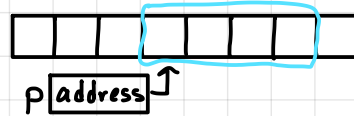


C Memory Model



- Each byte has an address
- A pointer is a variable holding an address
- `*p` treats memory starting at `p` as a variable
- Size depends on type

`int *p` // typically 4 bytes (machine dependent)



`int x = *p`
`*p = x`

- `#include <stdint.h>`

`uint8_t, uint16_t, uint32_t, uint64_t`

Unsigned

`uint16_t *p`

↑
bits

`uint x = *p`

`int8_t... int64_t`

signed

Use `int` for general integer

- Use `uint` for data manipulation

- DON'T USE SIGNED, OR BUGS OCCUR

- Raw pointers: `void *`

`int foo(void *p)`

- `p` is a pointer with no associated type

- Think of `p` as pointer to buffer

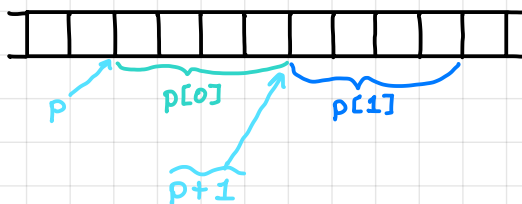
- Can be assigned to/from any pointer type

- Pointers can be treated like arrays

`uint32_t *p`

`p[0]`

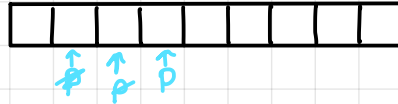
`p[1]`



• pointer arithmetic

$p + x$ evaluates to the address of $P(x)$

Sometimes: $p = p + 1$
* Use to traverse the buffer

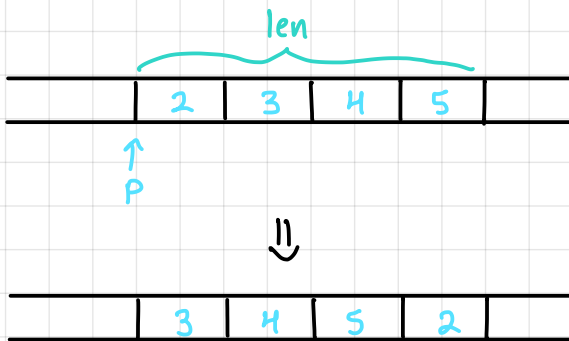


$p_orig = p$

Loop: $p = p + 1$

Examples:

Circular Shift:



Method:

- 1) Save first byte
- 2) Move remaining bytes to left (loop)
- 3) Store saved first byte to end

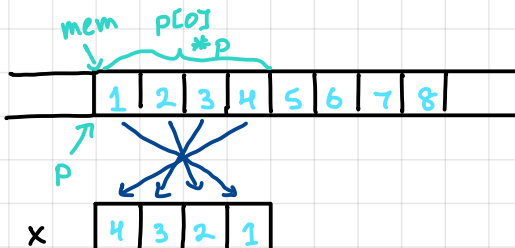
Endianness

Intel reads are "little endian"

`uint8_t mem[0] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 };`

`uint32_t *p = (uint32_t *) mem;`

`uint32_t x = *p`



$x = 4321$

* Note: Big Endian machine: No Reverse of data.

Little Endian machine: data is reversed.