

Pointer declaration: the right spiral rule (cont)

- `char *x[3];`
— `x` is of type "array [3] of pointer to char"
- `char (*x)[2];`
— `x` is of type "pointer to array [2] of char"
- `char * (* (x [])) () ; [== char * (* x []) () ;]`
— `x` is of type "array [] of pointer to function that returns pointer to char"
- `int * (* (* x [2] [3]) [4]) () ;`
— `x` is of type "array[2][3] of pointer to array[4] of pointer to function that returns pointer to int"

Pointer arithmetic

- Consider the following type declaration

```
TYPE *ptr;      // "ptr" is a pointer to an instance of TYPE ("ptr" is a variable)
TYPE a[10];     // "a" is a pointer to an instance of TYPE ("a" a constant)
```

- Only two types of operations may be applied to pointer variables/constants
 - pointer + integer (similarly, pointer – pointer)
 - *pointer // dereferencing
- Type "array[i][j][k]...[z]" is equivalent to "pointer to array[j][k]....[z]"
 - since there is no "array arithmetic in C", when the type under analysis is [i][j][k]...[z], it must be converted to "pointer to array[j][k]...[z]" (RULE1)

Pointer arithmetic (cont)

Apply the following derivation rules using "T" (type) and "V" (value) on an expression containing a pointer

1. pointer+integer

ptr: T suppose "pointer to TYPE"
 V suppose "VAL"

then

ptr + i (i is an integer) is

 T pointer to TYPE

 the type does not change when an integer is added

 V VAL+i*sizeof(TYPE)

 when added 1, ptr addresses the next element in "the array"



Multi-dimensional arrays

Consider declaration "int a[3][4];"

- a memory area for 3*4 integers is allocated
- "a" is a constant and its value is the starting address of the allocated area
- a[0][0] is a variable and denotes the value of the element in the 0th (the first) row and the 0th column of the array
- then, what is "a[0]" ? Execute the following program:

```
int a[3][4]={1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12};
int main( ) {
    printf("%x\t%x\t%x\n", a, a[0], a[0][0]);
    printf("%x\t%x\t%x\n", a+1, a[0]+1, a[0][0]+1);
    printf("%x\t%x\t%x\n", a+1, *a+1, **a+1);
    return 0;
}
```

output:

```
4227136 4227136 1
4227152 4227140 2
4227152 4227140 2
```





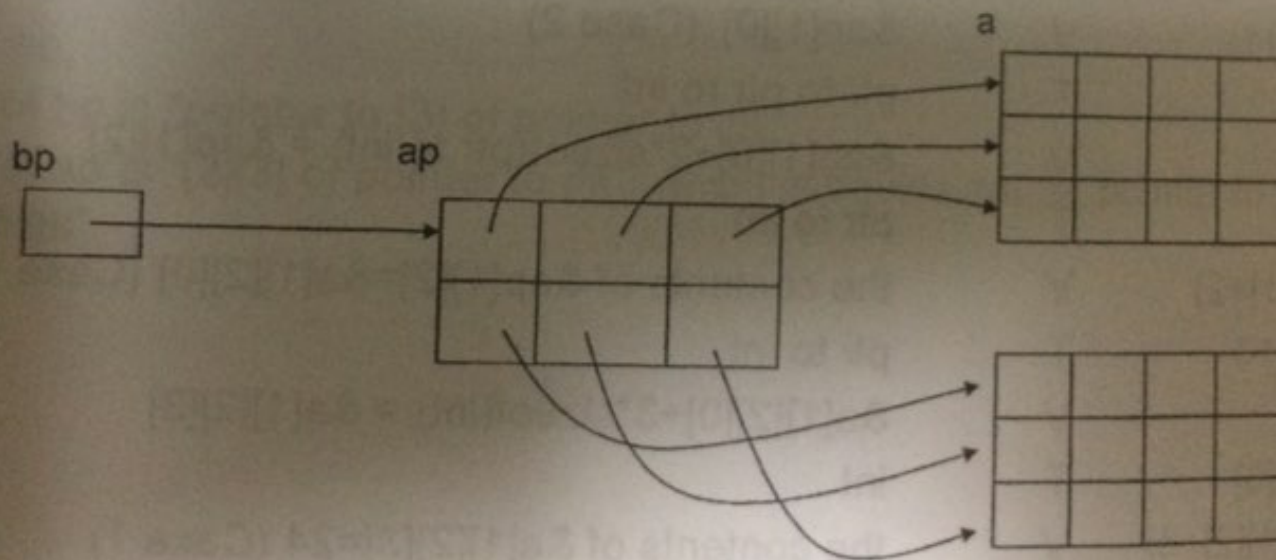
Exercise on pointer arithmetic

- Consider the following declaration

```
int a[2][3][4] = {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24};
```

```
int *ap[2][3] = {{a[0][0], a[0][1], a[0][2]}, {a[1][0], a[1][1], a[1][2]}};
```

```
int *(*bp)[3] = ap;
```



Exercise on pointer arithmetic (cont)

• Derivation of $a[1][2][3]$

a:	T	[2][3][4] of int=ptr to [3][4] of int
	V	&a[0][0][0] (since "a" is an array name, it denotes the starting address of the array area)
a+1:	T	ptr to [3][4] of int
	V	&a[0][0][0]+1*sizeof([3][4] of int)=&a[1][0][0]
*(a+1)=a[1]	T	[3][4] of int = ptr to [4] of int
	V	&a[1][0][0] (Case 2)
a[1]+2	T	ptr to [4] of int
	V	&a[1][0][0]+2*sizeof([4] of int)=&a[1][2][0]
*(a[1]+2)=a[1][2]	T	[4] of int = ptr to int
	V	&a[1][2][0] (Case 2)
a[1][2]+3	T	ptr to int
	V	&a[1][2][0]+3*sizeof(int)=&a[1][2][3]
a[1][2][3]	T	int
	V	the contents of &a[1][2][3] =24 (Case 1)

Exercise on pointer arithmetic (cont)

- derivation of $\text{ap}[1][2][3]$

ap	T	$[2][3]$ of ptr to int = ptr to $[3]$ of ptr to int
	V	$\&\text{ap}[0][0]$
$\text{ap}+1$	T	ptr to $[3]$ of ptr to int
	V	$\&\text{ap}[0][0]+1*\text{sizeof}([3] \text{ of ptr to int}) = \&\text{ap}[1][0]$
$\text{ap}[1]$	T	$[3]$ of ptr to int = ptr to ptr to int
$=*(\text{ap}+1)$	V	$\&\text{ap}[1][0]$ (Case 2)
$\text{ap}[1]+2$	T	ptr to ptr to int
	V	$\&\text{ap}[1][0]+2*\text{sizeof}(\text{ptr to int}) = \&\text{ap}[1][2]$
$\text{ap}[1][2]$	T	ptr to int
$=*(\text{ap}[1]+2)$	V	the contents of $\&\text{ap}[1][2]=\&\text{a}[1][2][0]$ (Case 1)
$\text{ap}[1][2]+3$	T	ptr to int
	V	$\&\text{a}[1][2][0]+3*\text{sizeof}(\text{int}) = \&\text{a}[1][2][3]$
$\text{ap}[1][2][3]$	T	int
$=*(\text{ap}[1][2]+3)$	V	the contents of $\&\text{a}[1][2][3]=24$ (Case 1)



pointer arithmetic (cont)

- Derivation of $bp[1][2][3]$

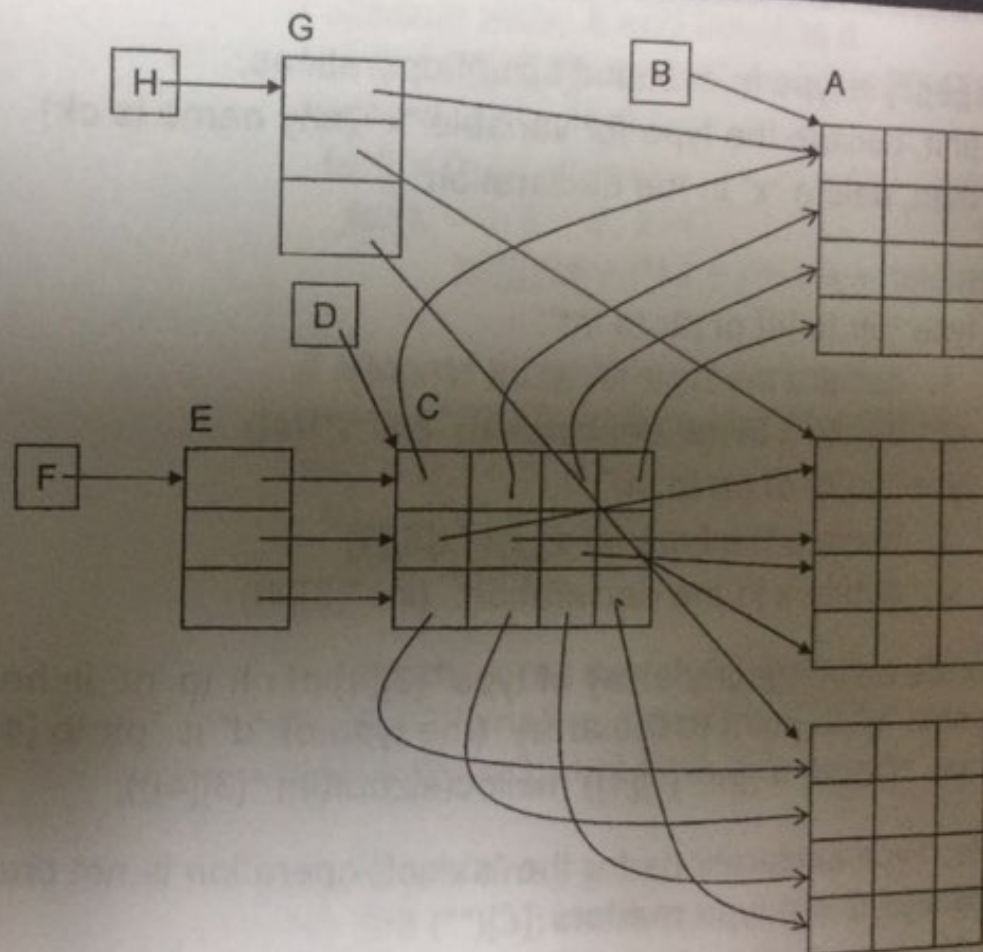
bp	T	ptr to [3] of ptr to int
	V	$\&ap[0][0]$ (since bp is a simple variable, its value is the contents of the variable)
$bp+1$	T	ptr to [3] of ptr to int
	V	$\&ap[0][0]+1*\text{sizeof}([3] \text{ of ptr to int})=\&a[1][0]$
$bp[1]$	T	[3] of ptr to int = ptr to ptr to int
$= *(bp+1)$	V	$\&ap[1][0]$ (Case 2)
$bp[1]+2$	T	ptr to ptr to int
	V	$\&ap[1][0]+2*\text{sizeof}(\text{ptr to int}) = \&ap[1][2]$
$bp[1][2]$	T	ptr to int
$= *(bp[1]+2)$	V	the contents of $\&ap[1][2] = \&a[1][2][0]$ (Case 1)
$bp[1][2]+3$	T	ptr to int
	V	$\&a[1][2][0]+3*\text{sizeof}(\text{int}) = \&a[1][2][3]$
$bp[1][2][3]$	T	int
$= *(bp[1][2]+3)$	V	the contents of $\&a[1][2][3] = 24$ (Case 1)



Exercise on pointer declaration

Declare the pointer variables so that the following relation holds

$A[i][j][k] ==$
 $B[i][j][k] ==$
 $C[i][j][k] ==$
 $D[i][j][k] ==$
 $E[i][j][k] ==$
 $F[i][j][k] ==$
 $G[i][j][k] ==$
 $H[i][j][k]$



Allocate purple
colored arrays in
heap and
declare pointer
variables correctly
so that the
following relation
holds

$B[i][j][k] ==$

$D[i][j][k] ==$

$F[i][j][k] ==$

$H[i][j][k]$

