

# Applications of Array Pointers (1A)

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# Assumption

assume that

**value(c)** returns the hexadecimal number that is obtained by `printf("%p", c)`, when the variable **c** contains an address as its value

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void) {
    int c[3];
    printf ("c= %p \n", &c);
}
```

c= 0x7ffffd923487c

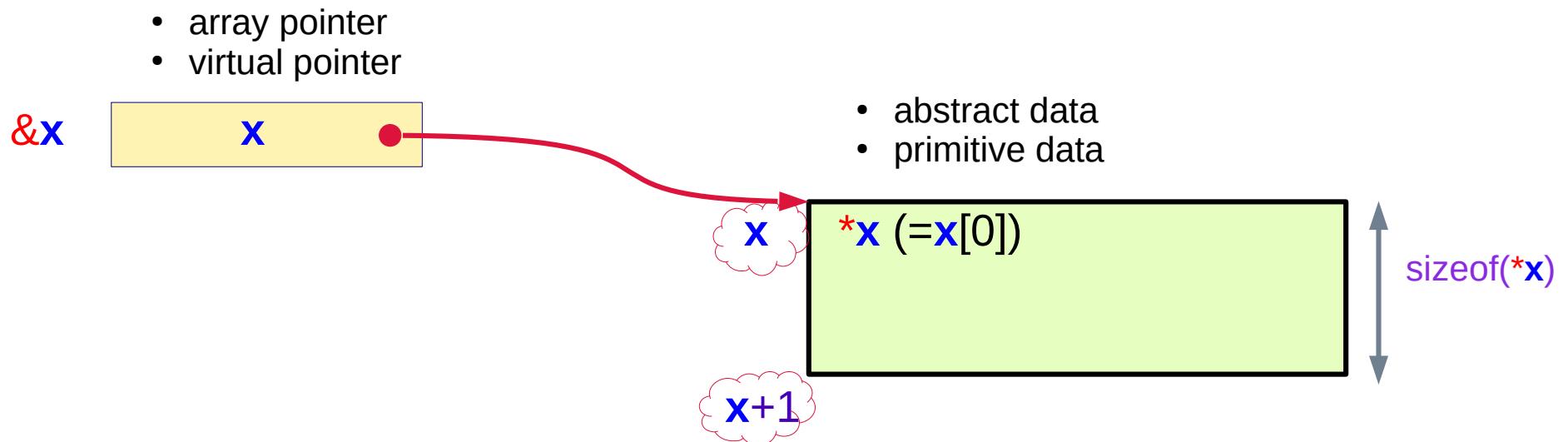
**type(c)** can be determined by the warning message of `printf("%d", c)`, when the variable **c** contains an address as its value

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void) {
    int c[3];
    printf ("c= %d \n", &c);
}
```

t.c: In function ‘main’:  
t.c:5:16: warning: format ‘%d’ expects argument of type ‘int’,  
but argument 2 has type ‘int (\*)[3]’ [-Wformat=]  
 printf ("c= %d \n", &c);

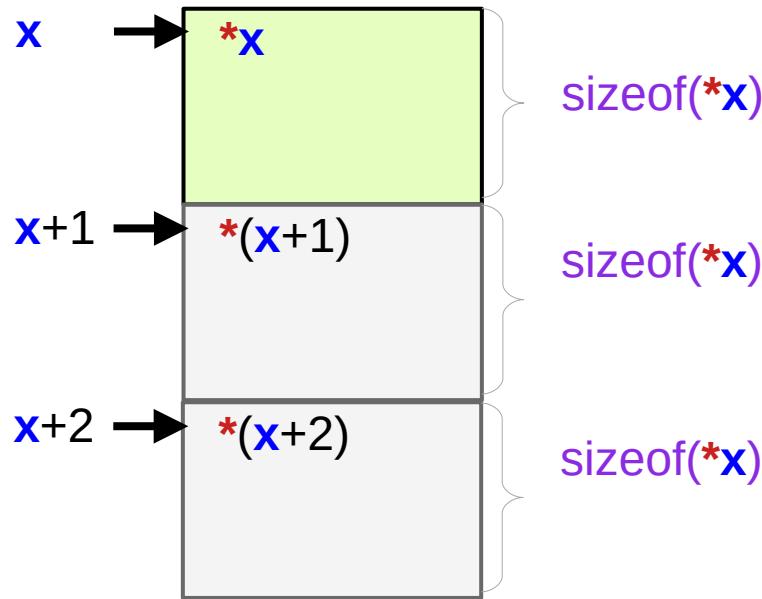
# Byte Address

# Pointer $x$ and $x+1$ relationship



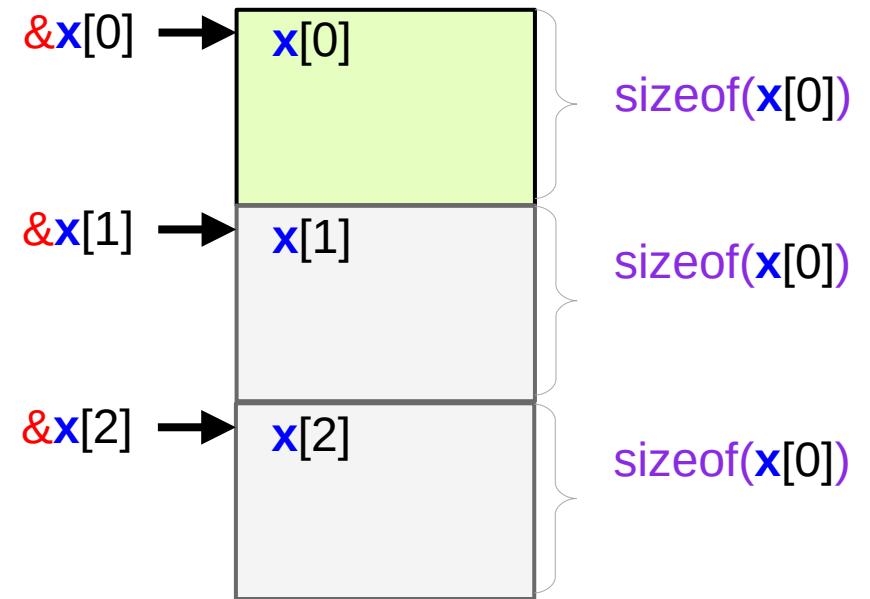
$$\text{value}(x+1) = \text{value}(x) + \text{sizeof}(*x)$$

# Byte addresses in an array



value(`x+1`) = value(`x`) + 1 \* sizeof(`*x`)  
value(`x+2`) = value(`x`) + 2 \* sizeof(`*x`)

byte address      byte address      byte size



value(`&x[1]`) = value(`x`) + 1 \* sizeof(`x[0]`)  
value(`&x[2]`) = value(`x`) + 2 \* sizeof(`x[0]`)

byte address      byte address      byte size

# Four cases of array pointers

# Virtual pointers vs. real pointers

Case 1

virtual pointer **c**

primitive data **\*c**



Case 2

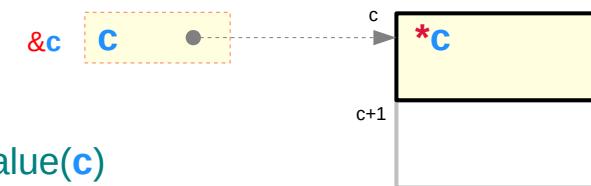
virtual pointer **c**

abstract data **\*c**

subarray partitioning

$$\star \text{ sizeof}(c) = \text{sizeof}(*c) * N$$

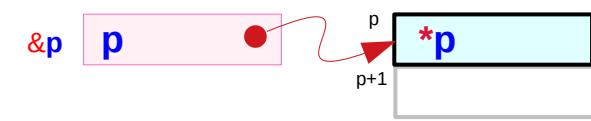
$$\text{value}(c+1) = \text{value}(c) + \text{sizeof}(*c)$$



Case 3

real pointer **p**

primitive data **\*p**



Case 4

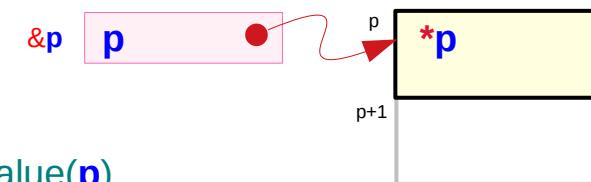
real pointer **p**

abstract data **\*p**

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

$$\text{value}(p+1) = \text{value}(p) + \text{sizeof}(*p)$$

$$\text{value}(\&p) \neq \text{value}(p)$$



# Primitive data vs. abstract data

Case 1

virtual pointer **c**

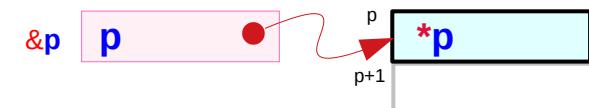
primitive data **\*c**



Case 3

real pointer **p**

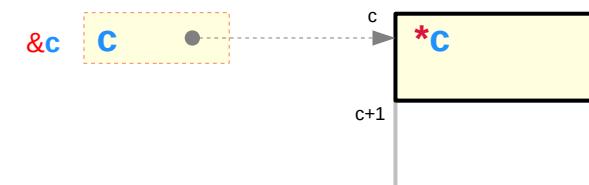
primitive data **\*p**



Case 2

virtual pointer **c**

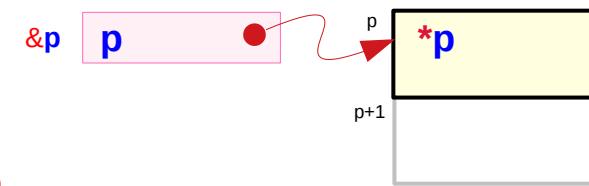
abstract data **\*c**



Case 4

real pointer **p**

abstract data **\*p**



subarray partitioning

★  $\text{sizeof}(c) = \text{sizeof}(*c) * N$   
 $\text{sizeof}(p) = \text{pointer size (4/8 bytes)}$

$\text{value}(c+1) = \text{value}(c) + \text{sizeof}(*c)$   
 $\text{value}(p+1) = \text{value}(p) + \text{sizeof}(*p)$

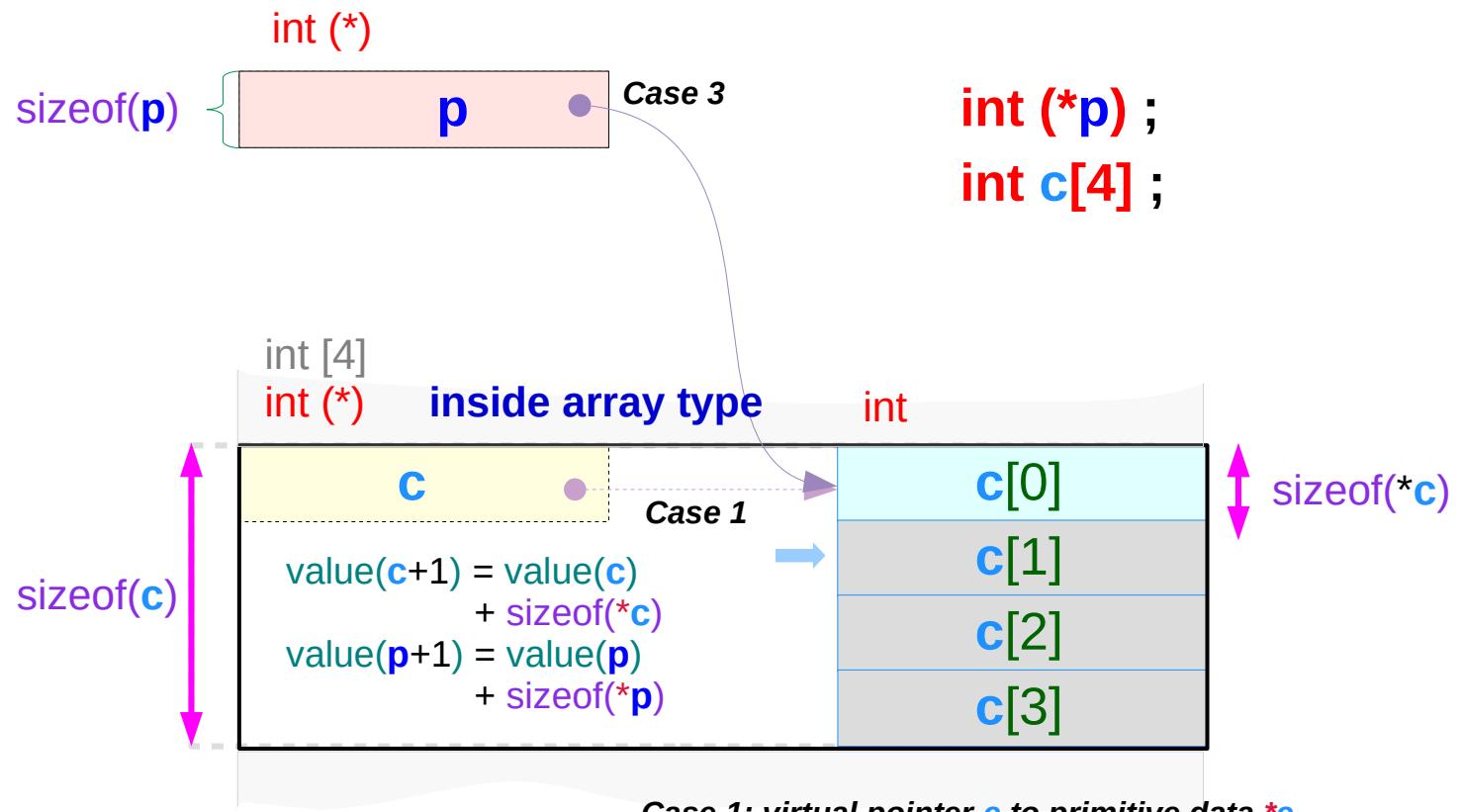
address replication

★  $\text{value}(\&c) = \text{value}(c)$   
 $\text{value}(\&p) \neq \text{value}(p)$

# Sizes of integer pointers

a pointer to an int

`sizeof(p)` = pointer size  
= 8 bytes (64-bit CPU)  
= 4 bytes (32-bit CPU)

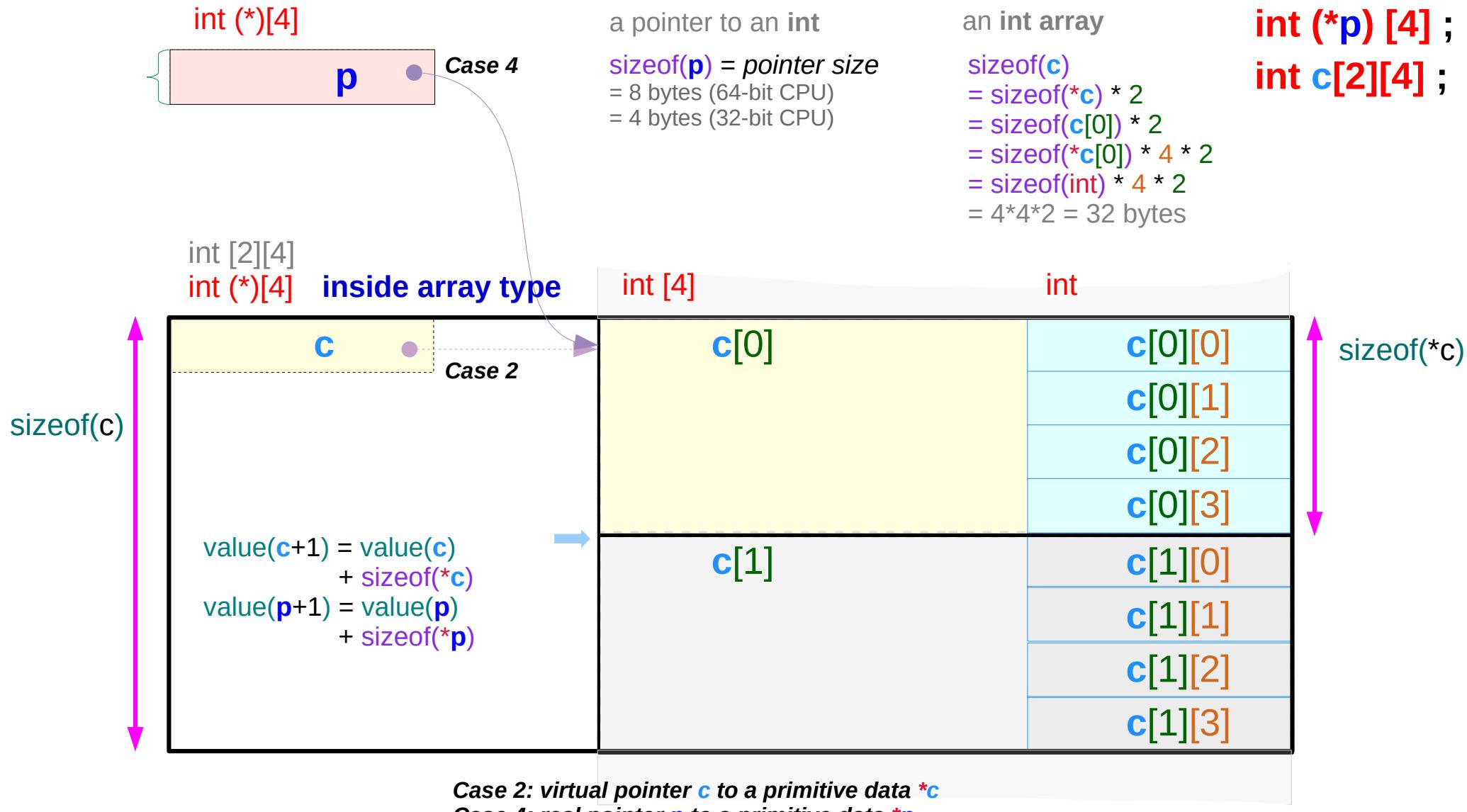


an int array

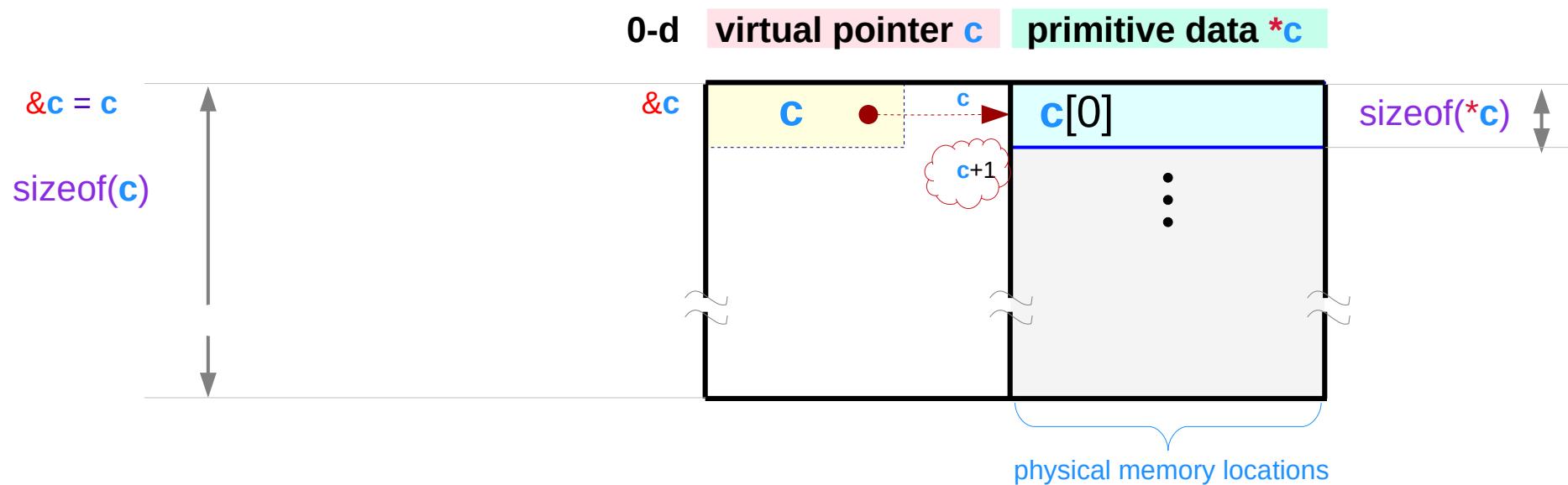
`sizeof(c)`  
= `sizeof(*c) * 4`  
= `sizeof(int) * 4`  
=  $4*4 = 16$  bytes

$$\text{value}(p+1) = \text{value}(p) + \text{sizeof}(*p)$$

# Sizes of integer pointers



# Case 1: virtual pointer **c** to a primitive data **\*c**



**Abstract data **c****      subarray partitioning

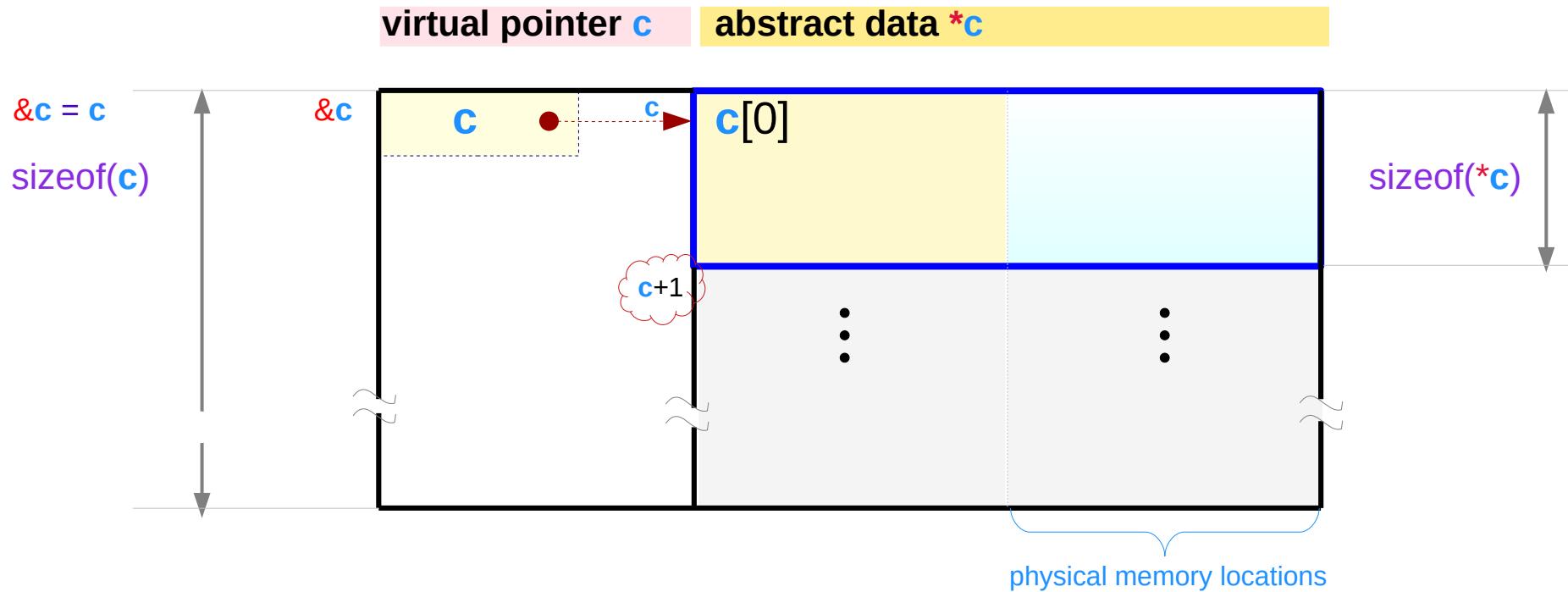
$$\star \text{ sizeof}(c) = \text{sizeof}(*c) * N$$

$$\text{value}(c+1) = \text{value}(c) + \text{sizeof}(*c)$$

**Virtual pointer **c****      address replication

$$\star \text{ value}(\&c) = \text{value}(c)$$

## Case 2: virtual pointer **c** to an abstract data **\*c**



**Abstract data **c**, **\*c**** subarray partitioning

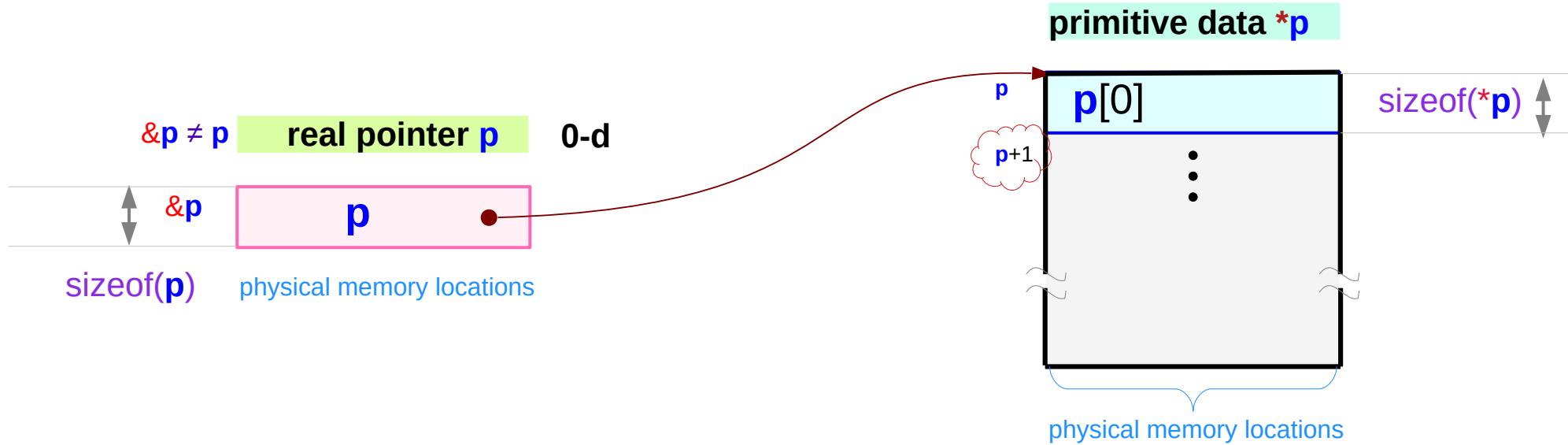
$$\star \text{ sizeof}(\mathbf{c}) = \text{sizeof}(\mathbf{*c}) * N$$

$$\text{value}(\mathbf{c}+1) = \text{value}(\mathbf{c}) + \text{sizeof}(\mathbf{*c})$$

**Virtual pointer **c**** address replication

$$\star \text{ value}(\&\mathbf{c}) = \text{value}(\mathbf{c})$$

# Case 3: real pointer $p$ to a primitive data $*p$



real pointer size

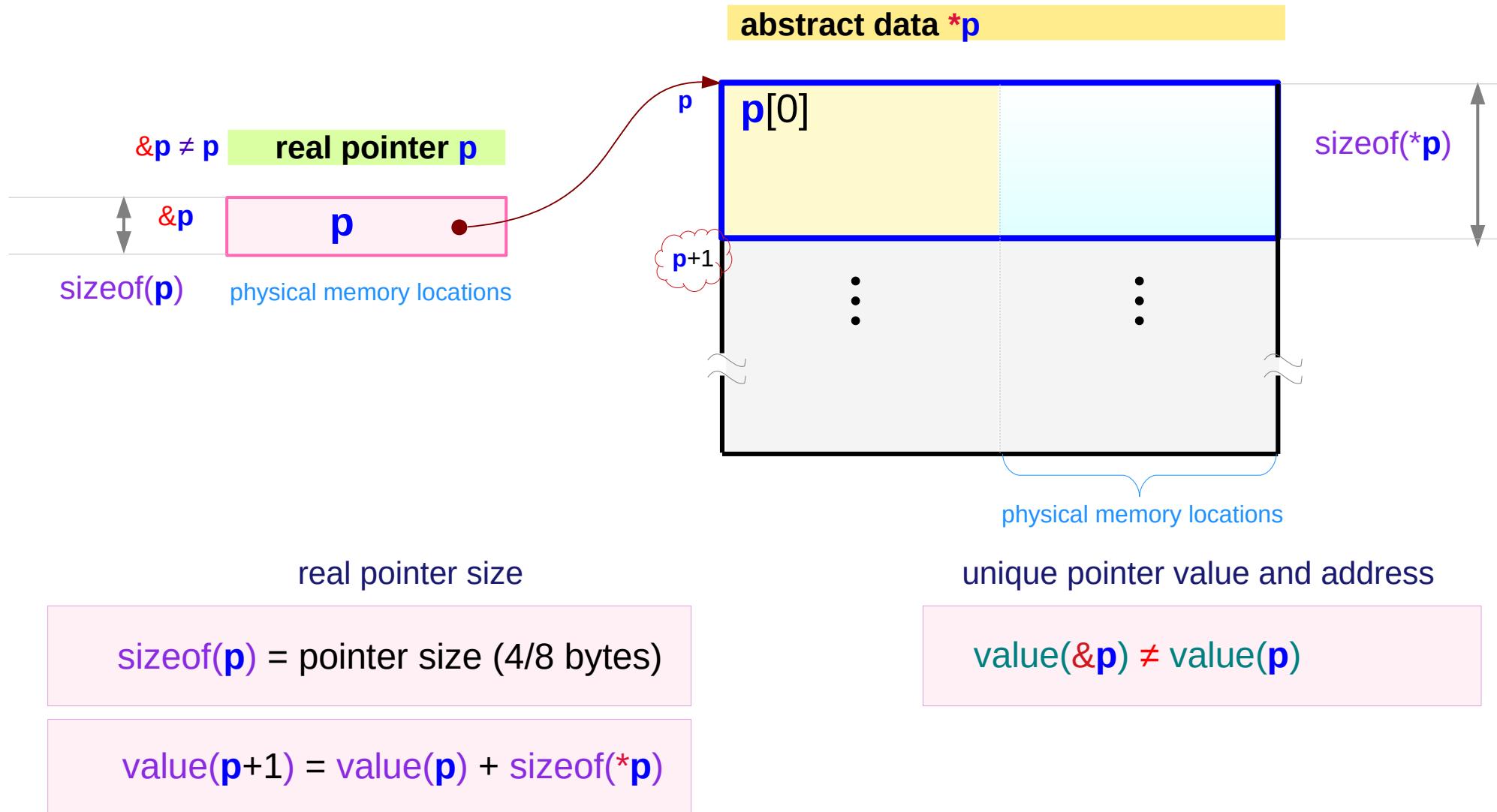
$\text{sizeof}(p) = \text{pointer size (4/8 bytes)}$

$\text{value}(p+1) = \text{value}(p) + \text{sizeof}(*p)$

unique pointer value and address

$\text{value}(\&p) \neq \text{value}(p)$

# Case 4: real pointer **p** to an abstract data **\*p**



# Properties of array pointers

## virtual pointer $c$ in an array $c$

Abstract data  $c[N][ ] \dots [ ]$  subarray partitioning

$$\star \text{sizeof}(c) = \text{sizeof}(*c) * N$$

$$\text{value}(c+1) = \text{value}(c) + \text{sizeof}(*c)$$

## implicit array pointer

Virtual pointer  $(*c)[ ] \dots [ ]$  address replication

$$\star \text{value}(&c) = \text{value}(c)$$

## array pointer $p$

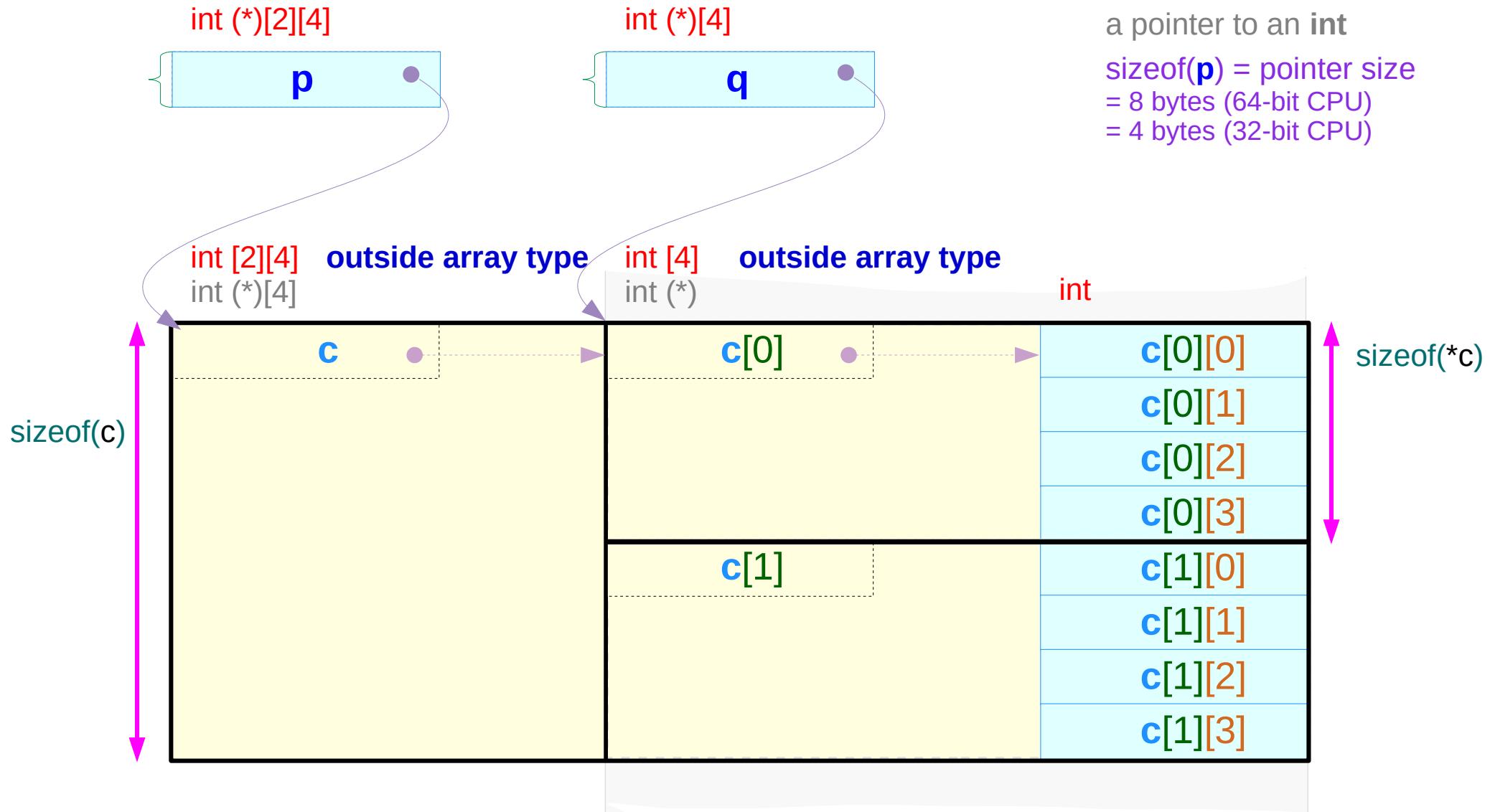
$$\text{sizeof}(p) = \text{pointer size (4/8 bytes)}$$

$$\text{value}(p+1) = \text{value}(p) + \text{sizeof}(*p)$$

## explicit array pointer

$$\text{value}(&p) \neq \text{value}(p)$$

# Sizes of integer pointers



## Array element notation $p[i]$

## Dereference notation $*(p+i)$

`int a[4];`      `int (*p)[4] = &a;`      1-d array, 1-d array pointer

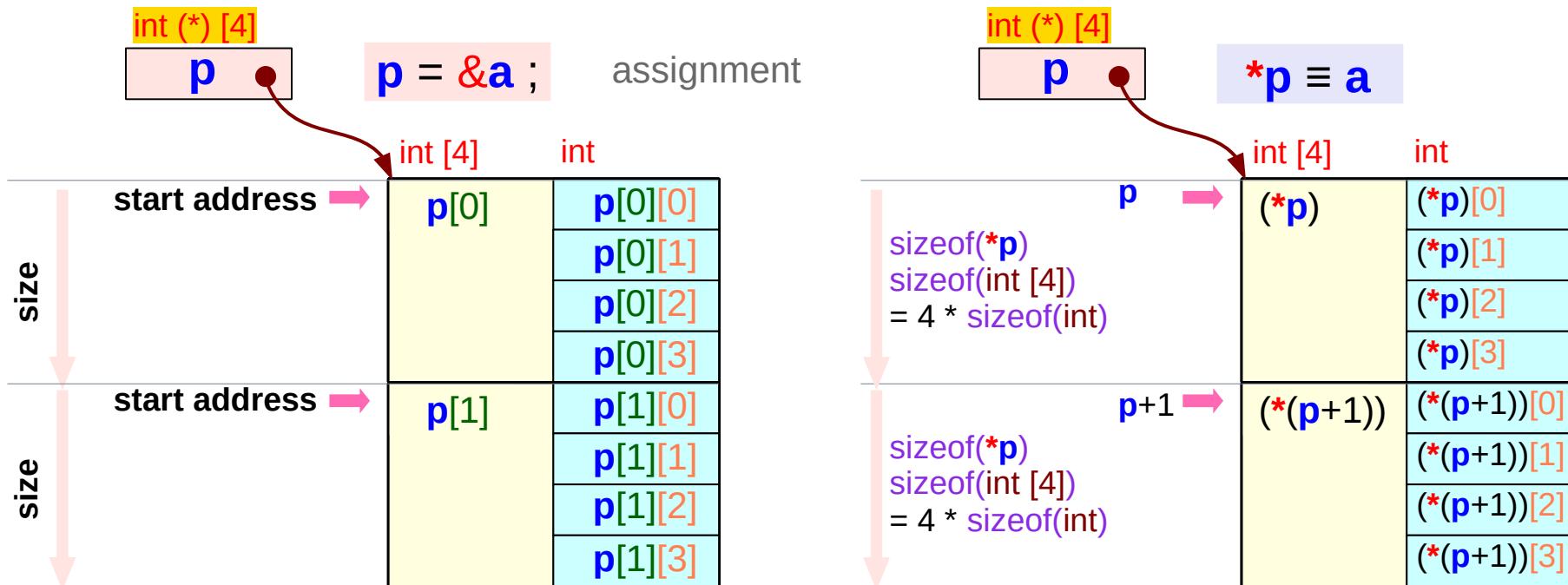
`int c[3][4];`      `int (*p)[3][4] = &c;`      2-d array, 2-d array pointer

`int c[3][4];`      `int (*q)[4] = c;`      2-d array, 1-d array pointer

# 1-d array, 1-d array pointer p – size and start address

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

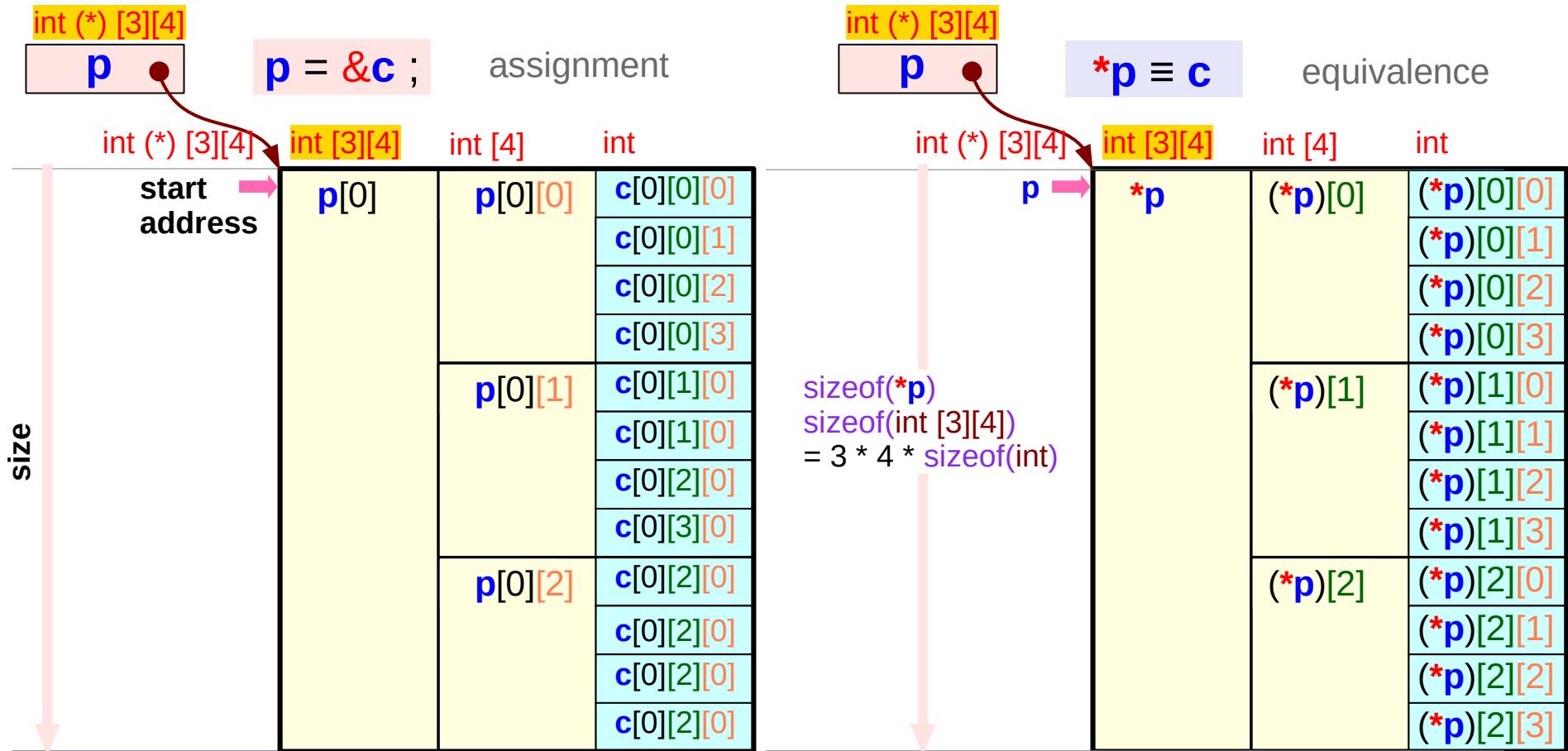
$$\begin{aligned} \text{value}(p+1) - \text{value}(p) &= \text{sizeof}(*p) = \text{sizeof(int [4])} \\ = (\text{long}) (p+1) - (\text{long}) (p) &= 4 * \text{sizeof(int)} \end{aligned}$$



# 2-d array, 2-d array pointer p – size and start address

`int (*p) [3][4] = &c;`

$$\begin{aligned} \text{value}(p+1) - \text{value}(p) &= \text{sizeof}(*p) = \text{sizeof(int [3][4])} \\ &= (\text{long}) (p+1) - (\text{long}) (p) \\ &= 3 * 4 * \text{sizeof(int)} \end{aligned}$$



# 2-d array, 2-d array pointer p – outside array type

`int c [3][4];`

assignment

dereference

equivalence

equivalence

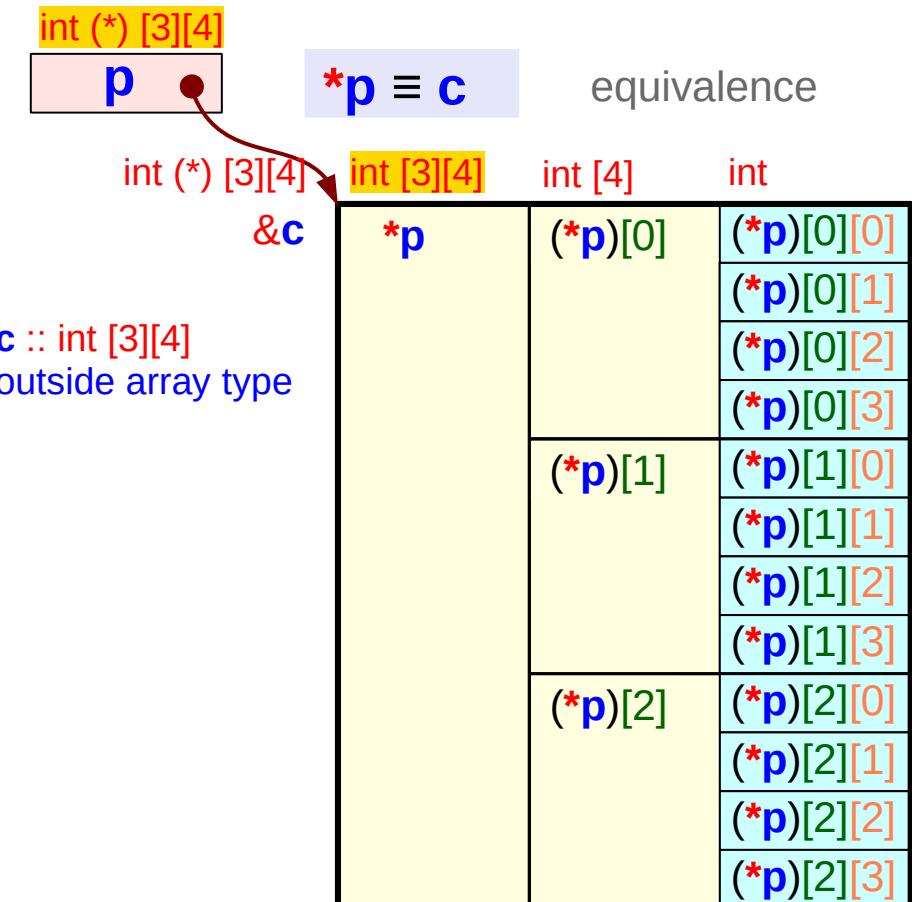
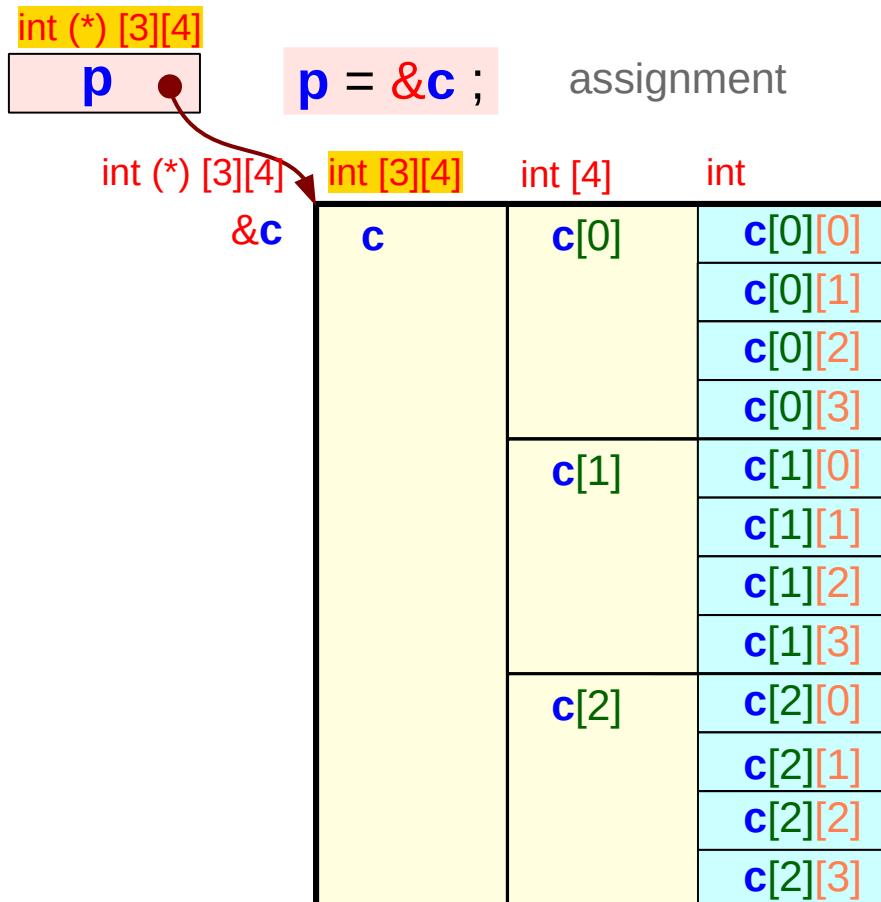
`int (*p) [3][4];`

`p = &c`

$*p \equiv c$

$c \equiv \&c[0]$

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



# 2-d array, 1-d array pointer q – inside array type

int c [3][4];

assignment

dereference

equivalence

equivalence

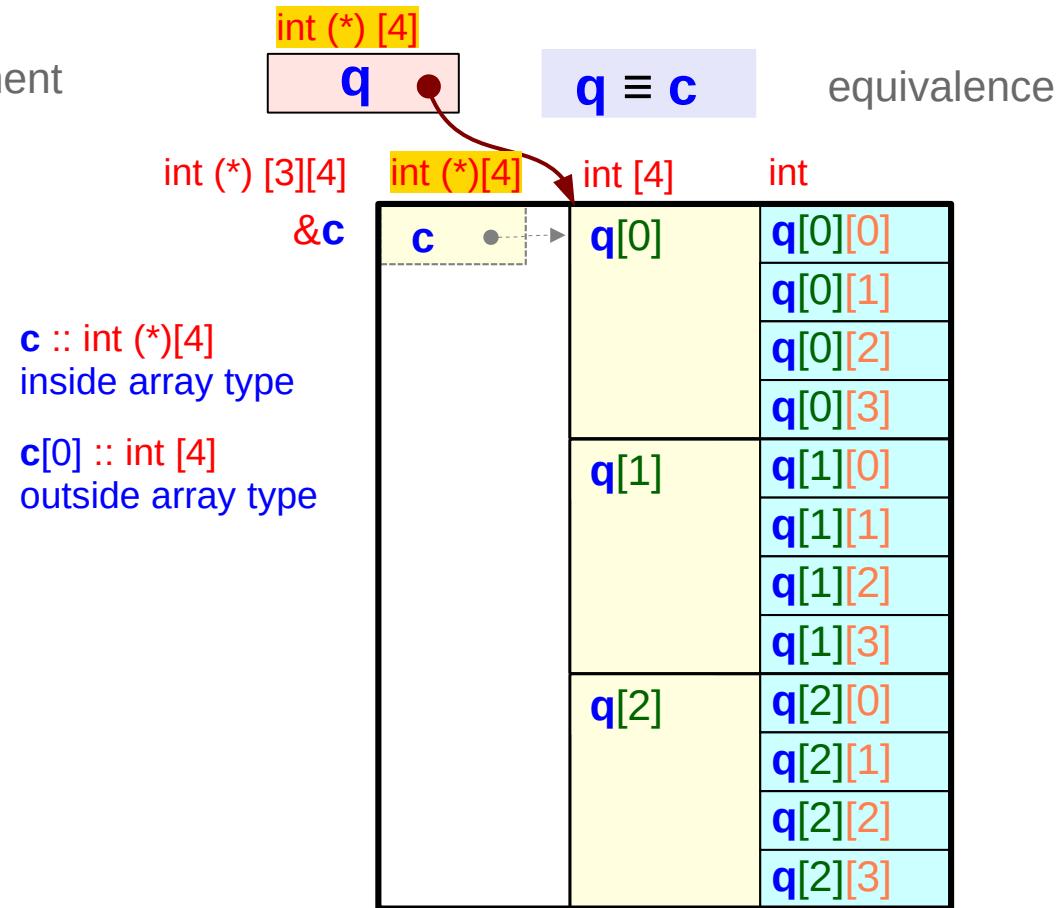
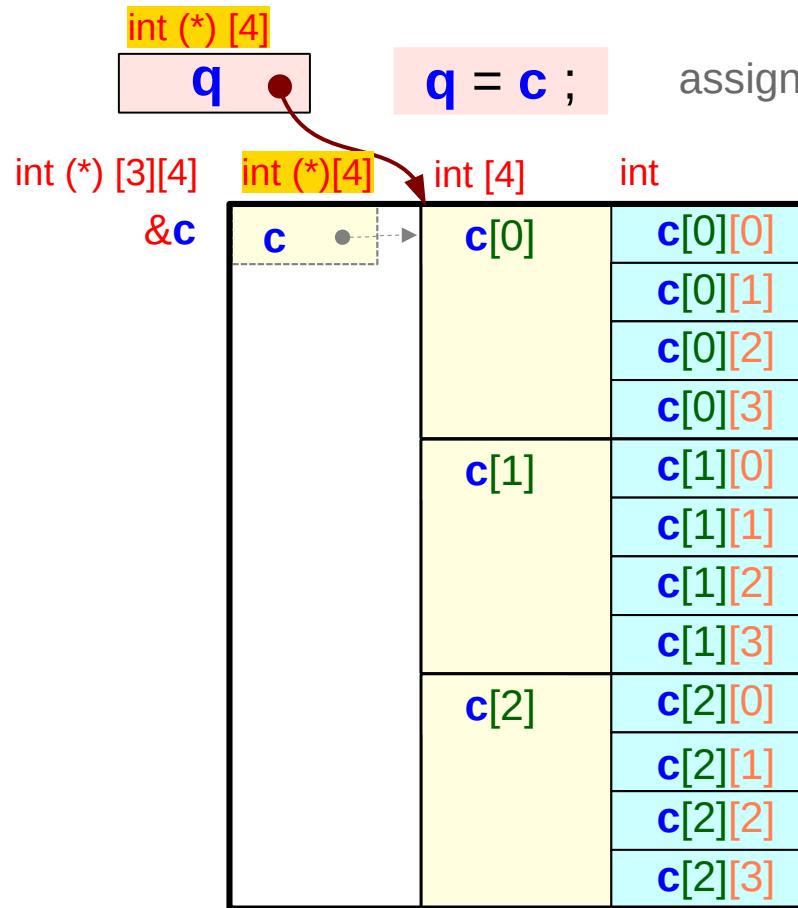
int (\*q) [4];

$q = c$

$q \equiv c$

$c \equiv \&c[0]$

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



## Incrementing a 2-d array pointer

## Incrementing a 1-d array pointer

# Subarray sizes referenced by array pointers **p** and **q**

`int c [3][4] ;`

**2-d array c**

`sizeof( c ) = array size  
3·4·4 bytes`

`int c [3][4]  
c : sizeof( int [3][4] )`

`int c [3][4]                    i = 0,1,2  
c[i] : sizeof( int [4] )`

`int c [3][4]                    i = 0,1,2  
                                  j = 0,1,2,3  
c[i][j] : sizeof( int )`

`int (*p) [3][4] ;`

**2-d array pointer p**

`sizeof( p ) = pointer size  
4 or 8 bytes`

`int (*p) [3][4]  
(*p) or p[0] : sizeof( int [3][4] )`

`int (*p) [3][4]                i = 0,1,2  
(*p)[i] or p[0][i] : sizeof( int [4] )`

`int (*p) [3][4]                i = 0,1,2  
                                  j = 0,1,2,3  
(*p)[i][j] or p[0][i][j] : sizeof( int )`

`int (*q) [4] ;`

**1-d array pointer q**

`sizeof( q ) = pointer size  
4 or 8 bytes`

`int (*q) [4]                    i = 0,1,2  
*(q+i) or q[i] : sizeof( int [4] )`

`int (*q) [4]                    i = 0,1,2  
                                  j = 0,1,2,3  
*(q+i)+j or q[i]+j : sizeof( int )`

# 2-d array **c**, 2-d array pointer **p**, 1-d array pointer **q**

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

```
int (*p) [3][4] = &c;
```

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

2-d  
3-d

(\***p**)[*i*][*j*]    *i* = 0,1,2  
                      *j* = 0,1,2,3  
**p**[0][*i*][*j*]    *i* = 0,1,2  
                      *j* = 0,1,2,3



(\*(**p**+*m*))[*i*][*j*]    *i* = 0,1,2  
                                  *j* = 0,1,2,3  
**p**[*m*][*i*][*j*]    *i* = 0,1,2  
                                  *j* = 0,1,2,3

2-d  
3-d

Basic Reference

Extended Reference

1-d  
2-d

(\***q**)[*j*]    *j* = 0,1,2,3  
**q**[0][*j*]    *j* = 0,1,2,3



(\*(**q**+*i*))[*j*]    *i* = 0,1,2  
                                  *j* = 0,1,2,3  
**q**[*i*][*j*]    *i* = 0,1,2  
                                  *j* = 0,1,2,3

1-d  
2-d

Basic Reference

Extended Reference

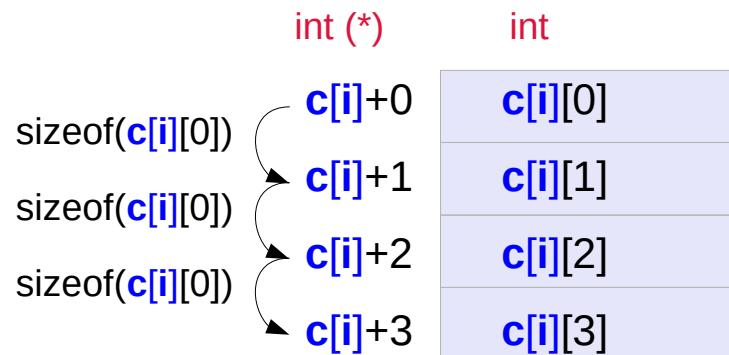
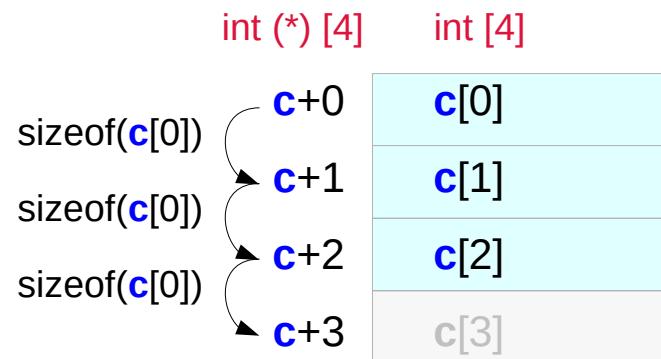
# 2-d array c

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

(int [4])      **c[i]**       $i = 0,1,2$

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

(int)      **c[i][j]**       $i = 0,1,2$   
                                 $j = 0,1,2,3$



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

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

$$\text{value}(c + i) = \text{value}(c[i]) \quad (\text{address replication})$$

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

# Incrementing a 2-d array pointer p

int (\*p) [3][4] = &c ;

int c [3][4] ;

p+0	sizeof(*p)	sizeof(int [3][4])	sizeof(2-d array)
p+1	sizeof(*p)	sizeof(int [3][4])	sizeof(2-d array)
p+2	sizeof(*p)	sizeof(int [3][4])	sizeof(2-d array)
p+3	sizeof(*p)	sizeof(int [3][4])	sizeof(2-d array)

(\*p)[i][j] i = 0,1,2  
j = 0,1,2,3

p[0][i][j] i = 0,1,2  
j = 0,1,2,3

*(p+0)	↔	p[0]
*(p+1)	↔	p[1]
*(p+2)	↔	p[2]
*(p+3)	↔	p[3]

(*p+0)[i][j]	↔	p[0][i][j]	used for c[3][4]
(*p+1)[i][j]	↔	p[1][i][j]	
(*p+2)[i][j]	↔	p[2][i][j]	
(*p+3)[i][j]	↔	p[3][i][j]	

# Incrementing a 1-d array pointer q

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

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

$q+0$	$\text{sizeof}(*\mathbf{q})$	$\text{sizeof}(\text{int [4]})$	$\text{sizeof(1-d array)}$
$q+1$	$\text{sizeof}(*\mathbf{q})$	$\text{sizeof}(\text{int [4]})$	$\text{sizeof(1-d array)}$
$q+2$	$\text{sizeof}(*\mathbf{q})$	$\text{sizeof}(\text{int [4]})$	$\text{sizeof(1-d array)}$

$$(*(\mathbf{q}+\mathbf{i}))[\mathbf{j}] \quad \begin{matrix} i = 0,1,2 \\ j = 0,1,2,3 \end{matrix} \quad \mathbf{q}[\mathbf{i}][\mathbf{j}] \quad \begin{matrix} i = 0,1,2 \\ j = 0,1,2,3 \end{matrix}$$

$*(\mathbf{q}+0)$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\mathbf{q}[0]$
$*(\mathbf{q}+1)$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\mathbf{q}[1]$
$*(\mathbf{q}+2)$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\mathbf{q}[2]$
$*(\mathbf{q}+3)$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\mathbf{q}[3]$

$(*\mathbf{q}+0)[\mathbf{j}]$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\mathbf{q}[0][\mathbf{j}]$	used for $c[3][4]$
$(*\mathbf{q}+1)[\mathbf{j}]$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\mathbf{q}[1][\mathbf{j}]$	
$(*\mathbf{q}+2)[\mathbf{j}]$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\mathbf{q}[2][\mathbf{j}]$	
$(*\mathbf{q}+3)[\mathbf{j}]$	$\leftrightarrow$	$\mathbf{q}[3][\mathbf{j}]$	

# 2-d array pointer p

```
int (*p) [3][4] ;
```

(int [3][4]) (\*p)

```
int (*p) [3][4] ;
```

(int [4]) (\*p)[i] i = 0,1,2

```
int (*p) [3][4] ;
```

(int) (\*p)[i][j] i = 0,1,2  
j = 0,1,2,3

int [3][4]

sizeof(\*p)

sizeof(\*p)

sizeof(\*p)

int (\*) [3][4]

p+0  
p+1  
p+2  
p+3

int [3][4]

\*p  
\*(p+1)  
\*(p+2)  
\*(p+3)

int [4]

sizeof((\*p)[0])

sizeof((\*p)[0])

sizeof((\*p)[0])

int (\*) [4]

(\*p)+0  
(\*p)+1  
(\*p)+2  
(\*p)+3

int [4]

(\*p)[0]  
(\*p)[1]  
(\*p)[2]  
(\*p)[3]

int

sizeof((\*p)[0][0])

sizeof((\*p)[0][0])

sizeof((\*p)[0][0])

int (\*)

(\*p)[i]+0  
(\*p)[i]+1  
(\*p)[i]+2  
(\*p)[i]+3

int

(\*p)[i][0]  
(\*p)[i][1]  
(\*p)[i][2]  
(\*p)[i][3]

# 2-d array pointer p

```
int (*p) [3][4] ;
```

(int [3][4]) p[0]

```
int (*p) [3][4] ;
```

(int [4]) p[0][i] i = 0,1,2

```
int (*p) [3][4] ;
```

(int) p[0][i][j] i = 0,1,2  
j = 0,1,2,3

int [3][4]

sizeof(p[0])

sizeof(p[0])

sizeof(p[0])

int (\*) [3][4]

p+0  
p+1  
p+2  
p+3

int [3][4]

p[0]  
p[1]  
p[2]  
p[3]

int [4]

sizeof(p[0][0])

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int (\*) [4]

p[0]+0  
p[0]+1  
p[0]+2  
p[0]+3

int [4]

p[0][0]  
p[0][1]  
p[0][2]  
p[0][3]

int

sizeof(p[0][0][0])

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int (\*)

p[0][i]+0  
p[0][i]+1  
p[0][i]+2  
p[0][i]+3

int

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p[0][i][1]  
p[0][i][2]  
p[0][i][3]

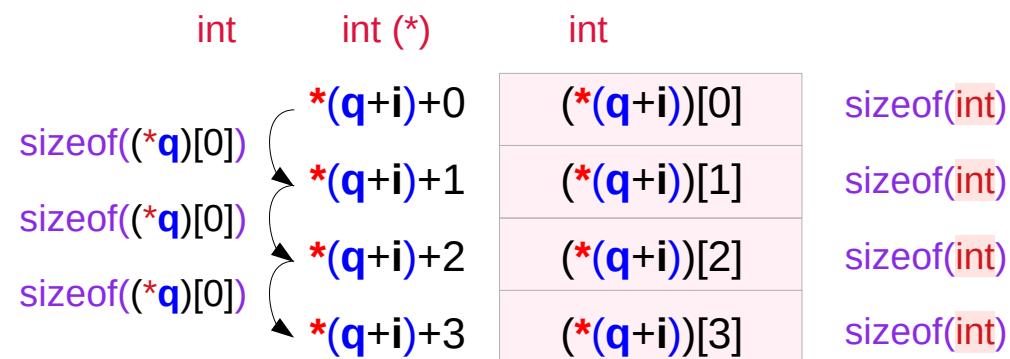
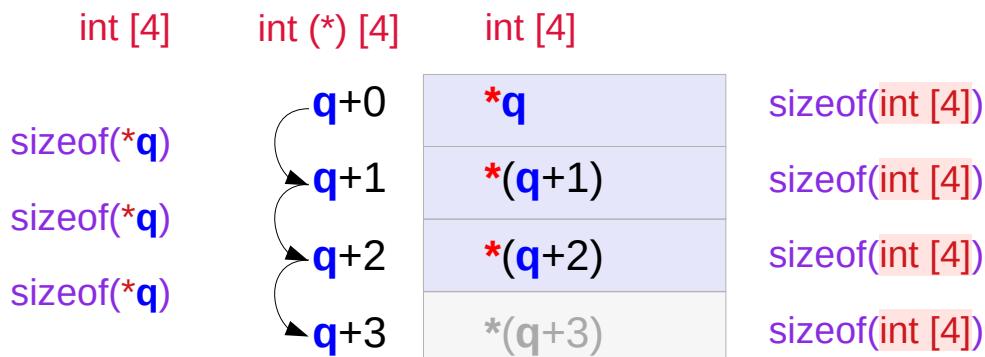
# 1-d array pointer q

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

(int [4]) \***(q+i)**    i = 0,1,2

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

(int) **(\***(q+i))**[j]****    i = 0,1,2  
                                  j = 0,1,2,3**



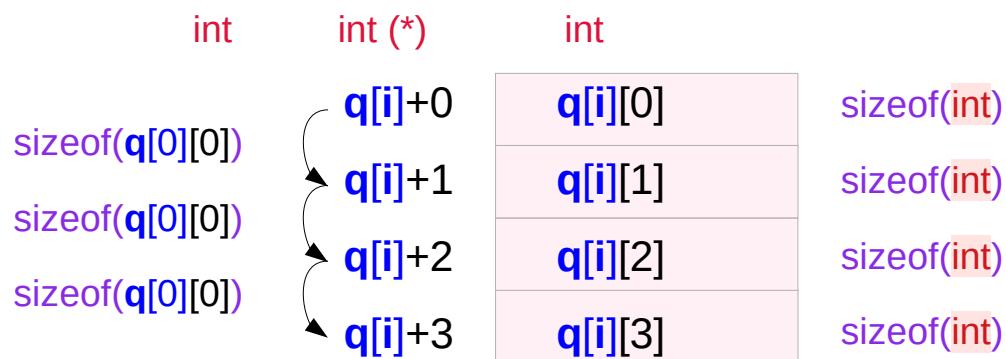
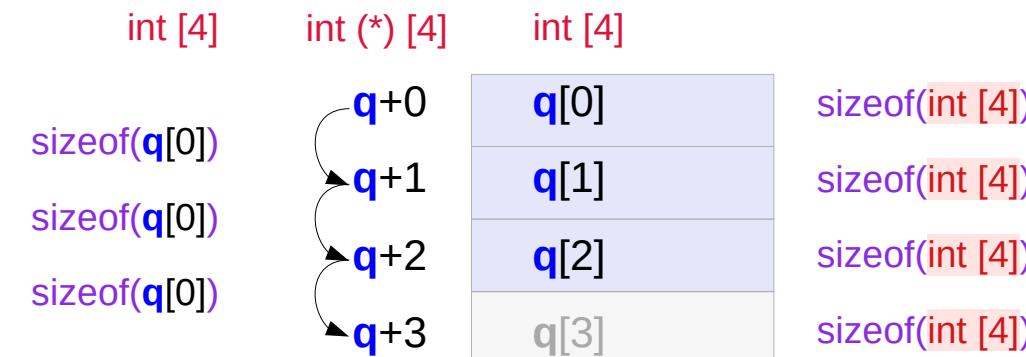
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int (*q) [4] ;
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(int [4])      q[i]      i = 0,1,2

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

(int)      q[i][j]      i = 0,1,2  
                          j = 0,1,2,3



# Array element address

int **c** [3][4] ;

int (\***p**) [3][4] = &**c**;

int (\***q**) [4] = **c** ;

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

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

$$\text{value}(\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{i}) = \text{value}(\mathbf{c[i]}) \\ \textit{address replication}$$

$$\&\mathbf{c[i][j]} = \text{value}(\mathbf{c[i]} + \mathbf{j}) \\ = \text{value}(\mathbf{c[i]}) + \mathbf{j} * \text{sizeof}(*\mathbf{c[i]}) \\ = \text{value}(\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{i}) + \mathbf{j} * \text{sizeof}(*\mathbf{c[i]}) \\ = \text{value}(\mathbf{c}) + \mathbf{i} * \text{sizeof}(*\mathbf{c}) \\ \quad + \mathbf{j} * \text{sizeof}(*\mathbf{c[i]}) \\ = \text{value}(\mathbf{c}) + \mathbf{i} * 4 * 4 + \mathbf{j} * 4$$

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

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

$$\text{value}(*\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{i}) = \text{value}((*\mathbf{p})[\mathbf{i}]) \\ \textit{address replication}$$

$$\&(*\mathbf{p})[\mathbf{i}][\mathbf{j}] = \text{value}((*\mathbf{p})[\mathbf{i}] + \mathbf{j}) \\ = \text{value}((*\mathbf{p})[\mathbf{i}]) + \mathbf{j} * \text{sizeof}(*(*\mathbf{p})[\mathbf{i}]) \\ = \text{value}((*\mathbf{p}) + \mathbf{i}) + \mathbf{j} * \text{sizeof}(*(*\mathbf{p})[\mathbf{i}]) \\ = \text{value}(*\mathbf{p}) + \mathbf{i} * \text{sizeof}(**\mathbf{p}) \\ \quad + \mathbf{j} * \text{sizeof}(*(*\mathbf{p})[\mathbf{i}]) \\ = \text{value}(*\mathbf{p}) + \mathbf{i} * 4 * 4 + \mathbf{j} * 4$$

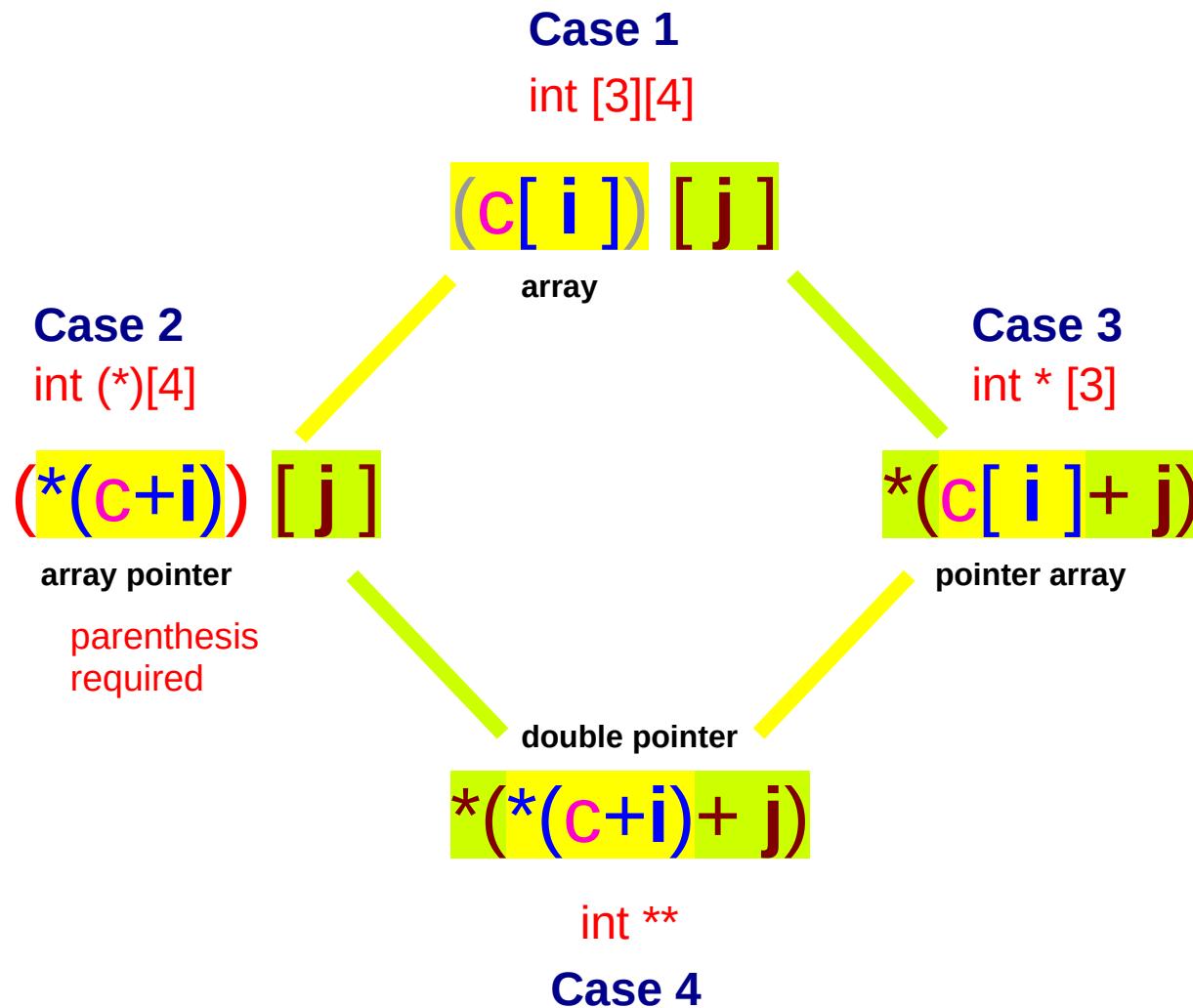
$$\text{value}(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{i}) = \\ \text{value}(\mathbf{q}) + \mathbf{i} * \text{sizeof}(*\mathbf{q})$$

$$\text{value}(\mathbf{q[i]} + \mathbf{j}) = \\ \text{value}(\mathbf{q[i]}) + \mathbf{j} * \text{sizeof}(*\mathbf{q[i]})$$

$$\text{value}(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{i}) = \text{value}(\mathbf{q[i]}) \\ \textit{address replication}$$

$$\&\mathbf{q[i][j]} = \text{value}(\mathbf{q[i]} + \mathbf{j}) \\ = \text{value}(\mathbf{q[i]}) + \mathbf{j} * \text{sizeof}(*\mathbf{q[i]}) \\ = \text{value}(\mathbf{q} + \mathbf{i}) + \mathbf{j} * \text{sizeof}(*\mathbf{q[i]}) \\ = \text{value}(\mathbf{q}) + \mathbf{i} * \text{sizeof}(*\mathbf{q}) \\ \quad + \mathbf{j} * \text{sizeof}(*\mathbf{q[i]}) \\ = \text{value}(\mathbf{q}) + \mathbf{i} * 4 * 4 + \mathbf{j} * 4$$

# Array-pointer conversions from a 2-d array type



# 2-d array-pointer conversion types

Case 1 int [3][4]

c[i][j]

2-d array

Case 2 int (\*) [4]

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

1-d array pointer

Case 3 int \* [3]

\*(c[i]+j)

1-d array of pointers

Case 4 int \*\*

\*(\*(c+i)+j)

double pointer

# Types of c

Case 1	Case 2	Case 3	Case 4
int [3][4]	int (*)[4] array pointer  c points to an array of 4 integers	int * [3] pointer array  c is an array of 3 integer pointers	int ** double pointer  c points to an integer pointer
c[i][j]	$\equiv (*(\text{c}+\text{i}))[\text{j}]$	$\equiv *(\text{c}[\text{i}]+\text{j})$	$\equiv *(*(\text{c}+\text{i})+\text{j})$
&c[i][j]	$\equiv *(\text{c}+\text{i})+\text{j}$	$\equiv \text{c}[\text{i}]+\text{j}$	$\equiv *(\text{c}+\text{i})+\text{j}$

the address of  $\text{c}[\text{i}][\text{j}]$  is  $*(\text{c}+\text{i})+\text{j}$  or  $\text{c}[\text{i}]+\text{j}$

The row address is  $*(\text{c}+\text{i})$  or  $\text{c}[\text{i}]$

- Pointer conversions in array types
- Simulating array accesses by real pointers
- Dynamic memory allocation

# Pointer conversions in 2-d and 1-d array types

Case 1 int [3][4]

$c[i][j]$

2-d array  $c$

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

Case 2 int (\*) [4]

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

1-d array pointer

Case 3 int \* [3]

$*(c[i]+j)$

1-d array  $c$

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

Case 4 int \*\*

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

double pointer

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

# Relaxing the 1<sup>st</sup> dimension of an array

Virtual pointers

Case 1

int [3][4]

(c[ i ]) [ j ]

array

Case 2

int (\*)[4]

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

array pointer

parenthesis  
required

Integer Array

Case 3

int \* [3]

\*(c[ i ]+ j)

pointer array

Virtual pointers

\*( \* (c+i) + j )

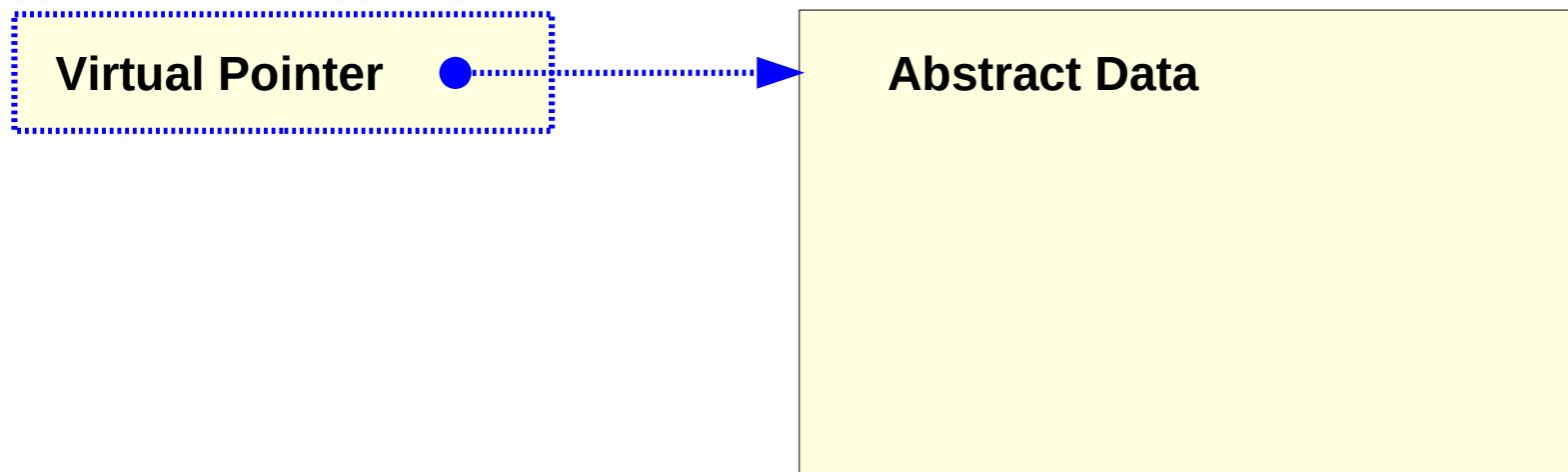
Case 4

int \*\*

Pointer Array

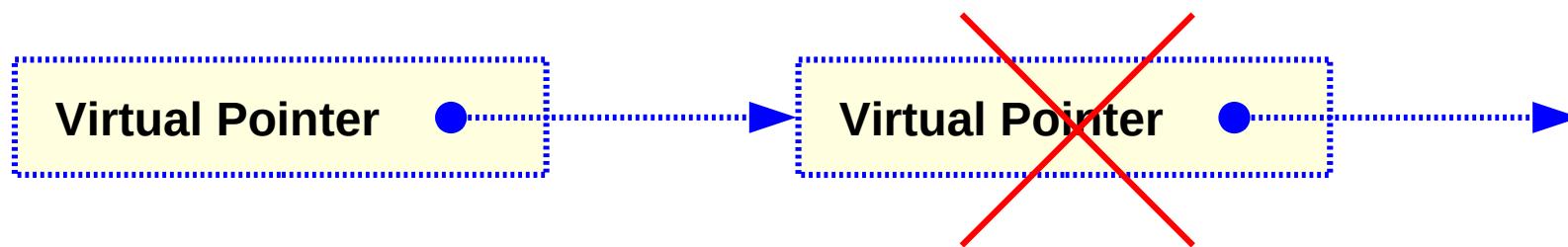
# Pointer conversions in 2-d and 1-d array types

Only the 1<sup>st</sup> dimension can be relaxed



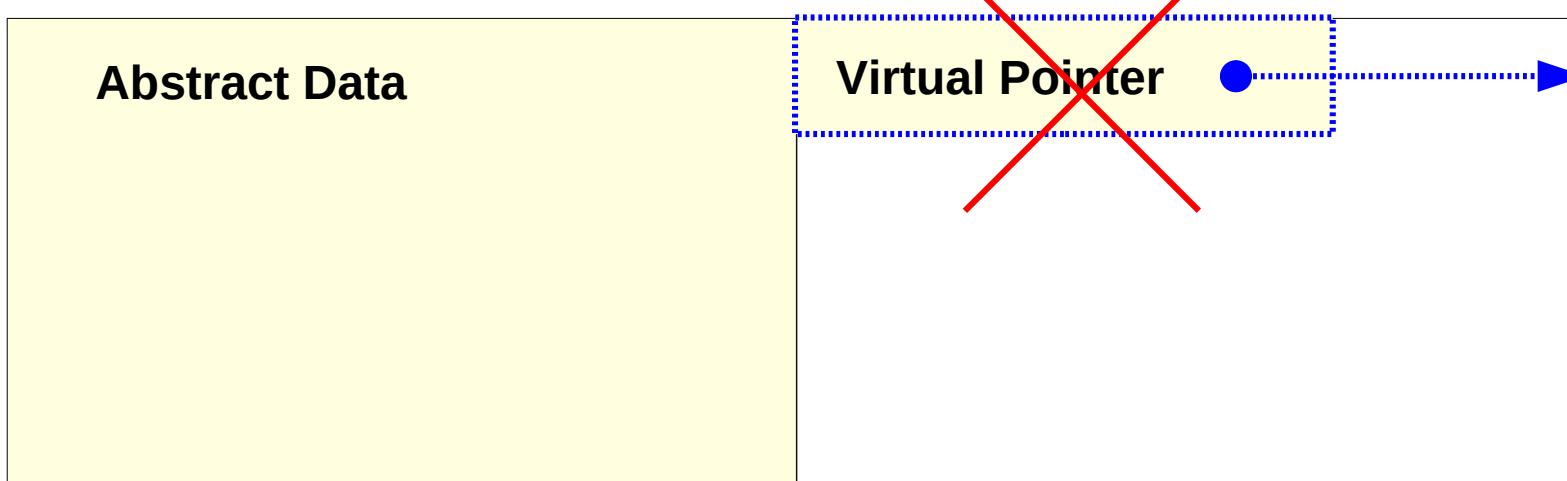
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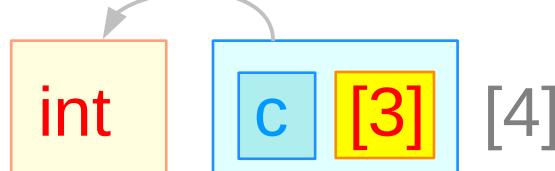


# Pointer conversions in 2-d and 1-d array types

Only the 1<sup>st</sup> dimension can be relaxed



# Case 3) 1-d array **c**, pointer **c[i]**



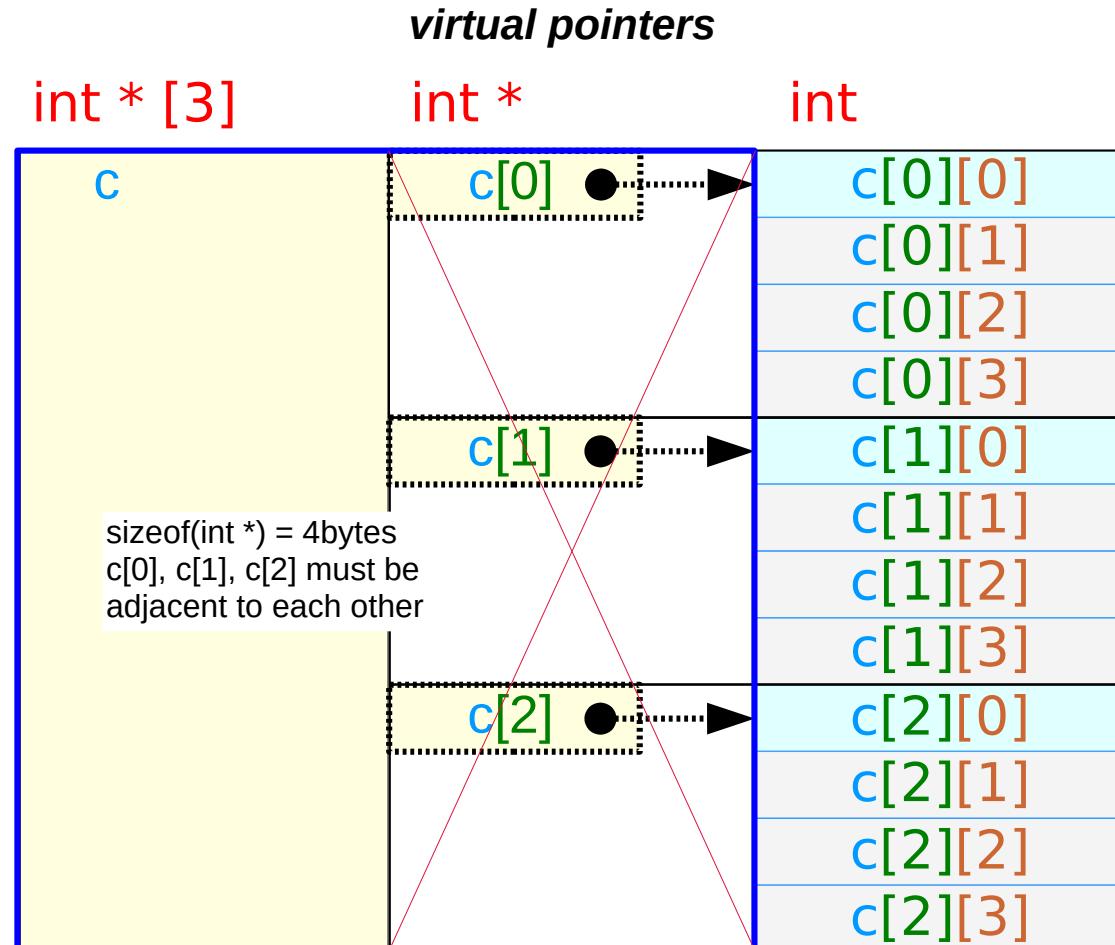
**C 1-d array**  
type : int \* [3]



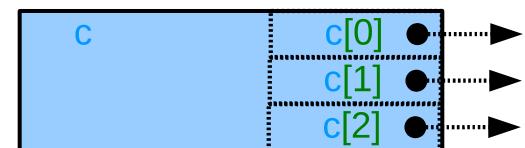
**c[i]** pointer  
type : int \*

**Int pointer**

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

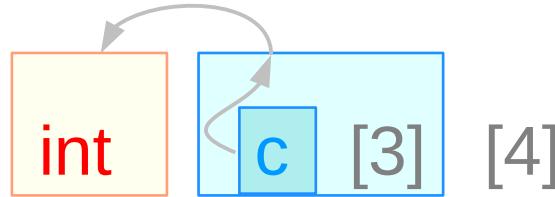


**c** is an array of  
3 integer pointers



## Case 4)

## double pointer **c**, pointer **c[i]**



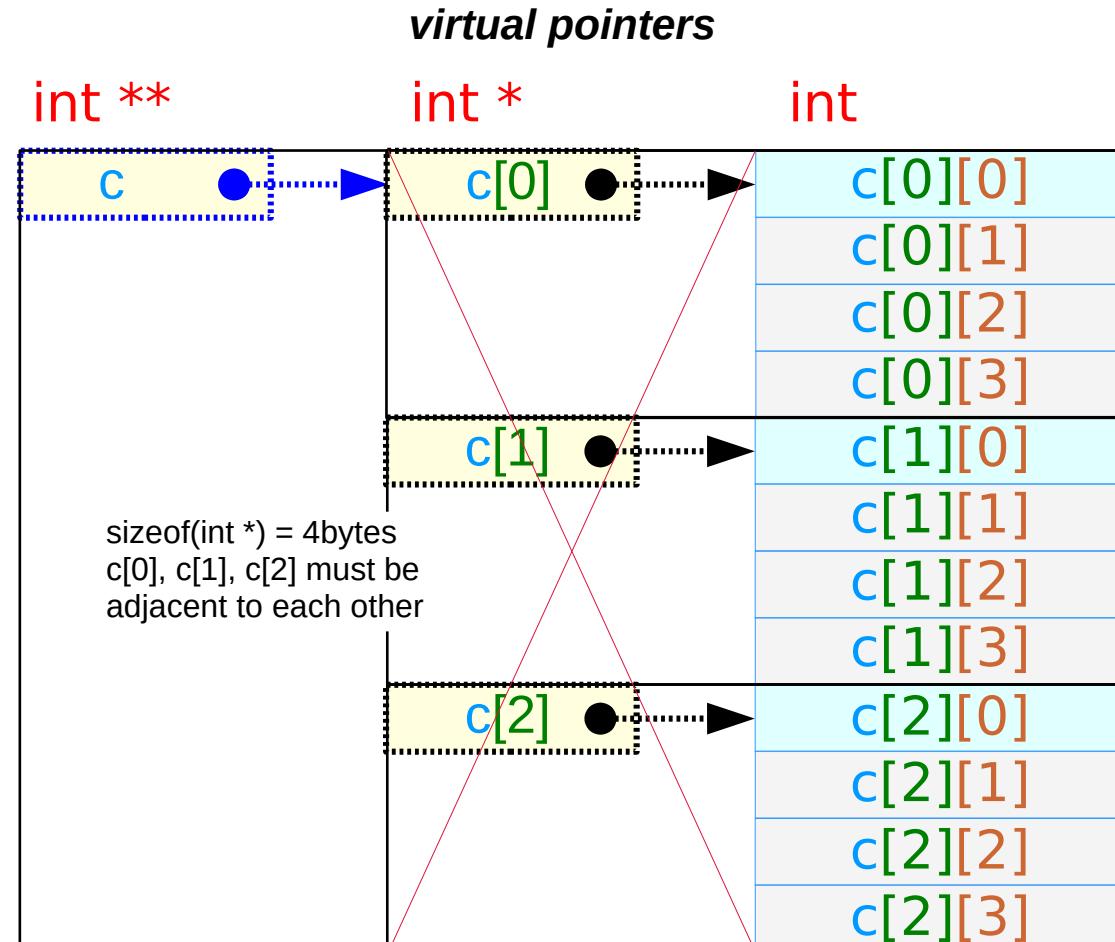
**c** double pointer  
type : int \*\*



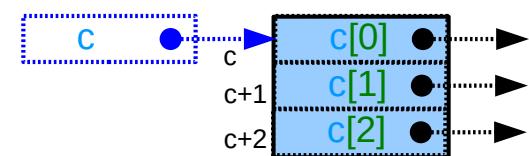
**c[i]** pointer  
type : int \*

**Double pointer**

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



**c** points to an integer pointer



# Case

int [4]

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

int

*virtual pointers*

int (\*)

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

int

$*(*(\text{c}+\text{i})+\text{j})$

c points to an integer pointer

# Types in a 2-d array

int c [3] [4]

C 2-d array

type : int [3][4]

size : 3 \* 4 \* 4

value : &c[0][0]

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

int c [3] [4]

C 1-d array pointer (virtual)

type : int (\*) [4]

size : 3 \* 4 \* 4

value : &c[0][0]

int c [3] [4]

c[i] 1-d array

type : int [4]

size : 4 \* 4

value : &c[i][0]

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

int c [3] [4]

c[i] 0-d array pointer (virtual)

type : int (\*)

size : 4 \* 4

value : &c[i][0]

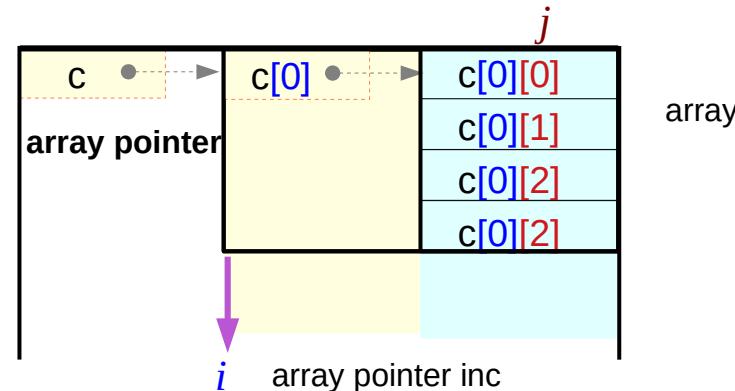
# Abstract data and virtual pointer types

Case 2

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

`int (*)[4]`

c points to a **1-d** array  
with 4 elements

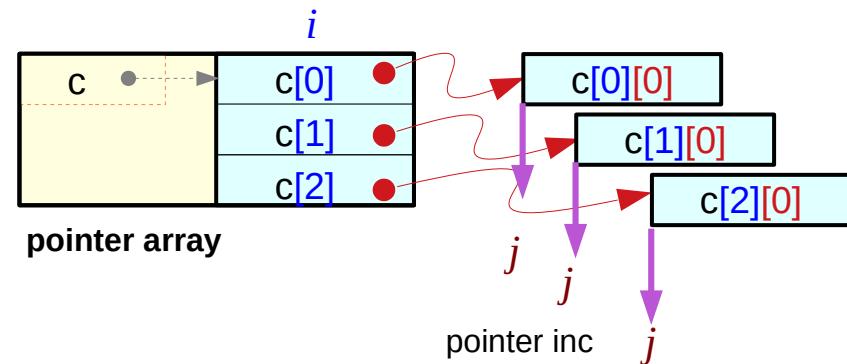


Case 3

$*(c[i]+j)$

`int * [3]`

c is a **1-d** array  
of integer pointers

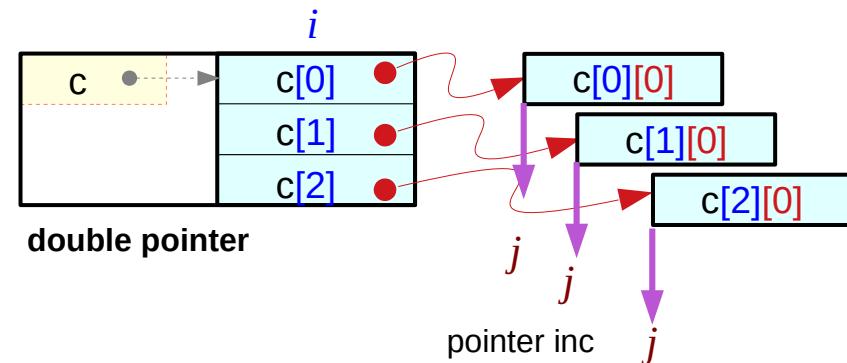


Case 4

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

`int **`

c points to  
an integer pointer



# Case 1) 2-d array c, 1-d array c[i]

int [c] [3] [4]

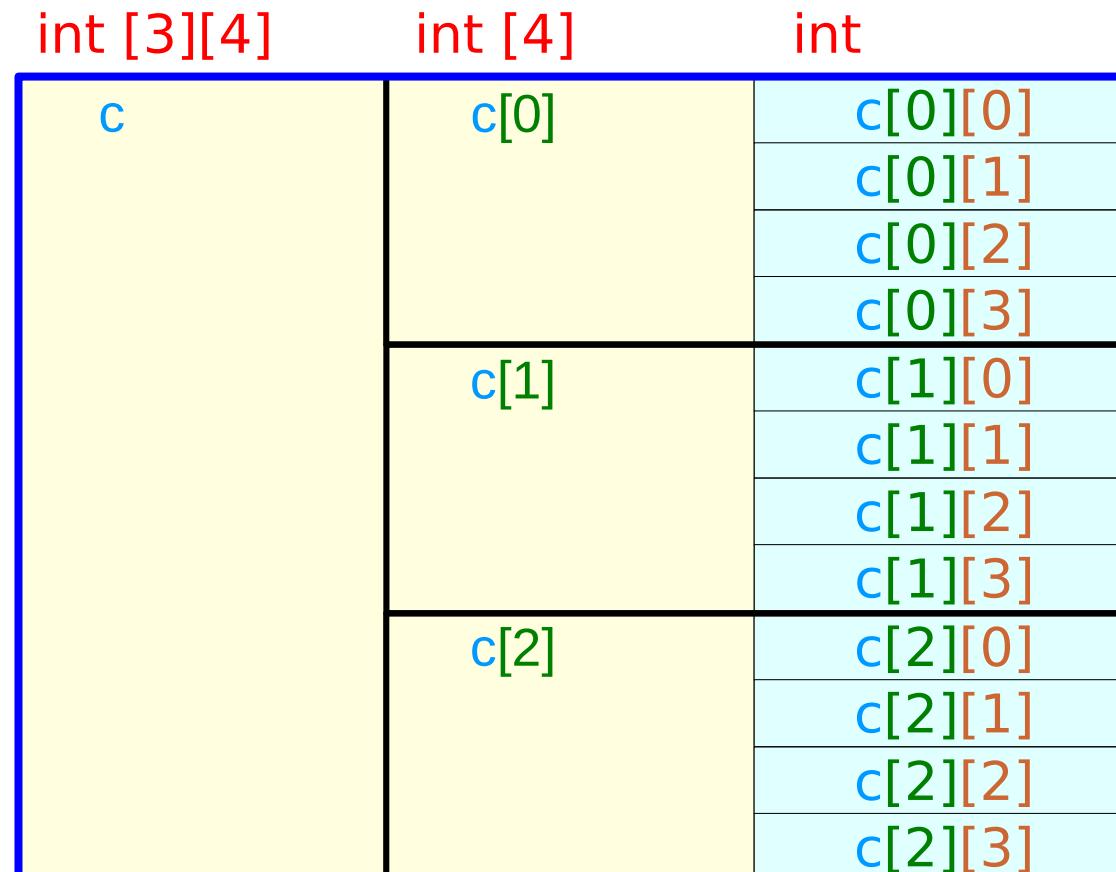
c 2-d array  
type : int [3][4]

int [c] [3] [4]

c[i] 1-d array  
type : int [4]

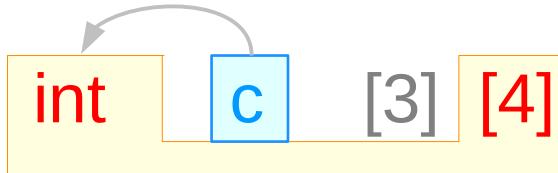
Abstract Data

(c[ i ]) [ j ]

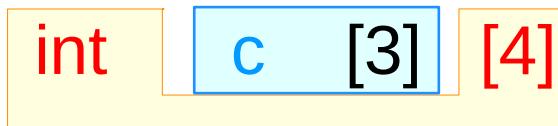


2-d array c

## Case 2) 1-d array pointer **c**, 1-d array **c[i]**



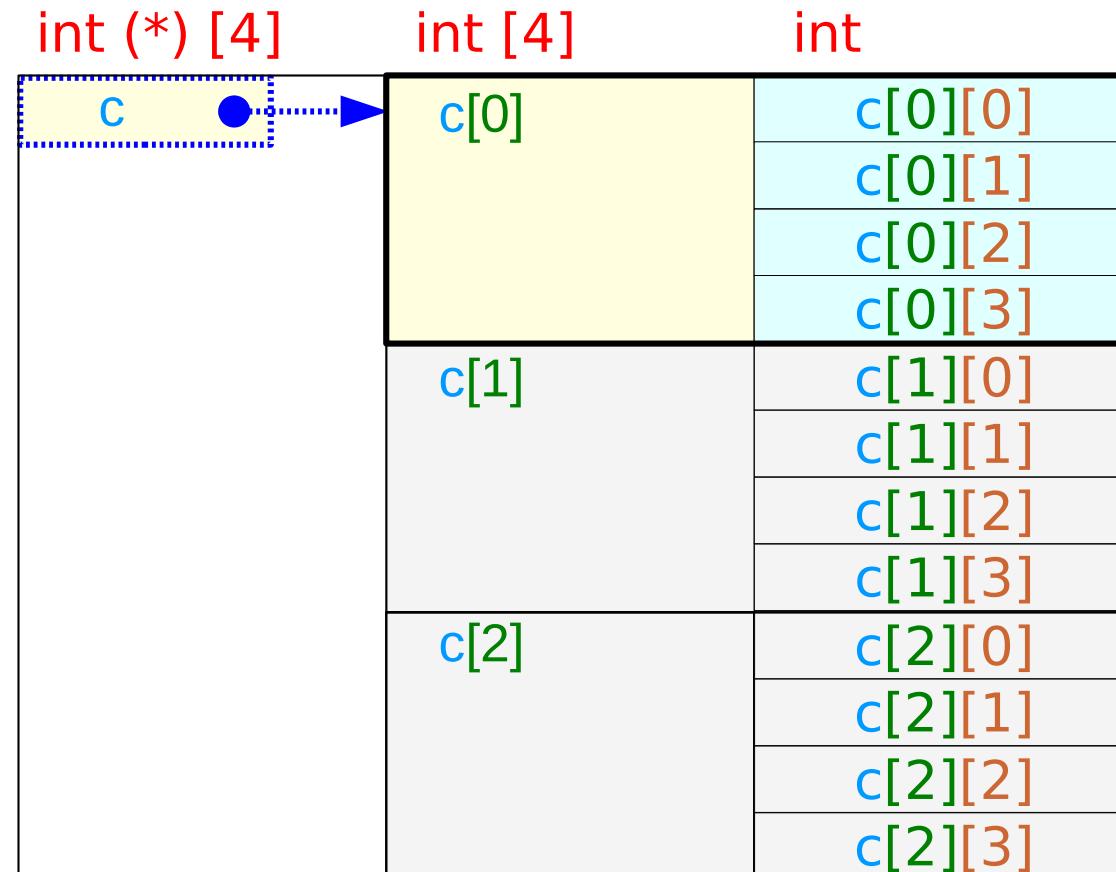
**c** 1-d array pointer  
type : int (\*) [4]



**c[i]** 1-d array  
type : int [4]

**Abstract Data**

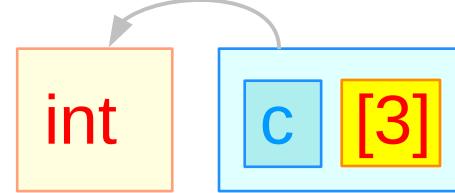
**(\*(c+i)) [ j ]**



**c** points to an array  
of 4 integers

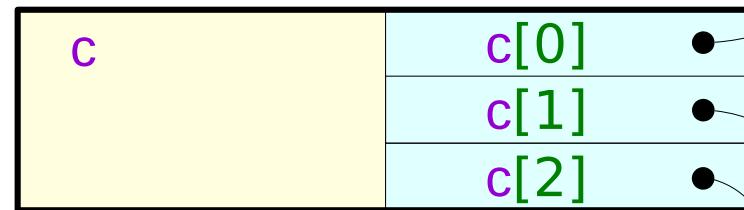
**2-d array **c****

# Case 3) 1-d array **c**, pointer **c[i]**



[4]

int \* [4]



*real pointers*

int

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

int \*

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



[4]

c[i] pointer  
type : int \*

Int pointer

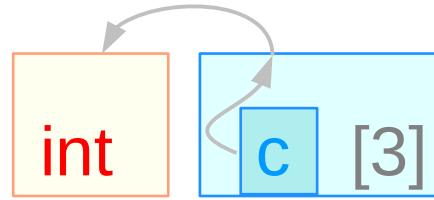
\*(c[ i ]+ j)

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

1-d array **c**

## Case 4)

## double pointer **c**, pointer **c[i]**

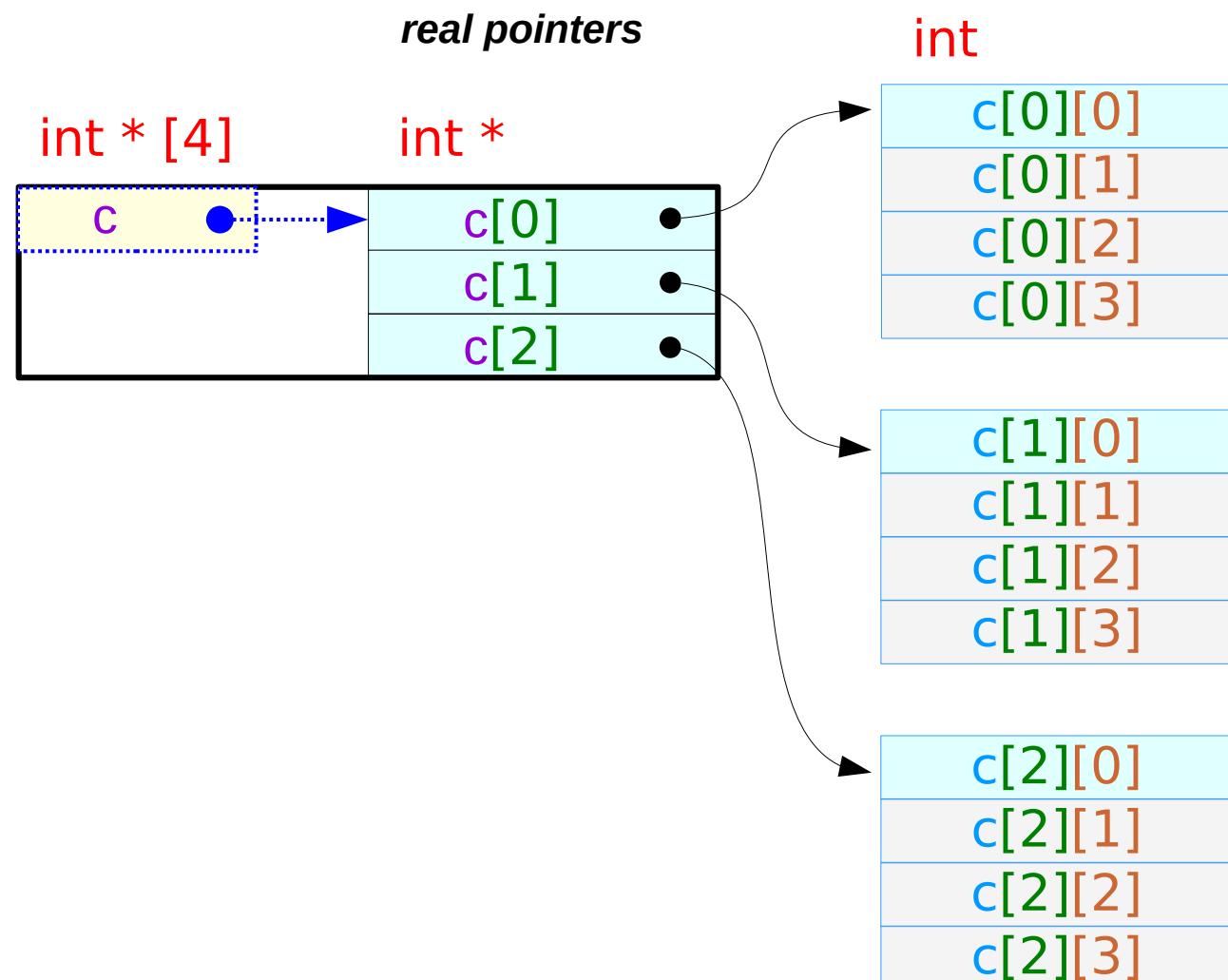


C double pointer  
type : int \*\*



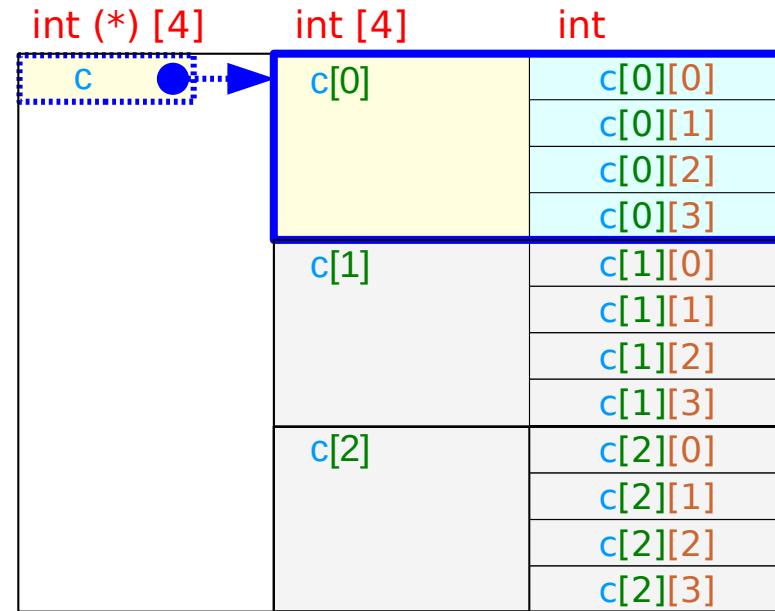
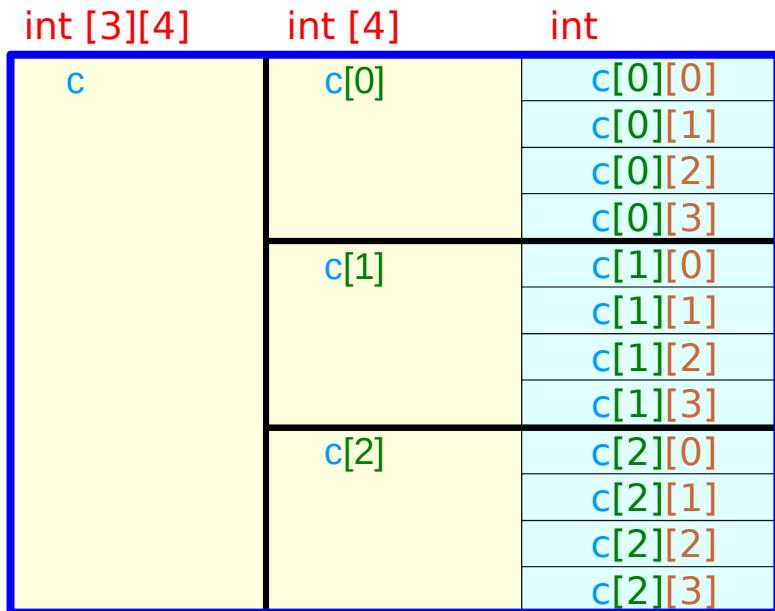
c[i] pointer  
type : int \*

**Double pointer**



**1-d array c**

# Nested Structure – abstract data, virtual pointer



Case 1

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



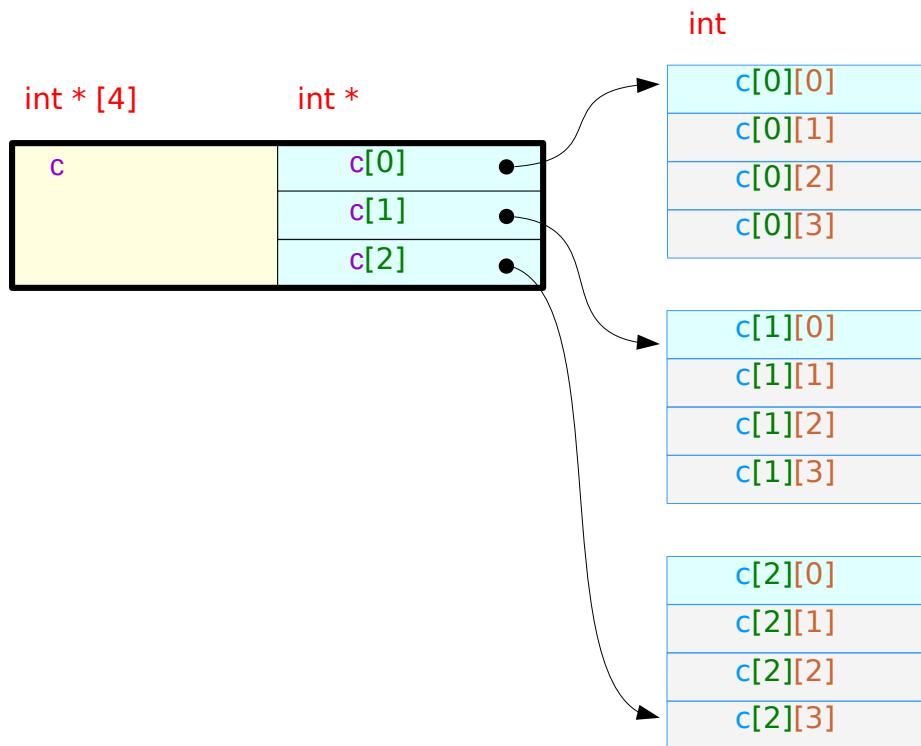
Case 2

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

nested structure

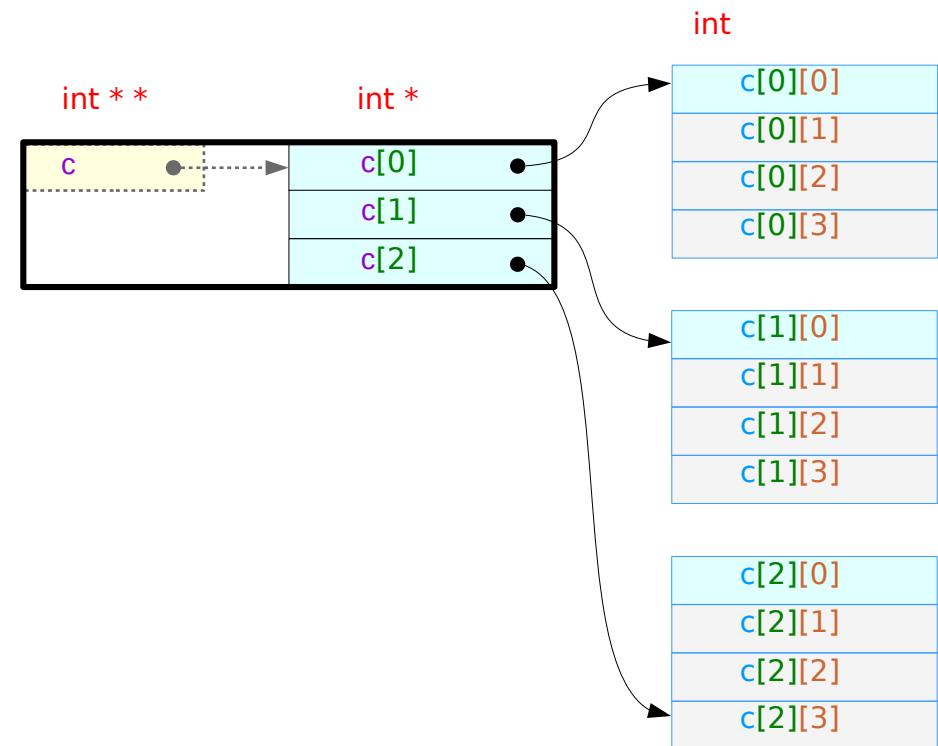
2-d array **c**

# Nested structure – abstract data, virtual pointer



Case 3

$*(c[i] + j)$



Case 4

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

nested structure

1-d array `c`

- Pointer conversions in array types
- Simulating array accesses by real pointers
- Dynamic memory allocation

# c is a double pointer and a 1-d array pointer

$*(*(\text{c}+0)+0)$    a double pointer

$(*(\text{c}+0))[0]$    a 1-d array pointer

# c is a double pointer and a 1-d array pointer

Case 1

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



Incrementing the  
1<sup>st</sup> dimension pointer

Case 2

array pointer

```
int (*[4]
```



Incrementing the  
2<sup>nd</sup> dimension pointer

Case 4

double pointer

```
int **
```

Case 1

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



Incrementing the  
2<sup>nd</sup> dimension  
pointer

Case 3

pointer array

```
int *[3]
```



Incrementing the  
1<sup>st</sup> dimension pointer

Case 4

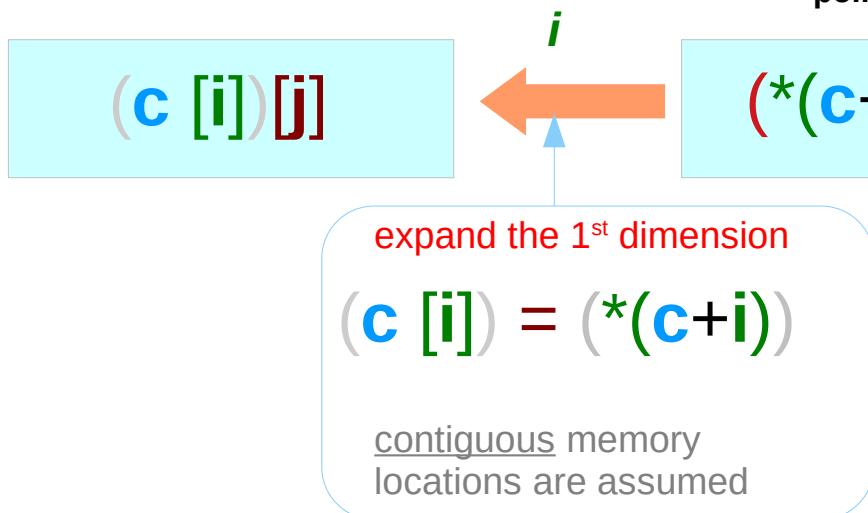
double pointer

```
int **
```

# 2-d array access via a double indirection

## Case 1

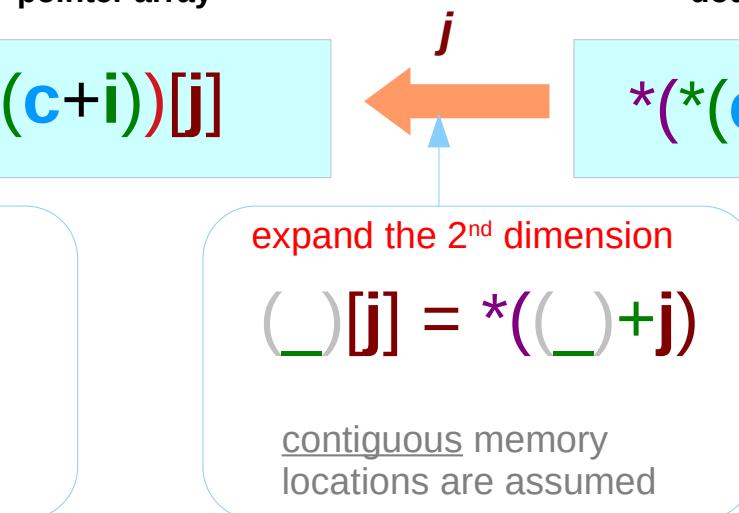
int [3][4]



## Case 2

int (\*)[4]

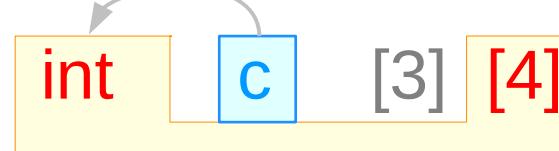
pointer array



## Case 4

int \*\*

double pointer



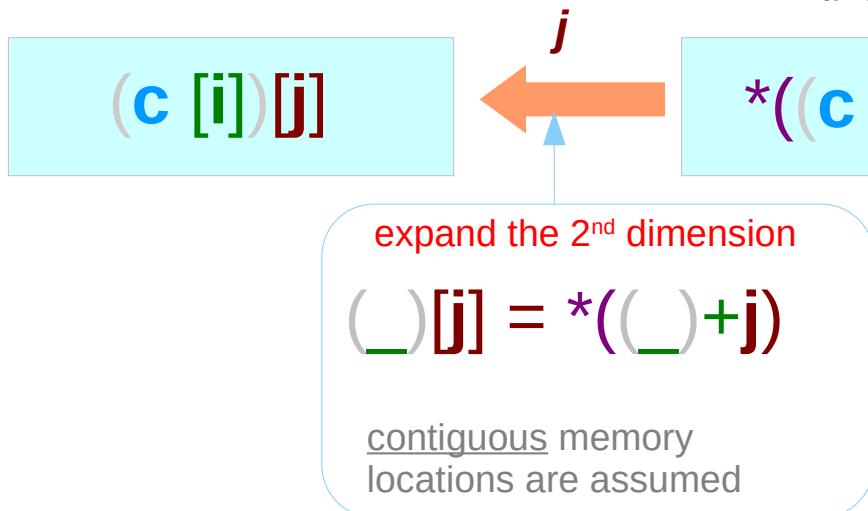
c points to an array  
of 4 integers

c points to an  
integer pointer

# 2-d array access via a double indirection

## Case 1

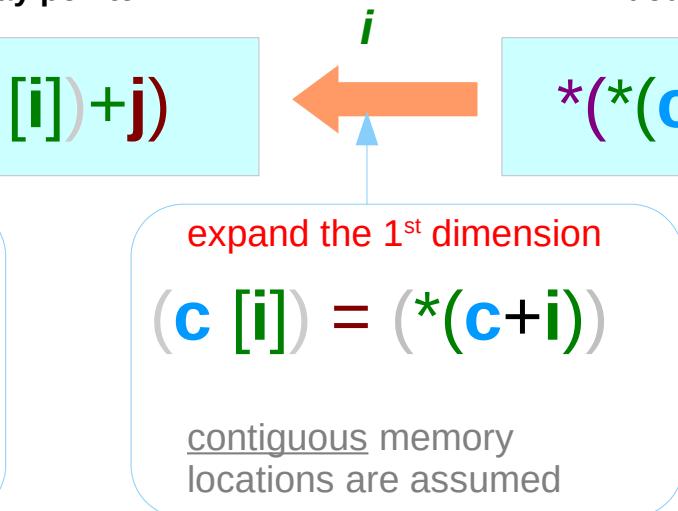
int [3][4]



## Case 3

int \* [3]

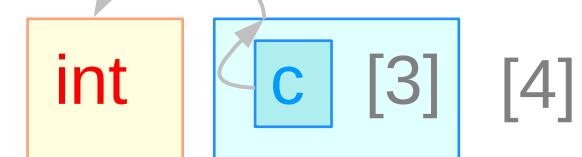
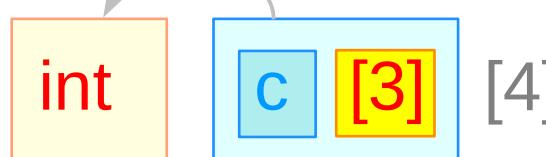
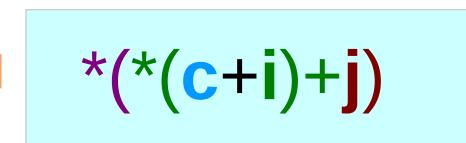
array pointer



## Case 4

int \*\*

double pointer



c is an array of  
3 integer pointers

c points to an  
integer pointer

# Cases 1, 2, 4

int **c** [3] [4];

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

## Case 1

int [3][4]

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

i  
←

## Case 2

int (\*) [4]

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

j  
←

## Case 4

int \*\*

\*(\*(**c**+i)+j)

**p** = **c**

**p**[0]=**c**[0],  
**p**[1]=**c**[1],  
**p**[2]=**c**[2];

equivalence

(**p** [i])[j]

←

(\*(**p**+i))[j]

←

\*(\*(**p**+i)+j)

# Cases 1, 3, 4

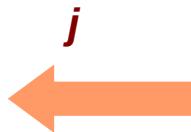
int **c** [3] [4];

int **\*\*p, \*q[3];**

## Case 1

int [3][4]

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



## Case 3

int \* [3]

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



## Case 4

int \*\*

$\ast(\ast(\mathbf{c} + \mathbf{i}) + \mathbf{j})$

**p = q;**

$q[0]=c[0],$   
 $q[1]=c[1],$   
 $q[2]=c[2];$

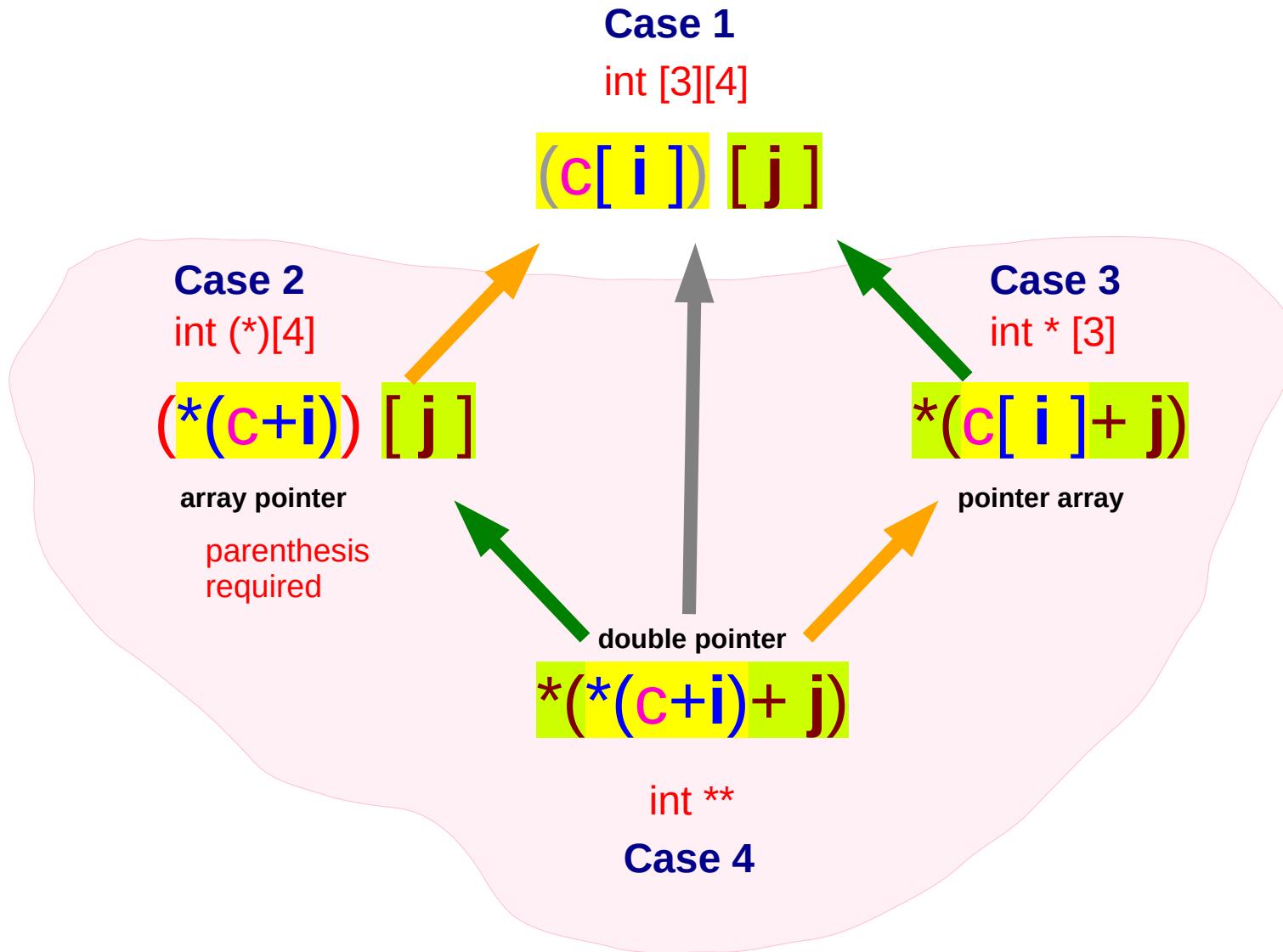
must be allocated  
and initialized

(**p** [i])[j]



$\ast(\ast(\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{i}) + \mathbf{j})$

# Simulating 2-d array accesses by real pointers



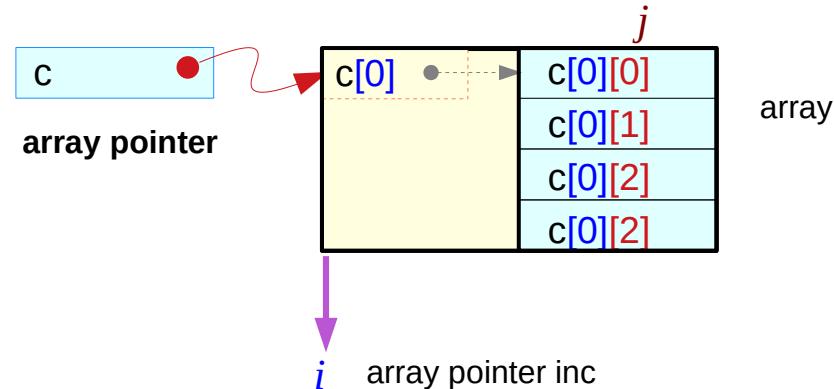
# Incrementing pointers

## Case 2

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

`int (*)[4]`

c points to a **1-d** array with 4 elements

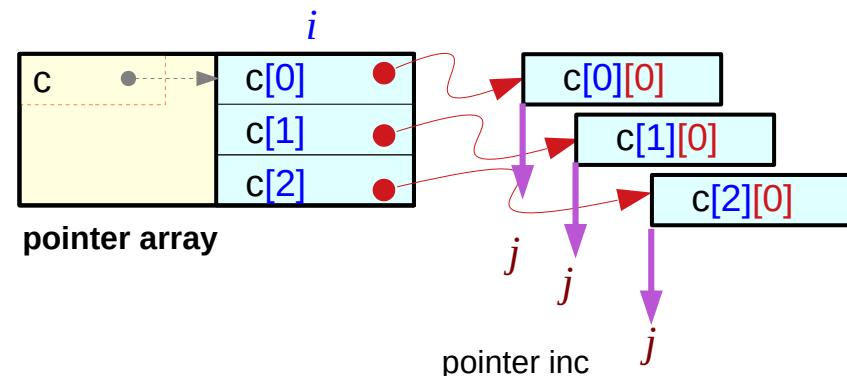


## Case 3

$*(c[i]+j)$

`int * [3]`

c is a **1-d** array of integer pointers

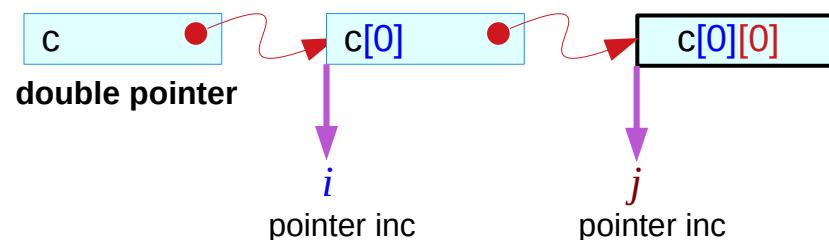


## Case 4

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

`int **`

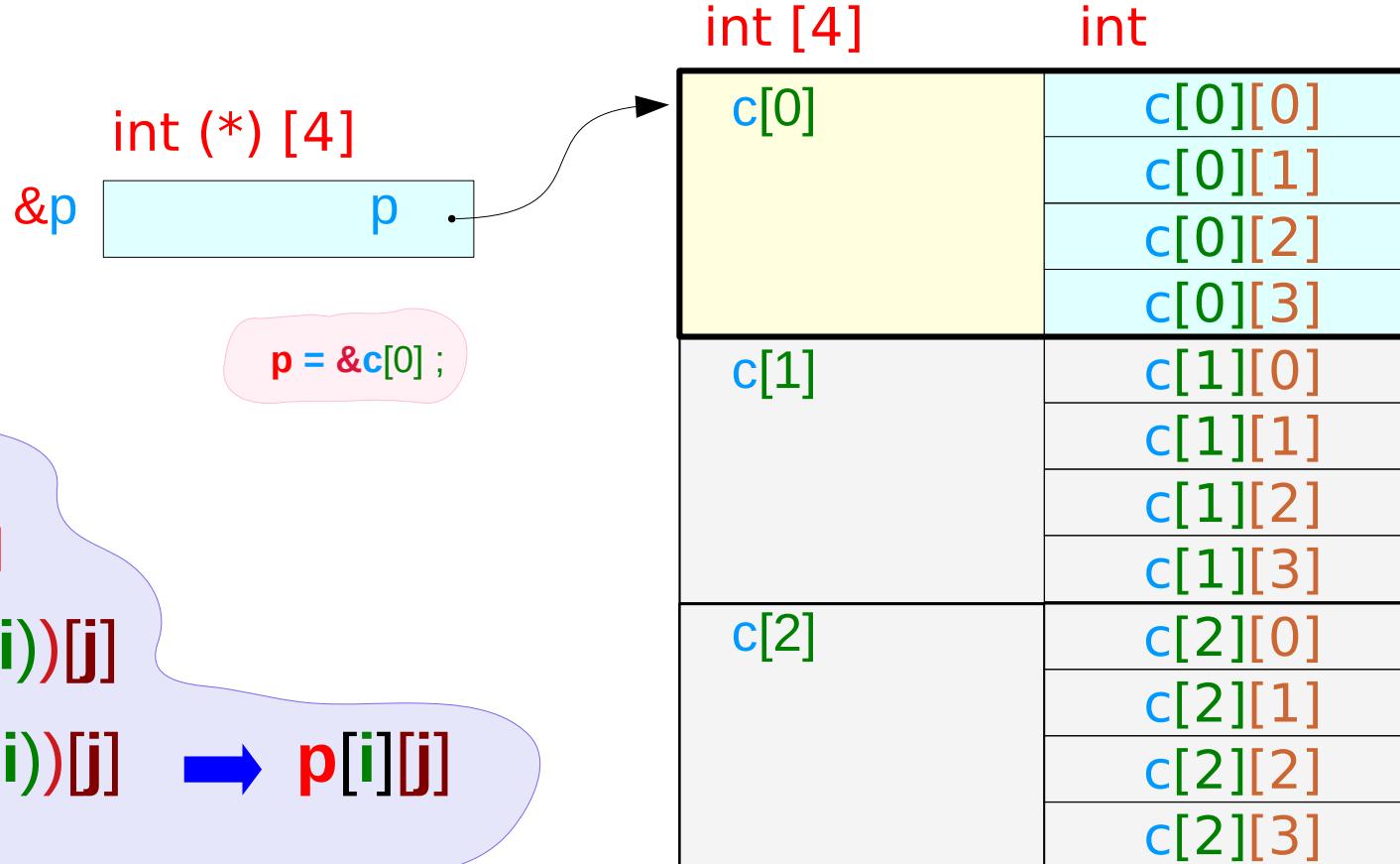
c points to an integer pointer



# 2-d array access using an array pointer p

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

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



Case 2

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

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

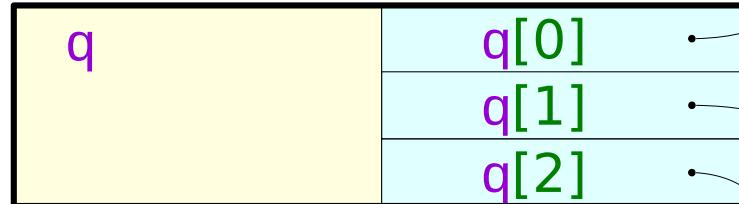
```
(*(p+i))[j] → p[i][j]
```

# 2-d array access using a pointer array q

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

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

int \* [4]



int

<code>c[0][0]</code>
<code>c[0][1]</code>
<code>c[0][2]</code>
<code>c[0][3]</code>

<code>c[1][0]</code>
<code>c[1][1]</code>
<code>c[1][2]</code>
<code>c[1][3]</code>

<code>c[2][0]</code>
<code>c[2][1]</code>
<code>c[2][2]</code>
<code>c[2][3]</code>

`q[0][0]`

`q[0][1]`

`q[0][2]`

`q[0][3]`

`q[1][0]`

`q[1][1]`

`q[1][2]`

`q[1][3]`

`q[2][0]`

`q[2][1]`

`q[2][2]`

`q[2][3]`

Case 3

`int * [3]`

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

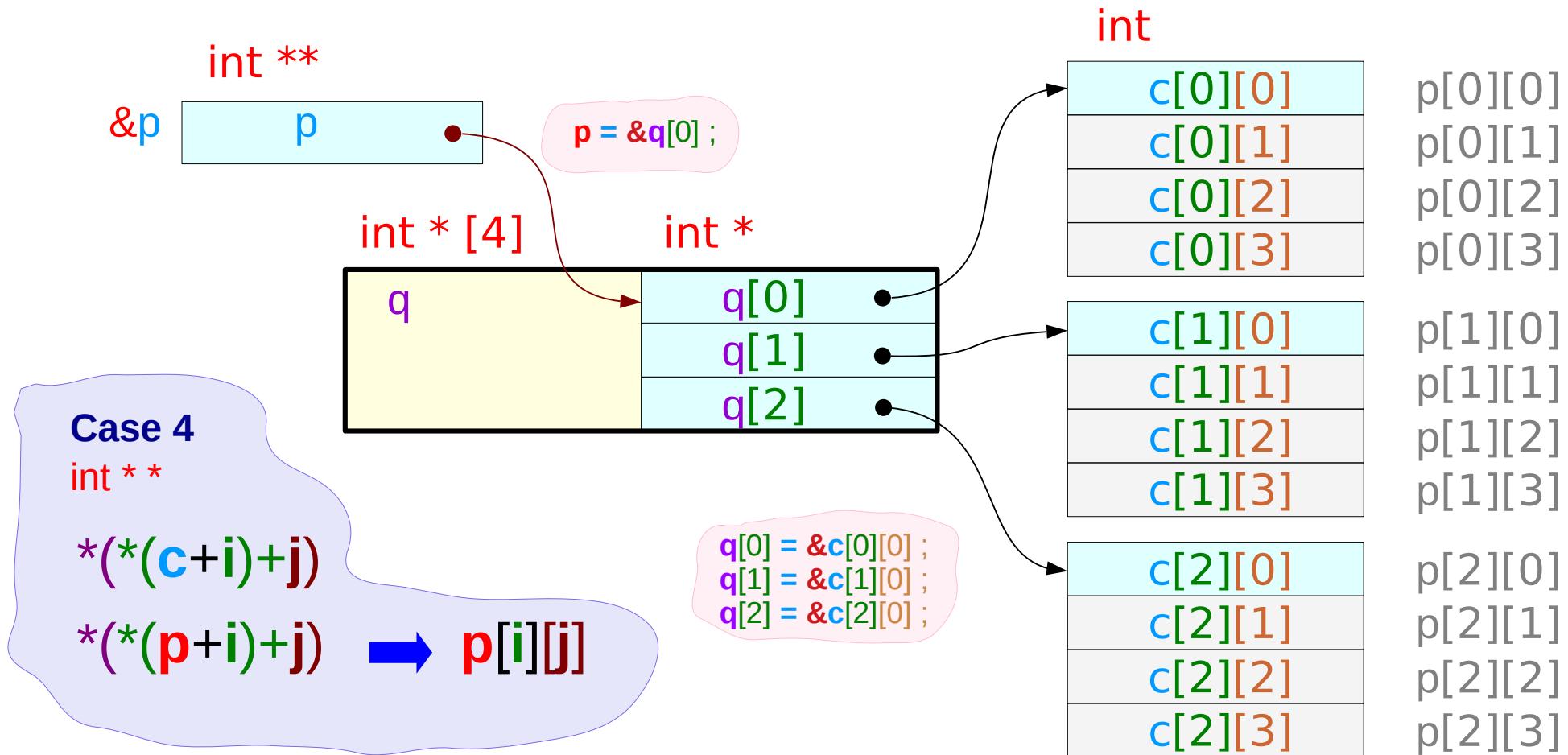
`*((q [i])+j) → q[i][j]`

`q[0] = &c[0][0];  
q[1] = &c[1][0];  
q[2] = &c[2][0];`

# 2-d array access using double pointers q

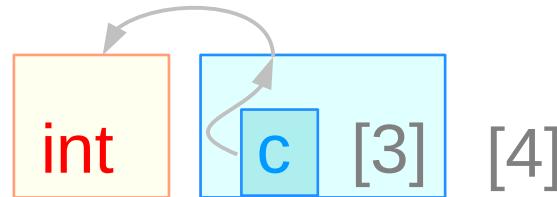
```
int c [3] [4];
```

```
int **p, *q[4];
```

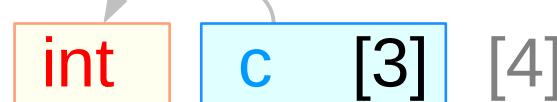


## Case 4)

## double pointer **c**, pointer **c[i]**



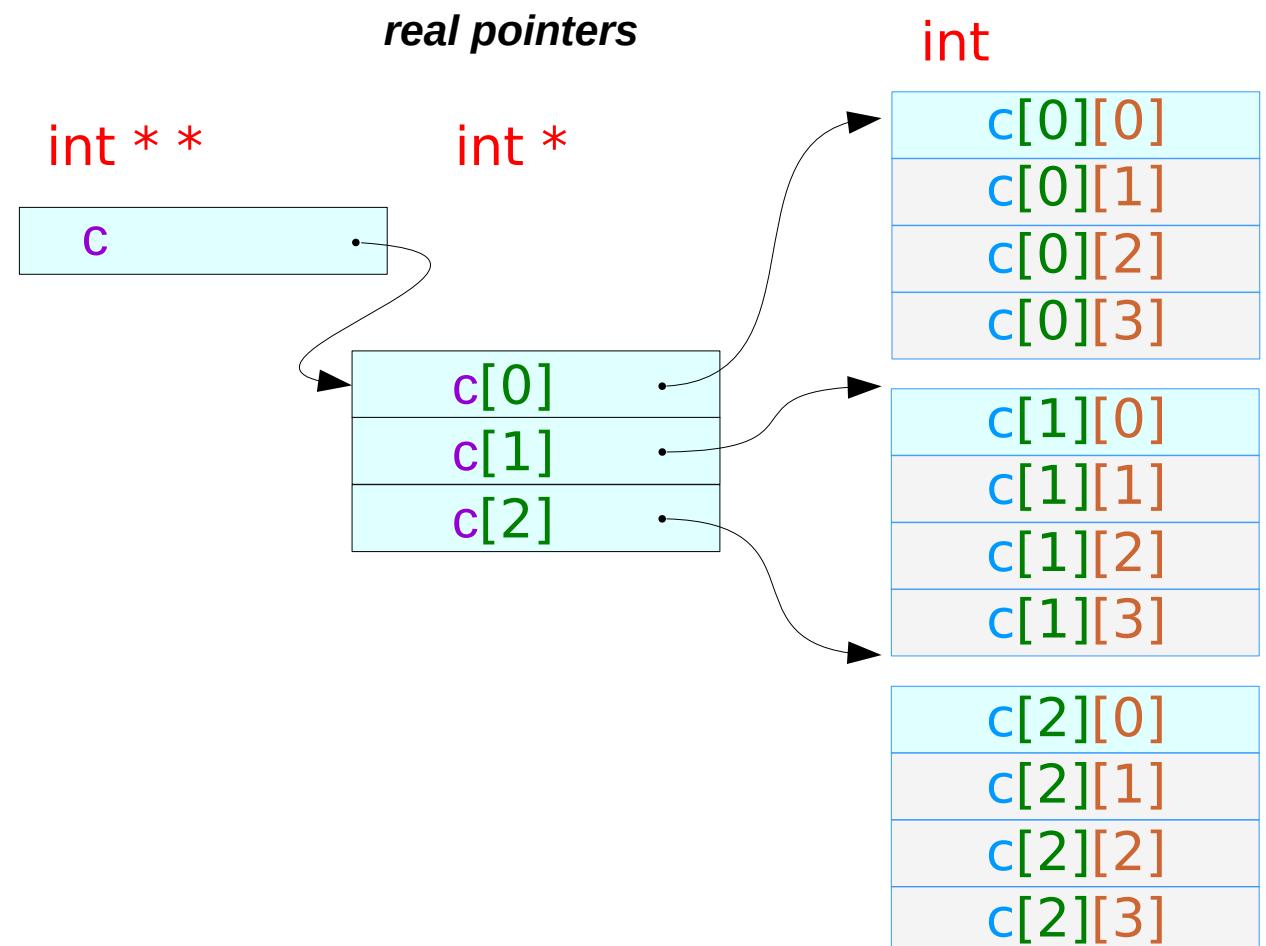
**c** double pointer  
type : **int \*\***



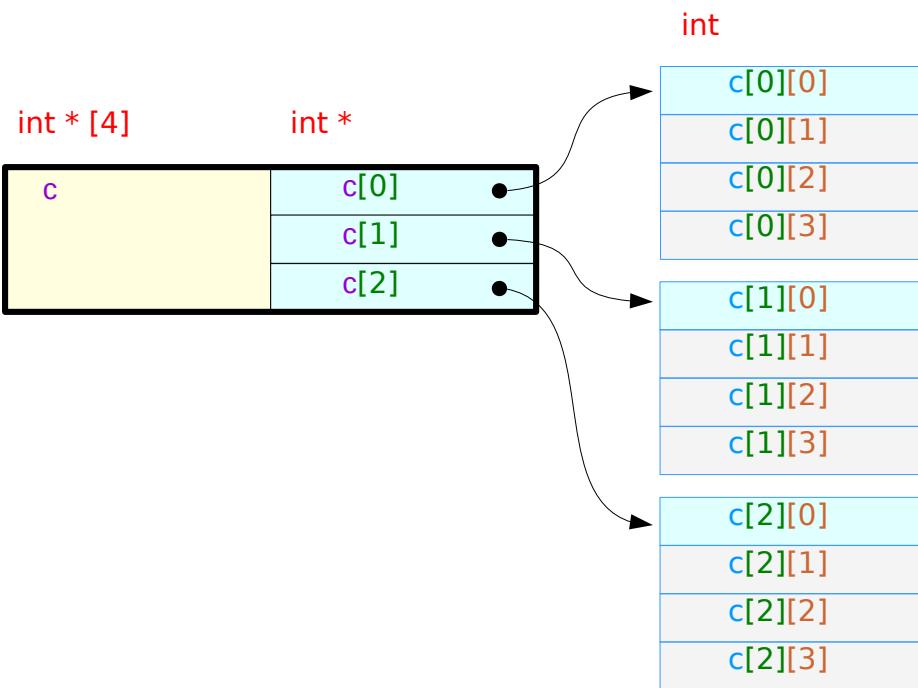
**c[i]** pointer  
type : **int \***

**Double pointer**

**\*(\*(**c+i**)+**j**)**

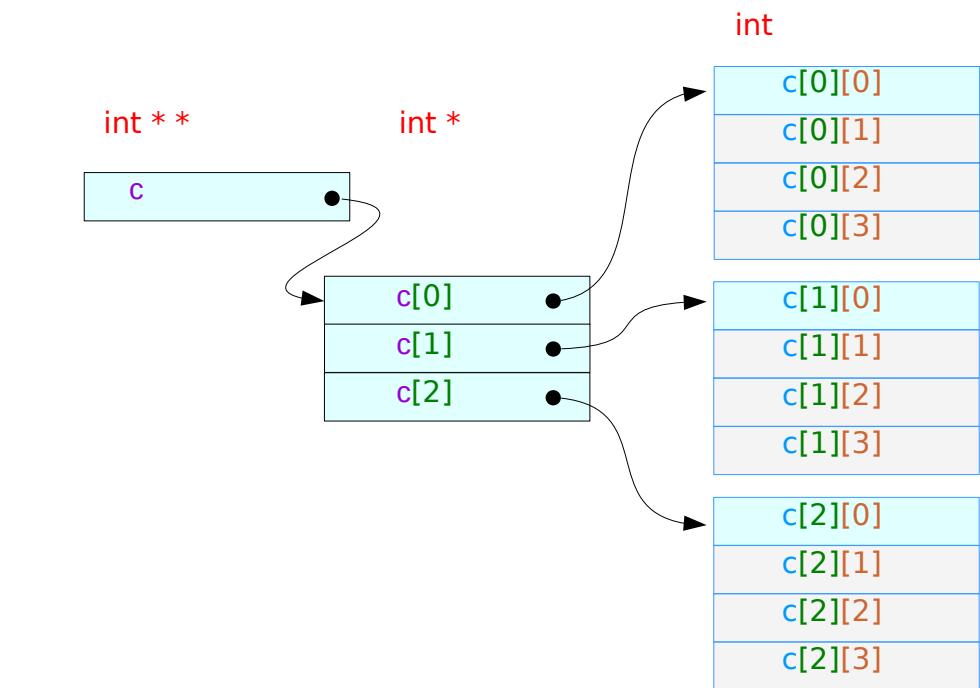


# Nested structure - Pointers



Case 3

$*(c[i] + j)$



Case 4

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

nested structure

- Pointer conversions in array types
- Simulating array accesses by real pointers
- **Dynamic memory allocation**

# Dynamic Memory Allocation of 2-d Arrays

## method 1

```
int ** c ;  
c = (int **) malloc(3 * sizeof (int *)) ;  
c[0] = (int *) malloc(4 * sizeof (int)) ;  
c[1] = (int *) malloc(4 * sizeof (int)) ;  
c[2] = (int *) malloc(4 * sizeof (int)) ;
```

## Case 4

```
int * *
```

## method 2

```
int ** c ;  
int * p ;  
c = (int **) malloc( 3 * sizeof(int * ) ) ;  
p = (int *) malloc( 4 * 4 * sizeof(int) ) ;  
for (i=0; i<M; i++) c[i] = p + i*N;
```

## Case 4

```
int * *
```

## method 3

```
int (*p) [3] ;  
p = (int (*) [3]) malloc(3 * 4 * sizeof (int)) ;
```

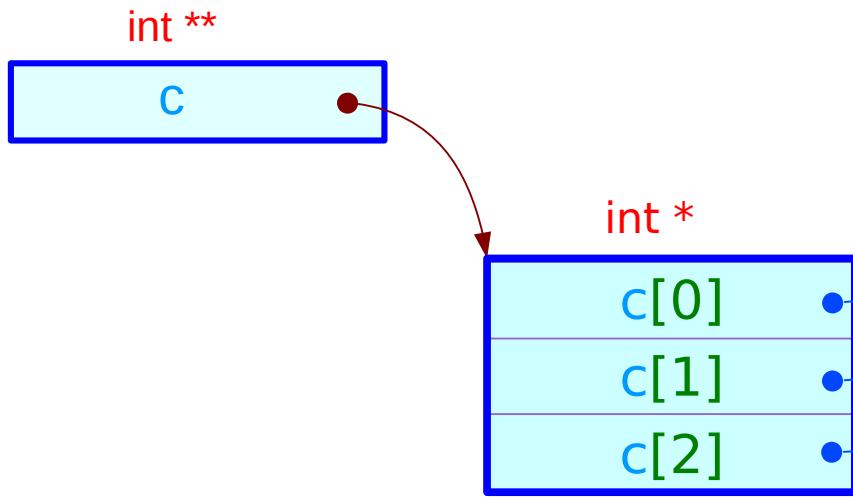
## Case 2

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

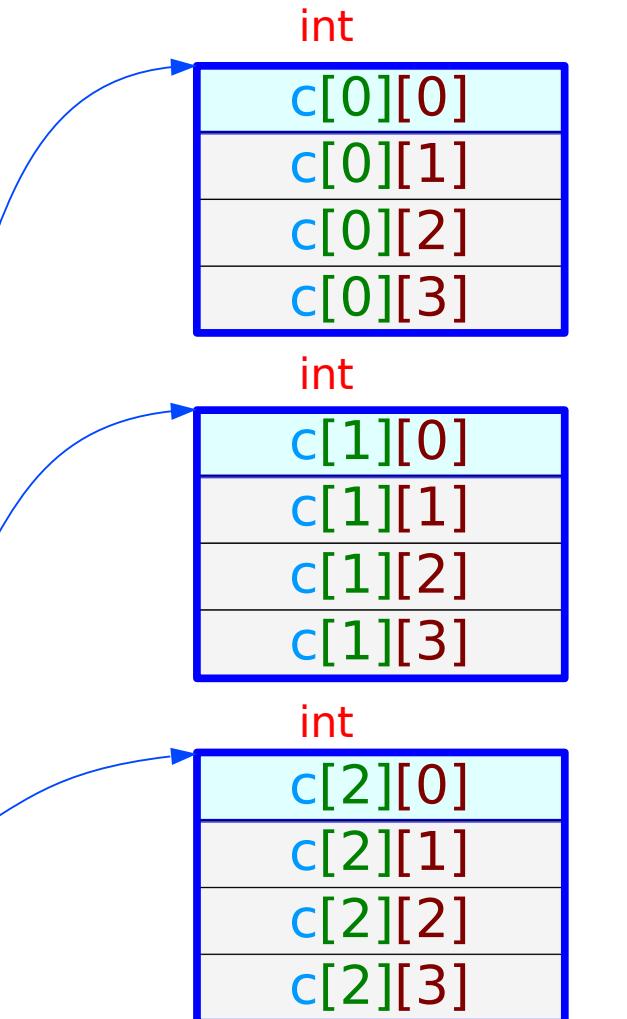
# 2-d array dynamic allocation : method 1

## method 1

```
int ** c ;  
c = (int **) malloc(3 * sizeof (int *)) ;  
c[0] = (int *) malloc(4 * sizeof (int)) ;  
c[1] = (int *) malloc(4 * sizeof (int)) ;  
c[2] = (int *) malloc(4 * sizeof (int)) ;
```



`c`: an array of  
integer pointers

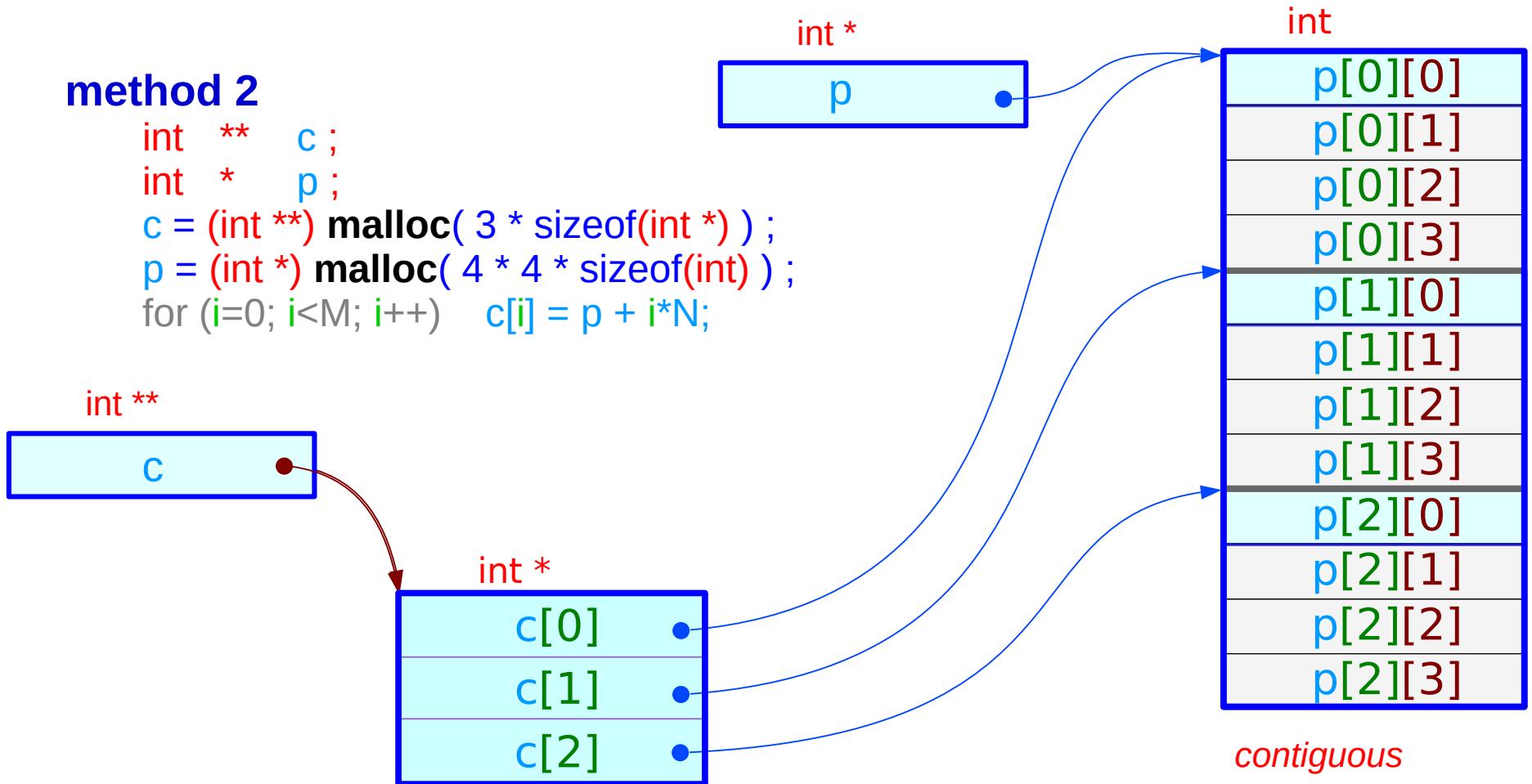


*may not be contiguous  
because of memory alignments*

# 2-d array dynamic allocation : method 2

## method 2

```
int ** c;
int * p;
c = (int **) malloc( 3 * sizeof(int *) );
p = (int *) malloc( 4 * 4 * sizeof(int) );
for (i=0; i<M; i++)  c[i] = p + i*N;
```



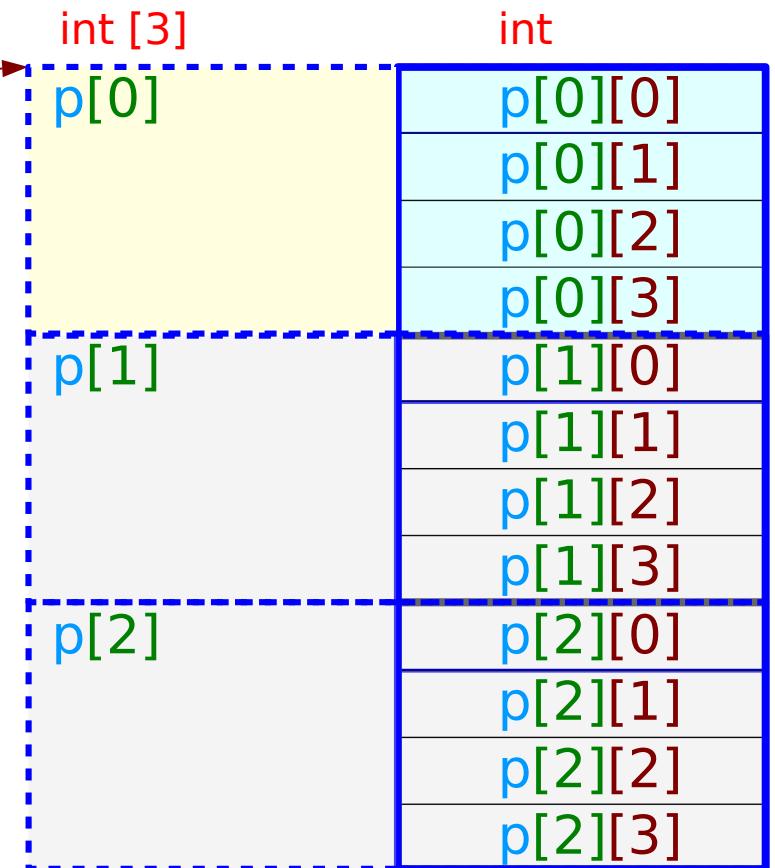
array of pointers  
allocated physically in memory

# 2-d array dynamic allocation : method 3

**method 3**

```
int (*p) [3];  
p = (int (*) [3]) malloc(3 * 4 * sizeof (int));
```

`int (*) [3]`  
`&p` `p`



utilize pointer  
addition property

Pointer to Arrays :  
No physical allocation

# C scalar data types

## Arithmetic types and pointer types

- collectively called **scalar types**
- hold single data item
- size and format

## Array and structure / union types

- collectively called **aggregate types**
- hold more than one data items

C scalar data types provide their size and format

The alignment of a scalar data types is equal to its size

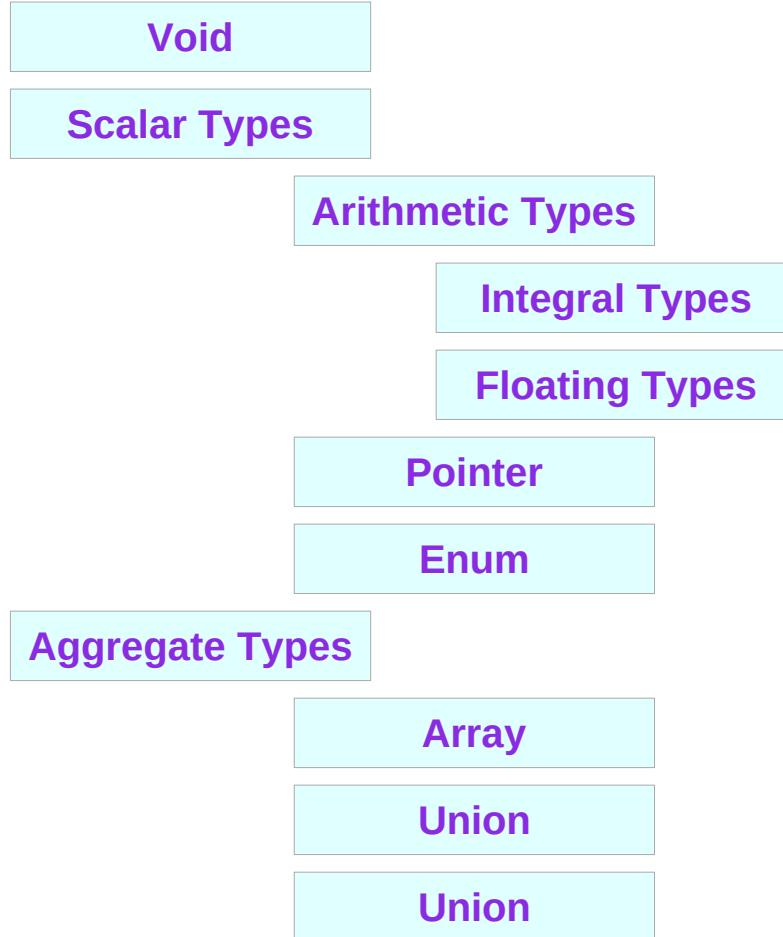
Scalar alignment shows scalar alignments that apply to individual scalars and to scalars that are elements of an array or members of a structure or union.

Wide characters are supported (character constants prefixed with an L)

The size of each wide character is 4 bytes

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# Data Types



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# C abstract data types

## Array as an Abstract Data Type and as a Data Structure

**Abstract Data Types**, ADTs are a way of classifying data structures based on how they are used and the behaviors they provide.

They do not specify how the data structure must be implemented but simply provide a minimal expected interface and set of behaviors.

**Data structure** is a concrete implementation of a data type.

It's possible to analyze the time and memory complexity of a Data Structure but not from a data type.

The Data Structure can be implemented in several ways and its implementation may vary from language to language

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