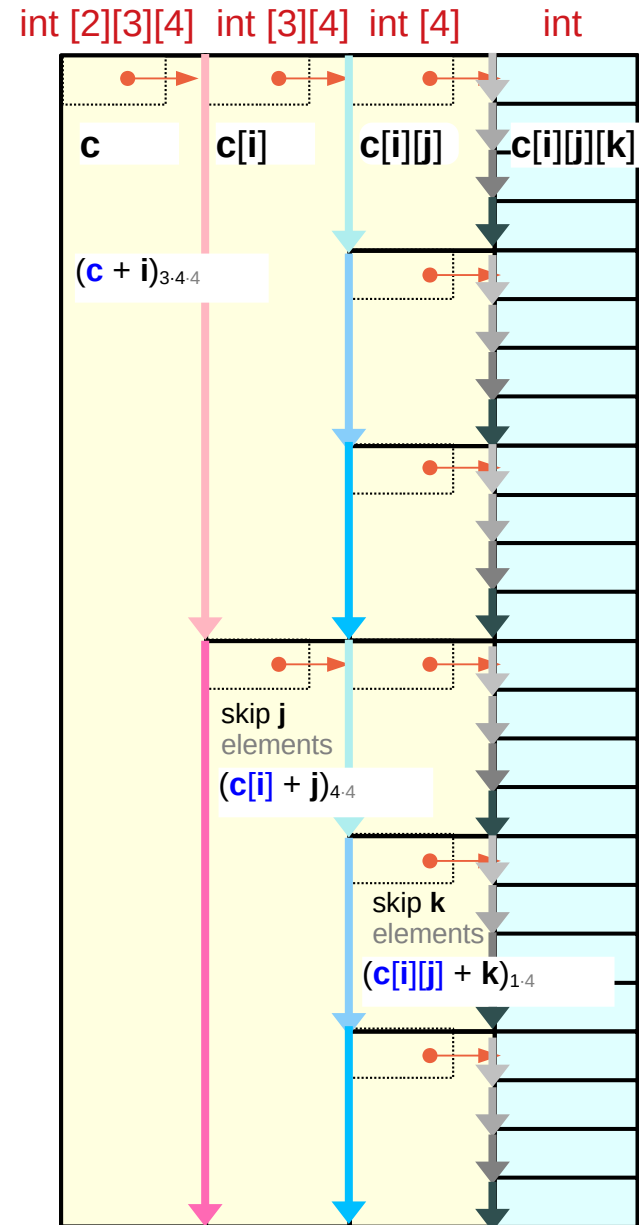
skip $k * \text{sizeof}(\text{int})$
 $= k * 4$ bytes from $c[i][j]$

$$(c[i][j] + k)_{1 \cdot 4} \rightarrow c[i][j][k]$$

- *subarray partitioning*
- *address replication*

size information

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



Array element address – Pointer Array Approach

equivalence relations – c expressions

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

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

size information

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

address fetch – math expressions

$$\begin{aligned}\text{value}(c[i][j]) &\Rightarrow *value(c[i] + j)_{1.4} = *value(c[i] + j * 4) && \leftarrow \text{sizeof}(*c[i]) \\ \text{value}(c[i]) &\Rightarrow *value(c + i)_{1.4} = *value(c + i * 4) && \leftarrow \text{sizeof}(*c)\end{aligned}$$

address of c[i][j][k] – math expressions

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= \text{value}(c[i][j] + k)_{1.4} \\ &= \text{value}(*value(c[i] + j)_{1.4} + k * 4) \\ &= \text{value}(*value(*value(c + i)_{1.4} + j * 4) + k * 4) \\ &= \text{value}(*value(*value(c + i * 4) + j * 4) + k * 4)\end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned}\leftarrow \&c[i][j][k] &\equiv (c[i][j] + k) \\ \leftarrow c[i][j] &\equiv *(c[i] + j) \\ \leftarrow c[i] &\equiv *(c + i)\end{aligned}$$

Array element address – Array Pointer Approach

equivalence relations – c expressions

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

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size information

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

address replication – math expressions

$$\begin{aligned} \text{value}(c[i][j]) &= \text{value}(\&c[i][j]) &\Rightarrow \text{value}(c[i] + j)_{4 \cdot 4} &= \text{value}(c[i]) + j * 4 * 4 &\leftarrow \text{sizeof}(*c[i]) \\ \text{value}(c[i]) &= \text{value}(\&c[i]) &\Rightarrow \text{value}(c + i)_{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 4} &= \text{value}(c) + i * 3 * 4 * 4 &\leftarrow \text{sizeof}(*c) \end{aligned}$$

address of c[i][j][k] – math expressions

$$\begin{aligned} \&c[i][j][k] &= \text{value}(c[i][j] + k)_{1 \cdot 4} &\leftarrow \&c[i][j][k] \equiv c[i][j] + k \\ &= \text{value}(c[i] + j)_{4 \cdot 4} + k * 4 &\leftarrow \&c[i][j] \equiv c[i] + j &\leftarrow c[i][j] \text{ address replication} \\ &= \text{value}(c + i)_{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 4} + j * 4 * 4 + k * 4 &\leftarrow \&c[i] \equiv c + i &\leftarrow c[i] \text{ address replication} \\ &= \text{value}(c) + i * 3 * 4 * 4 + j * 4 * 4 + k * 4 \end{aligned}$$

- address replication
- combining size and address information

Accessing $c[i][j][k]$ via byte addresses

Pointer Array Approach

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= \text{value}((c[i][j] + k)_{1 \cdot 4}) &= \text{value}(c[i][j] + k * 4) \\ \&c[i][j] &= \text{value}((c[i] + j)_{1 \cdot 4}) &= \text{value}(c[i] + j * 4) \\ \&c[i] &= \text{value}((c + i)_{1 \cdot 4}) &= \text{value}(c + i * 4)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j][k] &= *value(c[i][j] + k * 4) \\ &= *value(*value(c[i] + j * 4) + k * 4) \\ &= *value(*value(*value(c + i * 4) + j * 4) + k * 4)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}c[i][j][k] &= *value(c[i][j] + k * 4) \\ c[i][j] &= *value(c[i] + j * 4) \\ c[i] &= *value(c + i * 4)\end{aligned}$$

three memory accesses for $c[i][j][k]$

Array Pointer Approach

$$\begin{aligned}\&c[i][j][k] &= \text{value}((c[i][j] + k)_{1 \cdot 4}) &= \text{value}(c[i][j] + k * 4) \\ \&c[i][j] &= \text{value}((c[i] + j)_{4 \cdot 4}) &= \text{value}(c[i] + j * 4 * 4) \\ \&c[i] &= \text{value}((c + i)_{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 4}) &= \text{value}(c + i * 3 * 4 * 4)\end{aligned}$$

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

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

address replication

single memory access for $c[i][j][k]$

Equivalence relations in $c[i][j][k]$

Pointer Array Approach

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

different semantics !
be careful in mixed c and math expressions

$$\begin{aligned} c[i][j][k] &\neq * \text{value}(c[i][j]) + k * 4 \\ c[i][j] &\neq * \text{value}(c[i]) + j * 4 \\ c[i] &\neq * \text{value}(c) + i * 4 \end{aligned}$$

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

Array Pointer Approach

$$\begin{aligned} \&c[i][j][k] &= \text{value}(c[i][j] + k)_{1 \cdot 4} &= \text{value}(c[i][j]) + k * 4 \\ \&c[i][j] &= \text{value}(c[i] + j)_{4 \cdot 4} &= \text{value}(c[i]) + j * 4 * 4 \\ \&c[i] &= \text{value}(c + i)_{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 4} &= \text{value}(c) + i * 3 * 4 * 4 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} c[i][j][k] &\neq * \text{value}(c[i][j]) + k * 4 \\ c[i][j] &\neq * \text{value}(c[i]) + j * 4 * 4 \\ c[i] &\neq * \text{value}(c) + i * 3 * 4 * 4 \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

```
&c[i]     ≡ (c + i)
&c[i][j]  ≡ (c[i] + j)
&c[i][j][k] ≡ (c[i][j] + k)
```

equivalence relations

multiple indirections

address replications

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

Pointer Array Approach

Array Pointer Approach

Conditions for $c[i][j][k]$

Equivalence relations in $c[i][j][k]$

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

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

Pointer Array Approach

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



contiguous 4 $c[i][j][k]$'s $4 * (\text{int } 4 \text{ bytes})$
contiguous 3 $c[i][j]$'s $3 * (\text{int } * 4 \text{ or } 8 \text{ bytes})$
contiguous 2 $c[i]$'s $2 * (\text{int } ** 4 \text{ or } 8 \text{ bytes})$

Array Pointer Approach

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



contiguous 4 $c[i][j][k]$'s $4 * (\text{int } 4 \text{ bytes})$
contiguous 3 $c[i][j]$'s $3 * (\text{int } [4] 4*4 \text{ bytes})$
contiguous 2 $c[i]$'s $2 * (\text{int } [3][4] 3*4*4 \text{ bytes})$

Skipping leaf elements

Continuity Constraints

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



contiguous $c[i][j][k]$ over $k=0:3$
contiguous $c[i][j]$ over $j=0:2$
contiguous $c[i]$ over $i=0:1$

Pointer Array Approach

$(c[i][j] + k)_{1..4}$ skip $k * 4$ bytes from $c[i][j]$
 $(c[i] + j)_{1..4}$ skip $j * 4$ bytes from $c[i]$
 $(c + i)_{1..4}$ skip $i * 4$ bytes from c

k leaf elements $k * 4$ bytes
 $j * 4$ leaf elements $j * 4 * 4$ bytes
 $i * 3 * 4$ leaf elements $i * 3 * 4 * 4$ bytes

Array Pointer Approach

$(c[i][j] + k)_{1..4}$ skip $k * 4$ bytes from $c[i][j]$
 $(c[i] + j)_{4..4}$ skip $j * 4 * 4$ bytes from $c[i]$
 $(c + i)_{3..4}$ skip $i * 3 * 4 * 4$ bytes from c

k leaf elements $k * 4$ bytes
 $j * 4$ leaf elements $j * 4 * 4$ bytes
 $i * 3 * 4$ leaf elements $i * 3 * 4 * 4$ bytes

3-d Access `c[i][j][k]`

Accessing $c[i][j][k]$ – Conditions

General requirements

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

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

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

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]
```

Hierarchical Pointer Arrays

Array pointer approach

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

```
c[i][j][k] :: int  
c[i][j] :: int [4]  
c[i] :: int [3][4]
```

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

Virtual Array Pointers

Accessing $c[i][j][k]$ – Pointer Array Approach (1)

$c[i] \leftarrow \&b[i*3]$
 $b[j] \leftarrow \&a[j*4]$

$[2][3][4]$



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

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

$b[j] \equiv (a + j*4)$

$*(b[j]+k) = *(a+j*4+k);$

$b[j][k] \equiv a[j*4+k]$

$c[i] \equiv (b + i*3)$

$*(c[i]+j) = *(b+i*3+j);$

$c[i][j] \equiv b[i*3+j]$

$*(c[i][j]+k) = *(b[i*3+j]+k);$



$c[i][j] \equiv (a + (i*3+j)*4)$

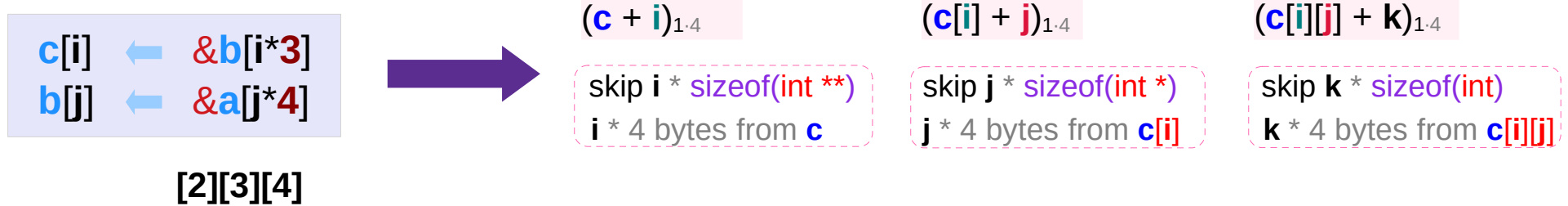
$*(c[i][j]+k) = *(a+(i*3+j)*4+k);$

$c[i][j][k] \equiv a[(i*3+j)*4+k]$

```

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

Accessing `c[i][j][k]` – Pointer Array Approach (2)



$$b[j] \equiv (a + j * 4)$$

skip j elements of `b` skip $j * 4$ elements of `a`

$$b[j][k] \equiv a[j * 4 + k]$$

skip j elements of `b` +
skip k elements of `a`

$$c[i] \equiv (b + i * 3)$$

skip i elements of `c` skip $i * 3$ elements of `b`

$$c[i][j] \equiv b[i * 3 + j]$$

skip i elements of `c` +
skip j elements of `b` skip $i * 3$ elements of `b` +
skip j elements of `b`

$$c[i][j] \equiv (a + (i * 3 + j) * 4)$$

skip $i * 3 * 4$ elements of `a` +
skip $j * 4$ elements of `a`

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

$$c[i][j][k] \equiv a[(i * 3 + j) * 4 + k]$$

skip $i * 3 * 4$ elements of `a` +
skip $j * 4$ elements of `a` +
skip k elements of `a`

Accessing $c[i][j][k]$ – Array Pointer Approach (1)

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



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

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

[2][3][4]

$value(c)$	$=$	$\&c[0][0][0]$
$value(c[i])$	$=$	$\&c[i][0][0]$
$value(c[i][j])$	$=$	$\&c[i][j][0]$
$value(c[i][j][k])$	$=$	$\&c[i][j][k]$



$sizeof(c)$	$=$	$2*3*4*sizeof(int)$
$sizeof(c[i])$	$=$	$3*4*sizeof(int)$
$sizeof(c[i][j])$	$=$	$4*sizeof(int)$
$sizeof(c[i][j][k])$	$=$	$sizeof(int)$



$value(c[i])$	$=$	$\&c[0][0][0] + i * 3*4*sizeof(int)$
$value(c[i][j])$	$=$	$\&c[i][0][0] + j * 4*sizeof(int)$
$value(c[i][j][k])$	$=$	$\&c[i][j][0] + k * sizeof(int)$

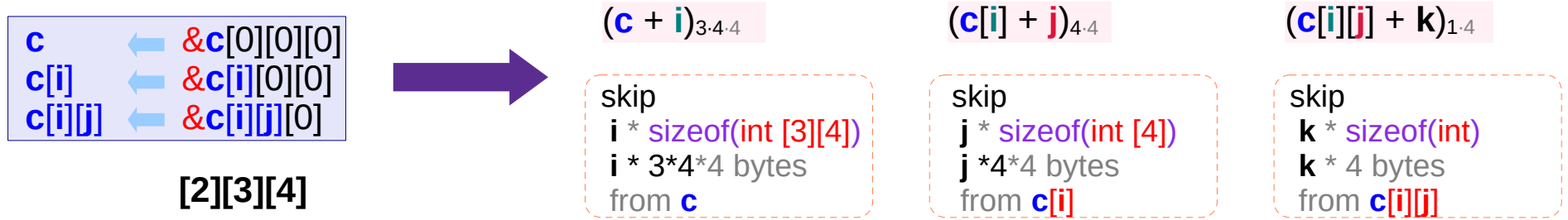


$\&c[i]$	$=$	$value(c) + i * sizeof(*c)$
$\&c[i][j]$	$=$	$value(c[i]) + j * sizeof(*c[i])$
$\&c[i][j][k]$	$=$	$value(c[i][j]) + k * sizeof(*c[i][j])$



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

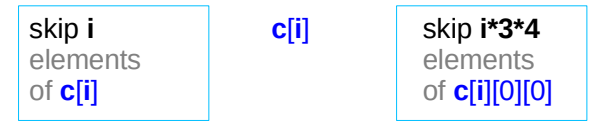
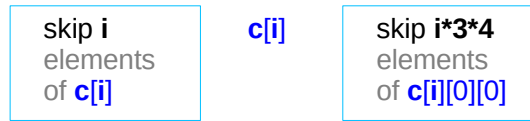
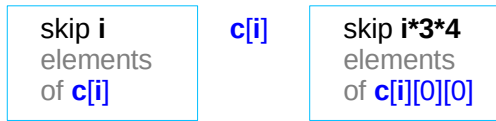
Accessing $c[i][j][k]$ – Array Pointer Approach (2)



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

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

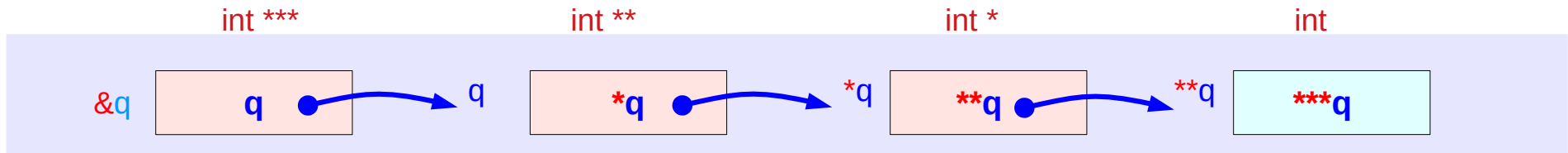
$$\text{value}(c[i][j][k]) = \&c[i][j][k]$$



Pointer Chain Types

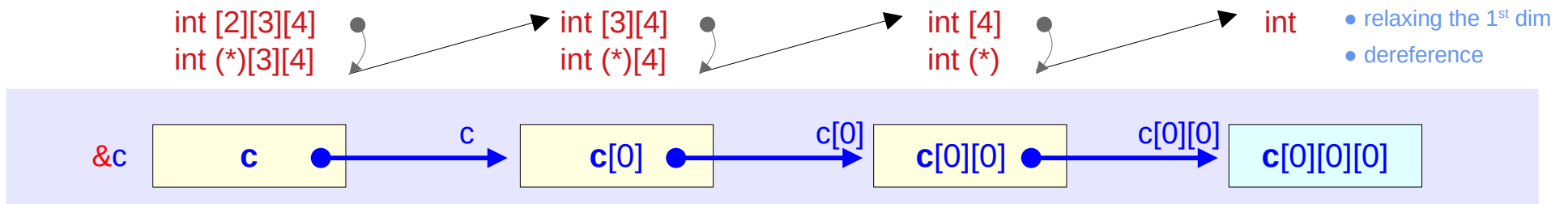
Pointer Chain Types

Pointer Chain Type I



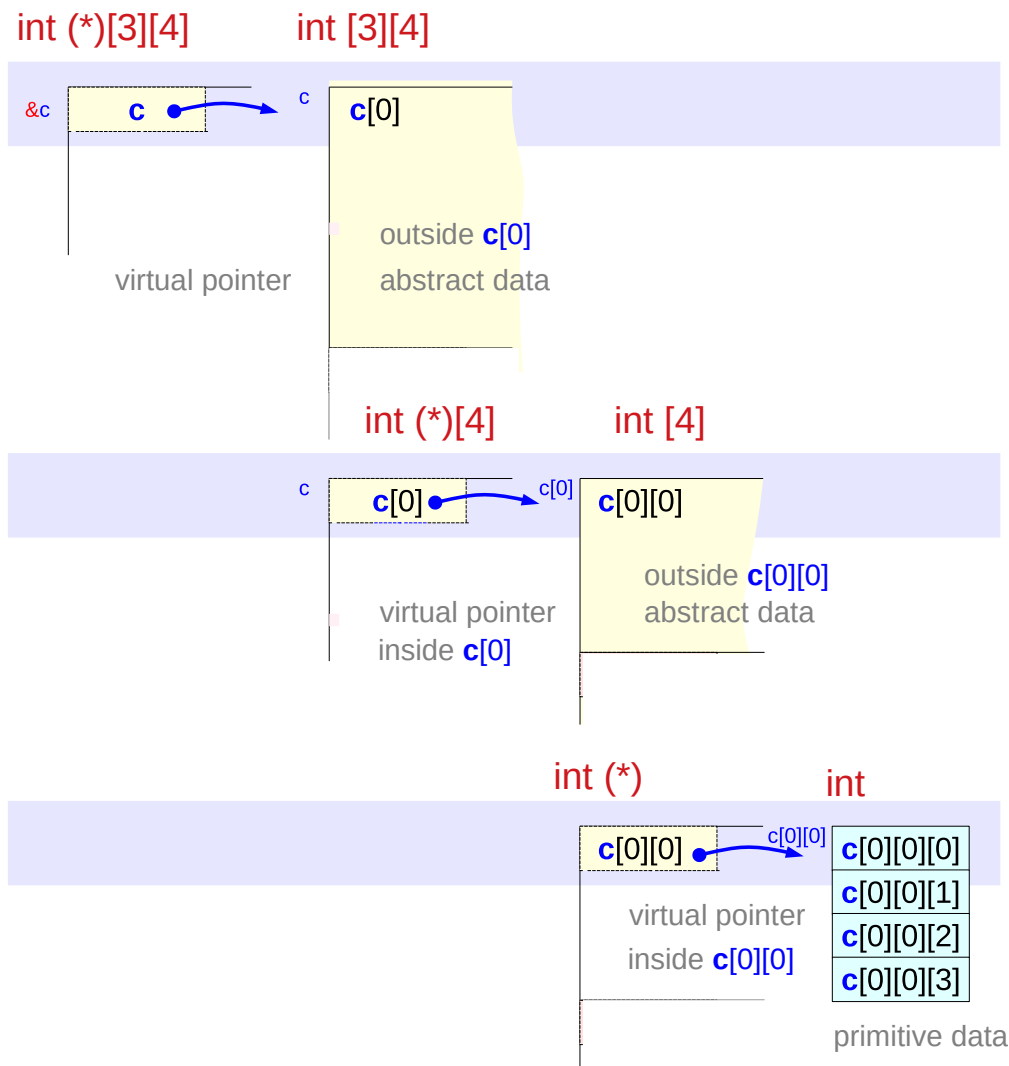
- **Pointer Array Approach** (index operations are handled by a user)

Pointer Chain Type II



- **Array Pointer Approach** (index operations are handled by a compiler)

Examples of two step dereferencing in type II



int [3][4]
c[0]
 abstract data

relaxing
 the 1st dim

sizeof(c[0]) =
3 * sizeof(c[0][0])

within an array **c[0]**
 of **int[3][4]** type, **c[0]**
 can be relaxed to
 a pointer of
int (*)[4] type

c[0][0] = *(c[0]+0)_{4,4}
 Math Expression

int (*)[4]
c[0]
 virtual pointer

int [4]
c[0][0]
 abstract data
 relaxing
 the 1st dim

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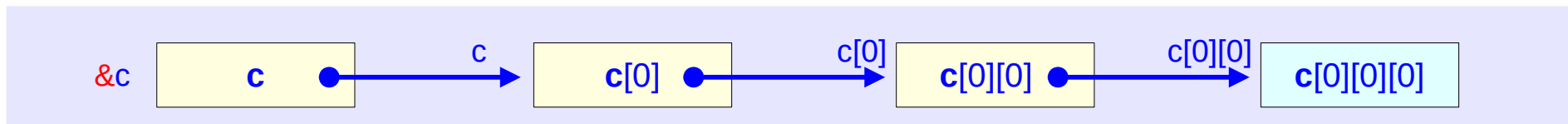
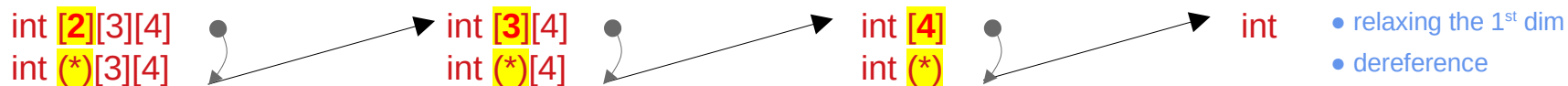
c[0][0][0] = *(c[0][0]+0)_{1,4}
 Math Expression

int (*)
c[0][0]
 virtual pointer

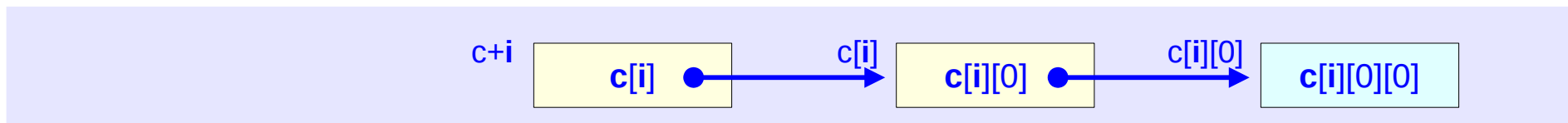
int
c[0][0][0]
 abstract data

Pointer Chains in Type II (1)

Pointer Chain Type II



c points to **2** elements
 $\text{sizeof}(\mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{2} * \text{sizeof}(\mathbf{c[i]})$
c[i] $i=0,1$
***(c+i)**_{3,4,4}

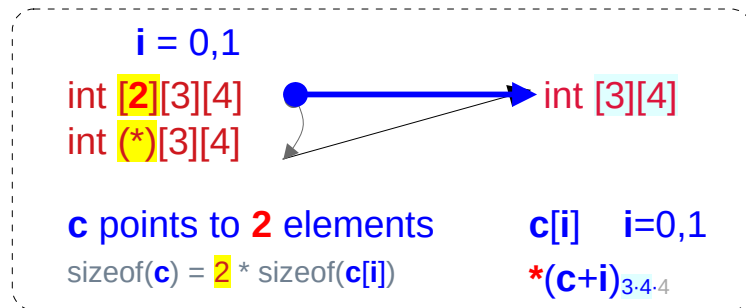


c[i] points to **3** elements
 $\text{sizeof}(\mathbf{c[i]}) = \mathbf{3} * \text{sizeof}(\mathbf{c[i][j]})$
c[i][j] $j=0,1,2$
***(c[i]+j)**_{4,4}

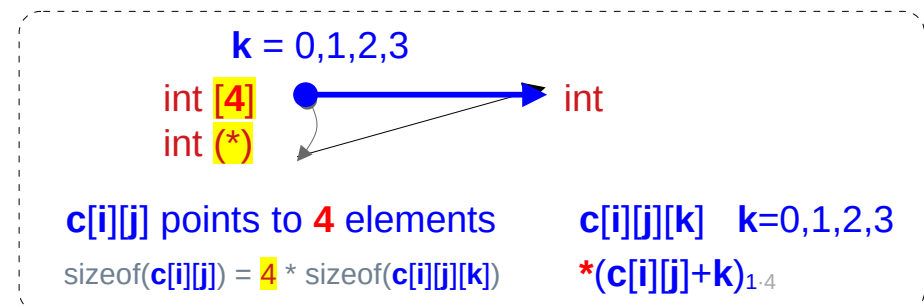
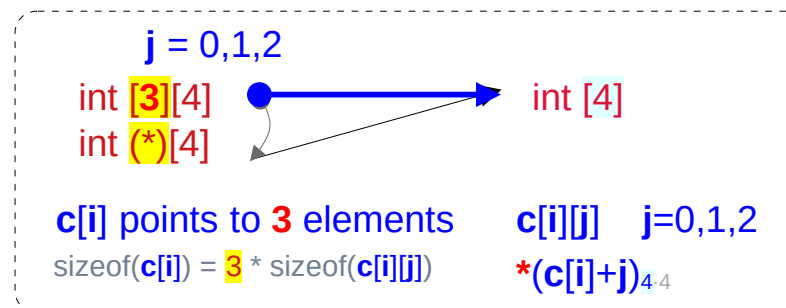


c[i][j] points to **4** elements
 $\text{sizeof}(\mathbf{c[i][j]}) = \mathbf{4} * \text{sizeof}(\mathbf{c[i][j][k]})$
c[i][j][k] $k=0,1,2,3$
***(c[i][j]+k)**_{1,4}

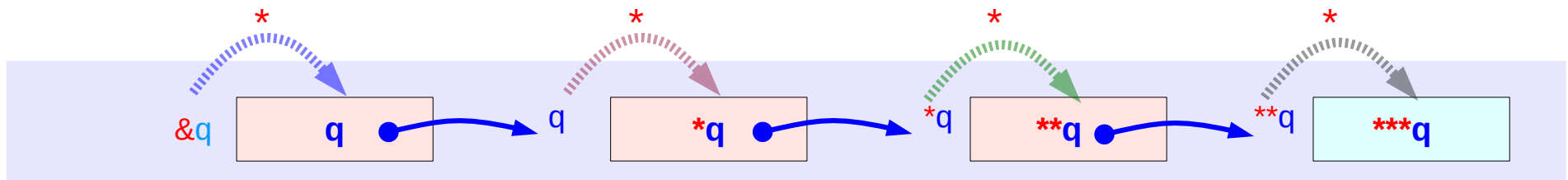
Pointer Chains in Type II (2)



- relaxing the 1st dim
- dereference



Pointer Chain Type I – * and & operators



$$*(\&q) \equiv q$$

C expression $*(\&q)$ equals to the variable q

$$*(q) \equiv *q$$

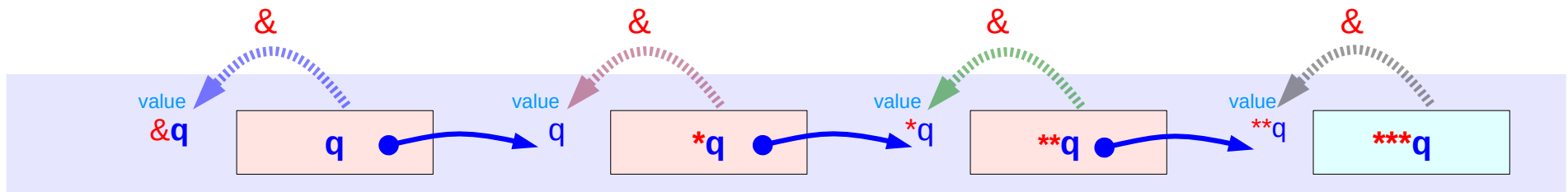
C expression $*(q)$ equals to the variable q

$$*(*q) \equiv **q$$

C expression $*(*q)$ equals to the variable $**q$

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C expression $**(**q)$ equals to the variable $***q$



$$\&q \equiv \text{value}(\&q)$$

C expression $\&q$ equals to $\text{value}(\&q)$ which is the address value of a variable q

$$\&(*q) \equiv \text{value}(q)$$

C expression $\&(*q)$ equals to $\text{value}(q)$ which is the address value of a variable $*q$

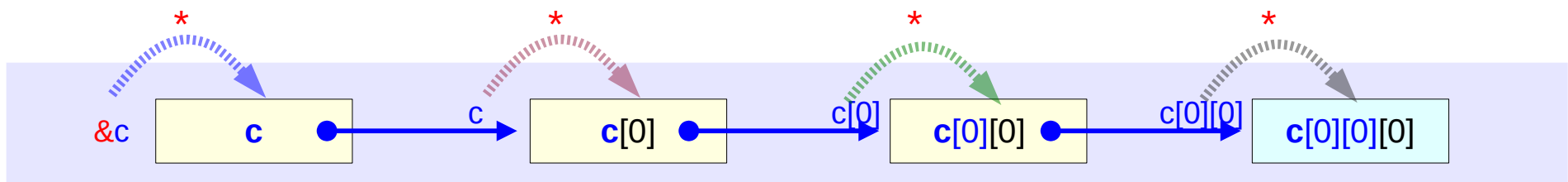
$$\&(**q) \equiv \text{value}(*q)$$

C expression $\&(**q)$ equals to $\text{value}(*q)$ which is the address value of a variable $**q$

$$\&(***)q \equiv \text{value}(**q)$$

C expression $\&(***)q$ equals to $\text{value}(**q)$ which is the address value of a variable $***q$

Pointer Chain Type II – * and & operators



$$*(\&c) \equiv c$$

$$*(c) \equiv c[0]$$

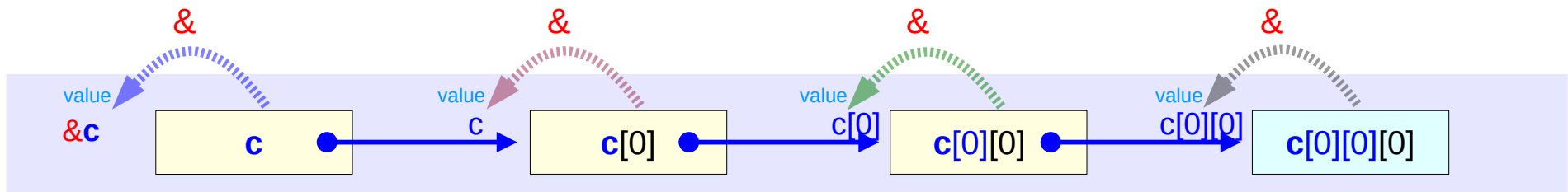
$$*(c[0]) \equiv c[0][0]$$

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(int (*)[3][4]) **c** can be viewed as a pointer to (int [3][4]) **c[0]**

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(int (*) **c[0][0]** can be viewed as a pointer to (int) **c[0][0][0]**



$$\&c \equiv \text{value}(\&c)$$

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

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

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

(int (*)[3][4]) **c** has the address value of (int [3][4]) **c[0]**

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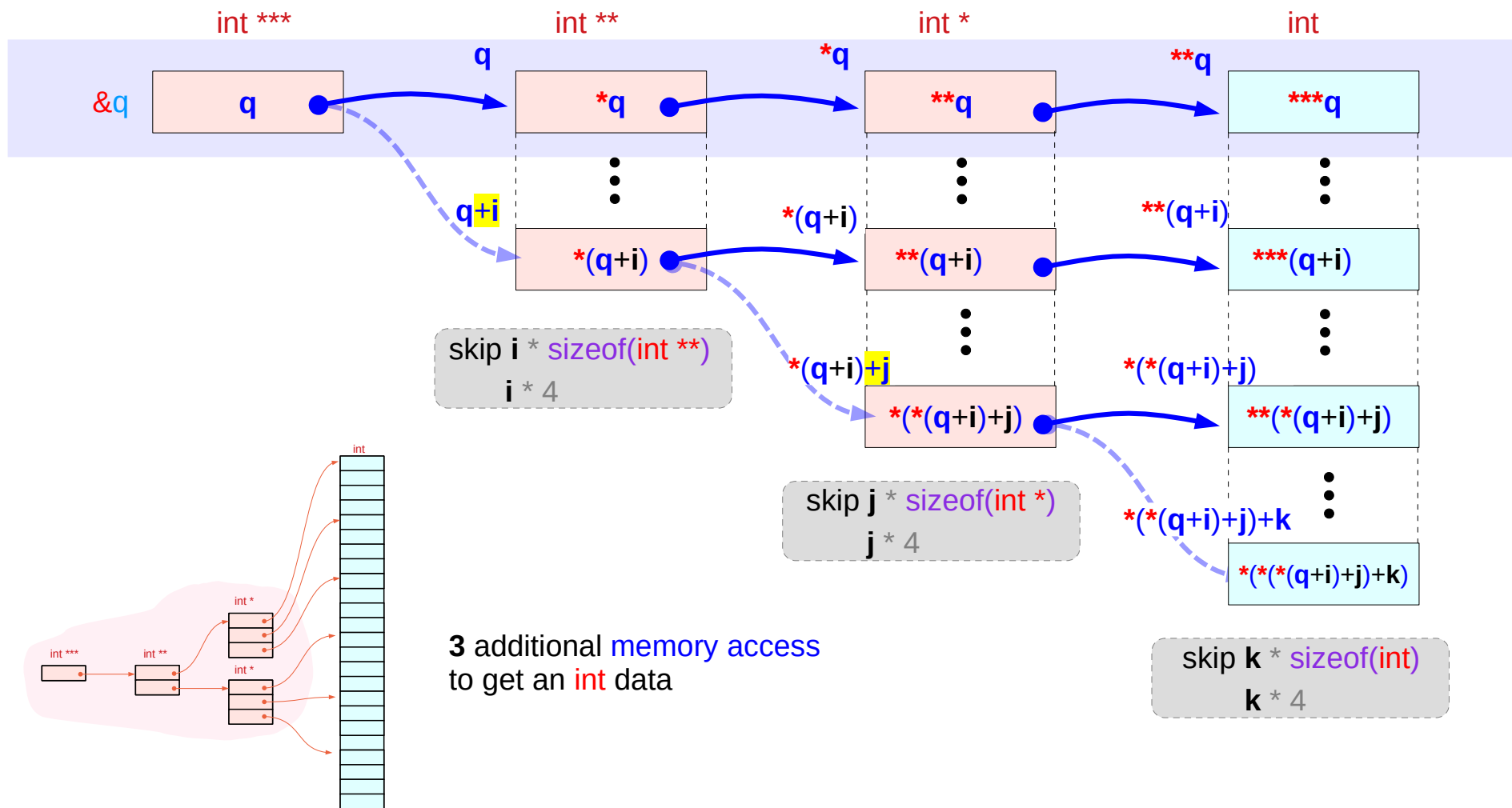
(int (*) **c[0][0]** has the address value of (int) **c[0][0][0]**

Pointer Chain Type I – skipping elements

Pointer Chain Type I

multiple indirection

size: pointer size



Pointer Chain Type II – skipping elements

Pointer Chain Type II

virtual pointer to an abstract data

size: abstract data size

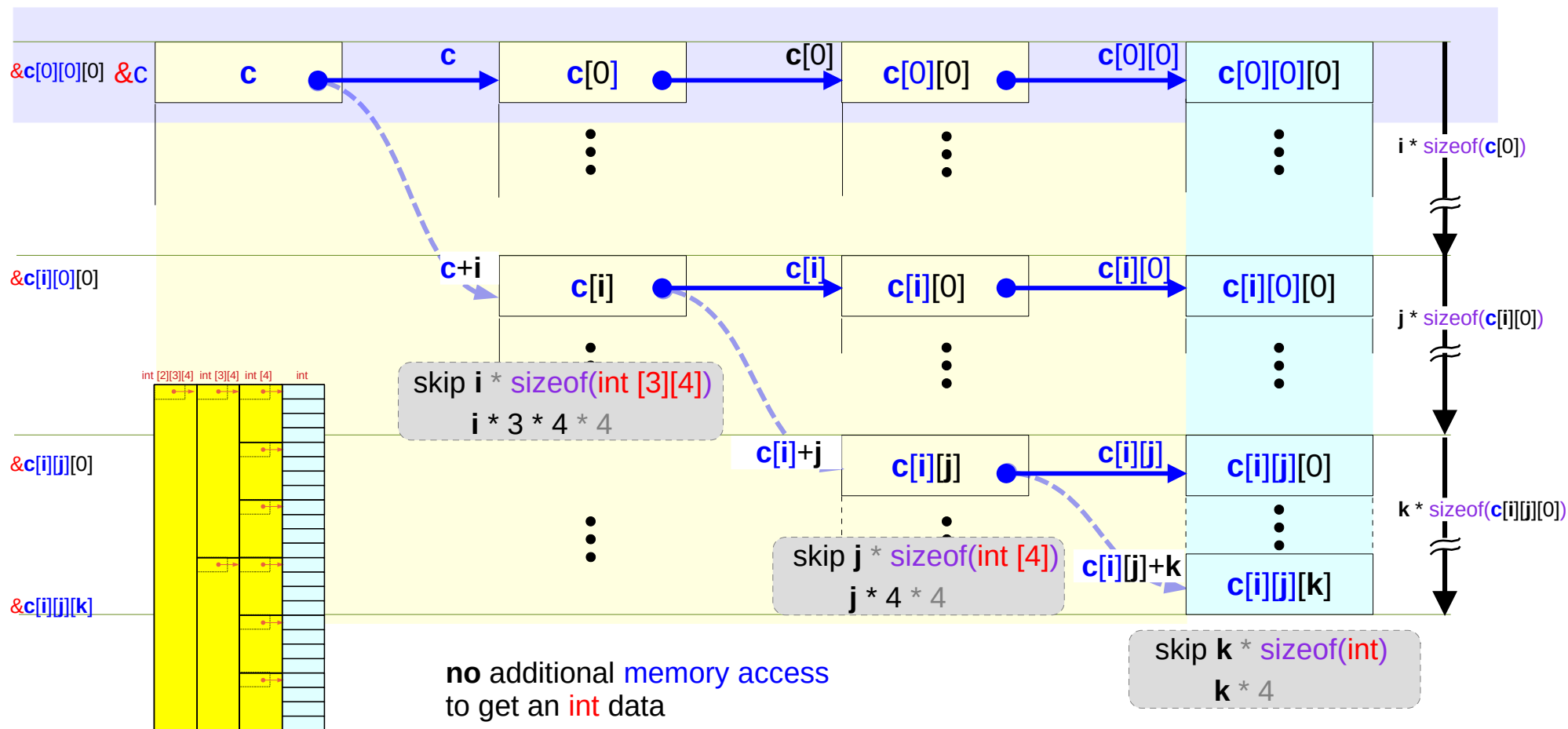
int [2][3][4]
int (*)[3][4]

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int (*)[4]

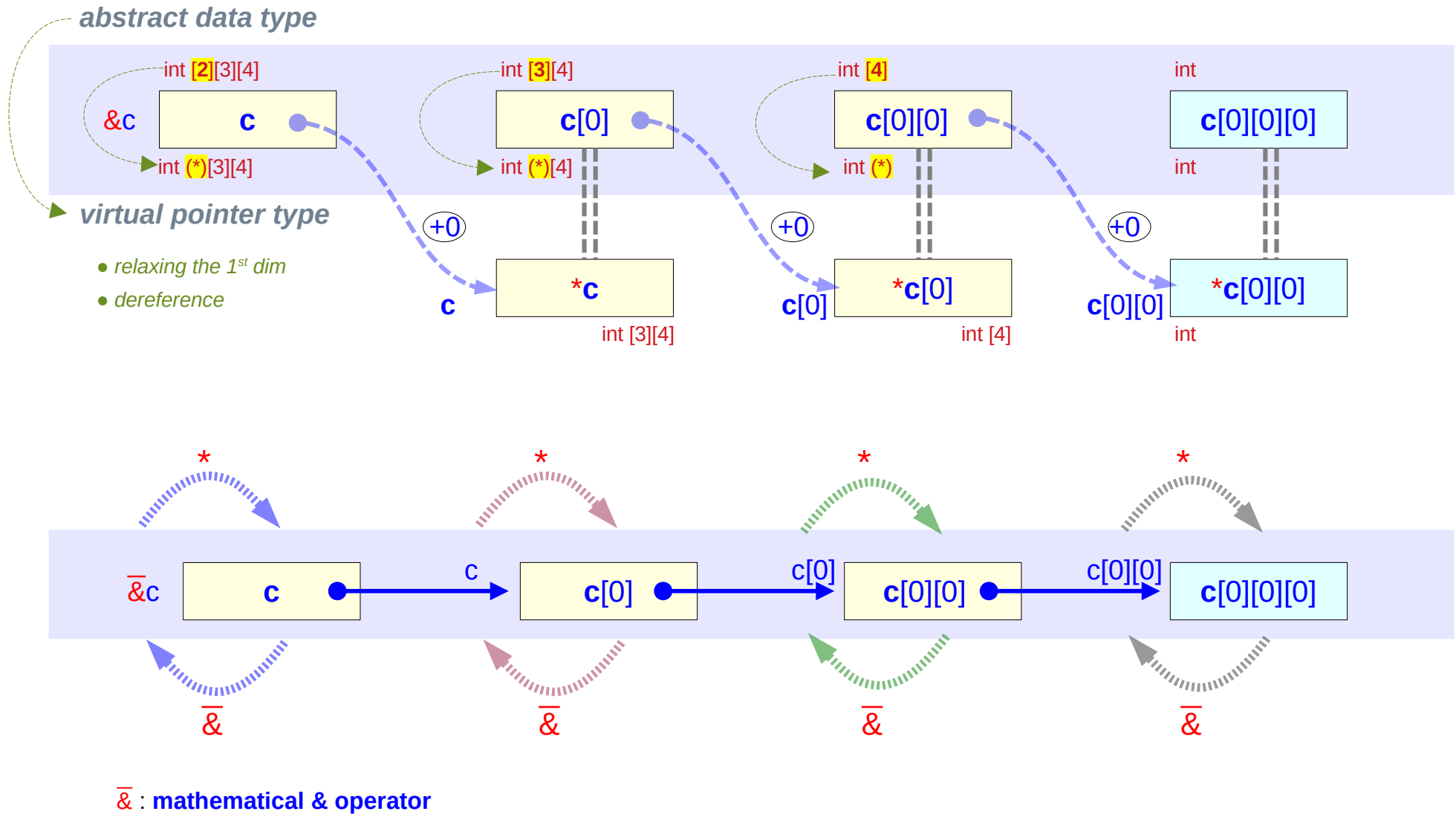
int [4]
int (*)

int

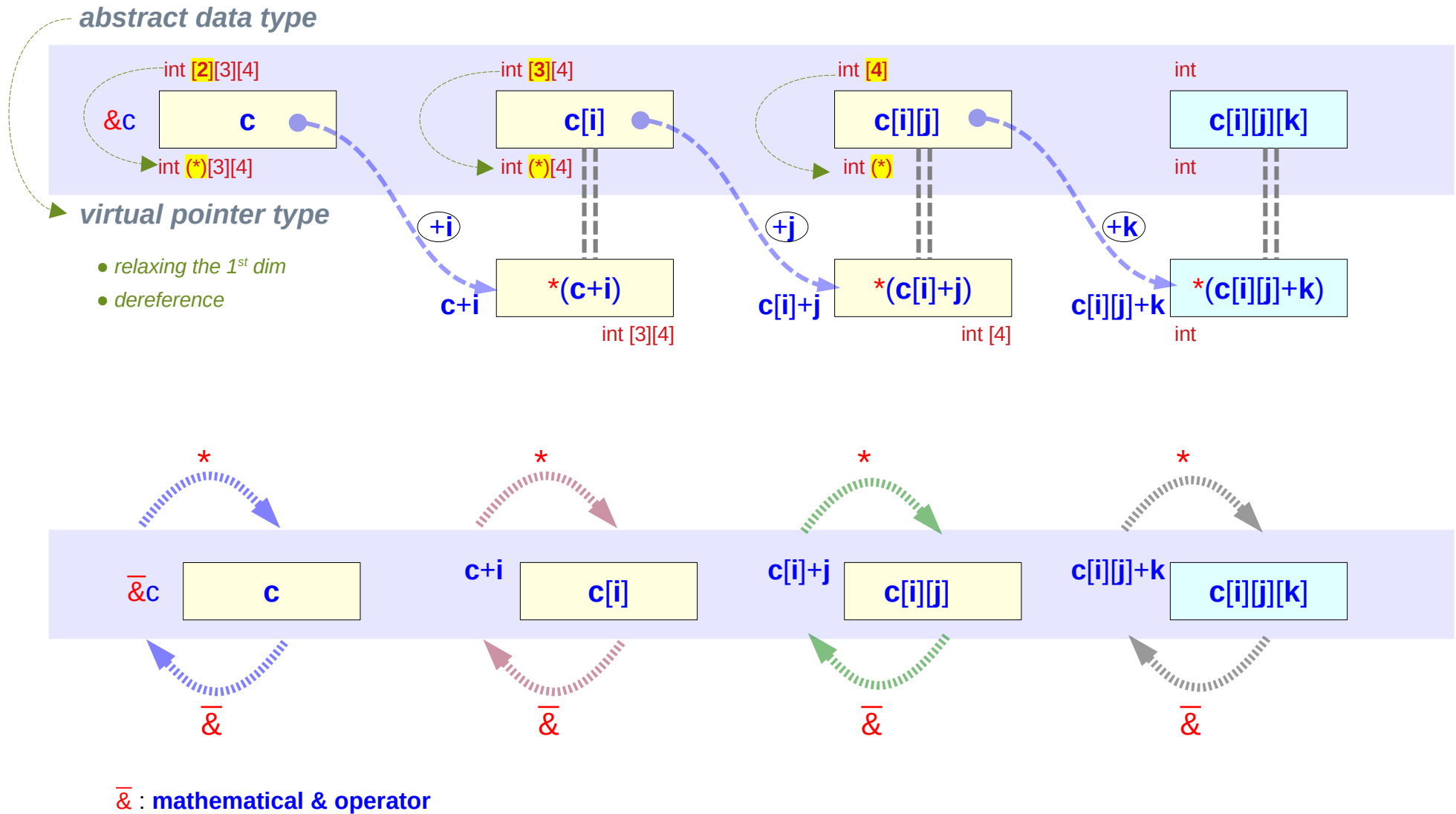
- relaxing the 1st dim
- dereference



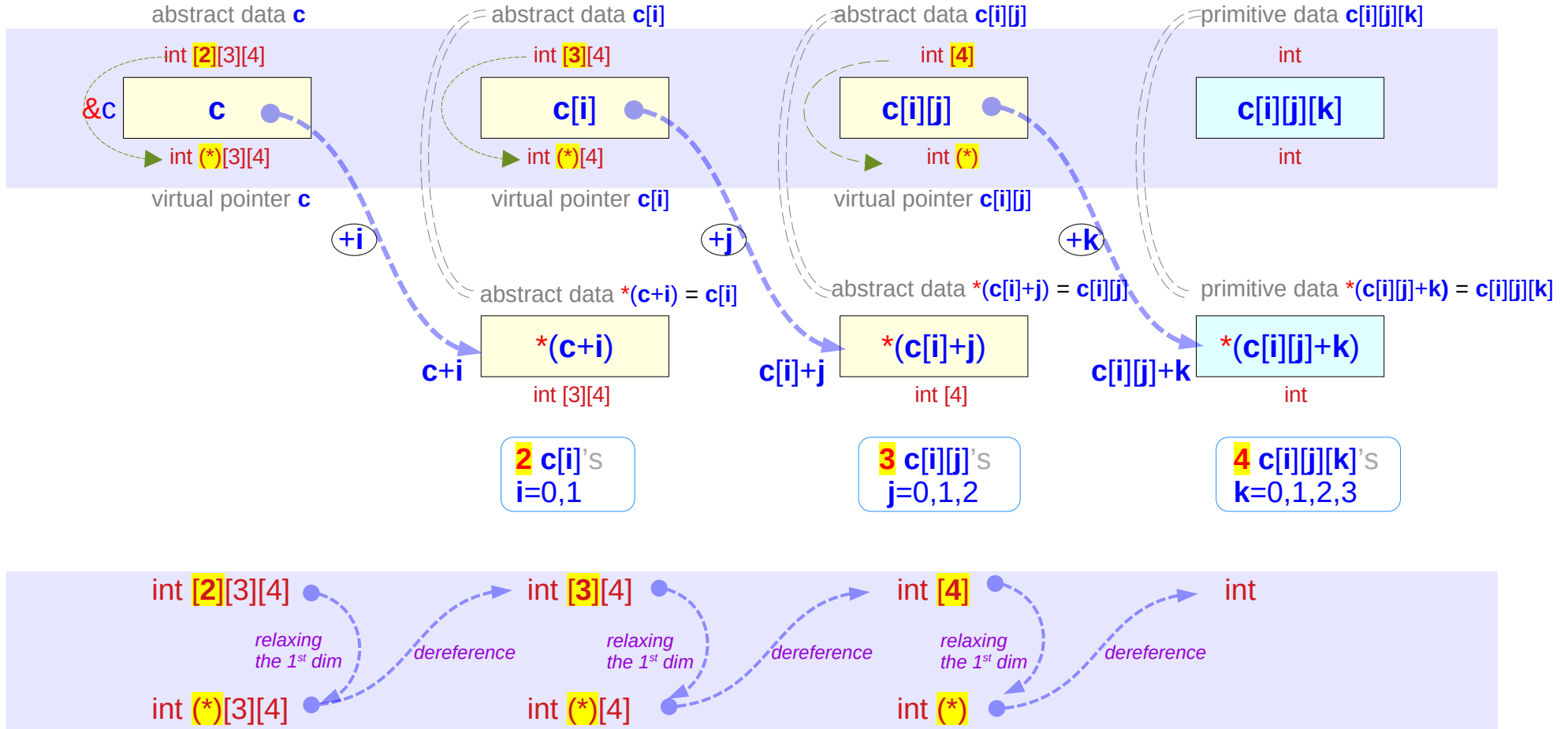
Two step dereferencing in type II (1) – without skipping



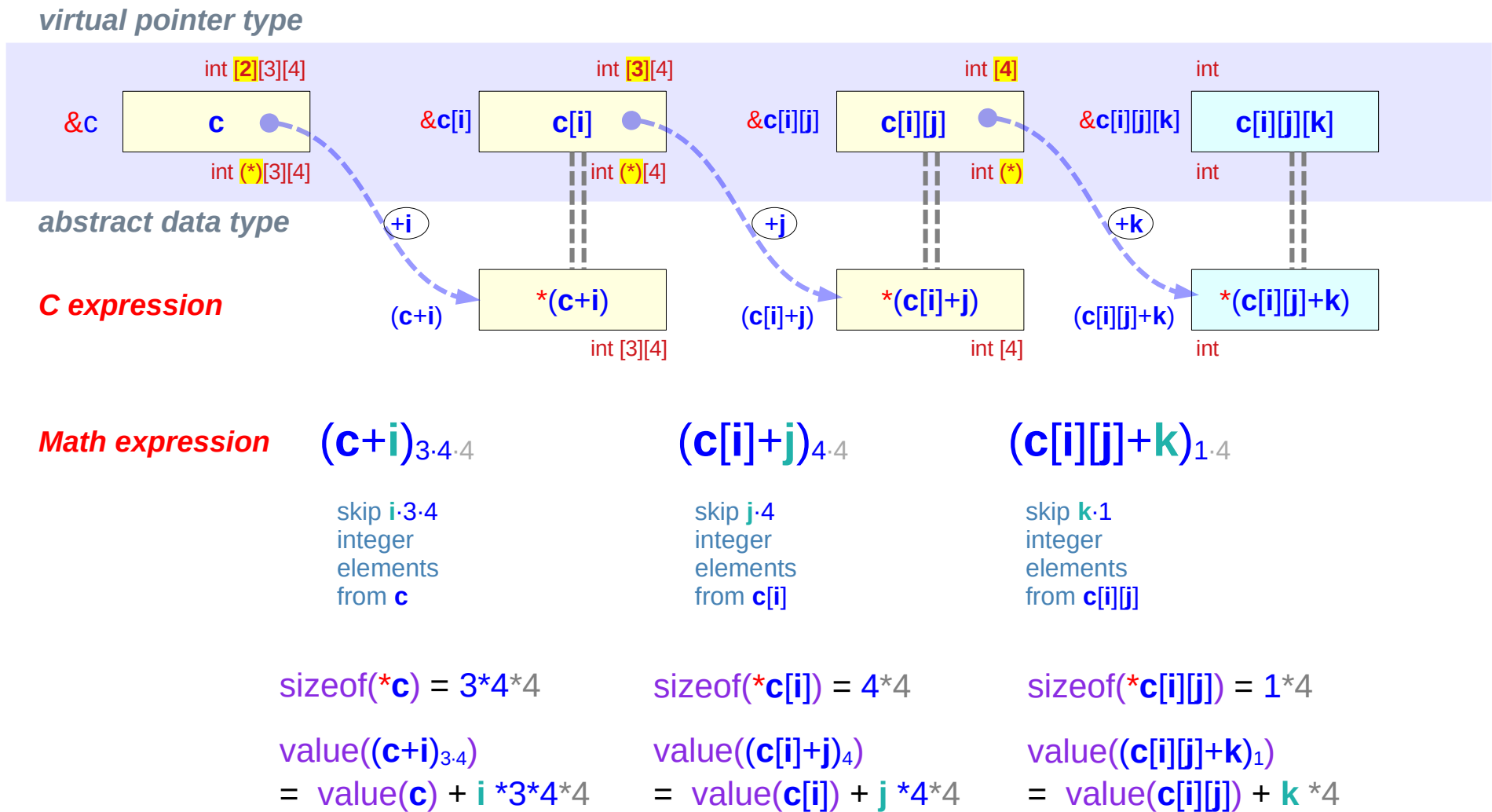
Two step deferencing in type II (2) – with skipping



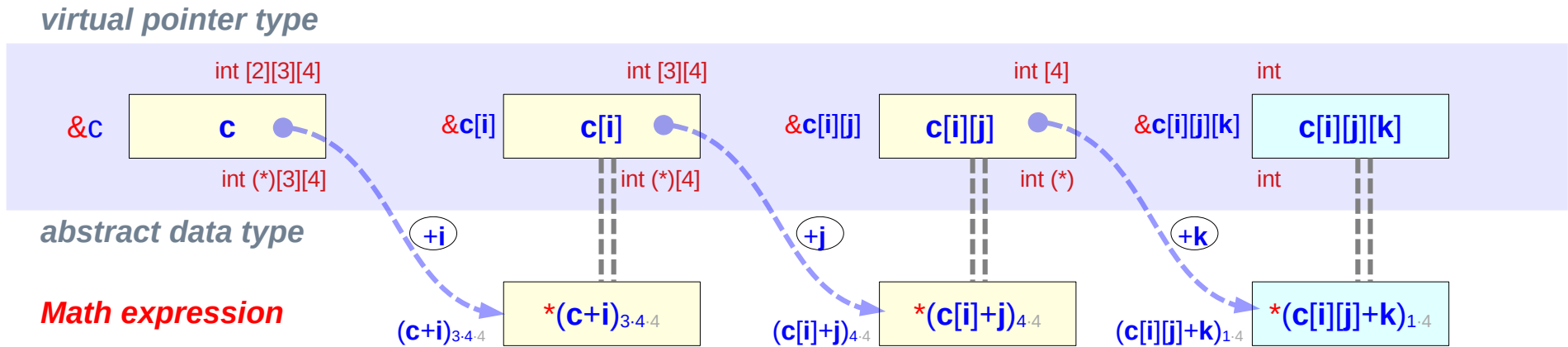
Two step deferencing in type II (3)



Skipping elements



Address replication



equivalence relations – c expressions

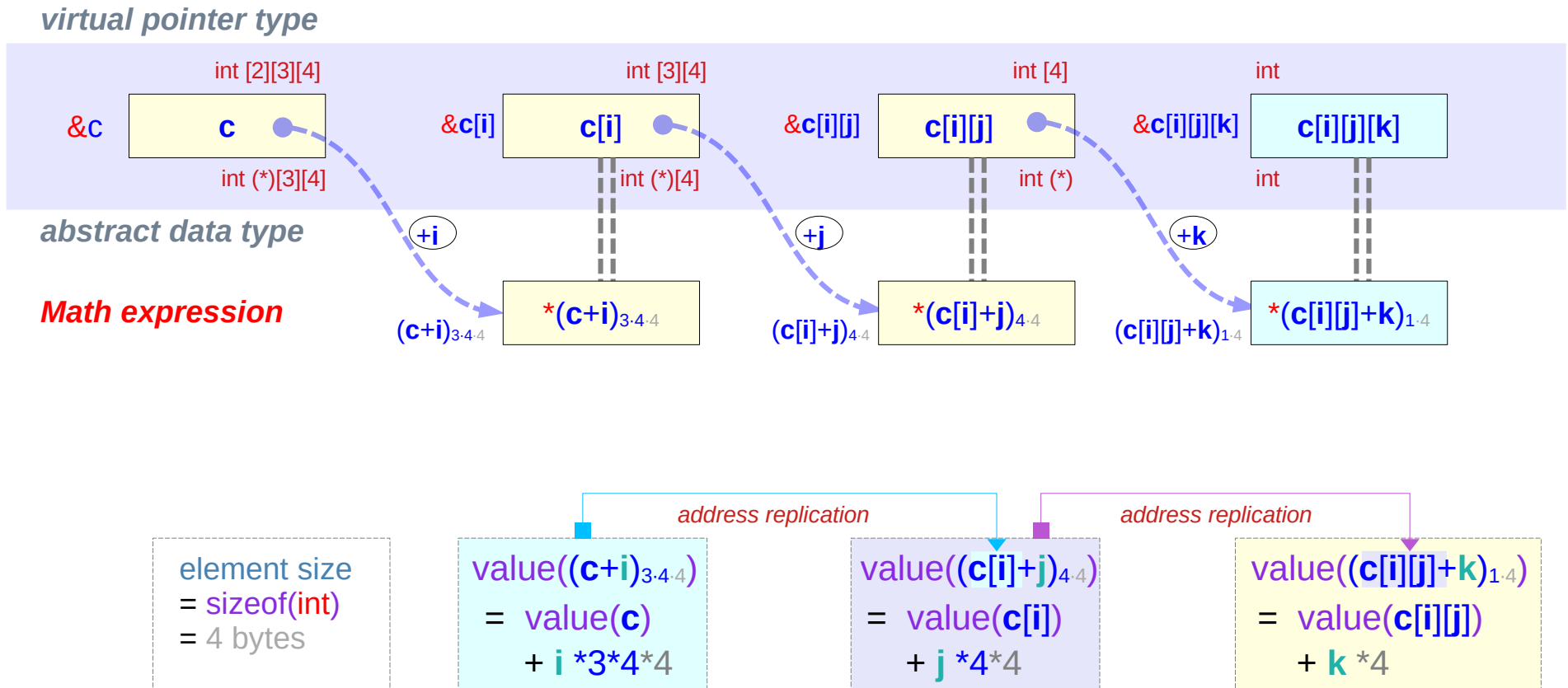
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{c[i][j][k]} &= \mathbf{*(c[i][j] + k)} \\ \mathbf{c[i][j]} &= \mathbf{*(c[i] + j)} \\ \mathbf{c[i]} &= \mathbf{*(c + i)} \end{aligned}$$

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address replication – math expressions

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{value(c[i][j])} &= \mathbf{value((c[i] + j)₄₋₄)} \\ \mathbf{value(c[i])} &= \mathbf{value((c + i)₃₋₄₋₄)} \end{aligned}$$

Applying address replication



const pointers

const type, const pointer type (1)

```
const int * p;
```

```
int * const q ;
```

```
const int * const r ;
```



```
int * p;
```

```
int * q ;
```

```
int * r ;
```



constant *must not be changed*
must not be updated
must not be written
must not be assigned

const type, const pointer type (2)

const int * p ;

constant integer

*p : constant integer value

int * **const q** ;

constant pointer

q : constant (int *) pointer

const int * **const r** ;

constant integer

*r : constant integer value

const int * **const r** ;

constant pointer

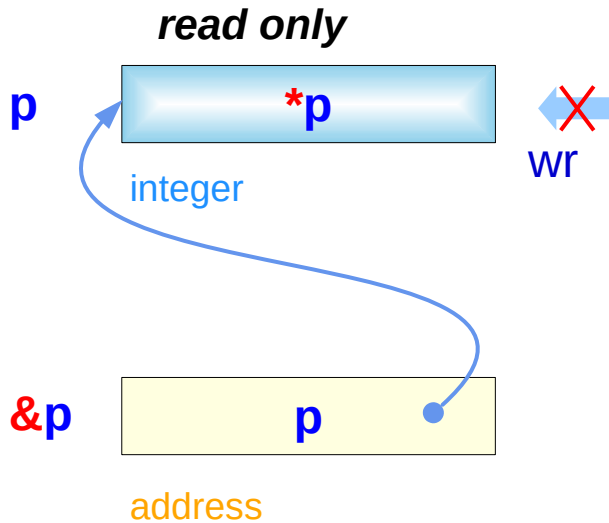
r : constant (int *) pointer

const []

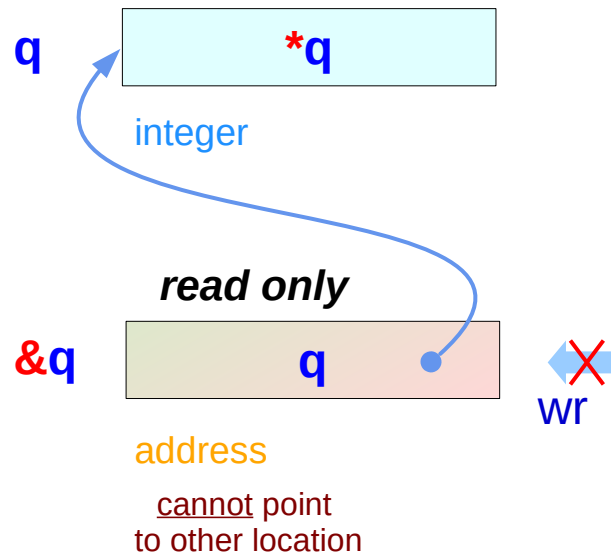
group with the following

const type, const pointer type (3)

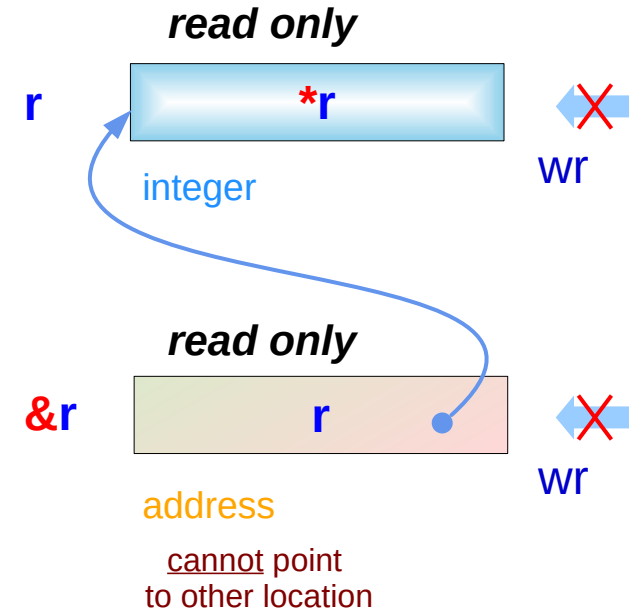
`const int *p;`



`int *const q;`



`const int *const r;`



const examples (1)

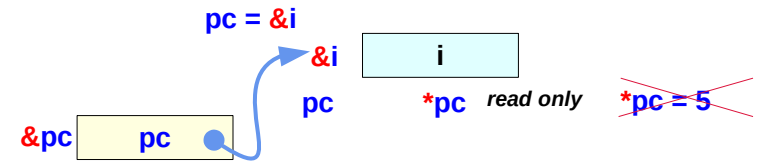
```
const int * pc;  
int * p, i;  
const int ic;
```

```
pc = &i; // (const int *) ← (int *)  
*pc = 5; // (const int) error
```

Writing to the writable memory location (i)
is forbidden via **pc** ... (no harm, OK)

```
p = &ic; // (int *) ← (const int *) warning  
*p = 5; // (int)
```

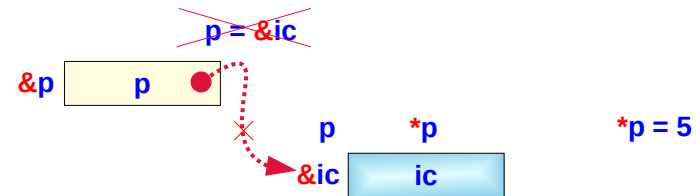
Writing to the read only memory location (ic)
is not forbidden via **p** ... (hazardous, not OK)



pc can point to **i**
***pc** must be **const**

the same memory location
that can be written via **i**
cannot be written via ***pc**

***pc** should not write
the writable memory location



Assume **p** points to **const ic**

the same memory location
that cannot be written via **ic**,
can be written via ***p**

thus ***p** can write
the **const** memory location

therefore, **p** should not point to **const ic**

const examples (2)

```
const int * pc;  
    int * p, i = 5;  
const int ic = 7;
```

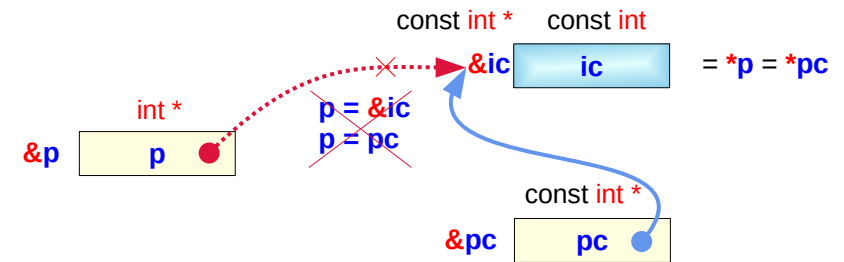
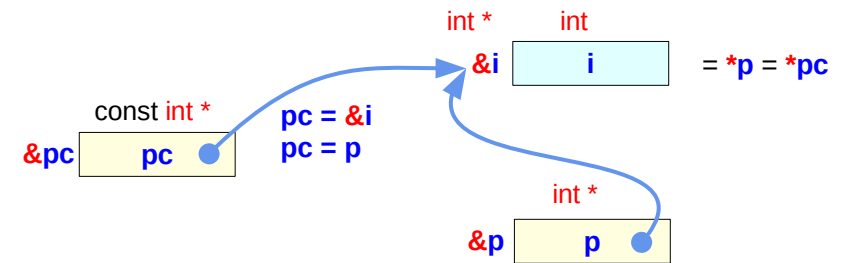
```
p = &i;  
pc = &ic
```

// more constrained type ← general type (O)

```
pc = &i; // (const int * ← int *)  
pc = p; // (const int * ← int *)
```

// general type ← more constrained type (X)

```
p = &ic; // (int * ← const int *) warning  
p = pc; // (int * ← const int *) warning
```



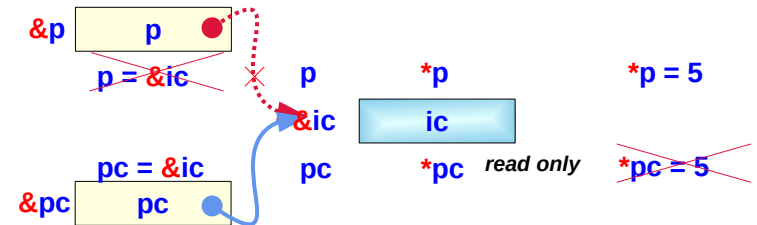
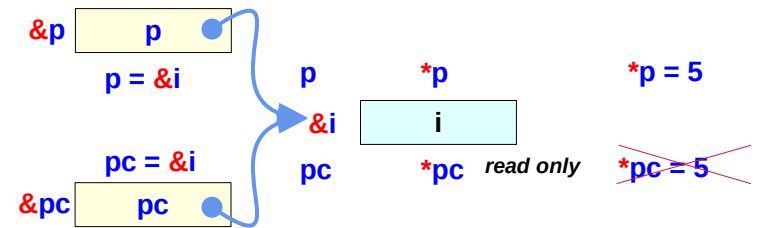
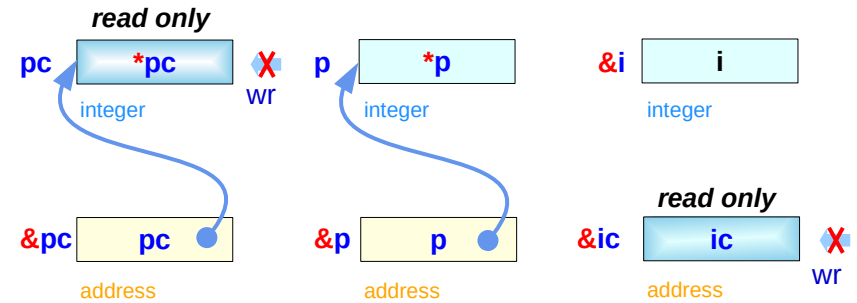
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const examples (3)

```
const int * pc;
      int * p, i;
const int ic;
```

```
p = &i; // (int *) ← (int *)
*p = 5; // (int)
pc = &i; // (const int *) ← (int *)
*pc = 5; // (const int) error
```

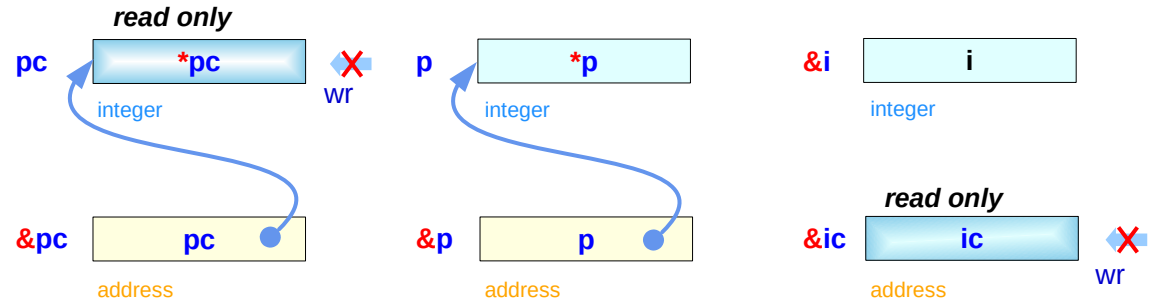
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p = &ic; // (int *) ← (const int *) warning
*p = 5; // (int)
pc = &ic; // (const int *) ← (const int *)
*pc = 5; // (const int) error
```



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const examples (4)

```
const int * pc;
      int * p, i;
const int ic;
```



```
pc = p = &i;
pc = &ic
*p = 5;
*pc = 5;           // invalid   *pc :: const int
```

```
pc = &i;           // (const int * ← int *)
pc = p;           // (const int * ← int *)
p = &ic;          // invalid (int * ← const int *)
p = pc;           // invalid (int * ← const int *)
p = (int *) &ic; // type cast
p = (int *) pc;  // type cast
```

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