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# sending in data

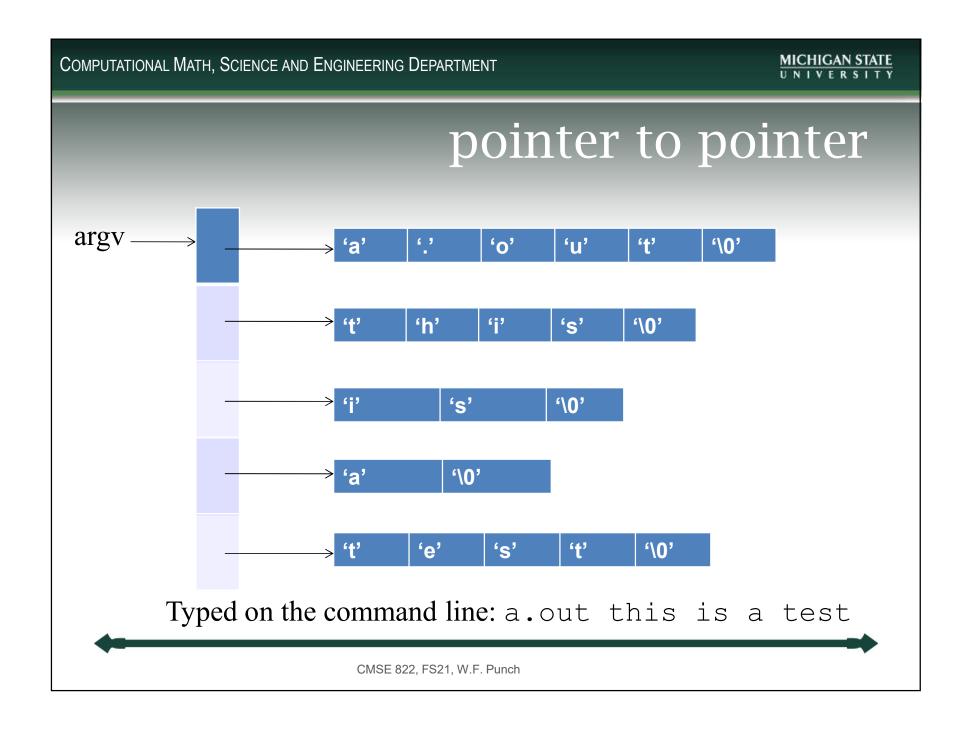
Good if we could send in data from the command line:

- provide data on the command line that the program could process
- Allow us to change how we run the program
- imitate Unix commands

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main(int argc, char \*\*argv)

- can now add parameters to main
- **argc** is a count of how many command args there were (including the program name)
- what the heck is char \*\*argv?



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## argv

- argv points to an array, and each element of that array points to another array, an array of chars (a string)
- we can reference argv[0], which is a pointer to a char array, a string, and process it

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## atoi and the like

You can convert a string to a number using atoi, atol, atof, atod (int, long, float, double) assuming that the string is indeed a number.

You must

#include<cstdlib>

Things brought in from C are automatically in the main namespace (no need for std:: )

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## names don't matter

- the variables can be named anything you like, but argc and argv are traditional
- argc is always at least 1 (the name of the program counts) and argv[0] points to the name of the program

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## check usage

 You can check for proper usage of the command line and report back with the proper call if the user does it wrong.

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