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`int arr[10];`

This will create 10 contiguous blocks & in each block will be storing integer.

	5	7	9							
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

`cout << arr[0] << endl;` → 5

`cout << arr << endl;` → 104 } Base

`cout << &arr << endl;` → 104 } address

`cout << &arr[0] << endl;` → 104 ↑

`int *p = arr;`

`cout << p << endl;` → Base address i.e. 104

`cout << &p << endl;` → Address of pointer

→ We can get stuck here.

Note → `arr` and `&arr` will give output as base address of the array. This is because of entry maintained in the symbol table.

Symbol Table

`arr` → 104

} Actually this is happening in the memory

`arr`, `&arr`, `&arr[0]` represents the base address of array named `arr`.

As `arr` is representing some address, so we can use dereference operator on `arr`. The answer is yes.

* `arr` → Value at `arr[0]` = 5

* `arr + 1` → 5 + 1 = 6

$*(arr) + 1 \rightarrow 6$

$*(arr + 1) \rightarrow 7$ } value at $arr[1]$

$*(arr + 2) \rightarrow 9$ } value at $arr[2]$

Note $\rightarrow *(arr + x) = arr[x]$

Also note that $x[arr]$ will be same as $arr[x]$

$x[arr] \rightarrow *(x + arr)$

We can get stuck over this point also

`int arr[5];`

Here `arr` is the pointer to the 1st location of the array i.e. `arr[0]`.

Note $\rightarrow arr = arr + 2;$ \rightarrow This will not work as we can't change value present in symbol table.

`int *p = arr;`

`p = p + 2;` \rightarrow This will work & hence another use case of the pointer.

Ex \rightarrow `int arr[4] = {5, 6, 7, 8};`

`int *p = arr;`

`int *q = arr + 1;`

208

316

104

108

p

q

`arr` 104

`&arr` 104

`arr[0]` 5

`&arr[0]` 104

`p` 104

`&p` 208

`*p` 5

`q` 108

`&q`

`*q`

`*p + 1`

`*p + 2`

`*q + 3`

`*(q + 4)`

316

6

6

7

9

Segmentation
fault

(garbage
value)

Pointer vs Array

① `int brr[10];`
`cout << sizeof(brr);` → 40 ($10 \times 4 = 40$)
`int *p = brr;`
`cout << sizeof(p);` → 8 (Depends on system)

② `arr = arr + 1;` → This won't work,
`p = p + 1;` → This will work.
 Can't change symbol table entry.
 → Here entry in symbol table is not get modified.

`arr` is a constant pointer and hence we can't change its value.

Note → `int arr[10];` `arr` → 104
`arr + 1` → $104 + 1 \times 4 = 108$
`arr + 3` → $104 + 3 \times 4 = 116$
`arr + 5` → $104 + 5 \times 4 = 124$
 ↳ `sizeof(int)` → 4 bytes

Character array

`char ch[10] = "Babbar";`
`char *c = ch;`
`cout << c;` → Babbar

The reason is different implementation of `cout` for `int*` and `char*`.

`ch` → Babbar

`&ch` → Address of `ch[0]`

$ch[0] \rightarrow B$

$\&c \rightarrow$ Address of pointer

$*c \rightarrow B$

$c \rightarrow$ Babbar

Ex \rightarrow `char name[10] = "SherBano";`

`char *cptr = &name[0];`

name	SherBano	$cptr + 2$	erBano
$\&name$	Address $\rightarrow 104$	$*cptr$	S
$*(name + 3)$	r	$cptr + 8$	error
cptr	SherBano		
$\&cptr$	Address $\rightarrow 216$		
$*(cptr + 3)$	r		

Understanding $cptr + 2$ & $cptr$

\nearrow 2nd index SherBano \longleftarrow will be printed	\nearrow 0th index SherBano \longleftarrow will be printed
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$cptr + 2$ means start from 2nd index & print all character from 2nd index till the null character.

Special case

`char ch = 'v';`

`char *ptr1 = &ch;`

`cout << ptr1;` \rightarrow This will print v & garbage value until we get the null character.

Important case


```
char name[10] = "Bhavya"
```

```
cout << name << endl; → Bhavya
```

2-step process

→ First of all a temporary storage is there in which Bhavya is stored.

→ Then it is copied to name array storage.

```
char * c = "Bhavya"
```

```
cout << c << endl; → Bhavya
```

2-step process

→ First of all a temporary storage is there in which Bhavya is stored.

→ Now c is pointer which is pointing to this temporary storage & hence it is considered as a bad practice.

Pointers with function

Location of this will be ← diff

```
int main () {
```

```
    int arr[10];
```

```
    sizeof(arr); → 40
```

```
    solve(arr);
```

```
}
```

```
solve(int arr[]) {
```

```
    sizeof(arr); → 8
```

```
}
```

By default array is passed as the pointer & this is known as pass by reference. Hence `sizeof(arr);` will come out to be the size of the pointer. If we change anything in array in solve function, then those changes will be reflected in original array.

Ex → main() {

int a = 5;

int *ptr = &a;

solve(ptr);

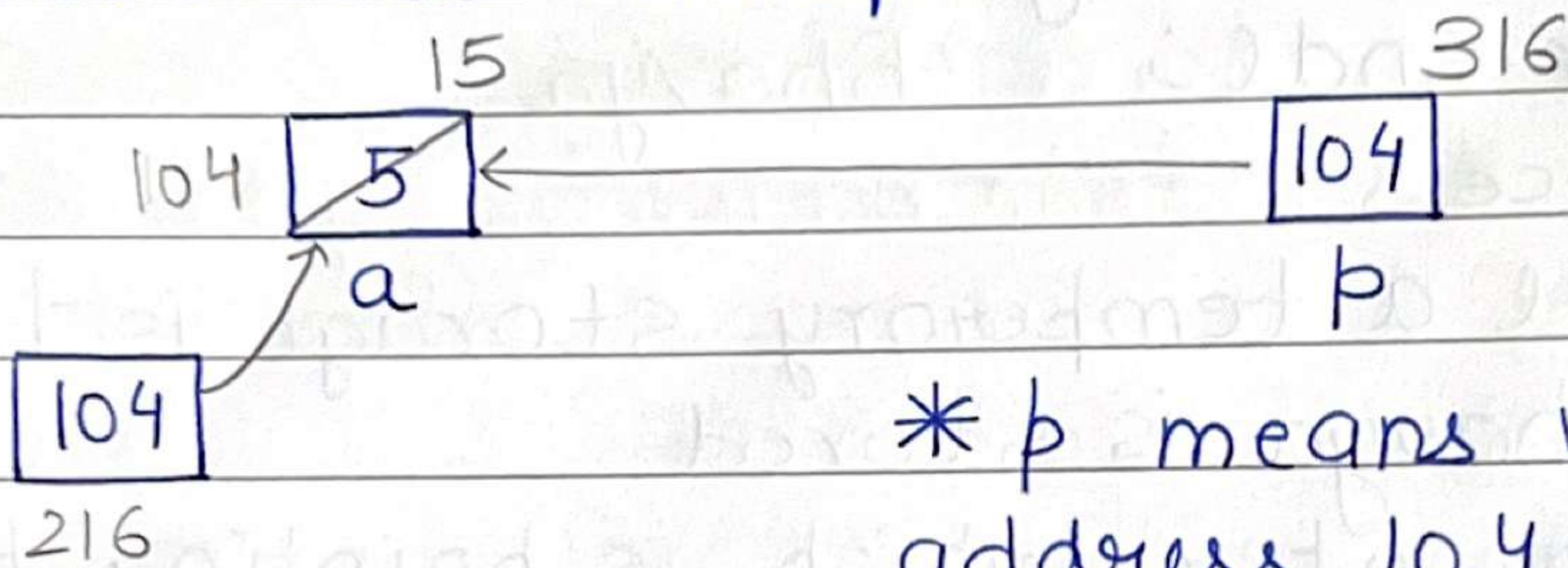
}

solve(int *p) {

*p = *p + 10;

}

Here a will get modified to 15 as by reference concept is used.

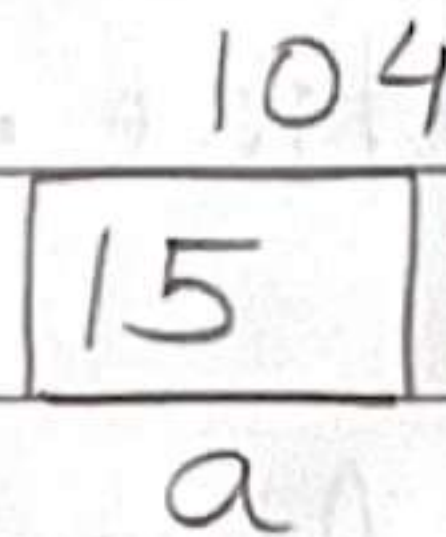


*p means value at address 104 i.e. 5

*p = 5 + 10

*p = 15

↪



solve(ptr); // This is copying of ptr to p.

Ex → main() {

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

int *p = &arr[1];

int *q = &arr[2];

update(p, q);

// print entire array

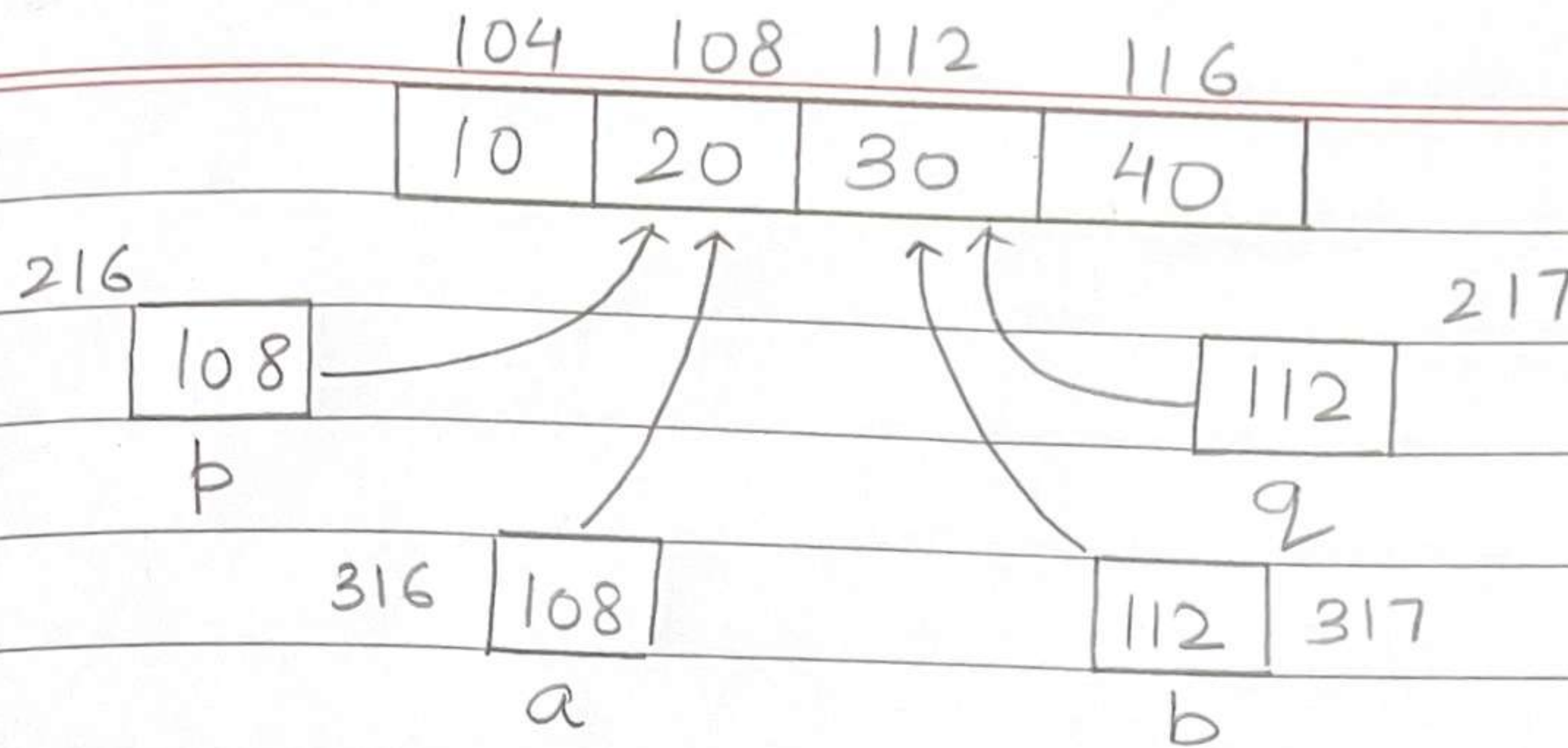
}

update(int *a, int *b) {

*a = 100;

*b = 200;

}



* a \Rightarrow value at 108

* a = 100 ;

* b \Rightarrow value at 112

* b = 200 ;

10	100	30	40
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10	100	200	40
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o/p \rightarrow 10 100 200 40