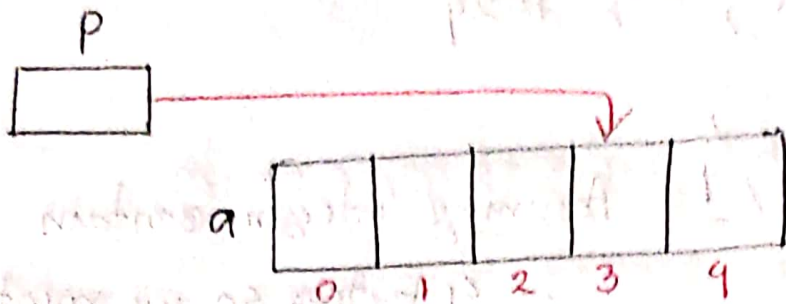


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# Pointer Arithmetic (Subtraction)



Backwards

$$p = p - 3$$

3-step

Initially, if  $p$  points to  $a[i]$ , then

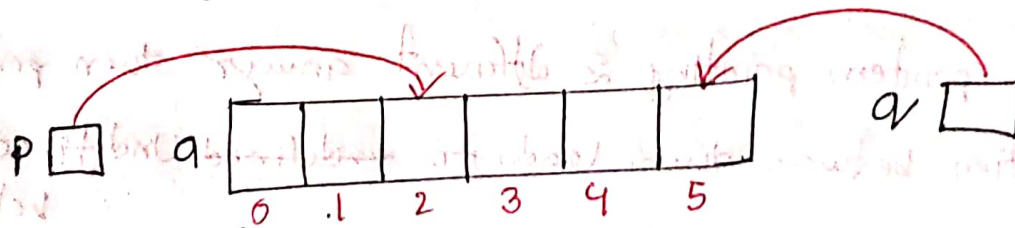
$$p = p - j \equiv \&a[i - j]$$

$$\equiv \&a[3 - 3] = \&a[0]$$

$$p = 1002 - 3 \times 4 = 1006$$

[Integer contain 4 byte]

⇒ Subtracting one pointer from another,



$$q - p = 3$$

$$p - q = -3$$

just subtraction of index

let  $P = 1008$ ,  $Q = 1024$

$$Q - P = 16/4$$

Assuming integers contain 4 bytes so, we must divide by (4)

Hand

⇒ Performing arithmetic on pointers which are not pointing to array element leads to undefined behavior.

```
int main() {
```

```
    int i = 10; / i is a variable / not array
```

```
    int *p = &i;
```

```
    printf("%d", *p(p+3)); / Not array so
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

(p+3) doesn't exist

This will occur

undefined behavior.

⇒ If two pointers pointing 2 different arrays then performing subtraction between them leads to ~~undefined~~ Undefined behavior.

```
int a[7] = {1, 2, 3}
```

```
int b[3] = {6, 7, 8}
```

```
int *p = &a[0];
```

```
int *q = &b[0];
```

```
printf("%d", q - p);
```

Undefined behaviour

two different arrays