Pointers - class 1

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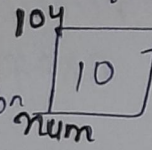
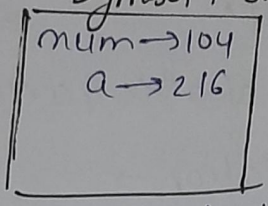
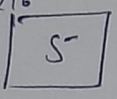
Pointers:- A special type of variable which store address of other variables.

for eg:- int num = 10;



kissi bhi memory location ko access karne ke liye us box ka address pta hona jaruri tabhi usko access kar sakte hai Pointer ke andar humesa





Store ho jata hai address symbol table me.

Print address &num. → 104.

reality me → hexadecimal ke form me return hota hai.

```
int a=10
cout<<a
cout<<&a
```

→ 10

→ 104 address store hoga.

* Creation of pointer:

```
int *ptr = &a;
```

int * → pointer to integer data

ptr → pointer name

& → address

a → variable name

ptr is a pointer to integer data

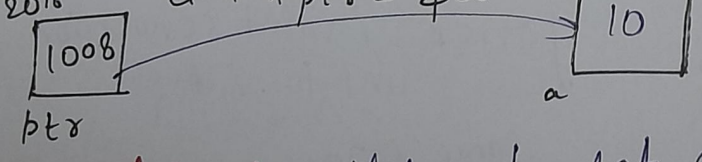
char * → pointer to char data

bool * → pointer to bool data

long * → pointer to long data

short * → pointer to short data

```
int a=10
int *ptr=&a;
```



* Access of pointer → Value stored at address stored in ptr

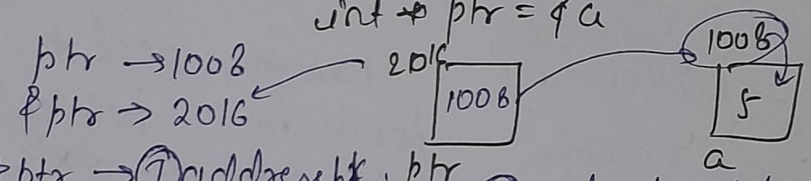
iske liye ek operator hota hai → dereference operator → * → cout *ptr → 10.

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
int main(){
  int a=5;
  cout<<a<<endl;
cout<<"address of a"<<&a<<endl;
// pointer creation →
  int *ptr = &a;
cout<< ptr <<endl;
cout<< "Accessing:" << *ptr<<endl;
 cout << &ptr <<endl;
return 0;
}
```

output →

```
5
address of a: 0x7ffedec3b52c
0x7ffedec3b52c
Accessing: 5
0x7ffedec3b52c.
```

int a = 5
int * ptr = &a



*ptr → (I) address pe jao ptr (II) value print kardo.

Reference variable is just second name for same memory location. Symbol table me entry hoti hai
But pointer takes memory and store address of another memory.

```
int main(){
  int a=5;
  int &ptr=&a;
  int *ptr=a;
```

] error : invalid conversion from int to int.

Same " error

```
int a=5
int *ptr = &a
```

→ sizeof(ptr) = 8

```
char ch='k'
char *cptr=&ch;
```

↓ sizeof(cptr) = 8.

```
long a=10;
long *ptr=&a
```

sizeof(ptr) → 8.

pointer ke andar humesa store address hoga
depend karta system pe
machine dependent

H/w → 32 vs 64-bit
→ Why ptr size 8/4 ?

Dynamic Memory Allocation

```
int *ptr;
cout << *ptr;
```

Bad Practice

Dereference

It gives Runtime error

* Why it is Bad Practice?
when we create *ptr there will be random value or garbal value allocate ho jayegi and vo value kisi memory location ki hogi jo mujhe allow nhi hai access karna.
Ek illegal memory access karne jaa rhe hai jo ki bad practice hai.

How to prevent this?
By using null pointer

```
int *ptr = 0;
```

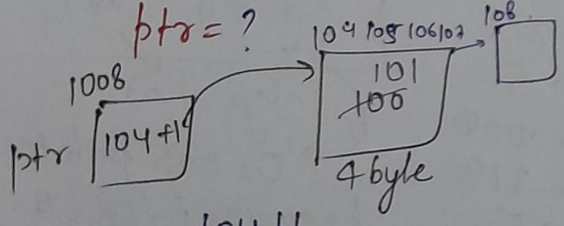
→ nullptr

Is time pe bhi error ayegyi lekin debugging karne ke liye code easy ho jayega.

Ques1

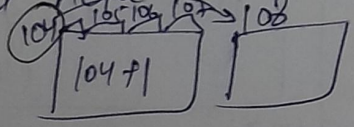
```
int a = 100
int *ptr = &a
a = a+1;
ptr = ptr+1;
```

a = ?
ptr = ?



104+1
=108

Agar koi integer 104 location se start hota hai toh ye 1 byte se increase hota hai



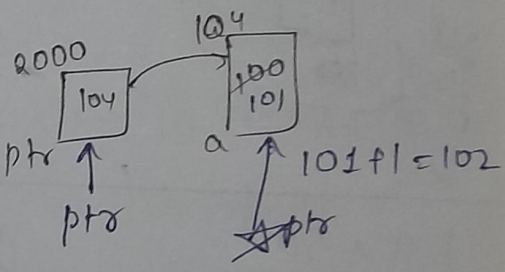
Toh jab hum address ke andar +1 kar rhe hai toh ve next address me jaa rha hai 108.

1 byte is smallest addressable space.

Ques2 →

Value present at address stored in ptr

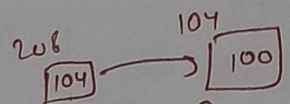
```
int a = 100;
int *ptr = &a;
a = a+1
*ptr = *ptr+1
```



*ptr = 102
a = 101

Ques3 →

```
int a = 100;
int *ptr = &a;
```



print → a = 100
→ &a = 104
→ *a = Error
→ ptr = address → 104
→ *ptr = 100 = (Two step process)
→ &ptr = address → 208.
[ptr wale box ka address.]

Pointer ko dereference karte hai integer ko dereference nhi karte isliye error aa rha hai

Two step process hota hai

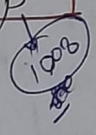
→ (*ptr)++ = 101
→ ++(*ptr) = 102
→ *ptr = *ptr / 2 = 102/2 = 51
→ *ptr = *ptr - 2 = 51 - 2 = 49

Ques4 →

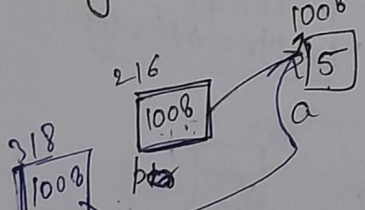
```
int a = 5
int *p = &a;
int *q = p
```

a
→ &a

Pointer copy



print
→ a → 5
→ &a → 1008
→ *a → error → a is integer we can't dereference
→ p → 1008
→ &p → 216
→ *p → 5
→ a → 1008
→ &q → 318
→ *q → 5

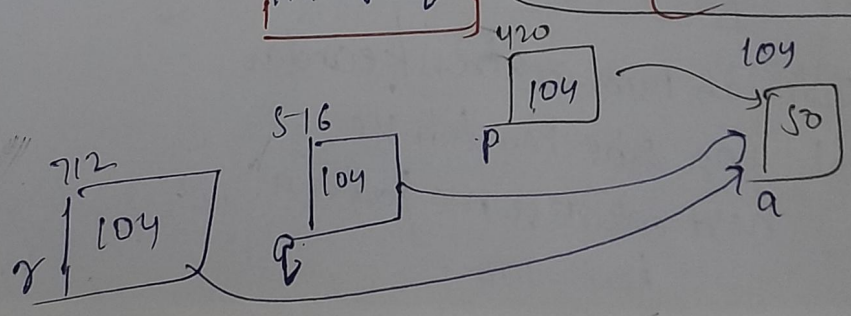


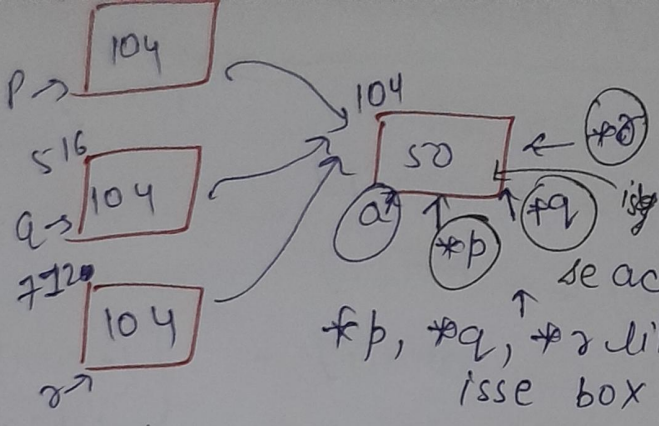
int *q = *p;
integer hai
Or aap pointer ke andar integer data rakh rhe ho lekin pointer ke andar address store karte hai [it gives error]

Ques5 →

```
int a = 50
int *p = &a;
int *q = p;
int **r = q
```

→ a = 50
→ &a = 104
→ *a = error
→ p = 104
→ &p = 420
→ *p = 50
→ q = 104
→ &q = 516
→ *q = 50
→ r = 104
→ &r = 712
→ **r = 50





*p = *p/2 = 25
*q = *q/2 = 25
*r = *q/2 = 25

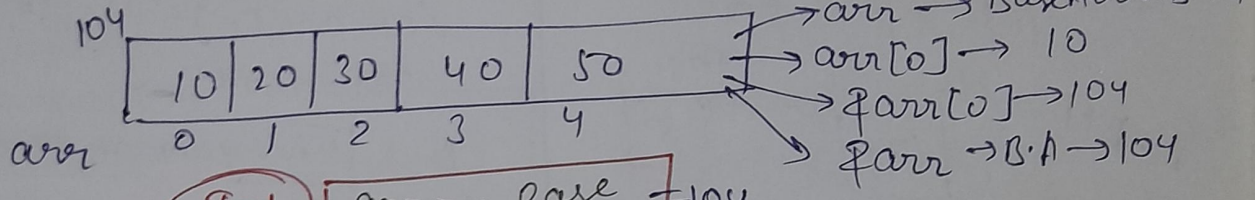
Ye different value ko name se access kar sakte hai

*p, *q, *r likhu vo saare ke saare isse box ko darsha rhe hai

NOTE →
⇒ No concept of pointer in Java

Pointer in Array :-

int arr[5] = {10,20,30,40,50}



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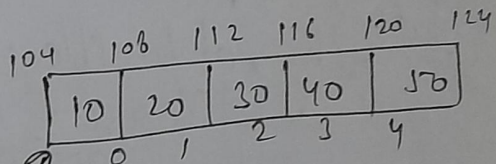
arr
&arr
&arr[0]
→ Base Address = 104

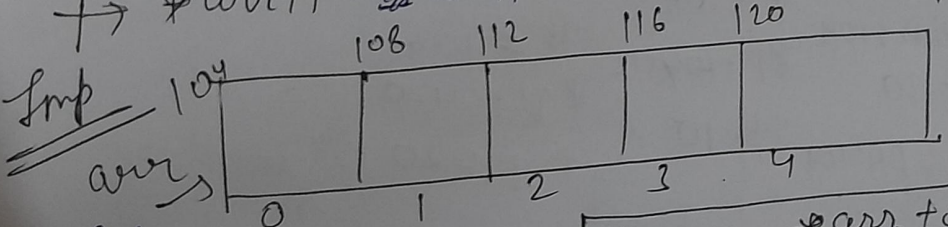


Print int arr[5] = {10,20,30,40,50}

- arr = BA
- &arr = BA
- arr[0] = 10
- &arr[0] = BA
- *arr = 10
- *arr+1 = ~~20~~ 11
- *(arr)+1 = 11
- *(arr+1) = 20
- *(arr+2) ⇒ 104+2 = 112 → 30
- *(arr+3) ⇒ 116 → 40

104+1 = 108
* → value print hogya.

Imp



int size → 4
add → 104+0
104+0.4 = 104
104+1×4 = 108
104+2 = 104+2×4 = 112

*arr → *arr+0 → *(arr+0)
*104
value stored at address 104 → 10
10
*arr[0] = 10

Important Observation.

*(arr+i) → arr[i] i[arr]

*(arr+0) → arr[0]

*(arr+1) → arr[1]

arr[i] → *(arr+2) → arr[2]

*(arr+i) → *(arr+i) → arr[i]

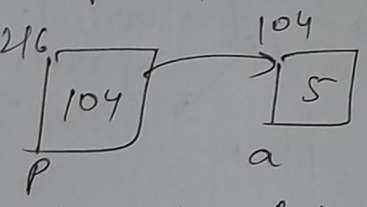
*(BA+i) → *(i+arr) or → i[arr]

[(*arr)+1] ispe apply nhi hogi condition.

Note:

int a = 5

int *p = &a



p = p+1

H.W. Imp. Ques: Why not possible in this case?

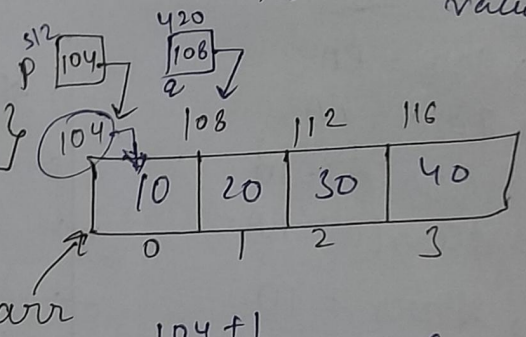
arr = arr+1.

```
int main(){
int arr[5] = {1,2,3,4,5};
arr = arr+1;
}
```

This gives an error

```
int a = 5;
int *ptr = &a;
p = p+1;
cout << *p;
```

→ koi error nhi aayega garbage value.



int arr[4] = {10, 20, 30, 40}

int *p = arr;

int *q = arr+1;

→ arr = BA = 104

→ &arr = BA = 104

→ arr[0] = 10

→ &arr[0] = BA = 104

p = 104

&p = ~~104~~ 512

*p = 10

104+1

104+1×4 = 108.

q = 108

&q = 420

*q = 20

*p+1 = 11

*(p)+2 = 12

*(q)+2 = 22

*(q+4) = ← garbage value or segmentation fault or may be another.

int arr[4] = {10, 20, 30, 40}

sizeof(arr) → 4×4 = 16.

int *p = arr

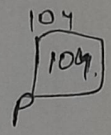
↳ sizeof(p) → 8

address ko store karta hai

int arr[10] = {10, 20, 30}

int *p = arr

cout << p → 104



print hoga.

char ch[50] = "love"

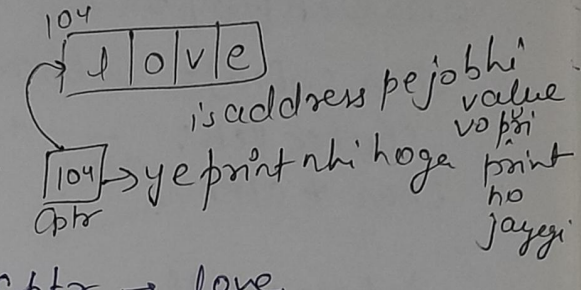
char *cptr = ch or &ch

Dono case me base address hi milega

cout << cptr;

↳ love

entire string print hogi



is address pe jo bhi value vo hi print ho jayegi

→ ye print nhi hoga

cptr → love

*cptr

*(cptr + 0)

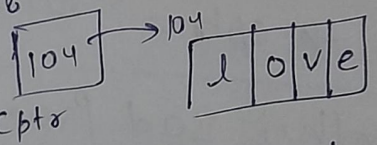
*cptr[0] → pehla character print hoga.

Ques char ch[50] = "love";

char *cptr = ch or &ch → initialise nhi kar payegy 208 error dega

print

- ch ⇒ love
- &ch → 104
- ch[0] → l
- &cptr → 208
- *cptr → l
- cptr → love



*cptr = *(cptr + 0) → cptr[0] → l

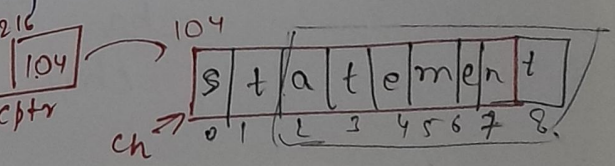
entire string print karte rehge jab tak null character nhi mil jaye.

Ques char ch[30] = "statement";

char *cptr = &ch[0];

- ch ⇒ statement
- &ch ⇒ 104
- *(ch+3) ⇒ t ← ch[3]
- cptr ⇒ statement
- &cptr ⇒ 216
- *(cptr+3) ⇒ t (cptr[3])

- cptr + 2 ⇒ atement
- *cptr ⇒ cptr[0] → s
- cptr + 8 ⇒ t.



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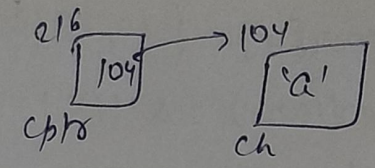
```
char ch = 'a';
char * cptr = &ch
cout<<cptr
```

→ cptr



a print ~~uska~~ hoga uske baad kuch value print hongye jab tak null n mil jaye.

~~char ch[10] = "a";~~

```
char ch[10] = "Babbar";
cout<<&ch;
```

→ address print hoga.

```
char * cptr = &ch;
```

→ show error cannot convert

```
int main(){
    char ch[10] = "Babbar";
    char *cptr = &ch[0];
    char *cptr = ch
}
```

chal jayega lekin &ch problem de rha hai

```
Char * cptr = "Babbar";
```

→ possible hai ki shi hai

Why Bad Practice

jab ye word store kiye toh ye temporary storage me store hoga.

aap ek pointer ko temporary location pe point karwa rhe hai jiska koi ~~bt~~ vishwas nhi hai kab tak data present rehga or kab nhi

so iskeye hum log data ko permanent storage me ~~store~~ copy karwayege uske baad uske ~~up~~ upar pointer ~~kare~~ create karegye

```
char ch[10] = "Babbar";
char *ch = ch;
```

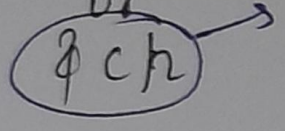
char ch[50] = "love";

char * cptr = ch

entire array ka starting address de rha hai.

cptr is a pointer to character data.

Or



Single character per point karne ke liye pointer bnaya hai par address kiska hai 10 character ka. isliye nhi create karne de rha.