

Computer Programming I

Ming-Feng Tsai (Victor Tsai)

Dept. of Computer Science
National Chengchi University

C Pointers

- 7.1 Introduction
- 7.2 Pointer Variable Definitions and Initialization
- 7.3 Pointer Operators
- 7.4 Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference
- 7.5 Using the `const` Qualifier with Pointers
- 7.6 Bubble Sort Using Call-by-Reference
- 7.7 `sizeof` Operator
- 7.8 Pointer Expressions and Pointer Arithmetic
- 7.9 Relationship between Pointers and Arrays
- 7.10 Arrays of Pointers
- 7.11 Case Study: Card Shuffling and Dealing Simulation
- 7.12 Pointers to Functions

Introduction

- **Pointers** enable programs to simulate **call-by-reference** and to create and manipulate **dynamic data structures**, i.e., data structures that can grow and shrink at execution time, such as linked lists, queues, stacks and trees.
- Chapter 10 examines the use of pointers with structures.
- Chapter 12 introduces **dynamic memory management** techniques and presents examples of creating and using dynamic data structures.

Pointer Variable Definitions and Initialization

- Pointers are variables whose values are **memory addresses**.
- Normally, a variable directly contains a specific value.
- A pointer, on the other hand, contains an **address** of a variable that contains a specific value.
- Referencing a value through a pointer is called **indirection**.

Pointer Variable Definitions and Initialization (Cont.)

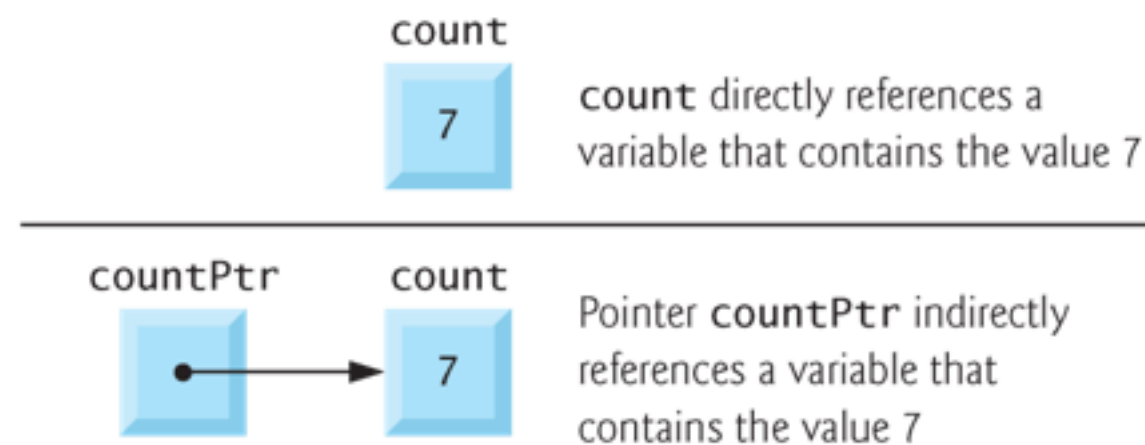


Fig. 7.1 | Directly and indirectly referencing a variable.

Pointer Variable Definitions and Initialization (Cont.)

- Pointer definition

```
int *countPtr;
```

- **countPtr**: a pointer to int
- *: indicates the variable being defined as a pointer
- Pointers can be defined to point to objects of any type

Pointer Variable Definitions and Initialization (Cont.)



Common Programming Error 7.1

The asterisk () notation used to declare pointer variables does not distribute to all variable names in a declaration. Each pointer must be declared with the * prefixed to the name; e.g., if you wish to declare xPtr and yPtr as int pointers, use `int *xPtr, *yPtr;`.*

Pointer Variable Definitions and Initialization (Cont.)

- A pointer may be initialized to **NULL**, **0** or **an address**.
- A pointer with the value **NULL** **points to nothing**.
- Initializing a pointer to 0 is equivalent to initializing a pointer to **NULL**, but **NULL** is preferred.

Pointer Variable Definitions and Initialization (Cont.)



Error-Prevention Tip 7.1

Initialize pointers to prevent unexpected results.

Pointer Operators

- The **&**, or **address operator**, is a unary operator that returns the address of its operand.
- For example, assuming the definitions

```
int y = 5;  
int *yPtr;
```

```
yPtr = &y;
```

- Assigns the address of the variable **y** to pointer variable **yPtr**
- Variable **yPtr** is then said to “point to” **y**.

Pointer Operators (Cont.)

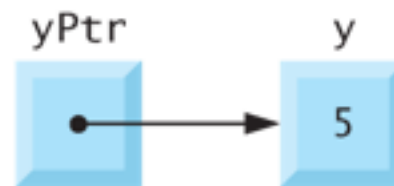


Fig. 7.2 | Graphical representation of a pointer pointing to an integer variable in memory.

Pointer Operators (Cont.)

- The operand of the address operator (&) must be a **variable**;
- The address operator (&) cannot be applied to constants, to expressions or to variables declared with the storage-class register.

Pointer Operators (Cont.)



Fig. 7.3 | Representation of `y` and `yPtr` in memory.

Pointer Operators (Cont.)

- The unary `*` operator, commonly referred to as the **indirection operator** or **dereferencing operator**, returns the value of the object to which its operand (i.e., a pointer) points.

- For example, the statement

```
printf("%d", *yPtr);
```

- prints the value of variable **y**, namely 5.
- Using `*` in this manner is called **dereferencing a pointer**.

Pointer Operators (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_04.c](#)

```
7  int a; /* a is an integer */
8  int *aPtr; /* aPtr is a pointer to an integer */
9
10 a = 7;
11 aPtr = &a; /* aPtr set to address of a */
12
13 printf( "The address of a is %p"
14         "\nThe value of aPtr is %p", &a, aPtr );
15
16 printf( "\n\nThe value of a is %d"...
17         "\nThe value of *aPtr is %d", a, *aPtr );
18
19 printf( "\n\nShowing that * and & are complements of "
20         "each other\n&*aPtr = %p"...
21         "\n*&aPtr = %p\n", &*aPtr, *&aPtr );
22 return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
```


Pointer Operators (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_04.c](#)

```
7  int a; /* a is an integer */
8  int *aPtr; /* aPtr is a pointer to an integer */
9
10 a = 7;
11 aPtr = &a; /* aPtr set to address of a */
12
13 printf( "The address of a is %p"
14         "\nThe value of aPtr is %p", &a, aPtr );
15
16 printf( "\n\nThe value of a is %d"...
17         "\nThe value of *aPtr is %d", a, *aPtr );
18
19 printf( "\n\nShowing that * and & are complements of "
20         "each other\n&*aPtr = %p"...
21         "\n*&aPtr = %p\n", &*aPtr, *&aPtr );
22 return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
```

Pointer Operators (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_04.c](#)

```
7  int a; /* a is an integer */
8  int *aPtr; /* aPtr is a pointer to an integer */
9
10 a = 7;
11 aPtr = &a; /* aPtr set to address of a */
12
13 printf( "The address of a is %p"
14         "\nThe value of aPtr is %p", &a, aPtr );
15
16 printf( "\n\nThe value of a is %d"...
17         "\nThe value of *aPtr is %d", a, *aPtr );
18
19 printf( "\n\nShowing that * and & are complements of "
20         "each other\n&*aPtr = %p"...
21         "\n*&aPtr = %p\n", &*aPtr, *&aPtr );
22 return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
```

declare a pointer to an integer

Pointer Operators (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_04.c](#)

```
7  int a; /* a is an integer */
8  int *aPtr; /* aPtr is a pointer to an integer */
9
10 a = 7;
11 aPtr = &a; /* aPtr set to address of a */
12
13 printf( "The address of a is %p"
14         "\nThe value of aPtr is %p", &a, aPtr );
15
16 printf( "\n\nThe value of a is %d"...
17         "\nThe value of *aPtr is %d", a, *aPtr );
18
19 printf( "\n\nShowing that * and & are complements of "
20         "each other\n&*aPtr = %p"...
21         "\n*&aPtr = %p\n", &*aPtr, *&aPtr );
22 return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
```

declare a pointer to an integer

Pointer Operators (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_04.c](#)

```
7  int a; /* a is an integer */
8  int *aPtr; /* aPtr is a pointer to an integer */
9
10 a = 7;
11 aPtr = &a; /* aPtr set to address of a */
12
13 printf( "The address of a is %p"
14         "\nThe value of aPtr is %p", &a, aPtr );
15
16 printf( "\n\nThe value of a is %d"...
17         "\nThe value of *aPtr is %d", a, *aPtr );
18
19 printf( "\n\nShowing that * and & are complements of "
20         "each other\n&*aPtr = %p"...
21         "\n*&aPtr = %p\n", &*aPtr, *&aPtr );
22 return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
```

declare a pointer to an integer

set the address of a to aPtr

Pointer Operators (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_04.c](#)

```
7  int a; /* a is an integer */
8  int *aPtr; /* aPtr is a pointer to an integer */
9
10 a = 7;
11 aPtr = &a; /* aPtr set to address of a */
12
13 printf( "The address of a is %p"
14         "\nThe value of aPtr is %p", &a, aPtr );
15
16 printf( "\n\nThe value of a is %d"...
17         "\nThe value of *aPtr is %d", a, *aPtr );
18
19 printf( "\n\nShowing that * and & are complements of "
20         "each other\n&*aPtr = %p"...
21         "\n*&aPtr = %p\n", &*aPtr, *&aPtr );
22 return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
```

declare a pointer to an integer

set the address of a to aPtr

Pointer Operators (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_04.c](#)

```
7  int a; /* a is an integer */
8  int *aPtr; /* aPtr is a pointer to an integer */
9
10 a = 7;
11 aPtr = &a; /* aPtr set to address of a */
12
13 printf( "The address of a is %p"
14         "\nThe value of aPtr is %p", &a, aPtr );
15
16 printf( "\n\nThe value of a is %d"...
17         "\nThe value of *aPtr is %d", a, *aPtr );
18
19 printf( "\n\nShowing that * and & are complements of "
20         "each other\n&*aPtr = %p"...
21         "\n*&aPtr = %p\n", &*aPtr, *&aPtr );
22 return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
```

declare a pointer to an integer

set the address of a to aPtr

use & to get address

Pointer Operators (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_04.c](#)

```
7  int a; /* a is an integer */
8  int *aPtr; /* aPtr is a pointer to an integer */
9
10 a = 7;
11 aPtr = &a; /* aPtr set to address of a */
12
13 printf( "The address of a is %p"
14         "\nThe value of aPtr is %p", &a, aPtr );
15
16 printf( "\n\nThe value of a is %d"...
17         "\nThe value of *aPtr is %d", a, *aPtr );
18
19 printf( "\n\nShowing that * and & are complements of "
20         "each other\n&*aPtr = %p"...
21         "\n*&aPtr = %p\n", &*aPtr, *&aPtr );
22 return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
```

declare a pointer to an integer

set the address of a to aPtr

use & to get address

Pointer Operators (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_04.c](#)

```
7  int a; /* a is an integer */
8  int *aPtr; /* aPtr is a pointer to an integer */
9
10 a = 7;
11 aPtr = &a; /* aPtr set to address of a */
12
13 printf( "The address of a is %p"
14         "\nThe value of aPtr is %p", &a, aPtr );
15
16 printf( "\n\nThe value of a is %d"...
17         "\nThe value of *aPtr is %d", a, *aPtr );
18
19 printf( "\n\nShowing that * and & are complements of "
20         "each other\n&*aPtr = %p"...
21         "\n*&aPtr = %p\n", &*aPtr, *&aPtr );
22 return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
```

declare a pointer to an integer

set the address of a to aPtr

use & to get address

use * to dereference a pointer

Pointer Operators (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_04.c](#)

```
7  int a; /* a is an integer */
8  int *aPtr; /* aPtr is a pointer to an integer */
9
10 a = 7;
11 aPtr = &a; /* aPtr set to address of a */
12
13 printf( "The address of a is %p"
14         "\nThe value of aPtr is %p", &a, aPtr );
15
16 printf( "\n\nThe value of a is %d"...
17         "\nThe value of *aPtr is %d", a, *aPtr );
18
19 printf( "\n\nShowing that * and & are complements of "
20         "each other\n&*aPtr = %p"...
21         "\n*&aPtr = %p\n", &*aPtr, *&aPtr );
22 return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
```

declare a pointer to an integer

set the address of a to aPtr

use & to get address

use * to dereference a pointer

Pointer Operators (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_04.c](#)

```
7  int a; /* a is an integer */
8  int *aPtr; /* aPtr is a pointer to an integer */
9
10 a = 7;
11 aPtr = &a; /* aPtr set to address of a */
12
13 printf( "The address of a is %p"
14         "\nThe value of aPtr is %p", &a, aPtr );
15
16 printf( "\n\nThe value of a is %d"...
17         "\nThe value of *aPtr is %d", a, *aPtr );
18
19 printf( "\n\nShowing that * and & are complements of "
20         "each other\n&*aPtr = %p"...
21         "\n*&aPtr = %p\n", &*aPtr, *&aPtr );
22 return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
```

declare a pointer to an integer

set the address of a to aPtr

use & to get address

use * to dereference a pointer

* and & are complements to each other

Pointer Operators (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_04.c](#)

```
7  int a; /* a is an integer */
8  int *aPtr; /* aPtr is a pointer to an integer */
9
10 a = 7;
11 aPtr = &a; /* aPtr set to address of a */
12
13 printf( "The address of a is %p"
14        "\nThe value of aPtr is %p", &a, aPtr );
15
16 printf( "\n\nThe value of a is %d"...
17        "\nThe value of *aPtr is %d", a, *aPtr );
18
19 printf( "\n\nShowing that * and & are complements of "
20        "each other\n&*aPtr = %p"...
21        "\n*&aPtr = %p\n", &*aPtr, *&aPtr );
22 return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
```

declare a pointer to an integer

set the address of a to aPtr

use & to get address

use * to dereference a pointer

* and & are complements to each other

```
The address of a is 0x7fff5fbfe74c
The value of aPtr is 0x7fff5fbfe74c
```

```
The value of a is 7
The value of *aPtr is 7
```

```
Showing that * and & are complements of each other
&*aPtr = 0x7fff5fbfe74c
*&aPtr = 0x7fff5fbfe74c
```

Pointer Operators (Cont.)

Operators	Associativity	Type
() []	left to right	highest
+ - ++ -- ! * & (type)	right to left	unary
* / %	left to right	multiplicative
+ -	left to right	additive
< <= > >=	left to right	relational
== !=	left to right	equality
&&	left to right	logical AND
	left to right	logical OR
?:	right to left	conditional
= += -= *= /= %=	right to left	assignment
,	left to right	comma

Fig. 7.5 | Operator precedence and associativity.

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference

- There are two ways to pass arguments to a function—**call-by-value** and **call-by-reference**.
- All arguments in C are passed by value.
- C provides the capabilities for **simulating call-by-reference**.
- In C, you use **pointers** and the **indirection operator** to simulate call-by-reference.

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

- This is normally accomplished by applying the **address operator (&)** to the variable (in the caller) whose value will be modified.
- When the address of a variable is passed to a function, the **indirection operator (*)** may be used in the function to modify the value at that location in the caller's memory.

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_06.c](#)

```
5 int cubeByValue( int n ); /* prototype */
6
7 int main( void )
8 {
9     int number = 5; /* initialize number */
10
11     printf( "The original value of number is %d", number );
12
13     /* pass number by value to cubeByValue */
14     number = cubeByValue( number );
15
16     printf( "\nThe new value of number is %d\n", number );
17     return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
18 } /* end main */
19
20 /* calculate and return cube of integer argument */
21 int cubeByValue( int n )
22 {
23     return n * n * n; /* cube local variable n and return result */
24 } /* end function cubeByValue */
```

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_06.c](#)

```
5 int cubeByValue( int n ); /* prototype */
6
7 int main( void )
8 {
9     int number = 5; /* initialize number */
10
11     printf( "The original value of number is %d", number );
12
13     /* pass number by value to cubeByValue */
14     number = cubeByValue( number );
15
16     printf( "\nThe new value of number is %d\n", number );
17     return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
18 } /* end main */
19
20 /* calculate and return cube of integer argument */
21 int cubeByValue( int n )
22 {
23     return n * n * n; /* cube local variable n and return result */
24 } /* end function cubeByValue */
```


Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_06.c](#)

```
5 int cubeByValue( int n ); /* prototype */
6
7 int main( void )
8 {
9     int number = 5; /* initialize number */
10
11     printf( "The original value of number is %d", number );
12
13     /* pass number by value to cubeByValue */
14     number = cubeByValue( number );
15
16     printf( "\nThe new value of number is %d\n", number );
17     return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
18 } /* end main */
19
20 /* calculate and return cube of integer argument */
21 int cubeByValue( int n )
22 {
23     return n * n * n; /* cube local variable n and return result */
24 } /* end function cubeByValue */
```

call by value

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_06.c](#)

```
5 int cubeByValue( int n ); /* prototype */
6
7 int main( void )
8 {
9     int number = 5; /* initialize number */
10
11     printf( "The original value of number is %d", number );
12
13     /* pass number by value to cubeByValue */
14     number = cubeByValue( number );
15
16     printf( "\nThe new value of number is %d\n", number );
17     return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
18 } /* end main */
19
20 /* calculate and return cube of integer argument */
21 int cubeByValue( int n )
22 {
23     return n * n * n; /* cube local variable n and return result */
24 } /* end function cubeByValue */
```

call by value

The original value of number is 5
The new value of number is 125

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_07.c](#)

```
6 void cubeByReference( int *nPtr ); /* prototype */
7
8 int main( void )
9 {
10     int number = 5; /* initialize number */
11
12     printf( "The original value of number is %d", number );
13
14     /* pass address of number to cubeByReference */
15     cubeByReference( &number );
16
17     printf( "\nThe new value of number is %d\n", number );
18     return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
19 } /* end main */
20
21 /* calculate cube of *nPtr; modifies variable number in main */
22 void cubeByReference( int *nPtr )
23 {
24     *nPtr = *nPtr * *nPtr * *nPtr; /* cube *nPtr */
25 } /* end function cubeByReference */
```

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_07.c](#)

```
6 void cubeByReference( int *nPtr ); /* prototype */
7
8 int main( void )
9 {
10     int number = 5; /* initialize number */
11
12     printf( "The original value of number is %d", number );
13
14     /* pass address of number to cubeByReference */
15     cubeByReference( &number );
16
17     printf( "\nThe new value of number is %d\n", number );
18     return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
19 } /* end main */
20
21 /* calculate cube of *nPtr; modifies variable number in main */
22 void cubeByReference( int *nPtr )
23 {
24     *nPtr = *nPtr * *nPtr * *nPtr; /* cube *nPtr */
25 } /* end function cubeByReference */
```

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_07.c](#)

```
6 void cubeByReference( int *nPtr ); /* prototype */
7
8 int main( void )
9 {
10     int number = 5; /* initialize number */
11
12     printf( "The original value of number is %d", number );
13
14     /* pass address of number to cubeByReference */
15     cubeByReference( &number );
16
17     printf( "\nThe new value of number is %d\n", number );
18     return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
19 } /* end main */
20
21 /* calculate cube of *nPtr; modifies variable number in main */
22 void cubeByReference( int *nPtr )
23 {
24     *nPtr = *nPtr * *nPtr * *nPtr; /* cube *nPtr */
25 } /* end function cubeByReference */
```

declare a function that can receive pointers as arguments

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_07.c](#)

```
6 void cubeByReference( int *nPtr ); /* prototype */
7
8 int main( void )
9 {
10     int number = 5; /* initialize number */
11
12     printf( "The original value of number is %d", number );
13
14     /* pass address of number to cubeByReference */
15     cubeByReference( &number );
16
17     printf( "\nThe new value of number is %d\n", number );
18     return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
19 } /* end main */
20
21 /* calculate cube of *nPtr; modifies variable number in main */
22 void cubeByReference( int *nPtr )
23 {
24     *nPtr = *nPtr * *nPtr * *nPtr; /* cube *nPtr */
25 } /* end function cubeByReference */
```

declare a function that can receive pointers as arguments

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_07.c](#)

```
6 void cubeByReference( int *nPtr ); /* prototype */
7
8 int main( void )
9 {
10     int number = 5; /* initialize number */
11
12     printf( "The original value of number is %d", number );
13
14     /* pass address of number to cubeByReference */
15     cubeByReference( &number );
16
17     printf( "\nThe new value of number is %d\n", number );
18     return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
19 } /* end main */
20
21 /* calculate cube of *nPtr; modifies variable number in main */
22 void cubeByReference( int *nPtr )
23 {
24     *nPtr = *nPtr * *nPtr * *nPtr; /* cube *nPtr */
25 } /* end function cubeByReference */
```

declare a function that can receive pointers as arguments

use & to pass the address of number

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_07.c](#)

```
6 void cubeByReference( int *nPtr ); /* prototype */
7
8 int main( void )
9 {
10     int number = 5; /* initialize number */
11
12     printf( "The original value of number is %d", number );
13
14     /* pass address of number to cubeByReference */
15     cubeByReference( &number );
16
17     printf( "\nThe new value of number is %d\n", number );
18     return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
19 } /* end main */
20
21 /* calculate cube of *nPtr; modifies variable number in main */
22 void cubeByReference( int *nPtr )
23 {
24     *nPtr = *nPtr * *nPtr * *nPtr; /* cube *nPtr */
25 } /* end function cubeByReference */
```

declare a function that can receive pointers as arguments

use & to pass the address of number

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_07.c](#)

```
6 void cubeByReference( int *nPtr ); /* prototype */
7
8 int main( void )
9 {
10     int number = 5; /* initialize number */
11
12     printf( "The original value of number is %d", number );
13
14     /* pass address of number to cubeByReference */
15     cubeByReference( &number );
16
17     printf( "\nThe new value of number is %d\n", number );
18     return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
19 } /* end main */
20
21 /* calculate cube of *nPtr; modifies variable number in main */
22 void cubeByReference( int *nPtr )
23 {
24     *nPtr = *nPtr * *nPtr * *nPtr; /* cube *nPtr */
25 } /* end function cubeByReference */
```

declare a function that can receive pointers as arguments

use & to pass the address of number

1. declare a pointer, nPtr, to receive the address
2. use * to dereference the pointer

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_07.c](#)

```
6 void cubeByReference( int *nPtr ); /* prototype */
7
8 int main( void )
9 {
10     int number = 5; /* initialize number */
11
12     printf( "The original value of number is %d", number );
13
14     /* pass address of number to cubeByReference */
15     cubeByReference( &number );
16
17     printf( "\nThe new value of number is %d\n", number );
18     return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
19 } /* end main */
20
21 /* calculate cube of *nPtr; modifies variable number in main */
22 void cubeByReference( int *nPtr )
23 {
24     *nPtr = *nPtr * *nPtr * *nPtr; /* cube *nPtr */
25 } /* end function cubeByReference */
```

declare a function that can receive pointers as arguments

use & to pass the address of number

1. declare a pointer, nPtr, to receive the address

2. use * to dereference the pointer

```
The original value of number is 5
The new value of number is 125
```

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

Step 1: Before `main` calls `cubeByValue`:

```
int main( void )
```

```
{
```

```
    int number = 5;
```

```
}
```

```
    number = cubeByValue( number );
```

number

5

```
int cubeByValue( int n )
```

```
{
```

```
    return n * n * n;
```

```
}
```

n

undefined

Step 2: After `cubeByValue` receives the call:

```
int main( void )
```

```
{
```

```
    int number = 5;
```

```
}
```

```
    number = cubeByValue( number );
```

number

5

```
int cubeByValue( int n )
```

```
{
```

```
    return n * n * n;
```

```
}
```

n

5

Fig. 7.8 | Analysis of a typical call-by-value. (Part 1 of 3.)

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

Step 3: After `cubeByValue` cubes parameter `n` and before `cubeByValue` returns to `main`:

```
int main( void )
{
    int number = 5;

    number = cubeByValue( number );
}
```

number

5

```
int cubeByValue( int n )
{
    return n * n * n;
}
```

125

n

5

Step 4: After `cubeByValue` returns to `main` and before assigning the result to `number`:

```
int main( void )
{
    int number = 5;

    number = cubeByValue( number );
}
```

number

5

125

```
int cubeByValue( int n )
{
    return n * n * n;
}
```

n

undefined

Fig. 7.8 | Analysis of a typical call-by-value. (Part 2 of 3.)

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

Step 5: After `main` completes the assignment to `number`:

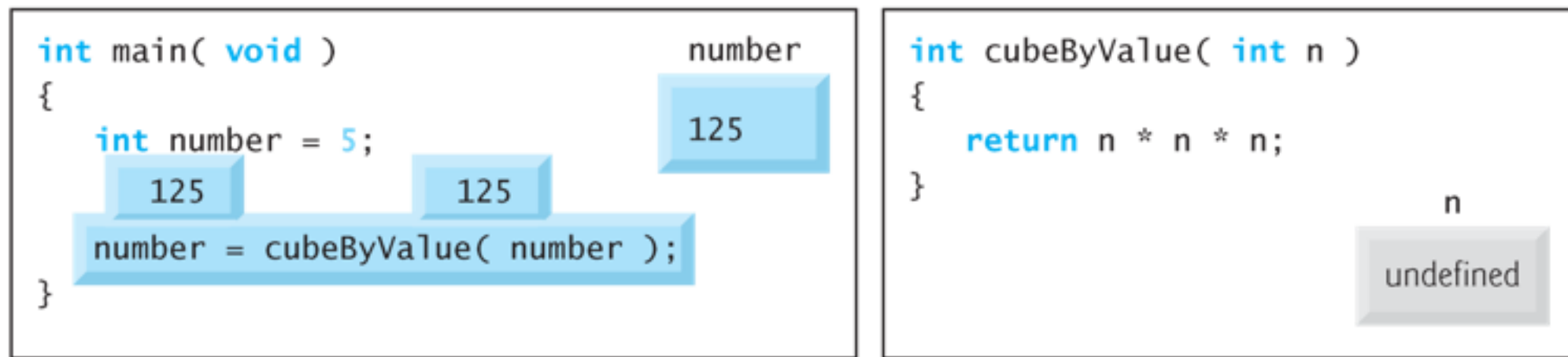


Fig. 7.8 | Analysis of a typical call-by-value. (Part 3 of 3.)

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

Step 1: Before main calls cubeByReference:

```
int main( void )
{
    int number = 5;

    cubeByReference( &number );
}
```

number
5

```
void cubeByReference( int *nPtr )
{
    *nPtr = *nPtr * *nPtr * *nPtr;
}
```

nPtr
undefined

Step 2: After cubeByReference receives the call and before *nPtr is cubed:

```
int main( void )
{
    int number = 5;

    cubeByReference( &number );
}
```

number
5

```
void cubeByReference( int *nPtr )
{
    *nPtr = *nPtr * *nPtr * *nPtr;
}
```

nPtr
call establishes this pointer

Fig. 7.9 | Analysis of a typical call-by-reference with a pointer argument.

Passing Arguments to Functions by Reference (Cont.)

Step 3: After `*nPtr` is cubed and before program control returns to `main`:

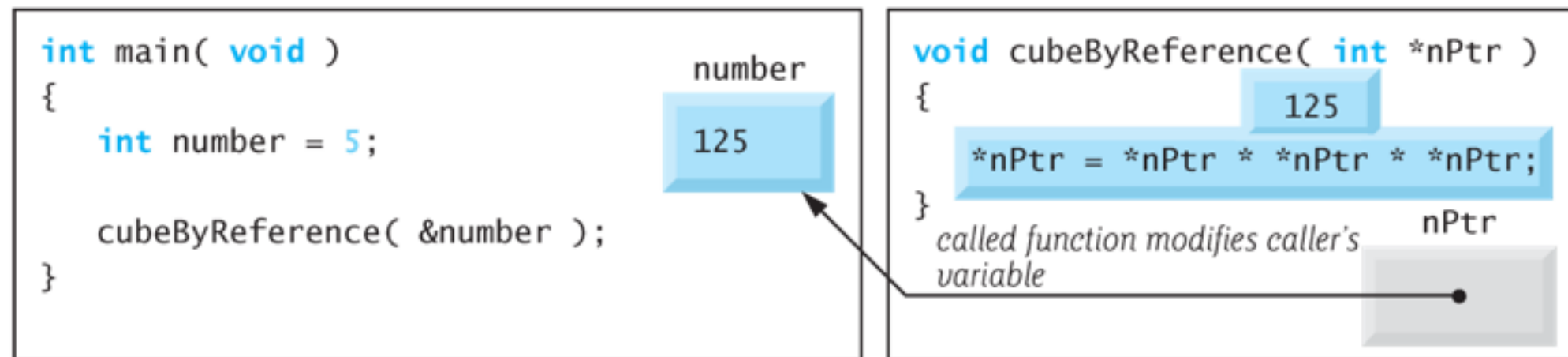


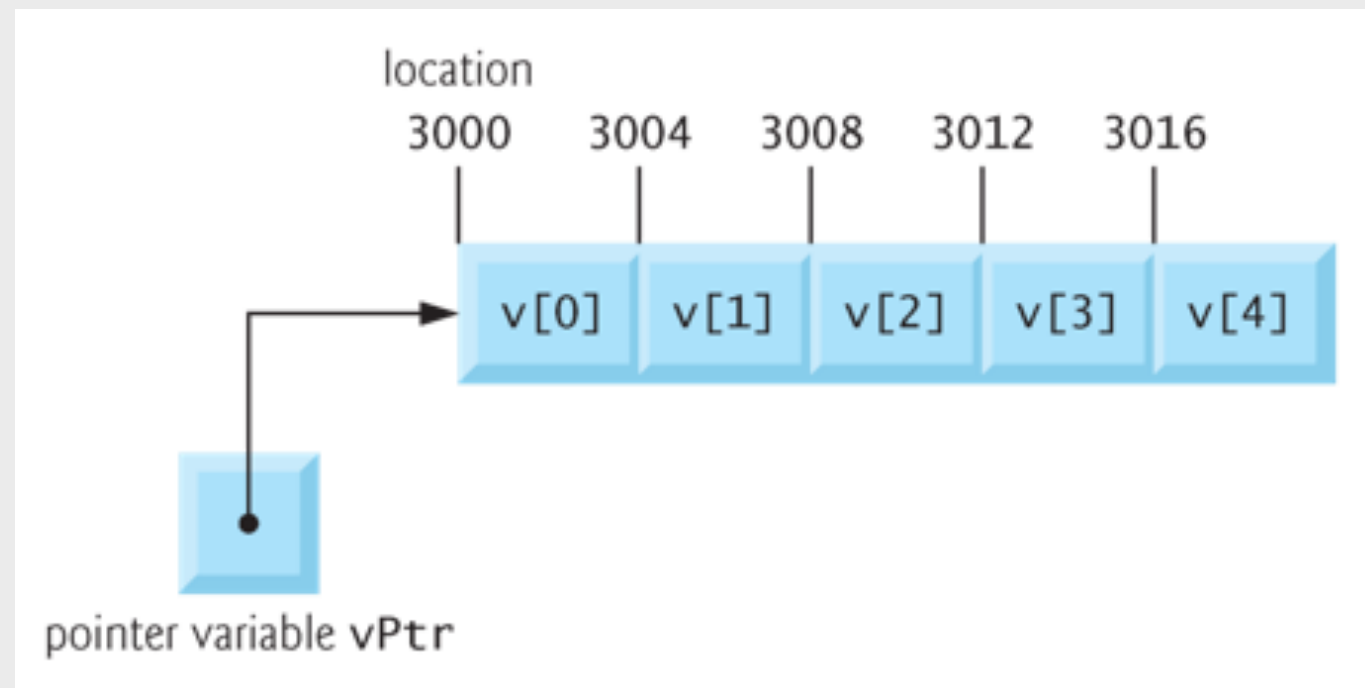
Fig. 7.9 | Analysis of a typical call-by-reference with a pointer argument.

Pointer Expressions and Pointer Arithmetic

- Pointers are valid operands in arithmetic expressions, assignment expressions and comparison expressions.
- This section describes the operators that can have pointers as operands, and how these operators are used.

Pointer Expressions and Pointer Arithmetic (Cont.)

- Assume that array `int v[5]` has been defined and its first element is at location 3000 in memory.
- Assume pointer `vPtr` has been initialized to point to `v[0]` —i.e., the value of `vPtr` is 3000.

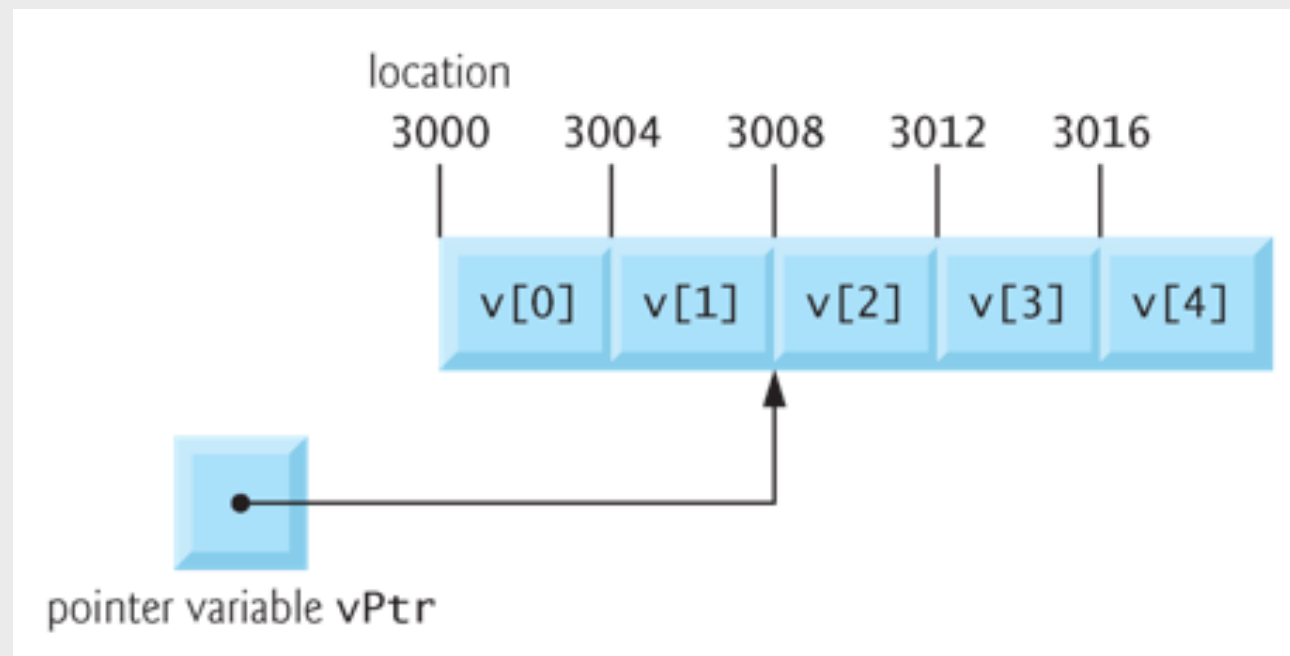


Pointer Expressions and Pointer Arithmetic (Cont.)

- The statement

`vPtr += 2;`

would produce $3008 = (3000 + 2 * 4)$, assuming an integer is stored in 4 bytes of memory.

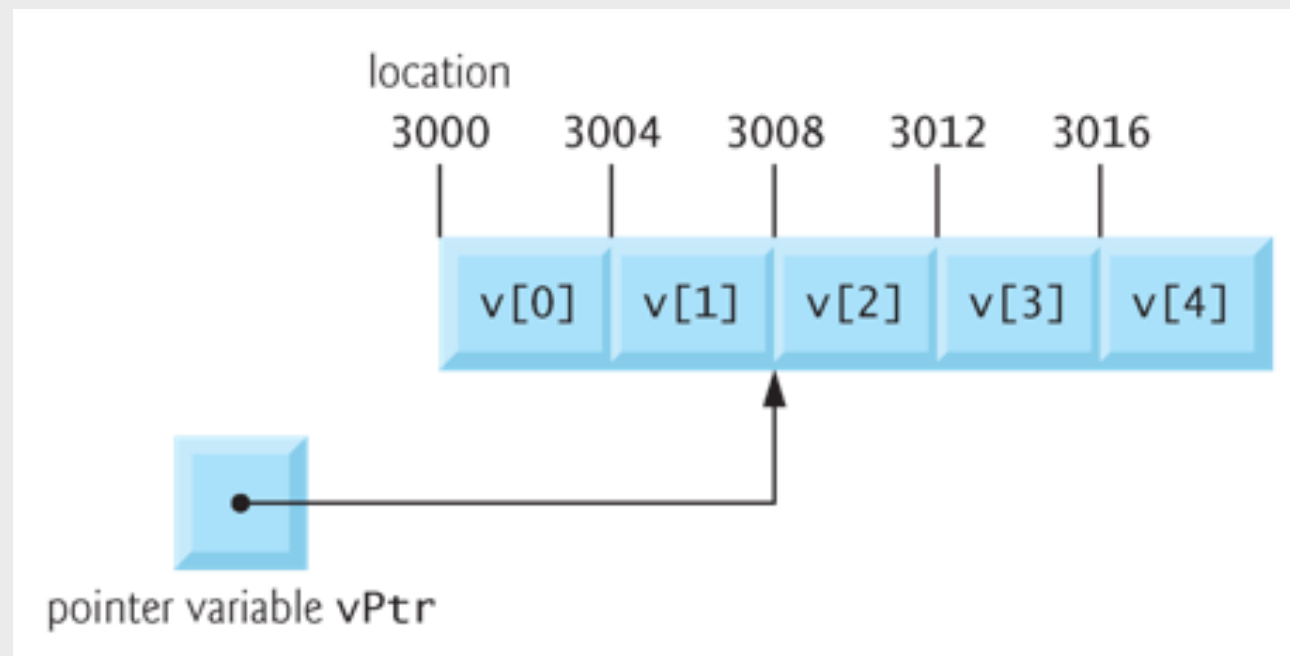


Pointer Expressions and Pointer Arithmetic (Cont.)

- If **vPtr** had been incremented to **3016**, which points to **v[4]**, the statement

vPtr -= 4;

would set **vPtr** back to **3000**—the beginning of the array.



Pointer Expressions and Pointer Arithmetic (Cont.)

- If a pointer is being incremented or decremented by one, the increment (++) and decrement (--) operators can be used.
- Either of the statements

```
++vPtr;  
vPtr++;
```

increments the pointer to point to the next location in the array.

- Either of the statements

```
--vPtr;  
vPtr--;
```

decrements the pointer to point to the previous element of the array.

Pointer Expressions and Pointer Arithmetic (Cont.)

- For example, if **vPtr** contains the location **3000**, and **v2Ptr** contains the address **3008**, the statement

x = v2Ptr - vPtr;

would assign to **x** **the number of array elements** from **vPtr** to **v2Ptr**, in this case **2** (not 8).

Pointer Expressions and Pointer Arithmetic (Cont.)

- Pointer to **void** (i.e., **void ***), which is a **generic pointer** that can represent any pointer type.
- A pointer to **void** can be assigned **a pointer of any type**.
- A pointer to void **cannot be dereferenced**.
- The compiler must know the data type to determine the number of bytes to be dereferenced for a particular pointer.

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays

- Arrays and pointers are intimately related in C and often may be used interchangeably.
- Assume that integer array **b[5]** and integer pointer variable **bPtr** have been defined.
- Since the array name (without a subscript) is a pointer to the first element of the array, we can set **bPtr** equal to the address of the first element in array **b** with the statement

bPtr = b;

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- The above statement is equivalent to taking the address of the array's first element as follows:

bPtr = &b[0];

- Array element **b[3]** can alternatively be referenced with the pointer expression

***(bPtr + 3)**

- The preceding notation is referred to as **pointer/offset notation**.
- The parentheses are necessary because the precedence of ***** is higher than the precedence of **+**.

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Just as the array element can be referenced with a pointer expression, the address

`&b[3]`

can be written with the pointer expression

`bPtr + 3`

- The array itself can be treated as a pointer and used in pointer arithmetic.

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- For example, if **bPtr** has the value **b**, the expression

bPtr[1]

refers to the array element **b[1]**.

- This is referred to as **pointer/subscript notation**.

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_20.c](#)

```
8  int b[] = { 10, 20, 30, 40 }; /* initialize array b */
9  int *bPtr = b; /* set bPtr to point to array b */
10 int i; /* counter */
11 int offset; /* counter */
12
13 /* output array b using array subscript notation */
14 printf( "Array b printed with:\nArray subscript notation\n" );
15
16 /* loop through array b */
17 for ( i = 0; i < 4; i++ ) {
18     printf( "b[ %d ] = %d\n", i, b[ i ] );
19 }
```

```
22 printf( "\nPointer/offset notation where\n"
23         "the pointer is the array name\n" );
24
25 /* loop through array b */
26 for ( offset = 0; offset < 4; offset++ ) {
27     printf( "*( b + %d ) = %d\n", offset, *( b + offset ) );
28 }
```

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_20.c](#)

```
8  int b[] = { 10, 20, 30, 40 }; /* initialize array b */
9  int *bPtr = b; /* set bPtr to point to array b */
10 int i; /* counter */
11 int offset; /* counter */
12
13 /* output array b using array subscript notation */
14 printf( "Array b printed with:\nArray subscript notation\n" );
15
16 /* loop through array b */
17 for ( i = 0; i < 4; i++ ) {
18     printf( "b[ %d ] = %d\n", i, b[ i ] );
19 }
```

```
22 printf( "\nPointer/offset notation where\n"
23         "the pointer is the array name\n" );
24
25 /* loop through array b */
26 for ( offset = 0; offset < 4; offset++ ) {
27     printf( "*( b + %d ) = %d\n", offset, *( b + offset ) );
28 }
```

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_20.c](#)

```
8  int b[] = { 10, 20, 30, 40 }; /* initialize array b */
9  int *bPtr = b; /* set bPtr to point to array b */
10 int i; /* counter */
11 int offset; /* counter */
12
13 /* output array b using array subscript notation */
14 printf( "Array b printed with:\nArray subscript notation\n" );
15
16 /* loop through array b */
17 for ( i = 0; i < 4; i++ ) {
18     printf( "b[ %d ] = %d\n", i, b[ i ] );
19 }
```

set bPtr to point to
array b

```
22 printf( "\nPointer/offset notation where\n"
23         "the pointer is the array name\n" );
24
25 /* loop through array b */
26 for ( offset = 0; offset < 4; offset++ ) {
27     printf( "*( b + %d ) = %d\n", offset, *( b + offset ) );
28 }
```

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_20.c](#)

```
8  int b[] = { 10, 20, 30, 40 }; /* initialize array b */
9  int *bPtr = b; /* set bPtr to point to array b */
10 int i; /* counter */
11 int offset; /* counter */
12
13 /* output array b using array subscript notation */
14 printf( "Array b printed with:\nArray subscript notation\n" );
15
16 /* loop through array b */
17 for ( i = 0; i < 4; i++ ) {
18     printf( "b[ %d ] = %d\n", i, b[ i ] );
19 }
```

set bPtr to point to
array b

```
22 printf( "\nPointer/offset notation where\n"
23         "the pointer is the array name\n" );
24
25 /* loop through array b */
26 for ( offset = 0; offset < 4; offset++ ) {
27     printf( "*( b + %d ) = %d\n", offset, *( b + offset ) );
28 }
```

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_20.c](#)

```
8  int b[] = { 10, 20, 30, 40 }; /* initialize array b */
9  int *bPtr = b; /* set bPtr to point to array b */
10 int i; /* counter */
11 int offset; /* counter */
12
13 /* output array b using array subscript notation */
14 printf( "Array b printed with:\nArray subscript notation\n" );
15
16 /* loop through array b */
17 for ( i = 0; i < 4; i++ ) {
18     printf( "b[ %d ] = %d\n", i, b[ i ] );
19 }
```

set bPtr to point to
array b

array subscript notation

```
22 printf( "\nPointer/offset notation where\n"
23         "the pointer is the array name\n" );
24
25 /* loop through array b */
26 for ( offset = 0; offset < 4; offset++ ) {
27     printf( "*( b + %d ) = %d\n", offset, *( b + offset ) );
28 }
```


Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_20.c](#)

```
8  int b[] = { 10, 20, 30, 40 }; /* initialize array b */
9  int *bPtr = b; /* set bPtr to point to array b */
10 int i; /* counter */
11 int offset; /* counter */
12
13 /* output array b using array subscript notation */
14 printf( "Array b printed with:\nArray subscript notation\n" );
15
16 /* loop through array b */
17 for ( i = 0; i < 4; i++ ) {
18     printf( "b[ %d ] = %d\n", i, b[ i ] );
19 }
```

set bPtr to point to
array b

array subscript notation

```
22 printf( "\nPointer/offset notation where\n"
23         "the pointer is the array name\n" );
24
25 /* loop through array b */
26 for ( offset = 0; offset < 4; offset++ ) {
27     printf( "*( b + %d ) = %d\n", offset, *( b + offset ) );
28 }
```


Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_20.c](#)

```
8  int b[] = { 10, 20, 30, 40 }; /* initialize array b */
9  int *bPtr = b; /* set bPtr to point to array b */
10 int i; /* counter */
11 int offset; /* counter */
12
13 /* output array b using array subscript notation */
14 printf( "Array b printed with:\nArray subscript notation\n" );
15
16 /* loop through array b */
17 for ( i = 0; i < 4; i++ ) {
18     printf( "b[ %d ] = %d\n", i, b[ i ] );
19 }
```

set bPtr to point to
array b

array subscript notation

```
22 printf( "\nPointer/offset notation where\n"
23         "the pointer is the array name\n" );
24
25 /* loop through array b */
26 for ( offset = 0; offset < 4; offset++ ) {
27     printf( "*( b + %d ) = %d\n", offset, *( b + offset ) );
28 }
```

pointer/offset notation

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_20.c](#)

```
31 printf( "\nPointer subscript notation\n" );
32
33 /* loop through array b */
34 for ( i = 0; i < 4; i++ ) {
35     printf( "bPtr[ %d ] = %d\n", i, bPtr[ i ] );
36 } /* end for */
37
38 /* output array b using bPtr and pointer/offset notation */
39 printf( "\nPointer/offset notation\n" );
40
41 /* loop through array b */
42 for ( offset = 0; offset < 4; offset++ ) {
43     printf( "*( bPtr + %d ) = %d\n", offset, *( bPtr + offset ) );...
44 } /* end for */
```

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_20.c](#)

```
31 printf( "\nPointer subscript notation\n" );
32
33 /* loop through array b */
34 for ( i = 0; i < 4; i++ ) {
35     printf( "bPtr[ %d ] = %d\n", i, bPtr[ i ] );
36 } /* end for */
37
38 /* output array b using bPtr and pointer/offset notation */
39 printf( "\nPointer/offset notation\n" );
40
41 /* loop through array b */
42 for ( offset = 0; offset < 4; offset++ ) {
43     printf( "*( bPtr + %d ) = %d\n", offset, *( bPtr + offset ) ); ...
44 } /* end for */
```

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_20.c](#)

```
31 printf( "\nPointer subscript notation\n" );
32
33 /* loop through array b */
34 for ( i = 0; i < 4; i++ ) {
35     printf( "bPtr[ %d ] = %d\n", i, bPtr[ i ] );
36 } /* end for */
37
38 /* output array b using bPtr and pointer/offset notation */
39 printf( "\nPointer/offset notation\n" );
40
41 /* loop through array b */
42 for ( offset = 0; offset < 4; offset++ ) {
43     printf( "*( bPtr + %d ) = %d\n", offset, *( bPtr + offset ) ); ...
44 } /* end for */
```

pointer subscript
notation

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_20.c](#)

```
31 printf( "\nPointer subscript notation\n" );
32
33 /* loop through array b */
34 for ( i = 0; i < 4; i++ ) {
35     printf( "bPtr[ %d ] = %d\n", i, bPtr[ i ] );
36 } /* end for */
37
38 /* output array b using bPtr and pointer/offset notation */
39 printf( "\nPointer/offset notation\n" );
40
41 /* loop through array b */
42 for ( offset = 0; offset < 4; offset++ ) {
43     printf( "*( bPtr + %d ) = %d\n", offset, *( bPtr + offset ) );
44 }
```

pointer subscript
notation

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_20.c](#)

```
31 printf( "\nPointer subscript notation\n" );
32
33 /* loop through array b */
34 for ( i = 0; i < 4; i++ ) {
35     printf( "bPtr[ %d ] = %d\n", i, bPtr[ i ] );
36 } /* end for */
37
38 /* output array b using bPtr and pointer/offset notation */
39 printf( "\nPointer/offset notation\n" );
40
41 /* loop through array b */
42 for ( offset = 0; offset < 4; offset++ ) {
43     printf( "*( bPtr + %d ) = %d\n", offset, *( bPtr + offset ) );
44 } /* end for */
```

pointer subscript
notation

pointer/offset notation

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_20.c](#)

```
31 printf( "\nPointer subscript notation\n" );
32
33 /* loop through array b */
34 for ( i = 0; i < 4; i++ ) {
35     printf( "bPtr[ %d ] = %d\n", i, bPtr[ i ] );
36 } /* end for */
37
38 /* output array b using bPtr and pointer/offset notation */
39 printf( "\nPointer/offset notation\n" );
40
41 /* loop through array b */
42 for ( offset = 0; offset < 4; offset++ ) {
43     printf( "*( bPtr + %d ) = %d\n", offset, *( bPtr + offset ) );
44 } /* end for */
```

pointer subscript
notation

pointer/offset notation

```
Array b printed with:
Array subscript notation
b[ 0 ] = 10
b[ 1 ] = 20
b[ 2 ] = 30
b[ 3 ] = 40

Pointer/offset notation where
the pointer is the array name
*( b + 0 ) = 10
*( b + 1 ) = 20
*( b + 2 ) = 30
*( b + 3 ) = 40
```

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_20.c](#)

```
31 printf( "\nPointer subscript notation\n" );
32
33 /* loop through array b */
34 for ( i = 0; i < 4; i++ ) {
35     printf( "bPtr[ %d ] = %d\n", i, bPtr[ i ] );
36 } /* end for */
37
38 /* output array b using bPtr and pointer/offset notation */
39 printf( "\nPointer/offset notation\n" );
40
41 /* loop through array b */
42 for ( offset = 0; offset < 4; offset++ ) {
43     printf( "*( bPtr + %d ) = %d\n", offset, *( bPtr + offset ) );
44 } /* end for */
```

pointer subscript notation

pointer/offset notation

```
Array b printed with:
Array subscript notation
b[ 0 ] = 10
b[ 1 ] = 20
b[ 2 ] = 30
b[ 3 ] = 40

Pointer/offset notation where
the pointer is the array name
*( b + 0 ) = 10
*( b + 1 ) = 20
*( b + 2 ) = 30
*( b + 3 ) = 40
```

```
Pointer subscript notation
bPtr[ 0 ] = 10
bPtr[ 1 ] = 20
bPtr[ 2 ] = 30
bPtr[ 3 ] = 40

Pointer/offset notation
*( bPtr + 0 ) = 10
*( bPtr + 1 ) = 20
*( bPtr + 2 ) = 30
*( bPtr + 3 ) = 40
```


Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- To further illustrate the interchangeability of arrays and pointers, let's look at the two string-copying functions—**copy1** and **copy2**—in the program of Fig. 7.21.

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_21.c](#)

```
5 void copy1( char *s1, const char *s2 ); /* prototype */
6 void copy2( char *s1, const char *s2 ); /* prototype */
7
8 int main( void )
9 {
10     char string1[ 10 ]; /* create array string1 */
11     char *string2 = "Hello"; /* create a pointer to a string */
12     char string3[ 10 ]; /* create array string3 */
13     char string4[] = "Good Bye"; /* create a pointer to a string */
14
15     copy1( string1, string2 );
16     printf( "string1 = %s\n", string1 );
17
18     copy2( string3, string4 );
19     printf( "string3 = %s\n", string3 );»
20     return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
21 } /* end main */
```

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_21.c](#)

```
5 void copy1( char *s1, const char *s2 ); /* prototype */
6 void copy2( char *s1, const char *s2 ); /* prototype */
7
8 int main( void )
9 {
10     char string1[ 10 ]; /* create array string1 */
11     char *string2 = "Hello"; /* create a pointer to a string */
12     char string3[ 10 ]; /* create array string3 */
13     char string4[] = "Good Bye"; /* create a pointer to a string */
14
15     copy1( string1, string2 );
16     printf( "string1 = %s\n", string1 );
17
18     copy2( string3, string4 );
19     printf( "string3 = %s\n", string3 );
20     return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
21 } /* end main */
```

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_21.c](#)

```
5 void copy1( char *s1, const char *s2 ); /* prototype */
6 void copy2( char *s1, const char *s2 ); /* prototype */
7
8 int main( void )
9 {
10     char string1[ 10 ]; /* create array string1 */
11     char *string2 = "Hello"; /* create a pointer to a string */
12     char string3[ 10 ]; /* create array string3 */
13     char string4[] = "Good Bye"; /* create a pointer to a string */
14
15     copy1( string1, string2 );
16     printf( "string1 = %s\n", string1 );
17
18     copy2( string3, string4 );
19     printf( "string3 = %s\n", string3 );
20     return 0; /* indicates successful termination */
21 } /* end main */
```

declare four strings

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_21.c](#)

```
23 /* copy s2 to s1 using array notation */
24 void copy1( char *s1, const char *s2 )
25 {
26     int i; /* counter */
27
28     /* loop through strings */
29     for ( i = 0; ( s1[ i ] = s2[ i ] ) != '\0'; i++ ) {
30         ; /* do nothing in body */
31     } /* end for */
32 } /* end function copy1 */
```

```
34 /* copy s2 to s1 using pointer notation */
35 void copy2( char *s1, const char *s2 )
36 {
37     /* loop through strings */
38     for ( ; ( *s1 = *s2 ) != '\0'; s1++, s2++ ) {
39         ; /* do nothing in body */
40     } /* end for */
41 } /* end function copy2 */
```

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_21.c](#)

```
23 /* copy s2 to s1 using array notation */
24 void copy1( char *s1, const char *s2 )
25 {
26     int i; /* counter */
27
28     /* loop through strings */
29     for ( i = 0; ( s1[ i ] = s2[ i ] ) != '\0'; i++ ) {
30         ; /* do nothing in body */
31     } /* end for */
32 } /* end function copy1 */
```

```
34 /* copy s2 to s1 using pointer notation */
35 void copy2( char *s1, const char *s2 )
36 {
37     /* loop through strings */
38     for ( ; ( *s1 = *s2 ) != '\0'; s1++, s2++ ) {
39         ; /* do nothing in body */
40     } /* end for */
41 } /* end function copy2 */
```

Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_21.c](#)

```
23 /* copy s2 to s1 using array notation */
24 void copy1( char *s1, const char *s2 )
25 {
26     int i; /* counter */
27
28     /* loop through strings */
29     for ( i = 0; ( s1[ i ] = s2[ i ] ) != '\0'; i++ ) {
30         ; /* do nothing in body */
31     } /* end for */
32 } /* end function copy1 */
```

use array subscription to copy the string

```
34 /* copy s2 to s1 using pointer notation */
35 void copy2( char *s1, const char *s2 )
36 {
37     /* loop through strings */
38     for ( ; ( *s1 = *s2 ) != '\0'; s1++, s2++ ) {
39         ; /* do nothing in body */
40     } /* end for */
41 } /* end function copy2 */
```


Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_21.c](#)

```
23 /* copy s2 to s1 using array notation */
24 void copy1( char *s1, const char *s2 )
25 {
26     int i; /* counter */
27
28     /* loop through strings */
29     for ( i = 0; ( s1[ i ] = s2[ i ] ) != '\0'; i++ ) {
30         ; /* do nothing in body */
31     } /* end for */
32 } /* end function copy1 */
```

use array subscription to copy the string

```
34 /* copy s2 to s1 using pointer notation */
35 void copy2( char *s1, const char *s2 )
36 {
37     /* loop through strings */
38     for ( ; ( *s1 = *s2 ) != '\0'; s1++, s2++ ) {
39         ; /* do nothing in body */
40     } /* end for */
41 } /* end function copy2 */
```


Relationship between Pointers and Arrays (Cont.)

- Example: [fig07_21.c](#)

```
23 /* copy s2 to s1 using array notation */
24 void copy1( char *s1, const char *s2 )
25 {
26     int i; /* counter */
27
28     /* loop through strings */
29     for ( i = 0; ( s1[ i ] = s2[ i ] ) != '\0'; i++ ) {
30         ; /* do nothing in body */
31     } /* end for */
32 } /* end function copy1 */
```

use array subscription to copy the string

```
34 /* copy s2 to s1 using pointer notation */
35 void copy2( char *s1, const char *s2 )
36 {
37     /* loop through strings */
38     for ( ; ( *s1 = *s2 ) != '\0'; s1++, s2++ ) {
39         ; /* do nothing in body */
40     } /* end for */
41 } /* end function copy2 */
```

use pointer offset to copy the string

國立政治大學資訊科學系

必修課程成績優異獎勵辦法

年級	必修課程
一年級	計算機程式設計(一)、(二)、物件導向程式設計
二年級	資料結構、機率論、線性代數、離散數學、演算法、數位系統 導論
三年級	作業系統、計算機組織與結構

- 本獎學金評審原則及核發人數如下：
 - 由上述表列獎勵課程之授課教師依該班修課成績前 5 名為原則，推薦 3 名並予以排序後送至行政暨學生事務組審核。
 - 每班給予獎學金 2 名、依排序核撥 10,000 及 5,000 元。
 - 每班依該科修課成績前 3 名於次學期網頁公告成績優異名單。

<https://www.cs.nccu.edu.tw/web/winning/winning.jsp>