

Module (3)

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① functions

Introduction :-

- function can be execute if call.
function has return type and formal arguments.

int max (int x, int y){ } ^{→ formal arguments} function definition
return (x>y)? x:y; }

void main() {

 int a=10, b=20 ^{→ Actual parameters}
 int maximum = max(a,b); # function call.
 printf ("maximum is", maximum);
}

→ Actual and formal parameters.

If function is declared below the main() then declare the function above main() as

#include < > }
int max (int, int); } Declaration
void main() or }
you can declare the complete function above
main().

We can't return an array because it contains multiple elements.

- i) Call by value
- ii) Call by reference

C provide only call by value. If we change the formal parameters the actual parameters will not change.

Ex →

```
void fun (int y) {
    y = 30;
```

```
void main () {
    int x = 20;
    fun (x);
    printf ("%d", x);
```

Call by Value

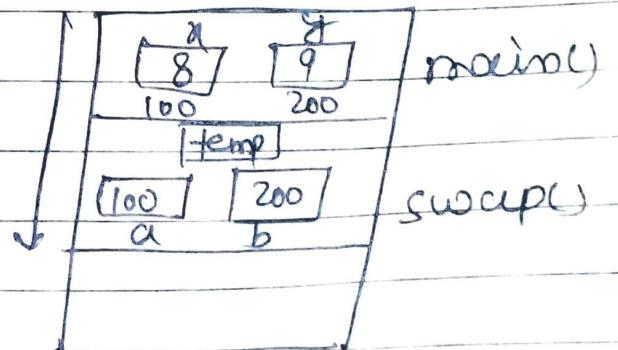
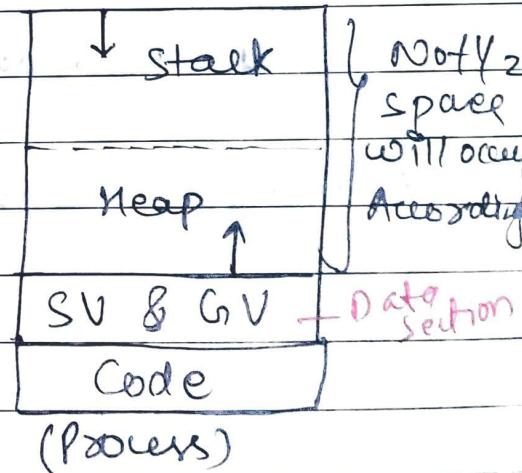
O/p → 20

Swapping two variables :-

```
#include
void swap (int &a, int &b)
void main () {
    int x, y;
    scanf ("%d %d", &x, &y);
    Swap (&x, &y);
    printf ("After swapping x : %d
            y : %d", x, y);
}
```

```
Void swap (int &a, int &b) {
    int temp;
    temp = *b;
    *b = *a;
    *a = temp}
```

Activation Record



In the previous case we passed the address value so, it is also a call by value not call by reference

Write a function to implement pow() function:

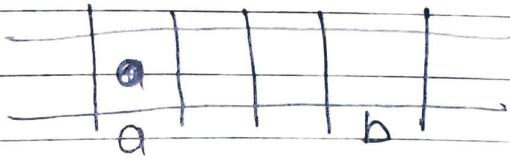
```
int power (int base, int n)
{
    int p;
    for (p=1; n>0; --n){
        p=p*base;
    }
    return p;
}
```

#include <math.h>
pow(a,b)
 a^b

① Always take care of the typecasting of variable and its format specifier.

② Always choose a suitable type for variable.

— x —
Pointers in C



In C memory accessed as a one-D array

char a (1 byte say) # Declare a variable make
int b (2 byte say) the access easy.

Ways to access a variable -

- i) By name → easy to store
- ii) By address (fast to access) → fast to implement

If you access a variable by name then it converts into logical address and then physical address.

Dynamically created data structure accessed using pointers.

Pointer is a variable supposed to contain the address of another variable or entity.

Declaration - `int *p;`

`p = &b; but p ≠ [8(a+b*c)]`

You can get the address of variables only, not the expression because expressions are not declared in the memory.

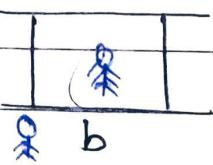
Pointers saved the starting address.

for any type of variable pointer variable always have a same size.

We can also declare as `char *p;` or `float *p;` but it arises a problem called address arithmetic.

- * → dereferencing or indirection operator.
- & → reference operator

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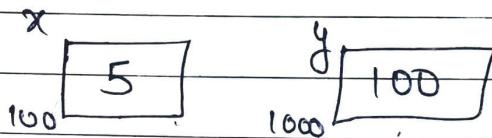


`int *p;
 p = &b;`

then "`p`" means you are at the door of variable
 and "`*p`" means you are inside the variable.

Ex →

`int x=5;
 int *y = &x;
 print("%d", x); → 5
 print("%u", &x); → 100
 print("%u", y); → 100
 print("%d", *y); → 5
 print("%u", &y); → 1000`



`&` → gives address , `*` → gives values at address

Q What will be the output [Gate - 2020)

`void f(int*p, int*q)`

{

`p = q; — i)`

`*p = 2; — ii)`

3

- i) 22
- ii) 24
- iii) 01
- iv) 02 ✓

`int i=0, j=1;`

`int main()`

{

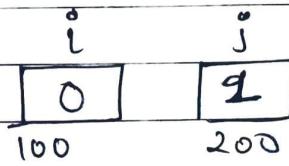
`f(&i, &j);`

`printf ("%d %d", i, j);`

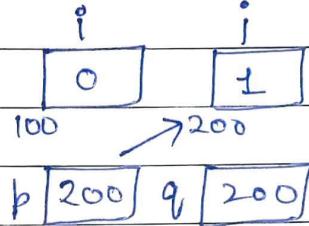
`return 0;`

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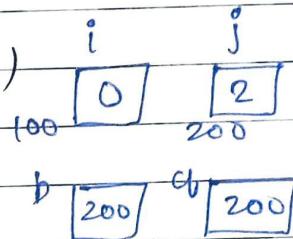
Soln Initially



After - (i)



After (ii)



Ans $i=0, j=2$ (iv)

Pointers and function

main() {

int a = 3, b = 4;

swap(a, b);

}

void swap (int x, int y) {

int temp;

temp = x;

x = y;

y = temp; }

this code will swap
 only formal parameters
 x, y bcoz they are
 locally declared but
 a and b remains
 unswapped actual
 parameters.

Soln

Send \rightarrow swap(&a, &b);

Receive \rightarrow void swap(int *x, int *y);

$*x \rightarrow a$
 $*y \rightarrow b$

int temp;

temp = $*x$; (a)

(a) $*x = *y$; (b)

(b) $*y = temp$;

it will swap
 the value on
 a and b

Pointers and Arrays -

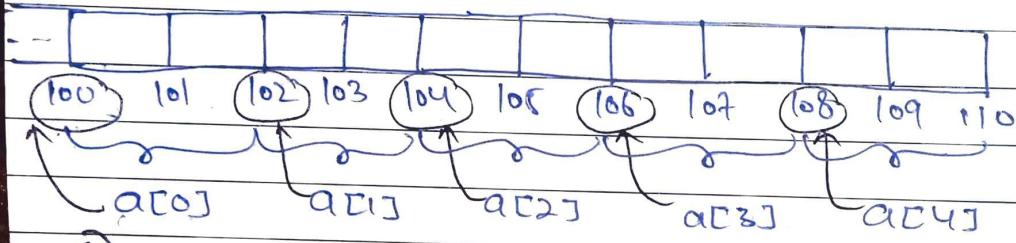
$a[5]$ Block of contiguous m/m space

System is byte addressable \rightarrow Every byte is going to get a different addressable

Systems can be word addressable also.

Ex $\text{int } a[5];$ # a is not a variable just a mnemonic
Byte addressable

$\text{int} = 2 \text{ Byte}$, $\text{int } *p; p = \&a[0];$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{(I)} \quad & "a" = 100 \\ & "*a" = a[0] \\ & "a+1" = 102 \\ & "a+2" = 104 \\ & "a+3" = 106 \\ & "a+4" = 108 \end{aligned}$$

In general

$a+i = a + (i \times \text{size of datatype})$
data is int in our case.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(II)} \quad & * (a+1) = a[1] \\ & * (a+2) = a[2] \dots \text{so on.} \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{(III)} \quad & \# (a+3) = \&a[3] \\ & \# (a+1) = \&a[1] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(IV)} \quad & p \\ & \boxed{100} \quad \text{then } p = p+1 \text{ implies } \boxed{102} \end{aligned}$$

So, declaration of datatype for a pointer as a int is appropriate due to arithmetic of addition.

$$*(p+3) = a[3] = b[3]$$

~~$p+3 = (p+3) = a + 3 = \& a[3] \& a[3]$~~

Difference between a and p

a is mnemonic but p is variable so,

$$\begin{array}{l} a=a+1; \\ a++ \\ a=p; \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Not} \\ \text{possible} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} p=p+1; \\ p++ \\ p=a; \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Possible} \\ \checkmark \end{array}$$

function

If we passed array through ~~array~~, it accept to about the base address and access as a pointers.

Pointers arithmetic and address arithmetic

Valid Pointers Operation

① Assignment of pointers of the same datatype

char *c;

int *p, *q, a[];

p = q;

q = p;

p = a;

a = p; $\#$ Not possible.

We can assign one pointer to other if they have same datatype otherwise do typecasting.

So,

$$\boxed{p = (int *)c}$$

This typecasting don't be needed if c is a wide pointer.

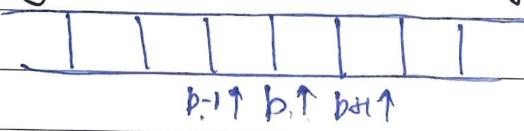
Although, there is not much issue with declaration of pointer in any type but on increment or any other operation, it generates confusion of scalability also.

$$a + i = a + i(\text{size of char}) \rightarrow \text{Both will generate}$$

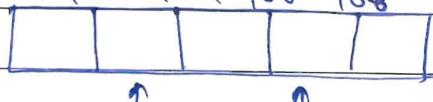
$$a + i = a + i(\text{size of int})$$

But pointers have to opt the same size for every variable.

② Adding or Subtracting a pointer an integer



③ Subtracting or comparing two pointers of same arrays



if ($p < q$)
 printf ("b pointes no. lesser than q")
 or,

number between p and q,

$$\begin{aligned} & "q - p + 1" \\ & = \frac{(106 - 102) + 1}{2} = 3 \end{aligned}$$

3 numbers including p and q

We divide by 2 due to memory scaled up by 2.

④ Assigning or comparing to zero.

define NULL 0
then, ($p == 0$) can be used

↳ Looks good to use
NULL either 0.

Character pointers and functions :-

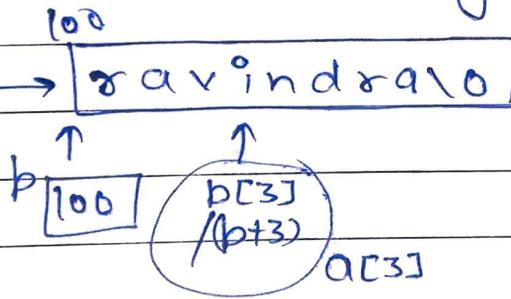
printf ("asyan")

"asyan" is a character array but treated here as a string constant

{ Char a[8] = "savindra";
char *p = "savindra";

s	a	v	i	n	d	r	a	h	o
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	

→ We can modify the character array but not character string.



→ We can't modify the value but only access using pointers

Ex

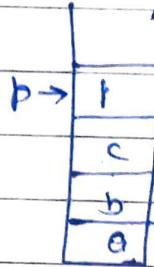
/* strcpy : copy t to s */
void strcpy (char *s, char *t)
{
 while (*s++ = *t++);
}

Good Example
of
Coding
Technique

On assigning value NULL complete expression become NULL and move out from loop.

Example of Stack

Push()



* p = value; } * p++ = value
p++;

Pop()

p--; } value = * --p;
value = * p;

good

Q What does the following fragment of C-program point Gate - [2011]

100	200	102	103
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C[3]

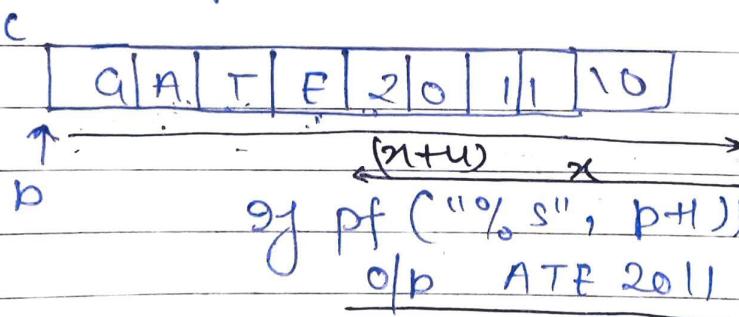
char s = "GATE2011";

(char *p = &s); # pointing C[0]

printf ("%s", p + p[3] - p[1]);

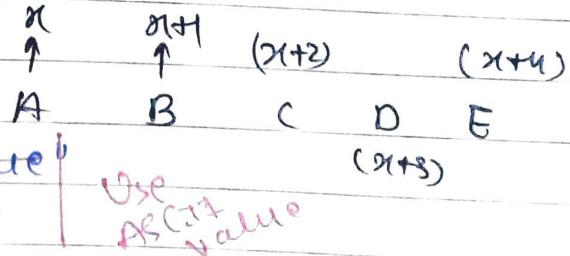
- (A) GATE 2011 (B) E 2011 (C) 2011 (D) O 11

Soln If printf ("%s", p) it means start from p[0] till '\0'.



p → G

p[3] → "E" # takes its ASCII value
p[1] = "A" # take ASCII value

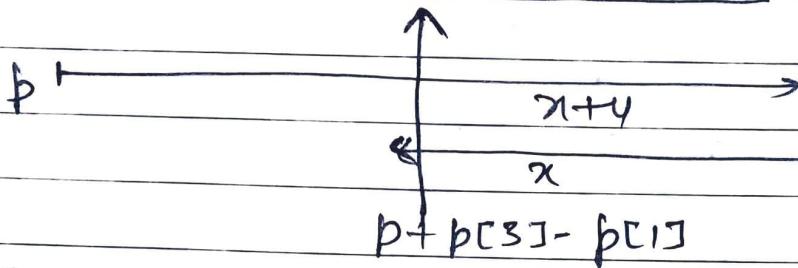


$p + p[3]$ → moves the cursor (x+4) away from p.

$p + p[3] - p[1]$ → come back the cursor by x.

then,

a	A	T	E	2	0	1	1	\0
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----



So, answer will be (2011) \rightarrow CC

Ex `printf ("%s\n");`

`printf ("%d", strlen(sai));`

↓ return the no. of characters.

O/p \rightarrow sai

sai 4

If you give (%s) then it will print till '\0' from the given starting address.

Q what is the O/p pointed by following C-program

#include <stdio.h>

int main()

{

Char a[6] = "world";

Pnt i, j;

for (i=0, j=5; i < j; a[i+1] = a[j-1]) ;

printf ("%s\n", a);

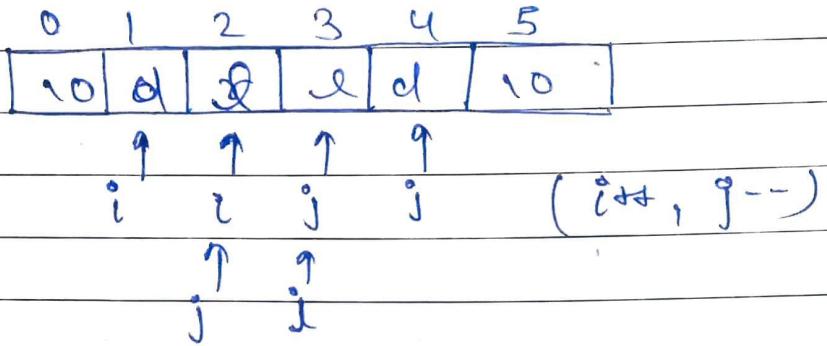
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- A) dlsow B) NullString C) dldl D) worow

Soln

a	w	o	r	l	d	\0
i=0	1	2	3	4	5	j=5

before increment or decrement, do $a[i] = a[j]$

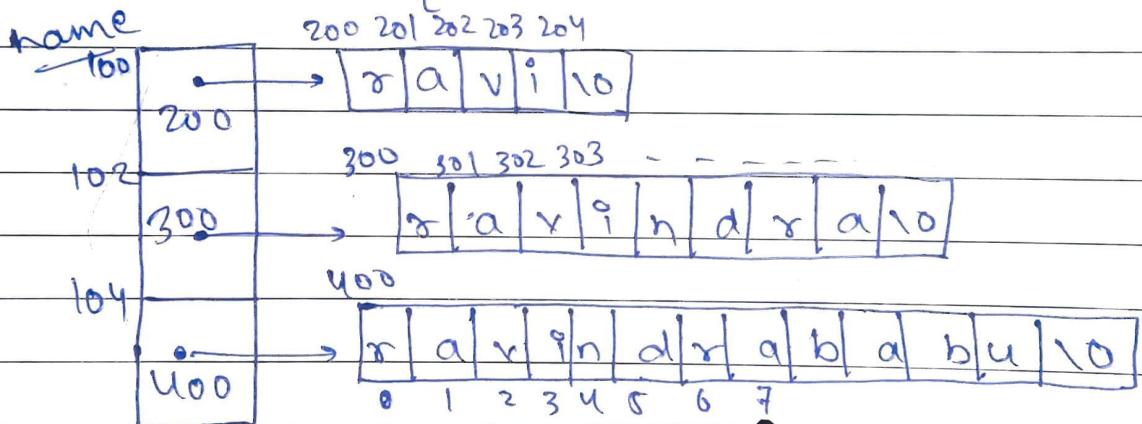


So $a[0] = a \Rightarrow '0'$

So, output will be NULL string (B)

Array of pointers and multidimension array

Char *name[] = {"ravi", "ravindra", "ravindrababu"}



To point ravindra → printf ("%s", *name+1)

If printf ("%s", *name+1)
→ point [avi]

printf ("%c", (*name+2)+7)) → it will print 'a'
in third string. ↓
[name[2]+7]

Using multidimension array - !

Char array [3][13] = {"ravi", "ravindra",
"ravindrababu"},

0	r	a	v	i	n	o						
1	r	a	v	i	n	d	r	a	v			
2	r	a	v	i	n	d	r	a	b	a	b	u

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

↑ array[2][7]

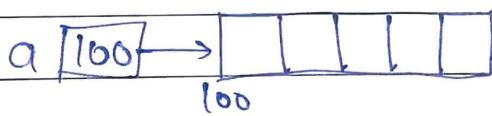
* [All the rows are of same size, either your space used or not]

But in array pointers we have liberty to take row size as needed. (Size may be different)

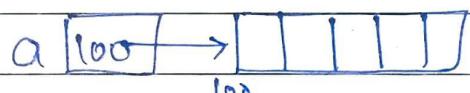
* Array in pointer is more useful than multidimension array but little tough to access.

Multidimensional arrays, pointers and function calls :-

fun(int a[5])

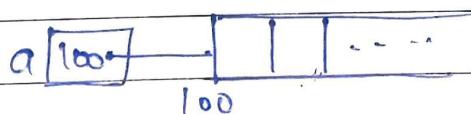


fun (int *a)



All are same

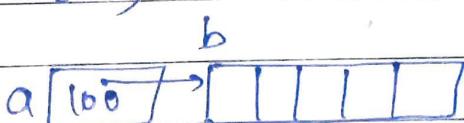
fun (int a[])



int b[5]

fun(b)

fun(int a[5])



Print b[5][6]. . .

fun(b)

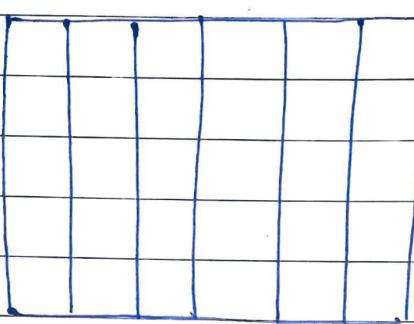
fun(int a[5][6]) → This is also fine

fun(int a[5][6])

↑ ↳ But this is better approach.

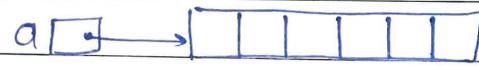
b

Same

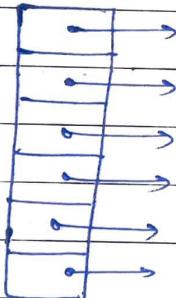


fun(int (*a)[6])

↳ a is an pointer pointed to 6 elements array.



int *a[6] → a is an array pointed to 6 different integers.

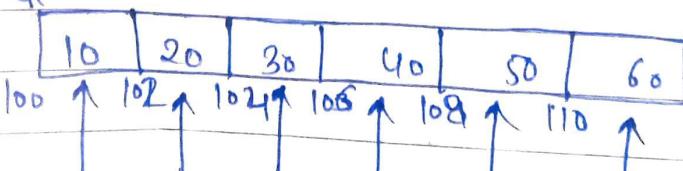


Question on pointer to pointers and array of pointers?

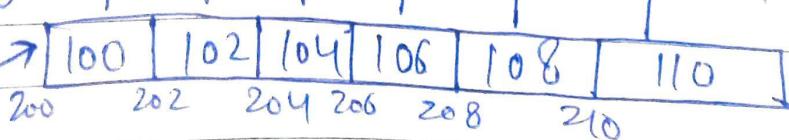
[Question Code is given after Solution]

SOL

a



p



Solution

$$a[3] = *(a+3) = *(p[3]) = **(p+3)$$

$$= **(pp+3)$$

After line ④ $p \rightarrow (p+1)$

Output :-

Line pp $\boxed{202}$

$$\textcircled{5} \quad pp - p = \frac{(202 - 200)}{2} = 1$$

$$*pp - a = \frac{102 - 100}{2} = 1$$

$$**pp = 20$$

$$\text{Line 6} \rightarrow *pp++ = 104 \quad pp \quad \boxed{204}$$

$$\text{Line 7} \rightarrow pp - p = \frac{204 - 200}{2} = 2$$

$$*pp - a = \frac{104 - 100}{2} = 2$$

$$**pp = 30$$

Line 8 \rightarrow ~~Address~~ Value $[104 \rightarrow 106]$ in $p[3]$
 and start pointing value 40 in $a[3]$.

$$\text{Line 9} \rightarrow pp - p = \frac{204 - 200}{2} = 2, *pp - a = \frac{106 - 100}{2} = 3$$

$$**pp = 40$$

Line 10 \rightarrow $(++(x + pp))$

Value $u_0 \rightarrow u_1$ in $a[]$.

Line 11

$$pp - p = 2$$

$$+ pp - a = 3$$

$$++pp = \underline{u_1}$$

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Problem Code

C1

main() {

int a[] = {10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60}; —①

int *p[] = {a, a+1, a+2, a+3, a+4, a+5, a+6}; —②

int **pp = p; —③

④ pp++;

⑤ printf ("%d %d %d", pp - p, *pp - a, **pp); —⑥
 * pp++;

⑦ printf ("%d %d %d", pp - p, *pp - a, **pp); —⑧
 ** pp;

⑨ printf ("%d %d %d", pp - p, *pp - a, ***pp); —⑩
 *** pp;

⑪ printf ("%d %d %d", pp - p, *pp - a, ****pp); —⑫
 **** pp;

⑫

Solution of this question is discussed
before the questions.

#include <stdio.h>

①;

On problem code on left page.

int r = 10;

int *q = &r;

int **rq = &q;

printf ("facts = == == == == \n");

printf (" Value of r and address of r is: %d %u\n", r, &r);

printf (" Value of q and address of q is: %d %u\n", q, &q);

printf (" Value of rq and address of rq is: %d %u\n", rq, &rq);

printf (" - - - - - \n");

printf (" value of r => r = %d , *q = %d , **rq = %u \n",
r, *q, **rq);

printf (" Add. of r => &r = %u , q = %u , *rq = %u , &r, q,
*rq);

printf (" Value of q => q = %u , &rq = %u \n", q, &rq);

printf (" address of rq => &rq = %u \n", &rq);

printf (" address of q => &q = %u , &q = %u \n", &q, &q);

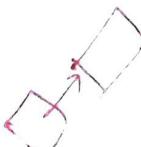
printf (" Value of rq => &rq = %u \n", &rq);

// printf (" Value of *q , *rq , **rq using more: %u
%u %u \n", *q, *rq, **rq);

printf (" == == == == == == == == \n");

②;

Surprise



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Not imp or even
ask in Gate Exam

Just for the sake of knowledge

Pointers to function

`int * fp (int, int) → fp is a function that
returns a pointer to integers`

```
int (*fp)(int, int); }  
fp = sum;
```

`S = sum(5, 6); } Both are equivalent`
`S = (*fp)(5, 6) }`

`void * (*gp) (void *, void *) → gp is a pointer which
points to a function of
arguments type void * and returns void*`

`int * sum (int *, int *)`

If we want to declare sum() using gp then
we need to do type casting.

So,

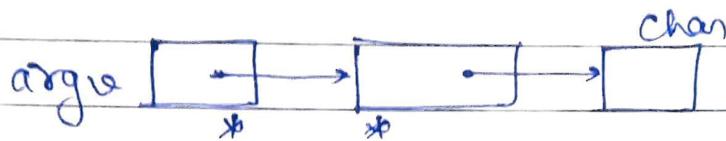
`gp = (void * (void *, void *)) sum;`

On assigning information from one type of pointer
to another or do typecasting, there is no
loss of information.

Some Complex declaration → Just for sake of knowledge, not for Gate exam

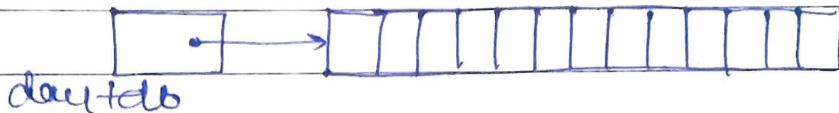
① Char ** argue

Passing a function to main() is not very easy because main() is not called by the user.



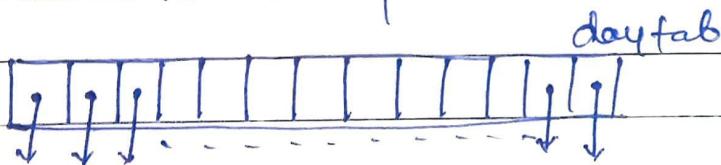
② int (*daytab)[13]

✓ Daytab is a pointer to an array of 13 integers.



③ int *daytab[13]

✓ daytab is an array of 13 integer which are all pointers to integers.



④ void *comp()

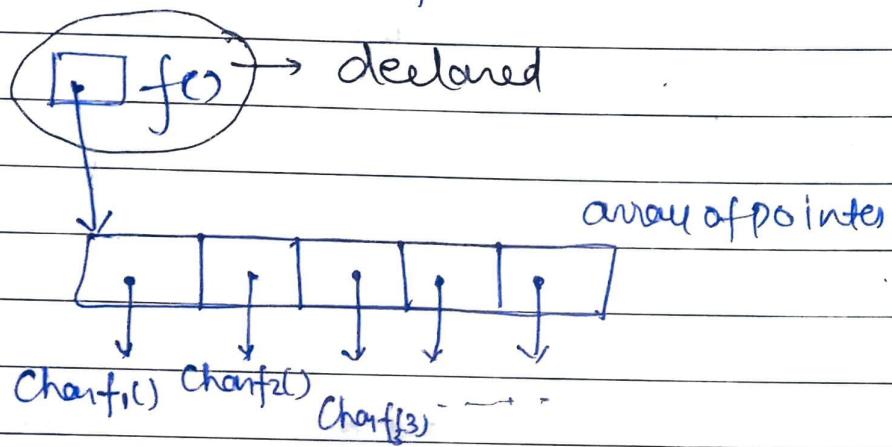
Comp is function, returning a pointer to void.

⑤ Char (*comp)()

Comp is a pointer to a function, that returns a character.

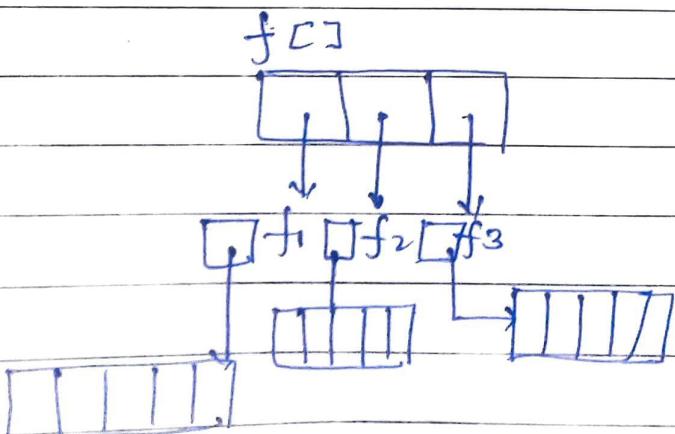
⑥ $\text{char } (*(*f[\cdot]))[\cdot]$

f is a fn returns a pointer to the array of
pointers to a function returns a characters



⑦ $\text{char } (*(*f[3]))[\cdot][\cdot]$

f is an array of 3 elements, which are pointers
to functions returning pointer to array of
5 elements which are characters



Extra Information regarding

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$((i++) \% 2)$ → In this instruction first modulus operator operate then increment will occur.

$$\binom{m}{n} = m \text{ (n returns 1 when } m \leq n \text{ or } m < n) \\ \Rightarrow (n=20) \text{ if } (m=n)$$

Strings 10010010 and 01001001 are same

Reason behind declare a pointer normally const is
pointer arithmetic

Specifier	Storage	Initial v.	Scope	Life
auto	Stack	Garbage	Within block	End of block
extern	Data seg.	Zero	Global	Till end of prog.
static	Data seg.	Zero	Within block	Till end of prog.
register	Register	Garbage	Within block	End of blocks