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- Midterm next week. “Midterm” page up shortly.
- Lab 5 posted soon this week.
  - Due after midterm.
  - Good practice.

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```

printf("input name age and wage: ");
fgets(inputs[count], 50, stdin); /* read in directly. add a \n */
sscanf(inputs[count], "%s %d %f %c", name, &age, &rate, &c);

while(! strcmp(inputs[count], "quit\n")){
    sprintf(inputs[count], "%s %d %.1f\n", name, age, rate, c); //redundant
    age += 10; wage *= 1.5;
    name2[30];
    for(i=0; i< strlen(name); i++)
        name2[i] = name[i] + 1; // convert to next character
    name2[i] = '\0'; //needed!!
    ...
    char maxC = name[0];
    for(i=1; i< strlen(name); i++)
        if (name[i] > maxC) // has higher encoding in ASCII
            maxC = name[i];

    sprintf(inputs[count+1], "%s-%d-%.3f-[%d, .0f]-(%d) - '%c'\n",
            name2, age, rate, (int)floor(rate), ceil(rate), index, maxC);
    count += 2;
    fgets(inputs[count], 50, stdin); /* add a \n */
    sscanf(inputs[count], "%s %d %f", name, &age, &rate, &c);
}

```

Either way

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	Non-string (int, char, float...)	String
<b>Read</b>		
scanf, sscanf fgets...	&x	arrName
<b>Write</b>		
printf, sprintf puts...	x	arrName

- `scanf("%s %d %f %c", name, &age, &rate, &c);`
- `sscanf(table[i], "%s %d %f %c", name, &age, &rate, &c);`
- `printf("%s %d %f %c", name, age, rate, c);`
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```
int *ptr;          /* I'm a pointer to an int */
```

mnemonic:  
"expression \*ptr  
is an int"



```
ptr = &x; /*I got the address of rate */
```



```
*ptr; /* dereferencing. Indirect access. Alias of x.
      Get value of the pointee x */
```

ptr	&x	address of x
*ptr	x	content (value) of x

```
printf("%d", x );      // 7      direct access
printf("%d", *ptr);    // 7      indirect access
```

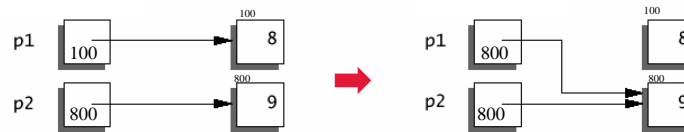
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## Some example of Pointers (summary)

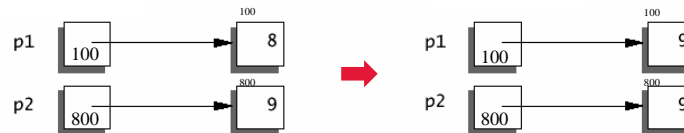
```
int *p1, *p2, x = 8, y = 9;
```

```
p1 = &x;  p2 = &y;
```

```
p1 = p2;    // p1 = &y
```



```
*p1 = *p2;    // x = y
```



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## Precedence and Associativity p53

Operator Type	Operator	
Primary Expression Operators	() [] . ->	<code>ptr = &amp;x;</code>
Unary Operators	* & + - ! ~ ++ -- (typecast) sizeof	<code>*ptr = 5;</code>
Binary Operators	* / % arithmetic	<code>y = *ptr + 4</code>
	+ - arithmetic	
	>> << bitwise	
	< > <= >= relational	<code>ptr = &amp;arr[0]</code>
	== != relational	
	& bitwise	
	^ bitwise	No () needed
	bitwise	
	&& logical	
Ternary Operator	logical	<code>(*p).data = x;</code> ( ) needed
	?:	
Assignment Operators	= += -= *= /= %= >>= <<= &=	
Comma	,	

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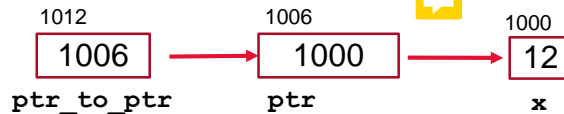
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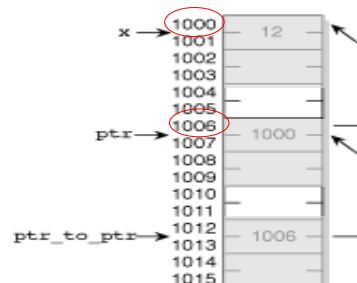
## Pointer to pointers

```
int x = 12;
int *ptr;
ptr = &x;
int **ptr_to_ptr; /* I am a pointer to pointer */
ptr_to_ptr = &ptr; /* points to ptr */
**ptr_to_ptr = 20; /* multiple indirection*/
```



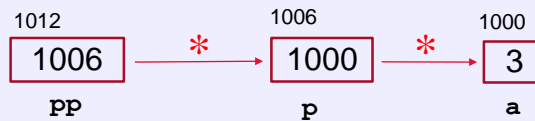
valid operations

<code>x, &amp;x</code>	<code>*x</code>	✗
<code>ptr &amp;ptr *ptr</code>	<code>**ptr</code>	✗
<code>ptr_to_ptr &amp;ptr_to_ptr</code>		
<code>*ptr_to_ptr **ptr_to_ptr</code>		
<code>**ptr_to_ptr == *ptr == x;</code>		



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# Multiple indirection



Consider the following code:

```
int a = 3;
int *p = &a;
int **pp = &p;      int **pp = &&a; X
```

Here are how the values of these pointers equate to each other:

```
*pp == p == &a == 1000;
**pp == *p == a == 3;
```

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## More Examples

```
int x = 1, y = 2;
int *ip, *ip2;
```

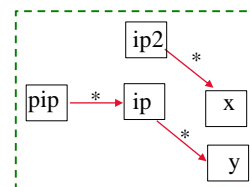
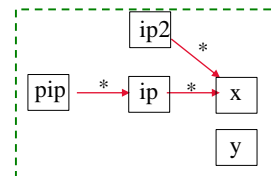
```
ip = &x;
```

```
int **pip      // I am a pointer to pointer
pip = &ip;     // pip points to ip
```

```
y = **pip;     // y=x      y is now 1
(**pip)--;     // x--;    x is 0
```

```
ip = &y;
(**pip)--;     // y--      y is 0 */
```

```
ip2 = pip; ??? Not valid!
pip = ip2; ??? Not valid!
```



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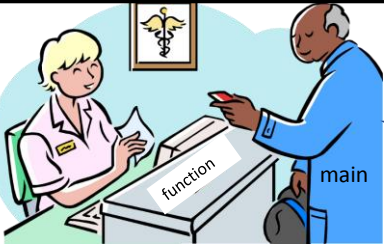
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## Pointers and function arguments

- In C, all functions are **called by value**
  - Value of the arguments are passed to functions, but not the arguments themselves (i.e., not [call by reference](#))
  - How to modify the argument? swap()
  - How to pass a structure such as array?
- Modify an actual argument by **passing its address/pointer**
  - Possibly modify passed arguments via their address
  - Efficient. Input / output




Mr. Main  
Hi, SWAP function, I have some manuscripts, stored in lockers (**memory**), and I want you to repaint them so their color swapped.

Ms function  
Hi, Mr Main, here is how we function work: We don't take your original manuscript over the counter (not **pass by reference**). We always photocopy things (**pass by value**) passed here, and work on copies.

Mr. Main  
Then, is there a way to have my original manuscripts' color swapped?

Ms function  
Write down **the locker number (address)** on a paper, bring that paper to us (**pass pointer/address**). We photocopy the paper (still **pass by value**), Then, based on the locker number on the copy, we go to your locker, fetch your original manuscripts there and work on them!



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## An example. Not working.

```
void increment(int x, int y)
```

```
{
```

```
    x ++;
```

```
    y += 10;
```

```
}
```

```
void main( ) {
```

```
    int a=2, b=40;
```

```
    increment( a, b);
```

```
    printf("%d %d", a, b);
```

```
}
```

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Pass by  
value !!!

x = a

y = b

running  
main()

...
int a =2
int b = 40
...
int x = a= 2 →3
int y = b=40 →50
...

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## The Correct Version

```

void increment(int *px, int *py)
{
    (*px) ++; // *px is a
    *py += 10; // *py is b
}

void main( ) {
    int a=2, b=40;

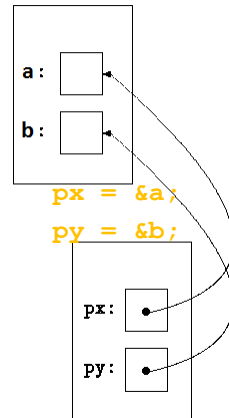
    increment(&a, &b);
    printf("%d %d", a, b);
}

```

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I am expecting  
int pointers

in caller:



Pass by  
value !!!

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## The Correct Version

```

void increment(int *px, int *py)
{
    (*px) ++;
    *py += 10;
}

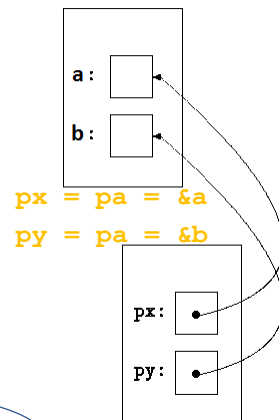
void main( ) {
    int a=2, b=40;
    int *pa=&a; int *pb=&b;
    increment(pa, pb);
    printf("%d %d", a, b);
}

```

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I am expecting  
int pointers

in caller:



Pass by  
value !!!

Pass  
address/pointer,  
another way

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## The Correct Version

I am expecting  
int pointers

```
void swap(int *px, int *py)
{
    int tmp;
    tmp = *px;
    *px = *py;
    *py = tmp;
}

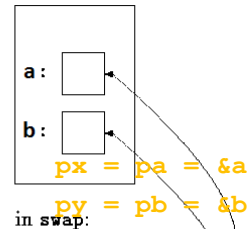
void main( ) {
    int a=2, b=40;
    int *pa = &a;
    int *pb = &b;
    swap(pa, pb); // or swap(&a, &b);
}
```

*px = pa = &a;  
py = pb = &b*

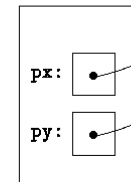
Pass by  
value !!!

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in caller:



in swap:



## Another example

```
void swapIncre(int *px, int *py)
{
    int tmp;
    tmp = *px;
    *px = *py;
    *py = tmp;
    increment(?, ?);
}

void increment(int *px2, int *py2)
{
    (*px2) ++;
    (*py2) += 10;
}

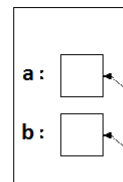
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    int a=2, b=40;

    swapIncre(&a, &b);
    printf("%d %d", a, b);
}
```

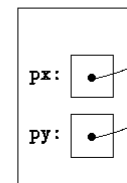
increment(px, py);

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in caller:



in swap:



## Now understand scanf() -- more or less

```
int x=1;  int y = 2;  
swap(&x, &y);  increment(&x, &y);
```

```
int x; char c;  
scanf ("%d %c", &x, &c);  
printf("%d %c", x, c);
```

```
int x;  
int *px = &x;  
scanf("%d", px);  
printf("%d", *px);
```

But why array name is used directly

```
scanf ("%s %d", name, &age);  
fgets (input, 5, stdin);  
sscanf(input, "%s %d", name, &age);
```

explain shortly



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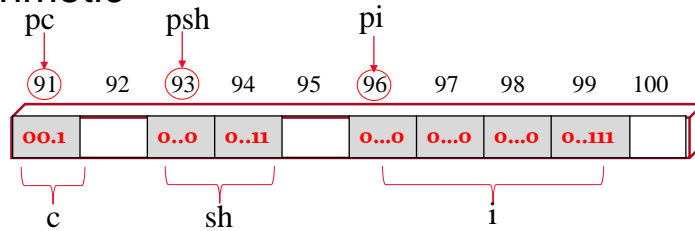
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## Pointer arithmetic



- Limited math on a pointer
- Four arithmetic operators that can be applied

`+n -n ++ --`

Result is a new pointer (address)

```
int* pi=&i;//96 char* pc=&c;//91 short* psh=&sh;//93
```

`pi + 1?` 97?

`psh + 2?` 95?

`pi++?` `pc++?` `psh++?`

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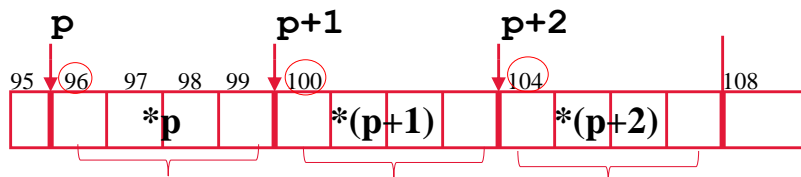
## Pointer arithmetic – scaled

- Incrementing / decrementing a pointer by  $n$  moves it  $n$  units bytes  $p \pm n \rightarrow p \pm n \times \text{unit}$  byte

- value of a “unit” is based upon the size of the type
- If  $p$  points to an integer (4 bytes), value of unit is 4

$p + n$  advances by  $n \times 4$  bytes:

$$p + 1 = 96 + 1 \times 4 = 100 \quad p + 2 = 96 + 2 \times 4 = 104$$

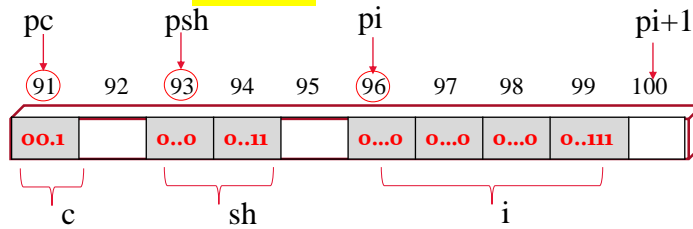


- Why would we need to move pointer? `p+1`; `++`
- Why designed this way? “ $p+1$  is  $p+4$ ”



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## Pointer arithmetic -- scaled



```
int* pi=&i; //96 char *pc=&c; //91 short* psh=&sh; //93
```

`pi + 1?` address  $96 + 1 * 4 = 100$

`pi + 2?` address  $96 + 2 * 4 = 104$

`psh + 1?` address  $93 + 1 * 2 = 95$

`psh + 2?` address  $93 + 2 * 2 = 97$

`pi ++?` `pc ++?` `psh += 3?`

<sup>25</sup>  
`pi = 96 + 4`    `pc = 91 + 1`    `psh = 93 + 3 * 2`



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- Pointer and functions (5.2) -- pass pointer by value
- Pointer arithmetic (5.4) + - ++ --

- **Pointers and arrays (5.3)**

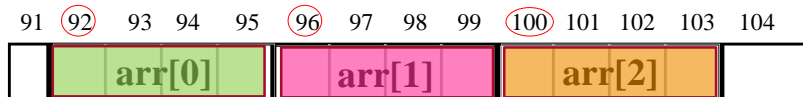
- Arrays are stored consecutively
- Pointer to array elements  $p + i = \&a[i]$   $*(p+i) = a[i]$
- Array name contains address of 1<sup>st</sup> element  $a = \&a[0]$
- Pointer arithmetic on array (extension)
- Array as function argument – “decay”
- Pass sub\_array



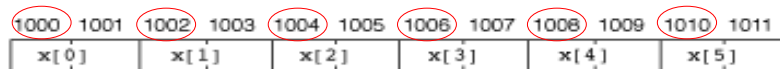
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## Pointers and Arrays (5.3)

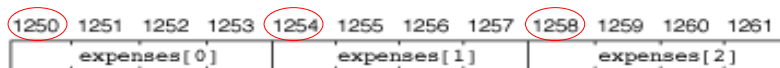
- Array members are next to each other in memory
  - `arr[0]` always occupies in the lowest address
  - `&arr[i+1] == &arr[i] + size of type in byte;`



`short x[6];`



`float expenses[3];`



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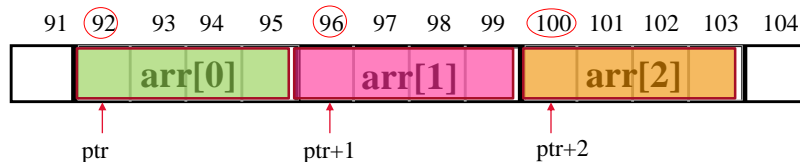
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## Pointers and Arrays (5.3)

- Array members are next to each other in memory
  - $\text{arr}[0]$  always occupies in the lowest address



```
int arr[3]; int *ptr;  
ptr = &arr[0]; // 92
```

```
ptr + 1 ?      // 92+1*4= 96 == &arr[1]  
ptr + 2 ?      // 92+2*4= 100 == &arr[2]  
*(ptr + 2) ?   // *&arr[2] → access arr[2]
```

```
ptr + i == &arr[i]  
*(ptr + i) == arr[i]
```



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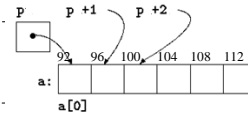
## Sum of an int array

```
#define N 10

int arr[N], sum, i;
sum = 0;

for (i=0; i<N; i++)
    sum += arr[i];
```

```
#define N 10
int arr[N], sum, i, *p;
p = &arr[0]; // 92
sum = 0;
for (i=0; i< N; i++)
    sum += *(p + i);
```



```
ptr = &arr[0];
```



```
ptr + i == &arr[i]
```

```
*(ptr+i) == arr[i]
```

e.g. `*ptr == arr[0]`

```
#define N 10
int arr[N], sum, i, *p;
p = &arr[0]; // 92
sum = 0;
for (i=0; i< N; i++){
    sum += *p;          // *p++
    p++; // advance p (by 4 bytes)
} // 92 96 100 ..
```

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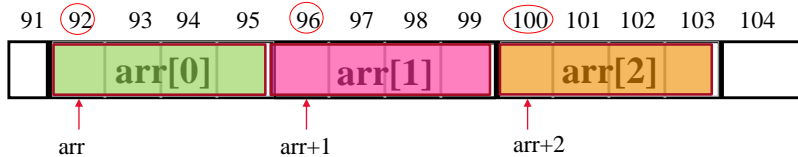
## Pointers and Arrays (5.3)

- There is special relationship between pointers and arrays
- When you use array, you are using pointers!

```
int age, name[20], char c;
scanf("%s %d %c", name, &age, &c); // &name is wrong
```

- Identifier (name) of an array is equivalent to the address of its 1<sup>st</sup> element. **`arr == &arr[0]`**

```
arr + 1? 92+4 == address of next element == &arr[1]
arr + 2? 92+8 == &arr[2]
*(arr + 2)? == *(&arr[2]) == arr[2]
```



<sup>33</sup> Array name can be used as a pointer. Follow pointer arithmetic rule!

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## Pointers and Arrays (5.3)

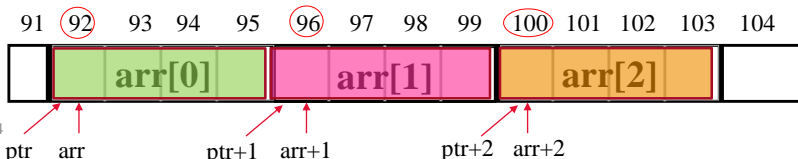
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```
*arr == *(&arr[0]) == arr[0]
```

```
arr + i == &arr[i]
```

```
*(arr + i) == *(&arr[i]) == arr[i]
```

```
int arr[3];
int * ptr;
ptr = arr; /* == (ptr = &arr[0]) */
ptr + i == &arr[i]
*(ptr + i) == arr[i]
```



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```

int arr[3]; int * p;
ptr = arr;    /* ptr = &arr[0] */

arr+i == &arr[i]
ptr+i == &arr[i]

```

Compiler converts arr[2] to \*(arr+2)

equivalent

```

arr[i]
*(ptr + i)
*(arr + i)
ptr[i];

```

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## Sum of an int array

```

#define N 10

int arr[N], sum, i;
sum = 0;

for (i=0; i< N; i++)
    sum += arr[i];

```

Compiler

```

#define N 10

int arr[N], sum, i, *p;
p = arr; // p=&arr[0]

sum = 0;
for (i=0; i< N; i++)
    sum += *(p + i);

```

ptr = arr;

ptr + i == &arr[i]

\*(ptr+i) == arr[i]

e.g., \*ptr == \*arr = a[0]

```

#define N 10

int a[N], sum, i, *p;
p = arr /* p=&arr[0] */

sum = 0;
for (i=0; i< N; i++) {
    sum += *p;
    p++; // advance p (by 4 bytes)
}

```

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Attention: Array name can be used as a pointer, but is not a pointer variable!

```
int arr[20];  
int * p = arr;
```

- `p` and `arr` are equivalent in that they have the same properties: `&arr[0]`
- Difference: `p` is a **pointer variable**, `arr` is a **pointer constant**
  - we could assign another value to `p`
  - `arr` will always point to the first of the 20 integer numbers of type `int`. **Cannot change `arr` (point to somewhere else)**

```
p = arr; /*valid*/      arr = p; /*invalid*/  
p++;    /*valid*/      arr++;   /*invalid*/
```

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```
char arr[10] = "hello"; int i;  
char * p;  
p = arr;      // p=&arr[0]
```

```
arr = p;      /*invalid*/  
arr = &i;     /*invalid*/      p = arr+2;    /*valid*/  
arr = arr + 1; /*invalid*/      *(arr + 1)=5; /*valid*/  
arr++;        /*invalid*/      c = *(arr+2); /*valid*/
```

```
p++;          /*valid*/  
p = &i;        /*valid. now points to others*/
```

```
strlen(arr);  /*valid*/      sizeof arr ? 10  
strlen(p);    /*valid*/      sizeof p ? 8
```

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same

Not same!

Stopped here last time

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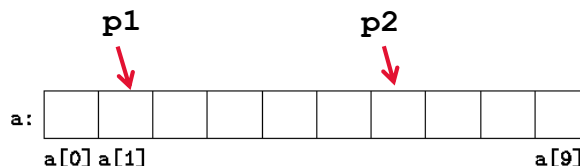
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## Pointer arithmetic (revisit + extension)

- **+n -n ++ --**
- If **p1**, **p2** points to different elements of the **same** array
  - Differencing: **p1 - p2**  
result is **how far apart in term of # elements**
  - Comparison : **== != > < >= <=**  
**p1 < p2** is true (1) if **p1 points to earlier elements than p2**



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## Pointer arithmetic on arrays (revisit)

### Adding an Integer to a Pointer **+i**

- Adding an integer  $i$  to a pointer  $p$  yields a pointer to the element  $i$  places after the one that  $p$  points to.
- More precisely, if  $p$  points to the array element  $a[k]$ , then  $p + i$  points to  $a[k+i]$ .
  - If  $p = \&a[k]$
  - Then  $p + i == \&a[k+i]$

Special case  $k=0$ :

- If  $p = a$
- Then  $p + i == \&a[i]$

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## Pointer arithmetic on arrays (revisit)

### Subtracting an Integer to a Pointer **-i**

- Subtracting an integer  $i$  to a pointer  $p$  yields a pointer to the element  $i$  places before the one that  $p$  points to.
- More precisely, if  $p$  points to the array element  $a[k]$ , then  $p - i$  points to  $a[k-i]$ .
  - If  $p = \&a[k]$
  - Then  $p - i == \&a[k-i]$

- 
- Assume that the following declarations are in effect:

```
int a[10], *p, *q, i;
```

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## Pointer arithmetic on arrays (revisit)

### Adding an Integer to a Pointer $p + i$

if  $p$  points to the array element  $a[k]$ ,  
then  $p + i$  points to  $a[k+i]$ .

- Example of pointer addition:

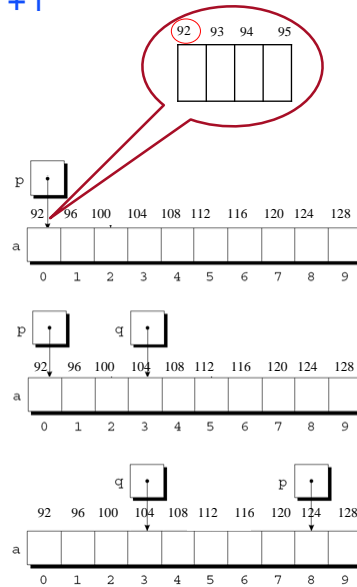
```
p = a; // &a[0]; k=0
```

```
q = p + 3; // q points to a[3]
```

$p = \&a[0] = 92$   
Then  $q = 92 + 3 \times 4 = 104 = \&a[3]$

```
p += 8; // p points to a[8]
```

$p = \&a[0] = 92$   
Then  $p = 92 + 8 \times 4 = 124 = \&a[8]$



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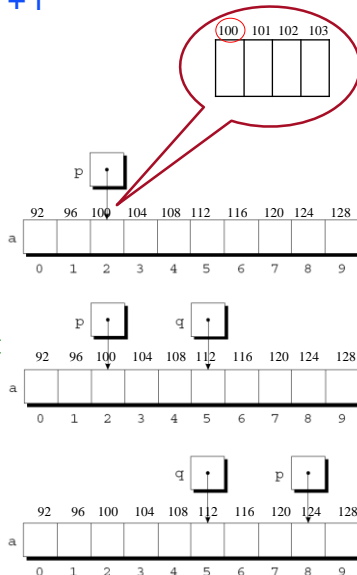
```
p = &a[2]; // k=2
```

```
q = p + 3; // q points to a[2+3]
```

$p = \&a[2] = 100$   
Then  $q = 100 + 3 \times 4 = 112 = \&a[5]$

```
p += 6; // p points to a[2+6]
```

$p = \&a[2] = 100$   
Then  $p = 100 + 6 \times 4 = 124 = \&a[8]$



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## Pointer arithmetic on arrays (revisit)

### Subtracting an Integer to a Pointer $p - i$

if  $p$  points to the array element  $a[k]$ ,  
then  $p - i$  points to  $a[k-i]$ .

- Example:

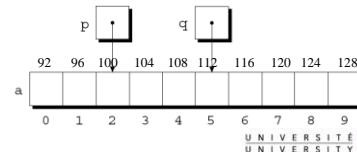
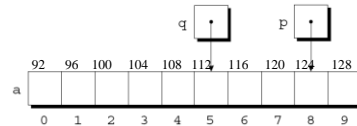
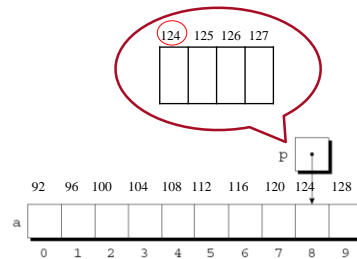
```
p = &a[8]; // k=8
```

```
q = p - 3; // q points to a[8-3]
```

$p = \&a[8] = 124$   
Then  $q = 124 - 3 \times 4 = 112 = \&a[5]$

```
p -= 6; // p points to a[8-6]
```

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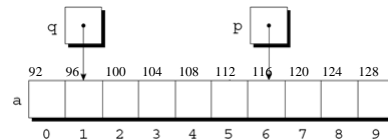
## Pointer arithmetic on arrays (extended)

### Subtracting One Pointer from another $p_1 - p_2$

- When one pointer is subtracted from another, the result is the **distance (measured in array elements)** between the pointers.
- If  $p$  points to  $a[i]$  and  $q$  points to  $a[j]$ , then  $p - q$  is an integer, equal to  $i - j$ .

```
p = &a[6]; // 116
q = &a[1]; // 96
```

```
int d = p - q; // 5: (116-96)/4 = 5 == 6-1
int d = q - p; // -5: (96-116)/4 = -5
```



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Why designed this way?



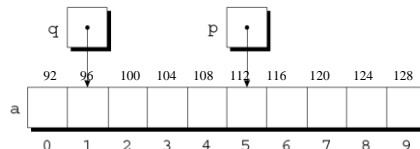
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## Pointer arithmetic on arrays (extended)

### Comparing Pointers

- Pointers can be compared using the relational operators ( $<$   $<=$   $>$   $>=$ ) and the equality operators ( $==$  and  $!=$ ).
  - Using relational operators is meaningful only for pointers to elements of the **same** array.
- The outcome of the comparison depends on the relative positions of the two elements in the array.

```
p = &a[5];
q = &a[1];
p <= q   is 0 "false"
p >= q   is 1. "true"
```



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## Summary of pointer arithmetic

- Legal:**
  - assignment of pointers of the **same** type `p2 = p1`
  - adding or subtracting a pointer with an integer `p++`, `p+2`, `p-2`
  - subtracting or comparing two pointers to members of the **same** array `p2 - p1`, `if (p1 < p2)`, `while (p1 != p2)`
  - assigning or comparing to zero (NULL) `p = NULL`, `p == NULL`
- Illegal:**
  - `p1 + p2`; `p1 * p2`; `p1 * 3`
  - add two pointers, multiply or divide two pointers, integers
  - shift or mask pointer variables `p1 << 2`, `p1 | 3`
  - add float or double to pointers `p1 + 1.23`
  - assign a pointer of one type to a pointer of another type (except for void \*) without a cast



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## Sum of an int array

```
#define N 10

int arr[N], sum, i;
sum = 0;

for (i=0; i<N; i++)
    sum += arr[i];
    sum += *(arr+i); // compiler
```

```
#define N 10
int arr[N], sum, i, *p;
p = arr; // p=&arr[0]

sum = 0;
for (i=0; i< N; i++)
    sum += *(p + i);
```

```
#define N 10
int arr[N], sum, *p;
p = arr;

sum = 0;
while( p <= arr+N-1 ) {
    sum += *p;
    p++;
} // no i needed
```

&arr[N-1]  
Address of  
last element

```
#define N 10
int arr[N], sum, i, *p;
p = arr;

sum = 0;
for( i=0; i< N; i++) {
    sum += *p;
    p++; // advance by 4
}
```

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## Pointers and Arrays: an Example

```
int a[10]={3,4,5,6};
int *pa;
pa = a; // pa=&a[0]

int x,y,z;

x = *pa; // x = *a
// same as x = a[0]

y = *(pa + 1); // pa+4 a[1]
z = *(a + 2); // a[2]

pa++; // pa=&a[1]
x = *(pa+2) ?
*(pa + 3) = 200; x:6 y:4 z:5
```

a: 

3	4	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
a[0] a[1] a[9]

pa: 

•
---

  
a: 

3	4	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
a[0]

pa: 

•
---

 pa+1: pa+2: scaled  
a: 

3	4	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
a[0]

pa: 

•
---

 pa+1: pa+2: scaled  
a: 

3	4	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

  
a[0]

50 a: 

3	4	5	6	200	0	0	0	0	0
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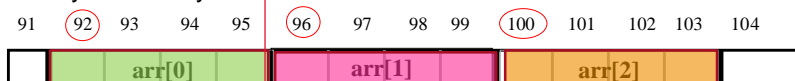
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So far



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## Summary

- Pointer arithmetic: If `p` points to an integer of 4 bytes, `p + n` advances by `4*n` bytes: `p + 1 = 96 + 1*4 = 100` `p + 2 = 96 + 2*4 = 104`
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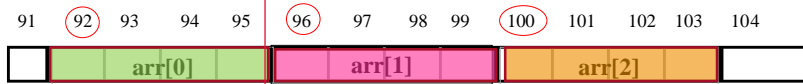


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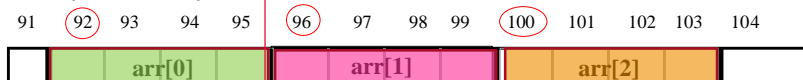
- $p = \&\text{arr}[k]:$      $p + i == \&\text{arr}[k+i]$      $\rightarrow *(p+i) == \text{arr}[k+i]$
- $k=0:$   $p = \&\text{arr}[0]:$      $p + i == \&\text{arr}[i]$      $\rightarrow *(p+i) == \text{arr}[i]$

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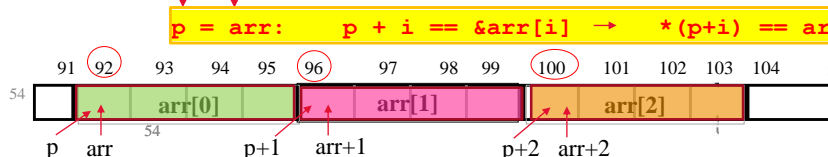


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- **Array name contains pointer to 1<sup>st</sup> element**  $\text{arr} == \&\text{arr}[0]$

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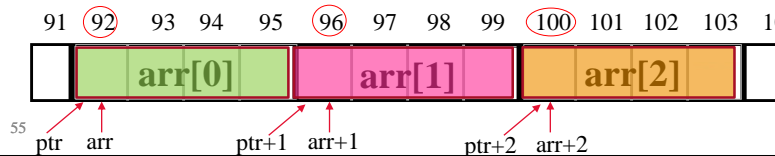
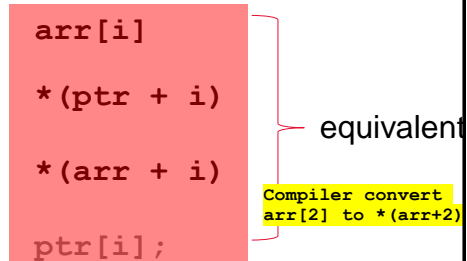
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## Summary

`arr` can be used as a pointer

```
int arr[3]; int * p;
ptr = arr;    /* ptr = &arr[0] */
```

```
arr+i == &arr[i]
ptr+i == &arr[i]
```



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- Some interesting facts so far
  - `p + n` is scaled "for `int * p`, `p+1` is `p+4`"
  - `p1 - p2` is scaled  $(116-96)/4 = 5$
  - Array name contains address of its first element `a == &a[0]`
- Why designed this way?
  - Facilitate [Passing Array to functions!](#)
  - We will see how.
- we will also look into, under call-by-value,
  - how array can be passed to function
  - how does `strcpy(arr, arr2)`, `strcat(arr, arr2)` etc modify argument array

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## Arrays Passed to a Function

	96	97	98	99	100	101
a	h	e	l	l	o	/0
	0	1	2	3	4	5

- The name/identifier of the array passed is actually a pointer/address to its first element. `arr == &arr[0];`  

```
char a[20] = "Hello";
strlen(a); /* strlen(&a[0]). 96 is passed */
```
- The call to this function **does not copy the whole array itself, just a address (starting address -- a single value)** to it.
- Thus, function expecting a char array can be declared as either  

```
strlen(char s[]);
```

 or  


```
strlen(char * s);
```

Actual prototype man 3 strlen

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## String library functions

- Defined in standard library, prototype `<string.h>`
- `unsigned int strlen(char *)`
  - # of chars before first `'\0'`
  - not counting `'\0'`
- `strcpy (char * toStr, char * fromStr)`
  - `strncpy(toStr, fromStr, n)`
  - modify toStr
- `strcat(char * s1, char * s2)`
  - `strncat (s1, s2, n)`
  - modify s1
- `int strcmp(char * s1, char * s2)`
  - `strncmp(s1, s2, n)`

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## Other String process library functions

- Defined in standard library, prototype `<stdlib.h>`
- `int atoi(char *)`
- `long atol(char *)`
- `double atof(char *)`

```
char arr[] = "134";  
int a = atoi(arr)
```

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## Function processing general arrays

### Description

The C library function **qsort** sorts an array.

### Declaration

```
void qsort (void *base, size_t nitems, size_t size, int (*compar)(const void *, const void*))
```

### Parameters

- **base** – This is the pointer to the first element of the array to be sorted.
- **nitems** – This is the number of elements in the array pointed by base.
- **size** – This is the size in bytes of each element in the array.
- **compar** – This is the function that compares two elements.

### Description

The C library function **bsearch** searches an array of **nitems** objects

### Declaration

```
void * bsearch (const void *key, const void *base, size_t nitems, size_t size, int (*compar)(const void *, const void *))
```

### Parameters

- **key** – This is the pointer to the object that serves as key for the search, type-casted as a void\*
- **base** – This is the pointer to the first object of the array where the search is performed, type-casted as a void\*.
- **nitems** – This is the number of elements in the array pointed by base.
- **size** – This is the size in bytes of each element in the array.
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Actual prototype man 3 strlen

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```
char a[20] = "Hello";
char * ps = a;
strlen(a); /* strlen(&a[0]). 96 is passed */
strlen(ps);
```

“decay”

Pass by value: 96 is passed and copied to s

s = a = &a[0] //s is a local pointer variable

s = ps = a = &a[0] // in function

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## Arrays Passed to a Function

- Thus, function expecting a char array can be declared as either

```
strcpy(char dest[], char src[]);
```

or

```
strcpy(char * dest, char * src);
```

Actual prototype man 3  
strcpy

- The call to this function does not copy the whole array itself, just a address (*starting address -- a single value*) to it.

```
char a[20]; char b[20] = "hi";
char * ptrA = a; char * ptrB = b;
```

“decay”

```
strcpy(a, b) /* strcpy(&a[0], &b[0]) */
strcpy(ptrA, ptrB);
```

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```
scanf("%s", a); printf("%s", a);
scanf("%s", ptrA); printf("%s", ptrA);
```

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## Arrays Passed to a Function

96	97	98	99	100	101
a	h	e	l	l	o /0
	0	1	2	3	4 5

- Arrays passed to a function are passed by starting address.
- The name/identifier of the array passed is treated as a pointer to its first element. `arr = &arr[0];`

“decay”

By passing an array by a pointer (its starting address)

### 1. Array can be passed (efficiently)

- a single value (e.g, 96, no matter how long array is)

### 2. Argument array can be modified

- no & needed

```
strcpy(arr, "hello");
scanf("%s %d %f %c", arr, &age, &rate, &c);
sscanf (table[i], "%s %d %f %c", name, &age, &rate, &c)
```

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## Examples using prior knowledge

### Computing String Lengths -- Access argument array

```
int strlen(char *s) //s = arr == &arr[0] 96 passed by value
{
    // access arr
    int n=0;
    while ( *(s+n) != '\0')
    {
        n++;
    }
    return n;
}
```

compiler

```
int strlen(char s[])
{
    int n=0;
    while (s[n] != '\0')
    {
        n++;
    }
    return n;
}
```

```
char * ptr = arr;
strlen(arr); /* s==arr==&arr[0]. arr 'decayed' to 96 */
strlen(ptr); /* s== ptr == arr == &arr[0] */
```

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Function receives a single address value.  
Does not know/care if it an array or not



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## Examples using prior knowledge

### Computing String Lengths -- another version

```
/* move the pointer s */
int strlen(char *s) /* s = arr == &arr[0] 96 passed */
{
    int n =0;
    while (*s != '\0'){
        n++;
        s++; // move s (by 1), jumping to next element of arr
    }
    return n;
}
```

Function receives a single address value.  
Does not know/care if it an array or not

```
char * p = arr;
strlen(arr); /* s==arr==&arr[0] */
strlen(ptr); /* s== prt == arr == &arr[0] */
```

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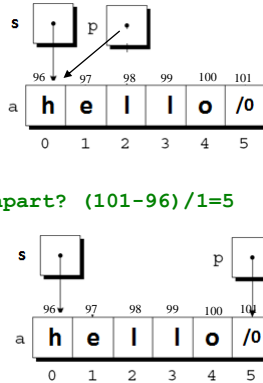
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Examples using prior knowledge

## Computing String Lengths -- 'cool' version A

```
/* strlen: return length of string s */
int strlen(char *s)
{
    char *p = s;
    while ( *p != '\0')
        p++;
    return p - s; // how far apart? (101-96)/1=5
}
```

Don't need n, n++,  
potentially faster



```
char * p = arr;
strlen(arr);
strlen(ptr);
```



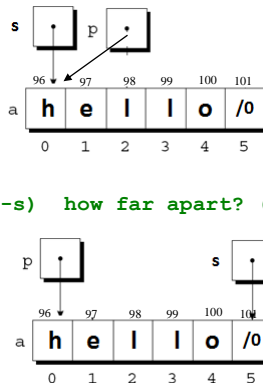
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Examples using prior knowledge

## Computing String Lengths -- 'cool' version B

```
/* strlen: return length of string s */
int strlen(char *s)
{
    char *p = s;
    while ( *s != '\0')
        s++;
    return s - p; // or abs(p-s) how far apart? (101-96)/1=5
}
```

Don't need n, n++,  
potentially faster



```
char * p = arr;
strlen(arr);
strlen(ptr);
```



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Examples using prior knowledge

## Modify argument arrays

`int processArr(char *s) // s=arr == &arr[0] call by value`

```
{ int i=0;
  int len = strlen(s)
  while ( i < len)
  {
    *(s+i)='X';
    i++;
  }}
```

compiler

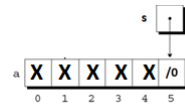
```
void processArr(char s[])
{ int i=0;
  int len=strlen(s);
  while ( i < len)
  { s[i] = 'X';
    i++;
  } // s[i++]='X';
}
```

```
int processArr(char *s)
{
  int i=0;
  while ( *(s+i) != '\0')
  { *(s+i)='X';
    i++;
  }
}
```

No strlen()  
Traverse just once

```
int processArr(char *s)
{
  while ( *s != '\0' ){
    *s = 'X';
    s++;
  }
}
```

Move s, no i



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## copy strings – access one, modify one

`/* strcpy: copy two strings */`

`void strcpy(char *dest, char *src) /* or (char s[]) */`

```
{
  while (1){
    *dest = *src;
    if (*dest == '\0')
      return;
    src ++;
    dest ++;
  }
}
```

```
void stringcopy(char dest [], char src [])
{
  int i=0;
  while (1){
    dest[i] = src[i];
    if (src[i] == '\0')
      break;
    i++;
  }
}
```

Compiler:  
\*(dest+i)=\*(src+i)  
\0 is also copied

Another way writing

```
void strcpy(char *dest, char *src)
{
  while ( (*src = *dest) != '\0')
  { src++; dest++; }
}
```



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# Pointers K&R Ch 5

- Basics: Declaration and assignment
- Pointer to Pointer
- Pointer and functions (pass pointer by value)
- Pointer arithmetic +- ++ --
- **Pointers and arrays (5.3)**
  - Stored consecutively
  - Pointer to array elements  $p + i = \&a[i]$      $*(p+i) = a[i]$
  - Array name contains address of 1<sup>st</sup> element  $a = \&a[0]$
  - Pointer arithmetic on array (extension)
  - Array as function argument – “decay”
  - Pass sub\_array



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## Passing Sub-arrays to Functions

- It is possible to pass part of an array to a function, by [passing a pointer to the beginning of the sub-array](#).

```
my_func( int arr[ ] ) { ... }
```

or

```
my_func( int *arr ) { ... }
```

caller

```
my_func( &a[5] )
```

or

```
my_func( a + 5 )
```

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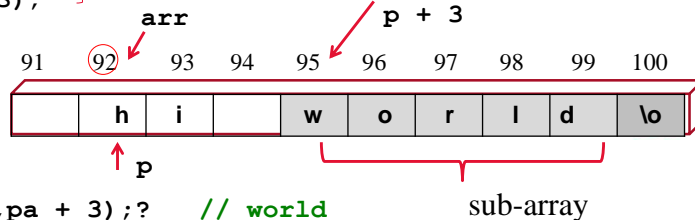
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## Passing Sub-arrays to Functions

- It is possible to pass part of an array to a function, by passing a pointer to the beginning of the sub-array.

```
char arr[20] = "hi world";
char * p = arr; // &arr[0]
strlen(p);
strlen(arr); } Functions receive address 92
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```

```
strlen (&arr[3]);
strlen (arr + 3); } Functions receive address 95
strlen (p + 3);
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```



```
73 printf("%s", pa + 3);? // world
```

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## Passing Subarrays to Functions -- Recursion



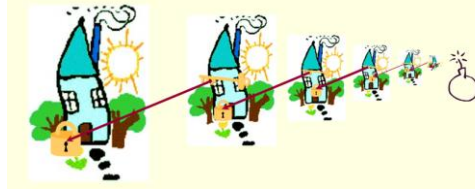
```
int length (String s) // Java
    if ( s.equals("") contains no letter)
        return 0;
    return 1 + length(s.substring(1));
}
```

```
length("ABCD")
= 1 + length("BCD")
= 1 + ( 1 + length("CD"))
= 1 + ( 1 + ( 1 + length("D")))
= 1 + ( 1 + ( 1 + (1+ length("")) ))
74 = 1 + ( 1 + ( 1 + (1+ (1+0) ))) = 4
```

C version?

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## Passing Subarrays to Functions -- Recursion



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s	A	B	C	D	\0	
	0	1	2	3	4	5

```
length("ABCD")
= 1 + length("BCD")
= 1 + (1 + length("CD"))
= 1 + (1 + (1 + length("D")))
= 1 + (1 + (1 + (1 + length(""))))
= 1 + (1 + (1 + (1 + 0))) = 4
```

```
int main(){
    char s[] = "ABCD";
    int len = length(s);
    printf("%d",len); // 4
}

int length(char * c){
    if (*c == '\0')
        return 0;
    else
        return 1 + length(c + 1);
}
```

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## Array Arguments (Summary)

**“decay”**

- The fact that an array argument is passed by a pointer (its starting address) has some important consequences.
- Consequence 1:**
  - Due to ‘pass by value’, when an ordinary variable is passed to a function, its value is copied; any changes to the corresponding parameter don’t affect the variable.
  - In contrast, by passing array by pointer, argument array can be modified

```
void processArr(chars[]) // no &
strcpy (message, "hello"); // no &
scanf ("%s", message); // no &
```

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## Pointers and arrays (Summary)

- **Consequence 2:**

- The time required to pass an array to a function doesn't depend on the size of the array. There's no penalty for passing a large array, **since no copy of the array is made.**

- **Consequence 3:**

- An array parameter can be declared as a pointer if desired.

```
strlen (char * s)
processArr(int *s)
```

- **Consequence 4:**

- A function with an array parameter can be passed an array "slice" — substring

```
strlen (&a[6]),
strlen (a + 6)
```

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## Array Arguments (Summary)

**"decay"**

- An array argument is passed by a pointer (its starting address). Thus the called function just receives a single address, **has no view of the whole array**

- efficient

- Then how does the function know where to stop?

- For char [], rely on '\0', but how about general arrays?

```
// find the max value in the array
int findMax (int c[]){ // (int * c)

}
}
```

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## General array as function argument

- Pass an array / string by only the address / pointer of the first element
  - `strlen("Hello");`
- You need to take care of where the array ends, the function does not know if it is an array or just a pointer to char/int
- Two possible approaches:
  1. Special token/sentinel/terminator at the end (case of "string" `'\0'`)
  2. Pass the length as another parameter

Function: `arrayLen(int *)`      `arraySum(int *)`  
          `findMax(int *)`

Caller: `int a[20]; arrLen(a); arraySum(a);`  
          `findMax(a);`



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```
int main(){
    int arr [] = {1,2,3,4,5,6};
    int siz = sizeof(arr); // 6*4=24
    int len = sizeof(arr)/sizeof(int); // 24/4 = 6;
```



```
    a = findMax(arr);
```

```
    ...
```

```
}
```

```
/* find max in the int array */
```

```
int findMax (int c[]){ // (int * c)
```

```
    int len = sizeof(c)/sizeof(int); // 8/4=2 ❌
```

```
    int max = c[0]; i=1;
```

```
    while ( i < len ){
```

```
        if (c[i]> max)
```

```
            max = c[i]
```

```
            i++;
```

```
    }
```

```
    return max;
```

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`strlen(char *)`

`arrayLen(int *, int n)`

**Mr. Main:**  
Hi, Mrs binding function, I have some manuscripts, stored in lockers (**memory**), and I need you to bind them into a book. Could I bring the manuscripts to you?

**Ms function:**  
Hi, Mr Main, here is how we work:  
First, we don't take your original manuscript (not **pass by reference**). We always photocopy things (**call by value**), and work on copies.  
Second, we only photocopy one paper a time(**a single value**)

**Mr. Main:**  
Then, is there a way to have my original papers bound by you?

**Ms function:**  
Well, then you also need to tell us where to stop fetching. Either 1) **tell us how many lockers to fetch**, or, 2) **put a special token in the last locker**

**Ms function:**  
Write down the locker number (starting **address**) on a paper, bring that paper to us (**pass pointer/address**) we photocopy the paper (still **pass by value**). Then, based on the locker number on the copy, we go to your locker, fetch your original manuscripts there and bind them!

**Mr. Main:**  
My manuscripts are in multiple (consecutive) lockers

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```

int main(){
    int arr [] = {1,2,3,4,5,6};
    int siz = sizeof(arr); // 6*4=24
    int len = sizeof(arr)/sizeof(int); // 24/4 = 6;

    a = findMax(arr, len);
    ...
}

/* find max in the int array. */
int findMax (int c[], int leng){
    int max = c[0]; i=1;
    while ( i <  leng )
        if (c[i]> max)
            max = c[i]
        i++;
    return max;
}

```

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```

int main(){
    int arr [] = {1,2,3,4,5,6};
    int siz = sizeof(arr); // 6*4=24
    int len = sizeof(arr)/sizeof(int); // 24/4 = 6;

    a = findMax(arr, len);
    ...
}

/* Pointer version */
int findMax (int *c, int leng){
    int max = *c; // c[0]
    int i=1;
    while ( i <  leng )
        if (*(c+i) > max)
            max = *(c+i)
        i++;
    return max;
}

```

*int c[] is converted to int \* c by compiler*

*← compiler*

*c[i] is converted to \*(c+i) by compiler*

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```

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    a = findMax(arr, len);
    ...
}

/* Pointer version */
int findMax (int *c, int leng){
    int max = *c; // c[0]
    int i=1;
    while ( i <  leng )
        if (*c > max)
            max = *c;
        c++; // c advances 4, pointing to next element
    return max;
}

```

*Moving c*

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## Function processing general arrays

### Description

The C library function **qsort** sorts an array.

### Declaration

```
void qsort (void *base, size_t nitems, size_t size, int (*compar)(const void *, const void*))
```

### Parameters

- **base** – This is the pointer to the first element of the array to be sorted.
- **nitems** – This is the number of elements in the array pointed by base.
- **size** – This is the size in bytes of each element in the array.
- **compar** – This is the function that compares two elements.

### Description

The C library function **bsearch** searches an array of **nitems** objects

### Declaration

```
void *bsearch (const void *key, const void *base, size_t nitems, size_t size, int (*compar)(const void *, const void *))
```

### Parameters

- **key** – This is the pointer to the object that serves as key for the search, type-casted as a void\*.
- **base** – This is the pointer to the first object of the array where the search is performed, type-casted as a void\*.
- **nitems** – This is the number of elements in the array pointed by base.
- **size** – This is the size in bytes of each element in the array.
- **compar** – This is the function that compares two elements.

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## Java avoids the hassle

```
public static void main(String[] args)
{
    int arr [] = {1,3,5,7,9,11};
    int a = findMax(arr);
    ...
}
```

Array object

arr	
value	1 3 5 7 9 11
length	6
.....	

```
/* find max in the int array */
public static int findMax (int c[]){
    int max = c[0]; i=1;
    while ( i < c.length ) {
        if (c[i] > max)
            max = c[i]
        i++;
    }
    return max;
}
```

pass starting address  
(still call by value)

Starting locker has extra info: next 6 lockers

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## “Pointers” in Java

- No pointer accessible for primitive data types; `swap(&a,&b)` Not possible in Java
- For arrays and objects, by “pointer” (reference) automatically!
  - Like pass array in C
- No dereference `* student`
- No address arithmetic

```
int strlen(char *s)
{ char * p = s;
  while ( *p != '\0')
    p++;
  return p - s;
}
```

Not possible in Java
- Safer, easier -- you don't need to worry about low level
- Slower (among other reasons)

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## Pointers K&R Ch 5

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  - Array as function argument – “decay”
  - Pass `sub_array`
- Arrays of pointers
- Command line argument
- Pointer to arrays and two dimensional arrays
- Pointer to functions
- Pointer to structures
- Memory allocation
- file IO

After midterm



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- Written midterm next week in class
- “Midterm” page on course website soon
- What we have done so far?

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## What we have done so far

- Type, operators and expressions (Ch 2) :
  - Types and sizes
    - Basic types, their size and constant values (literals)
      - ✓ char: `x >= 'a' && x <= 'z';`   `x >= '0' && x <= '9'`   *avoid `x>=48 && x<=57`*
      - ✓ int: 122, 0122, 0x12F   convert between Decimal, Bin, Oct, Hex
    - Arrays (one dimension) and strings (Ch1.6,1.9)
      - ✓ "hello" has size 6 byte 

H	e	l	l	o	\0
---	---	---	---	---	----
  - Expressions
    - Basic operators (arithmetic, relational and logical)
      - ✓ `y=x++;` `y=++x;`
      - ✓ `!0` `!-3`   if (`x = 2`)
    - Type conversion and promotion   `9/2*2.0` `2.0*9/2`   `int i= 3.4`
    - Other operators (bitwise, bit shifting , compound assignment, conditional)
      - ✓ Bit: `|`, `&`, `~`, `^`, `<<` `>>`
      - ✓ Compound: `x += 10;` `x >>= 10;` `x += y + 3`
    - Precedence of operators   flag | 1 << 3
- <sup>90</sup> Functions and Program Structure (Ch 4)

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## What we have done so far

### Ch 4

- C program structure, functions
  - Multiple files
  - Communication by global variables
  - “Call by value”    increment() swap()
- Categories, scope and life time, initialization of variables (and functions)
  - global and local variables
  - static
- C Preprocessing
  - #include, #define
- Recursion

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## What we have done so far

### K&R Ch 4, Appendix B

- Other C materials before pointer
  - Common library functions [Appendix of K&R]
  - 2D array, string manipulations
    - sscanf, sprintf,
    - fgets, fputs

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## What we have done so far

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