

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

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= %p \n", &c);
}
```

`c= 0x7fffd923487c`

```
#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);

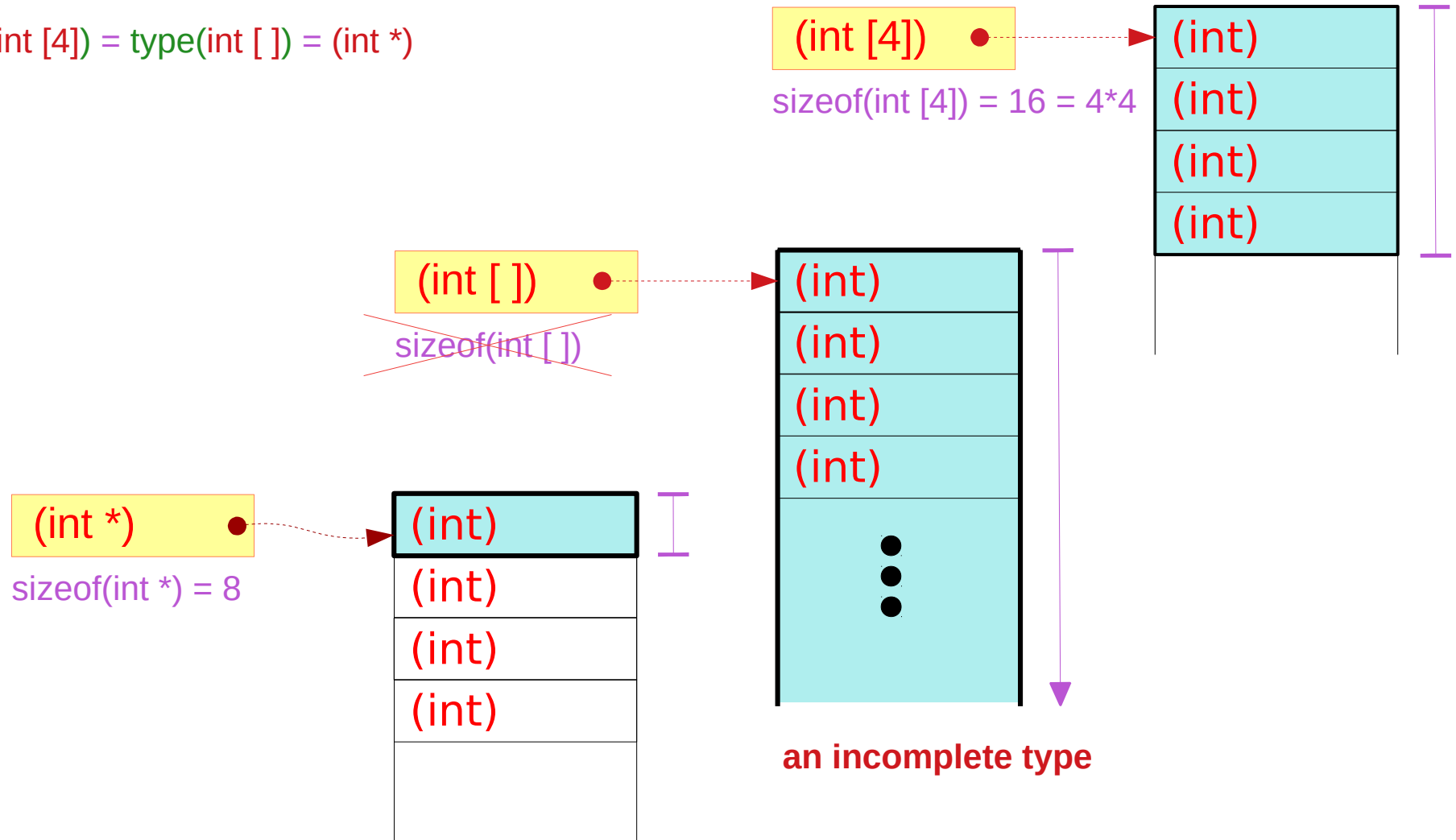
int *

int [N]

int []

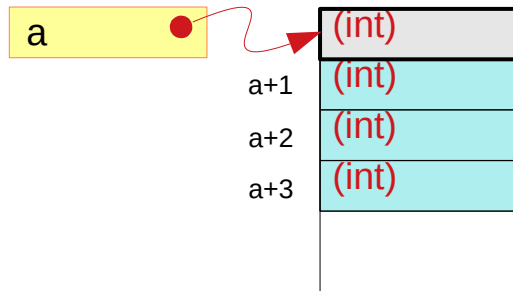
Differences in pointer types – `int [4]`, `int []`, `int *`

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



Integer pointer and array types – `int *`, `int [2]`, `int [3]`

`int *a;`

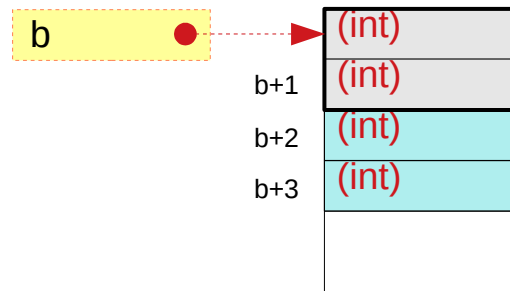


```
a[0] = *a  
a[1] = *(a+1)  
a[2] = *(a+2)  
a[3] = *(a+3)
```

syntactically legitimate

programmers must ensure their validity

`int b[2]`

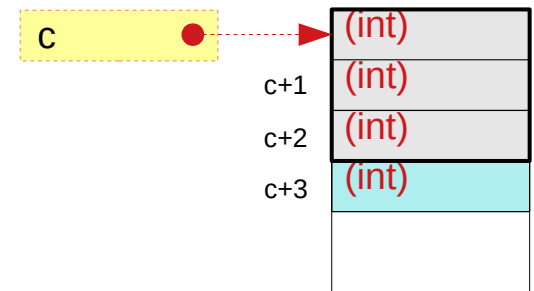


```
b[0] = *b  
b[1] = *(b+1)  
b[2] = *(b+2)  
b[3] = *(b+3)
```

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`int c[3];`



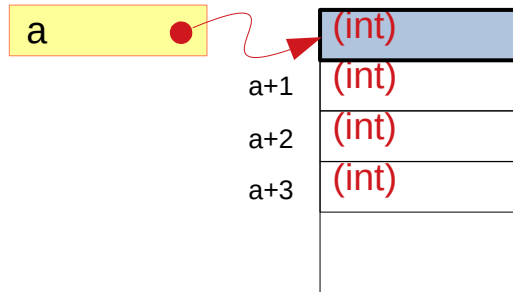
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c[0] = *c  
c[1] = *(c+1)  
c[2] = *(c+2)  
c[3] = *(c+3)
```

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Integer pointer and array types – `int *`, `int [2]`, `int [3]`

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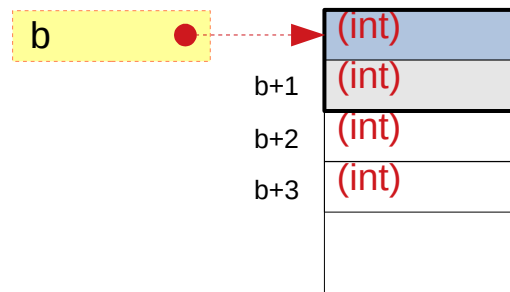
`a[0] = *a`

`type(a) = int *`
`type(&a) = int **`

`value(&a) ≠ value(a)`

`sizeof(a)`
= pointer size
= `sizeof(int *)`

`int b[2]`



`b[0] = *b`

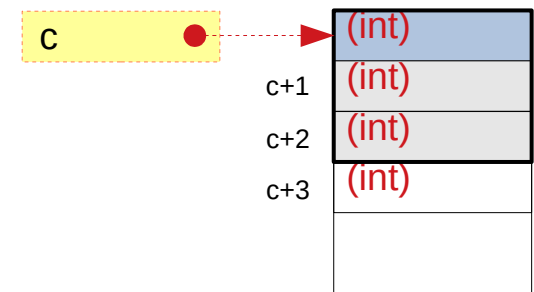
`type(b) = int *`
`type(&b) = int (*) [2]`

`value(&b) = value(b)`

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

`&b` and `b` evaluate the same address but have different types and also different sizes

`int c[3];`



`c[0] = *c`

`type(c) = int *`
`type(&c) = int (*) [3]`

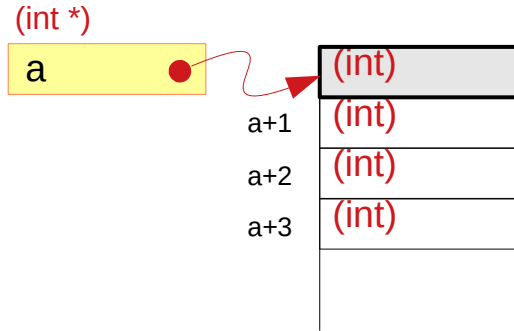
`value(&c) = value(c)`

`sizeof(c)`
= `sizeof(*c) * 3`
= `sizeof(int) * 3`

`&c` and `c` evaluate the same address but have different types and also different sizes

Integer pointer and array types – `int *`, `int [3]`

`int *a;`



`sizeof(a)` = pointer size

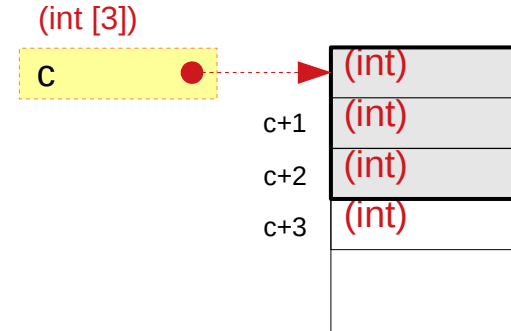
`value(&a) ≠ value(a)`

the address of pointer variable `a` is not equal to the pointed address

real memory location for `a`

`a` :: `int *`
`&a` :: `int **`

`int c[3];`



`sizeof(c)` = `sizeof(*c) * 3`

`value(&c)` = `value(c)`

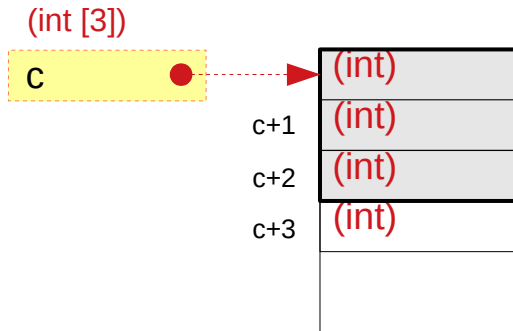
the starting address of array variable `c` is equal to the address of the 1st element

no actual memory location for `c`

`c` :: `int *`
`&c` :: `int (*) [3]`

Integer pointer and array types – int [3]

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



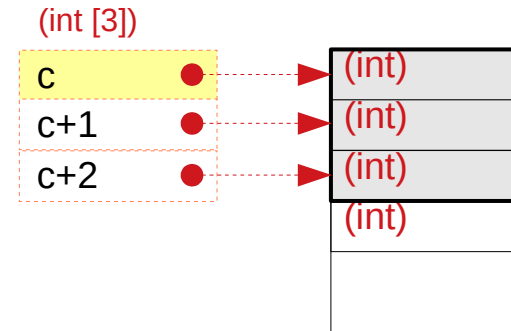
`sizeof (c) = sizeof(int) * 3`

`value(&c) = value(c)`

`type(c) = int *`

`type(&c) = int (*) [3]`

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



`sizeof (c) = sizeof(*c) * 3 ... leading element`

`sizeof (c+1) = pointer size`

`sizeof (c+2) = pointer size`

`value(&c) = value(c) ... leading element`

`value(c+1) = value(c) + sizeof(*c) * 1`

`value(c+2) = value(c) + sizeof(*c) * 2`

`type(c) = int *`

`type(c+1) = int *`

`type(c+2) = int *`

`type(&c) = int (*) [3]`

Types of multi-dimension array names

```
int a ;
```

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

```
int c [4][5];
```

```
int d [4][5][6];
```

```
a :: int
```

→ int

```
b :: int [4]
```

→ int (*)

int *

```
c :: int [4][5]
```

→ int (*)[5]

```
d :: int [4][5][6]
```

→ int (*)[5][6]

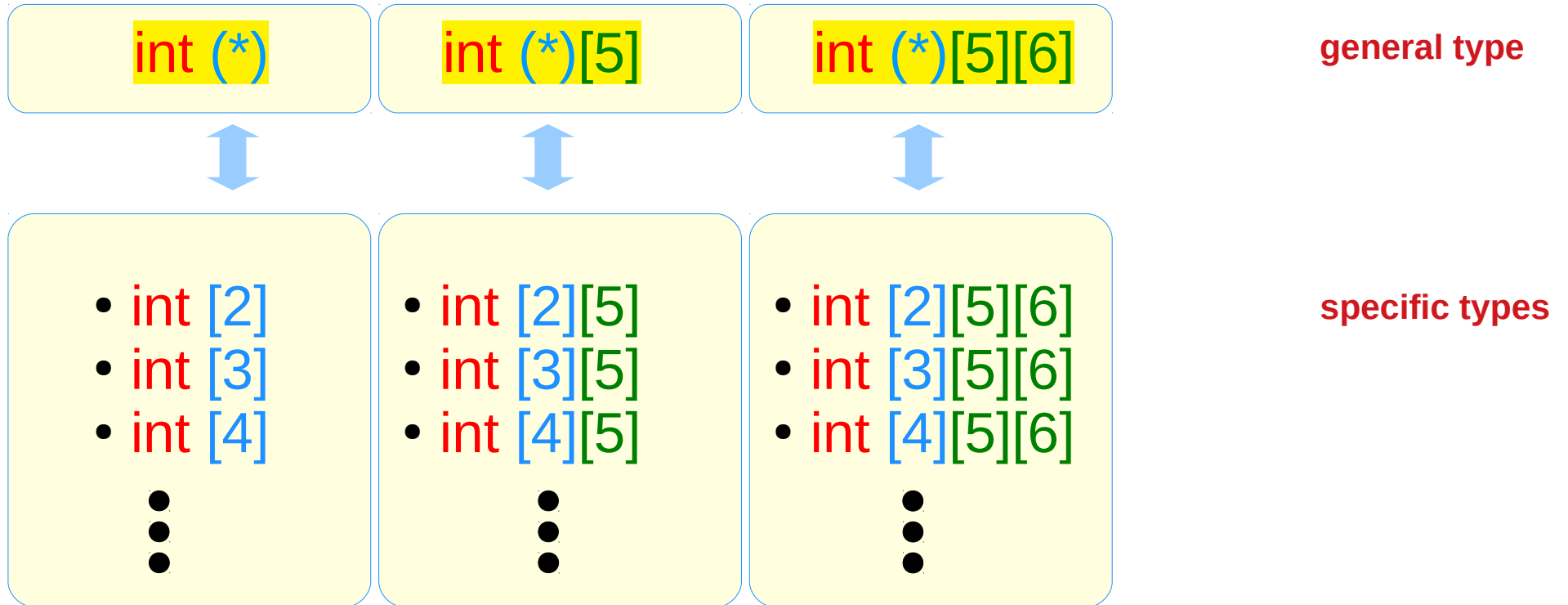
array types

specific types

array pointer types

general type

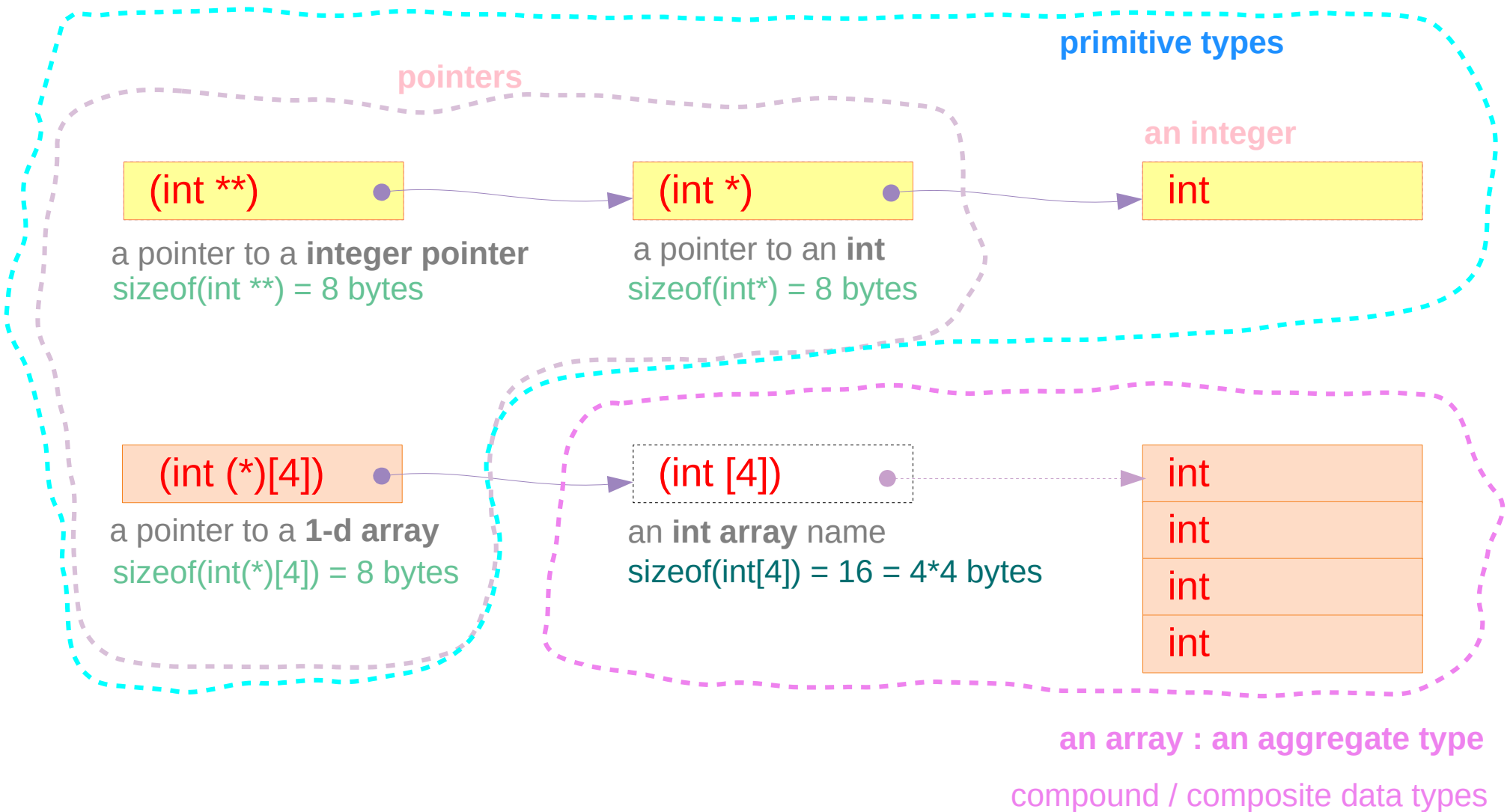
Array pointers v.s. Array



int ** **→** **int *** **→** **int**

int (*) [4] **→** **int [4]** **→** **int**
int
int
int
int

Types of integer pointers

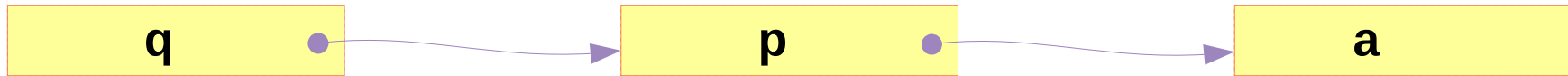


Variable declaration of integer pointers

`int *q = &p;`

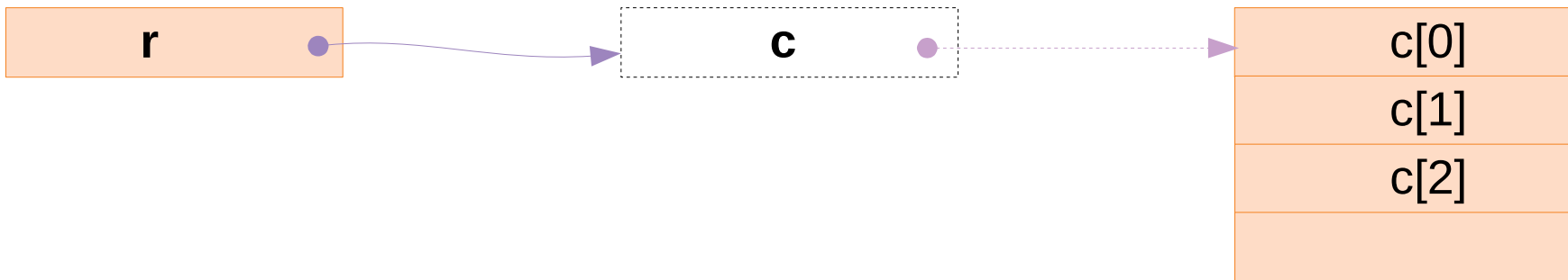
`int *p = &a;`

`int a;`



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

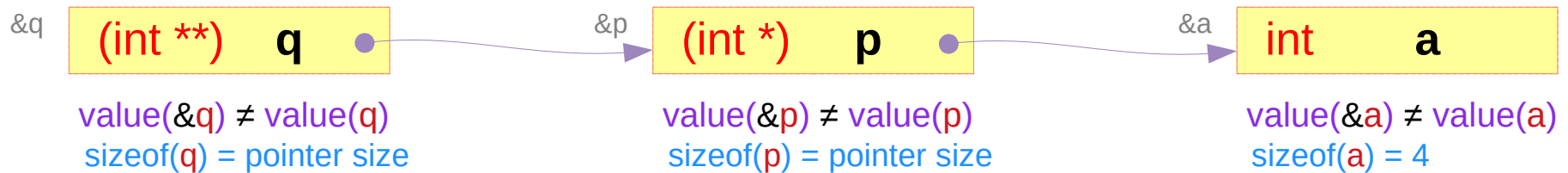
`int c[4];`



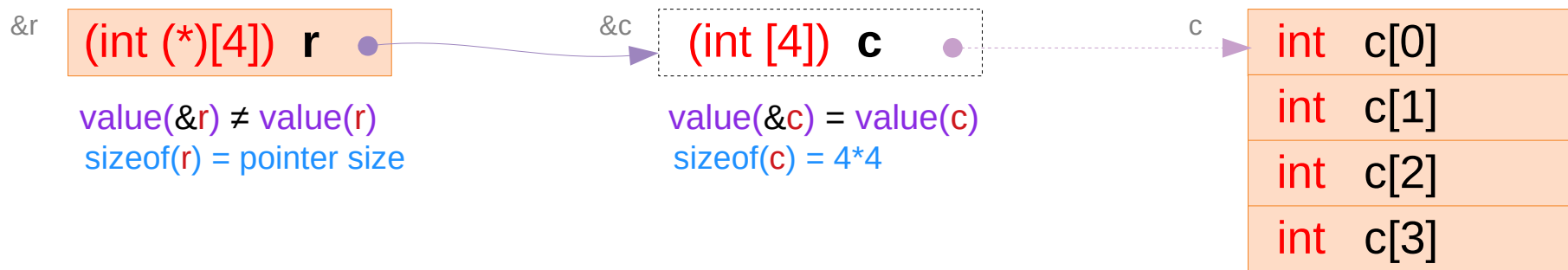
Types and sizes of integer pointers

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

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



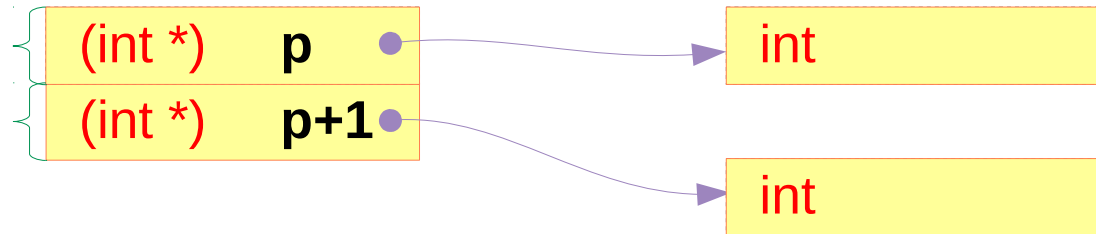
```
int c[4];  
int (*r)[4] = &c;
```



Sizes of integer pointers

a pointer to an `int`

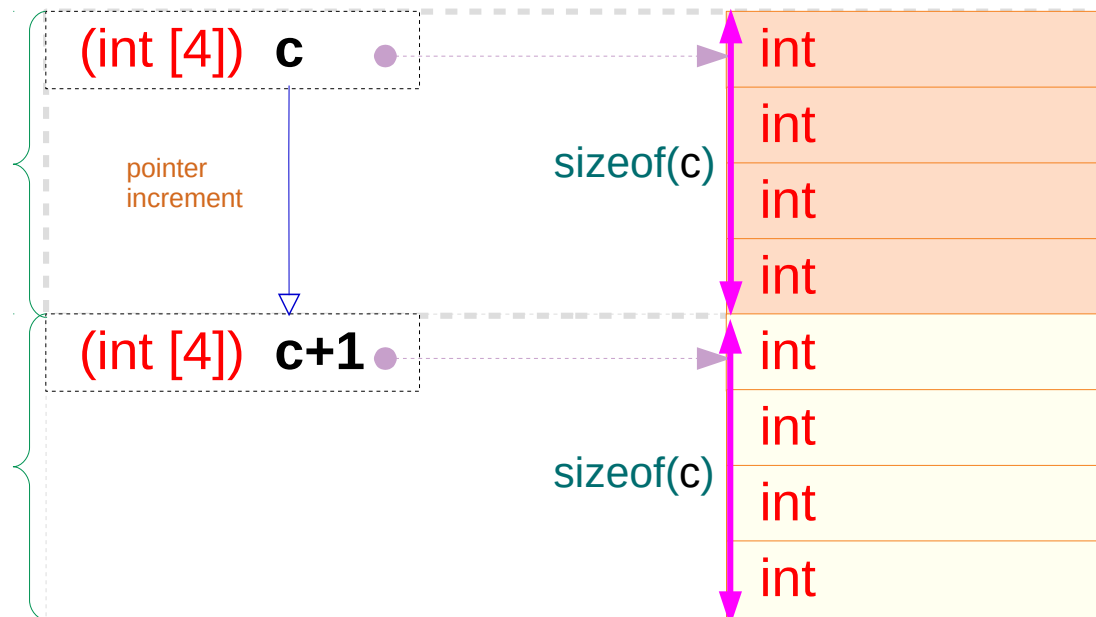
`sizeof(p)` = pointer size
= 8 bytes on 64-bit machine
= 4 bytes on 32-bit machine



an `int` array name

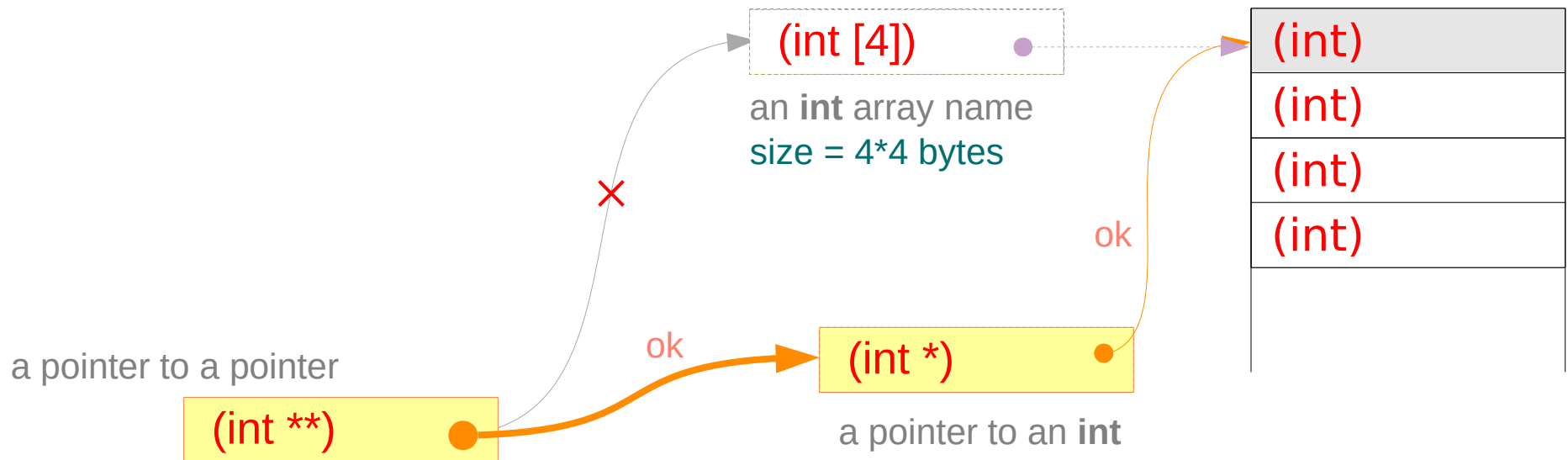
an array :
an aggregate type

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



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

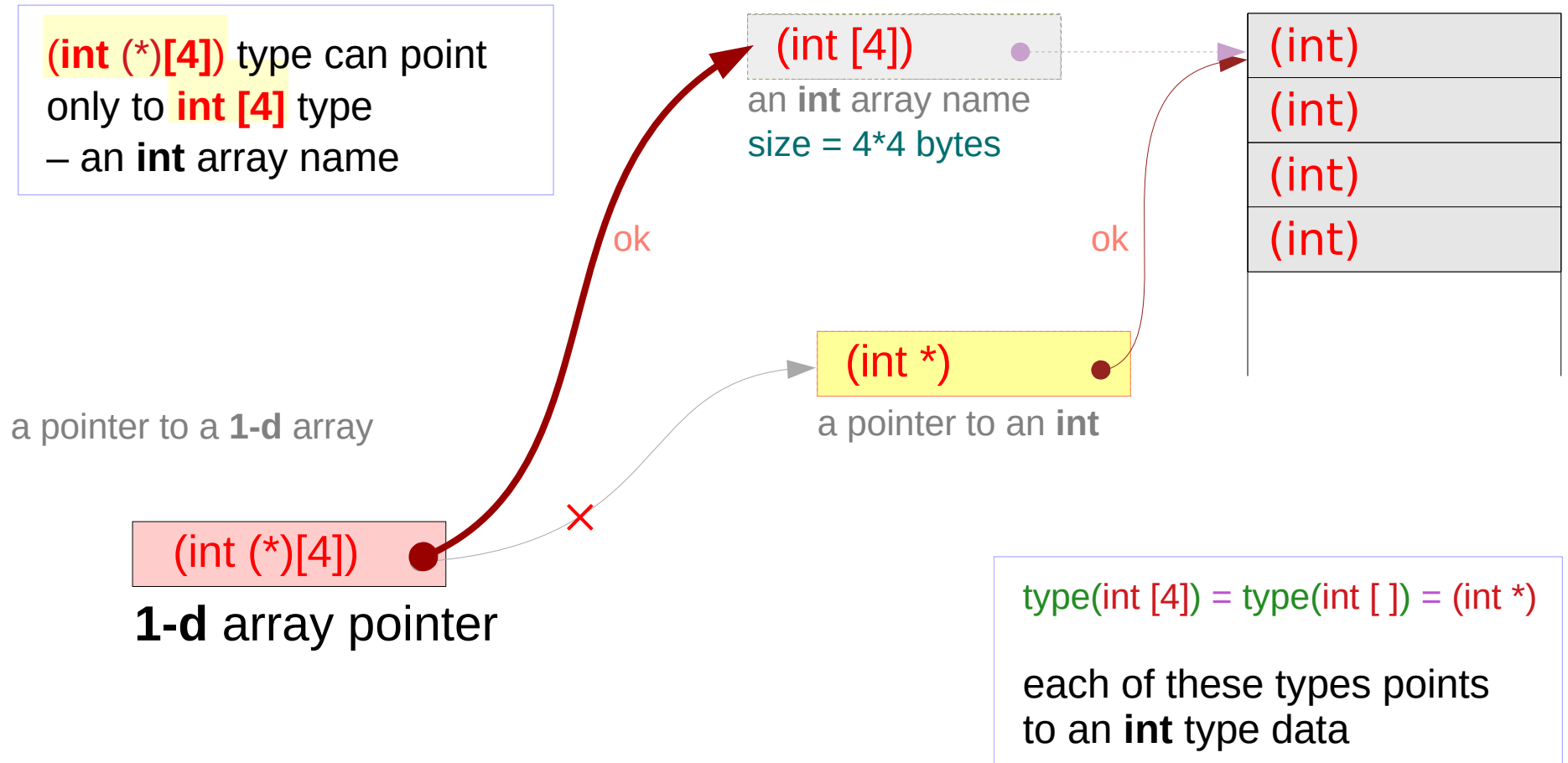
Double integer pointer type – (int **)



(int **) type can point only to **(int *)** type – an **int** array name (X)

$\text{type}(\text{int } [4]) = \text{type}(\text{int } []) = (\text{int } *)$
each of these types points to an **int** type data

Integer array pointer type – `(int (*)[4])`



Array Pointers

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]

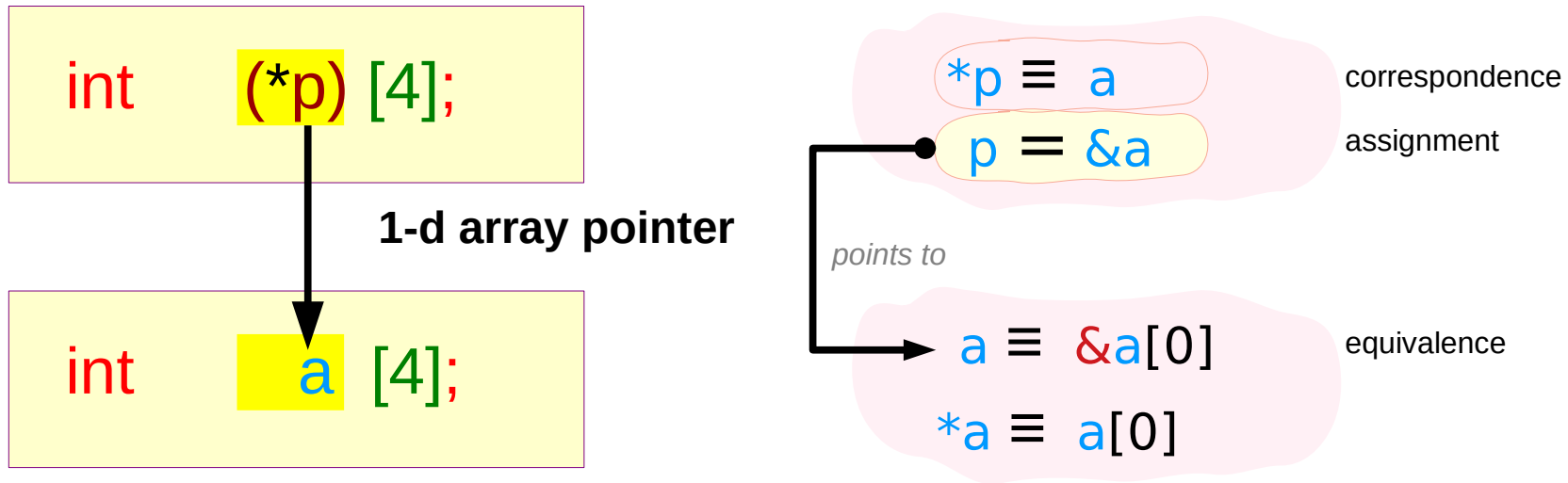
an array pointer

int (int, int) instructions

int (*) (int, int)

a function pointer

Pointer to a 1-d array – (1) type declarations



$\&a$ and a print
the same address
but have different types

$\text{value}(\&a) = \text{value}(a)$

$\text{type}(\&a) \neq \text{type}(a)$

$\text{int } (*)[4] \neq \text{int } [4]$

those values are evaluated as addresses

Pointer to a 1-d array – (2) types and sizes

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

assignment

equivalence

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

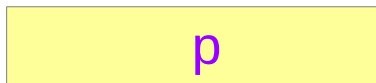
```
p = &a
```

```
a ≡ &a[0]
```

(int (*) [4])

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

(int)



`p`

`sizeof(p) = 8 bytes`



`a`

`sizeof(a) = 4*4 bytes`



`a[0]`

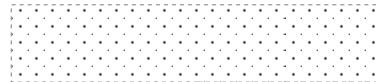
`sizeof(a[0]) = 4 bytes`

4

`&p`



`&a`



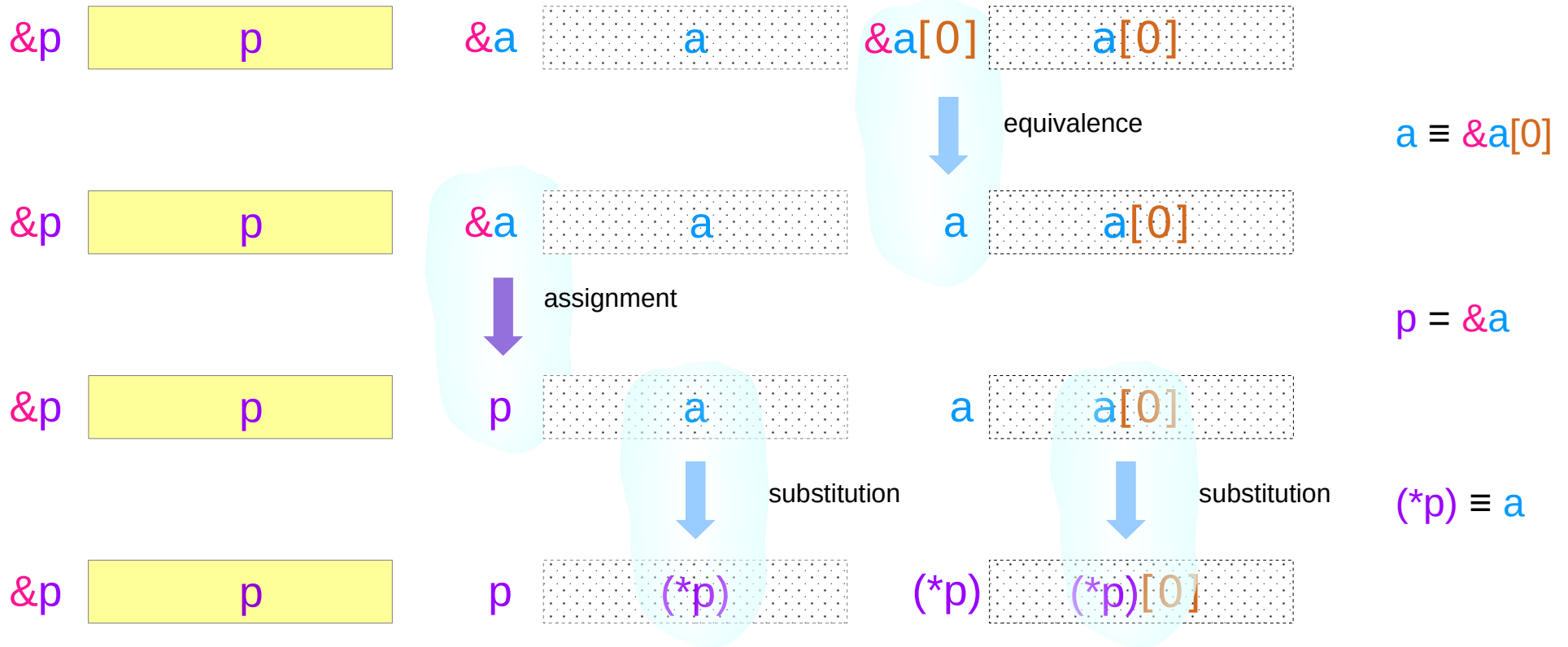
`&a[0]`



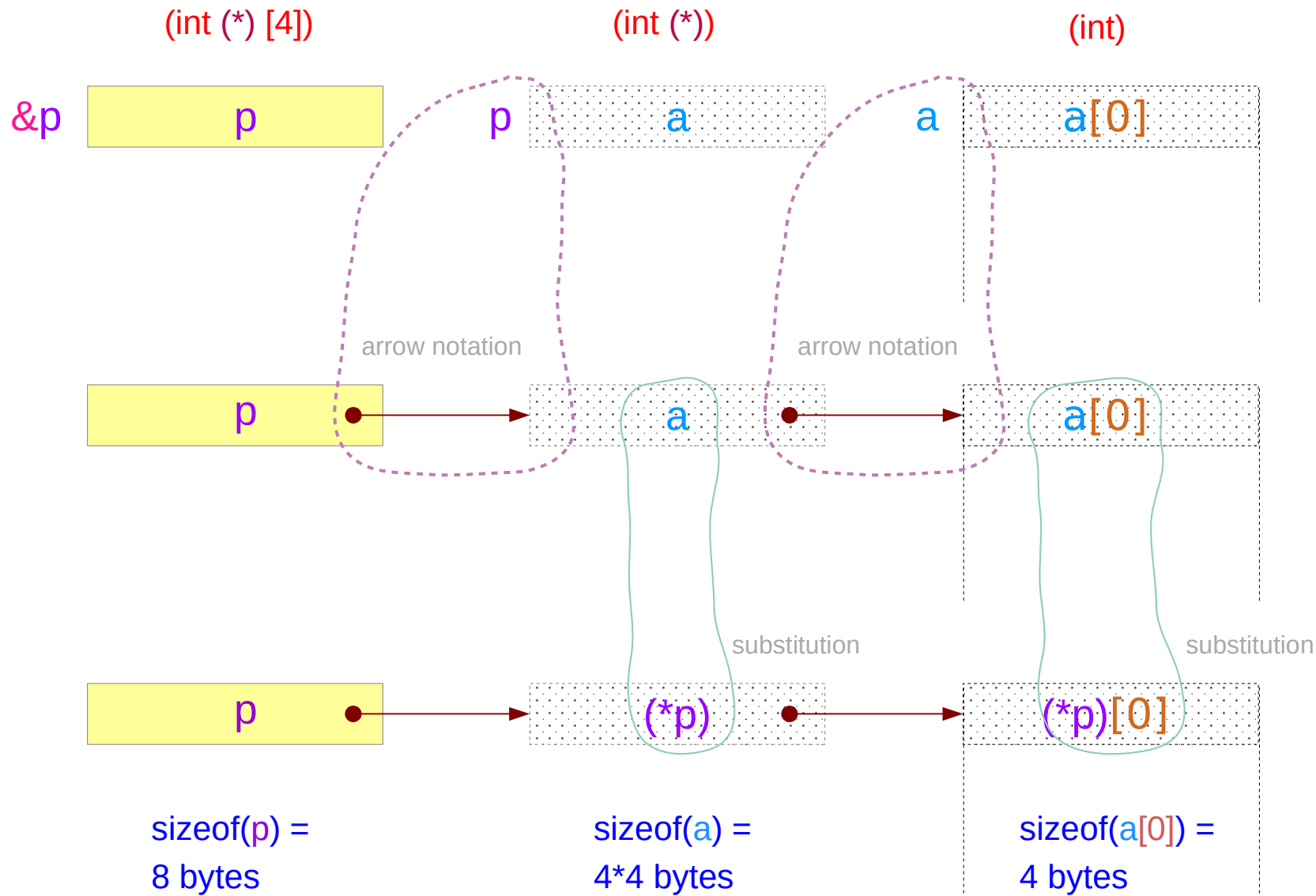
variables

addresses

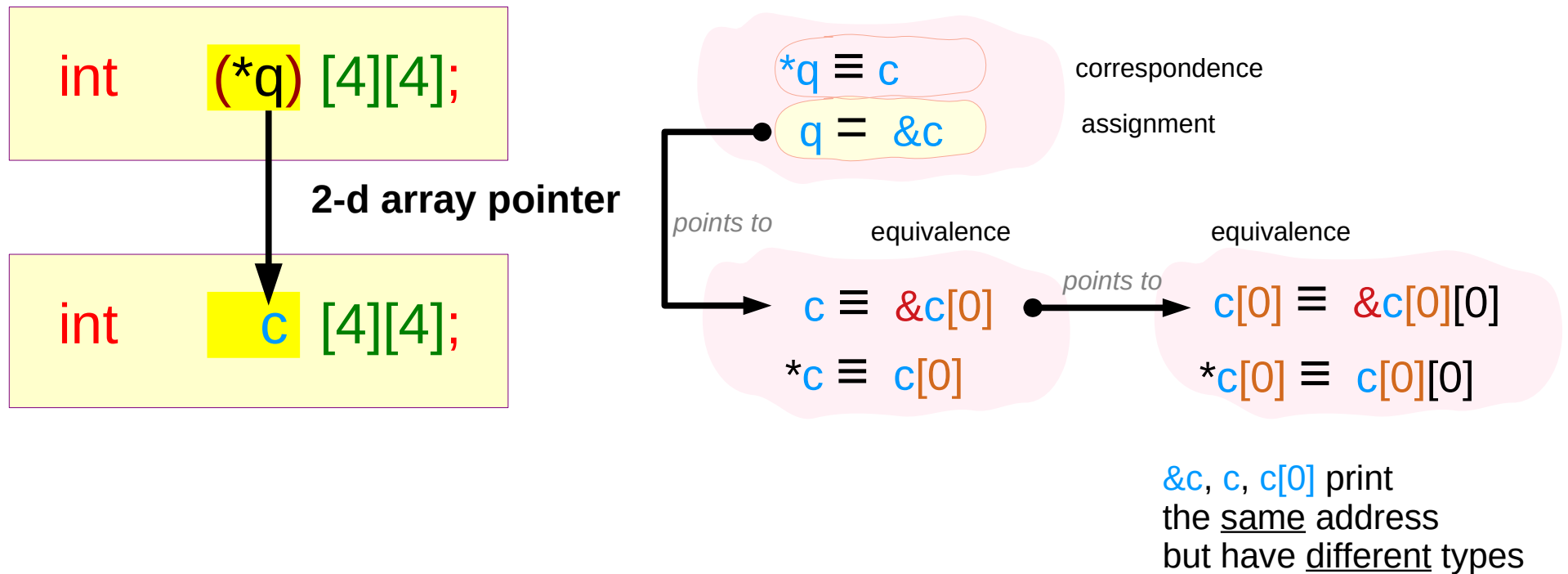
Pointer to a 1-d array – (3) an assignment & equivalences



Pointer to a 1-d array – (4) a chain of pointers view



Pointer to a 2-d array – (1) type declarations



`value(&c) = value(c) = value(c[0])`

`type(&c) ≠ type(c) ≠ type(c[0])`

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

those values are evaluated as addresses

Pointer to a 2-d array – (2) types and sizes

`int c [4][4];`

assignment

equivalence

equivalence

`int (*q) [4];`

`q = &c`

`c ≡ &c[0]`

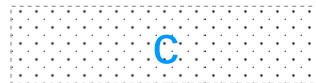
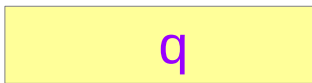
`c[0] ≡ &c[0][0]`

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

(int (*) [4])

(int [4]) = (int *)

(int)



`sizeof(q) =`
8 bytes

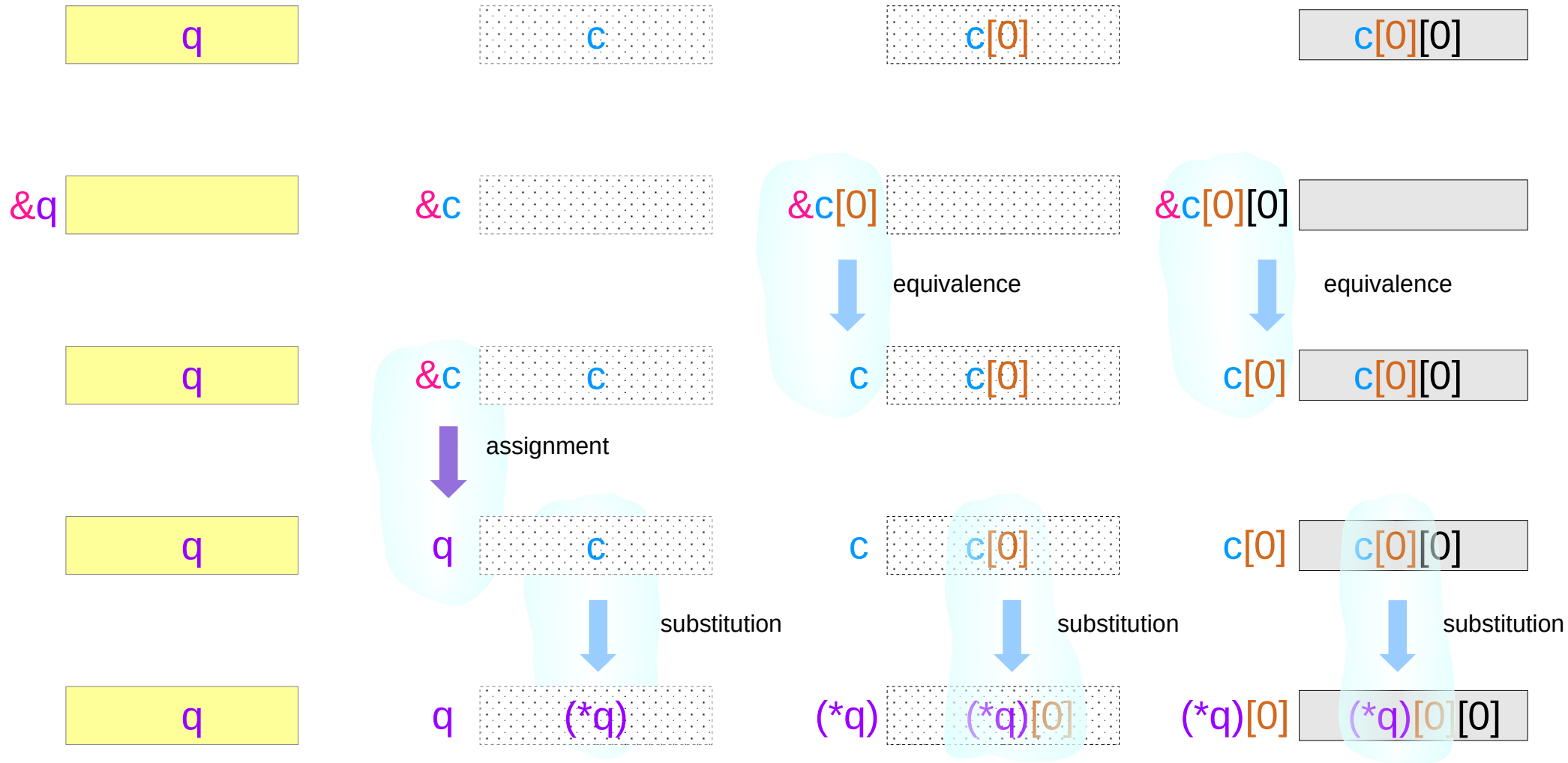
`sizeof(c) =`
4*4*4 bytes

4 { `sizeof(c[0]) =`
4*4 bytes

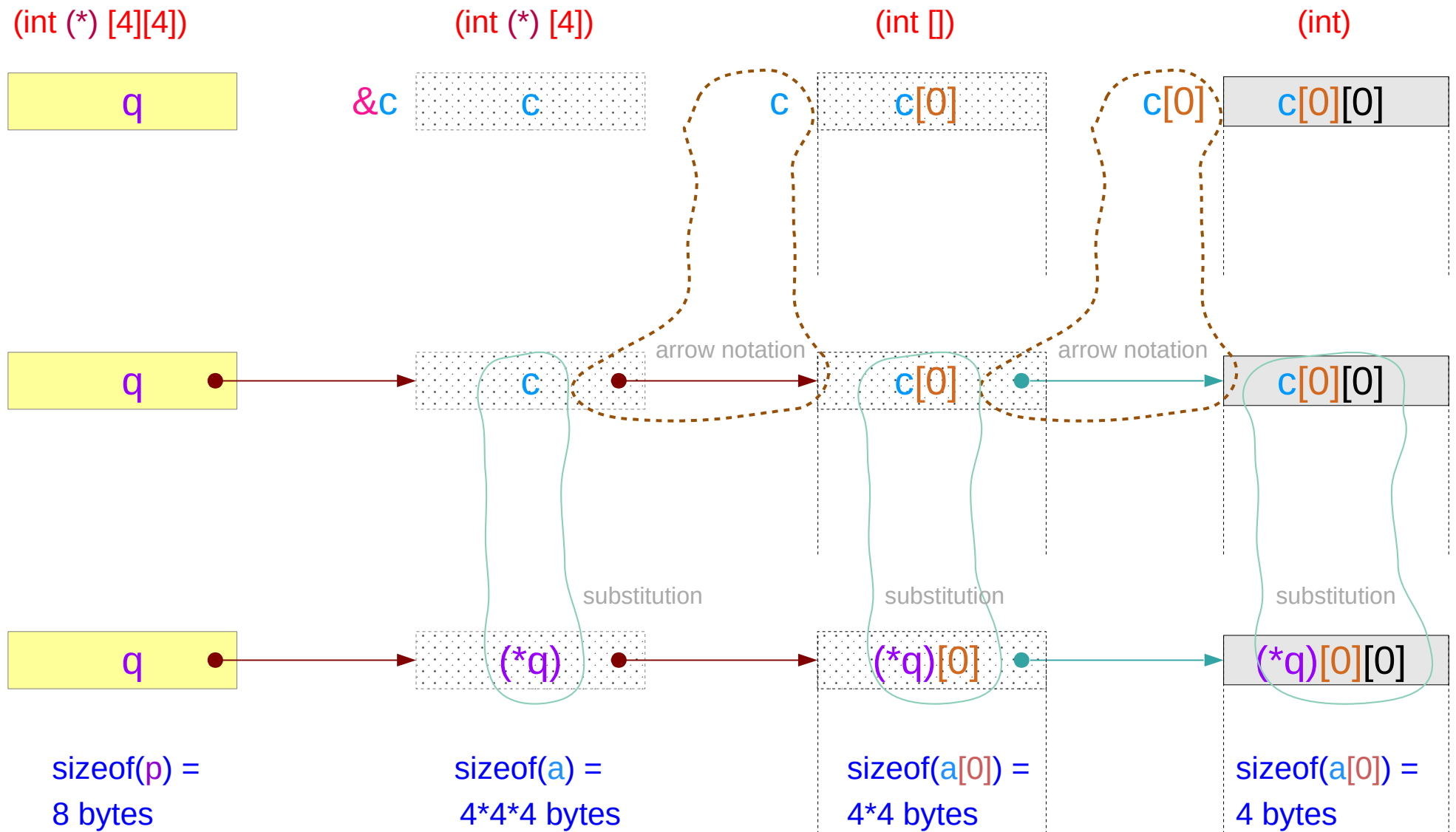
4 { `sizeof(c[0][0]) =`
4 bytes



Pointer to a 2-d array – (3) an assignment & equivalences

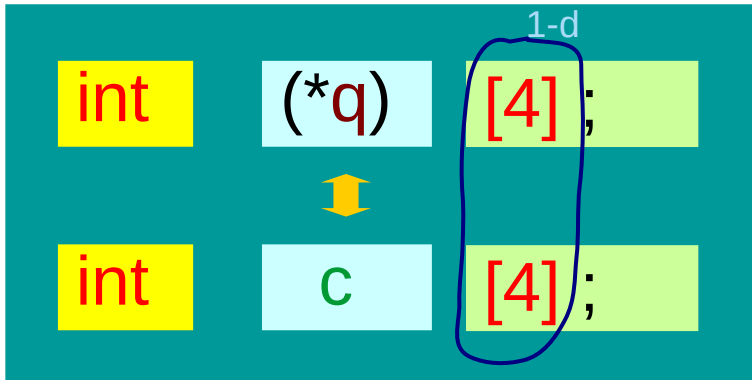


Pointer to a 2-d array – (4) a chain of pointers view



1-d and 0-d array pointers to an 1-d array

1-d array pointer



correspondence

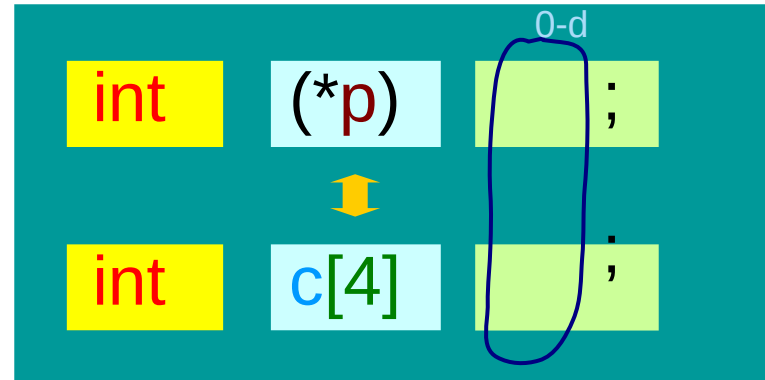
$*q \equiv c;$

$(int(*)[4])$

$q = \&c;$

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

0-d array pointer : int pointer



correspondence

$*p \equiv *c;$

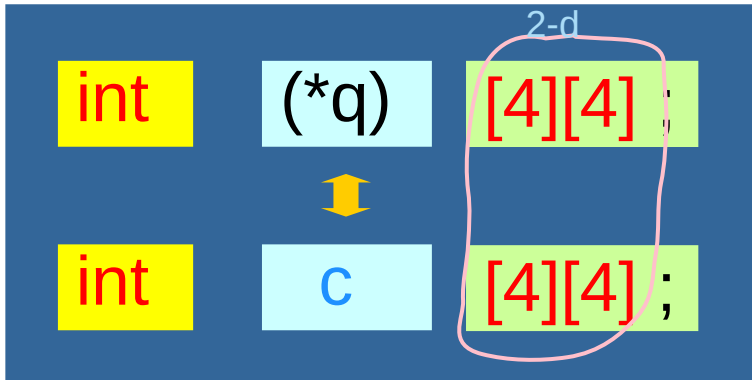
$(int *)$

$p = c;$

$p[i] \equiv c[i]$

2-d and 1-d array pointers to a 2-d array

2-d array pointer



correspondence

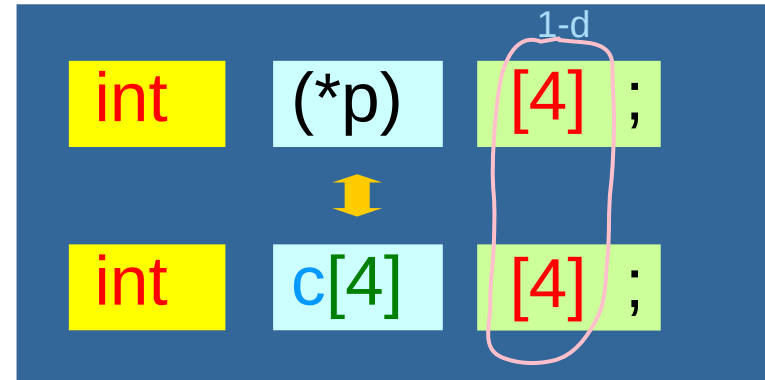
$*q \equiv c;$

$(int(*)[4][4])$

$q = \&c;$

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

1-d array pointer



correspondence

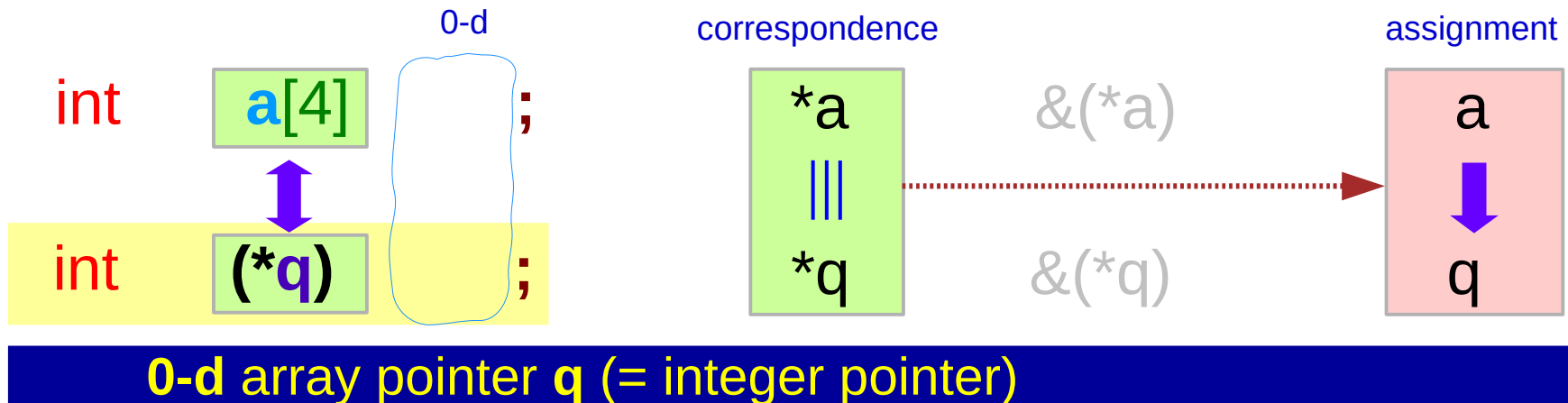
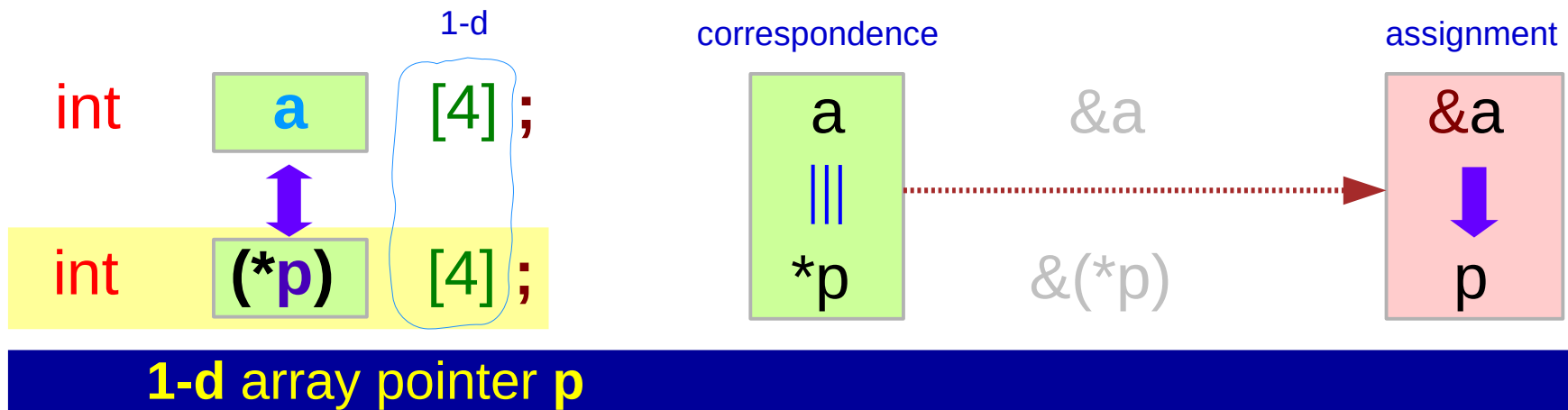
$*p \equiv *c;$

$(int (*) [4])$

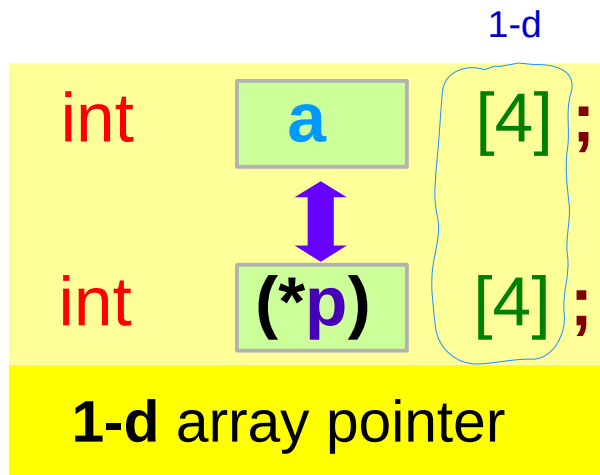
$p = c;$

$p[i] \equiv c[i]$

Pointer types to a 1-d array : 2 cases



Pointer types to a 1-d array : sizes of pointer dereferences



assignment

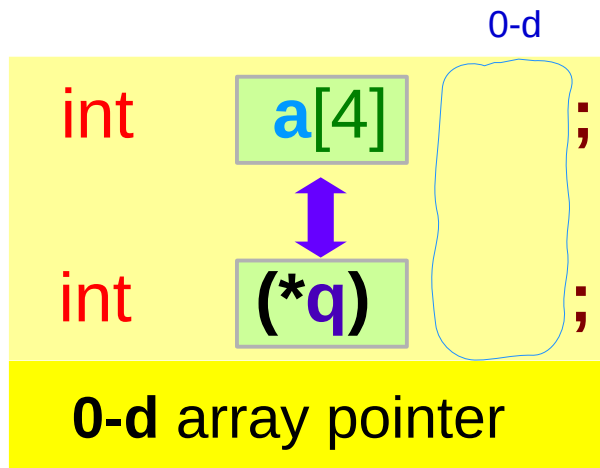
p = &**a**;

substitution

(*p)[i] ≡ p[0][i] ≡ **a**[i]

sizeof(p) = 4 or 8 bytes : the size of a pointer

sizeof(*p) = 4*4 bytes : the size of an 1-d array



assignment

q = **a**;

substitution

q[i] ≡ **a**[i]

sizeof(q) = 4 or 8 bytes : the size of a pointer

sizeof(*q) = 4 bytes : the size of a 0-d array (int)

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

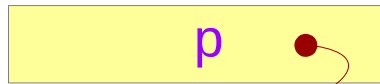
```
int (*p) [4];
```

correspondence

$$*p \equiv a$$

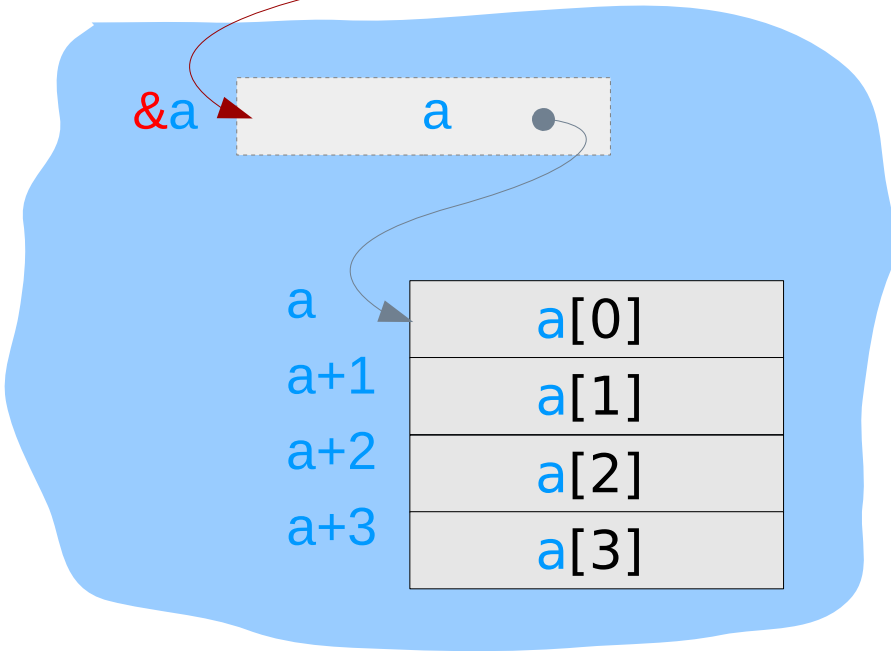
assignment

$$p = \&a$$



1-d array pointer

points to a 1-d array –
a aggregated type data



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

`p : int (*) [4] type`

0-d pointer to a 1-d array – a variable view

```
int (*q);
```

correspondence

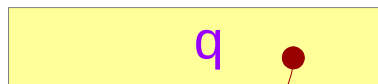
$$*q \equiv a[0]$$

$$*q \equiv *a$$

assignment

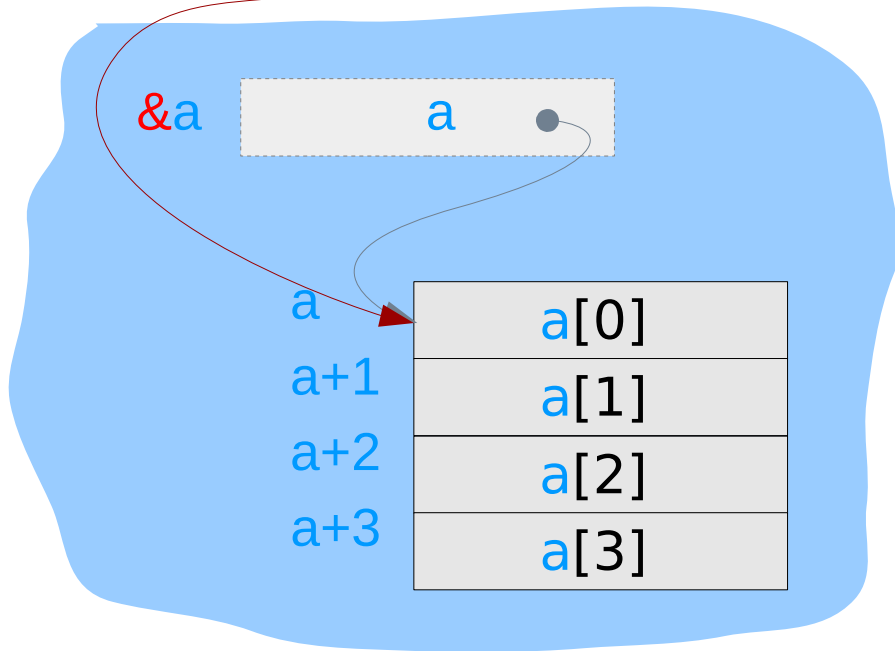
$$q = \&a[0]$$

$$q = a$$



0-d array pointer

points to an array element – an integer type data



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

$q : \text{int } (*) = \text{int } * \text{ type}$

Incrementing a 1-d array pointer

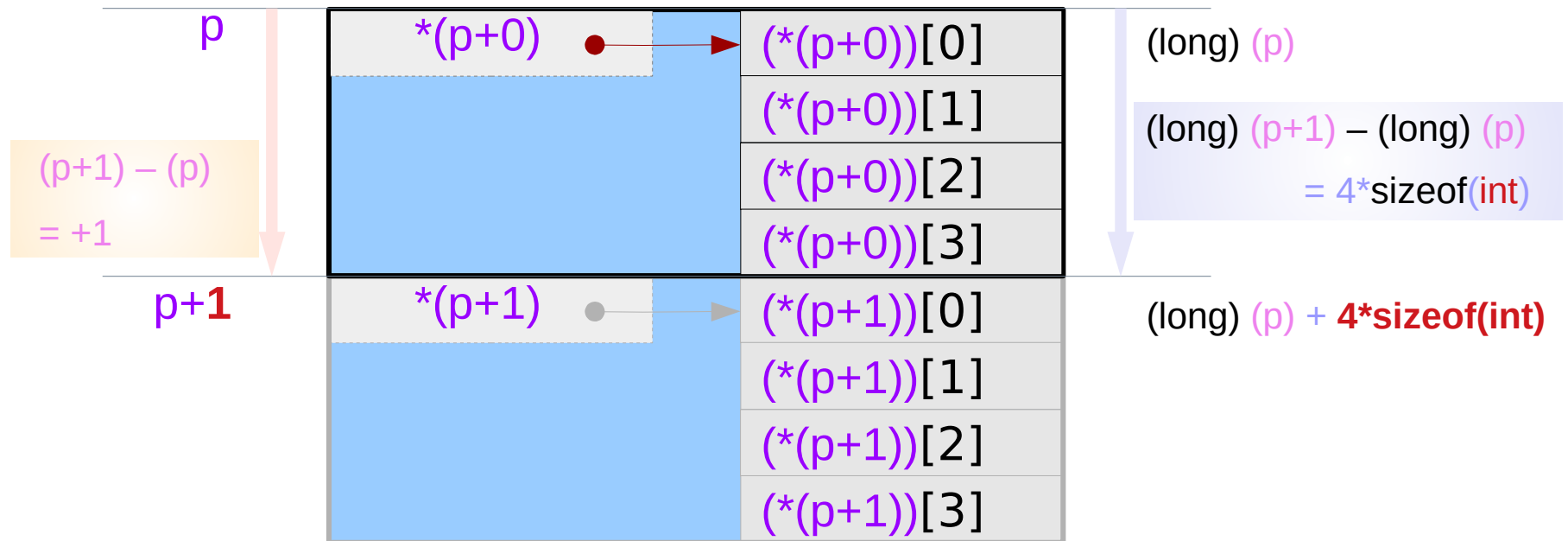
```
int (*p) [4];
```

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

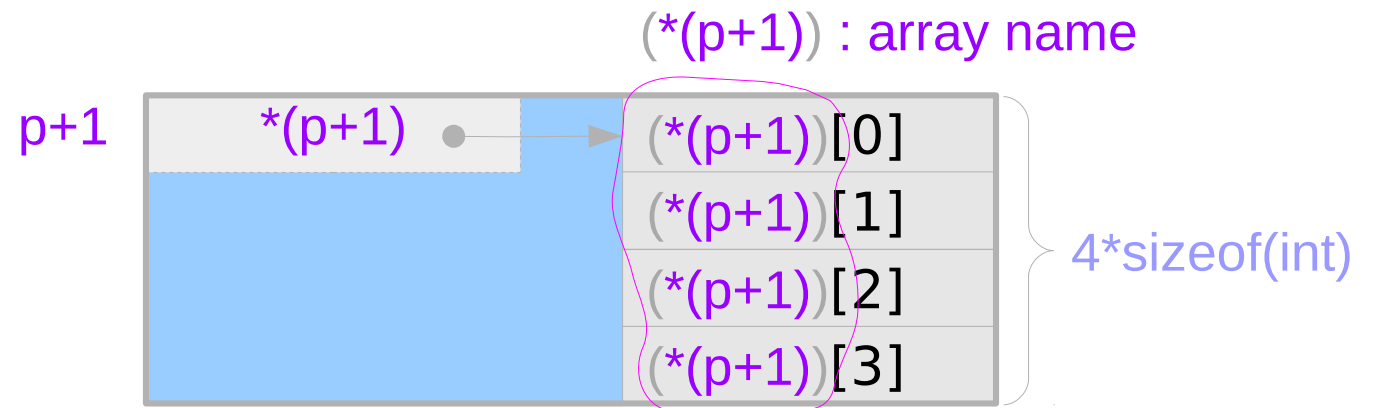
Aggregate Type Size

pointer variable increment

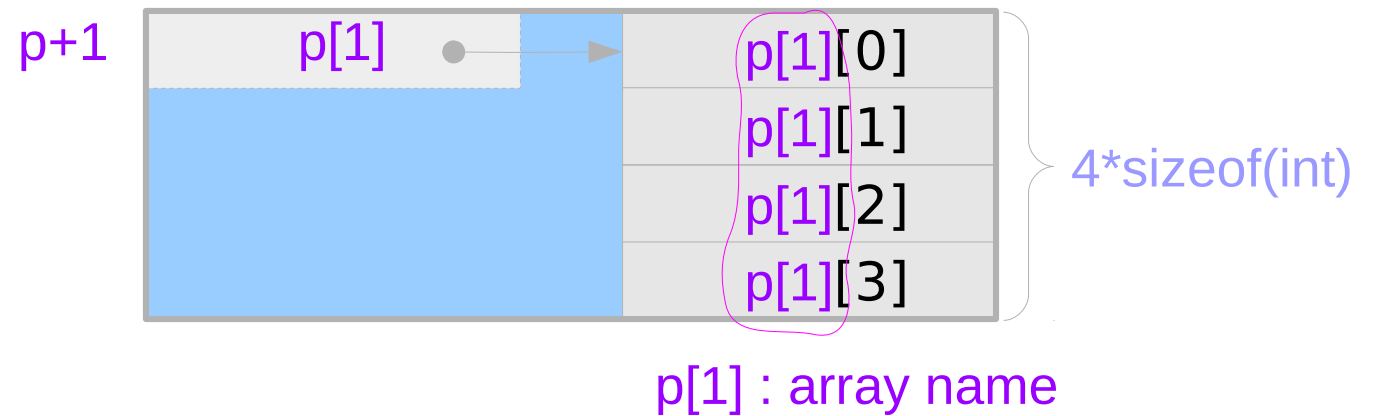
actual address numbers



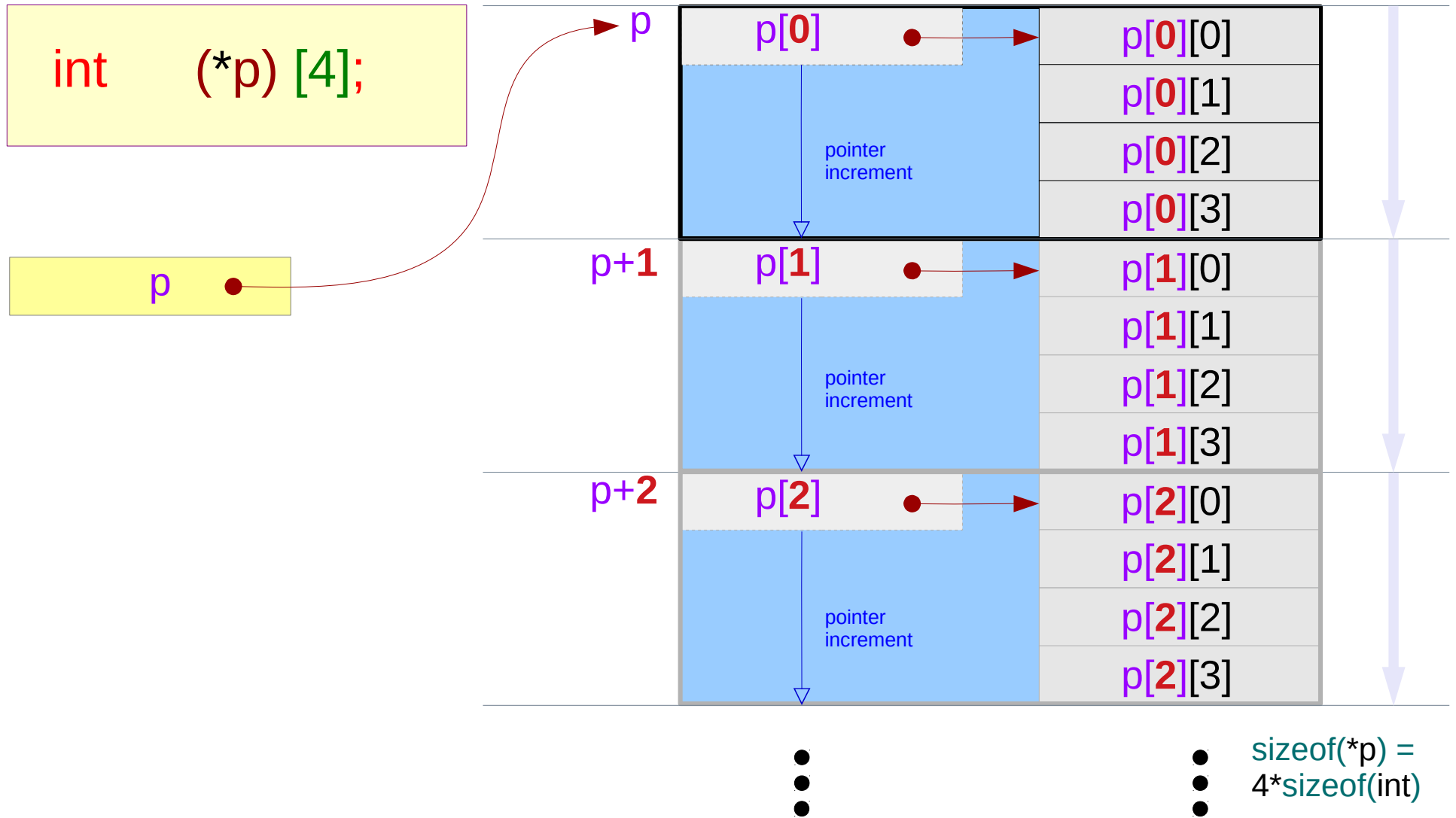
Incrementing a 1-d array pointer – extending a dimension



$(*(p+1)) \equiv p[1]$ || equivalence



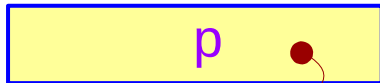
Substitution using a 1-d array pointer



A 1-d array pointer – extending a dimension

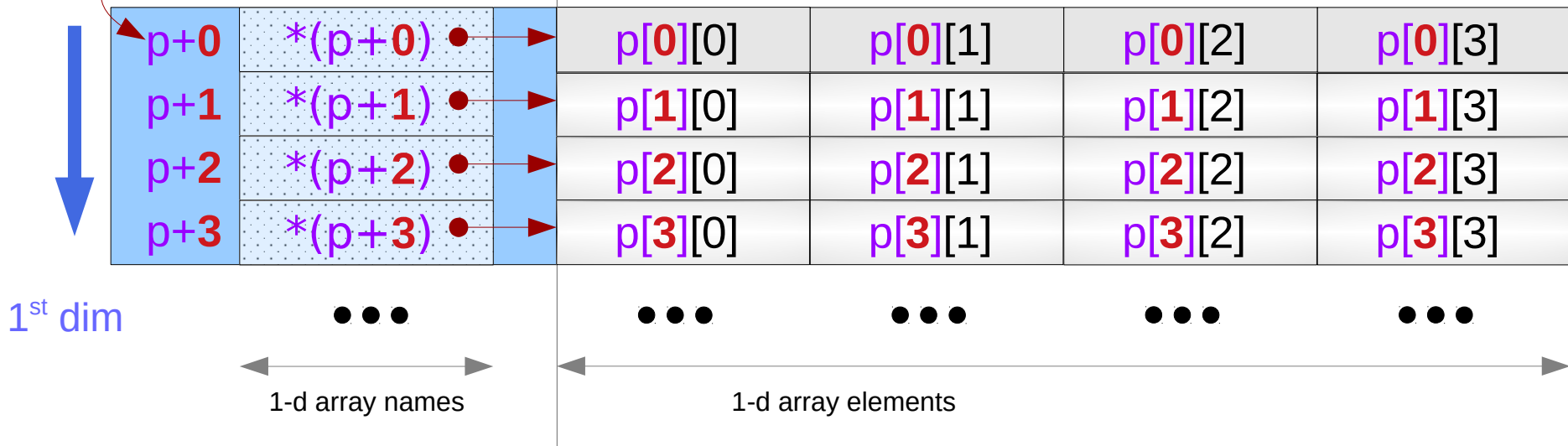
```
int (*p) [4] ;
```

1-d array pointer



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

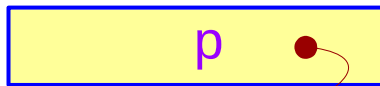
→ 2nd dim



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

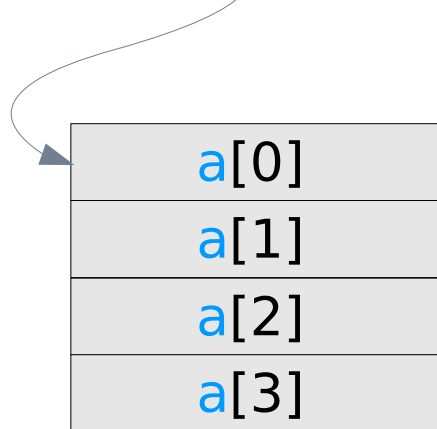
```
int a[4];
```

1-d array pointer



$p = \&a$
assignment

$\&a$



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

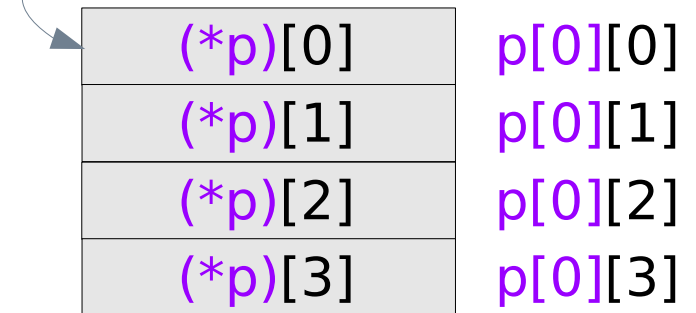
1-d array pointer



p



$*p \equiv a$
equivalence

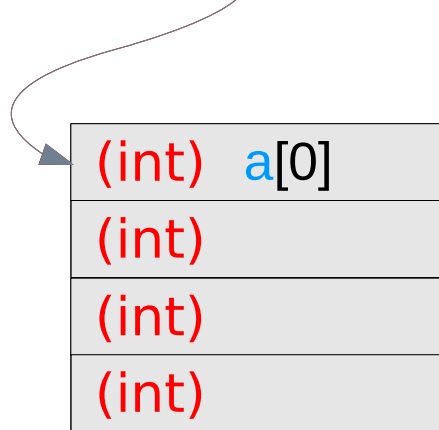
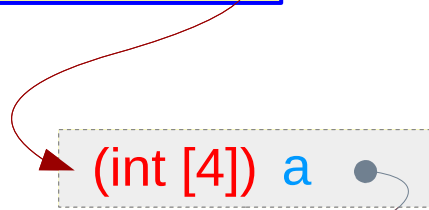


A 1-d array pointer and a 1-d array – a type view

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

1-d array pointer

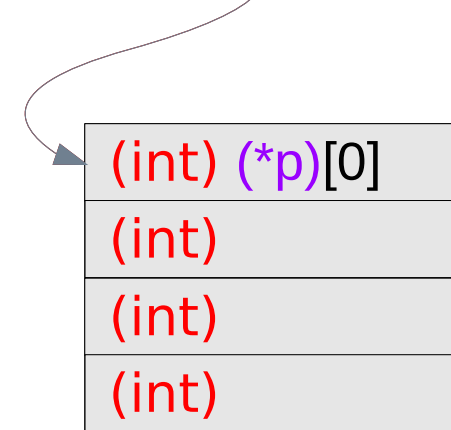
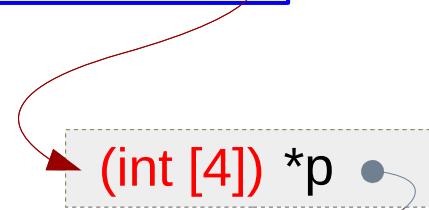
```
(int (*)[4]) p ●
```



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

1-d array pointer

```
(int (*)[4]) p ●
```



(int *)

p[0][0]

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

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

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

1-d array pointer

p

c

&c[0]

c[0]

p = c
p = &c[0]
assignment

c[0][0]

c[0][1]

c[0][2]

c[0][3]

1-d array pointer

p

p

*p

*p ≡ c[0]
equivalence

(*p)[0]

(*p)[1]

(*p)[2]

(*p)[3]

p[0][0]

p[0][1]

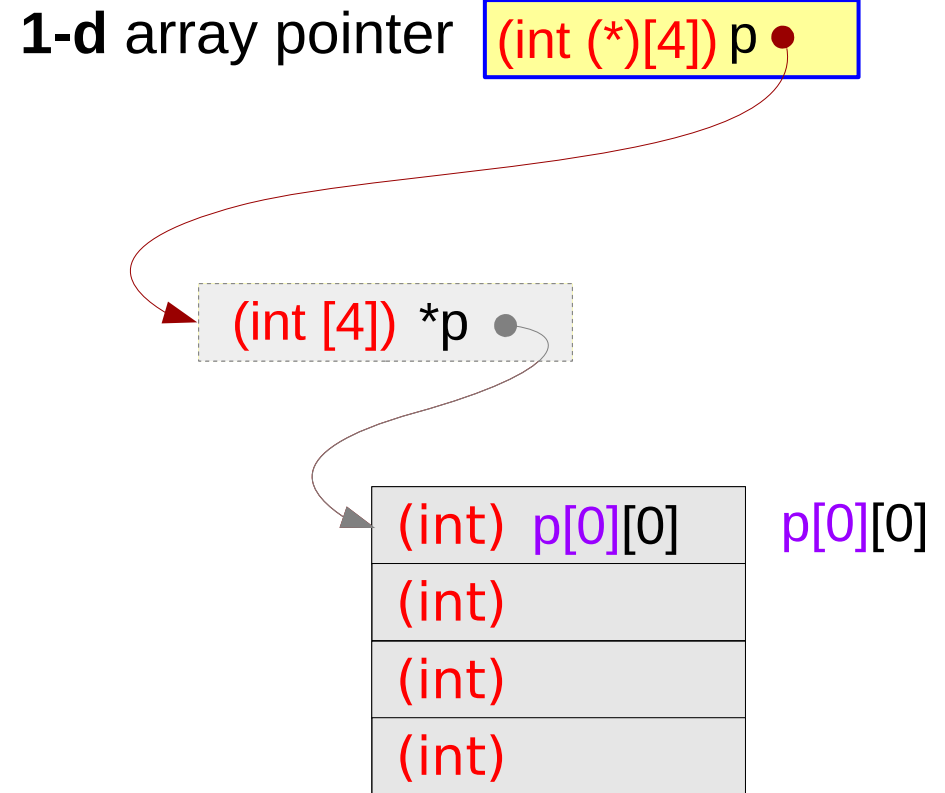
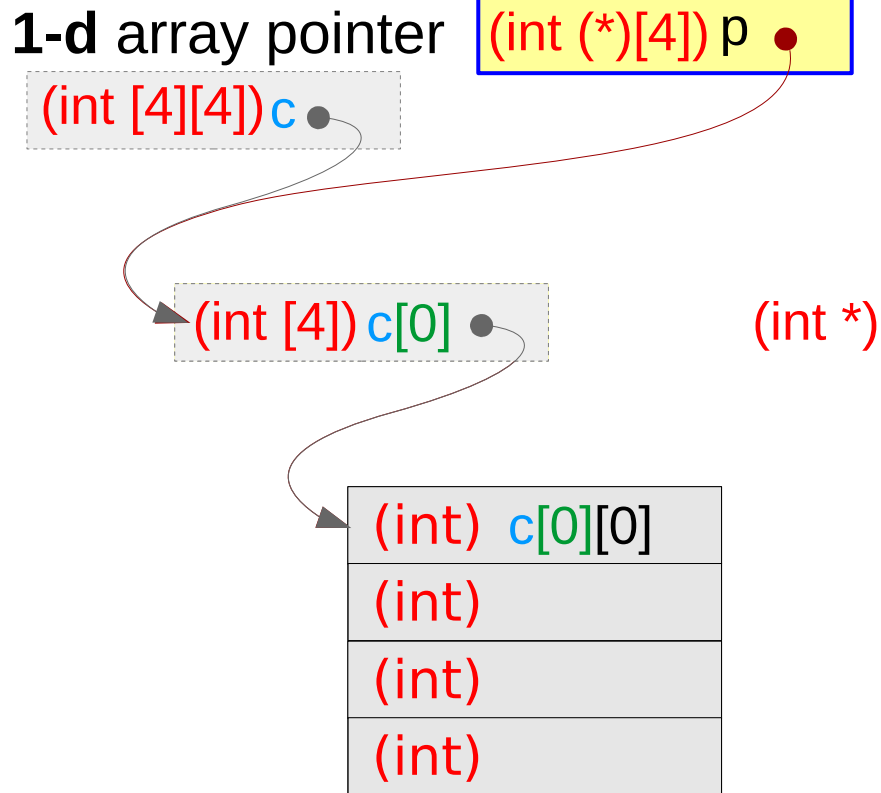
p[0][2]

p[0][3]

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

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

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

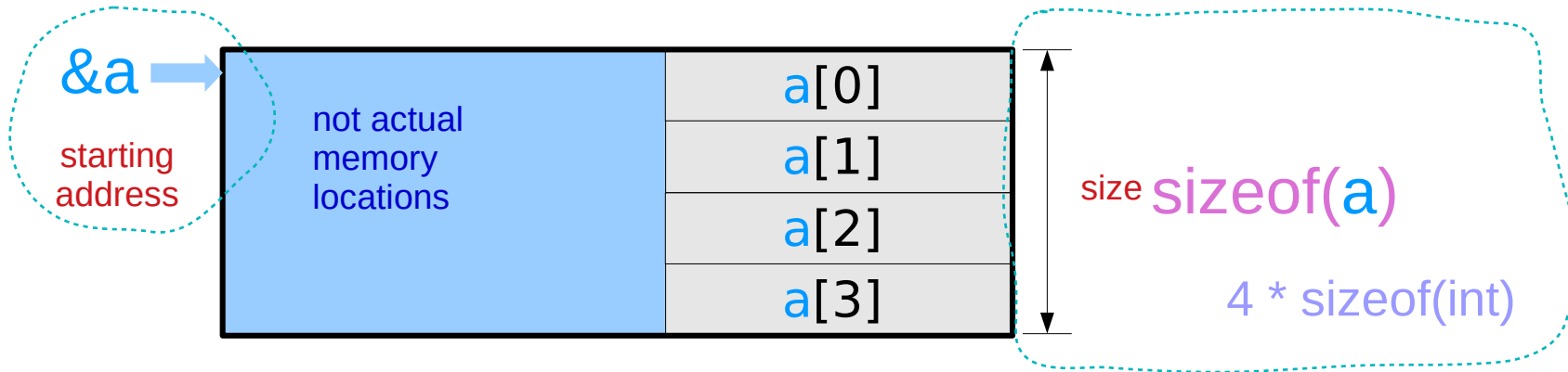


A 2-d array and array pointers

1-d array – an aggregate type view

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

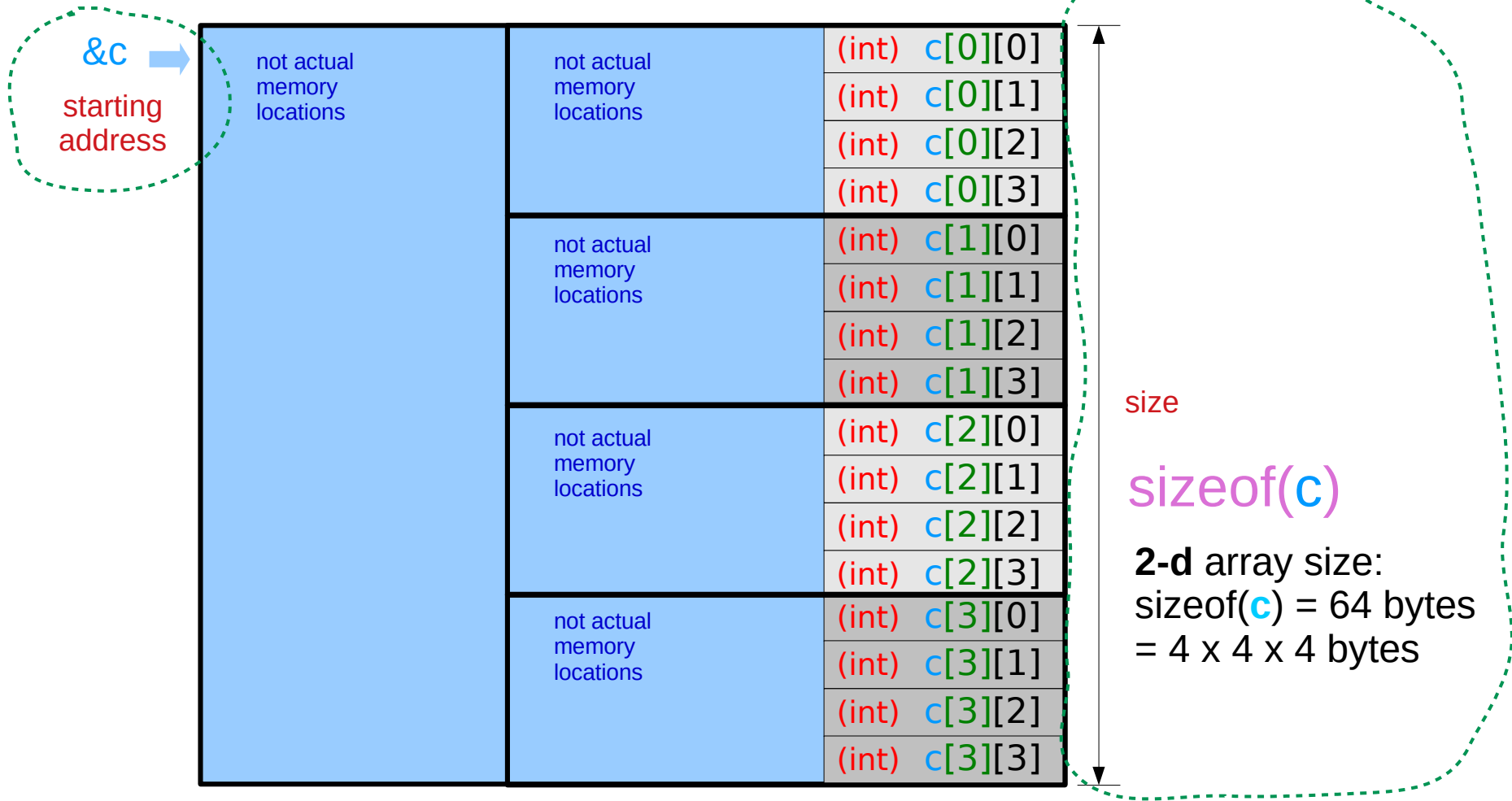
An aggregate type `a`
- starting address `&a`
- size `sizeof(a)`



2-d array – an aggregate type view

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

- An aggregate type `c`
- starting address `&c`
 - size `sizeof(c)`



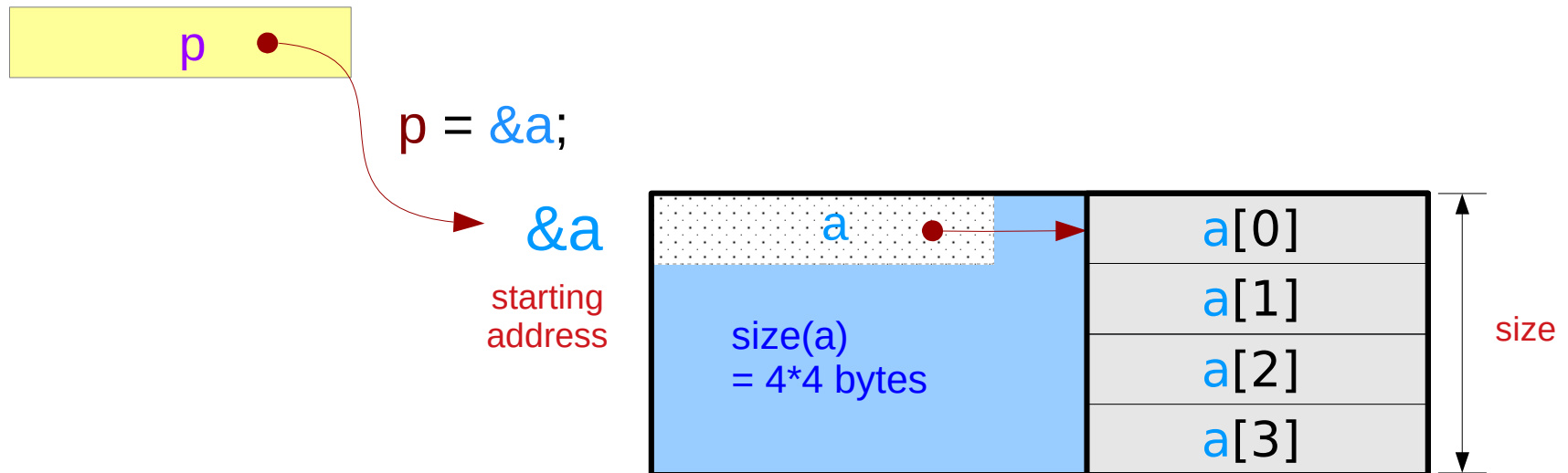
Pointer to a 1-d array – an aggregate type view

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

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

An aggregate type `a`
- starting address `&a`
- size `sizeof(a)`

1-d array pointer



`sizeof(*p) = sizeof(a)`

Pointer to a 2-d array – an aggregate type view

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

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

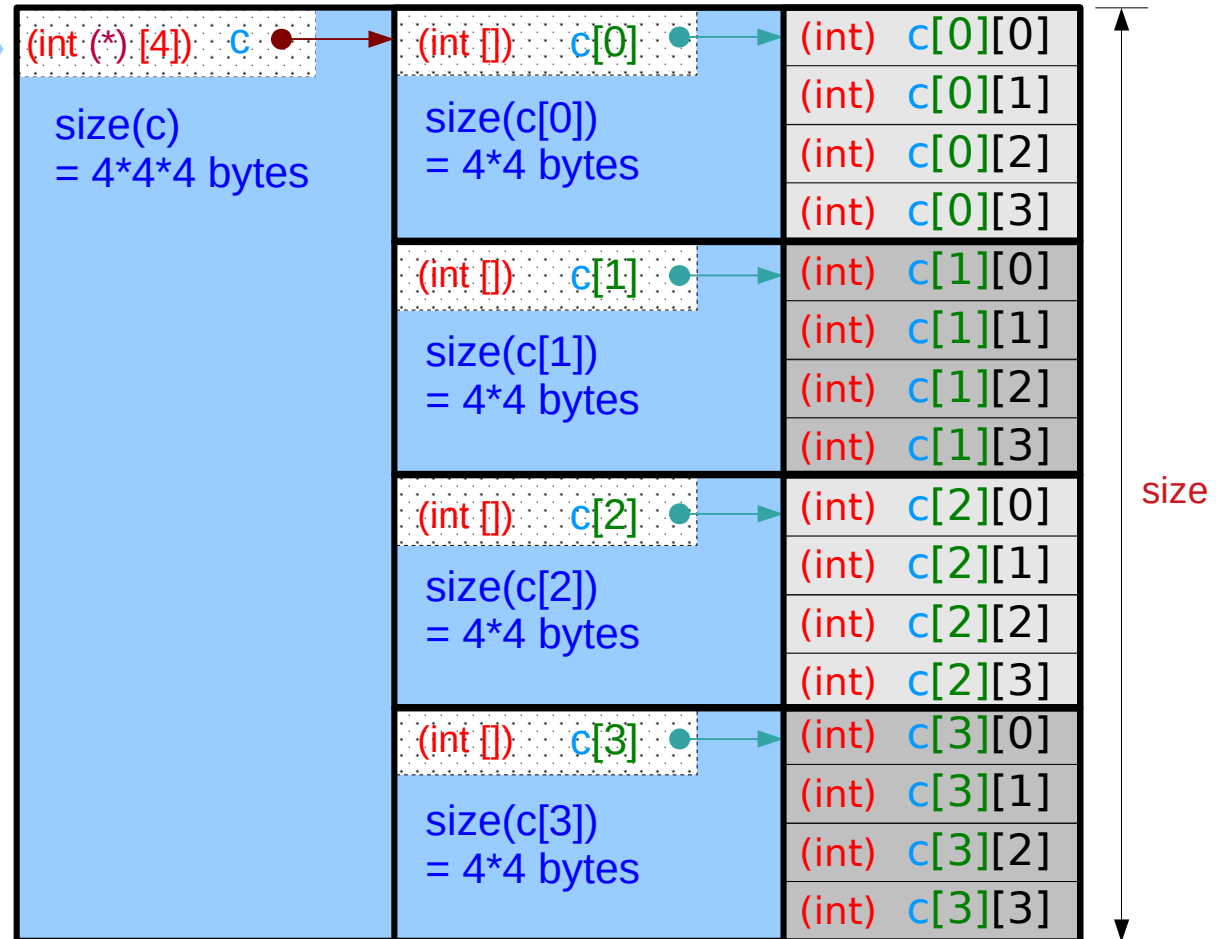
An aggregate type `c`
- starting address `&c`
- size `sizeof(c)`

```
q = &c ;
```

q

2-d array pointer

`&c`
starting address



`sizeof(*q) = sizeof(c)`

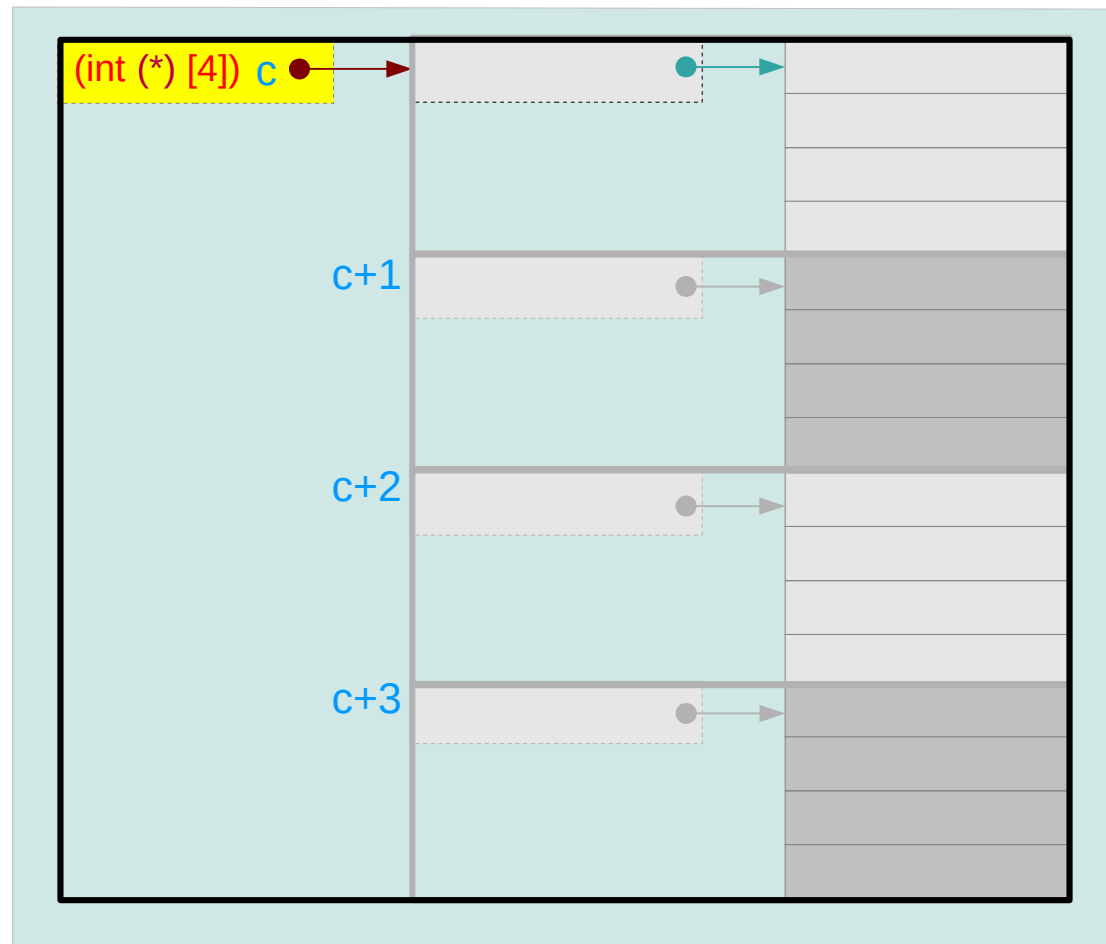
A 2-d array and its sub-arrays – array name

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

c :

- the **2-d** array name
- the **2-d** array starting address
- the **1-d** array pointer which points to its **1st** **1-d** sub-array

compilers do not allocate a memory location for **c**



A 2-d array and its sub-arrays – subarray names

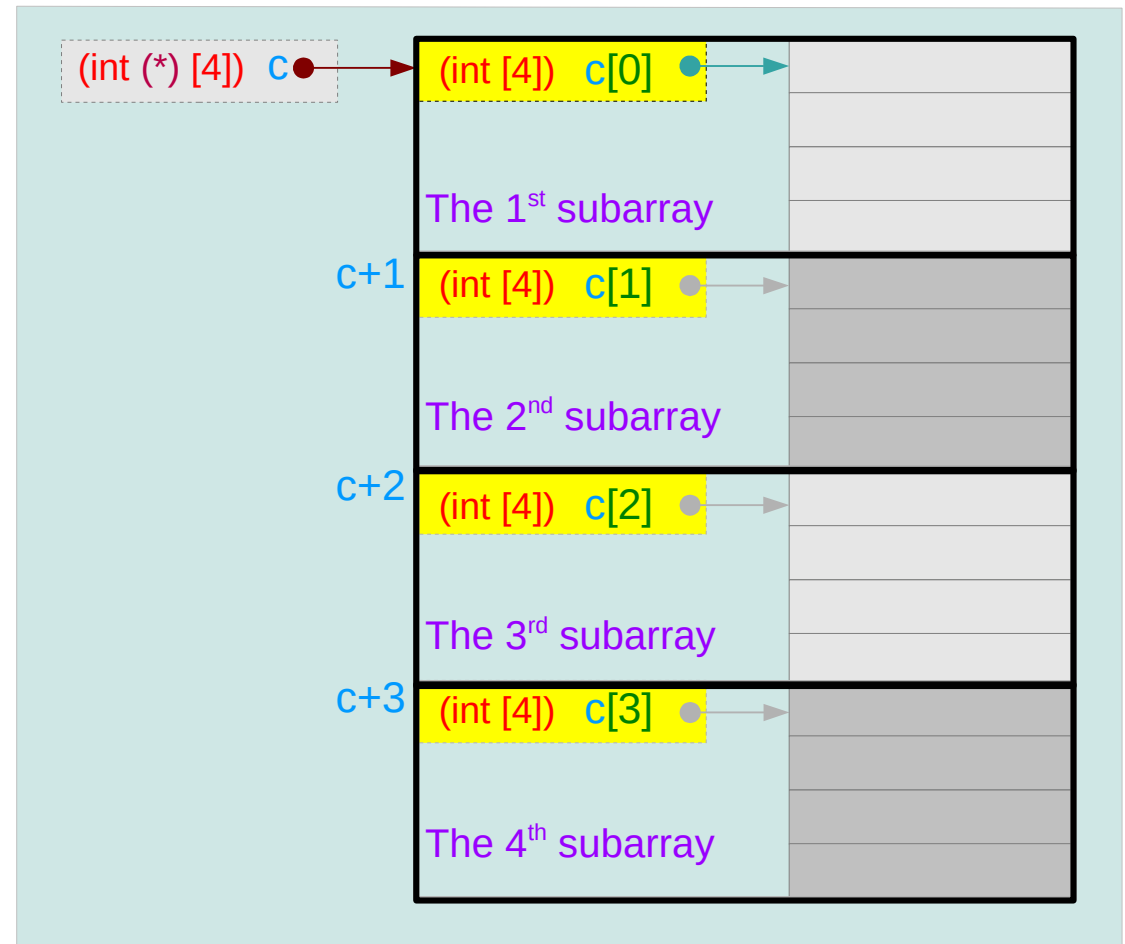
```
int c[4][4];
```

c[i]

- a **1-d** array name
- a **1-d** array starting address
- a **0-d** array pointer which points to its scalar integer

c[0] the 1st **1-d** subarray name
c[1] the 2nd **1-d** subarray name
c[2] the 3rd **1-d** subarray name
c[3] the 4th **1-d** subarray name

compilers do not allocate memory locations for **c[i]**'s



A 2-d array and its 1-d sub-arrays – a type view

2-d array name `c` `int (*) [4]`

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

1-d subarray name `c[0]` `int [4]`

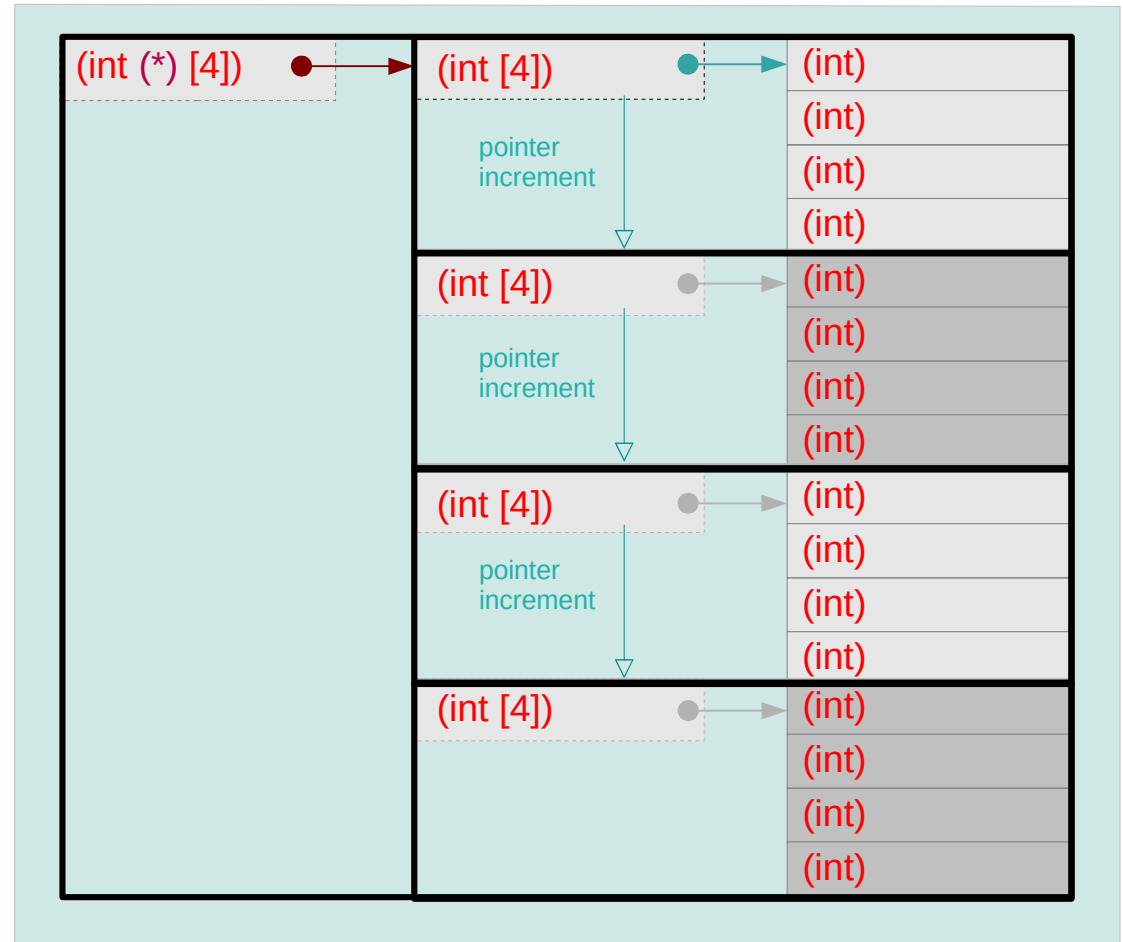
1-d subarray name `c[1]` `int [4]`

1-d subarray name `c[2]` `int [4]`

1-d subarray name `c[3]` `int [4]`

`c` and `c[0]`

- different types
- the same address of the starting element



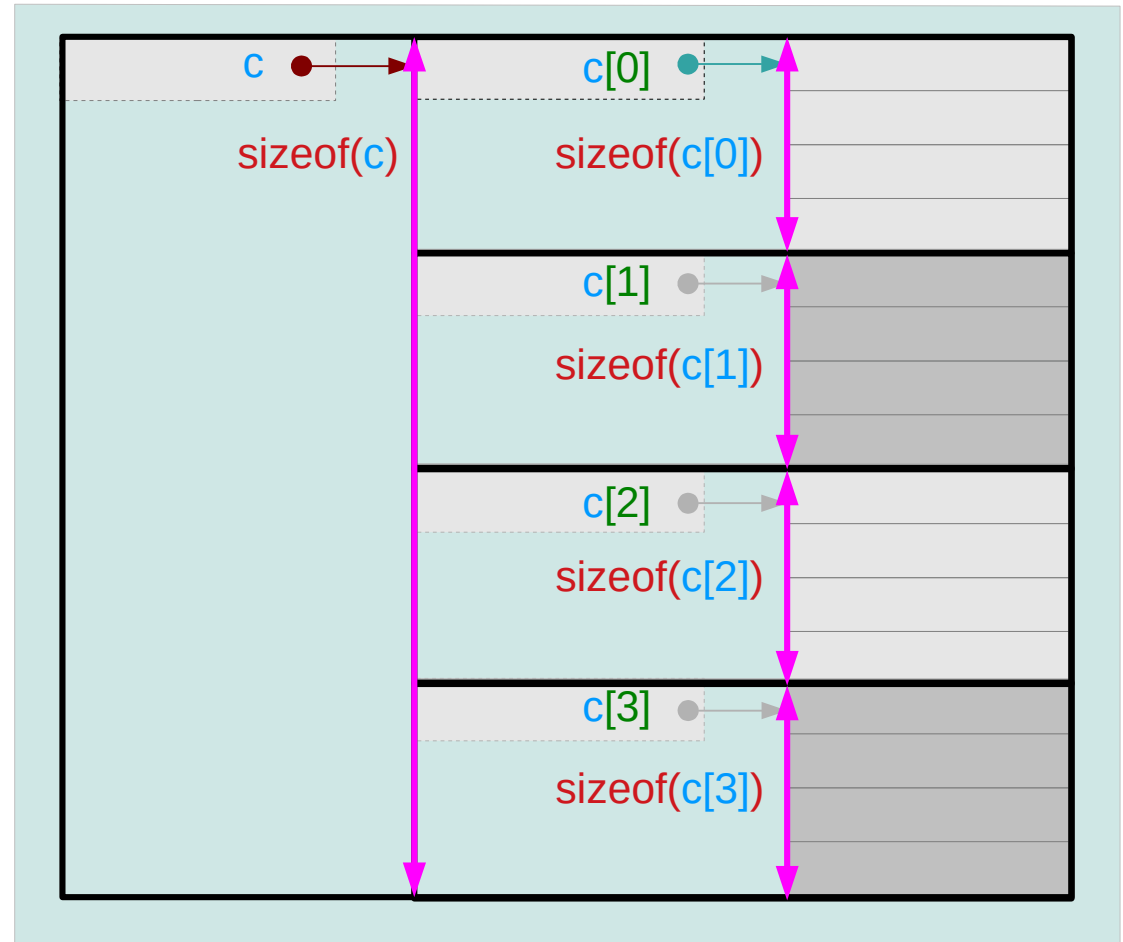
A 2-d array and its sub-arrays – type sizes

sizeof(c) = 4*4*4 bytes

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

sizeof(c[i][j]) = 4 bytes

c : the **2-d** array name
c[i] : the **1-d** array name
c[i][j] : the **0-d** array name
(a scalar integer)

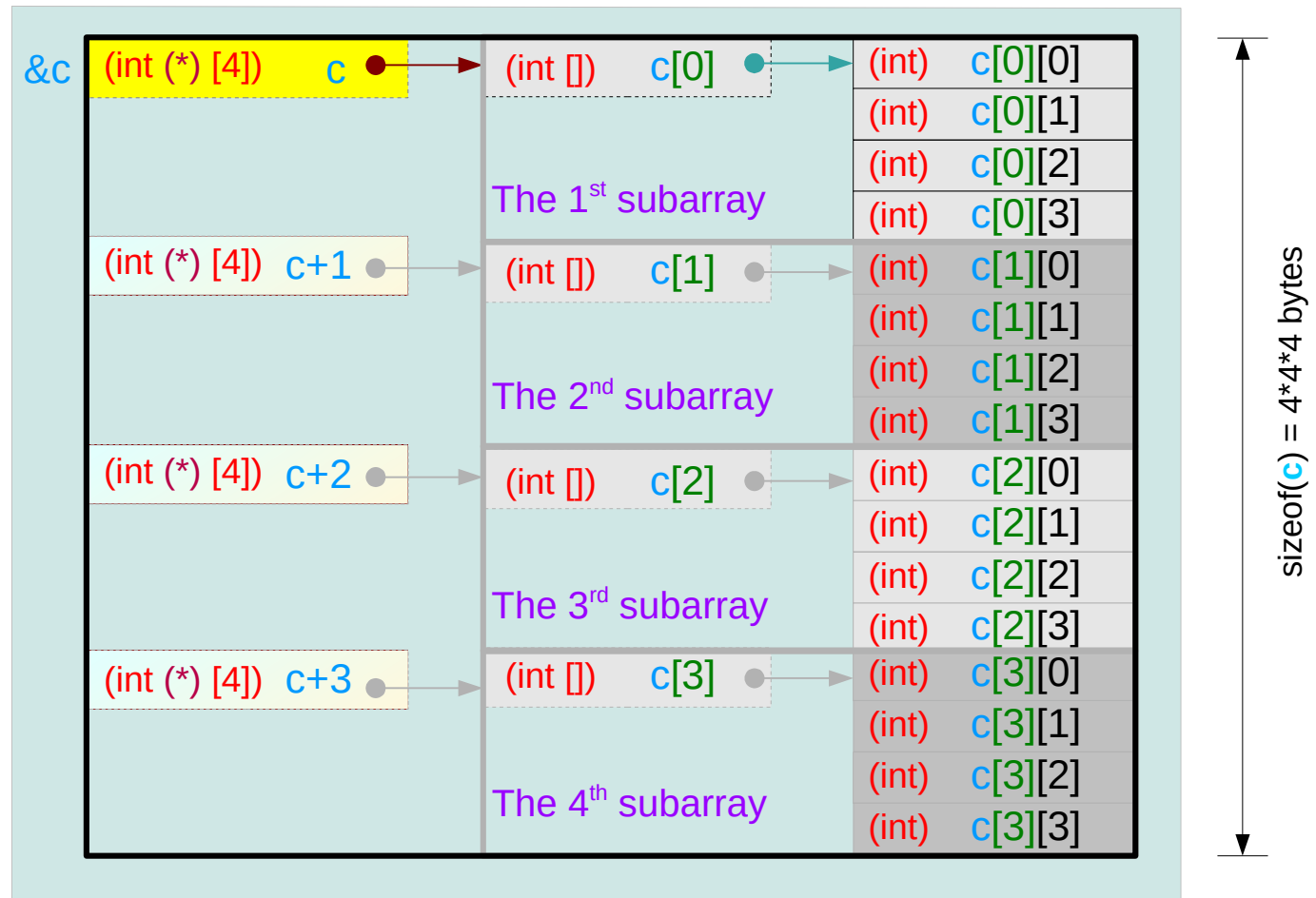


2-d array aggregate data type

The array **c** (=subarray name)

`sizeof(c)` = 4*4*4 bytes

`&c` : start address



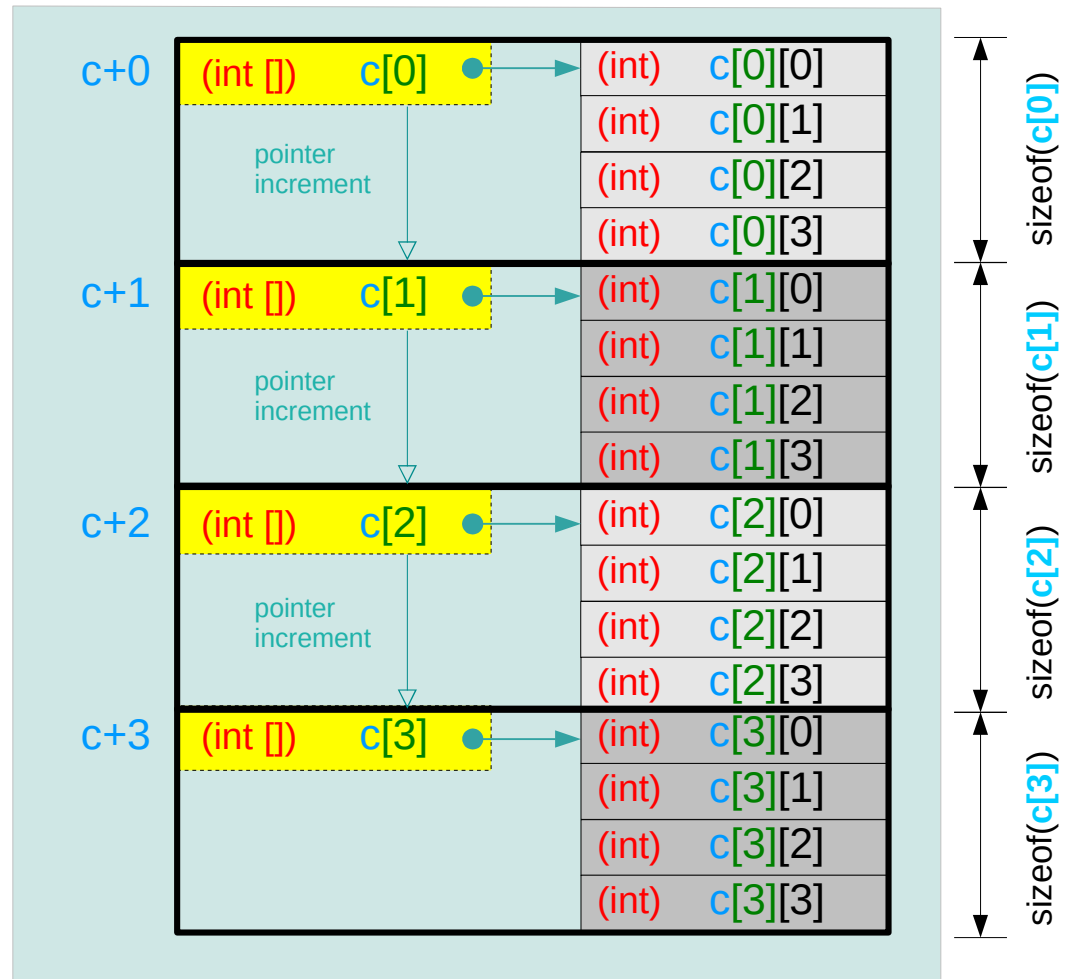
1-d subarray aggregate data type

The 1st subarray **c[0]** (=subarray name)
sizeof(**c[0]**) = 4*4 bytes
(**c+0**) : start address

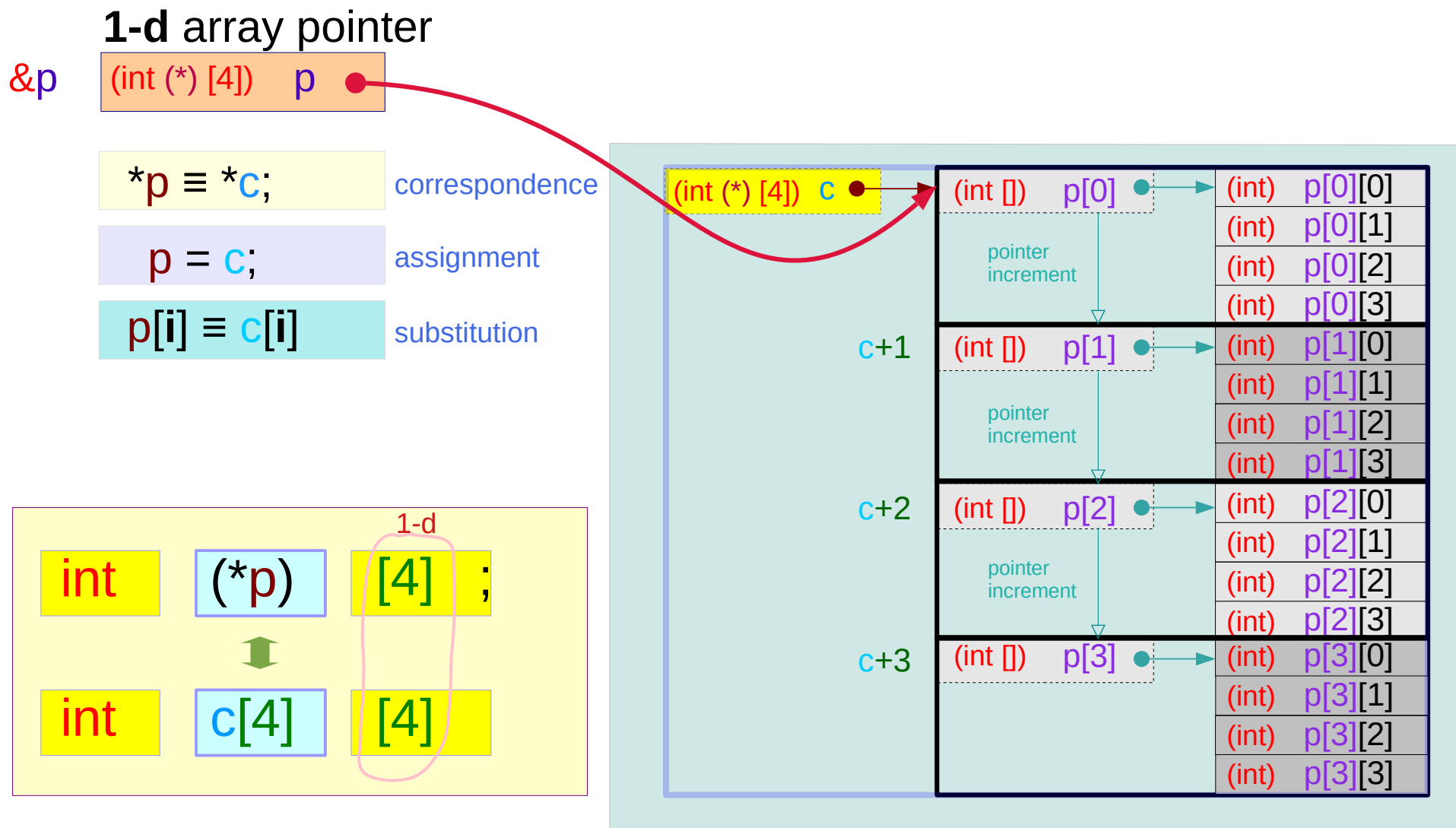
The 2nd subarray **c[1]** (=subarray name)
sizeof(**c[1]**) = 4*4 bytes
(**c+1**) : start address

The 3rd subarray **c[2]** (=subarray name)
sizeof(**c[2]**) = 4*4 bytes
(**c+2**) : start address

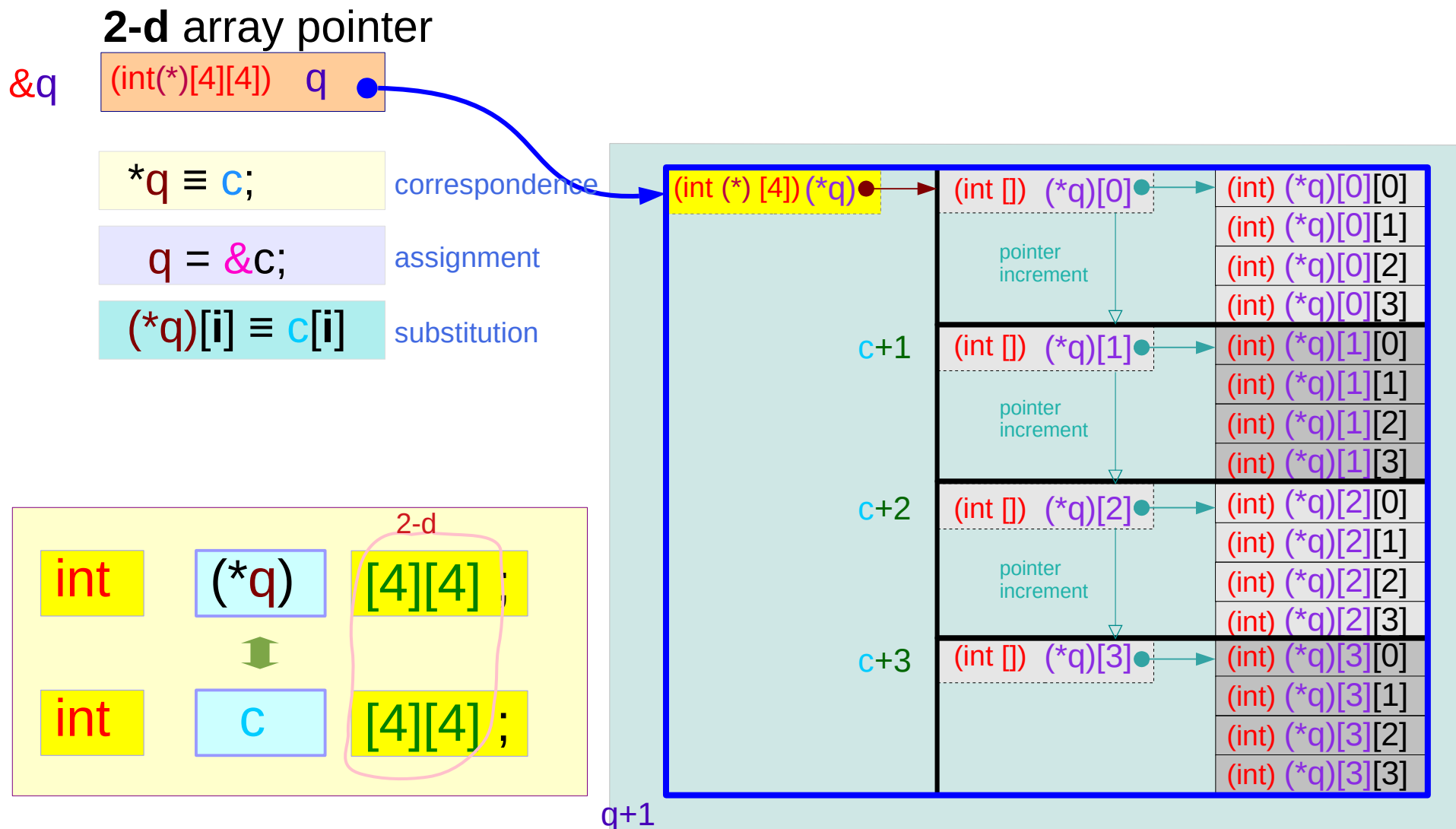
The 4th subarray **c[3]** (=subarray name)
sizeof(**c[3]**) = 4*4 bytes
(**c+3**) : start address



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

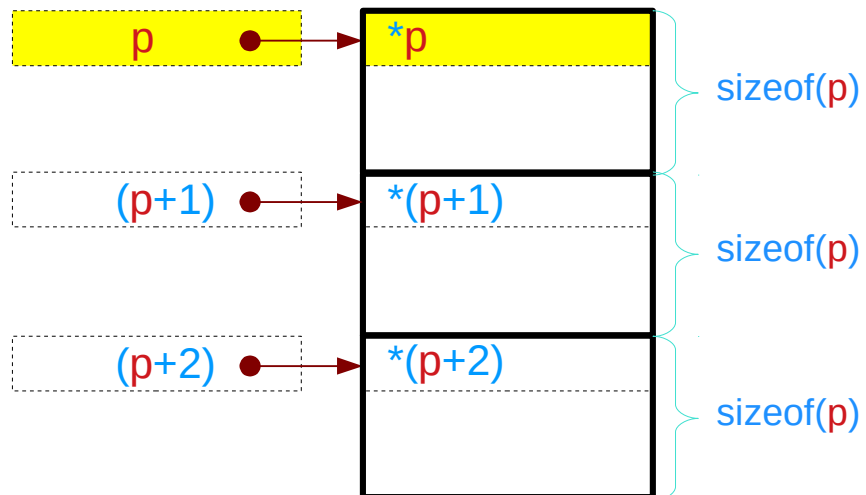


Using a 2-d array pointer to a 2-d array



An **n-d** array pointers

p: pointer to an *n*-d array



$\text{sizeof}(p) = \text{sizeof}(*p) * 3 \dots$ leading element

$\text{sizeof}(p+1) = \text{pointer size}$

$\text{sizeof}(p+2) = \text{pointer size}$

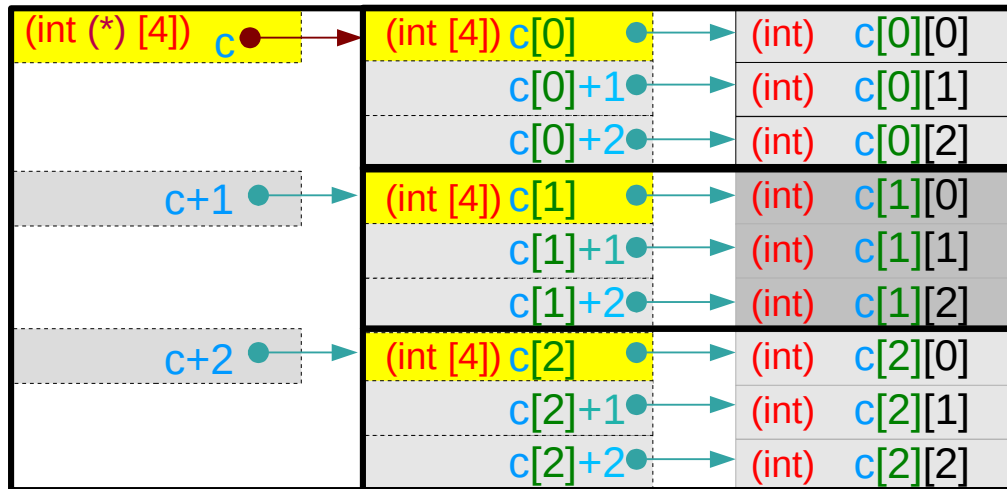
$\text{value}(p) = \text{value}(*p) \dots$ leading element

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

$\text{value}(p+2) = \text{value}(*p) + \text{sizeof}(*p) * 2$

A 2-d array and its 1-d sub-arrays – a type view

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



$\text{sizeof}(c) = \text{sizeof}(c[0]) * 3 \dots$ leading element
 $\text{sizeof}(c+1) =$ pointer size
 $\text{sizeof}(c+2) =$ pointer size

$\text{value}(c) = \text{value}(c[0]) \dots$ leading element
 $\text{value}(c+1) = \text{value}(c[0]) + \text{sizeof}(c[0]) * 1$
 $\text{value}(c+2) = \text{value}(c[0]) + \text{sizeof}(c[0]) * 2$

$\text{sizeof}(c[0]) = \text{sizeof}(c[0][0]) * 3 \dots$ leading element
 $\text{sizeof}(c[0]+1) =$ pointer size
 $\text{sizeof}(c[0]+2) =$ pointer size

$\text{sizeof}(c[1]) = \text{sizeof}(c[1][0]) * 3 \dots$ leading element
 $\text{sizeof}(c[1]+1) =$ pointer size
 $\text{sizeof}(c[1]+2) =$ pointer size

$\text{sizeof}(c[2]) = \text{sizeof}(c[2][0]) * 3 \dots$ leading element
 $\text{sizeof}(c[2]+1) =$ pointer size
 $\text{sizeof}(c[2]+2) =$ pointer size

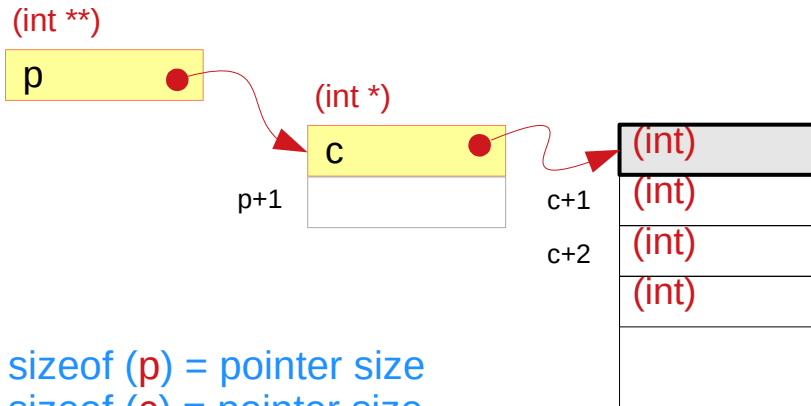
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 $\text{value}(c[0]+2) = \text{value}(c[0][0]) + \text{sizeof}(c[0][0]) * 2$

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$\text{value}(c[2]) = \text{value}(c[2][0]) \dots$ leading element
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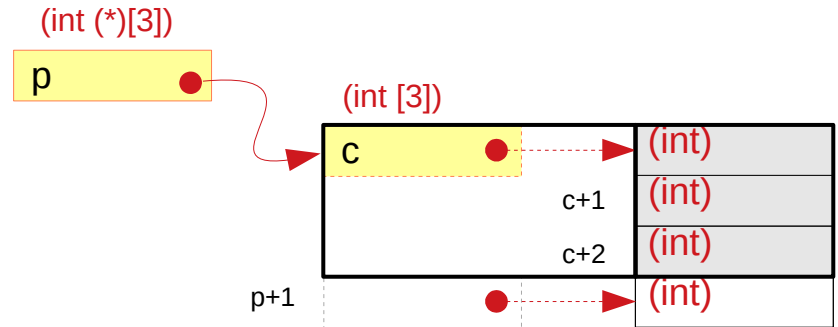
Integer pointer and array types – `int **`, `int (*)[3]`, `int[2][3]`

`int **p;` `int *c;` $v(\&c) \neq v(c)$



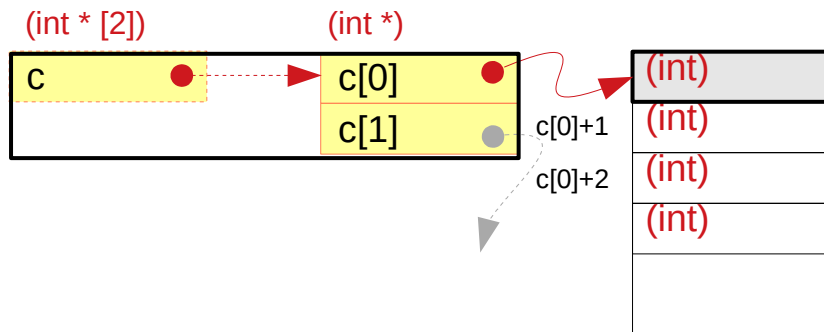
`sizeof (p)` = pointer size
`sizeof (c)` = pointer size

`int (*p)[3];` `int c[3];` $v(\&c) = v(c)$



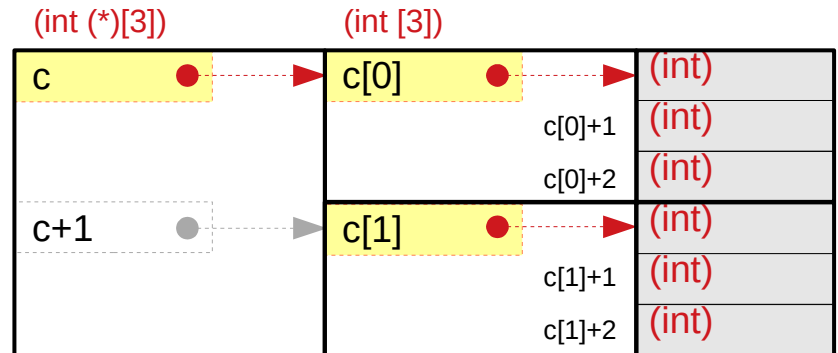
`sizeof (p)` = pointer size
`sizeof (c)` = `sizeof(int) * 3`

`int* c[2];` $v(\&c[0]) \neq v(c[0])$



`sizeof (c)` = pointer size * 2
`sizeof (c[0])` = pointer size

`int c[2][3];` $v(\&c) = v(c) = v(\&c[0]) = v(c[0])$



`sizeof (c)` = `sizeof(int) * 2 * 3`
`sizeof (c[0])` = `sizeof(int) * 3`

Integer pointer types

```
#include <stdio.h>

void func(int d[ ])
{
    sizeof(a)=16 = 4*4 // array size
    sizeof(*a)=4      // int size
}

int main(void) {
    int a[4];
    int *b;
    int **c;

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

    sizeof(p)=8 // pointer size
    sizeof(*p)=16=4*4 // array size
}
```

Multi-dimensional Array Pointers

$(n-1)$ -d array pointer to a n -d array

`int a[4];` **1-d** array
`int (*p);` **0-d** array pointer ($p = a$)

`int b[4][2];` **2-d** array
`int (*q)[2];` **1-d** array pointer ($q = b$)

`int c[4][2][3];` **3-d** array
`int (*r)[2][3];` **2-d** array pointer ($r = c$)

`int d[4][2][3][4];` **4-d** array
`int (*s)[2][3][4];` **3-d** array pointer ($s = d$)

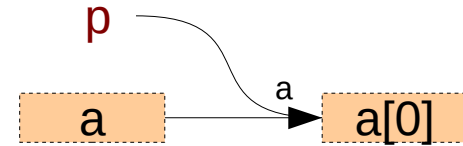


the 1st dimension can be accessed by incrementing $(n-1)$ -d array pointer

n -d array name and $(n-1)$ -d array pointer

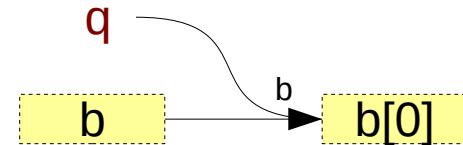
```
int a[4];  
int (*p);
```

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



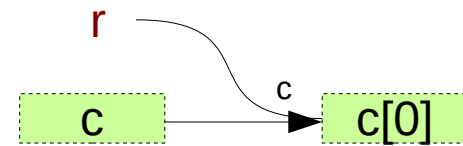
```
int b[4][2];  
int (*q)[2];
```

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



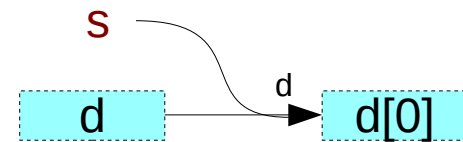
```
int c[4][2][3];  
int (*r)[2][3];
```

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



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

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



the 1st dimension can be accessed by incrementing $(n-1)$ -d array pointer

n-d array pointer to a *n*-d array

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

`int b [4][2];` **2-d** array
`int (*q) [4][2];` **2-d** array pointer (`q = &b`)

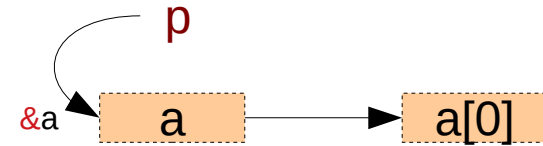
`int c [4][2][3];` **3-d** array
`int (*r) [4][2][3];` **3-d** array pointer (`r = &c`)

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

n-d array name and *n*-d array pointer

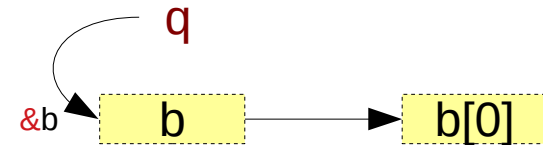
```
int a [4];  
int (*p) [4];
```

```
p = &a;
```



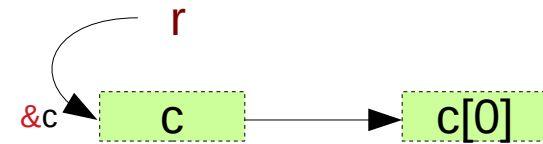
```
int b [4][2];  
int (*q) [4][2];
```

```
q = &b;
```



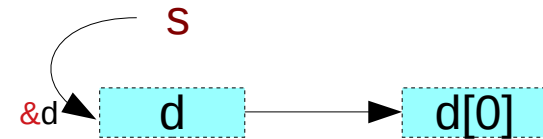
```
int c [4][2][3];  
int (*r) [4][2][3];
```

```
r = &c;
```

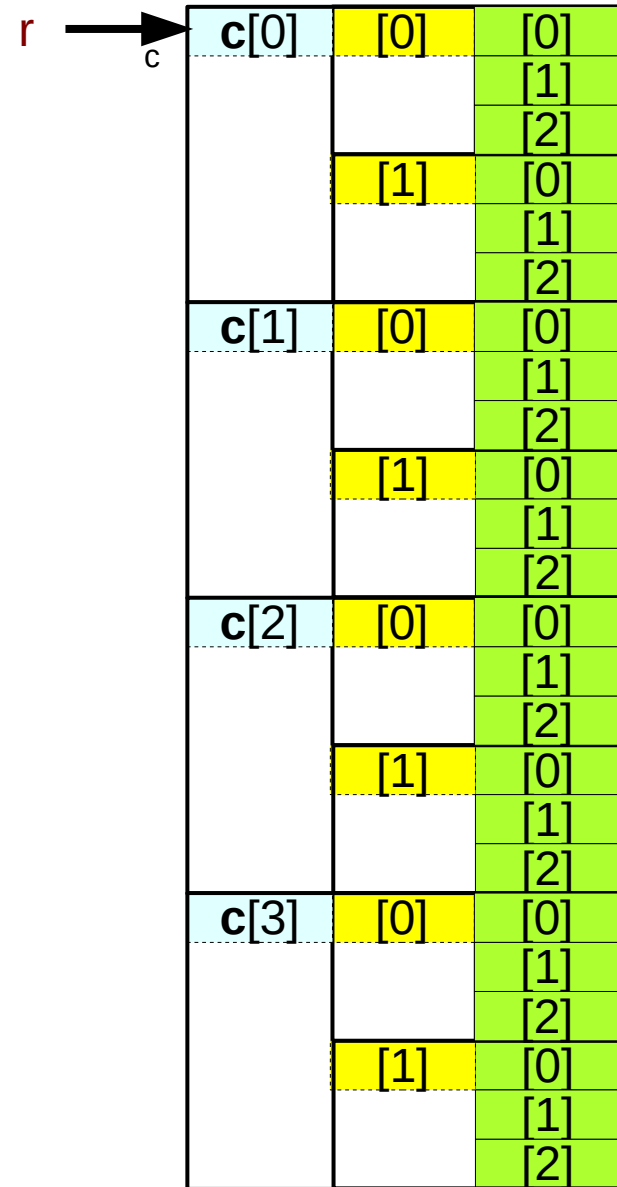
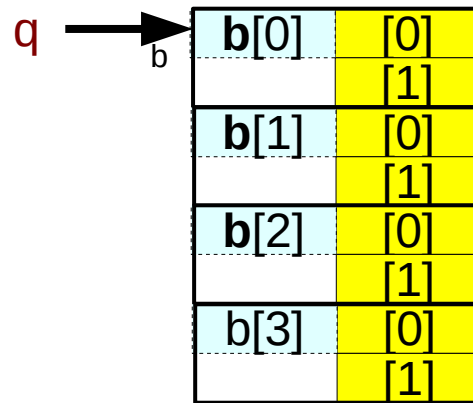
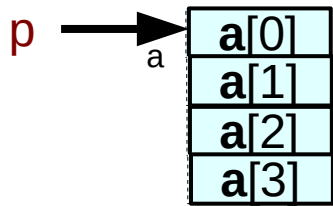


```
int d [4][2][3][4];  
int (*s) [4][2][3][4];
```

```
s = &d;
```

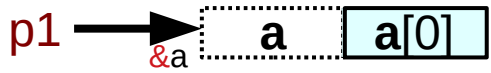


multi-dimensional array pointers

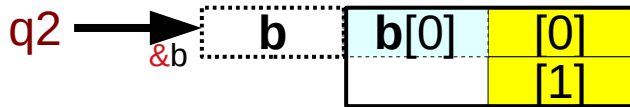


- `int a[4];` **1-d array**
- `int (*p);` **0-d array pointer**
- `int b[4][2];` **2-d array**
- `int (*q)[2];` **1-d array pointer**
- `int c[4][2][3];` **3-d array**
- `int (*r)[2][3];` **2-d array pointer**
- `int d[4][2][3][4];` **4-d array**
- `int (*s)[2][3][4];` **3-d array pointer**

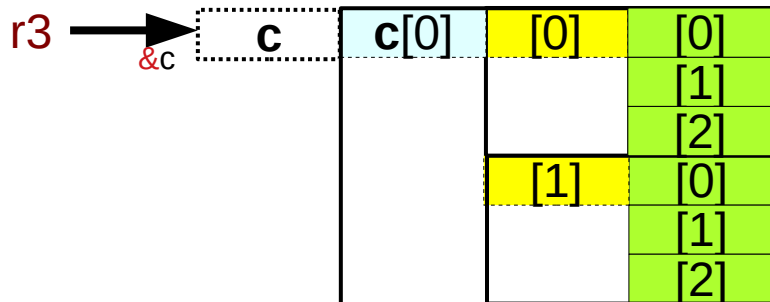
Initializing *n-d* array pointers



```
int a[4];
int (*p1)[4] = &a;
```



```
int b[4][2];
int (*q2)[4][2] = &b;
```

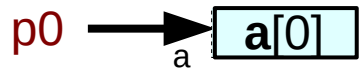


```
int c[4][2][3];
int (*r3)[4][2][3] = &c;
```

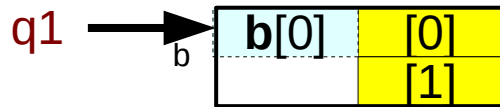


```
int d[4][2][3][4];
int (*s4)[4][2][3][4] = &d;
```

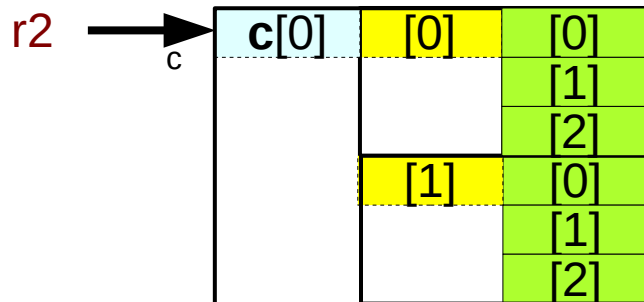
Initializing $(n-1)$ -d array pointers



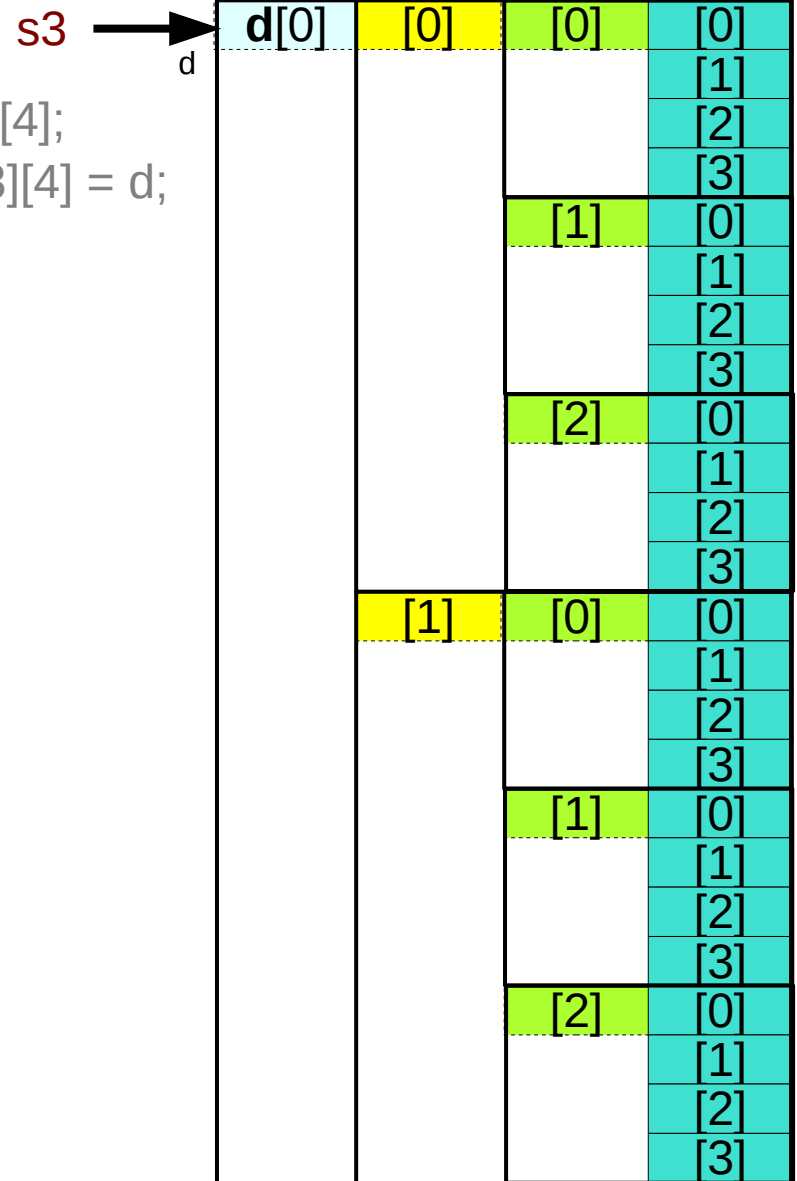
```
int a[4];
int (*p0) = a;
```



```
int b[4][2];
int (*q1)[2] = b;
```



```
int c[4][2][3];
int (*r2)[2][3] = c;
```



```
int d[4][2][3][4];
int (*s3)[2][3][4] = d;
```

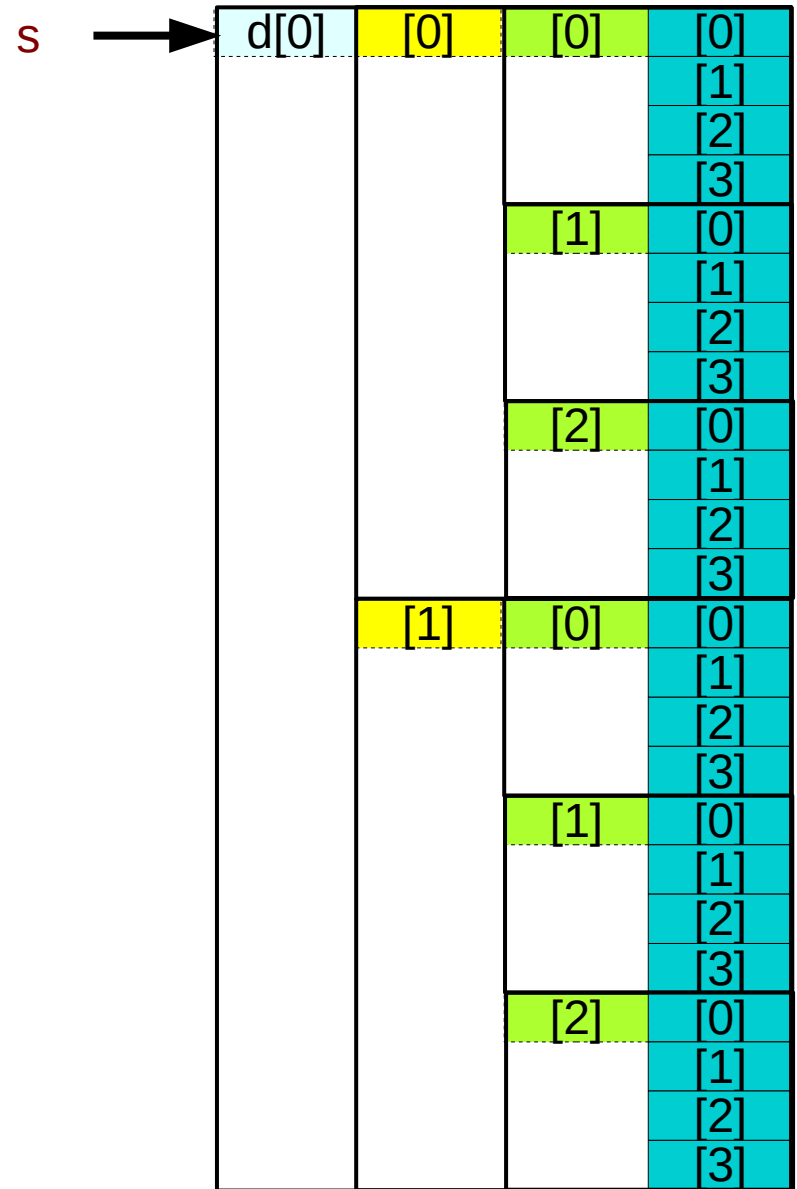
array pointers to multi-dimensional subarrays

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

d	4-d array name	d[4][2][3][4]
	3-d array pointer	(*p)[2][3][4]
d[i]	3-d array name	d[i][2][3][4]
	2-d array pointer	(*q)[3][4]
d[i][j]	2-d array name	d[i][j][3][4]
	1-d array pointer	(*r)[4]
d[i][j][k]	1-d array name	d[i][j][k][4]
	0-d array pointer	(*s)

i,j,k are specific index values

i = [0..3], j = [0..1], k = [0..2]



Initializing array pointers to multi-dimensional subarrays

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

<code>d</code>	4-d array name 3-d array pointer	<code>d[4][2][3][4]</code> <code>(*p)[2][3][4]</code>	<code>p[i][j][k][l]</code> <code>int (*p)[2][3][4] = d;</code>
<code>d[i]</code>	3-d array name 2-d array pointer	<code>d[i][2][3][4]</code> <code>(*q)[3][4]</code>	<code>q[j][k][l]</code> <code>int (*q)[3][4] = d[i];</code>
<code>d[i][j]</code>	2-d array name 1-d array pointer	<code>d[i][j][3][4]</code> <code>(*r)[4]</code>	<code>r[k][l]</code> <code>int (*r)[4] = d[i][j];</code>
<code>d[i][j][k]</code>	1-d array name 0-d array pointer	<code>d[i][j][k][4]</code> <code>(*s)</code>	<code>s[l]</code> <code>int (*s) = d[i][j][k];</code>

`i = [0..3], j = [0..1], k = [0..2]`

Passing multidimensional array names

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

call

```
funb(a, ...);
```

prototype

```
void funb(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];
```

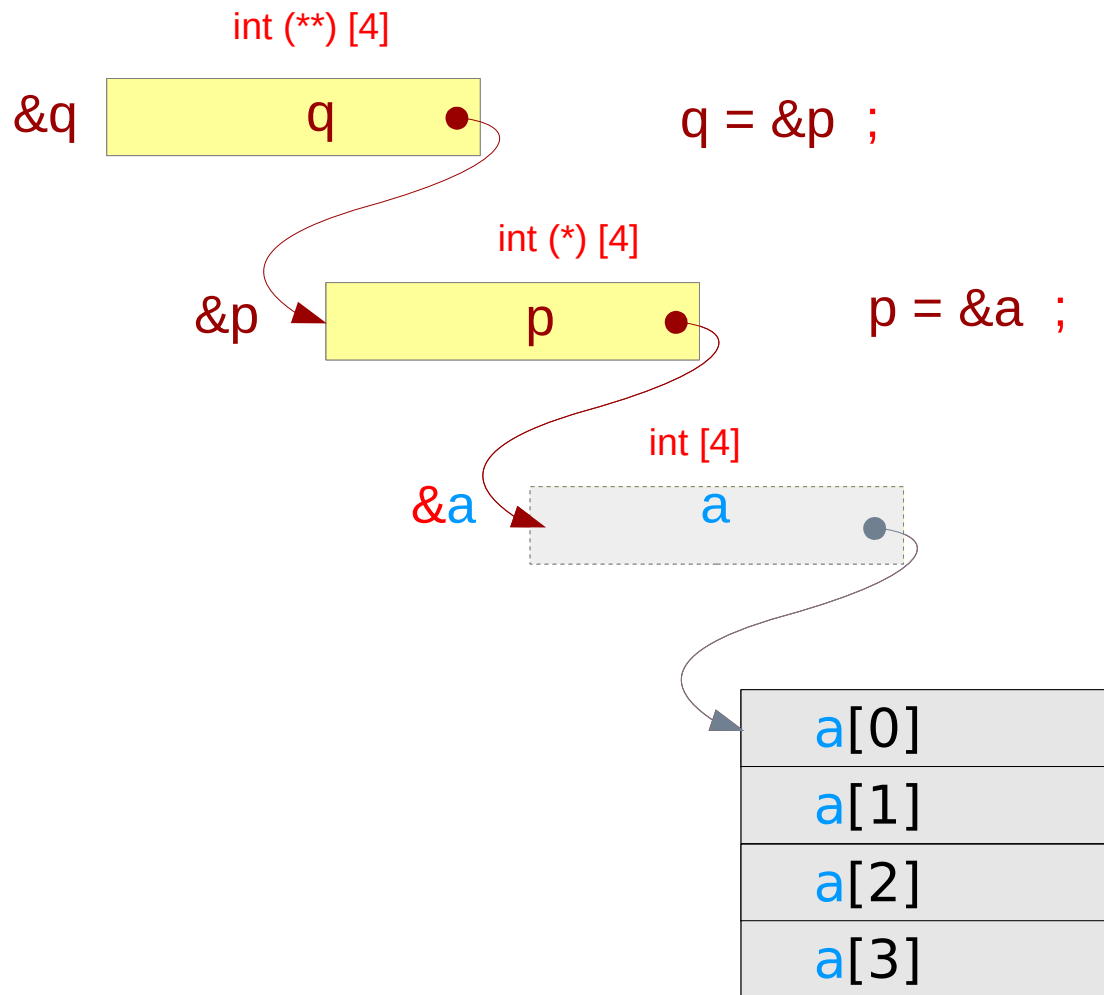
call

```
fund(d, ...);
```

prototype

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

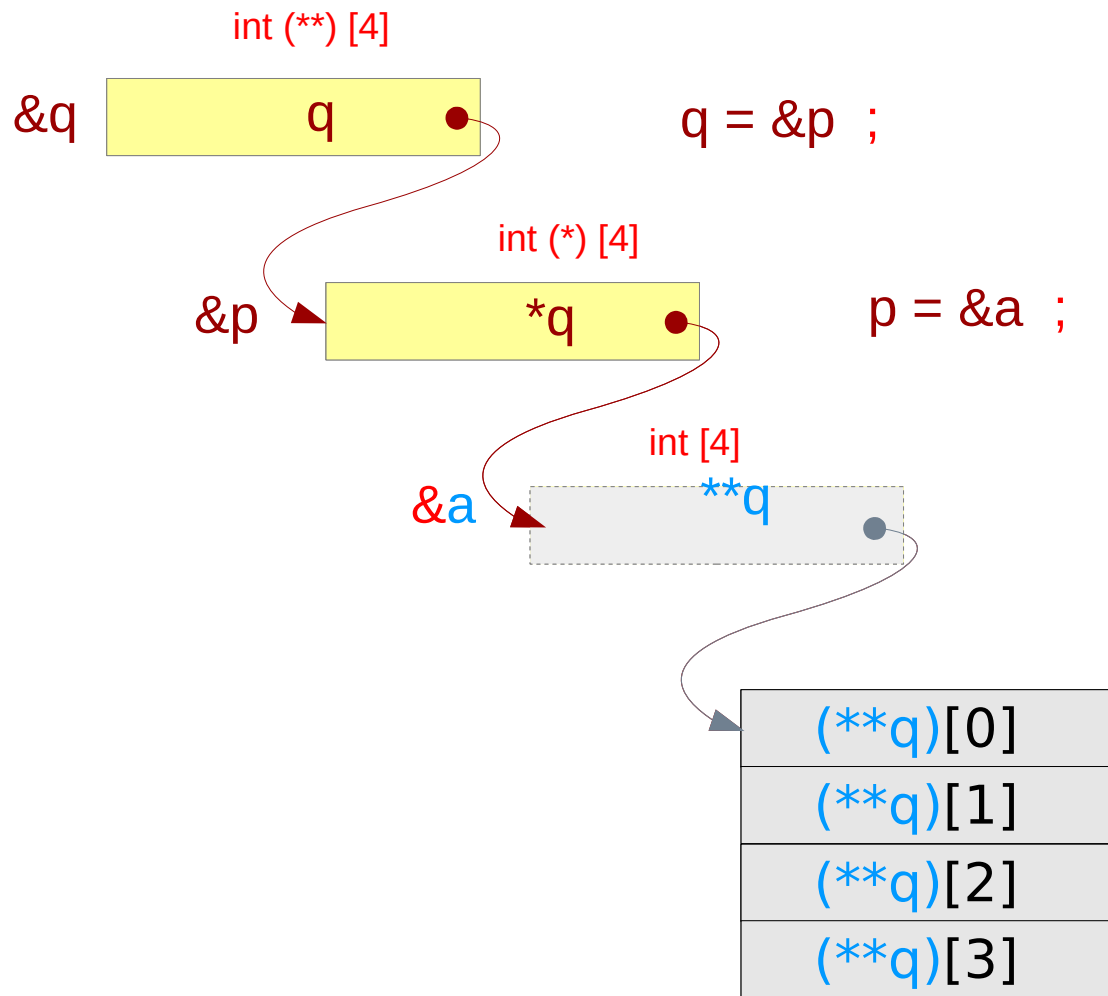
Double pointer to a 1-d array – a variable view (p, q)



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

```
➡ p = &a ;  
➡ q = &p ;
```

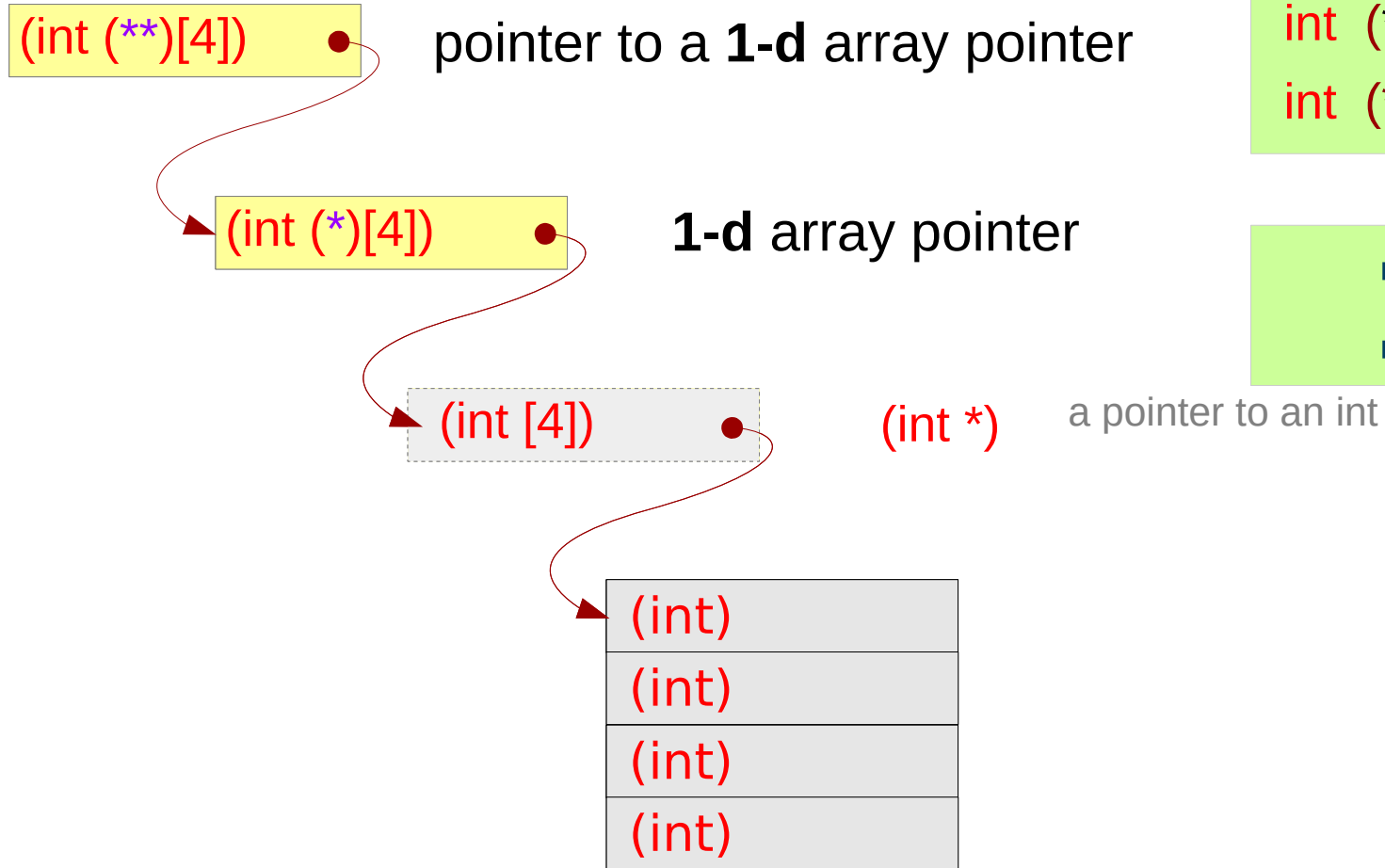

Double pointer to a 1-d array – a variable view (q)



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

```
➔ p = &a ;  
➔ q = &p ;
```

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



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

```
➔ p = &a ;  
➔ q = &p ;
```

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