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C-76 → Pointers in C → Pointer Arithmetic (subtraction) with program

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int a[] = {0, 1, -1, 10, 11};
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int *p = a; // int *p = &a[0]
// int *p = &a;
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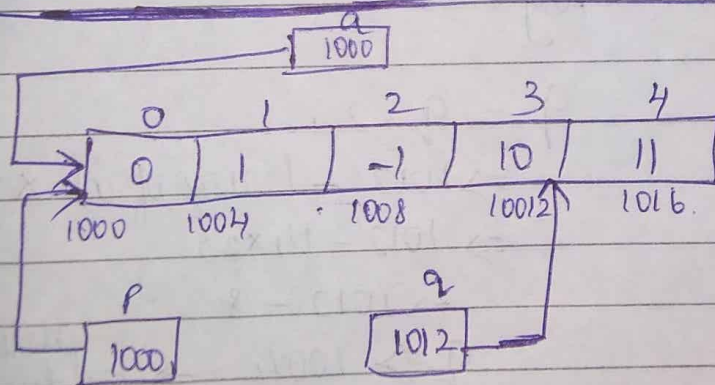
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int *p = &a[0];
int *q = &a[3];
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Not:

$p+2$
 $p-2$ } is possible.

* In subtraction $p-q$ is possible (✓)

* But in addition $p+q$ is not possible (✗)



* a is internal pointer (or) constant pointer whose address will be always base address of array.

Pointer Subtraction → Middle elements count

* When we subtract two pointers; we get the integer values between two pointers.

int d;

$$* d = P - q; \Rightarrow -4$$

$$* d = q - P \Rightarrow +4$$

Formula

$$d \Rightarrow \frac{P - q}{\text{Size of int}} \Rightarrow \frac{1000 - 1012}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{-12}{4} \Rightarrow -3$$

$$d = \frac{q - P}{\text{Size of int}} \Rightarrow \frac{1012 - 1000}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{12}{4} \Rightarrow +3$$

* $q = q - 2;$ → we get address

// Here pointer moves backward position by 2.

$$q = q - 2;$$

$$\Rightarrow 1012 - (\text{size of int} \times 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1012 - (4 \times 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1012 - 8$$

$$q \Rightarrow 1004 \Rightarrow \text{address.}$$

$$d = P - q;$$

$$P = P - 1; \Rightarrow \text{gives garbage value}$$

∴ So better move pointers within array elements.

Hint

* Pointer subtraction can be used only within the same array elements

eg: `int a[] = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5};`

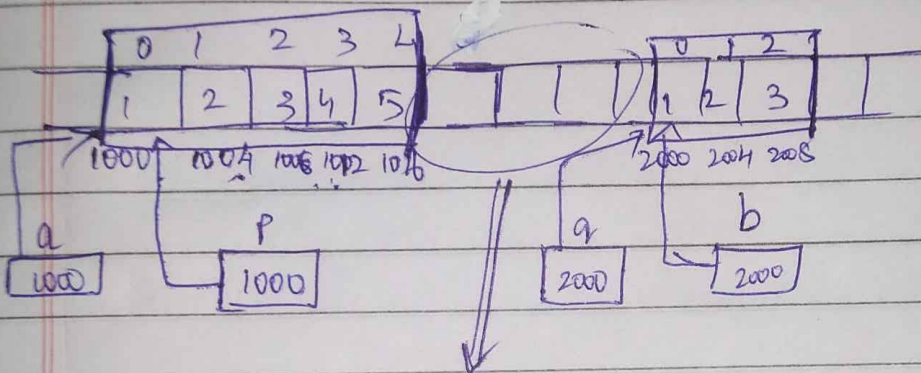
`int b[] = {1, 2, 3};`

`int *p, *q; int d;`

`p = &a;`

`q = &b;`

`d = p - q;` \Rightarrow Here not possible.



Here we don't know how many bytes of memory occupied between (p and q); so we cannot find the elements between p & q.

Assignment:

`int a[] = {0, 1, -1, 10, 11};`

`int *p = &a[0];` // `int *p = a;`

`int *q = &a[4];`

`int d;`

`d = p - q;`

`*q = 25;`

`d = q - p;`

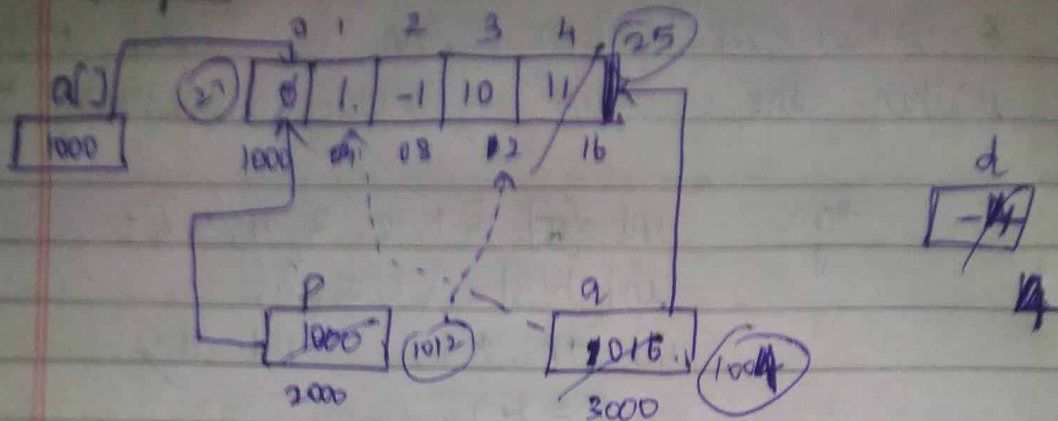
`*p = 27;`

`q = q - 3;`

`p = p + 3;`

`d = p - q;`

Output:



$$d = p - q$$

$$= 1000 - 1016$$

$$\Rightarrow 16 / 4 \Rightarrow 4$$

$$(d = -4)$$

$$*q = 25$$

$$\text{Value at (address/016)} = 25$$

$$d = q - p$$

$$= 1016 - 1000$$

$$d \Rightarrow 16 / 4 \Rightarrow 4$$

$$*p = 27$$

$$\text{value at (address of 1000)} = 27$$

$$q = q - 3;$$

$$q = 1004$$

$$\text{printf ("value at *q: %d", *q)}$$

$$3 \times 4 \Rightarrow 12$$

$$1016$$

$$12$$

$$1004$$

$$d \Rightarrow p - q$$

$$= 1000 - 1004$$

$$d \Rightarrow -4 / 4 \Rightarrow -1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P &= P + 3; \\
 &= 1000 + 3 \\
 &= 1000 + (4 \times 3) \\
 &\Rightarrow 1000 + 12 \\
 &\Rightarrow 1012
 \end{aligned}$$

$$1000 + (4 \times 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1000 + 12$$

$$P \Rightarrow 1012$$

printf("Value at address of P: %d", &P);

$$\rightarrow 10$$

$$d = P - q;$$

$$1012 - 1004 \Rightarrow \frac{8}{4} = 2$$

CODE 1:

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3  /** 1 - POINTER SUBTRACTION p-q IS POSSIBLE **/
4  // Pointer addition and subtraction is useful for arrays
5  //POINTER ADDITION P+Q IS NOT POSSIBLE
6  //POINTER WITH INTEGER ADDITION OR SUBTRACTION p+1, p-1 IS POSSIBLE
7  int main()
8  {
9      int a[]={0,1,-1,10,11};
10     int *p=&a[0],*q=&a[4];
11     int d;
12     d=p-q;
13     printf("Value of d:%d\n",d);
14     *q=25;
15     d=q-p;
16     printf("Value of d:%d\n",d);
17     *p=27;
18     q=q-3;
19     printf("Value at address in q:%d\n",*q);
20     d=p-q;
21     printf("Value of d:%d\n",d);
22     p=p+3;
23     printf("Value at address in p:%d\n",*p);
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25     d=p-q;
26     printf("Value of d:%d\n",d);
27     getch();
28 }
29
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Value of d:-4
Value of d:4
Value at address in q:1
Value of d:-1
Value at address in p:10
Value of d:2
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