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# Advanced C Programming & Lab

## 9. Pointers

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# Outline

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- 1) **Pointers?**
- 2) Arrays and Pointers
- 3) Pointer Operation
- 4) Pointer Arguments
- 5) Arrays of Pointers

# 1) Pointers?

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- **Memory**

- A place where information is stored to execute a program
- Each 1 byte (8 bits) has a physical address
- Conceptually, a series of spaces of size 1byte
- Generally, size of an address is 4 bytes, represented as a hexadecimal number

## Memory Address

0x003BDC97	0x003BDC98	0x003BDC99	0x003BDCA0	0x003BDCA1	0x003BDCA2	0x003BDCA3
0000 1101	0100 1010	0000 0001	0000 0000	0001 0010	1111 1110	1110 1101

Value stored in a memory

Example (byte)

# 1) Pointers?

## ▪ Variables and Memory

- When declaring a variable, a memory location is assigned to the variable
- &: the starting address of a variable

```
int a = 0;  
printf("%d...%p", a, &a); // %#X: hexadecimal
```

Result:

0...003BDC98

Address

0x003BDC97	0x003BDC98	0x003BDC99	0x003BDCA0	0x003BDCA1	0x003BDCA2	0x003BDCA3
0000 1101	0000 0000	0000 0000	0000 0000	0000 0000	1111 1110	1110 1101

Variable a – memory allocation (4bytes) : once allocated, it is fixed

# 1) Pointers?

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- **Print the address using printf()**

- Address is an integer
  - ✓ Print as a decimal (%d) or hexadecimal (%x) number
  - ✓ Compilation Warning
- Conversion specification
  - ✓ **%p** : as a hexadecimal number

```
int a;  
  
printf("%d\n", &a);    // Compilation Warning  
printf("%#x\n", &a);  // Compilation Warning  
printf("%X\n", &a);    // Compilation Warning  
printf("%p\n", &a);
```

Result

```
3923096  
0x3bcd98  
3BDC98  
003BDC98
```

# 1) Pointers?

- **Meaning of variables in C**

1. **Allocated space** (Not address)

- ✓ Variables on the left side (l-value) in an assignment or declaration statement

2. **Stored value**

- ✓ Variables on the right side (r-value) in an assignment statement or selection statement

```
char c1, c2;    // Allocate a space for c1, c2
c1 = c2;        // Store the value of c2 in the allocated space for c1
if( c1 < c2 )   // if the value of c1 is smaller than the value of c2
printf("%c",c1); // Pass the value of c1
```

Address

0x003BDC97	0x003BDC98	0x003BDC99	0x003BDCA0	0x003BDCA1
0000 1101	0000 0000	0000 0000	0000 0000	0001 1010

c1

c2

# 1) Pointers? (Practice 1)

- **(Practice1) Print the address of a variable**

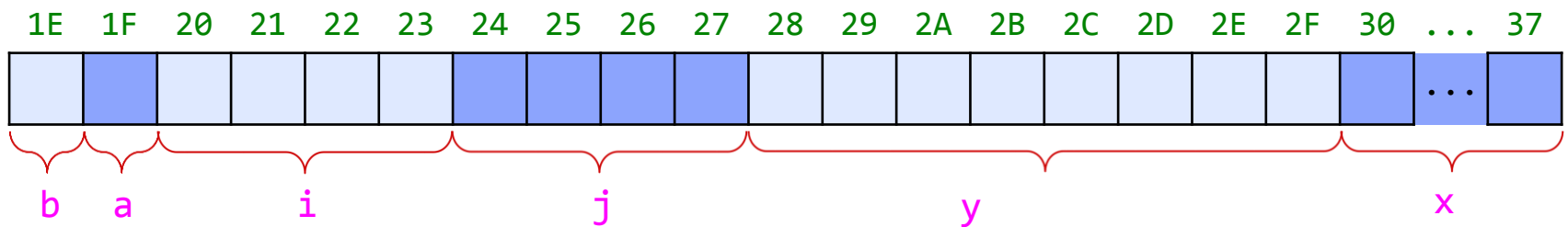
```
char a, b;  
int i, j;  
double x, y;
```

Result

```
a: 0018F91F, b: 0018F91E  
i: 0018F924, j: 0018F920  
x: 0018F930, y: 0018F928
```

- Memory

Address (last two digits are only shown)



# 1) Pointers? (Practice 2)

- (Practice2) Print the address of the elements in an array.

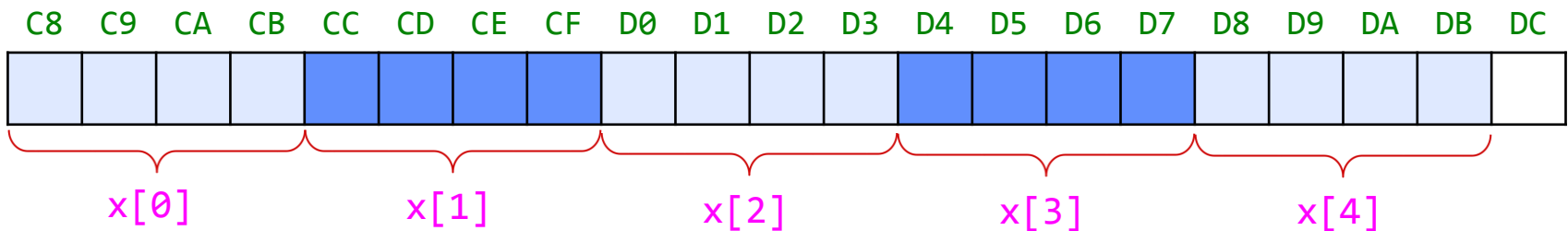
Result

```
int x[5];
```

```
x[0]: 001FFEC8  
x[1]: 001FFECB  
x[2]: 001FFED0  
x[3]: 001FFED4  
x[4]: 001FFED8
```

- Memory

Address (last two digits are only shown)





# 1) Pointers?

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- **Pointers: Data Type**

- Refer to the **Address of a variable**
- Point to a variable
- Address is a number, but not always int type
- Should declare as a pointer variable

# 1) Pointers?

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- **Declaration**

- data type + \* (indicate a pointer) + variable name
- int type pointer: point int type variable
- float type pointer: point float type variable

- ✓ Place \*

- ✓ ex)

```
char *pch;  
int *pnum;
```

- ✓ pch: **character type pointer** variable

- ✓ pnum: **int type pointer** variable

→ pch and pnum store the address of different data types

# 1) Pointers?

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- **Declaration**

- Place (\*) next to data type or variable name

<div><code>char    *pch; int     *pnum;</code></div>	=	<div><code>char*    pch; int*     pnum;</code></div>
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- ✓ Generally, next to a variable name
- Can declare pointer variables and (normal) variables

`int *pnum1, num1=10, *pnum2, num2, arr[10];`

- ✓ int type pointer variable: pnum1, pnum2
- ✓ int type: num1, num2, num1 is 10
- ✓ int type array: arr

# 1) Pointers?

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- **Initialization**

```
int num, *pnum = &num;
```

- pnum: the address of a variable num
- (Warning!!) Compilation error

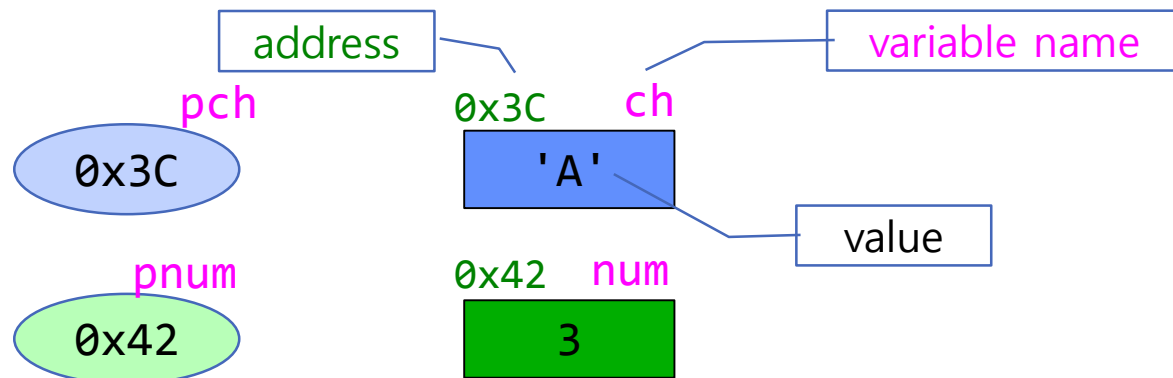
```
int *pnum = &num, num;          // Compilation error
```

- ✓ Do not know the address of a variable num

# 1) Pointers?

- **Assignment**
  - **Address only**

```
char ch='A';  
char *pch;  
int num=3, *pnum;  
  
pch = &ch;          // address of ch -> pch  
pnum = &num;         // address of num -> pnum  
  
printf("%c %p\n",ch, pch);    // print address: %p  
printf("%d %p\n",num, pnum);
```



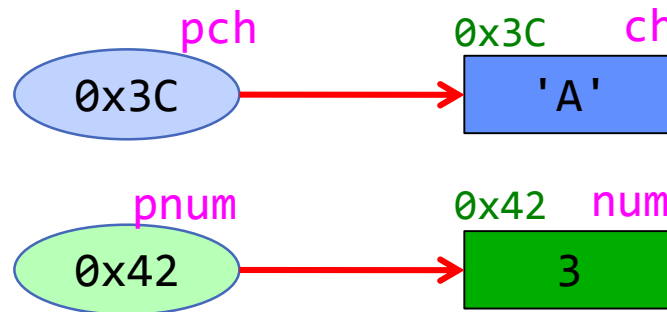
# 1) Pointers?

- **Assignment**

- Point a variable: Assign the address of a variable to a pointer variable (**arrow →**)

```
pch = &ch;    // assign the address of ch to pch  
pnum = &num;  // assign the address of num to pnum
```

- “a pointer variable pch points to a variable ch”



# 1) Pointers?

- **Pointer operator \***

- Access to the variable pointed by a pointer variable

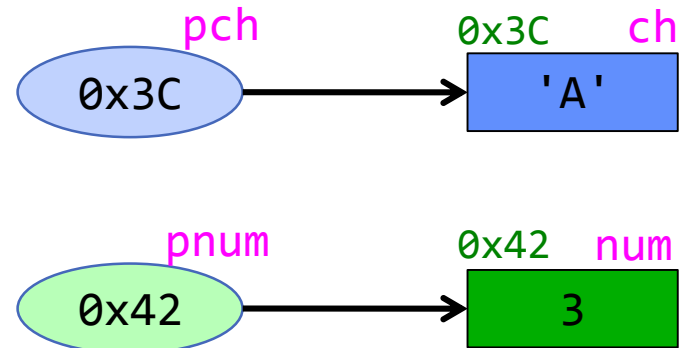
ex) \*pch : a variable that is pointed by a pointer variable pch  
a value that is stored in a memory location 0x3c

```
char ch='A', *pch;  
int num=3, *pnum;  
  
pch = &ch;  
pnum = &num;  
  
printf("%c %p\n", *pch, pch);  
printf("%d %p\n", *pnum, pnum);
```

Output Display:

A 001EA03C

3 001EA042



# 1) Pointers?

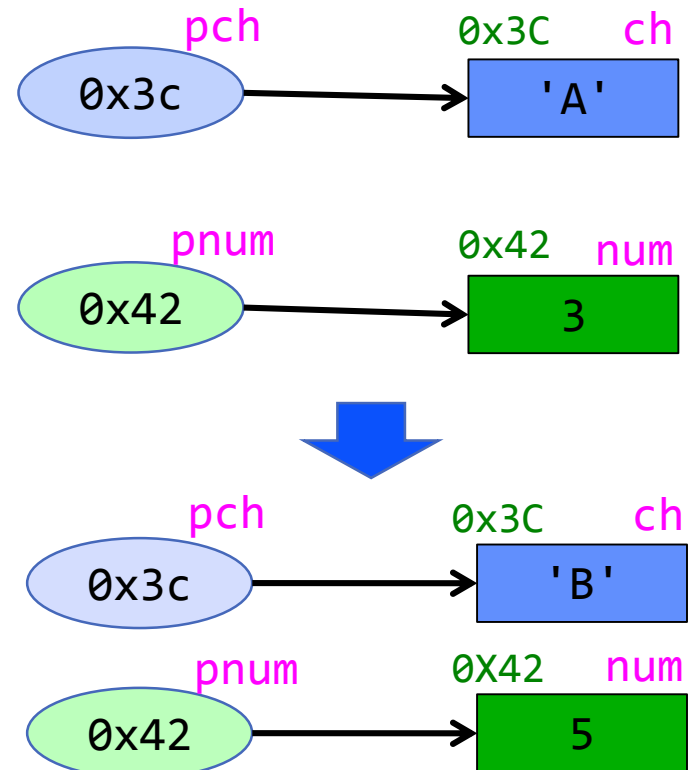
## ▪ Assignment

- Ex) `ch='B '` is equivalent to `*pch='B'`  
former: **direct access**, latter: **indirect access**

```
char ch='A', *pch;  
int num=3, *pnum;  
  
pch = &ch;  
pnum = &num;  
  
*pch = 'B';  
*pnum = 5;  
  
printf("%c\n", ch);  
printf("%d", num);
```

Output Display:

B  
5





# 1) Pointers?

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- **Example**

- \*pnum points to an integer
- Precedence of operators

```
int num=3, *pnum = &num;

*pnum = *pnum / 2 + 4;    // Integer operation:
                          //  assign 3/2+4=5 to num

if( *pnum == 5 )          // Integer comparison
    ++*pnum;              // Integer operation  ++(*pnum)
printf("%d", *pnum);      // As a function argument

Result:
6
```

# 1) Pointers? (Practice 3)

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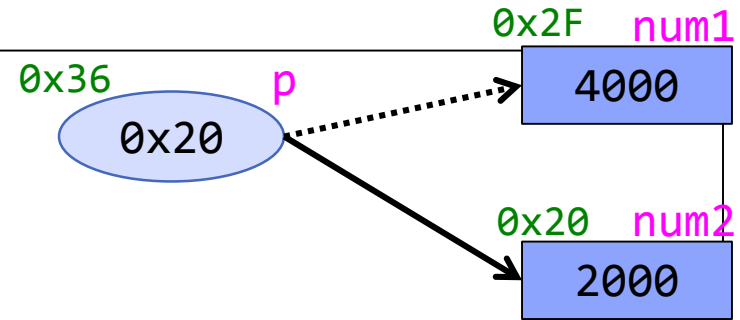
- **(Practice 3) Draw a memory diagram:**
  - ✓ Declare int type num1, num2 and int type pointer p, initializing with the address of num1 (one statement)
  - ✓ Assign 3000 to the variable pointed by p
  - ✓ Assign the value that p points out to num2
  - ✓ p points to num2
  - ✓ Decrease the value that p points out by 1000
  - ✓ Assign the value that p points out, multiplied by 2, to num1
  - ✓ Print out num1, num2, p
  - ✓ Print out the address of num1, num2, p

# 1) Pointers?

```
int num1, num2, *p = &num1;

*p = 3000;
num2 = *p;
p = &num2;
*p = *p - 1000;
num1 = *p * 2; // second *: multiplication
```

```
printf("Value: num1=%d num2=%d p=%p\n", num1, num2, p);
printf("Address: num1=%p num2=%p p=%p\n", &num1, &num2, &p);
```



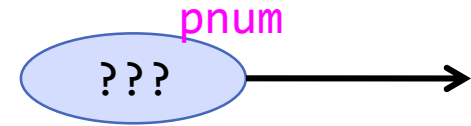
Do not know what a pointer is?

**Draw a diagram !!**

# 1) Pointers?

- **Caution 1 (Initialization)**

- No initialization?



```
int *pnum ;    // pnum: garbage value
*pnum = 9 ;    // Runtime error
```



```
int *pnum, num;
pnum = &num; // assign the address of a variable
*pnum = 9;
```

- **NULL Pointers**

- ✓ Do not point any variables
- ✓ In reality, it is 0. Selection statement treats it as false
- ✓ `pnum = NULL;`
- ✓ Likewise, a (normal) variable is initialized to 0

# 1) Pointers?

## ▪ Caution 2

- **&** : Any variables (including pointer variables)
  - ✓ A pointer variable is a variable (allocated in a memory)
- **\*** : Only pointer variables

```
int num=9, *pnum = &num;  
printf("%p %p %p\n", &pnum, pnum, *pnum);  
printf("%p %p %p\n", &num, num, *num); // Compilation error
```



# 1) Pointers?

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- **Caution 3 (Assignment)**

- Variable data type and pointer data type should be the same
  - ✓ Assign char type address to int type pointer?

```
char ch='A', *pch;  
int num=3, *pnum;  
  
pch = &num;    // compilation warning or error  
pnum = &ch;    // compilation warning or error  
  
*pch = 66;     // No error, but not a good way  
*pnum = 'a';   // May cause an error  
  
printf("%c\n", *pch);  
printf("%d\n", *pnum);
```

- ✓ Draw a memory diagram

# 1) Pointers?

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- **Caution 3 (Assignment)**

- Ex

```
char ch='A', *pch = &ch;  
int *pnum;  
  
pnum = pch;    // Compilation warning or error  
  
*pnum = 1024;  // May cause runtime error  
  
printf("%c\n", *pch);  
printf("%d\n", *pnum);
```

- Differing data types: no syntax error but may cause an error during execution

# 1) Pointers?

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- **Size of a pointer**

- Same as the size of the address (depending on the system)
- sizeof()

```
char *pch;  
int *pnum;  
double *pdnum;  
  
printf("%d,", sizeof(pch));  
printf("%d,", sizeof(pnum));  
printf("%d\n", sizeof(pdnum));
```

Result:

4,4,4

- **Regardless of pointer data type**, the same amount of memory space is needed



# Outline

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- 1) Pointers?
- 2) **Arrays and Pointers**
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## 2) Arrays and Pointers

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- **Name of an array**

- **Name of a (normal) variable**

- ✓ Value stored in a variable
    - ✓ &: address

```
int a = 9;

printf("%d %p", a, &a); // value, address
```

- **Name of an array: starting address of an array**

- ✓ b and &b refer to the same address

```
int b[10] = {0};

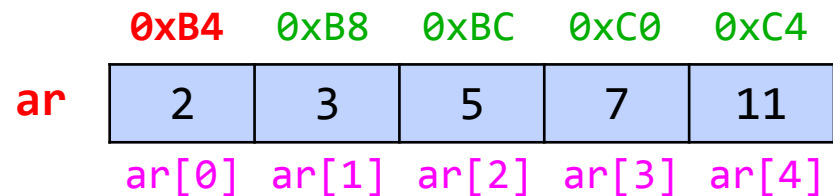
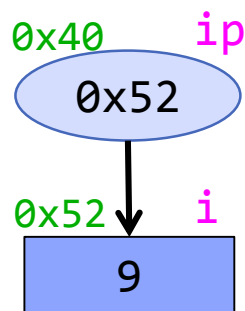
printf("%p %p", b, &b); // address of an array b
```

```
Output Display:
001ce2f0 001ce2f0
```

## 2) Arrays and Pointers

- (Normal) variable and array

(Normal) Variable	Array
<code>int i=9, *ip = &amp;i;</code>	<code>int ar[5]={2, 3, 5, 7, 11};</code>
<code>i</code> : value <code>ip</code> : address	<code>ar[2]</code> : value in <code>ar[2]</code> <b>ar</b> : starting address of <code>ar</code>
<code>&amp;i</code> : address of <code>i</code> <code>&amp;ip</code> : address of <code>ip</code>	<code>&amp;ar[2]</code> : address of <code>ar[2]</code> <b>&amp;ar</b> : starting address of <code>ar</code>



※ element of an array:  
equivalent to a (normal) variable

## 2) Arrays and Pointers

- **Access by address**

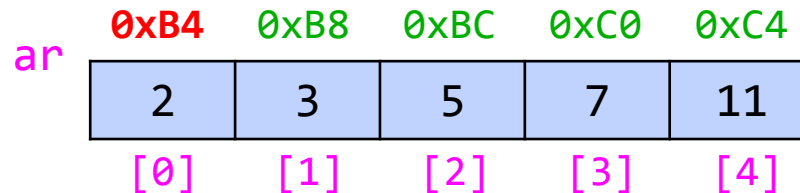
- Name of an array is an address, can use \*
  - ✓ `ar` : starting address of `ar`
  - ✓ `*ar` : value stored in the starting address -> first element

```
int ar[5]={2, 3, 5, 7, 11};
```

```
printf("%p %d %d\n", ar, ar[0], *ar);
```

Output Display:

```
001E40B4 2 2
```



## 2) Arrays and Pointers

- **Increment/Decrement (ar: 0xB4)**

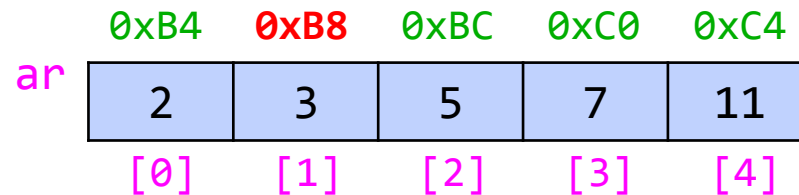
- ar+1 ? 0xB5 ? 0xB8 ?
- \*(ar+1)?

```
int ar[5]={2, 3, 5, 7, 11};
```

```
printf("%p %d %d\n", ar+1, ar[1], *(ar+1));
```

Output Display:

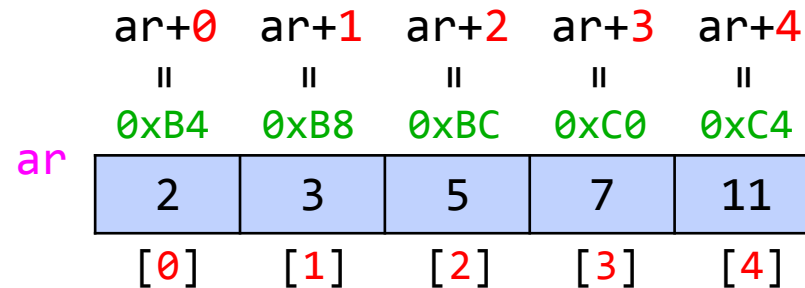
001E40B8 3 3



## 2) Arrays and Pointers

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- **Increment/Decrement: Depending on the size of a variable**
  - int type array: 4
  - **ar+i** : the address of **i** th element of an array ar
  - **\*(ar+i)** : the value of **i** th element of an array ar, i.e., ar[i]



## 2) Arrays and Pointers

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- **(Practice 4) Declare and print arrays and their elements**

```
char car[5]={'H','e','l','l','o'};  
double dar[5]={1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4, 5.5};
```

- ✓ car, car[0], \*car
- ✓ car+1, car[1], \*(car+1)
- ✓ car+2, car[2], \*(car+2)
  
- ✓ dar, dar[0], \*dar
- ✓ dar+1, dar[1], \*(dar+1)
- ✓ dar+2, dar[2], \*(dar+2)

## 2) Arrays and Pointers

- Pointers can be used to refer an array

✓ Address

	ar+0	ar+1	ar+2	ar+3	ar+4
	0xB4	0xB8	0xBC	0xC0	0xC4
ar	2	3	5	7	11

✓ Value

ar[0]	ar[1]	ar[2]	ar[3]	ar[4]
*(ar+0)	*(ar+1)	*(ar+2)	*(ar+3)	*(ar+4)

- Increment/decrement of an address: depending on the size of a variable

$$*(ar+i) = ar[i]$$



## 2) Arrays and Pointers

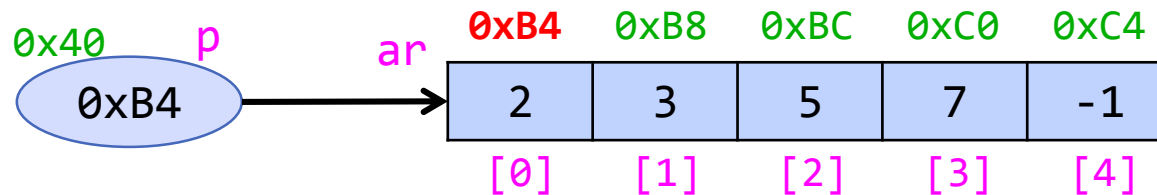
- **Assign an array to a pointer variable**
  - Name of an array is an address: Pointer

```
int ar[5]={2, 3, 5, 7, -1};  
int *p = ar;
```

```
printf("%p %d\n", p, *p);
```

Output Display:

001E40B4 2



## 2) Arrays and Pointers

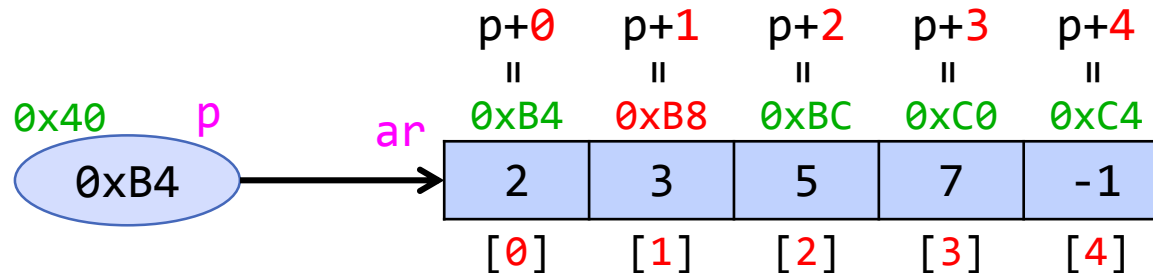
- **Increment/decrement: pointer variables**
  - Depending on the size of a variable

```
int ar[5]={2, 3, 5, 7, -1};  
int *p = ar;
```

```
printf("%p %d\n", p+1, *(p+1));
```

Output Display:

001E40B8 3



## 2) Arrays and Pointers

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- **Use a pointer variable as an array**
  - Index of an array

```
int ar[5]={2, 3, 5, 7, 11};  
int *p = ar;
```

```
printf("%p %d %d\n", p, p[0], *p);  
printf("%p %d %d\n", p+1, p[1], *(p+1));
```

Output Display:

```
001E40B4 2 2  
001E40B8 3 3
```

## 2) Arrays and Pointers

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- **(Practice 5) Declare and print pointer variables**

```
char car[5]={'H','e','l','l','o'}, *cp=car;  
double dar[5]={1.1, 2.2, 3.3, 4.4, 5.5}, *dp=dar;
```

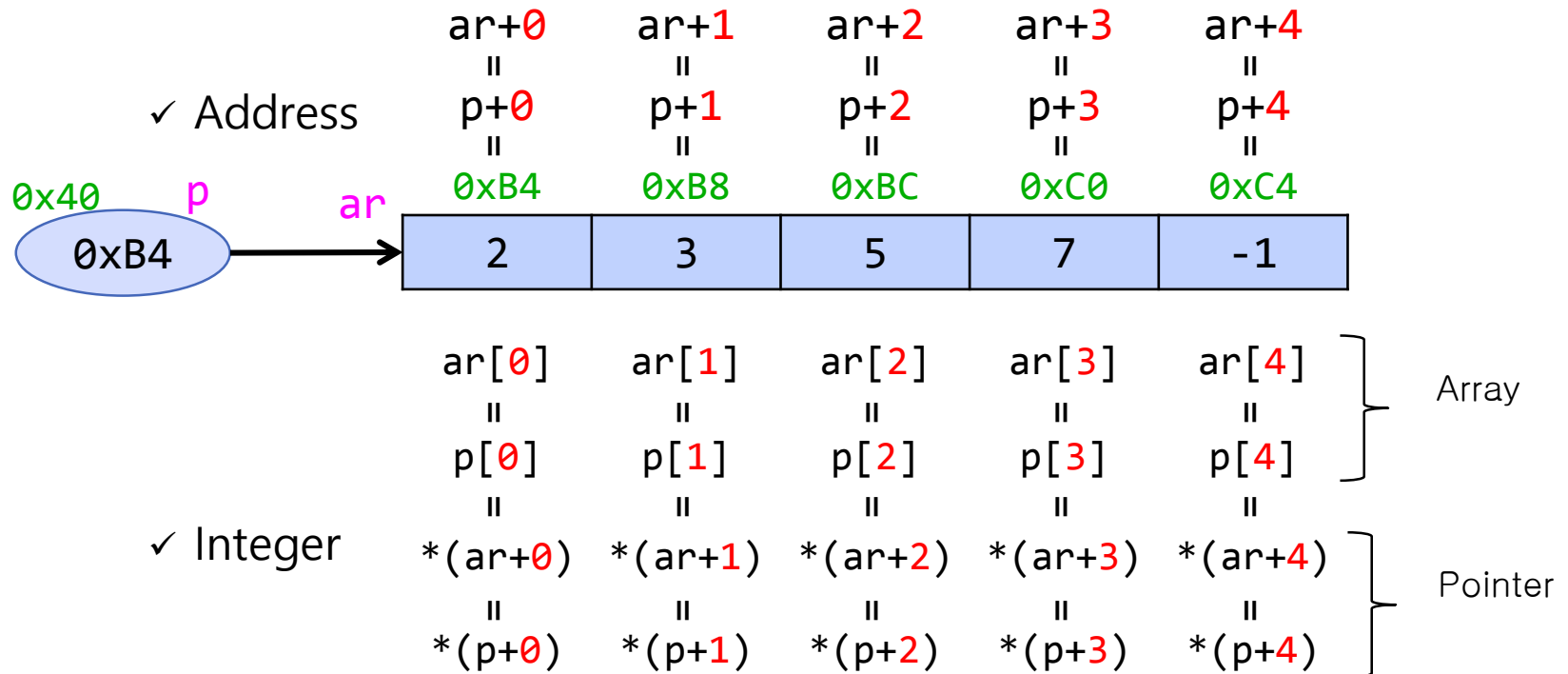
- ✓ cp, cp[0], \*cp
- ✓ cp+1, cp[1], \*(cp+1)
- ✓ cp+2, cp[2], \*(cp+2)
  
- ✓ dp, dp[0], \*dp
- ✓ dp+1, dp[1], \*(dp+1)
- ✓ dp+2, dp[2], \*(dp+2)

## 2) Arrays and Pointers

- Arrays and Pointers

- Both denote address

```
int ar[5], *p = ar;
```



## 2) Arrays and Pointers

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- **Arrays and Pointers**

```
int ar[5], *p = ar;
```

- Address + 1, increase by the size of a variable  
✓  $ar + 3$  ,  $p + 3$  : ar, p: address
- Access the value  
✓  $arr[3]$  ,  $p[3]$  : index  
✓  $*(arr+3)$  ,  $*(p+3)$  : pointer

Both refer to an address

## 2) Arrays and Pointers

### ▪ Caution 1

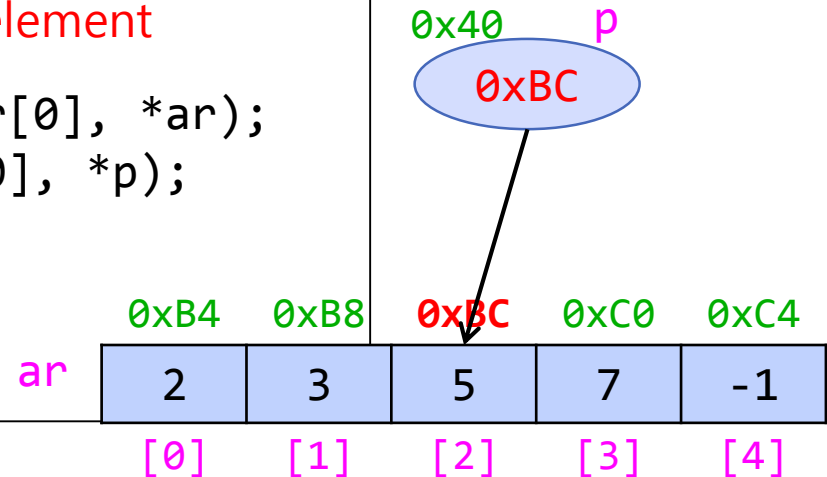
- Can point to any element of an array

```
int ar[5]={2, 3, 5, 7, -1};  
int *p = &ar[2];    // 2nd element  
  
printf("%p %d %d\n", ar, ar[0], *ar);  
printf("%p %d %d\n", p, p[0], *p);
```

**Result:**

001E40B4 2 2

001E40BC 5 5



## 2) Arrays and Pointers

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- **Caution 2**

- Parenthesis

- ✓ `*(ar+2) == ar[2] == 5`

- ✓ `*ar + 2 == *(ar) + 2 == ar[0]+2 == 4` (Operator precedence)

```
int ar[5]={2, 3, 5, 7, 11};  
int *p = ar;  
  
printf("%d %d\n", *(ar+2), *ar+2);  
printf("%d %d\n", *(p+4), *p+4);
```

Output Display:

```
5 4  
11 6
```



## 2) Arrays and Pointers

### ▪ Caution 3

- Amount of increment/decrement is determined by the **data type** of a pointer
- For example, Assign char \* pointer to int array
  - ✓ Increase/decrease by 1 (size of char type)

```
int ar[5]={2, 3, 5, 7, -1}, i;  
char *p = (char *) ar;  
  
for( i=0; i < 5 ; ++i )  
    printf("%p, %d\n", p+i, *(p+i));
```

```
001E40B4, 2  
001E40B5, 0  
001E40B6, 0  
001E40B7, 0  
001E40B8, 3
```

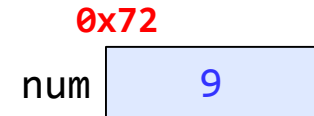
- ✓ Remove the second line (char \*), could cause compilation error (depending on compiler)

## 2) Arrays and Pointers

### ▪ Array vs Pointer

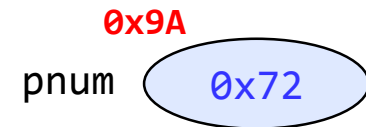
- `int num;`

- ✓ **Value** stored in num: **changeable**
- ✓ **Address** assigned to num: **unchangeable**



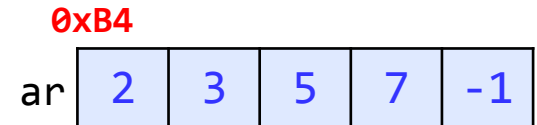
- `int *p;`

- ✓ **Value(address)** stored in p: **changeable**
- ✓ Address assigned to p: **unchangeable**



- `int ar[5];`

- ✓ **Value** stored in ar: **changeable**
- ✓ **Address** assigned to ar: **unchangeable**
  - ✓ Name of an array: **constant pointer** - **unchangeable**
  - ✓ Different when it appears on the left side (l-value) and right side (r-value)



## 2) Arrays and Pointers

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- **Difference between the name of an array and a pointer variable**

```
int num, *p, ar[5];

num = 1;           // OK
++num;            // OK
&num = ar         // NO (Compilation Error)

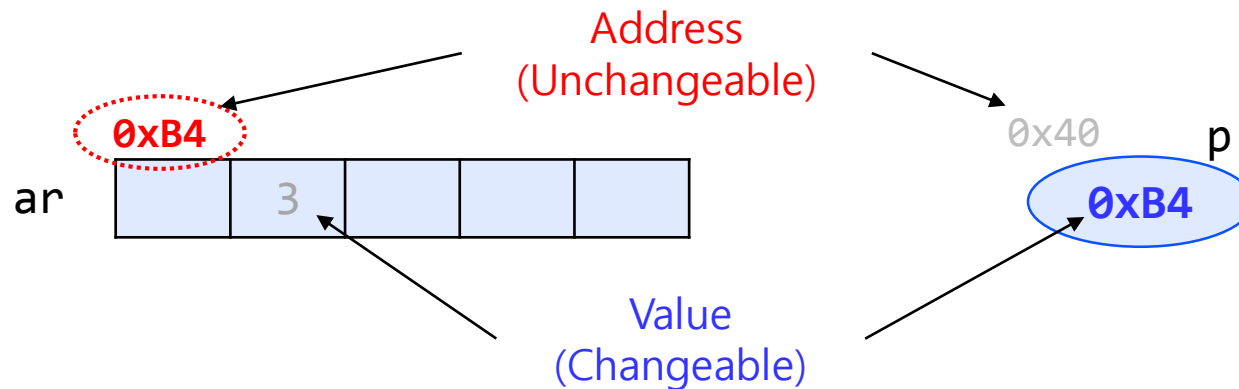
p = &num;          // OK
++p;              // OK
&p = ar;          // NO (Compilation Error)

ar = &num;         // NO (Compilation Error)
++ar;             // NO
&ar = &num;        // NO (Compilation Error)
// ar and &ar are the same
```

## 2) Arrays and Pointers

- Name of an array and a pointer variable

	Name of an array ( ar )	Pointer variable ( p )
<b>r-value</b>	Starting address of an array	Value stored in a pointer variable
<b>l-value</b>	Cannot change the starting address of an array	Can change the value stored in a pointer variable
	<b>ar</b> = <b>ar</b> + 1; (X)	<b>p</b> = <b>p</b> + 1; (O)



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### 3) Pointer Operation

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- **Addition, Subtraction**

- ++, --, +=, -=

```
int ar[5]={2, 3, 5, 7, -1}, i=4;
int *p = &ar[1];

printf("%p %d\n", p, *p);           // &ar[1], ar[1]
printf("%p %d\n", --p, *p);         // ar[0]
printf("%p %d\n", p+i, *(p+i));     // ar[4](value of p)+16
```

Result:

```
0018F9A8 3
0018F9A4 2
0018F9B4 -1
```

### 3) Pointer Operation

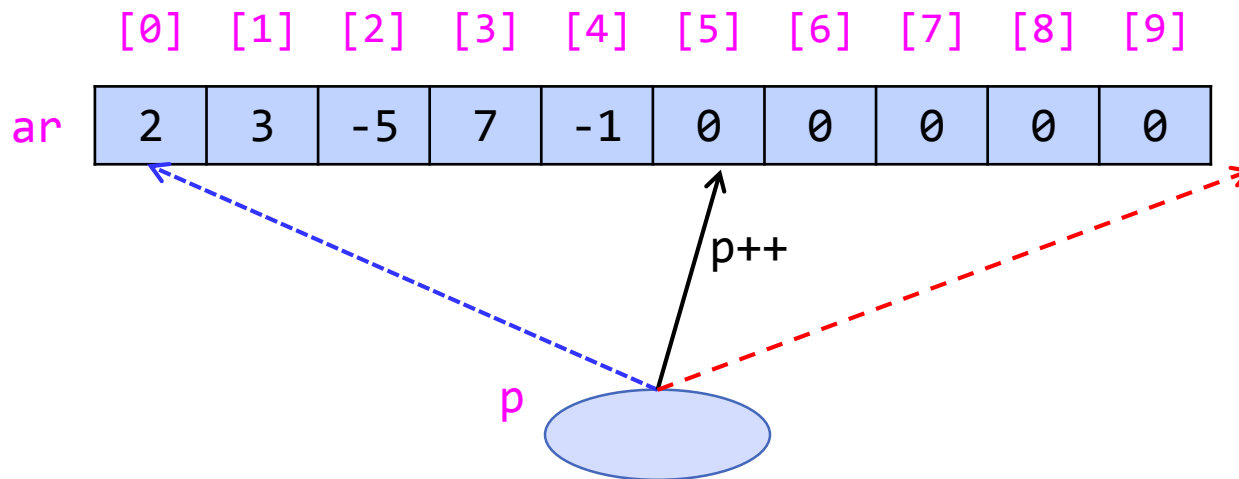
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- **(Practice 6) Addition**

- Declare int pointer p1 and character pointer p2, Initialize them to NULL
- Print out p1 and p2
- Increase p1 and p2 by 1
- Print out p1 and p2
- Increase p1 and p2 by 2
- Print out p1 and p2
- [Check the results]
  - ✓ Check p1 and p2
  - ✓ Note: NULL denotes an address 0

### 3) Pointer Operation

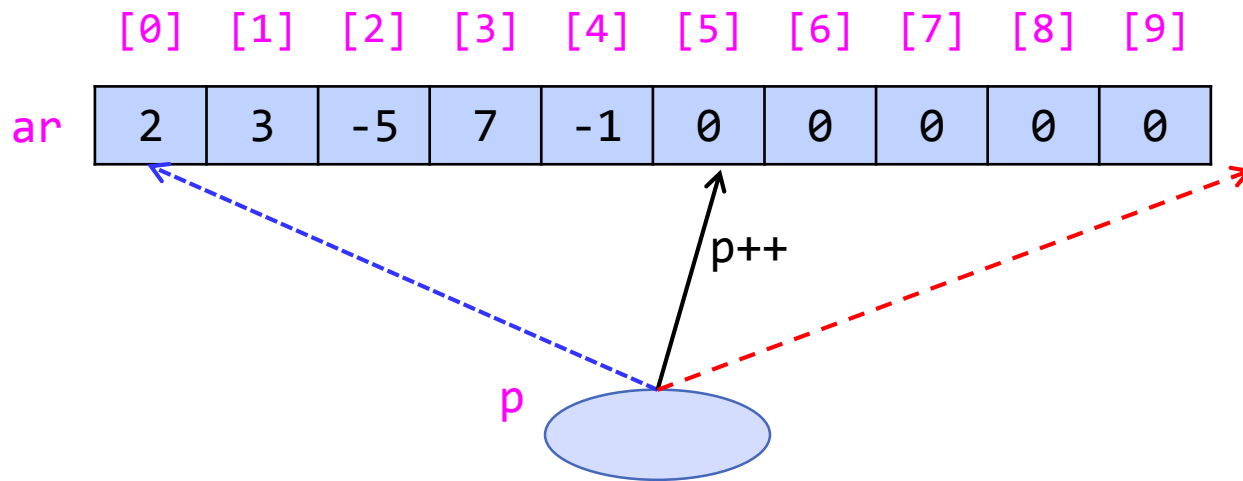
- **(Practice 7) Pointer operation to traverse an array**
  - Declare int array ar[10], initialize it to {2, 3, 5, 7, -1}
  - Declare int variable l and int pointer p
  - p points to ar
  - for loop: increase l, repeat the following 10 times
    - ✓ Print out the value pointed by p, increase p by 1





### 3) Pointer Operation

```
int ar[10]={2, 3, 5, 7, -1};  
int i, *p;  
  
p=ar;  
for(i=0;i<10;i++)  
    printf("%d ", *(p++));
```



### 3) Pointer Operation

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- **Address comparison**

- ==, !=, <, >, >=, <=

```
int ar[5]={2, 3, 5, 7, -1}, *p1, *p2;  
p1 = &ar[1]; p2 = &ar[4];  
printf("%p %p\n", p1, p2);  
printf("%d %d\n", p1 < p2, *p1 < *p2);
```

Result:

0018F9DC 0018F9E8

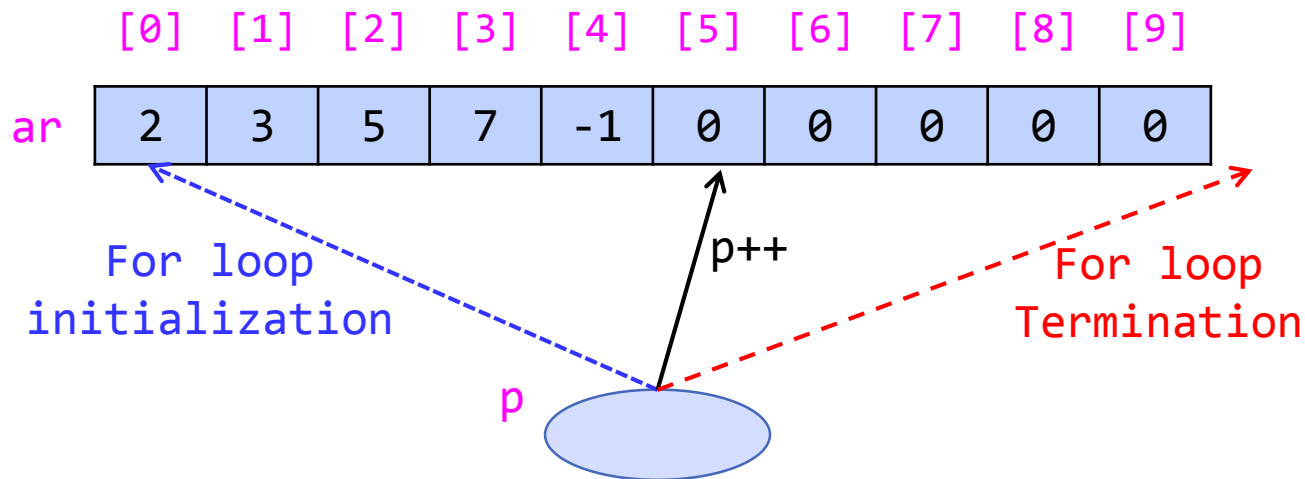
1 0

- ✓ Pointer operation can be used for ordinary variables,  
more useful for arrays

### 3) Pointer Operation

- **(Example) Pointer operation to traverse an array (ver. 2)**
  - Address comparison (Practice 7)

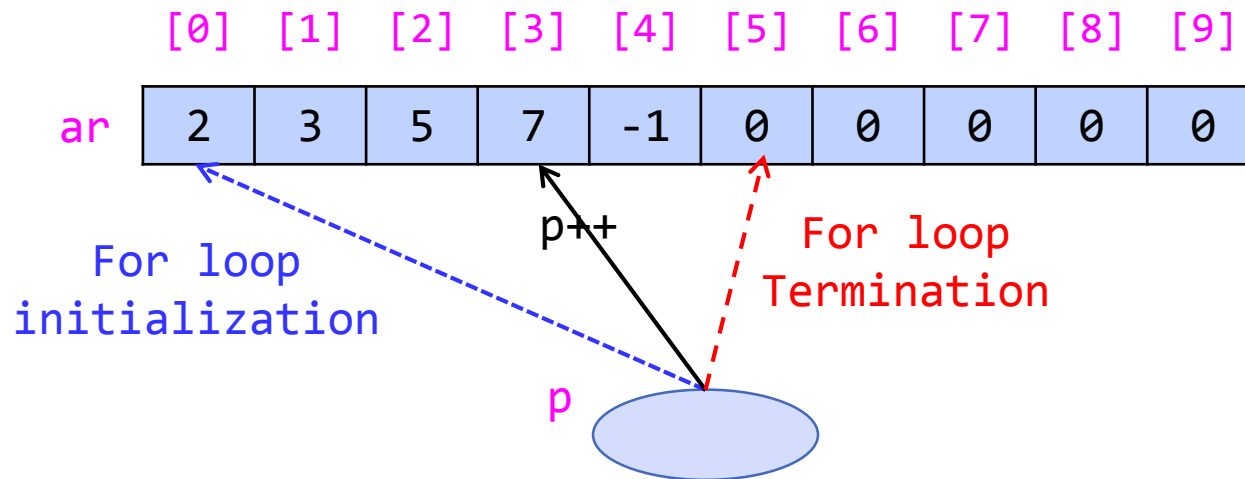
```
int ar[10]={2, 3, 5, 7, -1};  
int *p;  
  
for( p = ar ; p < &ar[10] ; p++ )  
    printf("%d ", *p);
```



### 3) Pointer Operation

- **(Example) Pointer operation to traverse an array**
  - Repeat until the element of an array is 0

```
int ar[10]={2, 3, 5, 7, -1};  
int *p;  
  
for( p = ar ; *p ; p++ )  
    printf("%d ", *p);
```



### 3) Pointer Operation

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- **Caution**
  - **Addition and Subtraction** are allowed
    - ✓ Multiplication and division are not allowed
  - Only integers can be used
    - ✓ Double type and address are not allowed

```
int num1, num2;  
printf("%p", &num1 * 2);    // Compilation Error  
printf("%p", &num1 + &num2); // Compilation Error
```

# Outline

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- 1) **Pointers?**
- 2) **Arrays and Pointers**
- 3) **Pointer Operation**
- 4) **Pointer Arguments**
- 5) **Arrays of Pointers**

## 4) Pointer Arguments

### ▪ Function – Integer argument

- Function Call: Allocate a space to a **formal parameter**(variable), Assign an integer value (actual parameter) that is passed to the function

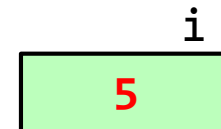
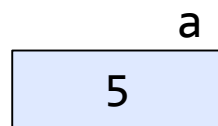
Pass the value stored in a variable a

```
void main()
{  int a = 5;

   change(a);

   printf("a=%d\n", a);
}
```

```
void change(int i)
{
    i = 10;
}
```



Memory diagram: staring  
change()

## 4) Pointer Arguments

- Function body: Assign 10 to a local variable i
- Function termination: Eliminate the local variable (including arguments) (return allocated memory space)

```
void main()  
{  int a = 5;  
  
    change(a);  
  
    printf("a=%d\n", a);  
}
```

```
void change(int i)  
{  
    i = 10;  
}
```

Result:

a=5

a  
5

main

~~i  
10~~

change

Eliminate variable

Memory diagram: terminating  
change



## 4) Pointer Arguments

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- **Address as a function argument?**
  - Declare a **pointer** as an argument
  - **Indirect reference** by a pointer variable

```
void main()
{  int a = 5;

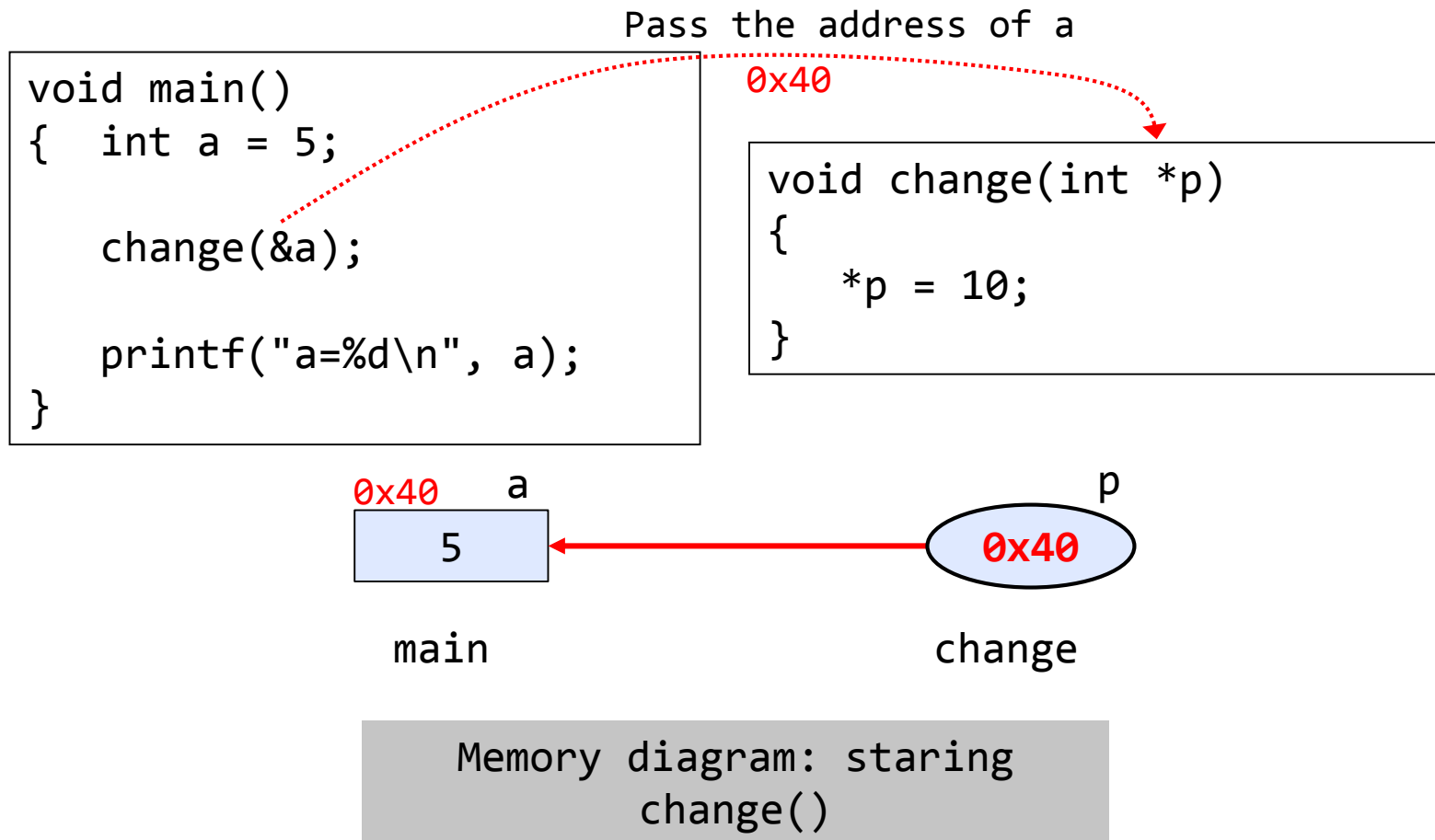
    change(&a);

    printf("a=%d\n", a);
}
```

```
void change(int *p)
{
    *p = 10;
}
```

## 4) Pointer Arguments

- Function Call: Allocate a space to a **formal parameter**(variable), Assign the address to the parameter



## 4) Pointer Arguments

- Function body: Assign 10 to the variable pointed by p
- Function termination: Eliminate local variables (including arguments) (return allocated memory space)

```
void main()
{  int a = 5;

   change(&a);

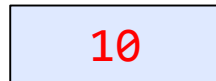
   printf("a=%d\n", a);
}
```

```
void change(int *p)
{
    *p = 10;
}
```

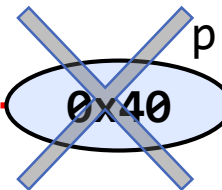
Result:

a=10

0x40 a



main



change

Eliminate variable

Memory diagram: terminating  
change()

## 4) Pointer Arguments

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- **Function arguments**

- Call-by-value: Call a function using the value of a variable as an argument
  - ✓ Cannot change the value of the variable
- Call-by-reference: Call a function using the address as an argument
  - ✓ Can change the value of the variable
- However, the procedure (passing argument and control) **is identical**

## 4) Pointer Arguments

- **Comparison**

Call-by-value	Call-by-reference
<pre>void change(int i) {     i = 10; }  void main() {   int a = 5;      change(a);      printf("a=%d\n", a); }</pre> <p>Result: a=5</p>	<pre>void change(int *p) {     *p = 10; }  void main() {   int a = 5;      change(&amp;a);      printf("a=%d\n", a); }</pre> <p>Result: a=10</p>

## 4) Pointer Arguments

- **(Example)**

- Change the value of a local variable in change()  
The identical procedure with the previous example

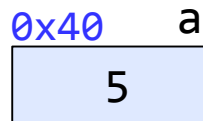
```
void main()
{  int a = 5;

   change(&a);

   printf("a=%d\n", a);
}
```

0x40

```
void change(int *p)
{
    p = NULL;
}
```



main



change

Change the value  
stored in p (0x40)  
to NULL

Memory diagram: terminating  
change()

## 4) Pointer Arguments

- **Example**

- Function argument is a pointer variable (Same procedure)

```
void main()
{  int a = 5;
   int *pa = &a;

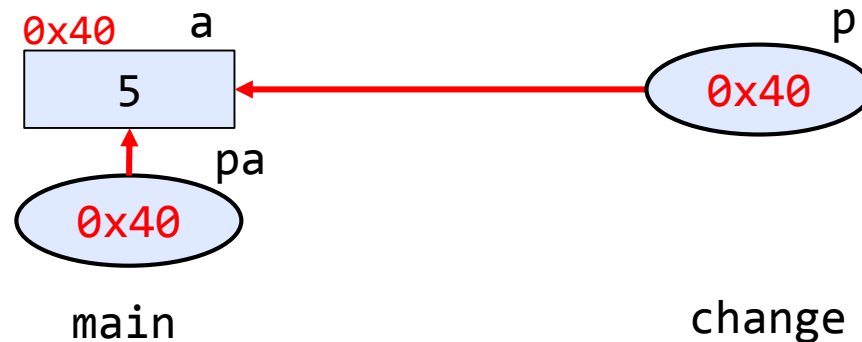
   change(pa);

   printf("a=%d\n", a);
}
```

The value of pa

0x40

```
void change(int *p)
{
    *p = 10;
}
```



Memory diagram: starting `change()`

## 4) Pointer Arguments

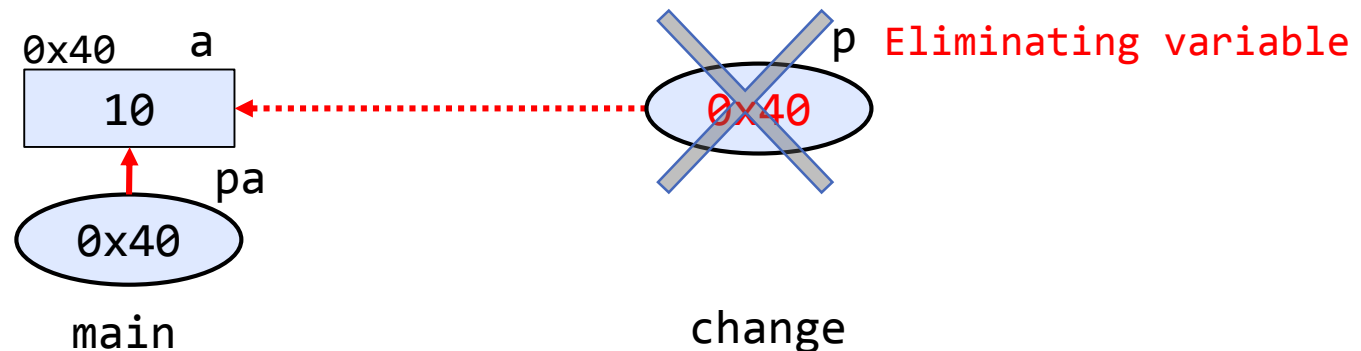
- The value of a variable a in main becomes 10
- The variable p in change is eliminated

```
void main()
{  int a = 5;
   int *pa = &a;

   change(pa);

   printf("a=%d\n", a);
}
```

```
void change(int *p)
{
    *p = 10;
}
```



Memory diagram: terminating change()



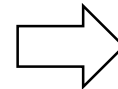
## 4) Pointer Arguments

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- **(Example) Swap two variable**

- Assign the value of a variable y to x, then lose the value of x  
Store the value of x to a temporary variable tmp

```
void main(){  
    int x = 10, y = 20, tmp;  
  
    tmp = x;  
    x = y;  
    y = tmp;  
  
    printf("%d %d", x, y);  
}
```



Result

20 10

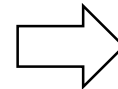
## 4) Pointer Arguments

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- **Swap function**

- Swap two variables
- Using swap(), does it change the values in main()?

```
void swap(int x, int y){  
    int tmp;  
    tmp = x;  
    x = y;  
    y = tmp;  
}  
void main(){  
    int x = 10, y = 20;  
  
    swap(x, y);  
  
    printf("%d %d", x, y);  
}
```

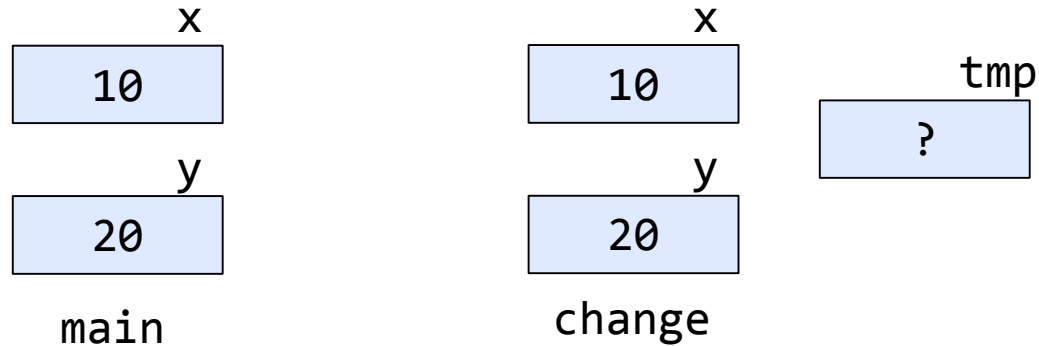


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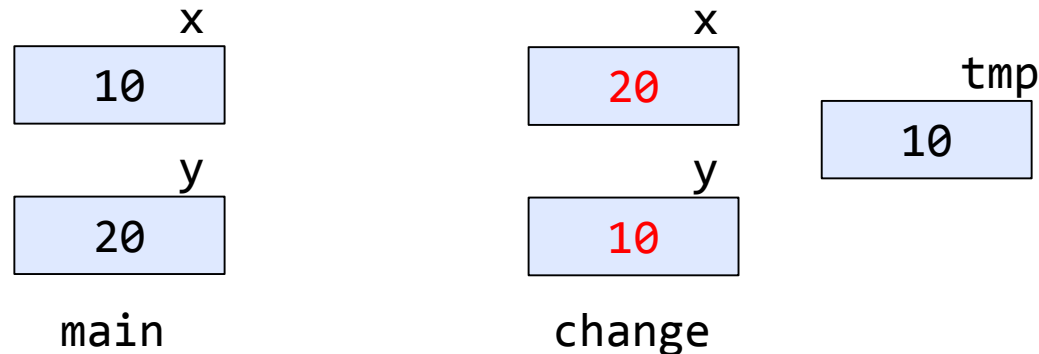
10 20

## 4) Pointer Arguments

- Why not? Draw memory diagram



Memory diagram: starting swap()

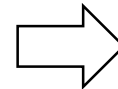


Memory diagram: terminating swap()

## 4) Pointer Arguments

- **Use pointers**
  - Function arguments: int pointers
  - Call-by-reference

```
void swap(int *px, int *py){  
    int tmp;  
    tmp = *px;  
    *px = *py;  
    *py = tmp;  
}  
void main(){  
    int x = 10, y = 20;  
  
    swap(&x, &y);  
  
    printf("%d %d", x, y);  
}
```

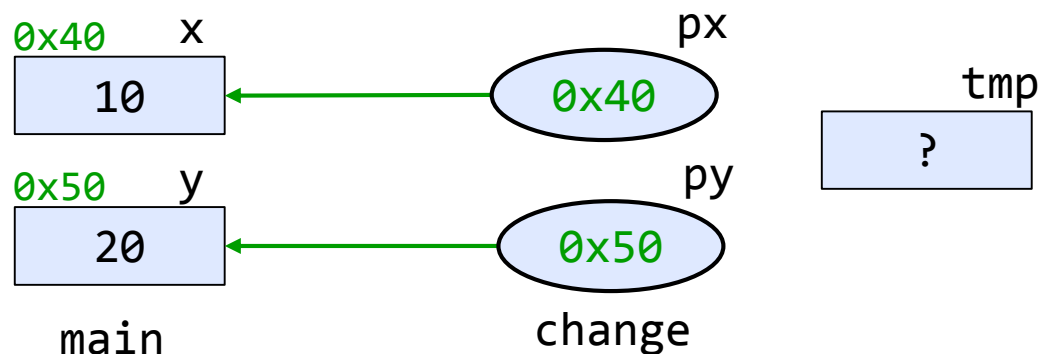


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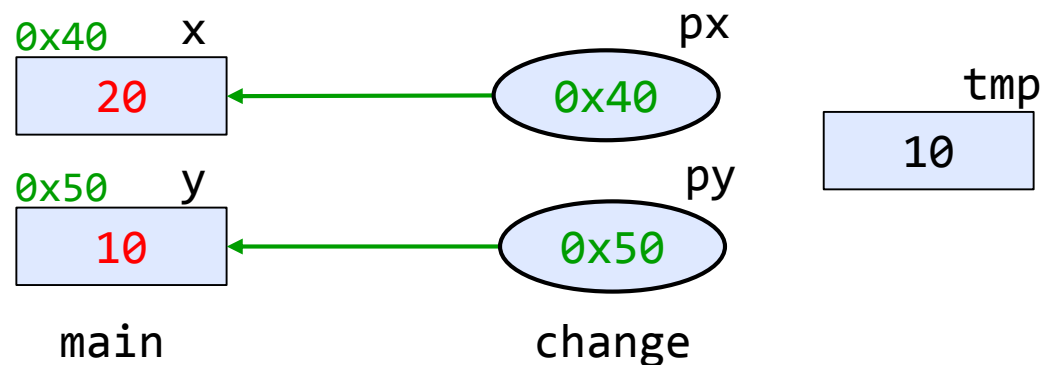
20 10

## 4) Pointer Arguments

- Why? Draw memory diagram



Memory diagram: starting `swap()`



Memory diagram: terminating `swap()`

## 4) Pointer Arguments

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- **Use the name of an array as a function argument**
  - Change the values of an array in `init()`, also affect the array in `main()`
  - Why? Pass the starting address of an array to the function

```
void init(int ar[]){  
    ar[0] = ar[1] = 0;  
}  
void main(){  
    int ar[2]={-2,4};  
  
    init(ar);  
  
    printf("%d %d",ar[0],ar[1]);  
}
```

⇒ 

Result	
0	0

## 4) Pointer Arguments

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- **Use the name of an array as a function argument**
  - Is `int ar[ ]` in `init()` an array? pointer?
  - **A pointer variable** storing the starting address of `ar` in `main()`

```
void init(int ar[]){  
    ...  
}
```

=

```
void init(int *ar){  
    ...  
}
```

- Two are identical

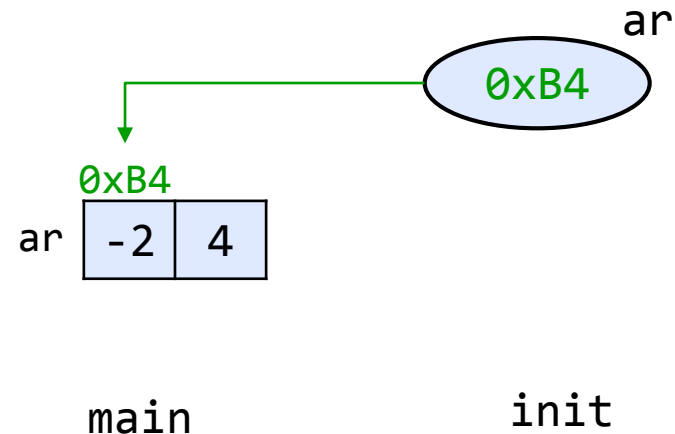
## 4) Pointer Arguments

- Draw a memory diagram?

```
void init(int ar[]){
    ar[0] = ar[1] = 0;
}
void main(){
    int ar[2]={-2,4};

    init(arr);

    printf(...); // omitted
}
```



Memory diagram: starting  
`init()`



## 4) Pointer Arguments

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- **scanf( ):** why do we use **&**?

```
int x;  
scanf("%d", &x);
```

- Store the value received from a user to the variable x
- To change the value of x in scanf(), pass its address

- **printf( )?**

```
int x = 0;  
printf("%d", x);
```

- Only need the value of x

## 4) Pointer Arguments

- **scanf( )**: should we always use **&**?
  - If it is an address, it will work

```
int x[5], *p=&x[2];  
  
scanf("%d", &x[0]);  
scanf("%d", p);  
scanf("%d", p-1);  
  
printf("%d %d %d",x[0],x[1],x[2]);
```

Input 1

1 2 3

Output 1

1 3 2

Input 2

-1 4 9

Output 2

-1 9 4

## 4) Pointer Arguments

- **Function that returns an address**
  - Use **\***, indicating that it returns the address

```
void main(){
    int ar[5]={2,1,3,0,4};
    int *p1;

    p1 = next_addr(&ar[1]);
    printf("%d",*p1);
}
```

```
int *next_addr(int *p)
{
    return p+1;
}
```

Result

3

## 4) Pointer Arguments

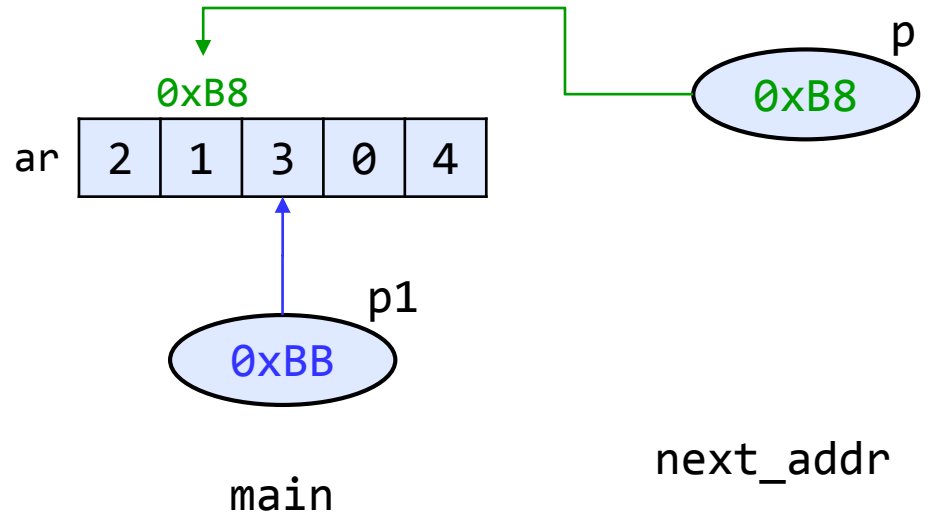
- Memory diagram?

```
int *next_addr(int *p)
{
    return p+1;
}

void main(){
    int ar[5]={2,1,3,0,4};
    int *p1;

    p1 = next_addr(&ar[1]);

    printf("%d",*p1);
}
```



Memory diagram: terminating `next_addr()`

## 4) Pointer Arguments

- **[Practice]**

- Receive the address of two int variables, Return the address of the variable that is smaller. (Assume: two values are different)
  - ✓ Use main() below

```
void main(){
    int ar[5]={2,1,3,0,4};
    int *p1;

    p1 = smaller(&ar[1], &ar[3]);

    printf("%d",*p1);
}
```

```
?    smaller (    ?    )
{
    ?
}
```

Result

0

# Outline

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- 1) Pointers?
- 2) Arrays and Pointers
- 3) Pointer Operation
- 4) Pointer Arguments
- 5) **Arrays of Pointers**

## 5) Arrays of Pointers

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- **Arrays of Pointers**
  - Pointer variables can be declared as an array
- **Declare arrays of pointers**
  - Pointer declaration + Array declaration

```
void main(){
    int *pi[3]; // array of pointers declaration
    int a=1, b=2, c=3, i;

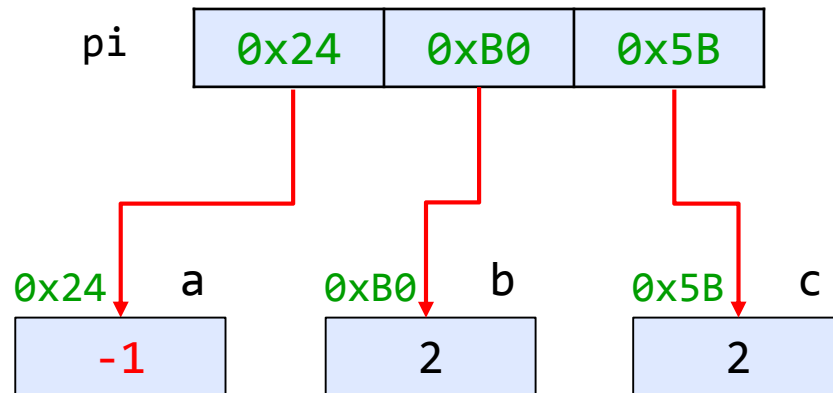
    pi[0] = &a; // Element of an array is int pointer
    pi[1] = &b, pi[2] = &c;

    *pi[0] = -1; // *pi[0]은 *(pi[0]) ? (*pi)[0] ?

    for( i=0; i < 3 ; ++i )
        printf("%p %d\n", pi[i], *pi[i]);
}
```

## 5) Arrays of Pointers

- Memory diagram



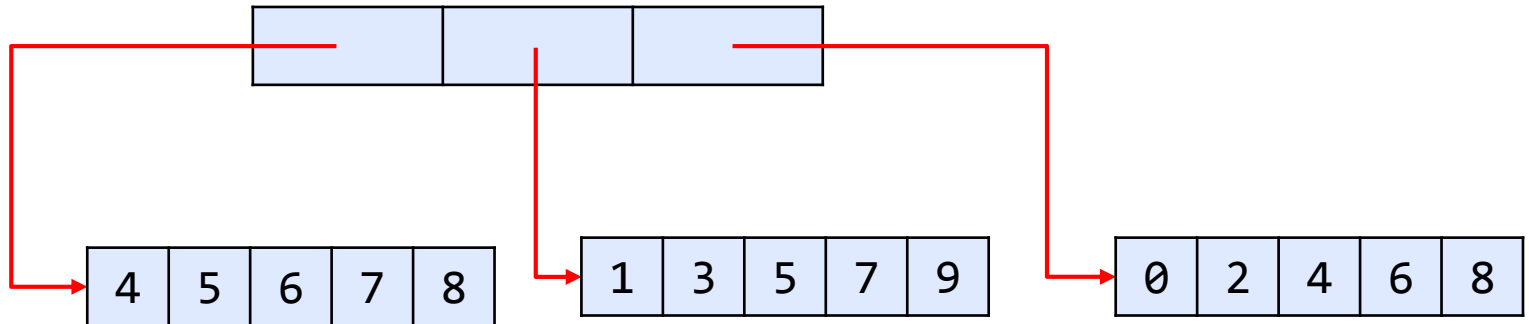


## 5) Arrays of Pointers

- **[Practice] Write a program**

- Declare 3 int arrays (each: size 5), initialize them as shown below
- Declare 1 int **array of pointers** (size 3)
- Assign int array to **array of pointers**

int array of pointers



3 int arrays

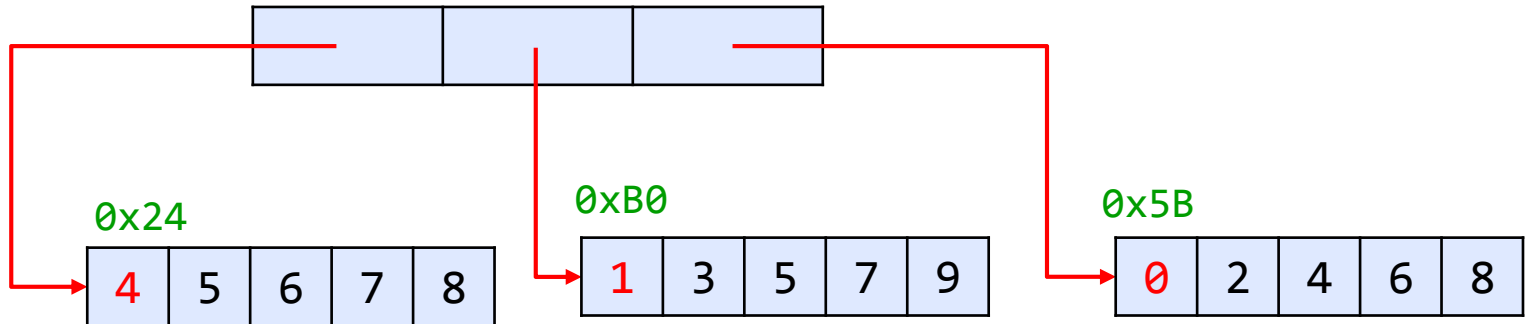
## 5) Arrays of Pointers

- Use int array of pointers, Print the address and value of the 1<sup>st</sup> element of each int array
  - ✓ Cannot use the name of int array

Result

0x24	4	0xB0	1	0x5B	0
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int array of pointers



3 int arrays