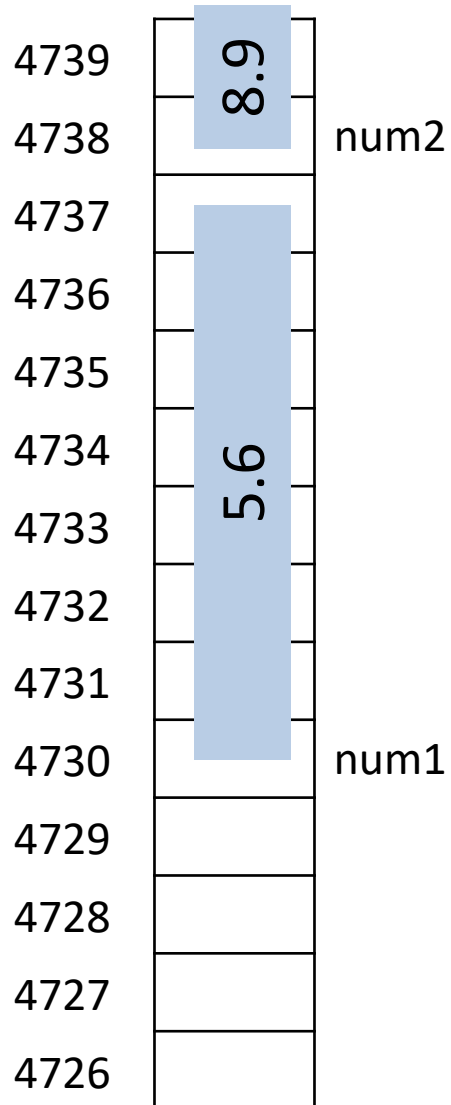


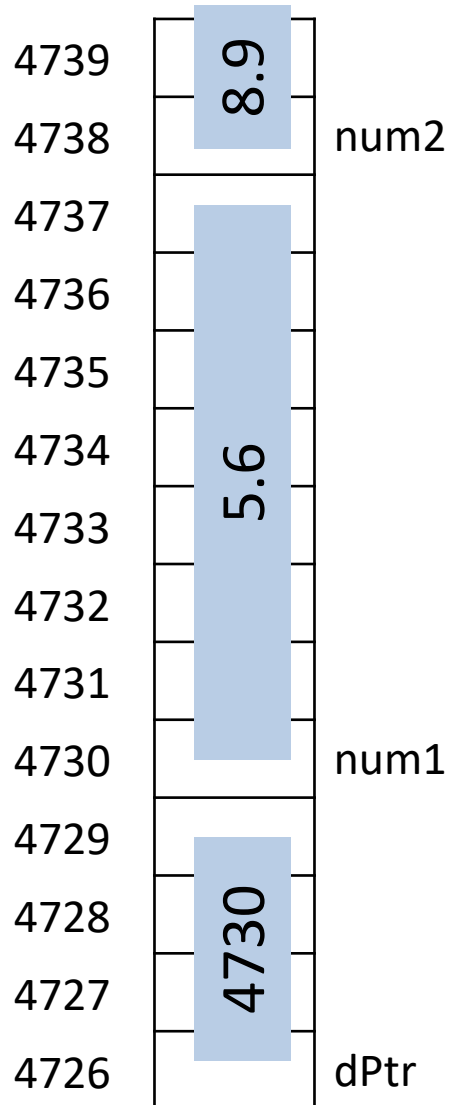
# How traditional double variables are stored in RAM, as well as what a POINTER is



```
double num1 = 5.6, num2 = 8.9;
```

When “num1” is declared, an 8-byte location in memory is established to store the value of 5.6, and “num1” is an ID that always references that fixed storage location

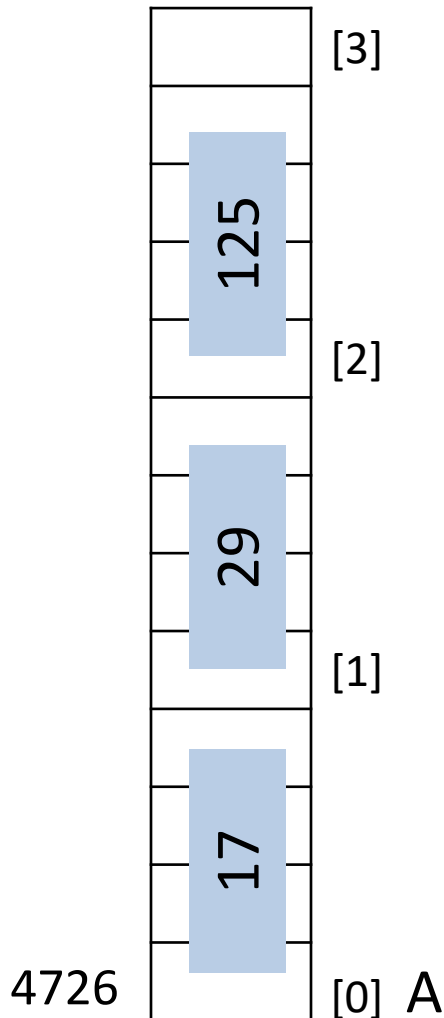
# How traditional double variables are stored in RAM, as well as what a POINTER is



```
double num1 = 5.6, num2 = 8.9;  
double * dPtr;  
dPtr = &num1;  
num1 == *dPtr // This now true!
```

When “dPtr” is declared, a storage location is established to hold a pointer to a double. When dPtr is assigned the value of the ADDRESS of num1, the value of 4730 is stored at dPtr. When \*dPtr is used, it refers to what is POINTED TO by dPtr

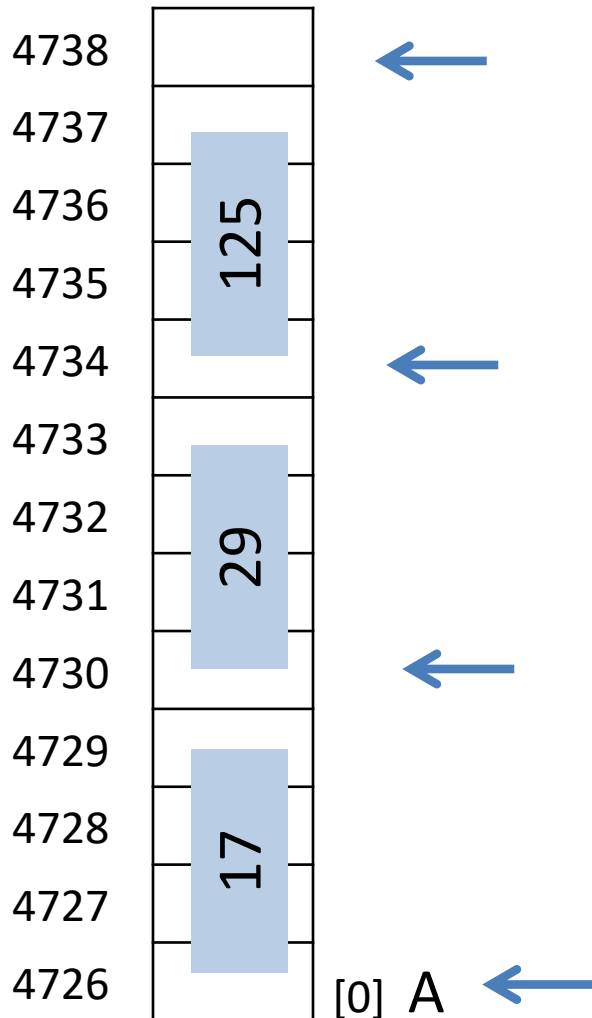
“Under the hood” look at how an array element is accessed when using the [index] method



```
int A[50] = {17, 29, 125, ...};  
for (ix = 0; ix < 50; ix++)  
    cout << A[ix];
```

To execute the above, EACH time through the loop the ix value is multiplied by 4 (the size of an int element) and the product is then added to the base address of the array (which is the make-believe 4726)

“Under the hood” look at how an array element is accessed when using a pointer



```
int A[50] = {17, 29, 125, ...};  
int *iPtr;  
for (iPtr = &A[0]; ( ?? ); iPtr++)  
    cout << *iPtr;
```

To execute the above, `iPtr` is first initialized to point to the base of the array (address 4726). Then, each time through loop, `iPtr` is incremented to point to the next int. (*which is an “under the hood” addition of 4, the size of an int, to `iPtr`*)