

# Applications of Pointers (1A)

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# Array of Pointers

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

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

No. of elements = 4

int a [4]



Type of each element

int value
int value
int value
int value

int \* b [4]

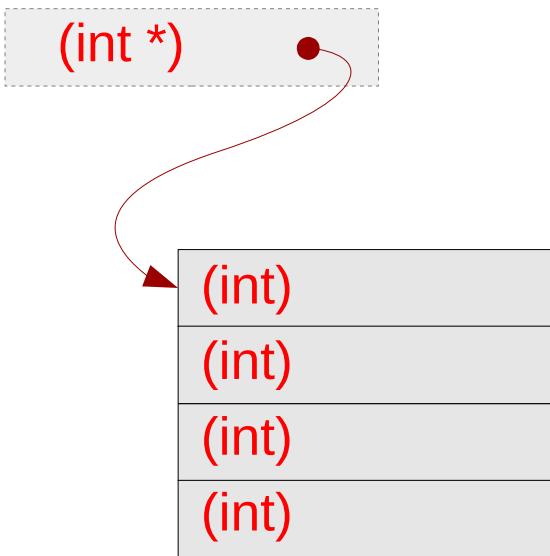


Type of each element

int pointer
int pointer
int pointer
int pointer

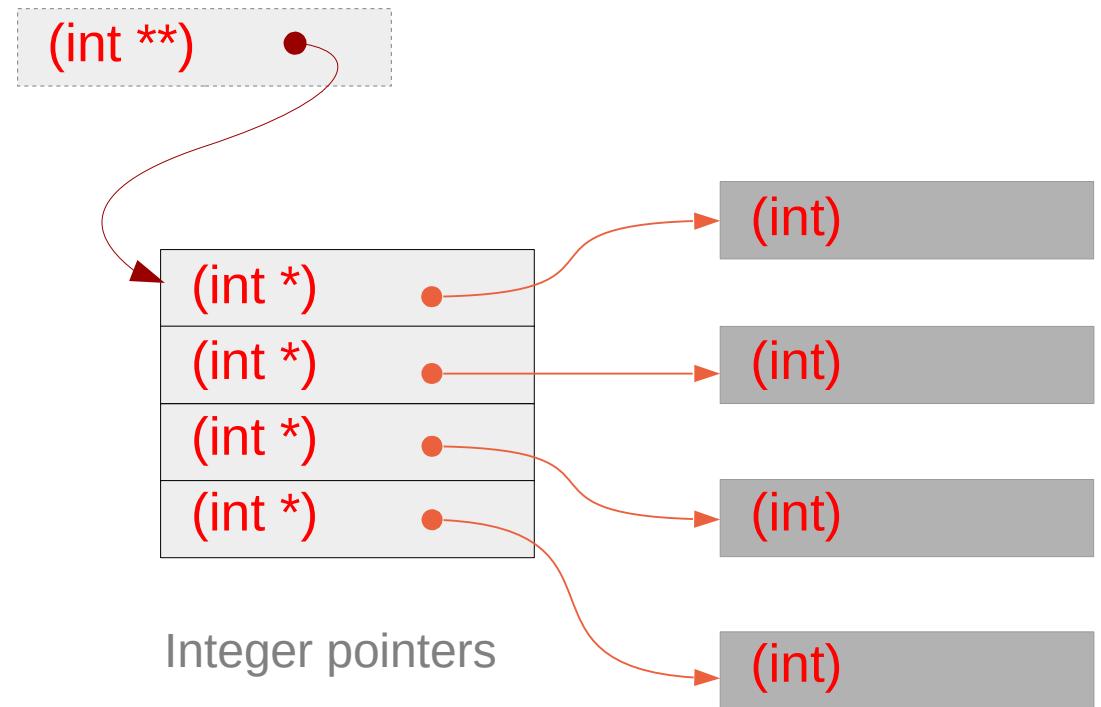
# Array of Pointers – a type view

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



Integers

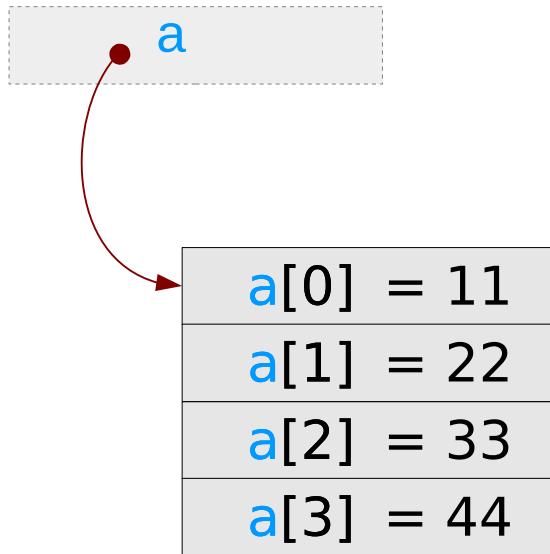
```
int * b [4];
```



Integer pointers  
taking actual  
memory locations

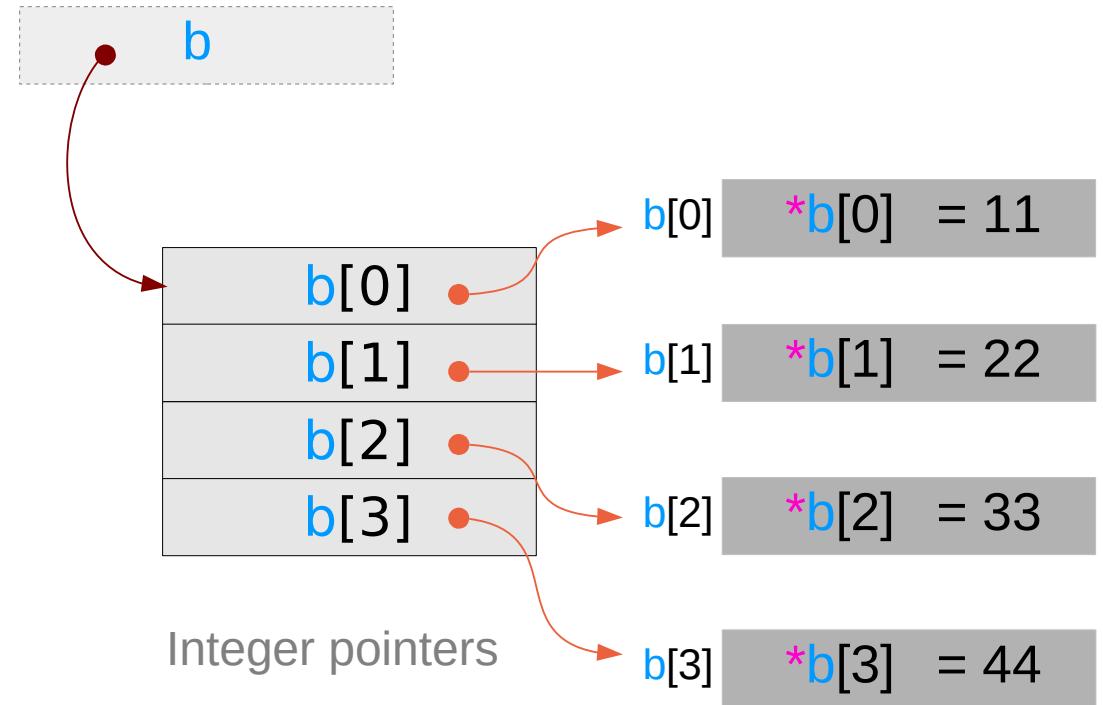
# Array of Pointers – a variable view

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



Integers

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

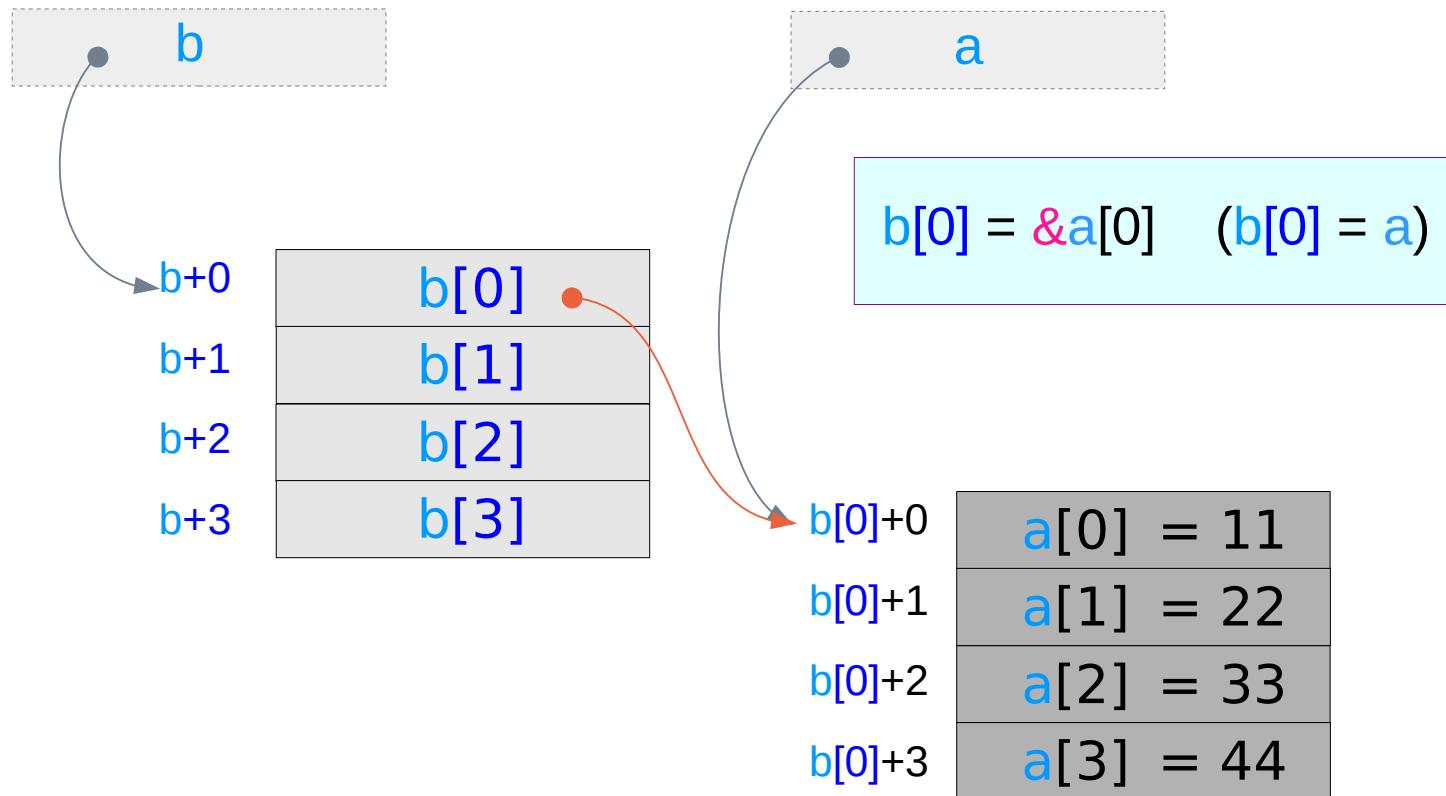


Integer pointers

# Array of Pointers – assigning a 1-d array name

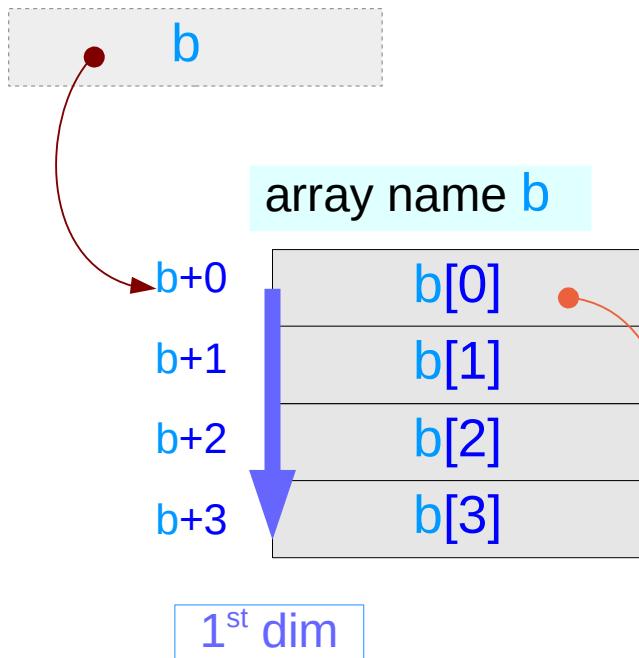
```
int * b [4];
```

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



# Array of Pointers – an extended dimension

`int * b [4];`

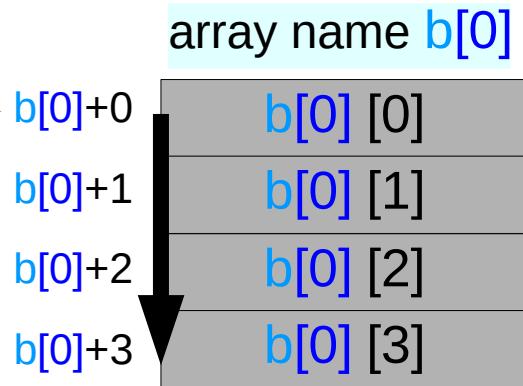


assignment

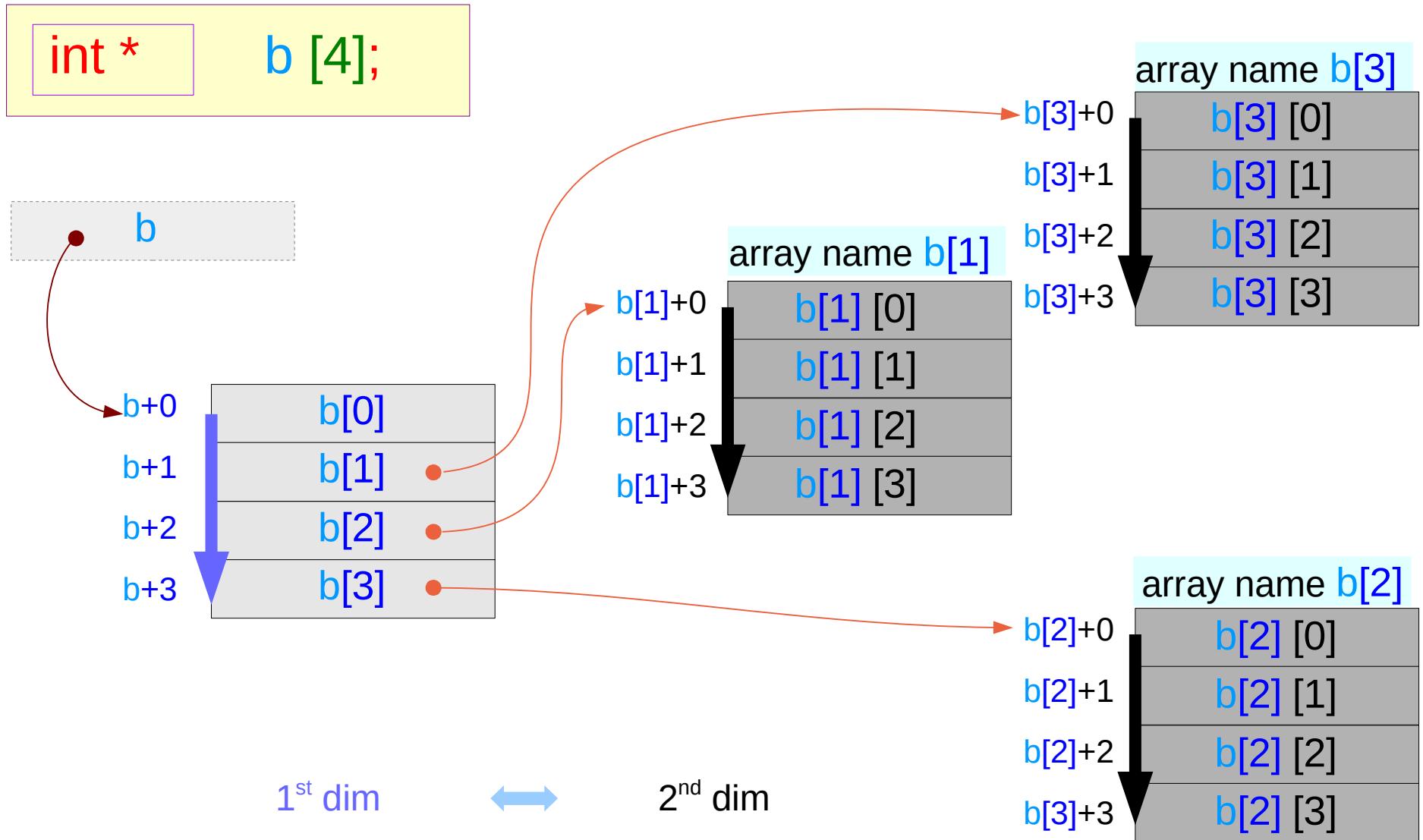
`b[0] = a`

equivalence

$$\begin{aligned} a[0] &\equiv b[0][0] \equiv *(*(b+0)+0) \\ a[1] &\equiv b[0][1] \equiv *(*(b+0)+1) \\ a[2] &\equiv b[0][2] \equiv *(*(b+0)+2) \\ a[3] &\equiv b[0][3] \equiv *(*(b+0)+3) \end{aligned}$$



# Array of Pointers – assigning other 1-d array names



# 2-d access of a 1-d array – using a pointer array

int \*

b [4];

int

a [4\*4];

b[0] = &a[0\*4] (b[0] = a + 0)  
b[1] = &a[1\*4] (b[1] = a + 4)  
b[2] = &a[2\*4] (b[2] = a + 8)  
b[3] = &a[3\*4] (b[3] = a + 12)



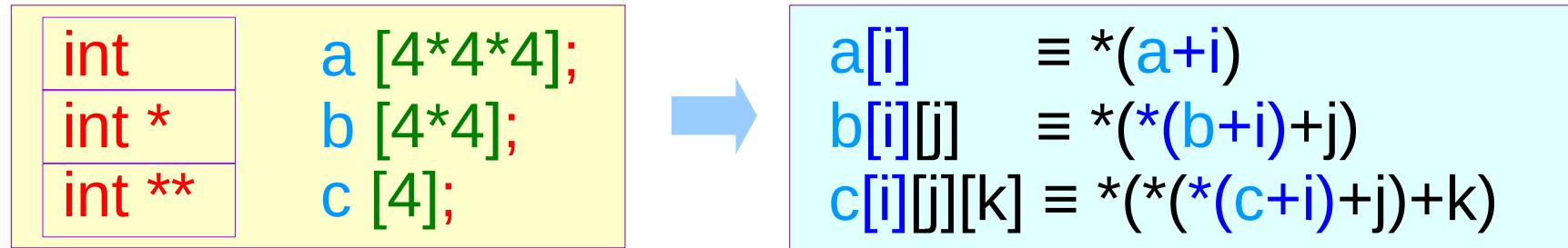
2-d access of a 1-d array

b[i][j]  $\equiv *(*(\text{b}+\text{i})+\text{j})$

a[i\*4+j]  $\equiv *(\text{a} + \text{i}*4+\text{j})$

1-d access of a 1-d array

# 3-d access of a 1-d array – using pointer arrays



# 3-d access of a 1-d array – pointer array assignment

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

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

```
for (i=0; i<4; ++i)  
    c[i] = &b[i*4];  
  
for (i=0; i<4*4; ++i)  
    b[i] = &a[i*4]
```



3-d access of a 1-d array

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

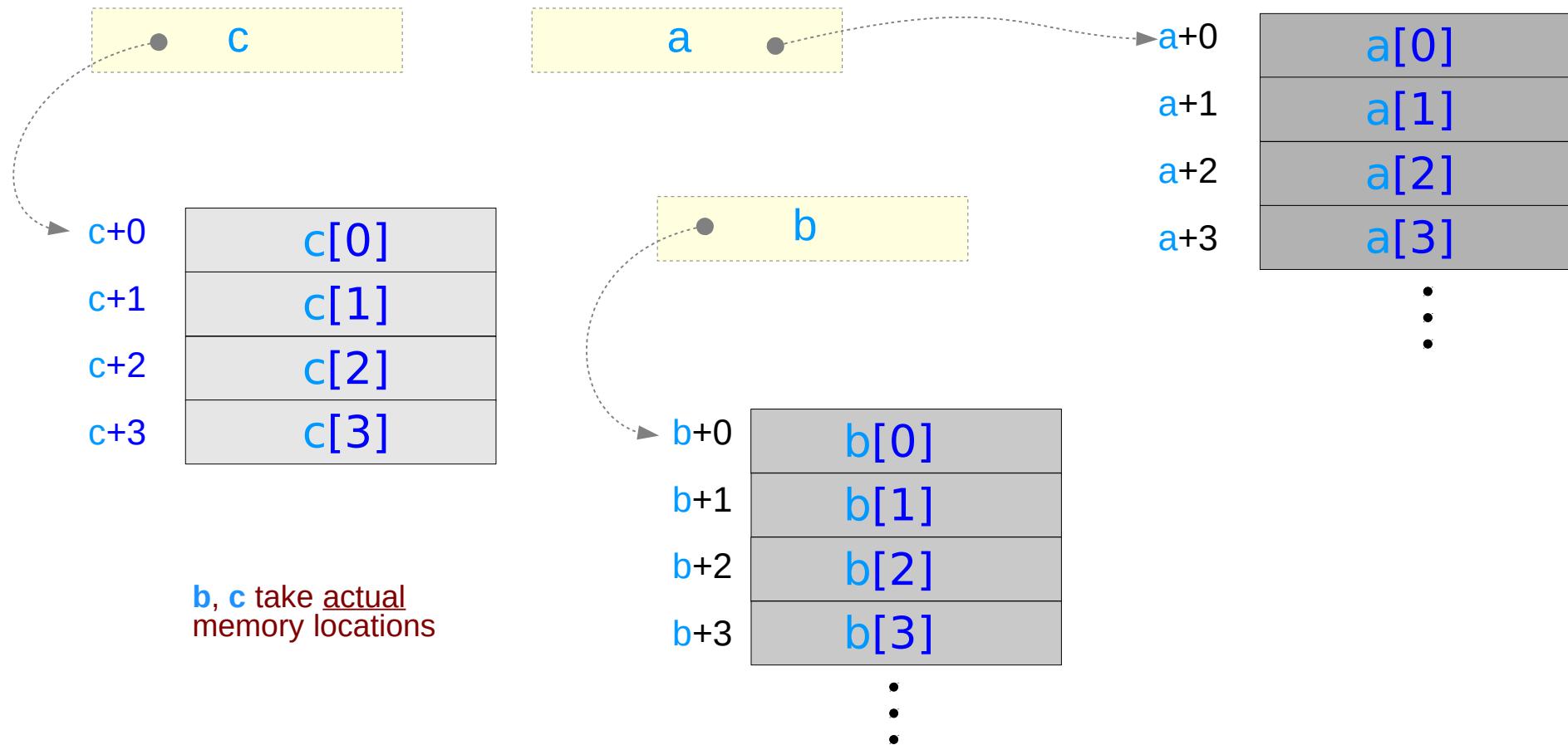
1-d access of a 1-d array

Initialization of pointer arrays **b** and **c**

# 3-d Array – using pointer arrays **b**, **c**

int **	c [4];
int *	b [4*4];

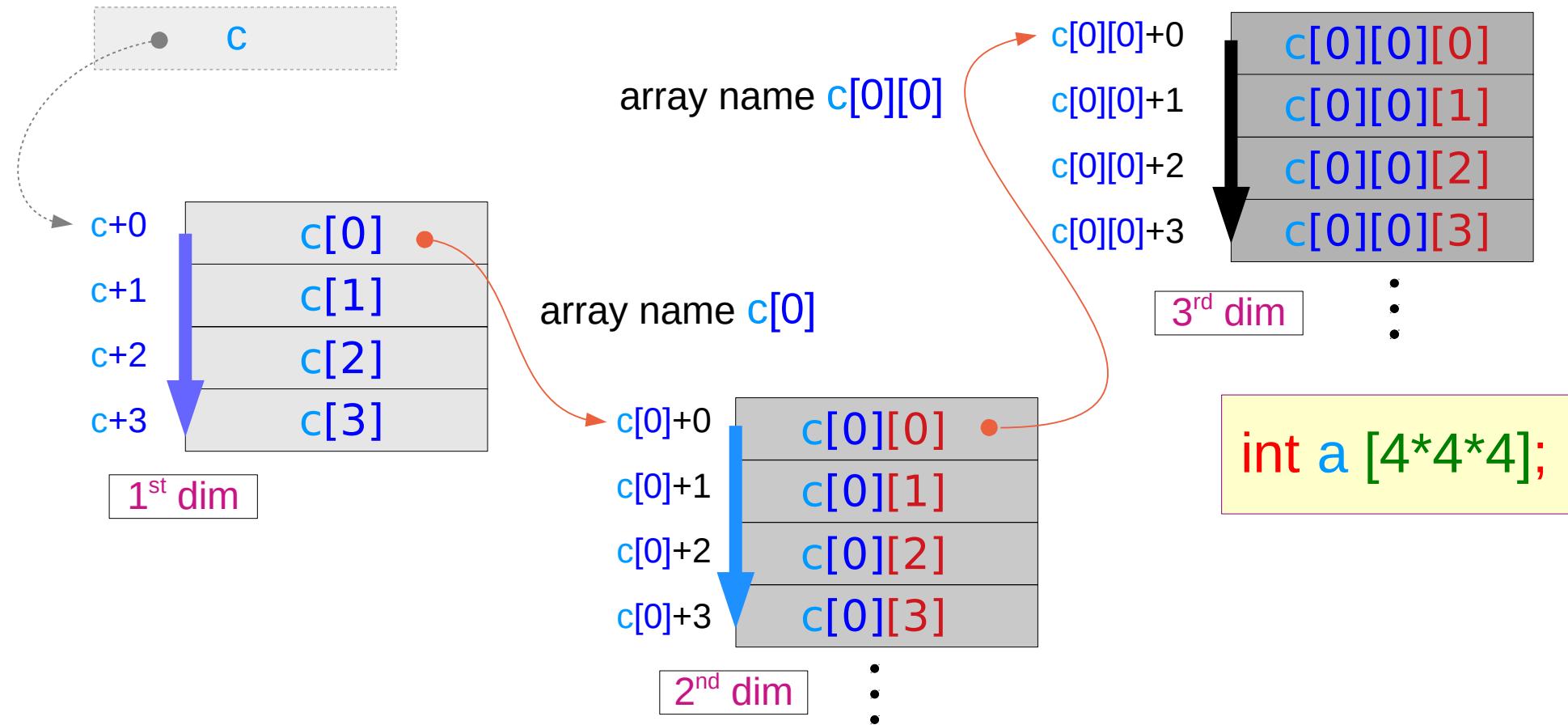
int	a [4*4*4];
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# 3-d Array – pointer arrays extend dimensions

int **	c [4];
int *	b [4*4];

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



# Using recursive pointers and brackets

$c[i][j][k]$	$\rightarrow$	$*(\textcolor{blue}{c[i][j]} + k)$	$X[k] = *(\textcolor{green}{X} + k)$
$*(\textcolor{blue}{c[i][j]} + k)$	$\rightarrow$	$*(*(\textcolor{blue}{c[i]} + j) + k)$	$Y[j] = *(\textcolor{green}{Y} + j)$
$*(*(\textcolor{blue}{c[i]} + j) + k)$	$\rightarrow$	$*(*(*(\textcolor{blue}{c} + i) + j) + k)$	$Z[i] = *(\textcolor{green}{Z} + i)$

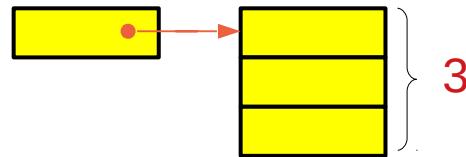
$$\textcolor{blue}{c[i][j][k]} \quad \leftrightarrow \quad *(*(*(\textcolor{blue}{c} + i) + j) + k)$$

# Initializing two 1-d pointer arrays **b**, **c**

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

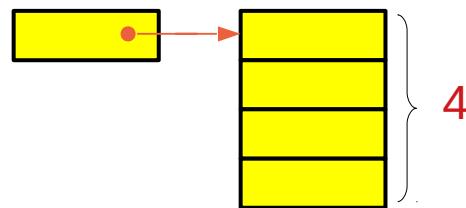
```
c[0] = &b[0*3];
c[1] = &b[1*3];
```

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



```
b[0] = &a[0*4];
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 b[2*3];
int a[2*3*4];
```



# Initialization of pointer arrays – a general case

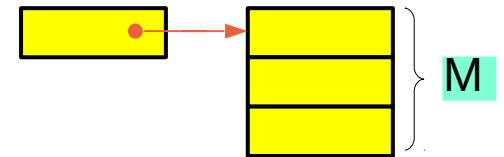
```
int      a [L*M*N];
```

```
int*    b [L*M];
int**   c [L];
```

pointer arrays b, c

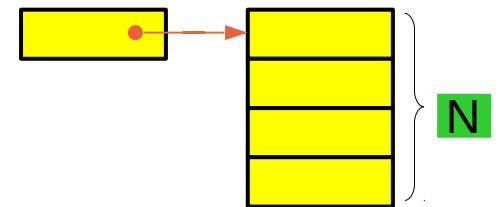
```
int **  c[L];
int *   b[L*M];
```

```
for (i=0; i<L; ++i)
    c[i] = &b[i*M];
```



```
int *   b[L*M];
int     a[L*M*N];
```

```
for (j=0; j<L*M; ++j)
    b[j] = &a[j*N];
```



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

# Accessing **a** as a 1-d array

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



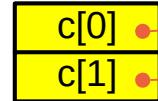
```
int    a [24];
```

b, c take actual  
memory locations

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

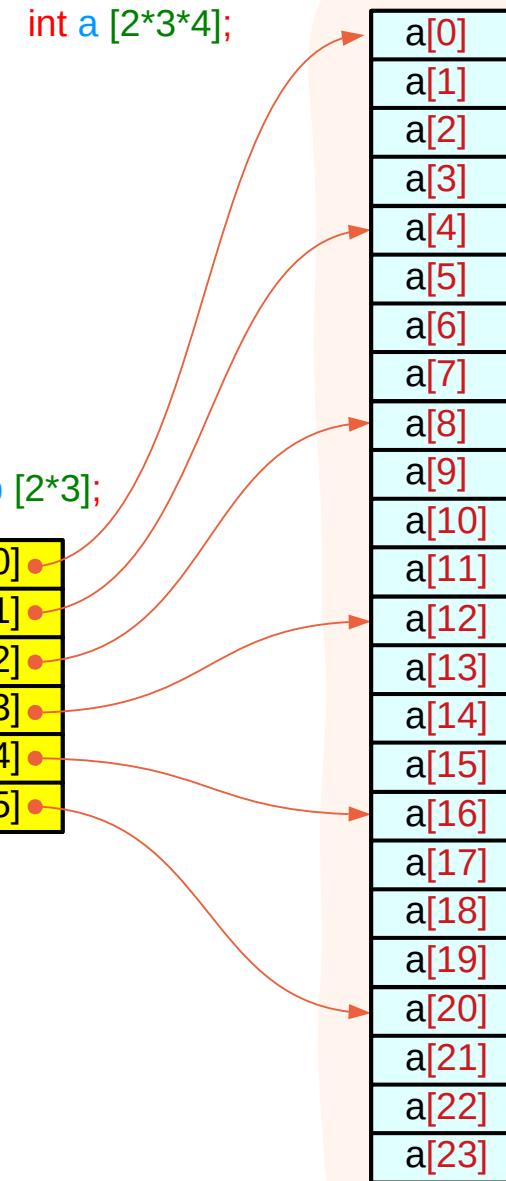
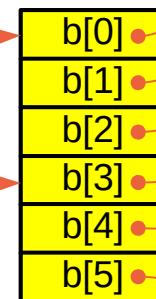
$c[i][j][k] \equiv *(*(*(c+i)+j)+k)$   
 $b[i][j] \equiv *(*b+i)+j)$   
 $a[i] \equiv *(a+i)$

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



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

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



# Accessing **a** as a 2-d array using **b**

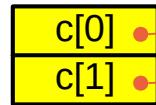
```
int a [2*3*4];  
int* b [2*3];  
int** c [2];
```



```
int b [6][4];
```

**b, c** take actual  
memory locations

int\*\* c [2];



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

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

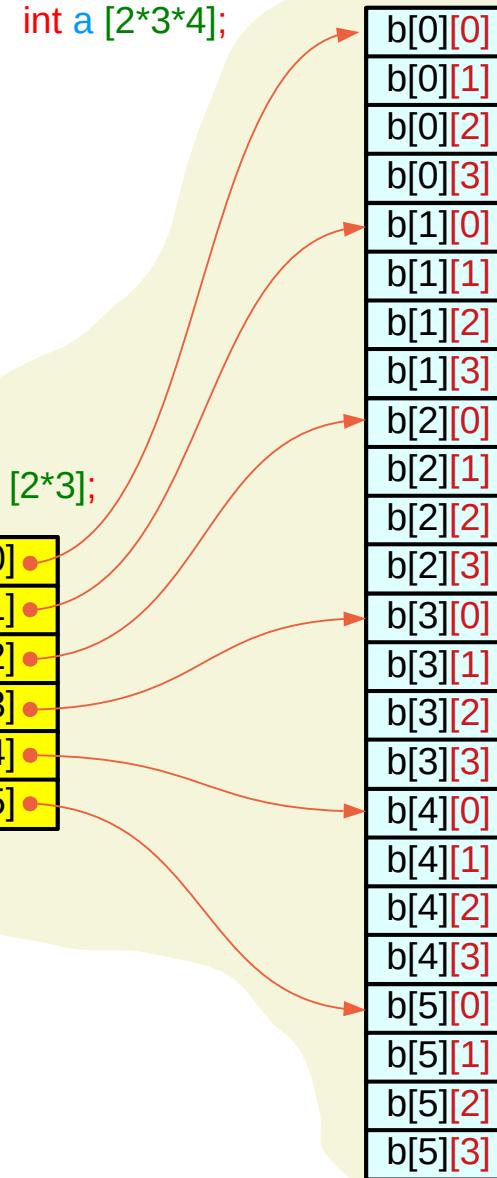
**a[i]**  $\equiv *(a+i)$

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

int b[2\*3][4] ;

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

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



$$24 = 2 \times 3 \times 4$$

# Accessing **a** as a 3-d array using **c**

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



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

b, c take actual memory locations

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

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

24=2\*3\*4

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

c[0] •
c[1] •

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

c[0][0]
c[0][1]
c[0][2]
c[1][0]
c[1][1]
c[1][2]

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

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

# Array names of 2-d and 1-d sub-arrays

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



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

c[0] array name of a 2-d array [M][N]  
c[1] array name of a 2-d array [M][N]

c[0][0][0] = a[0\*M\*N]  
c[1][0][0] = a[1\*M\*N]

starting elements  
&c[0][0][0] = c[0]  
&c[1][0][0] = c[1]

c[0][0] array name of a 1-d array [N]  
c[0][1] array name of a 1-d array [N]  
c[0][2] array name of a 1-d array [N]  
c[1][0] array name of a 1-d array [N]  
c[1][1] array name of a 1-d array [N]  
c[1][2] array name of a 1-d array [N]

c[0][0][0] = a[(0\*M+0)\*N]  
c[0][1][0] = a[(0\*M+1)\*N]  
c[0][2][0] = a[(0\*M+2)\*N]  
c[1][0][0] = a[(1\*M+0)\*N]  
c[1][1][0] = a[(1\*M+1)\*N]  
c[1][2][0] = a[(1\*M+2)\*N]

starting elements  
&c[0][0][0] = c[0][0]  
&c[0][1][0] = c[0][1]  
&c[0][2][0] = c[0][2]  
&c[1][0][0] = c[1][0]  
&c[1][1][0] = c[1][1]  
&c[1][2][0] = c[1][2]

# Starting element Index

```
int    a [L*M*N];  
int*   b [L*M];  
int**  c [L];
```



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

L=2	i=0 i=1	i*3*4 = 0 i*3*4 = 12
M=3	j=0 j=1 j=2	j*4 = 0 j*4 = 4 j*4 = 8
N=4	k=0 k=1 k=2 k=3	k*1= 0 k*1= 1 k*1= 2 k*1= 3

c[0][0][0] = a[0]	0
c[1][0][0] = a[12]	12
c[0][0][0] = a[0]	0 +0
c[0][1][0] = a[4]	0 +4
c[0][2][0] = a[8]	0 +8
c[1][0][0] = a[12]	12+0
c[1][1][0] = a[16]	12+4
c[1][2][0] = a[20]	12+8

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

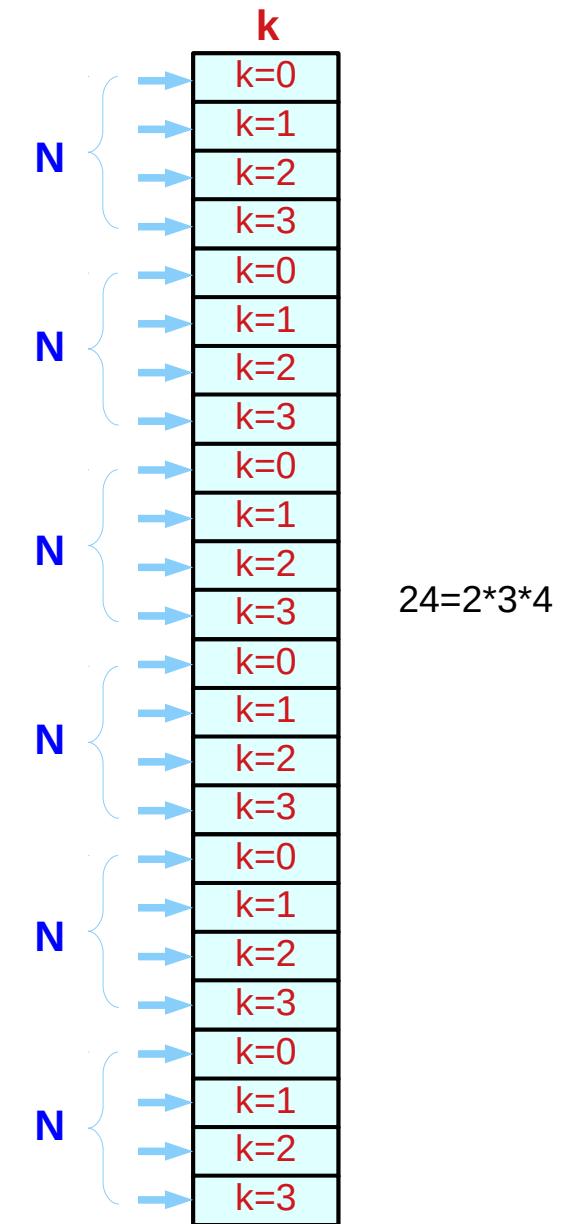
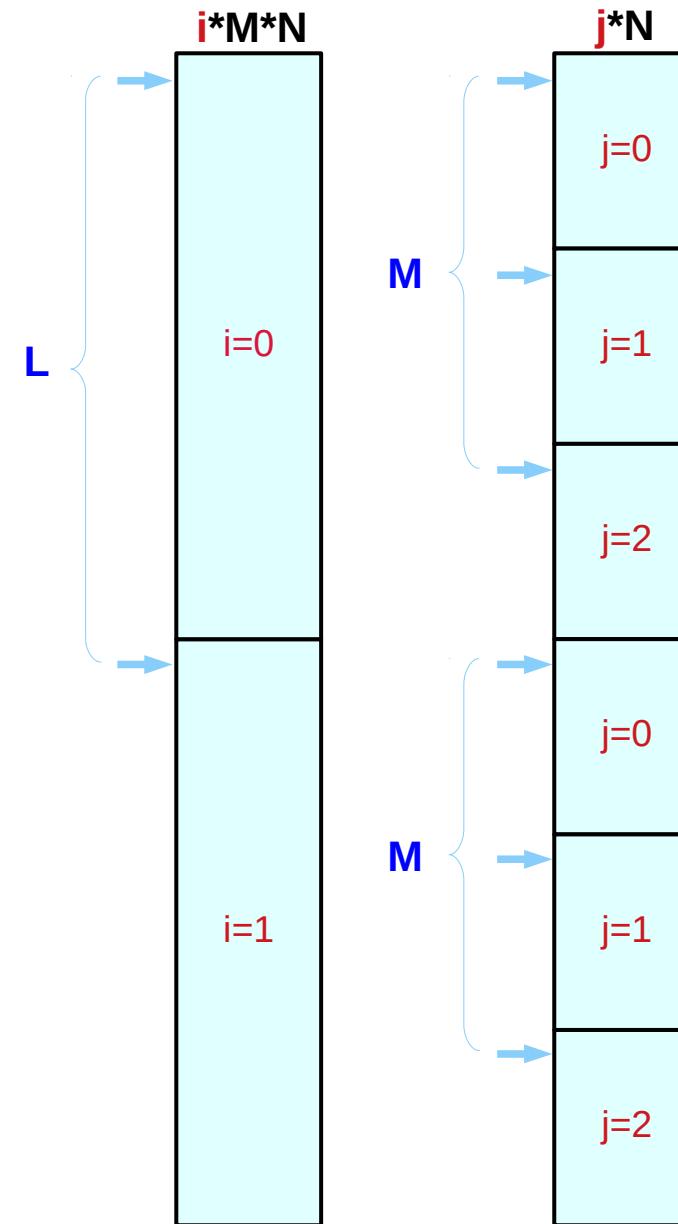
# L, M, N – the number of index values

```
int    a [L*M*N];  
int*   b [L*M];  
int**  c [L];
```



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

L	M	N
i	j	k
[0..L-1]	[0..M-1]	[0..N-1]



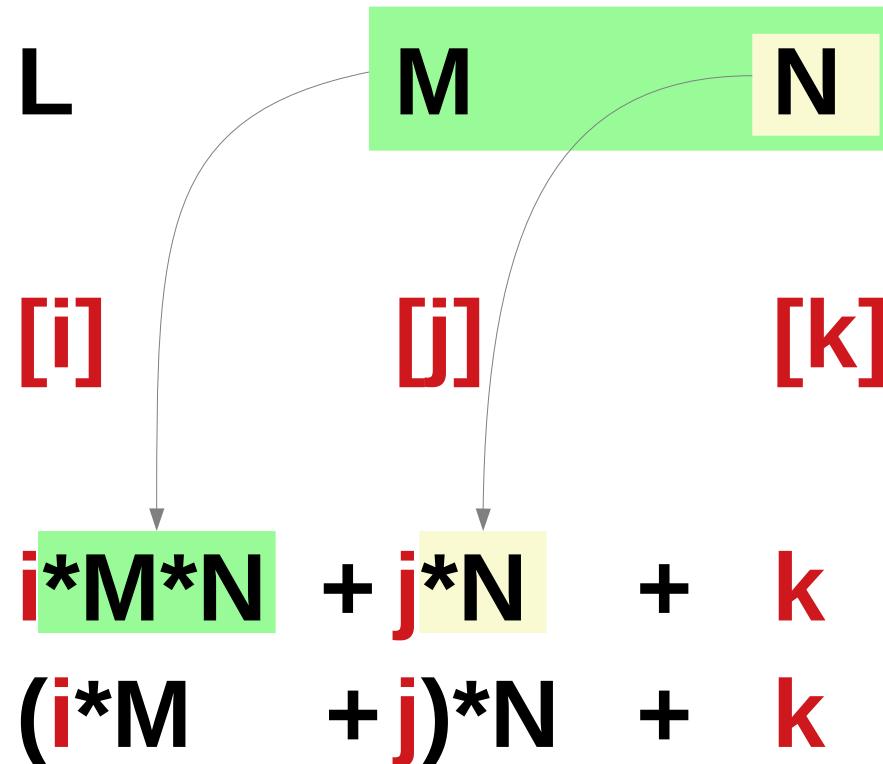
# Converting a 3-d index into a 1-d index

```
int    a [L*M*N];  
int*   b [L*M];  
int**  c [L];
```



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

L	M	N
i	j	k
[0..L-1]	[0..M-1]	[0..N-1]
$i*M*N$	$j*N$	k



# 3-d and 1-d accesses (recursive pointers vs. brackets)

```
c[i] = &b[i*M];  
b[j] = &a[j*N];
```



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

```
int ** c[L];  
int * b[L*M];
```

```
for (i=0; i<L; ++i)  
    c[i] = &b[i*M];
```

```
int * b[L*M];  
int a[L*M*N];
```

```
for (j=0; j<L*M; ++j)  
    b[j] = &a[j*N];
```

c[i][j][k]

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

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

$$= *(*(&\mathbf{b[i]*M}+j)+k)$$

$$= *(\mathbf{b[i]*M+j}+k)$$

$$= *(&\mathbf{a[(i*M+j)*N]}+k)$$

$$= \mathbf{a[(i*M+j)*N+k]}$$

c[i] = &b[i\*M]

\*(\*(\mathbf{b+i\*M+j})+k)

b[m] = &a[m\*N]

\*(\mathbf{a+(i\*M+j)\*N+k})

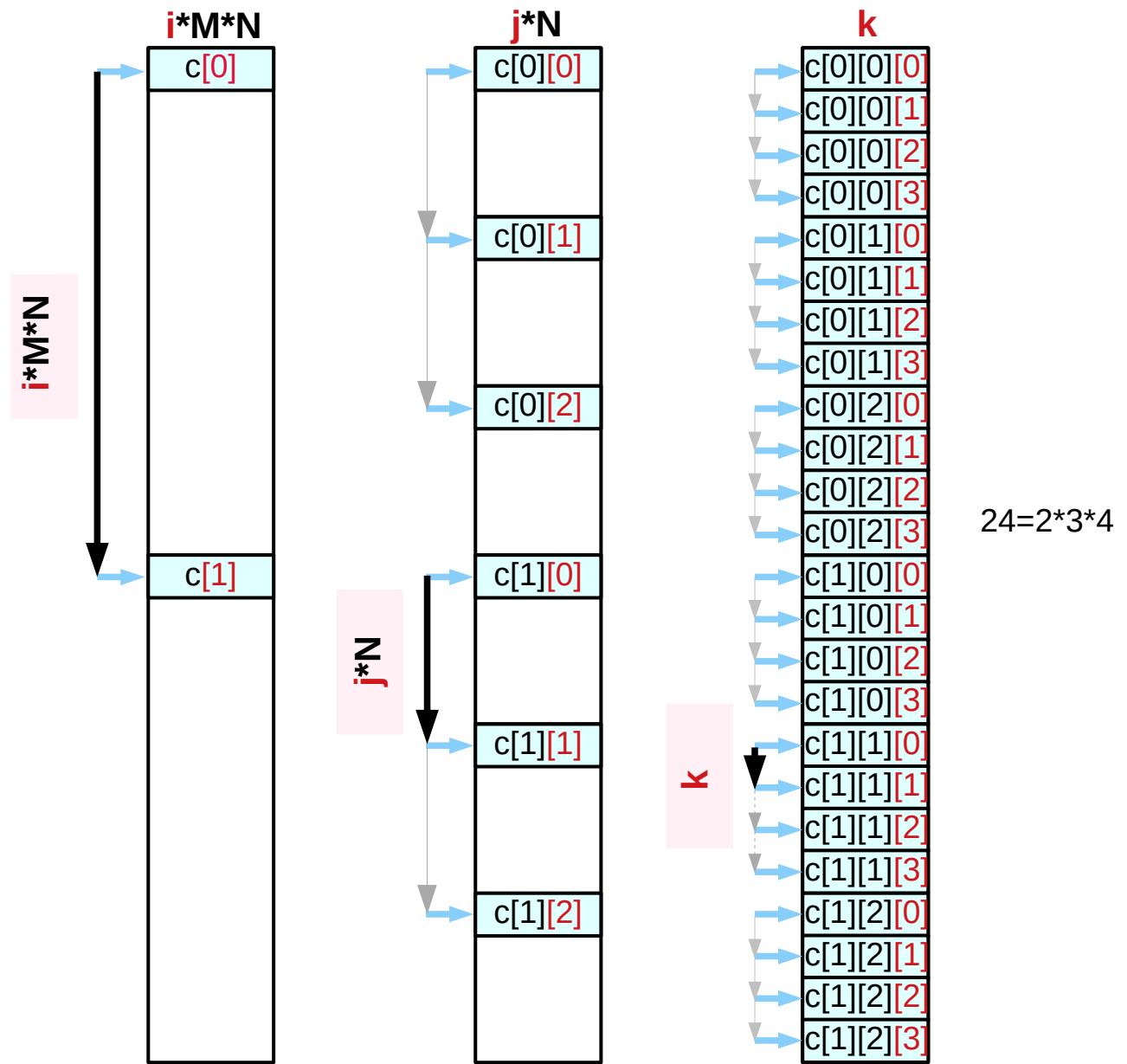
# $i^*M^*N$ , $j^*N$ , $k$ – index offset values

```
int    a [L*M*N];
int*   b [L*M];
int**  c [L];
```



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

L	M	N
i	j	k
[0..L-1]	[0..M-1]	[0..N-1]
$i^*M^*N$	$j^*N$	$k$



# Accessing **a** by base and offset indices

```
int    a [L*M*N];  
int*   b [L*M];  
int**  c [L];
```



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

L	M	N
i [0..L-1]	j [0..M-1]	k [0..N-1]
i*M*N	j*N	k

Base Index = 0

Offset Index 1

i\*M\*N

Offset Index 2

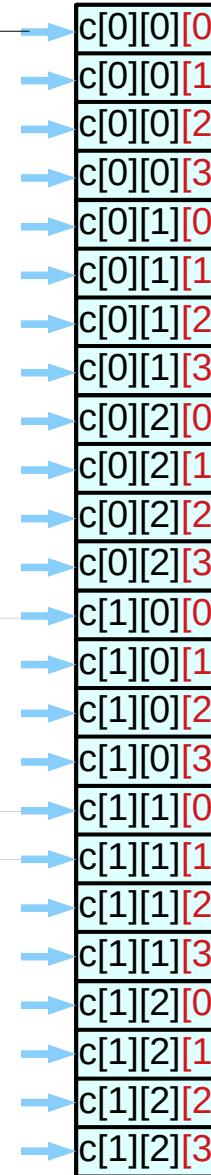
j\*N

Offset Index 3

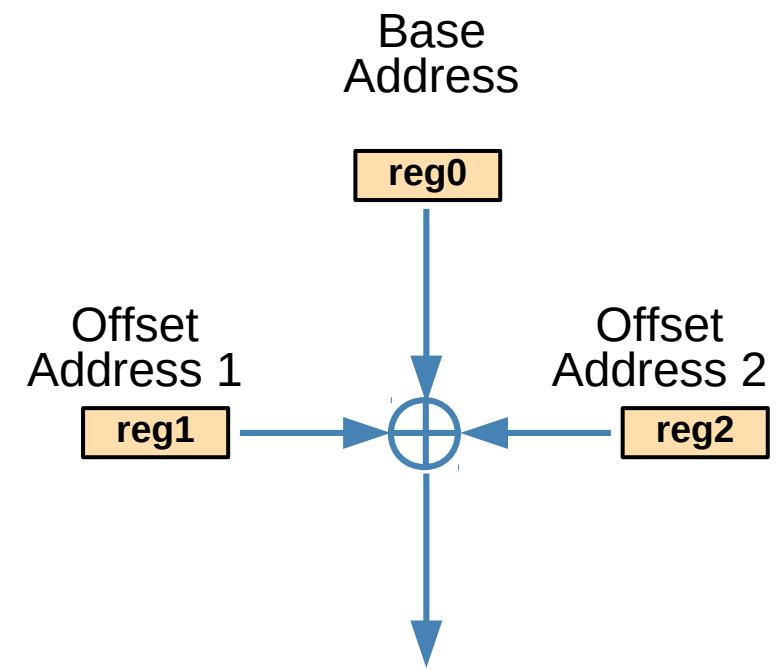
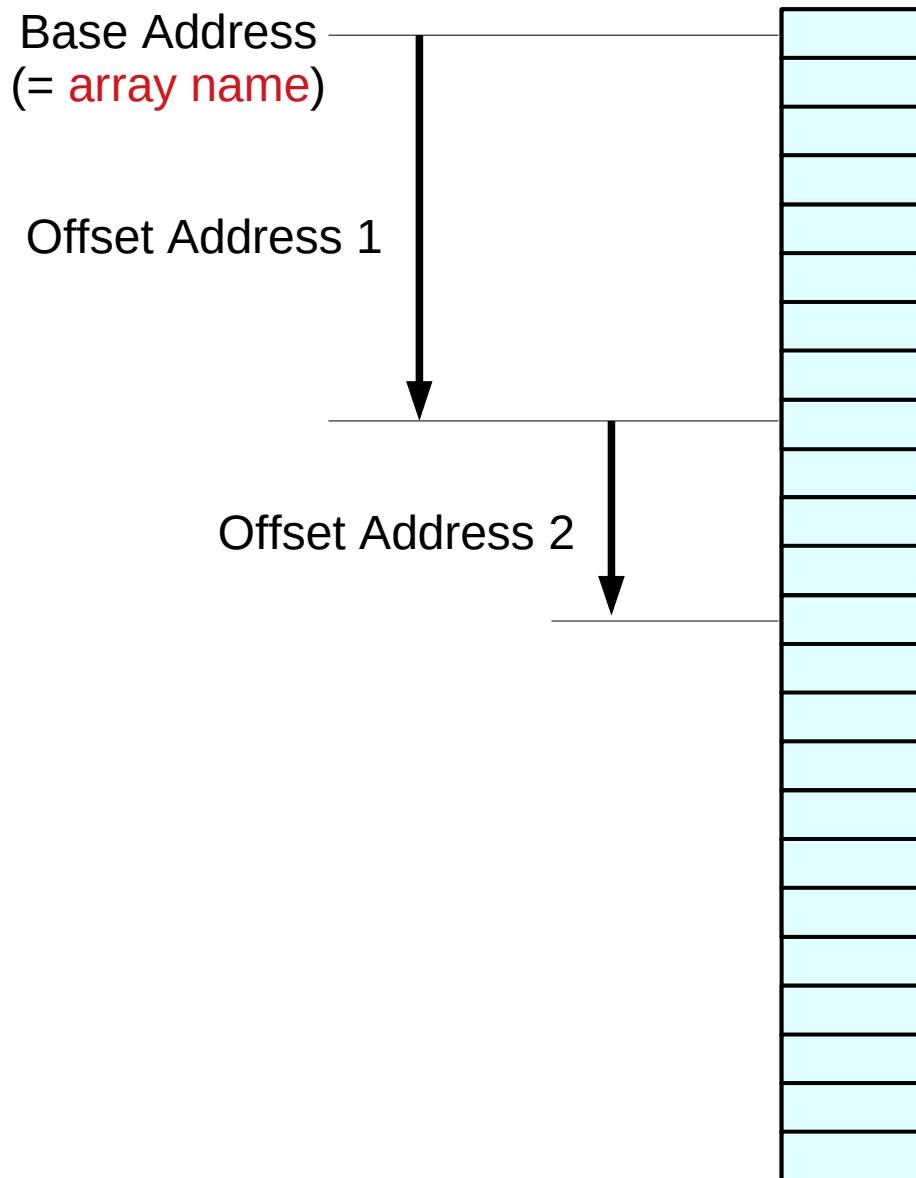
k

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

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



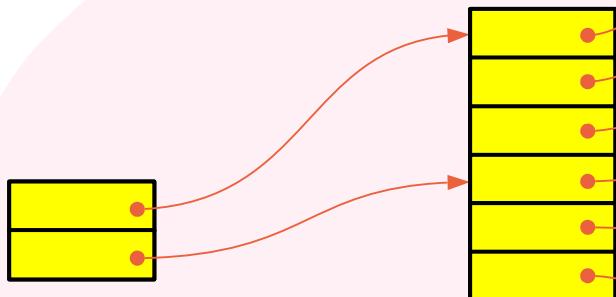
# Base and Offset Addressing



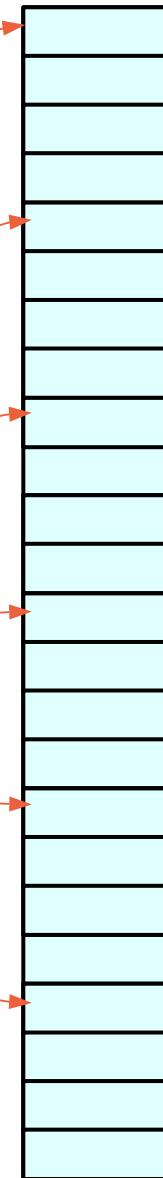
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CPU registers

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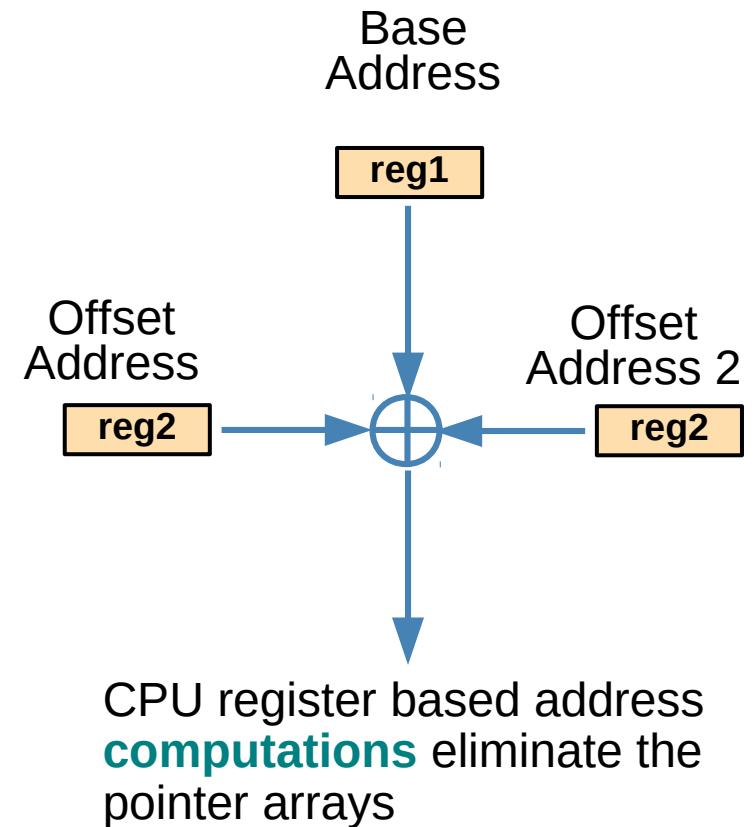
explicit memory locations  
for pointer arrays



**Pointer Array Approach**  
**(array of pointers)**



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



# Pointer to an array – variable declarations

```
int m ;  
int *n ;
```

an integer pointer

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

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

an array pointer

```
int func (int a, int b);  
int (*fp) (int a, int b);
```

a function pointer

# Pointer to an array – a type view

**int**

4 byte data

**int \***

an integer pointer

array pointer:  
a pointer to an array

pointer array:  
an array of pointers

**int [4]**

4\*4 byte data

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

an array pointer

**int (int, int)**

instructions

**int (\*) (int, int)**

a function pointer

# Pointer to an array : assignment and equivalence

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

```
a  
|||  
(*p)
```

&a  
&(\*p)

```
&a  
↓  
p
```

1-d array pointer

```
int a[4];  
int (*q);
```

```
a  
|||  
q
```

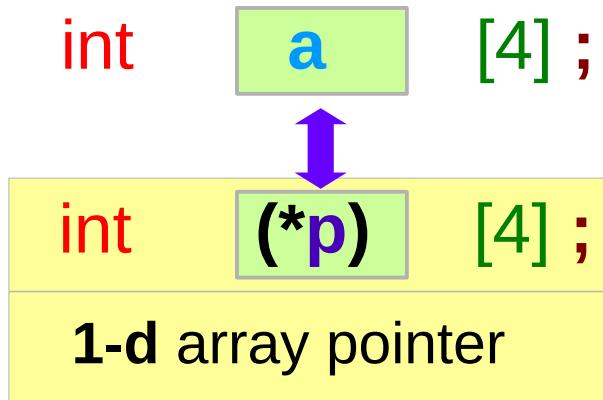
&a  
&(\*q)

```
&a[0]  
↓  
q
```

a  
↓  
q

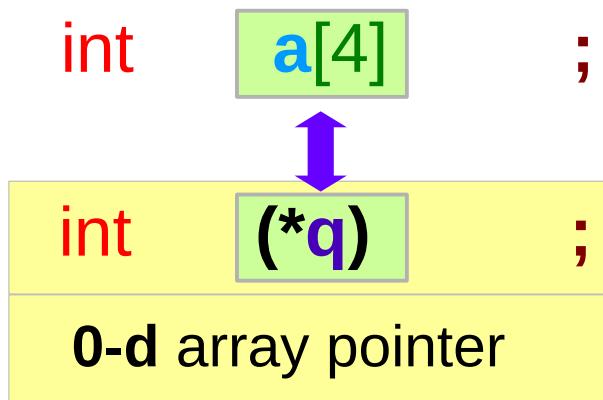
0-d array pointer (= int pointer)

# Pointer to an array : size of array



`p = &a;`

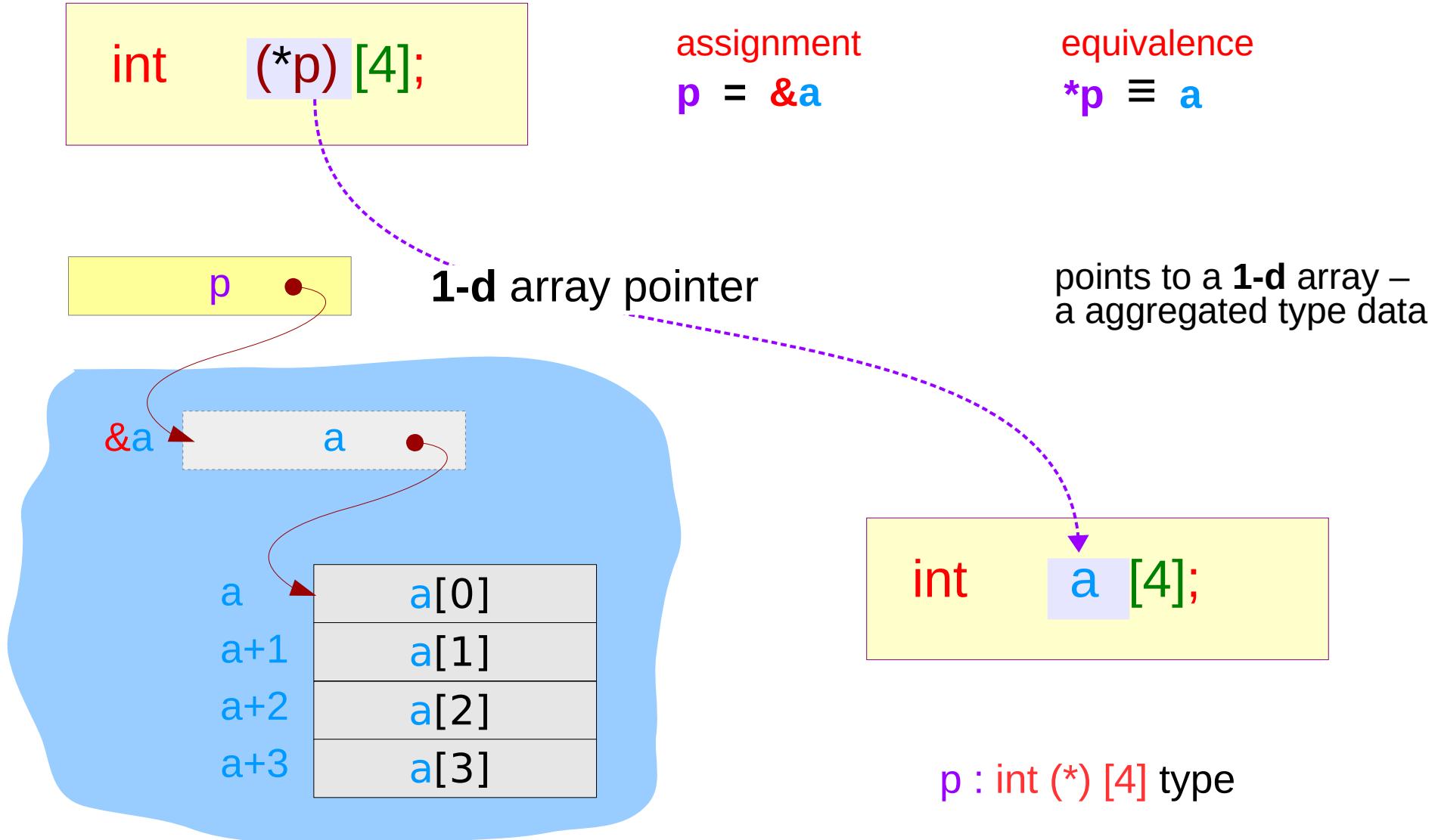
`sizeof(p)= 8 bytes` : the size of a pointer  
`sizeof(*p)= 4*4 bytes` : the whole size of  
the pointed 1-d array



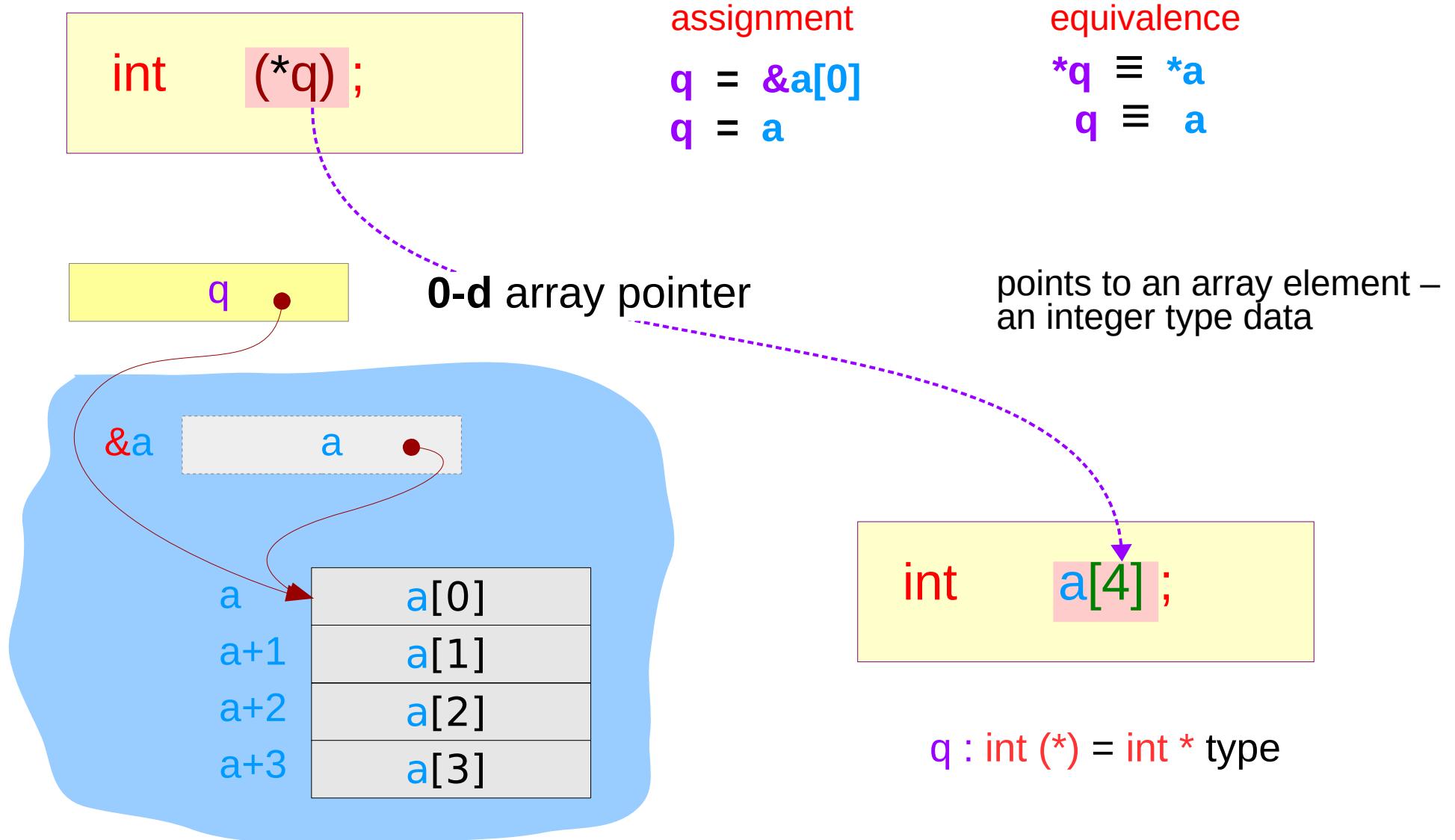
`q = a;`

`sizeof(q)= 8 bytes` : the size of a pointer  
`sizeof(*q)= 4 bytes` : the whole size of  
the pointed 0-d array

# Pointer to an array – a variable view (1)



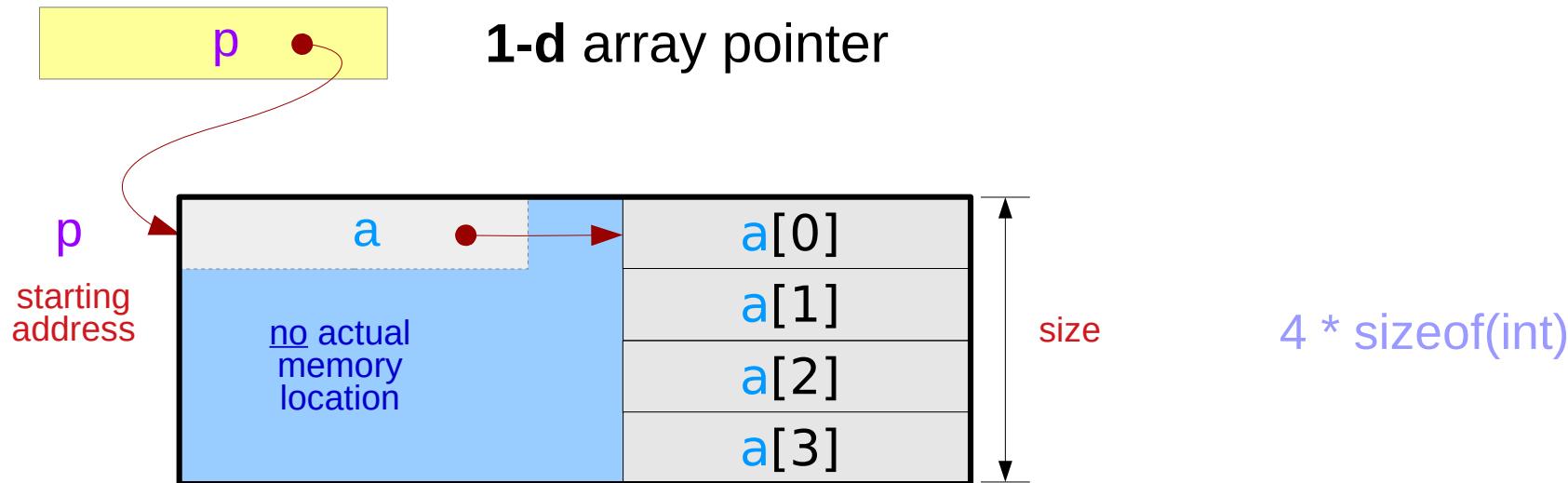
# Pointer to an array – a variable view (2)



# Pointer to an array – an aggregated type view

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

An aggregated type  
- starting address (`&a`)  
- size of all the array elements (16 bytes)



# Incrementing an array pointer

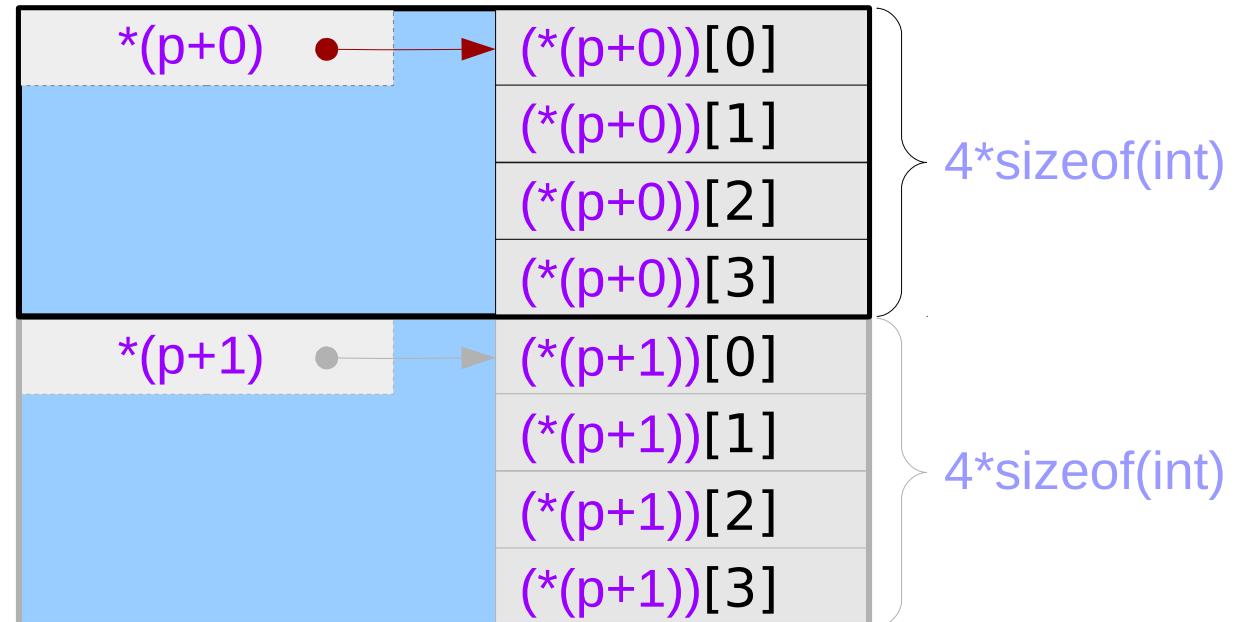
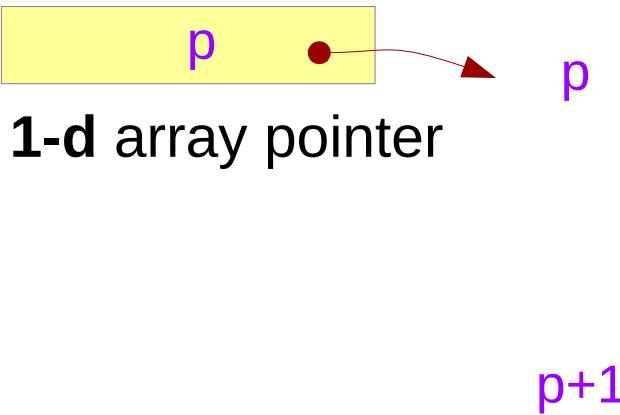
```
int (*p) [4];
```

## Aggregated Type Size

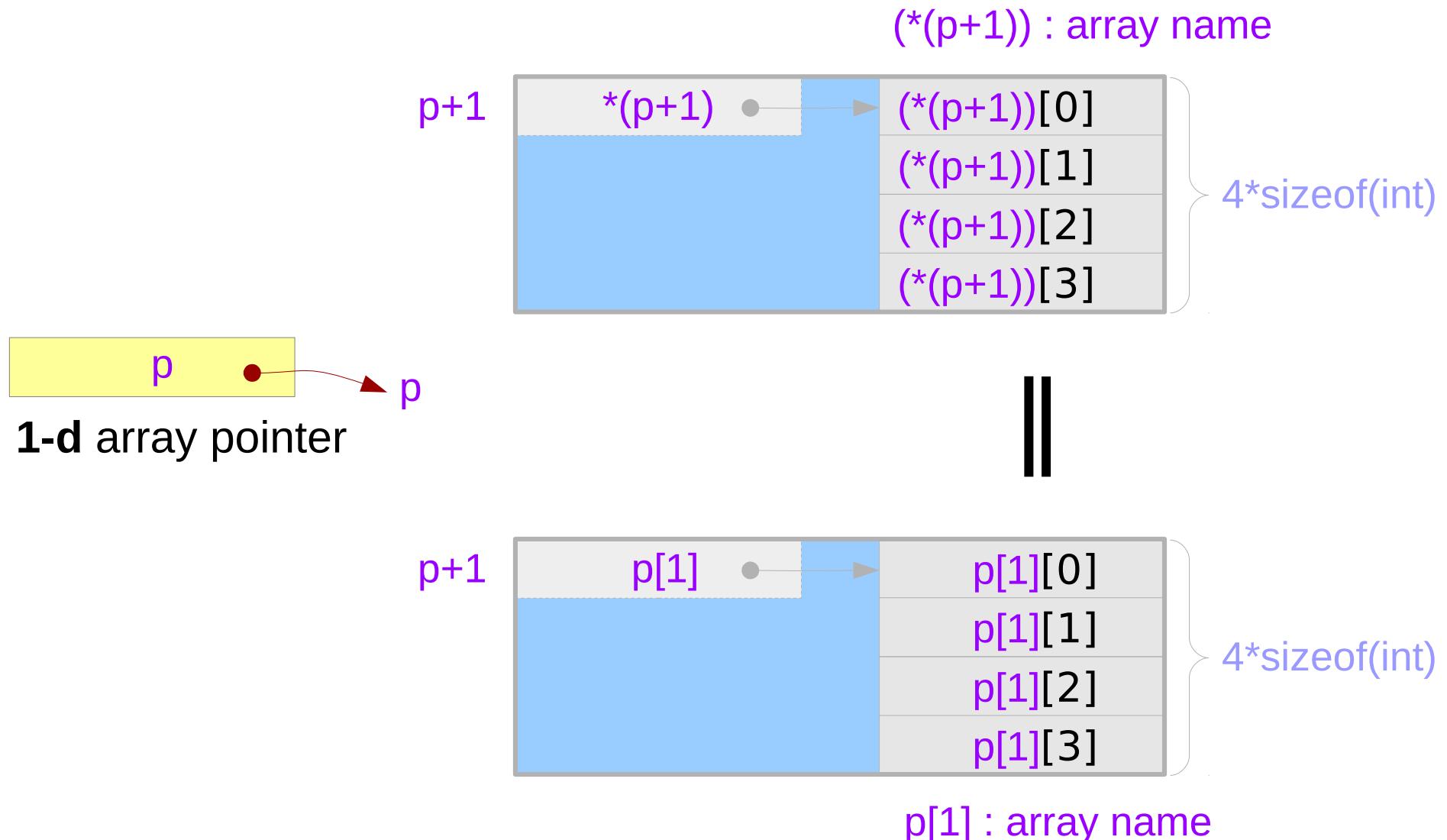
address  $p+1$  – address  $p$

$$= (\text{long}) (p+1) - (\text{long}) (p)$$

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



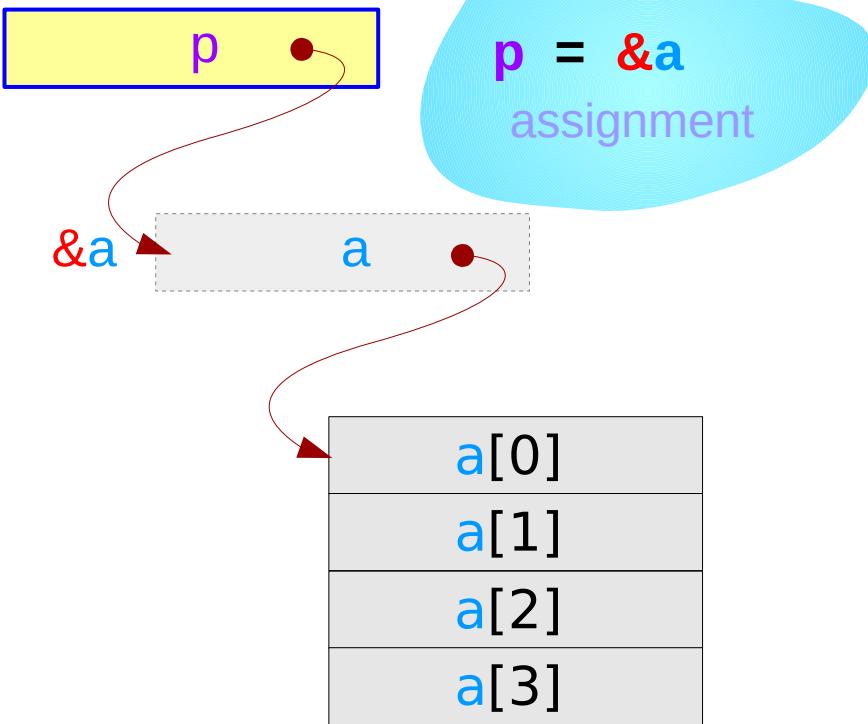
# Incrementing an array pointer – extending a dimension



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

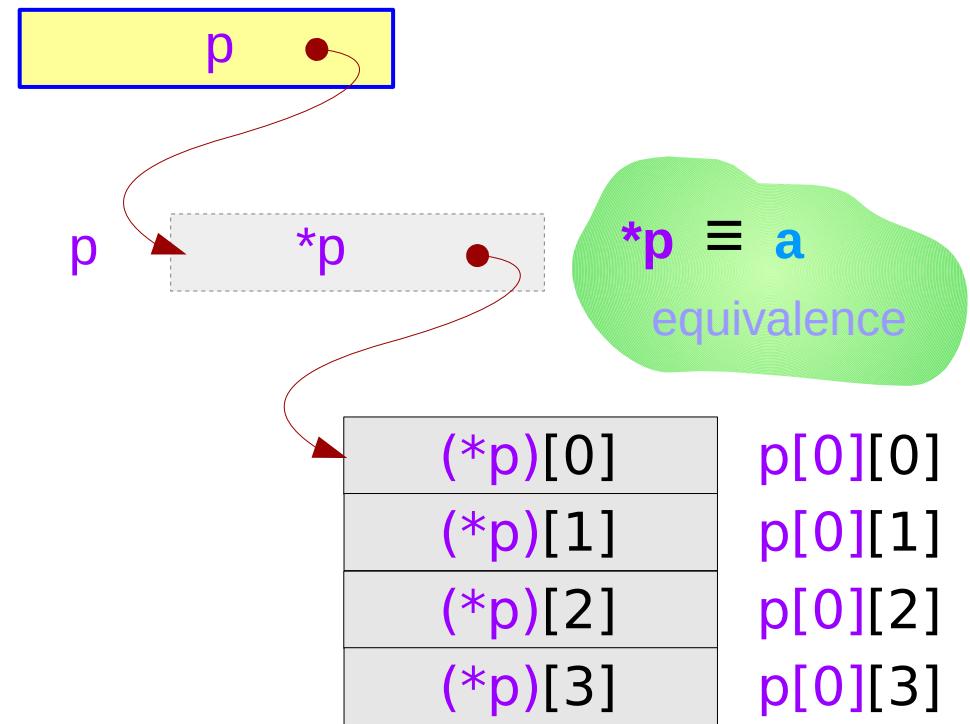
```
int      a [4];
```

1-d array pointer



```
int (*p) [4] = &a;
```

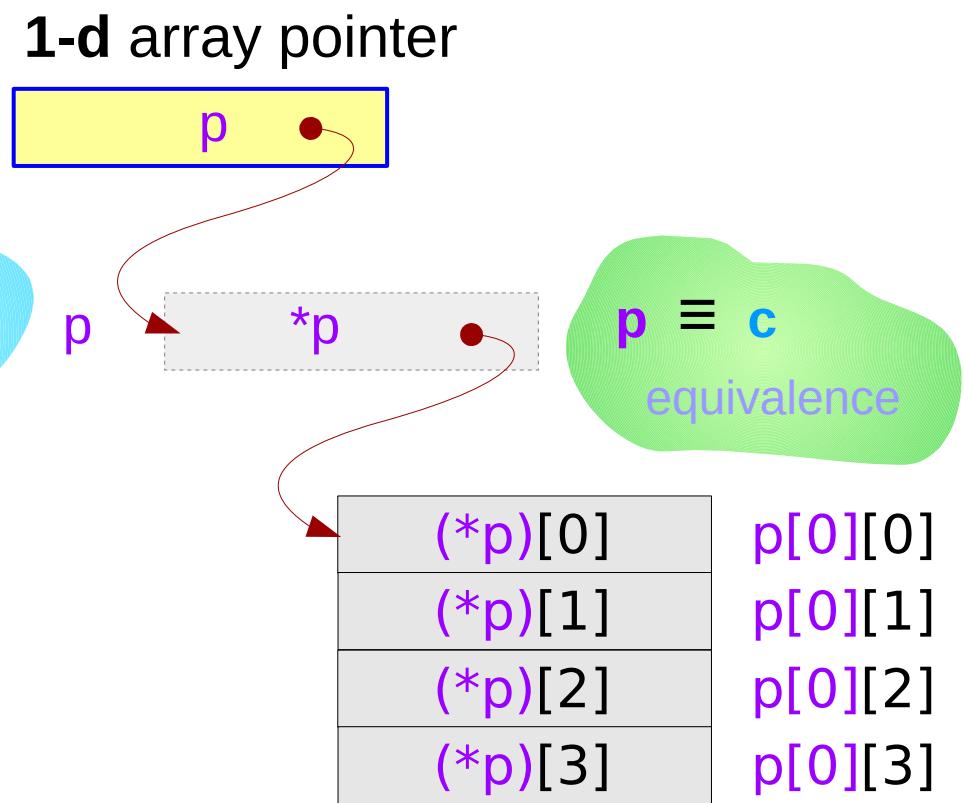
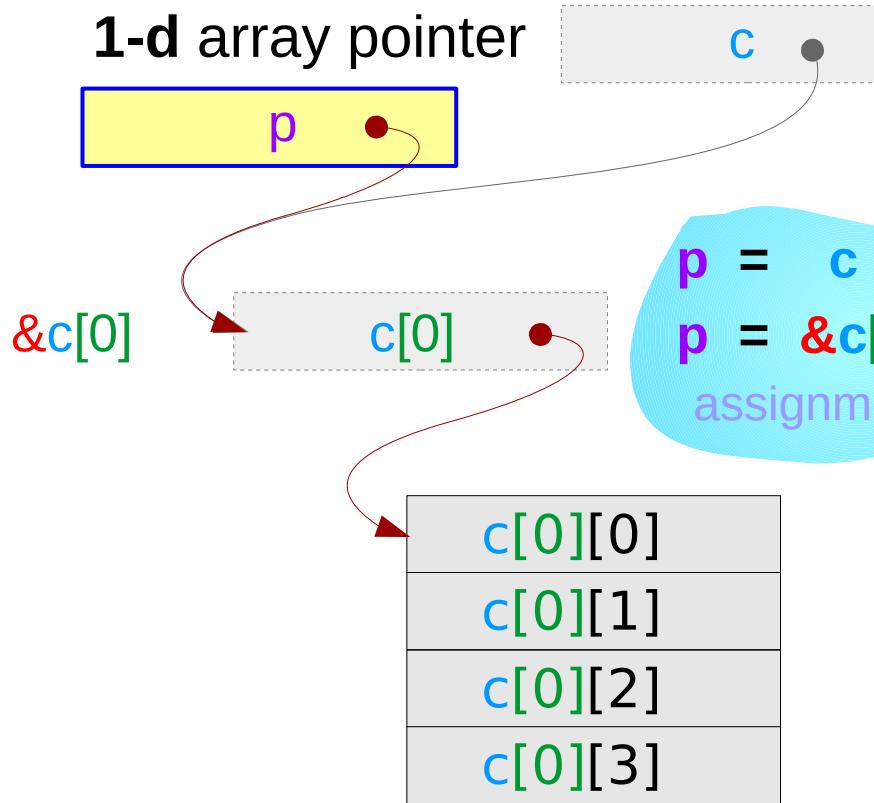
1-d array pointer



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

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

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



# A 1-d array pointer and a 1-d array – a type view

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

```
int (*p) [4] = &a;
```

1-d array pointer

```
(int (*)[4])p •
```

```
(int [4]) a •
```

```
(int *)
```

(int)	a[0]
(int)	
(int)	
(int)	

1-d array pointer

```
(int (*)[4])p •
```

```
(int [4]) *p •
```

(int)	(*p)[0]
(int)	
(int)	
(int)	

p[0][0]

# A 1-d array pointer and a 2-d array – a type view

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

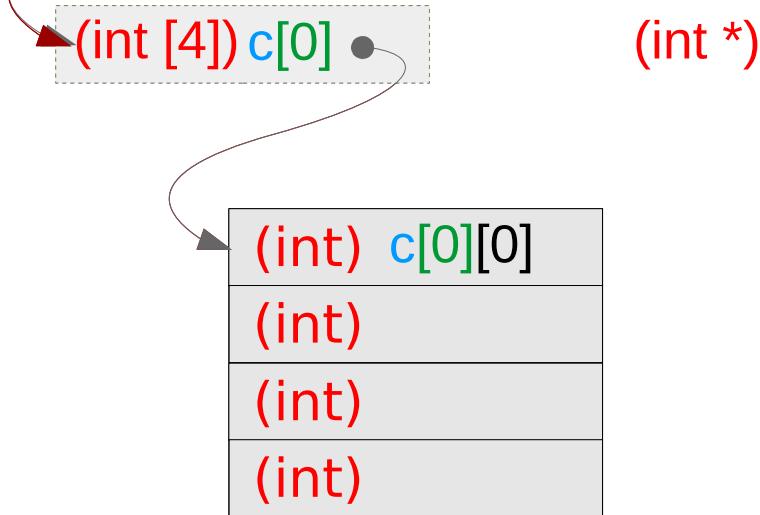
```
int (*p) [4] = &c[0];
```

1-d array pointer

```
(int (*)[4]) p •
```

```
(int (*)[4]) c •
```

(int \*)



1-d array pointer

```
(int (*)[4]) p •
```

```
(int [4]) *p •
```

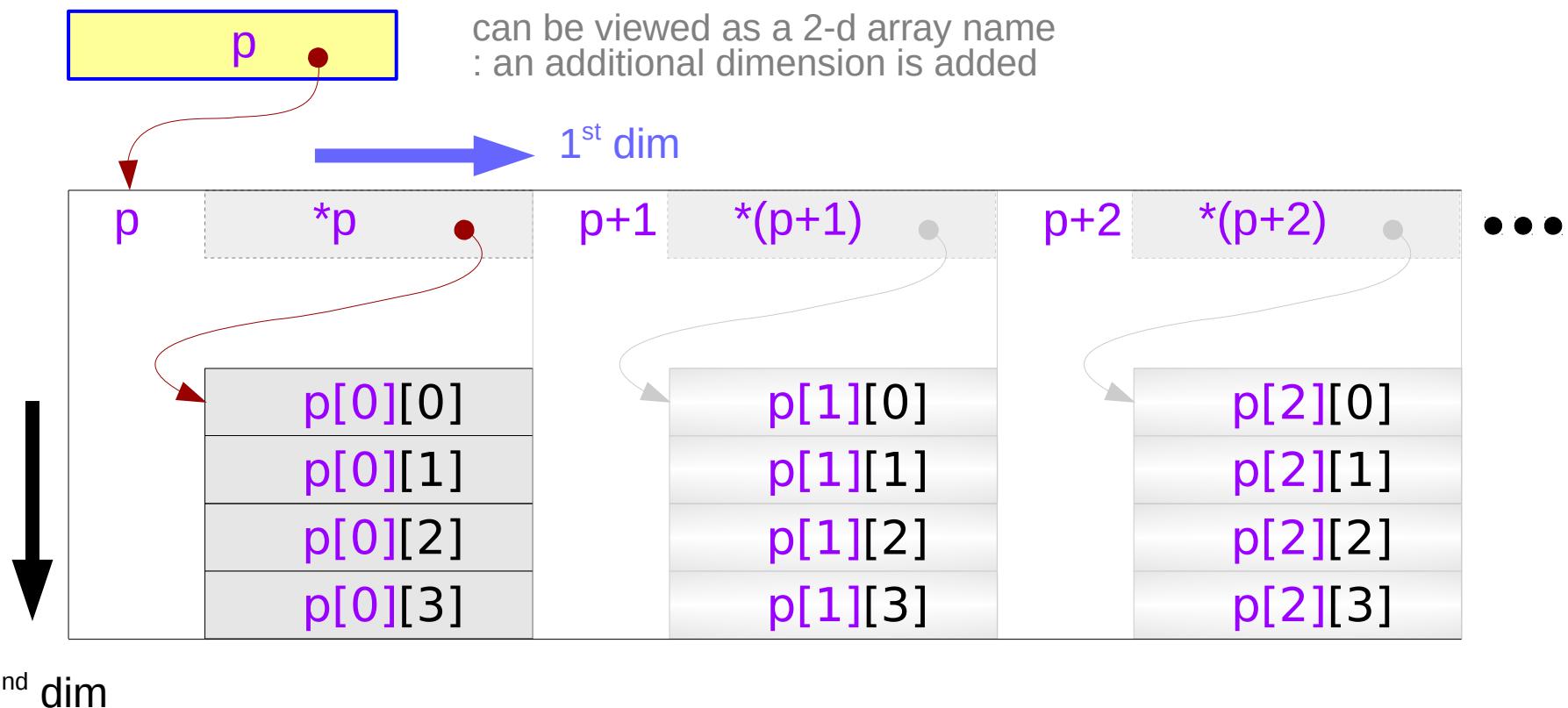
p[0][0]

(int) p[0][0]	p[0][0]
(int)	
(int)	
(int)	

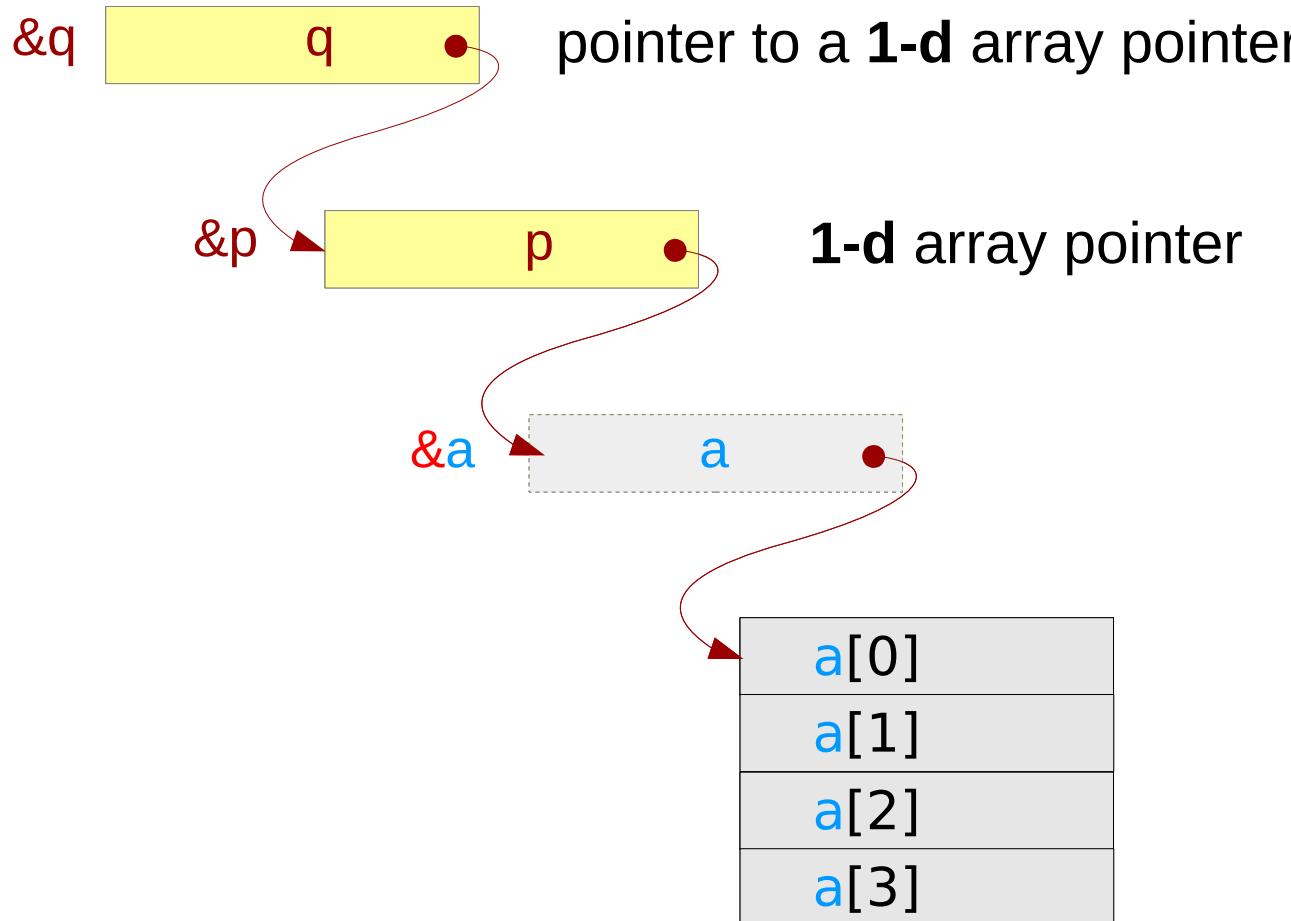
# A 1-d array pointer – extending a dimension

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

## 1-d array pointer

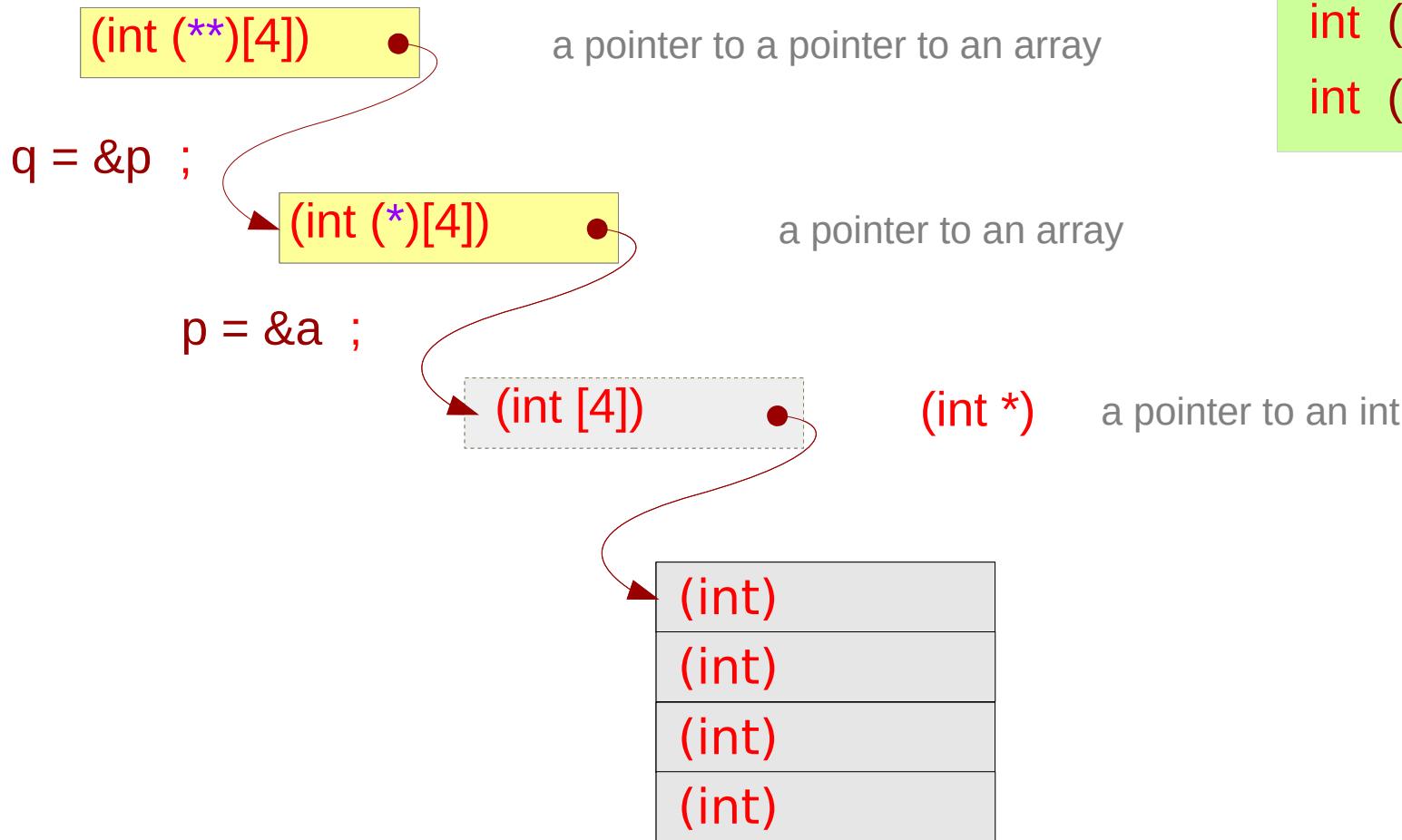


# Double pointer to a 1-d array – a variable view



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

# Double pointer to a 1-d array – a type view



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

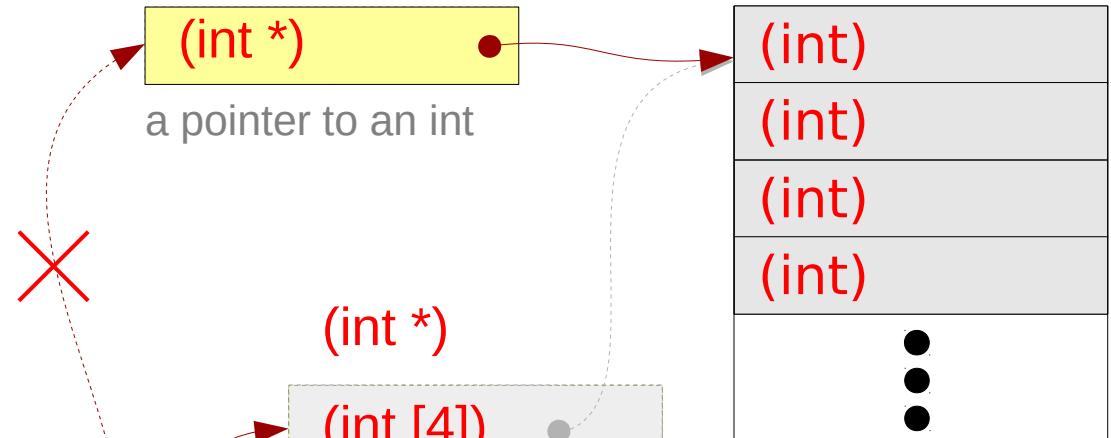
# Pointer to Multi-dimensional Arrays

# Integer pointer type

`(int (*)[4])` type can point  
only to `int [4]` type  
– an int array name

a pointer to an array

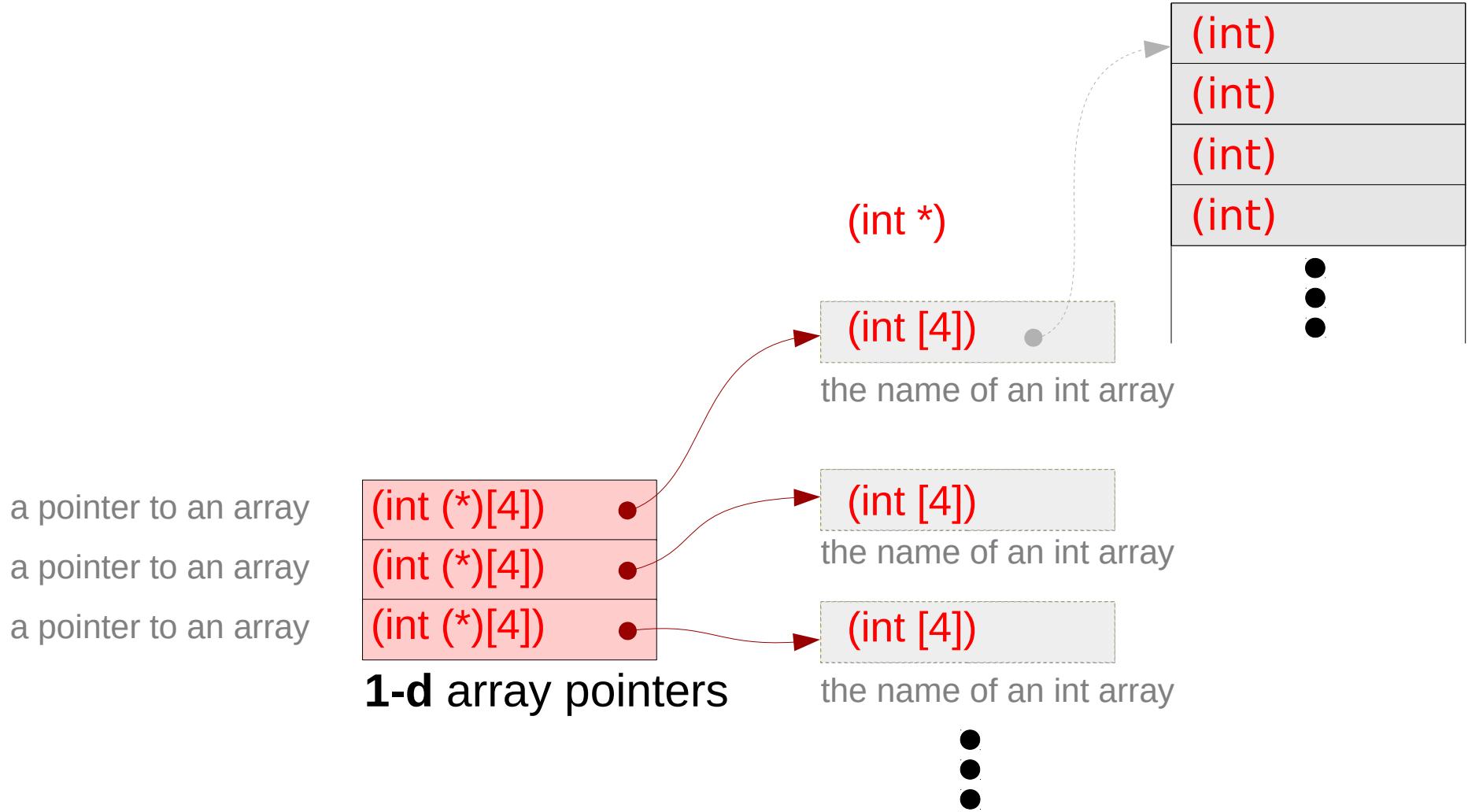
`(int (*[4]))`  
**1-d array pointer**



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

equivalent in the sense that  
each of these types points  
to an int type data

# Series of array pointers – a type view



# Series of array pointers – a variable view

```
int a[4]; int (*p1)[4]; int (*r);  
int b[4]; int (*p2)[4];  
int c[4]; int (*p3)[4];
```

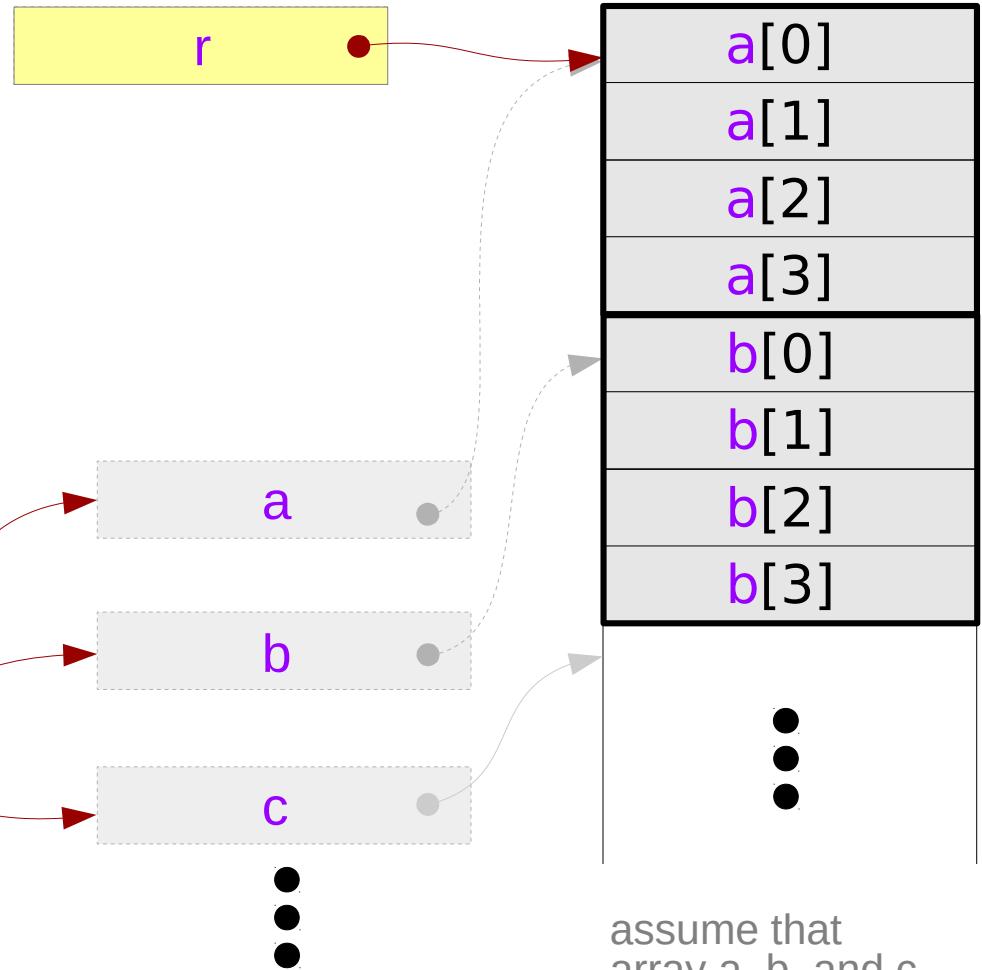
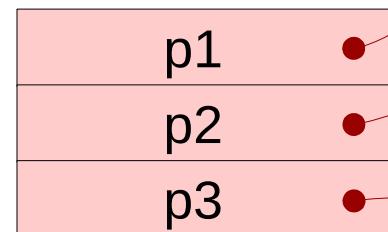
assignment

```
p1 = &a  
p2 = &b  
p3 = &c
```

equivalence

```
(*p1) ≡ p1[0] ≡ a  
(*p2) ≡ p2[0] ≡ b  
(*p3) ≡ p3[0] ≡ c
```

a pointer to an array  
a pointer to an array  
a pointer to an array



assume that  
array a, b, and c  
are contiguous  
in the memory

# Pointer array – a variable view

```
int *q[3];
```

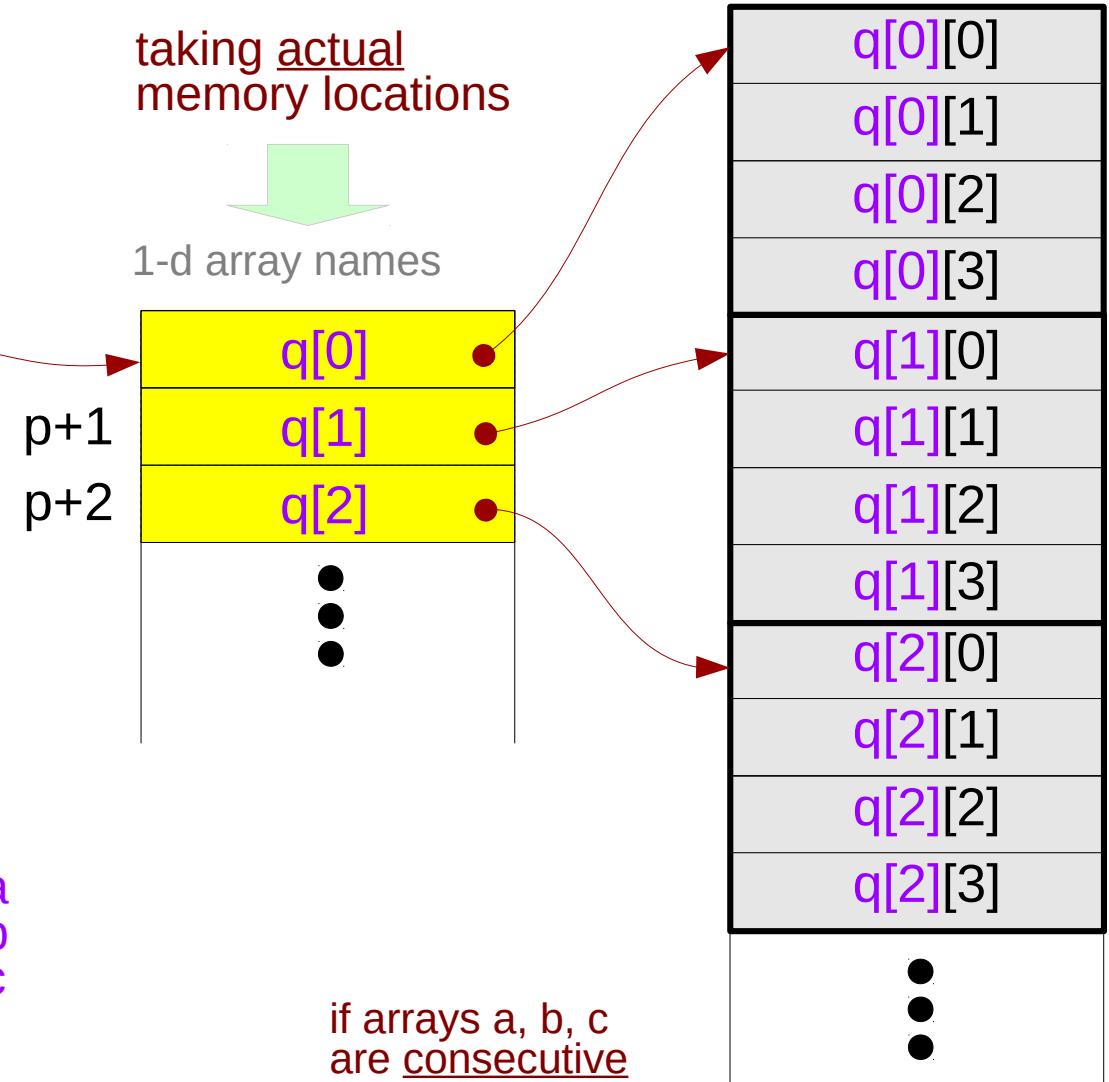
an array of pointers

assignment

```
q[0] = a  
q[1] = b  
q[2] = c
```

equivalence

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



# Array pointer to consecutive 1-d arrays

`int (*p)[4];`

a pointer to an array



**1-d array pointer**

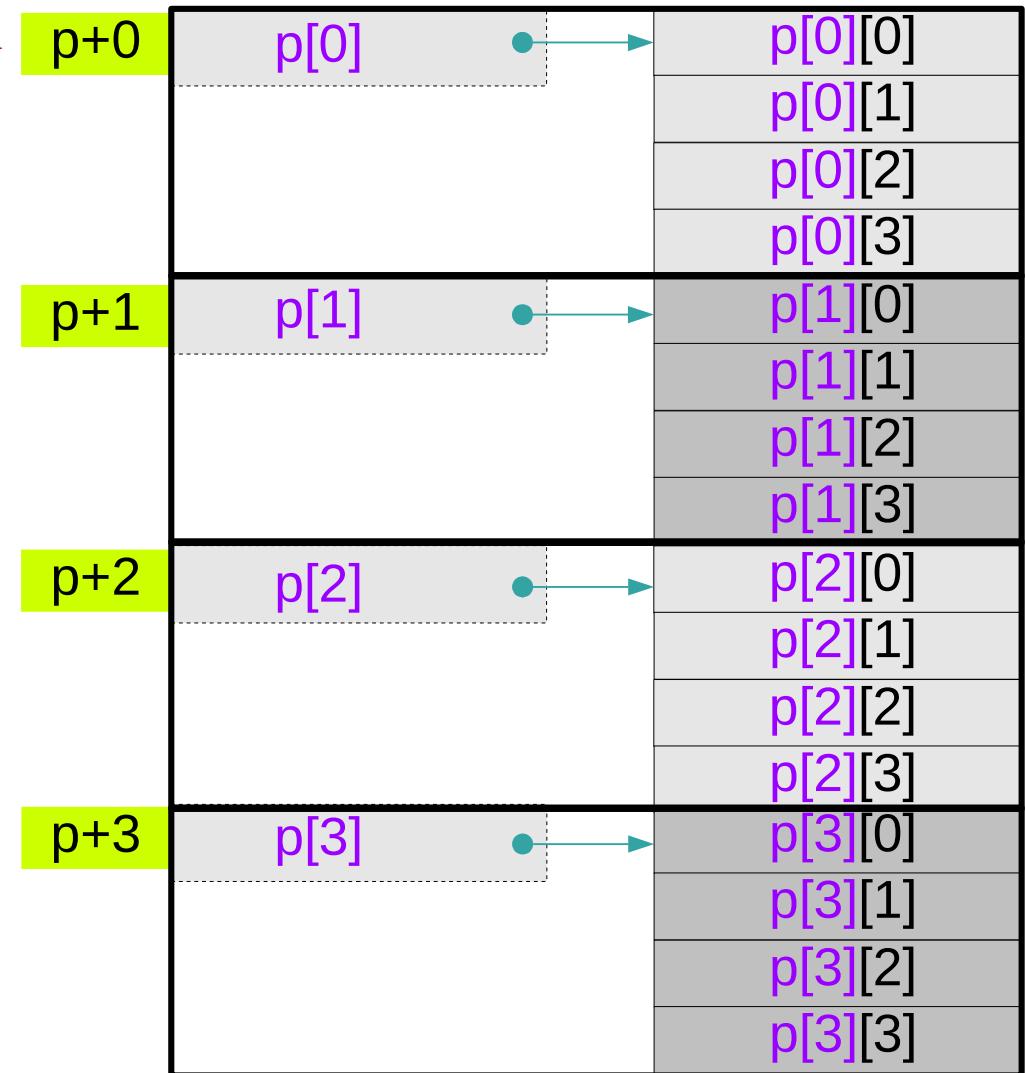
assignment

`p = &a`

equivalence

$*(\text{p}+0) \equiv \text{p}[0] \equiv \text{a}$   
 $*(\text{p}+1) \equiv \text{p}[1] \equiv \text{b}$   
 $*(\text{p}+2) \equiv \text{p}[2] \equiv \text{c}$   
 $*(\text{p}+3) \equiv \text{p}[3] \equiv \text{d}$

if arrays a, b, c, d  
are consecutive



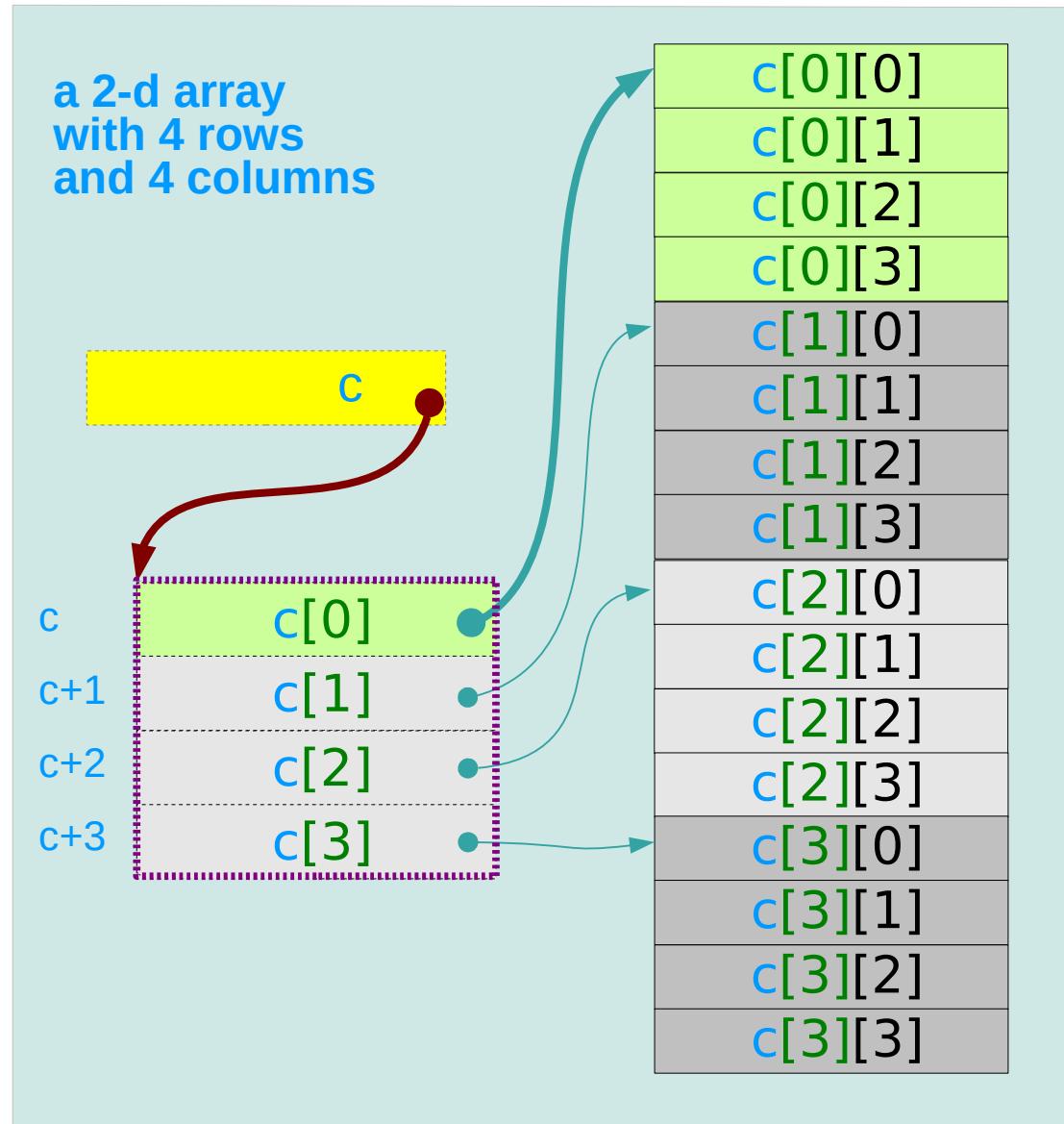
# A 2-d array and its sub-arrays – a variable view

the array name **c** of a 2-d array  
as a 1-d array pointer which  
points to its 1<sup>st</sup> 1-d sub-array

**c** is the 1-d array pointer  
**c[i]**'s are the 1-d sub-array name

<b>c[0]</b>	the 1 <sup>st</sup>	1-d sub-array name
<b>c[1]</b>	the 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1-d sub-array name
<b>c[2]</b>	the 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1-d sub-array name
<b>c[3]</b>	the 4 <sup>th</sup>	1-d sub-array name

Compilers can make **c[i]**'s require  
no actual memory locations



# A 2-d array and its sub-arrays – a type view

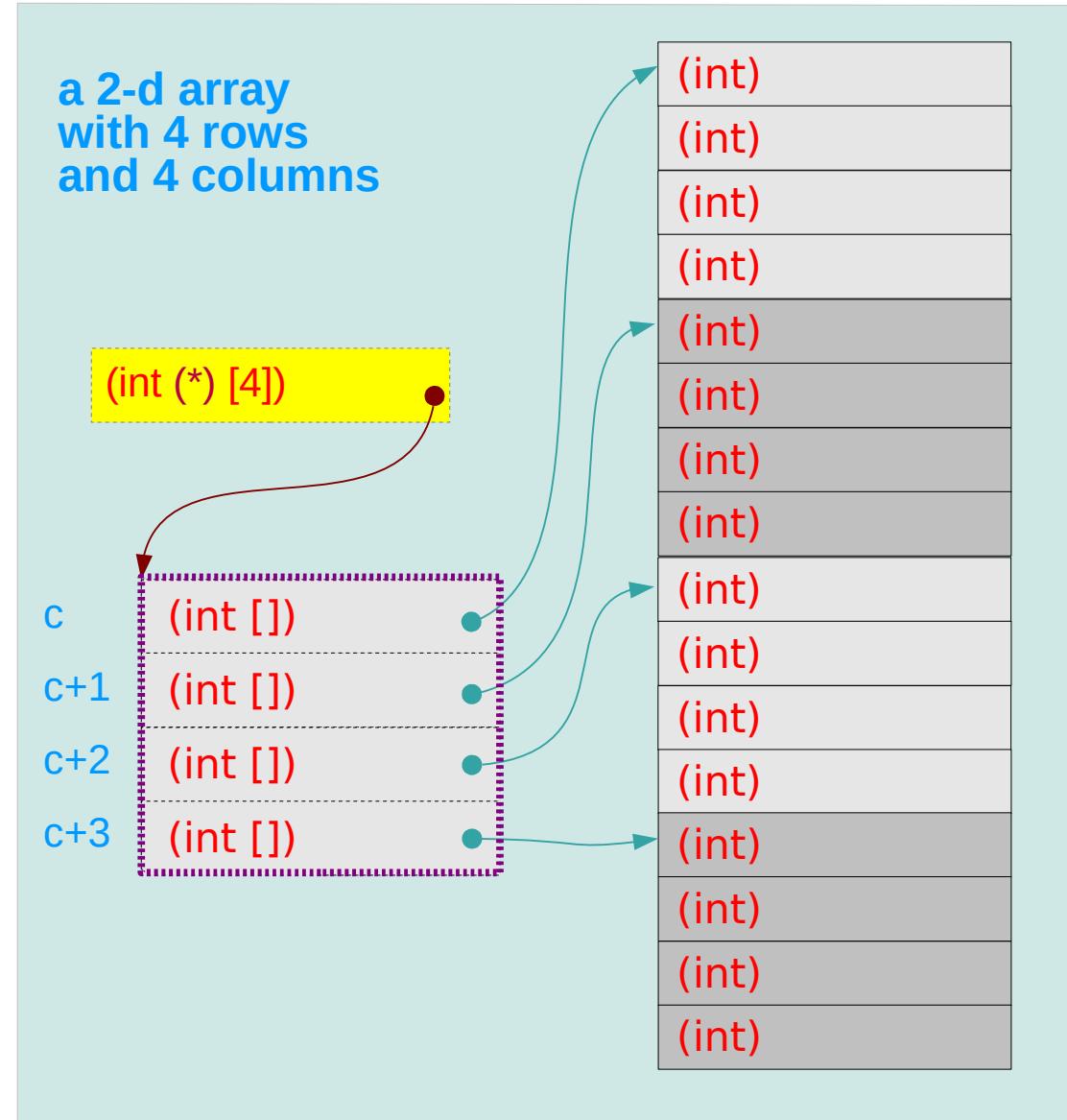
**1-d array pointer**

**1-d array name**

**1-d array name**

**1-d array name**

**1-d array name**



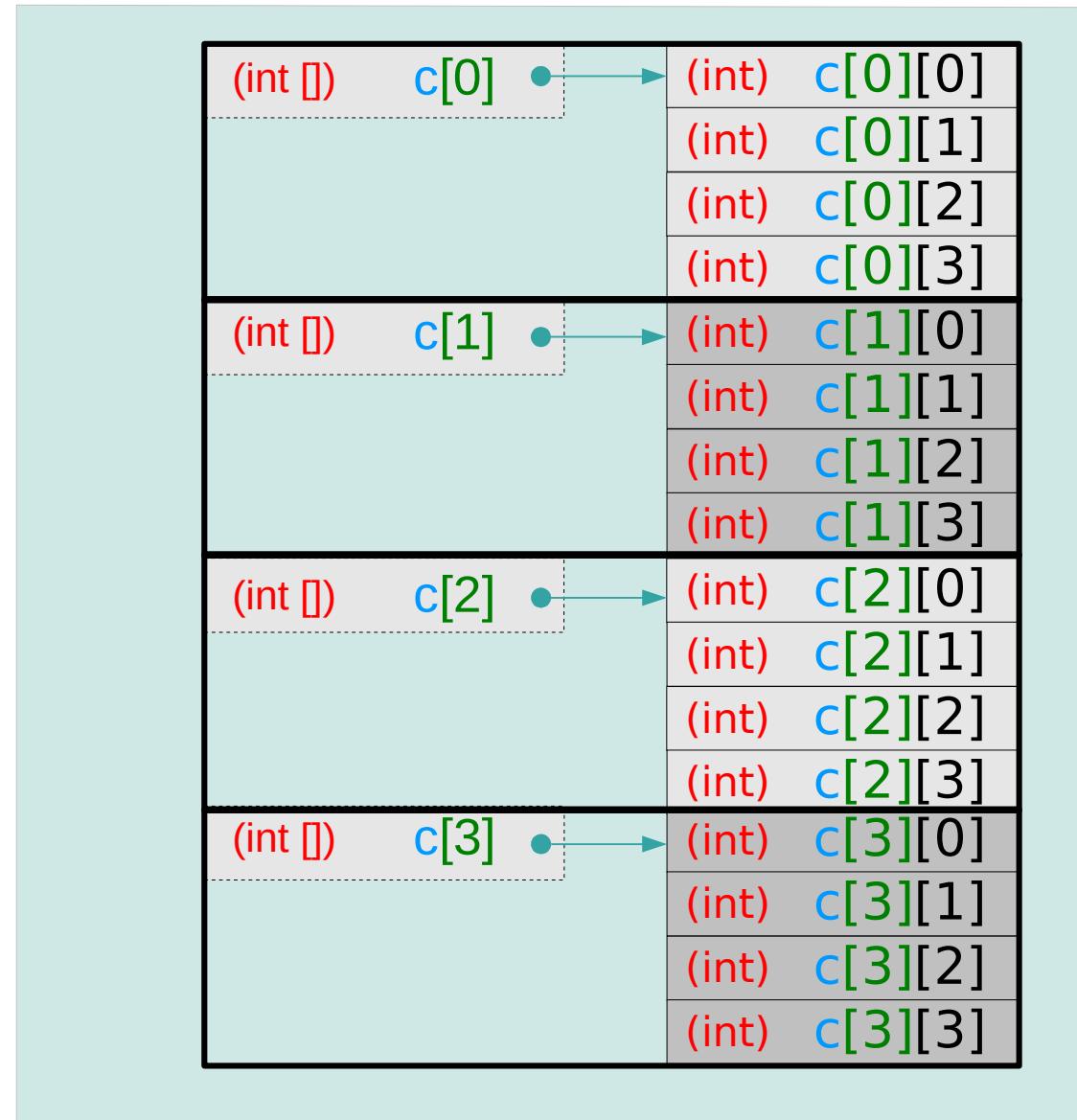
# 1-d subarray aggregated data type

The 1<sup>st</sup> subarray `c[0]` (=array name)  
`sizeof(c[0])` = 16 bytes

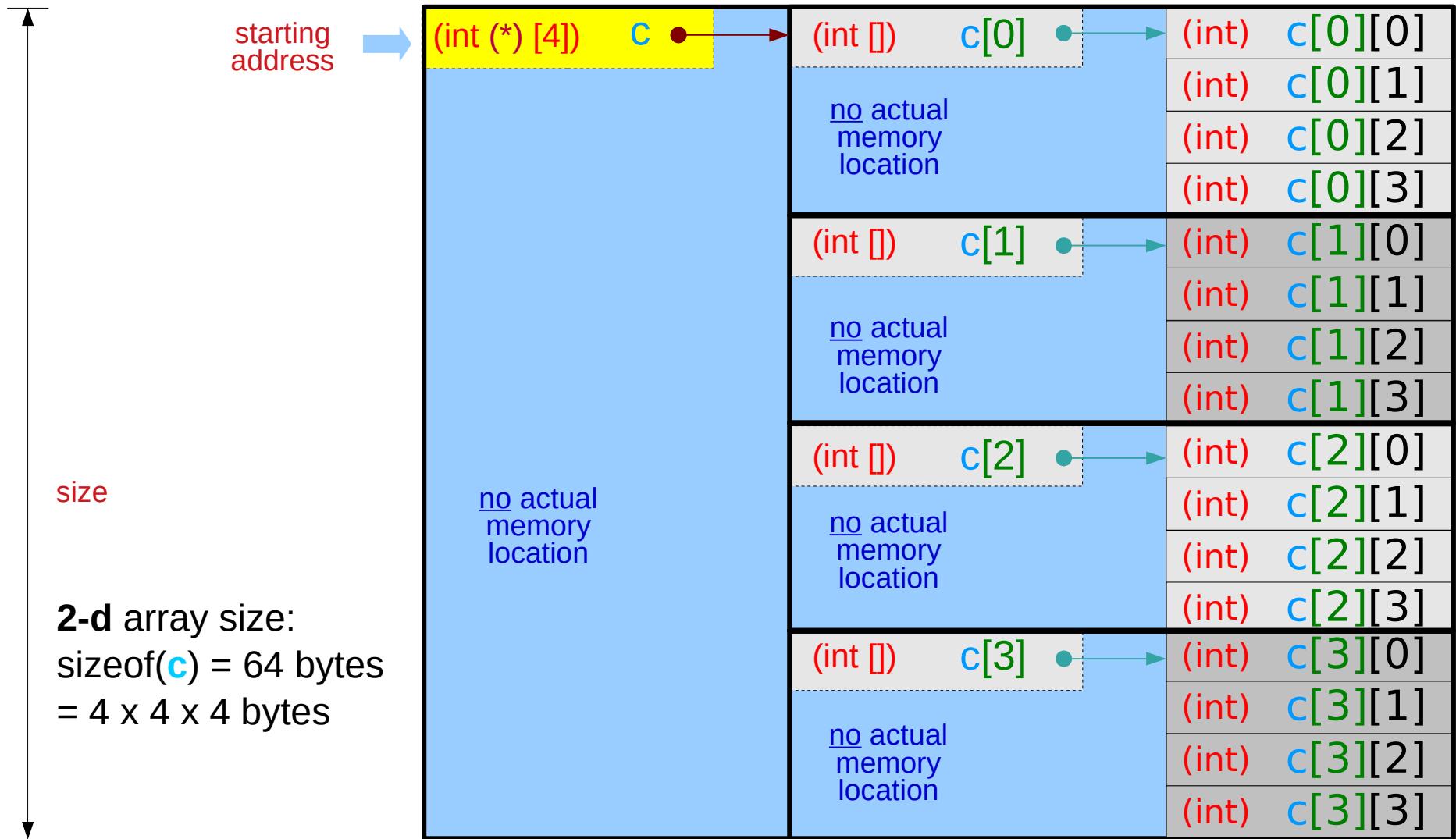
The 2<sup>nd</sup> subarray `c[1]` (=array name)  
`sizeof(c[1])` = 16 bytes

The 3<sup>rd</sup> subarray `c[2]` (=array name)  
`sizeof(c[2])` = 16 bytes

The 4<sup>th</sup> subarray `c[3]` (=array name)  
`sizeof(c[3])` = 16 bytes

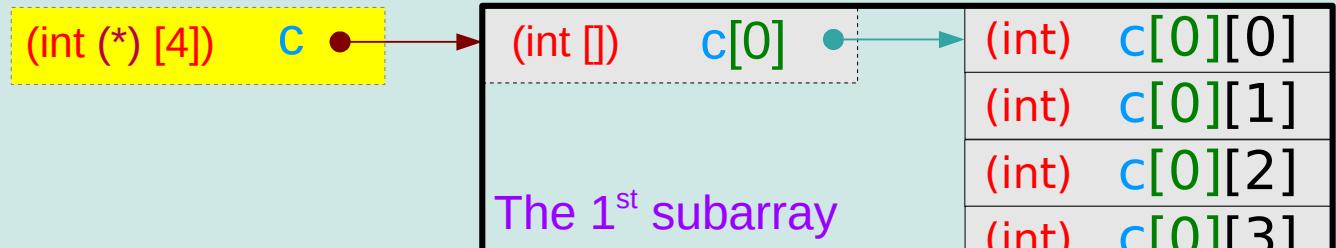


# 2-d array pointer – an aggregated type view

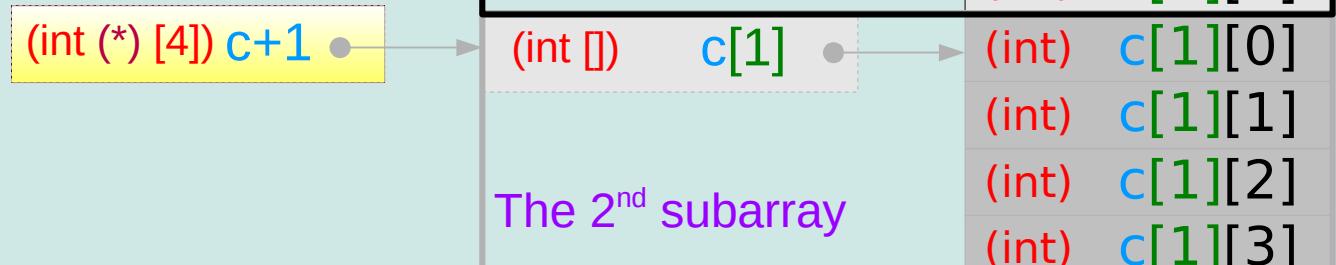


# 2-d array name as a pointer to a 1-d subarray

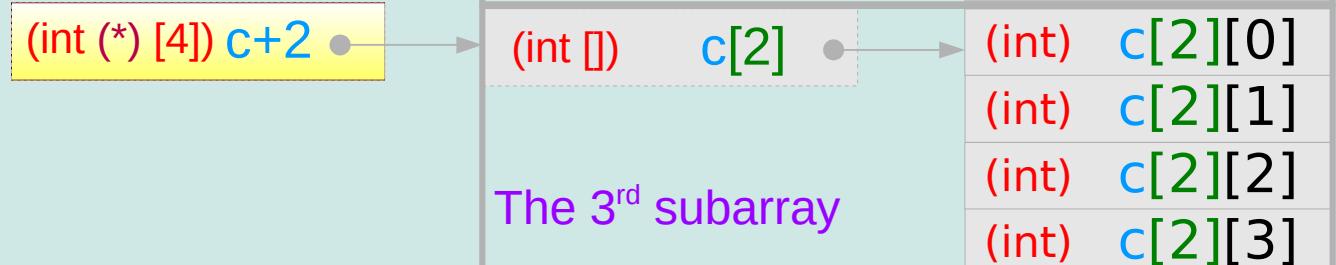
1-d array pointer



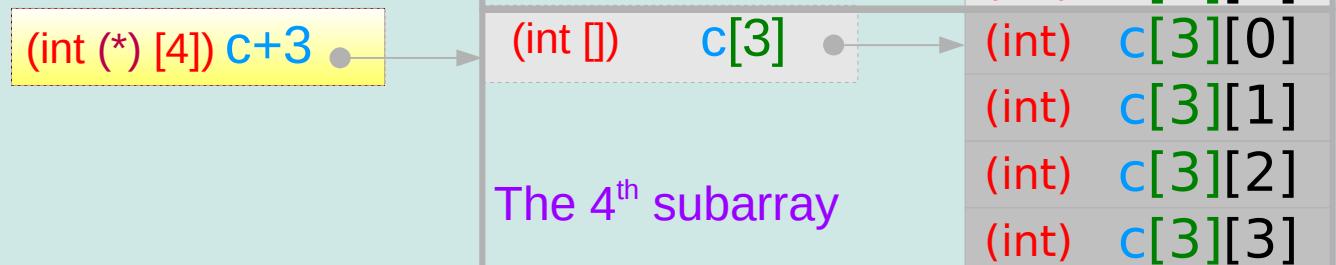
1-d array pointer



1-d array pointer

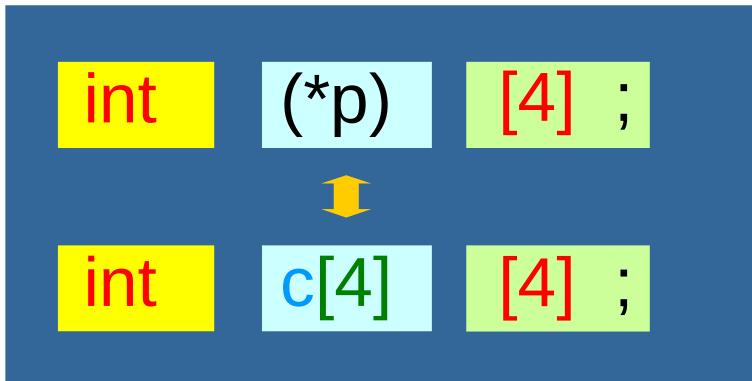


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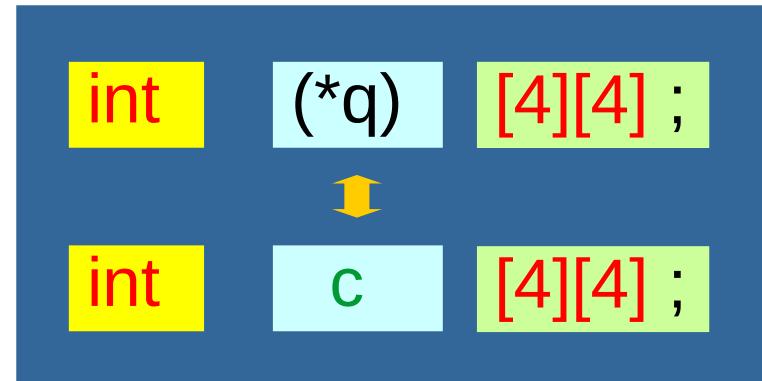


# 2-d array and 1-d and 2-d array pointers

## 1-d array pointer



## 2-d array pointer



(`int (*) [4]`)       $p = \&c[0];$

$p = c;$

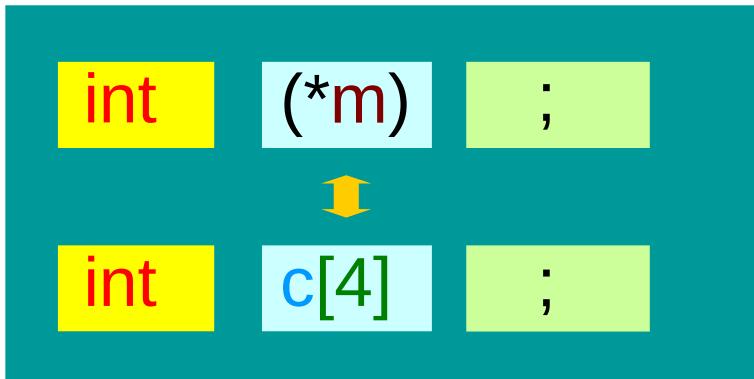
$$\begin{aligned} p[0] &\equiv c[0] \\ p[1] &\equiv c[1] \\ p[2] &\equiv c[2] \\ p[3] &\equiv c[3] \end{aligned}$$

(`int(*)[4][4]`)       $q = \&c;$

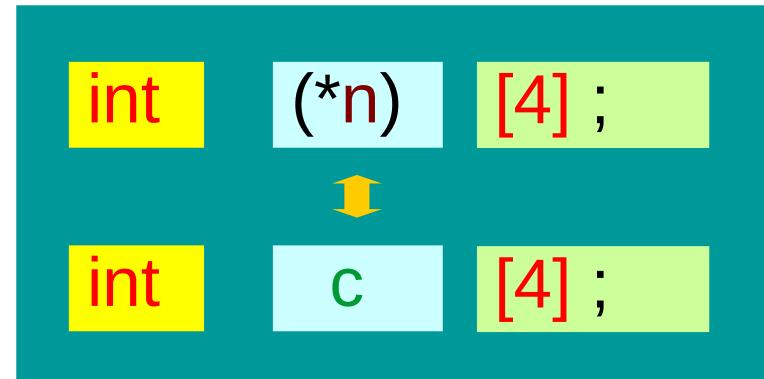
$$\begin{aligned} (*q)[0][0] &\equiv q[0][0] \equiv c[0] \\ (*q)[1][0] &\equiv q[1][0] \equiv c[1] \\ (*q)[2][0] &\equiv q[2][0] \equiv c[2] \\ (*q)[3][0] &\equiv q[3][0] \equiv c[3] \end{aligned}$$

# 1-d array and 0-d and 1-d array pointers

0-d array pointer : int pointer



1-d array pointer



(int (\*)

$m = \&c[0];$

$m = c;$

$$\begin{aligned} m[0] &\equiv c[0] \\ m[1] &\equiv c[1] \\ m[2] &\equiv c[2] \\ m[3] &\equiv c[3] \end{aligned}$$

(int(\*)[4])

$n = \&c;$

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

# 2-d array pointer to a 2-d array

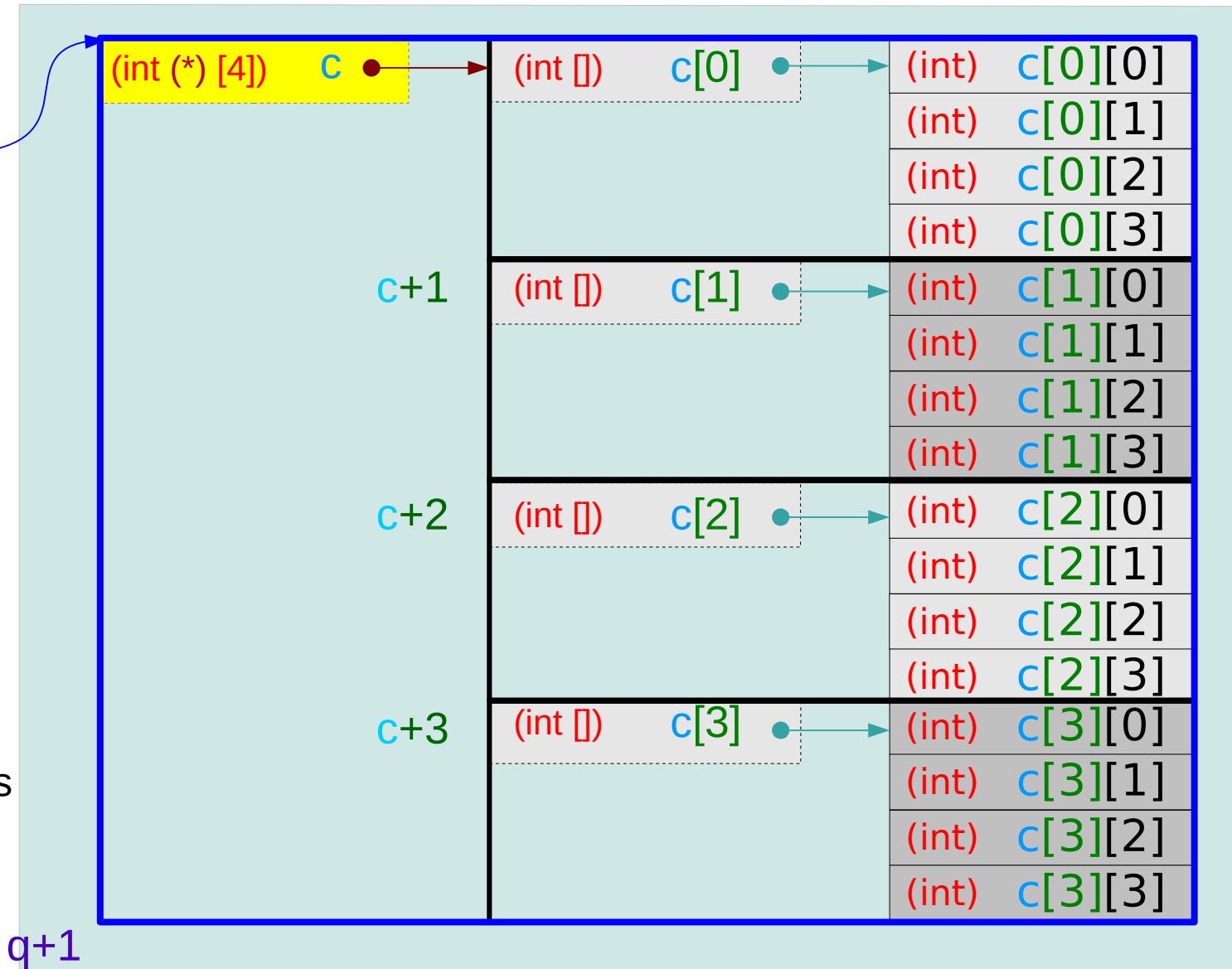
2-d array pointer

`&q` `(int(*)[4][4]) q`

`q = &c;`

An array pointer:  
`sizeof(q) = 8 bytes`

1-d sub-arrays :  
`sizeof(*q) = 64 bytes`



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

1-d array pointer

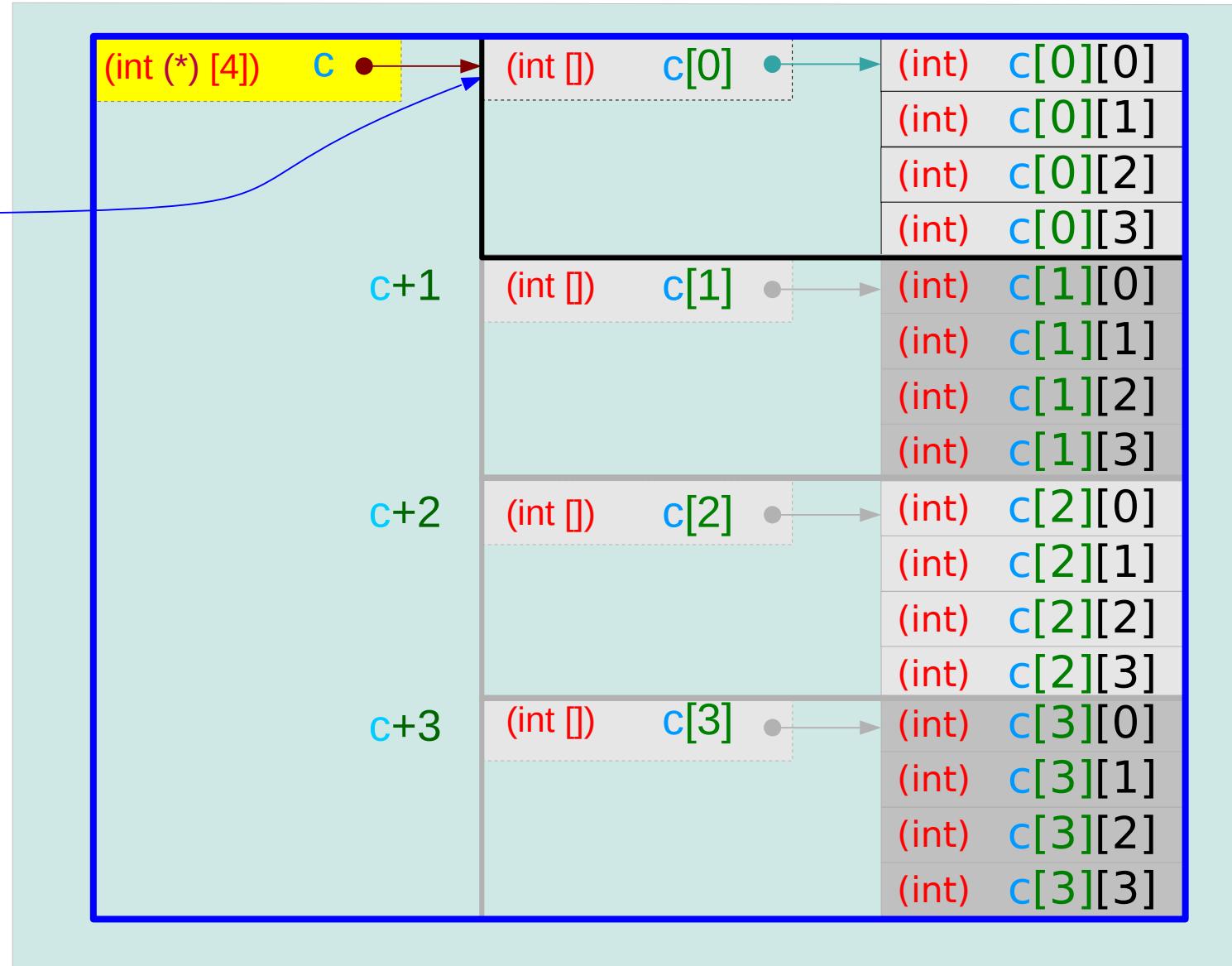
`&p` `(int (*) [4]) p`

`p = c;`

`p = &c[0];`

An array pointer:  
`sizeof(p) = 8 bytes`

1-d sub-arrays :  
`sizeof(*p) = 16 bytes`



# 2-d array pointer to a 2-d array

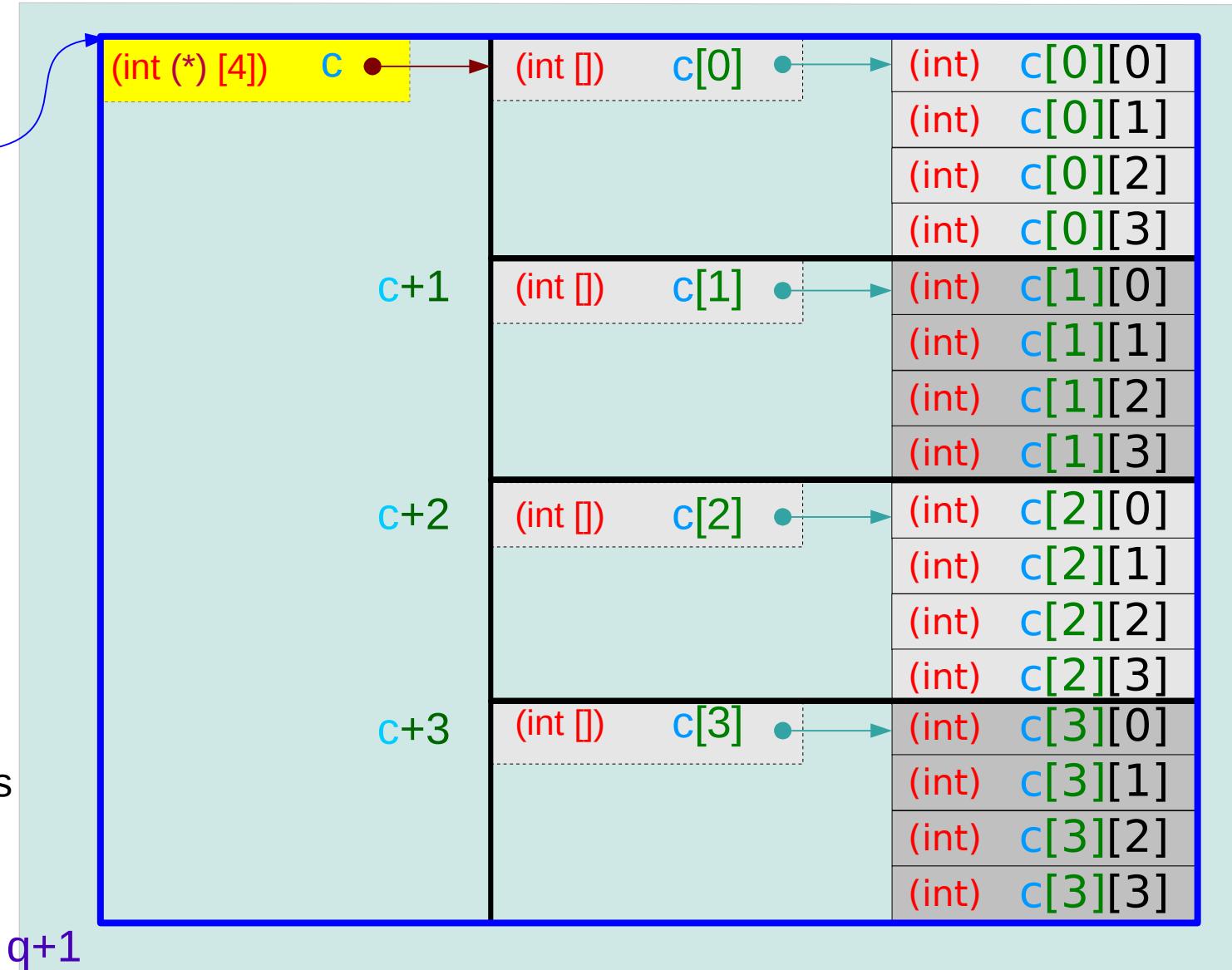
2-d array pointer

`&q` `(int(*)[4][4]) q`

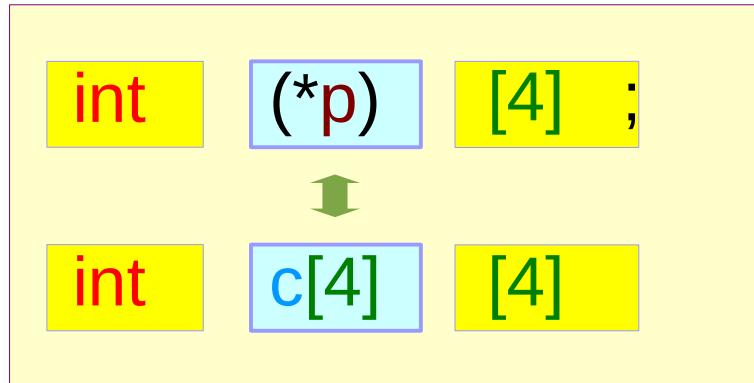
`q = &c;`

An array pointer:  
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# Using a 1-d array pointer to a 2-d array

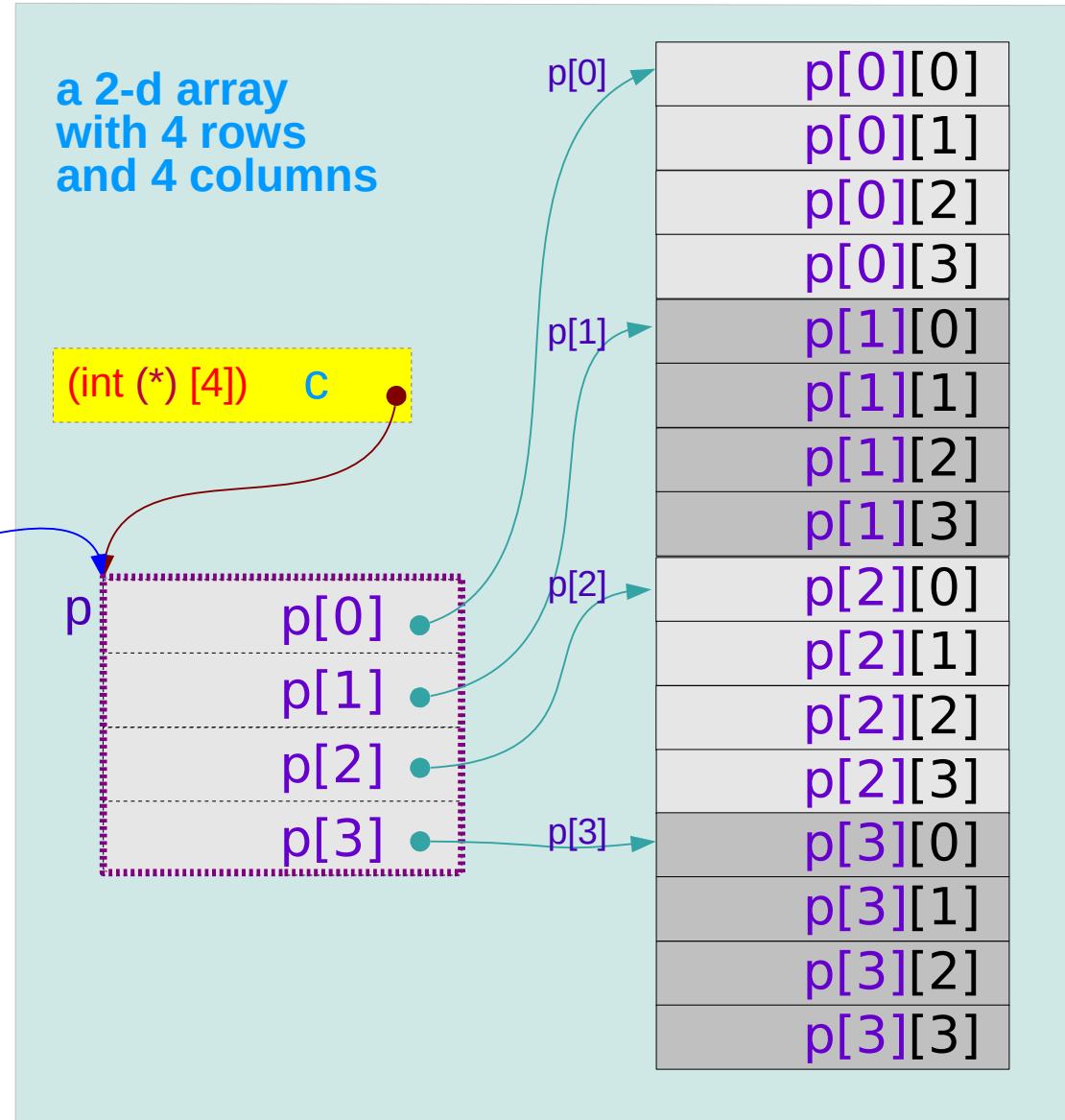


1-d array pointer

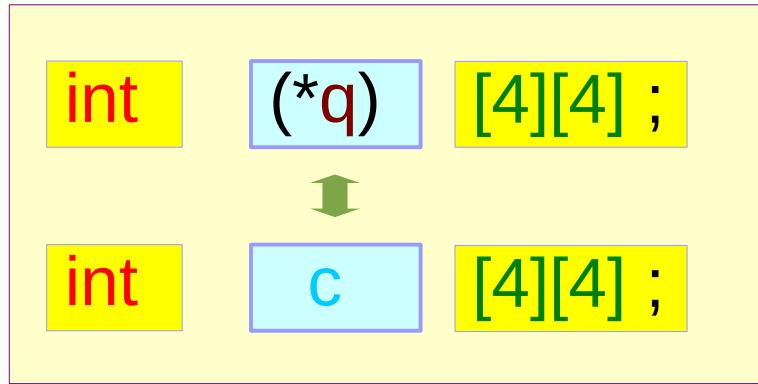
`&p`    `(int (*) [4]) p`    •

`p = c;`

`p[0] ≡ c[0]`  
`p[1] ≡ c[1]`  
`p[2] ≡ c[2]`  
`p[3] ≡ c[3]`



# Using a 2-d array pointer to a 2-d array

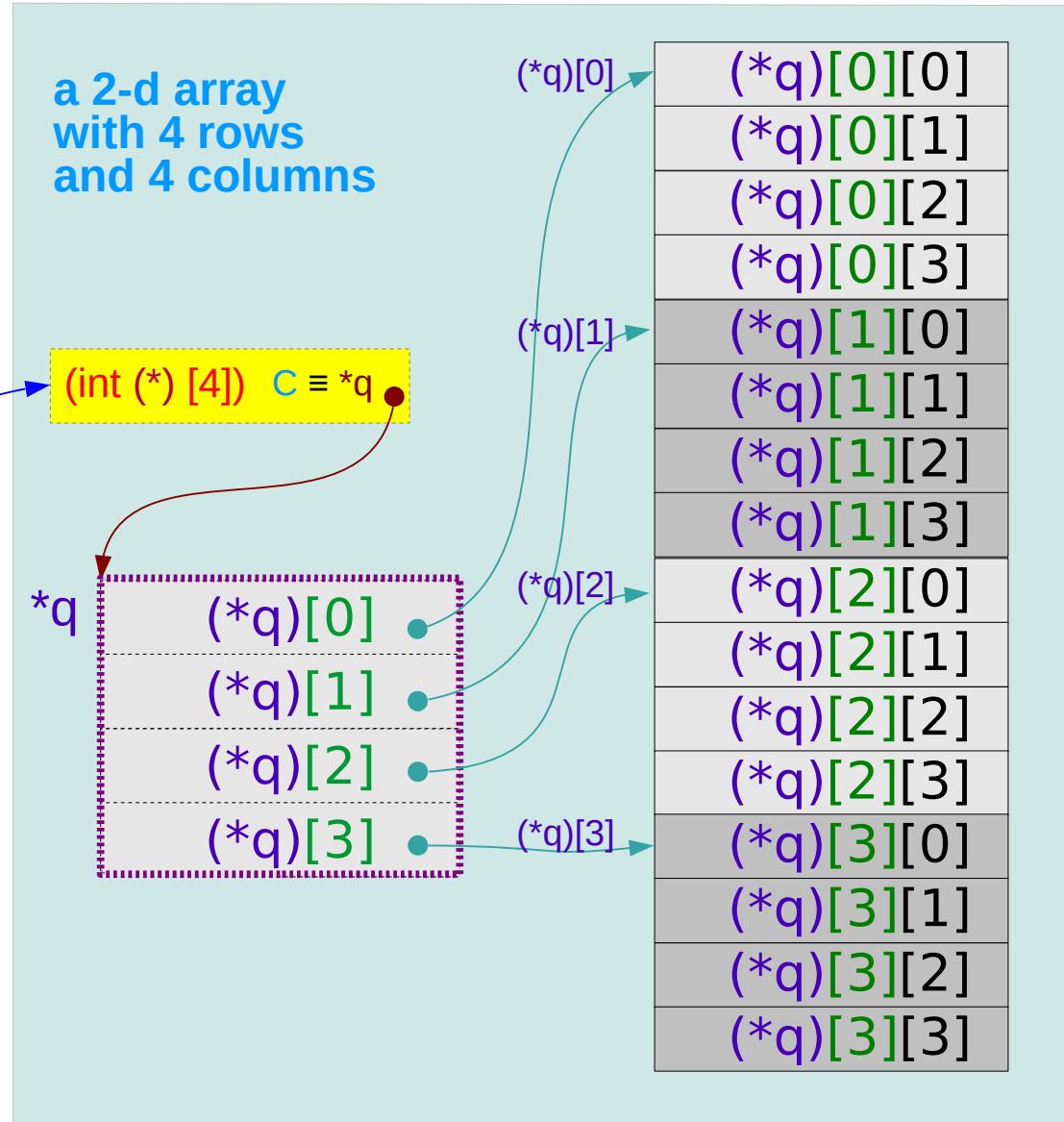


2-d array pointer

`(int(*)[4][4]) q` •

`q = &c;`

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



# **(n-1)-d** array pointer to a **n-d** array

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

**1-d** array  
**0-d** array pointer

```
int b[4][2];  
int (*q)[2];
```

**2-d** array  
**1-d** array pointer

```
int c[4][2][3];  
int (*r)[2][3];
```

**3-d** array  
**2-d** array pointer

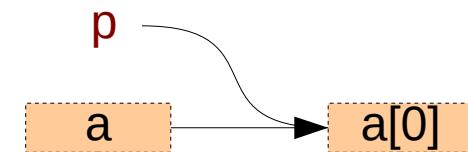
```
int d[4][2][3][4];  
int (*s)[2][3][4];
```

**4-d** array  
**3-d** array pointer

# ***n-d*** array name : ***(n-1)-d*** array pointer

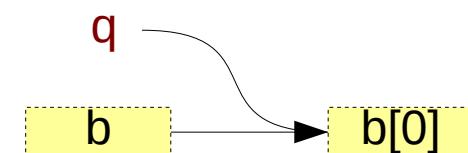
```
int a[4];  
int (*p);
```

```
p = &a[0];  
p = a;
```



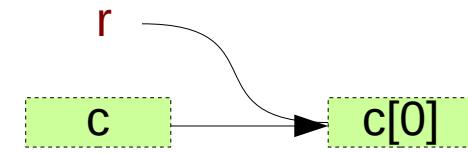
```
int b[4][2];  
int (*q)[2];
```

```
q = &b[0];  
q = b;
```



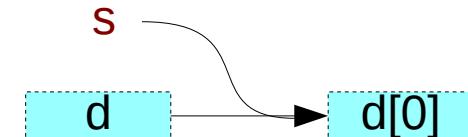
```
int c[4][2][3];  
int (*r)[2][3];
```

```
r = &c[0];  
r = c;
```

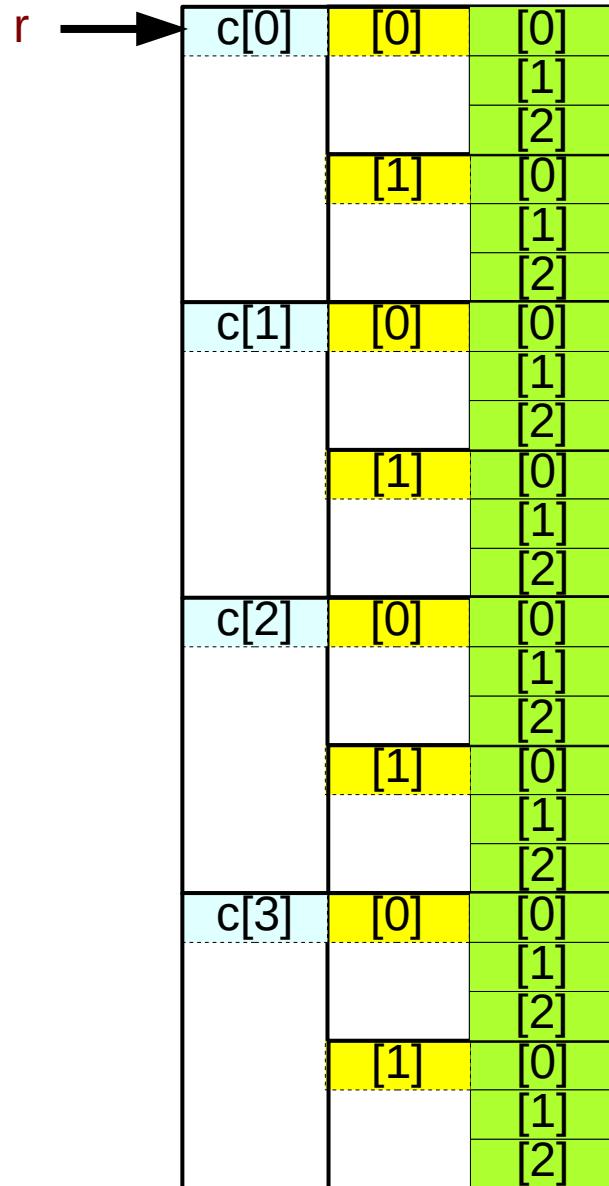
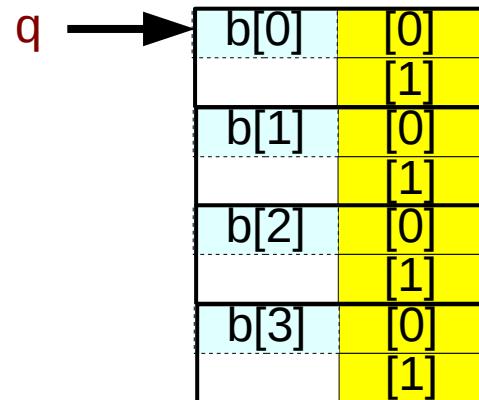
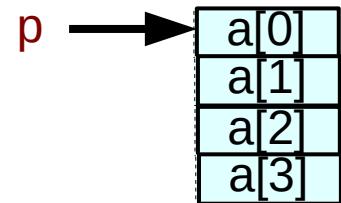


```
int d[4][2][3][4];  
int (*s)[2][3][4];
```

```
s = &d[0];  
s = d;
```



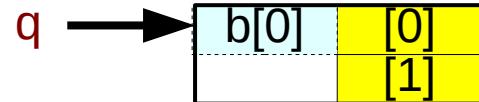
# multi-dimensional array pointers



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

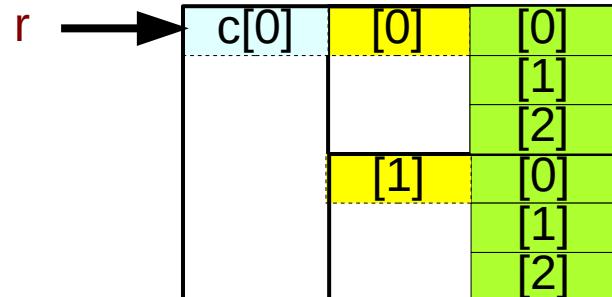
```
int (*p) ;  
int (*q)[2];  
int (*r)[2][3];  
int (*s)[2][3][4];
```

# multi-dimensional array pointers



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

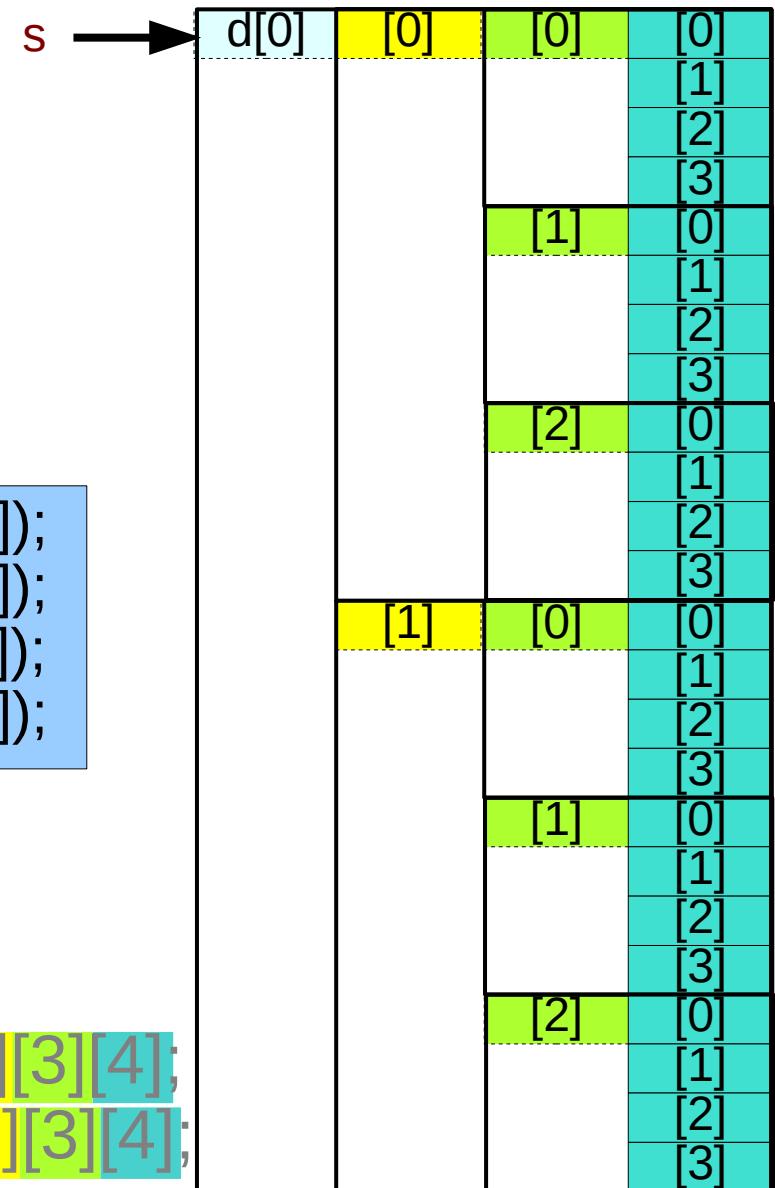
```
int b[4] [2];  
int (*q) [2];
```



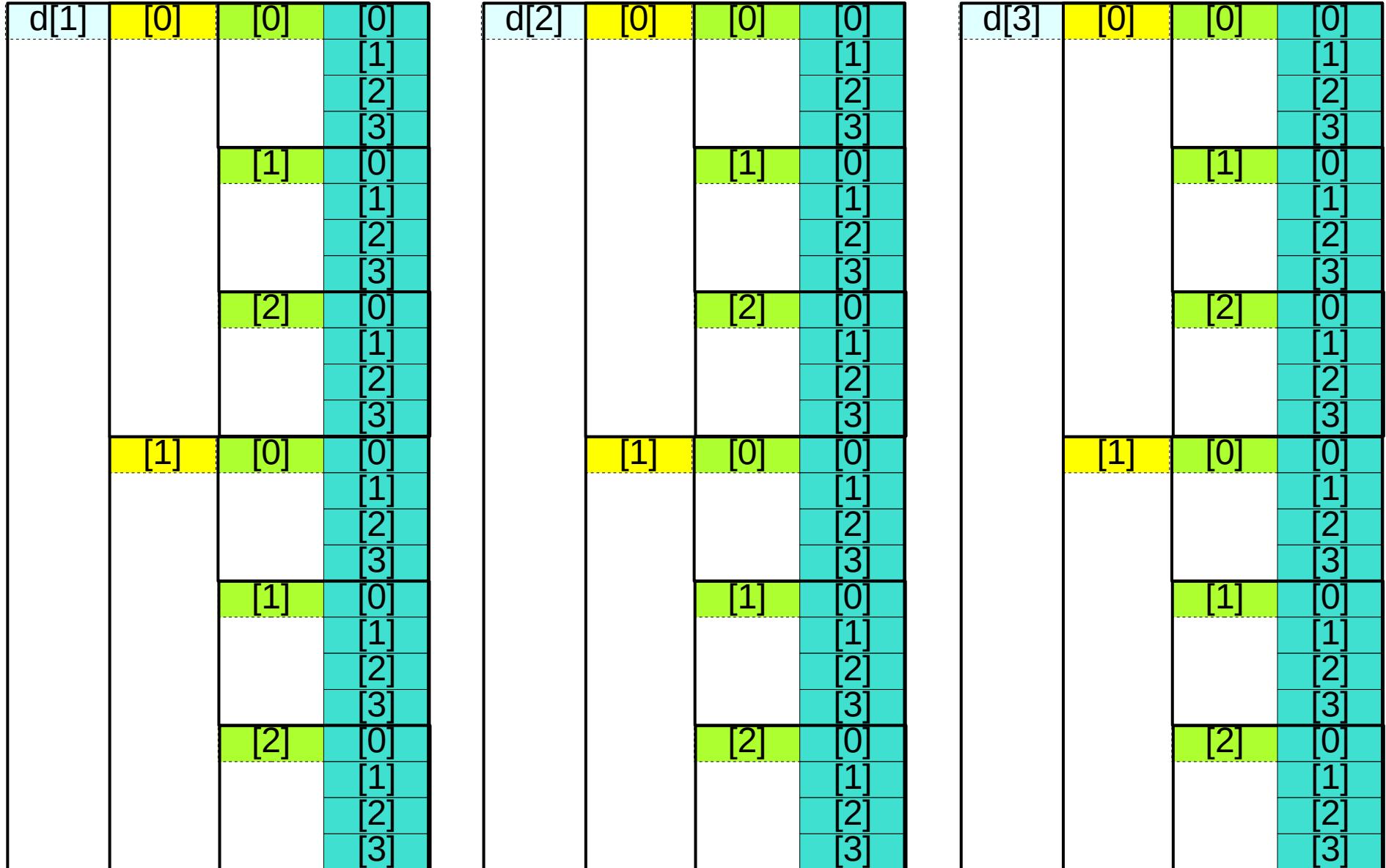
```
int c[4] [2][3];  
int (*r) [2][3];
```

```
p = a; (=a[0]);  
q = b; (=b[0]);  
r = c; (=c[0]);  
s = d; (=d[0]);
```

```
int d[4] [2][3][4];  
int (*s) [2][3][4];
```



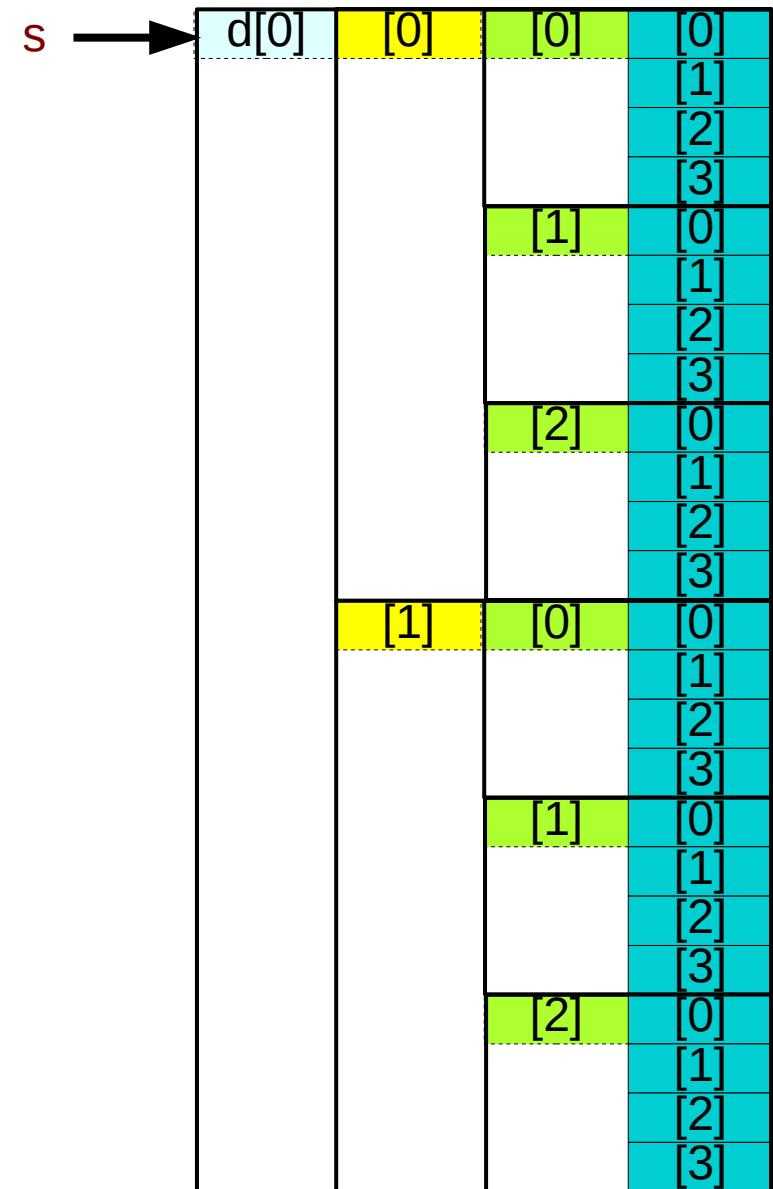
# multi-dimensional array pointers



# multi-dimensional array pointers

```
int d[4] [2][3][4];  
int (*s) [2][3][4];
```

d	4-d array name 3-d array pointer
d[i]	3-d array name 2-d array pointer
d[i][j]	2-d array name 1-d array pointer
d[i][j][k]	1-d array name 0-d array pointer
i = [0..3], j = [0..1], k= [0..2]	



# To pass multidimensional array names

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

call  
**funa(a, ...);**

prototype  
**void funa(int (\*p), ...);**

```
int b[4][2];  
int (*q)[2];
```

call  
**funb(b, ...);**

prototype  
**void funb(int (\*q)[2], ...);**

```
int c[4][2][3];  
int (*r)[2][3];
```

call  
**func(c, ...);**

prototype  
**void func(int (\*r)[2][3], ...);**

```
int d[4][2][3][4];  
int (*s)[2][3][4];
```

call  
**fund(d, ...);**

prototype  
**void fund(int (\*s)[2][3][4], ...);**

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