Iterator Facade and Adaptor

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abstract: We propose a set of class templates that help programmers build standard-conforming iterators, both from scratch and by adapting other iterators.

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Motivation

Iterators play an important role in modern C++ programming. The iterator is the central abstraction of the algorithms of the Standard Library, allowing algorithms to be re-used in in a wide variety of contexts. The C++ Standard Library contains a wide variety of useful iterators. Every one of the standard containers comes with constant and mutable iterators[2], and also reverse versions of those same iterators which traverse the container in the opposite direction. The Standard

also supplies `istream_iterator` and `ostream_iterator` for reading from and writing to streams, `insert_iterator`, `front_insert_iterator` and `back_insert_iterator` for inserting elements into containers, and `raw_storage_iterator` for initializing raw memory [7].

Despite the many iterators supplied by the Standard Library, obvious and useful iterators are missing, and creating new iterator types is still a common task for C++ programmers. The literature documents several of these, for example line_iterator [3] and Constant_iterator [9]. The iterator abstraction is so powerful that we expect programmers will always need to invent new iterator types.

Although it is easy to create iterators that *almost* conform to the standard, the iterator requirements contain subtleties which can make creating an iterator which *actually* conforms quite difficult. Further, the iterator interface is rich, containing many operators that are technically redundant and tedious to implement. To automate the repetitive work of constructing iterators, we propose `iterator_facade`, an iterator base class template which provides the rich interface of standard iterators and delegates its implementation to member functions of the derived class. In addition to reducing the amount of code necessary to create an iterator, the `iterator_facade` also provides compile-time error detection. Iterator implementation mistakes that often go unnoticed are turned into compile-time errors because the derived class implementation must match the expectations of the `iterator_facade`.

A common pattern of iterator construction is the adaptation of one iterator to form a new one. The functionality of an iterator is composed of four orthogonal aspects: traversal, indirection, equality comparison and distance measurement. Adapting an old iterator to create a new one often saves work because one can reuse one aspect of functionality while redefining the other. For example, the Standard provides `reverse_iterator`, which adapts any Bidirectional Iterator by inverting its direction of traversal. As with plain iterators, iterator adaptors defined outside the Standard have become commonplace in the literature:

- Checked iter[13] adds bounds-checking to an existing iterator.

- The iterators of the View Template Library[14], which adapts containers, are themselves adaptors over the underlying iterators.

- Smart iterators [5] adapt an iterator's dereferencing behavior by applying a function object to the object being referenced and returning the result.

- Custom iterators [4], in which a variety of adaptor types are enumerated.

- Compound iterators [1], which access a slice out of a container of containers.

- Several iterator adaptors from the MTL [12]. The MTL contains a strided iterator, where each call to `operator++()` moves the iterator ahead by some constant factor, and a scaled iterator, which multiplies the dereferenced value by some constant.

To fulfill the need for constructing adaptors, we propose the `iterator_adaptor` class template. Instantiations of `iterator_adaptor` serve as a base classes for new iterators, providing the default behavior of forwarding all operations to the underlying iterator. The user can selectively replace these features in the derived iterator class. This proposal also includes a number of more specialized adaptors, such as the `transform_iterator` that applies some user-specified function during the dereference of the iterator.

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[1] We use the term concept to mean a set of requirements that a type must satisfy to be used with a particular template parameter.

[2] The term mutable iterator refers to iterators over objects that can be changed by assigning to the dereferenced iterator, while constant iterator refers to iterators over objects that cannot be modified.

Impact on the Standard

This proposal is purely an addition to the C++ standard library. However, note that this proposal relies on the proposal for New Iterator Concepts.

Design

Iterator Concepts

This proposal is formulated in terms of the new `iterator concepts` as proposed in n1550, since user-defined and especially adapted iterators suffer from the well known categorization problems that are inherent to the current iterator categories.

This proposal does not strictly depend on proposal n1550, as there is a direct mapping between new and old categories. This proposal could be reformulated using this mapping if n1550 was not accepted.

Interoperability

The question of iterator interoperability is poorly addressed in the current standard. There are currently two defect reports that are concerned with interoperability issues.

Issue 179 concerns the fact that mutable container iterator types are only required to be convertible to the corresponding constant iterator types, but objects of these types are not required to interoperate in comparison or subtraction expressions. This situation is tedious in practice and out of line with the way built in types work. This proposal implements the proposed resolution to issue 179, as most standard library implementations do nowadays. In other words, if an iterator type A has an implicit or user defined conversion to an iterator type B, the iterator types are interoperable and the usual set of operators are available.

Issue 280 concerns the current lack of interoperability between reverse iterator types. The proposed new reverse_iterator template fixes the issues raised in 280. It provides the desired interoperability without introducing unwanted overloads.

Iterator Facade

While the iterator interface is rich, there is a core subset of the interface that is necessary for all the functionality. We have identified the following core behaviors for iterators:

- dereferencing

- incrementing

- decrementing

- equality comparison

- random-access motion

- distance measurement

In addition to the behaviors listed above, the core interface elements include the associated types exposed through iterator traits: `value_type`, `reference`, `difference_type`, and `iterator_category`.

Iterator facade uses the Curiously Recurring Template Pattern (CRTP) [Cop95] so that the user can specify the behavior of `iterator_facade` in a derived class. Former designs used policy objects to specify the behavior, but that approach was discarded for several reasons:

1. the creation and eventual copying of the policy object may create overhead that can be avoided with the current approach.

2. The policy object approach does not allow for custom constructors on the created iterator types, an essential feature if `iterator_facade` should be used in other library implementations.

3. Without the use of CRTP, the standard requirement that an iterator's `operator++` returns the iterator type itself would mean that all iterators built with the library would have to be specializations of `iterator_facade<...>`, rather than something more descriptive like `indirect_iterator<T*>`. Cumbersome type generator metafunctions would be needed to build new parameterized iterators, and a separate `iterator_adaptor` layer would be impossible.

Usage

The user of `iterator_facade` derives his iterator class from a specialization of `iterator_facade` and passes the derived iterator class as `iterator_facade`'s first template parameter. The order of the other template parameters have been carefully chosen to take advantage of useful defaults. For example,

In a naive implementation, keeping the derived class' core member functions private would require it to grant friendship to `iterator_facade` and each of the seven operators. In order to reduce the burden of limiting access, `iterator_core_access` is provided, a class that acts as a gateway to the core member functions in the derived iterator class. The author of the derived class only needs to grant friendship to `iterator_core_access` to make his core member functions available to the library.

`iterator_core_access` will be typically implemented as an empty class containing only private static member functions which invoke the iterator core member functions. There is, however, no need to standardize the gateway protocol. Note that even if `iterator_core_access` used public member functions it would not open a safety loophole, as every core member function preserves the invariants of the iterator.

operator[]

The indexing operator for a generalized iterator presents special challenges. A random access iterator's `operator[]` is only required to return something convertible to its `value_type`. Requiring that it return an lvalue would rule out currently-legal random-access iterators which hold the referenced value in a data member (e.g. `counting_iterator`), because `*(p+n)` is a reference into the temporary iterator `p+n`, which is destroyed when `operator[]` returns.

Writable iterators built with `iterator_facade` implement the semantics required by the preferred resolution to issue 299 and adopted by proposal n1550: the result of `p[n]` is an object convertible to the iterator's `value_type`, and `p[n] = x` is equivalent to `*(p + n) = x` (Note: This result object may be implemented as a proxy containing a copy of `p+n`). This approach will work properly for any random-access iterator regardless of the other details of its implementation. A user who knows more about the implementation of her iterator is free to implement an `operator[]` that returns an lvalue in the derived iterator class; it will hide the one supplied by `iterator_facade` from clients of her iterator.

operator->

The `reference` type of a readable iterator (and today's input iterator) need not in fact be a reference, so long as it is convertible to the iterator's `value_type`. When the `value_type` is a class, however, it must still be possible to access members through `operator->`. Therefore, an iterator whose `reference` type is not in fact a reference must return a proxy containing a copy of the referenced value from its `operator->`.

The return types for `iterator_facade`'s `operator->` and `operator[]` are not explicitly specified. Instead, those types are described in terms of a set of requirements, which must be satisfied by the `iterator_facade` implementation.

Iterator Adaptor

The `iterator_adaptor` class template adapts some `Base`[3] type to create a new iterator. Instantiations of `iterator_adaptor` are derived from a corresponding instantiation of `iterator_facade` and implement the core behaviors in terms of the `Base` type. In essence, `iterator_adaptor` merely forwards all operations to an instance of the `Base` type, which it stores as a member.

The user of `iterator_adaptor` creates a class derived from an instantiation of `iterator_adaptor` and then selectively redefines some of the core member functions described in the `iterator_facade` core requirements table. The `Base` type need not meet the full requirements for an iterator; it need

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[Cop95] [Coplien, 1995] Coplien, J., Curiously Recurring Template Patterns, C++ Report, February 1995, pp. 24-27.

[3] The term "Base" here does not refer to a base class and is not meant to imply the use of derivation. We have followed the lead of the standard library, which provides a base() function to access the underlying iterator object of a `reverse_iterator` adaptor.

only support the operations used by the core interface functions of `iterator_adaptor` that have not been redefined in the user's derived class.

Several of the template parameters of `iterator_adaptor` default to `use_default`. This allows the user to make use of a default parameter even when she wants to specify a parameter later in the parameter list. Also, the defaults for the corresponding associated types are somewhat complicated, so metaprogramming is required to compute them, and `use_default` can help to simplify the implementation. Finally, the identity of the `use_default` type is not left unspecified because specification helps to highlight that the `Reference` template parameter may not always be identical to the iterator's `reference` type, and will keep users from making mistakes based on that assumption.

Specialized Adaptors

This proposal also contains several examples of specialized adaptors which were easily implemented using `iterator_adaptor`:

- `indirect_iterator`, which iterates over iterators, pointers, or smart pointers and applies an extra level of dereferencing.

- A new `reverse_iterator`, which inverts the direction of a Base iterator's motion, while allowing adapted constant and mutable iterators to interact in the expected ways (unlike those in most implementations of C++98).

- `transform_iterator`, which applies a user-defined function object to the underlying values when dereferenced.

- `filter_iterator`, which provides a view of an iterator range in which some elements of the underlying range are skipped.

- `counting_iterator`, which adapts any incrementable type (e.g. integers, iterators) so that incrementing/decrementing the adapted iterator and dereferencing it produces successive values of the Base type.

- `function_output_iterator`, which makes it easier to create custom output iterators.

Based on examples in the Boost library, users have generated many new adaptors, among them a permutation adaptor which applies some permutation to a random access iterator, and a strided adaptor, which adapts a random access iterator by multiplying its unit of motion by a constant factor. In addition, the Boost Graph Library (BGL) uses iterator adaptors to adapt other graph libraries, such as LEDA [10] and Stanford GraphBase [8], to the BGL interface (which requires C++ Standard compliant iterators).

Proposed Text

Header <iterator_helper> synopsis [lib.iterator.helper.synopsis]

```
struct use_default;

struct iterator_core_access { /* implementation detail */ };

template <
    class Derived
  , class Value
  , class CategoryOrTraversal
  , class Reference  = Value&
  , class Difference = ptrdiff_t
```

```
>
class iterator_facade;

template <
    class Derived
  , class Base
  , class Value       = use_default
  , class CategoryOrTraversal  = use_default
  , class Reference  = use_default
  , class Difference = use_default
>
class iterator_adaptor;

template <
    class Iterator
  , class Value = use_default
  , class CategoryOrTraversal = use_default
  , class Reference = use_default
  , class Difference = use_default
>
class indirect_iterator;

template <class Dereferenceable>
struct pointee;

template <class Dereferenceable>
struct indirect_reference;

template <class Iterator>
class reverse_iterator;

template <
    class UnaryFunction
  , class Iterator
  , class Reference = use_default
  , class Value = use_default
>
class transform_iterator;

template <class Predicate, class Iterator>
class filter_iterator;

template <
    class Incrementable
  , class CategoryOrTraversal  = use_default
  , class Difference = use_default
>
class counting_iterator;

template <class UnaryFunction>
class function_output_iterator;
```

Iterator facade [lib.iterator.facade]

`iterator_facade` is a base class template that implements the interface of standard iterators in terms of a few core functions and associated types, to be supplied by a derived iterator class.

Class template `iterator_facade`

```
template <
    class Derived
  , class Value
  , class CategoryOrTraversal
  , class Reference  = Value&
  , class Difference = ptrdiff_t
>
class iterator_facade {
 public:
    typedef remove_const<Value>::type value_type;
    typedef Reference reference;
    typedef Value* pointer;
    typedef Difference difference_type;
    typedef /* see below */ iterator_category;

    reference operator*() const;
    /* see below */ operator->() const;
    /* see below */ operator[](difference_type n) const;
    Derived& operator++();
    Derived operator++(int);
    Derived& operator--();
    Derived operator--(int);
    Derived& operator+=(difference_type n);
    Derived& operator-=(difference_type n);
    Derived operator-(difference_type n) const;
 protected:
    typedef iterator_facade iterator_facade_;
};

// Comparison operators
template <class Dr1, class V1, class TC1, class R1, class D1,
          class Dr2, class V2, class TC2, class R2, class D2>
typename enable_if_interoperable<Dr1,Dr2,bool>::type // exposition
operator ==(iterator_facade<Dr1,V1,TC1,R1,D1> const& lhs,
            iterator_facade<Dr2,V2,TC2,R2,D2> const& rhs);

template <class Dr1, class V1, class TC1, class R1, class D1,
          class Dr2, class V2, class TC2, class R2, class D2>
typename enable_if_interoperable<Dr1,Dr2,bool>::type
operator !=(iterator_facade<Dr1,V1,TC1,R1,D1> const& lhs,
            iterator_facade<Dr2,V2,TC2,R2,D2> const& rhs);

template <class Dr1, class V1, class TC1, class R1, class D1,
          class Dr2, class V2, class TC2, class R2, class D2>
typename enable_if_interoperable<Dr1,Dr2,bool>::type
operator <(iterator_facade<Dr1,V1,TC1,R1,D1> const& lhs,
```

```
                    iterator_facade<Dr2,V2,TC2,R2,D2> const& rhs);

    template <class Dr1, class V1, class TC1, class R1, class D1,
              class Dr2, class V2, class TC2, class R2, class D2>
    typename enable_if_interoperable<Dr1,Dr2,bool>::type
    operator <=(iterator_facade<Dr1,V1,TC1,R1,D1> const& lhs,
                iterator_facade<Dr2,V2,TC2,R2,D2> const& rhs);

    template <class Dr1, class V1, class TC1, class R1, class D1,
              class Dr2, class V2, class TC2, class R2, class D2>
    typename enable_if_interoperable<Dr1,Dr2,bool>::type
    operator >(iterator_facade<Dr1,V1,TC1,R1,D1> const& lhs,
               iterator_facade<Dr2,V2,TC2,R2,D2> const& rhs);

    template <class Dr1, class V1, class TC1, class R1, class D1,
              class Dr2, class V2, class TC2, class R2, class D2>
    typename enable_if_interoperable<Dr1,Dr2,bool>::type
    operator >=(iterator_facade<Dr1,V1,TC1,R1,D1> const& lhs,
                iterator_facade<Dr2,V2,TC2,R2,D2> const& rhs);

    // Iterator difference
    template <class Dr1, class V1, class TC1, class R1, class D1,
              class Dr2, class V2, class TC2, class R2, class D2>
    /* see below */
    operator-(iterator_facade<Dr1,V1,TC1,R1,D1> const& lhs,
              iterator_facade<Dr2,V2,TC2,R2,D2> const& rhs);

    // Iterator addition
    template <class Dr, class V, class TC, class R, class D>
    Derived operator+ (iterator_facade<Dr,V,TC,R,D> const&,
                       typename Derived::difference_type n);

    template <class Dr, class V, class TC, class R, class D>
    Derived operator+ (typename Derived::difference_type n,
                       iterator_facade<Dr,V,TC,R,D> const&);
```

The `iterator_category` member of `iterator_facade` is

   iterator-category(CategoryOrTraversal, value_type, reference)

where *iterator-category* is defined as follows:

```
iterator-category(C,R,V) :=
   if (C is convertible to std::input_iterator_tag
       || C is convertible to std::output_iterator_tag
   )
       return C

   else if (C is not convertible to incrementable_traversal_tag)
       the program is ill-formed

   else return a type X satisfying the following two constraints:

      1. X is convertible to X1, and not to any more-derived
```

```
type, where X1 is defined by:

  if (R is a reference type
      && C is convertible to forward_traversal_tag)
  {
      if (C is convertible to random_access_traversal_tag)
          X1 = random_access_iterator_tag
      else if (C is convertible to bidirectional_traversal_tag)
          X1 = bidirectional_iterator_tag
      else
          X1 = forward_iterator_tag
  }
  else
  {
      if (C is convertible to single_pass_traversal_tag
          && R is convertible to V)
          X1 = input_iterator_tag
      else
          X1 = C
  }
```

2. *category-to-traversal*(X) is convertible to the most
   derived traversal tag type to which X is also
   convertible, and not to any more-derived traversal tag
   type.

[Note: the intention is to allow `iterator_category` to be one of the five original category tags when convertibility to one of the traversal tags would add no information]

The `enable_if_interoperable` template used above is for exposition purposes. The member operators should only be in an overload set provided the derived types `Dr1` and `Dr2` are interoperable, meaning that at least one of the types is convertible to the other. The `enable_if_interoperable` approach uses SFINAE to take the operators out of the overload set when the types are not interoperable. The operators should behave *as-if* `enable_if_interoperable` were defined to be:

```
template <bool, typename> enable_if_interoperable_impl
{};

template <typename T> enable_if_interoperable_impl<true,T>
{ typedef T type; };

template<typename Dr1, typename Dr2, typename T>
struct enable_if_interoperable
  : enable_if_interoperable_impl<
        is_convertible<Dr1,Dr2>::value || is_convertible<Dr2,Dr1>::value
      , T
    >
{};
```

`iterator_facade` Requirements

The following table describes the typical valid expressions on `iterator_facade`'s `Derived` parameter, depending on the iterator concept(s) it will model. The operations in the first column must be made accessible to member functions of class `iterator_core_access`. In addition, `static_cast<Derived*>(iterator_facade*)` shall be well-formed.

In the table below, `F` is `iterator_facade<X,V,C,R,D>`, `a` is an object of type `X`, `b` and `c` are objects of type `const X`, `n` is an object of `F::difference_type`, `y` is a constant object of a single pass iterator type interoperable with `X`, and `z` is a constant object of a random access traversal iterator type interoperable with `X`.

iterator_facade Core Operations

Expression	Return Type	Assertion/Note	Used to implement Iterator Concept(s)
`c.dereference()`	`F::reference`		Readable Iterator, Writable Iterator
`c.equal(y)`	convertible to bool	true iff `c` and `y` refer to the same position.	Single Pass Iterator
`a.increment()`	unused		Incrementable Iterator
`a.decrement()`	unused		Bidirectional Traversal Iterator
`a.advance(n)`	unused		Random Access Traversal Iterator
`c.distance_to(z)`	convertible to `F::difference_type`	equivalent to distance(c, X(z)).	Random Access Traversal Iterator

iterator_facade operations

The operations in this section are described in terms of operations on the core interface of `Derived` which may be inaccessible (i.e. private). The implementation should access these operations through member functions of class `iterator_core_access`.

`reference operator*() const;`

> **Returns:** `static_cast<Derived const*>(this)->dereference()`

`operator->() const;` (see below)

> **Returns:** If `reference` is a reference type, an object of type `pointer` equal to:
>
> `&static_cast<Derived const*>(this)->dereference()`
>
> Otherwise returns an object of unspecified type such that, `(*static_cast<Derived const*>(this))->m` is equivalent to `(w = **static_cast<Derived const*>(this), w.m)` for some temporary object `w` of type `value_type`.

unspecified `operator[](difference_type n) const;`

> **Returns:** an object convertible to `value_type`. For constant objects v of type `value_type`, and n of type `difference_type`, `(*this)[n] = v` is equivalent to `*(*this + n) = v`, and `static_cast<value_type const&>((*this)[n])` is equivalent to `static_cast<value_type const&>(*(*this + n))`

`Derived& operator++();`

> **Effects:**   `static_cast<Derived*>(this)->increment();`
> `return *static_cast<Derived*>(this);`

`Derived operator++(int);`

> **Effects:**   `Derived tmp(static_cast<Derived const*>(this));`
> `++*this;`
> `return tmp;`

```
Derived& operator--();
```

Effects: `static_cast<Derived*>(this)->decrement();`
`return *static_cast<Derived*>(this);`

```
Derived operator--(int);
```

Effects: `Derived tmp(static_cast<Derived const*>(this));`
`--*this;`
`return tmp;`

```
Derived& operator+=(difference_type n);
```

Effects: `static_cast<Derived*>(this)->advance(n);`
`return *static_cast<Derived*>(this);`

```
Derived& operator-=(difference_type n);
```

Effects: `static_cast<Derived*>(this)->advance(-n);`
`return *static_cast<Derived*>(this);`

```
Derived operator-(difference_type n) const;
```

Effects: `Derived tmp(static_cast<Derived const*>(this));`
`return tmp -= n;`

```
template <class Dr, class V, class TC, class R, class D>
Derived operator+ (iterator_facade<Dr,V,TC,R,D> const&,
                   typename Derived::difference_type n);

template <class Dr, class V, class TC, class R, class D>
Derived operator+ (typename Derived::difference_type n,
                   iterator_facade<Dr,V,TC,R,D> const&);
```

Effects: `Derived tmp(static_cast<Derived const*>(this));`
`return tmp += n;`

```
template <class Dr1, class V1, class TC1, class R1, class D1,
          class Dr2, class V2, class TC2, class R2, class D2>
typename enable_if_interoperable<Dr1,Dr2,bool>::type
operator ==(iterator_facade<Dr1,V1,TC1,R1,D1> const& lhs,
            iterator_facade<Dr2,V2,TC2,R2,D2> const& rhs);
```

Returns: if `is_convertible<Dr2,Dr1>::value`

    then `((Dr1 const&)lhs).equal((Dr2 const&)rhs)`.
    Otherwise, `((Dr2 const&)rhs).equal((Dr1 const&)lhs)`.

```
template <class Dr1, class V1, class TC1, class R1, class D1,
          class Dr2, class V2, class TC2, class R2, class D2>
typename enable_if_interoperable<Dr1,Dr2,bool>::type
operator !=(iterator_facade<Dr1,V1,TC1,R1,D1> const& lhs,
            iterator_facade<Dr2,V2,TC2,R2,D2> const& rhs);
```

Returns: if `is_convertible<Dr2,Dr1>::value`

    then `!((Dr1 const&)lhs).equal((Dr2 const&)rhs)`.
    Otherwise, `!((Dr2 const&)rhs).equal((Dr1 const&)lhs)`.

```
template <class Dr1, class V1, class TC1, class R1, class D1,
          class Dr2, class V2, class TC2, class R2, class D2>
typename enable_if_interoperable<Dr1,Dr2,bool>::type
operator <(iterator_facade<Dr1,V1,TC1,R1,D1> const& lhs,
          iterator_facade<Dr2,V2,TC2,R2,D2> const& rhs);
```

Returns: if is_convertible<Dr2,Dr1>::value

> **then** ((Dr1 const&)lhs).distance_to((Dr2 const&)rhs) < 0.
>
> **Otherwise,** ((Dr2 const&)rhs).distance_to((Dr1 const&)lhs) > 0.

```
template <class Dr1, class V1, class TC1, class R1, class D1,
          class Dr2, class V2, class TC2, class R2, class D2>
typename enable_if_interoperable<Dr1,Dr2,bool>::type
operator <=(iterator_facade<Dr1,V1,TC1,R1,D1> const& lhs,
           iterator_facade<Dr2,V2,TC2,R2,D2> const& rhs);
```

Returns: if is_convertible<Dr2,Dr1>::value

> **then** ((Dr1 const&)lhs).distance_to((Dr2 const&)rhs) <= 0.
>
> **Otherwise,** ((Dr2 const&)rhs).distance_to((Dr1 const&)lhs) >= 0.

```
template <class Dr1, class V1, class TC1, class R1, class D1,
          class Dr2, class V2, class TC2, class R2, class D2>
typename enable_if_interoperable<Dr1,Dr2,bool>::type
operator >(iterator_facade<Dr1,V1,TC1,R1,D1> const& lhs,
          iterator_facade<Dr2,V2,TC2,R2,D2> const& rhs);
```

Returns: if is_convertible<Dr2,Dr1>::value

> **then** ((Dr1 const&)lhs).distance_to((Dr2 const&)rhs) > 0.
>
> **Otherwise,** ((Dr2 const&)rhs).distance_to((Dr1 const&)lhs) < 0.

```
template <class Dr1, class V1, class TC1, class R1, class D1,
          class Dr2, class V2, class TC2, class R2, class D2>
typename enable_if_interoperable<Dr1,Dr2,bool>::type
operator >=(iterator_facade<Dr1,V1,TC1,R1,D1> const& lhs,
           iterator_facade<Dr2,V2,TC2,R2,D2> const& rhs);
```

Returns: if is_convertible<Dr2,Dr1>::value

> **then** ((Dr1 const&)lhs).distance_to((Dr2 const&)rhs) >= 0.
>
> **Otherwise,** ((Dr2 const&)rhs).distance_to((Dr1 const&)lhs) <= 0.

```
template <class Dr1, class V1, class TC1, class R1, class D1,
          class Dr2, class V2, class TC2, class R2, class D2>
typename enable_if_interoperable<Dr1,Dr2,difference>::type
operator -(iterator_facade<Dr1,V1,TC1,R1,D1> const& lhs,
          iterator_facade<Dr2,V2,TC2,R2,D2> const& rhs);
```

Return Type: if is_convertible<Dr2,Dr1>::value

> **then** difference shall be iterator_traits<Dr1>::difference_type.
>
> **Otherwise** difference shall be iterator_traits<Dr2>::difference_type

Returns: if is_convertible<Dr2,Dr1>::value

> **then** -((Dr1 const&)lhs).distance_to((Dr2 const&)rhs).
>
> **Otherwise,** ((Dr2 const&)rhs).distance_to((Dr1 const&)lhs).

Iterator adaptor [lib.iterator.adaptor]

Each specialization of the `iterator_adaptor` class template is derived from a specialization of `iterator_facade`. The core interface functions expected by `iterator_facade` are implemented in terms of the `iterator_adaptor`'s `Base` template parameter. A class derived from `iterator_adaptor` typically redefines some of the core interface functions to adapt the behavior of the `Base` type. Whether the derived class models any of the standard iterator concepts depends on the operations supported by the `Base` type and which core interface functions of `iterator_facade` are redefined in the `Derived` class.

Class template `iterator_adaptor`

```
template <
    class Derived
  , class Base
  , class Value              = use_default
  , class CategoryOrTraversal = use_default
  , class Reference           = use_default
  , class Difference = use_default
>
class iterator_adaptor
  : public iterator_facade<Derived, V', C', R', D'> // see details
{
    friend class iterator_core_access;
 public:
    iterator_adaptor();
    explicit iterator_adaptor(Base const& iter);
    typedef Base base_type;
    Base const& base() const;
 protected:
    typedef iterator_adaptor iterator_adaptor_;
    Base const& base_reference() const;
    Base& base_reference();
 private: // Core iterator interface for iterator_facade.
    typename iterator_adaptor::reference dereference() const;

    template <
    class OtherDerived, class OtherItera-
tor, class V, class C, class R, class D
    >
    bool equal(iterator_adaptor<OtherDerived, OtherItera-
tor, V, C, R, D> const& x) const;

    void advance(typename iterator_adaptor::difference_type n);
    void increment();
    void decrement();

    template <
        class OtherDerived, class OtherItera-
tor, class V, class C, class R, class D
    >
    typename iterator_adaptor::difference_type distance_to(
        iterator_adaptor<OtherDerived, OtherItera-
tor, V, C, R, D> const& y) const;
```

```
 private:
     Base m_iterator; // exposition only
};
```

iterator_adaptor requirements

`static_cast<Derived*>(iterator_adaptor*)` shall be well-formed. The `Base` argument shall be Assignable and Copy Constructible.

iterator_adaptor base class parameters

The *V'*, *C'*, *R'*, and *D'* parameters of the `iterator_facade` used as a base class in the summary of `iterator_adaptor` above are defined as follows:

```
V' = if (Value is use_default)
         return iterator_traits<Base>::value_type
     else
         return Value

C' = if (CategoryOrTraversal is use_default)
         return iterator_traversal<Base>::type
     else
         return CategoryOrTraversal

R' = if (Reference is use_default)
         if (Value is use_default)
             return iterator_traits<Base>::reference
         else
             return Value&
     else
         return Reference

D' = if (Difference is use_default)
         return iterator_traits<Base>::difference_type
     else
         return Difference
```

iterator_adaptor public operations

`iterator_adaptor();`

> **Requires:** The `Base` type must be Default Constructible.

> **Returns:** An instance of `iterator_adaptor` with `m_iterator` default constructed.

`explicit iterator_adaptor(Base const& iter);`

> **Returns:** An instance of `iterator_adaptor` with `m_iterator` copy constructed from `iter`.

`Base const& base() const;`

> **Returns:** `m_iterator`

`iterator_adaptor` **protected member functions**

```
Base const& base_reference() const;
```

> **Returns:** A const reference to `m_iterator`.

```
Base& base_reference();
```

> **Returns:** A non-const reference to `m_iterator`.

`iterator_adaptor` **private member functions**

```
typename iterator_adaptor::reference dereference() const;
```

> **Returns:** `*m_iterator`

```
template <
class OtherDerived, class OtherIterator, class V, class C, class R, class D
>
bool equal(iterator_adaptor<OtherDerived, OtherIterator, V, C, R, D> const& x) const;
```

> **Returns:** `m_iterator == x.base()`

```
void advance(typename iterator_adaptor::difference_type n);
```

> **Effects:** `m_iterator += n;`

```
void increment();
```

> **Effects:** `++m_iterator;`

```
void decrement();
```

> **Effects:** `--m_iterator;`

```
template <
    class OtherDerived, class OtherItera-
tor, class V, class C, class R, class D
>
typename iterator_adaptor::difference_type distance_to(
    iterator_adaptor<OtherDerived, OtherIterator, V, C, R, D> const& y) const;
```

> **Returns:** `y.base() - m_iterator`

Specialized adaptors [lib.iterator.special.adaptors]

The `enable_if_convertible<X,Y>::type` expression used in this section is for exposition purposes. The converting constructors for specialized adaptors should be only be in an overload set provided that an object of type `X` is implicitly convertible to an object of type `Y`. The signatures involving `enable_if_convertible` should behave *as-if* `enable_if_convertible` were defined to be:

```
template <bool> enable_if_convertible_impl
{};

template <> enable_if_convertible_impl<true>
{ struct type; };

template<typename From, typename To>
struct enable_if_convertible
  : enable_if_convertible_impl<is_convertible<From,To>::value>
{};
```

If an expression other than the default argument is used to supply the value of a function parameter whose type is written in terms of `enable_if_convertible`, the program is ill-formed, no diagnostic required.

[*Note:* The `enable_if_convertible` approach uses SFINAE to take the constructor out of the overload set when the types are not implicitly convertible.]

Indirect iterator

`indirect_iterator` adapts an iterator by applying an *extra* dereference inside of `operator*()`. For example, this iterator adaptor makes it possible to view a container of pointers (e.g. `list<foo*>`) as if it were a container of the pointed-to type (e.g. `list<foo>`). `indirect_iterator` depends on two auxiliary traits, `pointee` and `indirect_reference`, to provide support for underlying iterators whose `value_type` is not an iterator.

Class template `pointee`

```
template <class Dereferenceable>
struct pointee
{
    typedef /* see below */ type;
};
```

Requires: For an object x of type `Dereferenceable`, `*x` is well-formed. If `++x` is ill-formed it shall neither be ambiguous nor shall it violate access control, and `Dereferenceable::element_type` shall be an accessible type. Otherwise `iterator_traits<Dereferenceable>::value_type` shall be well formed. [Note: These requirements need not apply to explicit or partial specializations of `pointee`]

`type` is determined according to the following algorithm, where x is an object of type `Dereferenceable`:

```
if ( ++x is ill-formed )
{
    return ``Dereferenceable::element_type``
}
else if (``*x`` is a mutable reference to
        std::iterator_traits<Dereferenceable>::value_type)
{
    return iterator_traits<Dereferenceable>::value_type
}
else
{
    return iterator_traits<Dereferenceable>::value_type const
}
```

Class template `indirect_reference`

```
template <class Dereferenceable>
struct indirect_reference
{
    typedef /* see below */ type;
};
```

Requires: For an object x of type `Dereferenceable`, `*x` is well-formed. If `++x` is ill-formed it shall neither be ambiguous nor shall it violate access control, and `pointee<Dereferenceable>::type&` shall be well-formed. Otherwise `iterator_traits<Dereferenceable>::reference` shall be well formed. [Note: These requirements need not apply to explicit or partial specializations of `indirect_reference`]

type is determined according to the following algorithm, where x is an object of type `Dereferenceable`:

```
if ( ++x is ill-formed )
    return ``pointee<Dereferenceable>::type&``
else
    std::iterator_traits<Dereferenceable>::reference
```

Class template `indirect_iterator`

```
template <
    class Iterator
  , class Value = use_default
  , class CategoryOrTraversal = use_default
  , class Reference = use_default
  , class Difference = use_default
>
class indirect_iterator
{
 public:
    typedef /* see below */ value_type;
    typedef /* see below */ reference;
    typedef /* see below */ pointer;
    typedef /* see below */ difference_type;
    typedef /* see below */ iterator_category;

    indirect_iterator();
    indirect_iterator(Iterator x);

    template <
        class Iterator2, class Value2, class Category2
      , class Reference2, class Difference2
    >
    indirect_iterator(
        indirect_iterator<
            Iterator2, Value2, Category2, Reference2, Difference2
        > const& y
      , typename enable_if_convertible<Iterator2, Itera-
tor>::type* = 0 // exposition
    );

    Iterator const& base() const;
    reference operator*() const;
    indirect_iterator& operator++();
    indirect_iterator& operator--();
 private:
    Iterator m_iterator; // exposition
};
```

The member types of `indirect_iterator` are defined according to the following pseudo-code, where V is `iterator_traits<Iterator>::value_type`

```
if (Value is use_default) then
    typedef remove_const<pointee<V>::type>::type value_type;
else
    typedef remove_const<Value>::type value_type;

if (Reference is use_default) then
    if (Value is use_default) then
        typedef indirect_reference<V>::type reference;
    else
        typedef Value& reference;
else
    typedef Reference reference;

if (Value is use_default) then
    typedef pointee<V>::type* pointer;
else
    typedef Value* pointer;

if (Difference is use_default)
    typedef iterator_traits<Iterator>::difference_type difference_type;
else
    typedef Difference difference_type;

if (CategoryOrTraversal is use_default)
    typedef iterator-category (
        iterator_traversal<Iterator>::type,``reference``,``value_type``
    ) iterator_category;
else
    typedef iterator-category (
        CategoryOrTraversal,``reference``,``value_type``
    ) iterator_category;
```

`indirect_iterator` requirements

The expression `*v`, where v is an object of `iterator_traits<Iterator>::value_type`, shall be valid expression and convertible to `reference`. Iterator shall model the traversal concept indicated by `iterator_category`. `Value`, `Reference`, and `Difference` shall be chosen so that `value_type`, `reference`, and `difference_type` meet the requirements indicated by `iterator_category`.

[Note: there are further requirements on the `iterator_traits<Iterator>::value_type` if the `Value` parameter is not `use_default`, as implied by the algorithm for deducing the default for the `value_type` member.]

`indirect_iterator` models

In addition to the concepts indicated by `iterator_category` and by `iterator_traversal<indirect_iterator>::type`, a specialization of `indirect_iterator` models the following concepts, Where v is an object of `iterator_traits<Iterator>::value_type`:

- Readable Iterator if `reference(*v)` is convertible to `value_type`.
- Writable Iterator if `reference(*v) = t` is a valid expression (where t is an object of type `indirect_iterator::value_type`)

- Lvalue Iterator if `reference` is a reference type.

`indirect_iterator<X,V1,C1,R1,D1>` is interoperable with `indirect_iterator<Y,V2,C2,R2,D2>` if and only if `X` is interoperable with `Y`.

`indirect_iterator` operations

In addition to the operations required by the concepts described above, specializations of `indirect_iterator` provide the following operations.

```
indirect_iterator();
```

Requires: `Iterator` must be Default Constructible.

Effects: Constructs an instance of `indirect_iterator` with a default-constructed `m_iterator`.

```
indirect_iterator(Iterator x);
```

Effects: Constructs an instance of `indirect_iterator` with `m_iterator` copy constructed from `x`.

```
template <
    class Iterator2, class Value2, unsigned Access, class Traversal
  , class Reference2, class Difference2
>
indirect_iterator(
    indirect_iterator<
        Iterator2, Value2, Access, Traversal, Reference2, Difference2
    > const& y
  , typename enable_if_convertible<Iterator2, Iterator>::type* = 0 // expo-
sition
);
```

Requires: `Iterator2` is implicitly convertible to `Iterator`.

Effects: Constructs an instance of `indirect_iterator` whose `m_iterator` subobject is constructed from `y.base()`.

```
Iterator const& base() const;
```

Returns: `m_iterator`

```
reference operator*() const;
```

Returns: `**m_iterator`

```
indirect_iterator& operator++();
```

Effects: `++m_iterator`

Returns: `*this`

```
indirect_iterator& operator--();
```

Effects: `--m_iterator`

Returns: `*this`

Reverse iterator

The reverse iterator adaptor iterates through the adapted iterator range in the opposite direction.

Class template `reverse_iterator`

```
template <class Iterator>
class reverse_iterator
{
public:
  typedef iterator_traits<Iterator>::value_type value_type;
  typedef iterator_traits<Iterator>::reference reference;
  typedef iterator_traits<Iterator>::pointer pointer;
  typedef iterator_traits<Iterator>::difference_type difference_type;
  typedef /* see below */ iterator_category;

  reverse_iterator() {}
  explicit reverse_iterator(Iterator x) ;

  template<class OtherIterator>
  reverse_iterator(
      reverse_iterator<OtherIterator> const& r
    , typename enable_if_convertible<OtherIterator, Itera-
tor>::type* = 0 // exposition
  );
  Iterator const& base() const;
  reference operator*() const;
  reverse_iterator& operator++();
  reverse_iterator& operator--();
private:
  Iterator m_iterator; // exposition
};
```

If `Iterator` models Random Access Traversal Iterator and Readable Lvalue Iterator, then `iterator_category` is convertible to `random_access_iterator_tag`. Otherwise, if `Iterator` models Bidirectional Traversal Iterator and Readable Lvalue Iterator, then `iterator_category` is convertible to `bidirectional_iterator_tag`. Otherwise, `iterator_category` is convertible to `input_iterator_tag`.

`reverse_iterator` requirements

`Iterator` must be a model of Bidirectional Traversal Iterator. The type `iterator_traits<Iterator>::reference` must be the type of `*i`, where `i` is an object of type `Iterator`.

`reverse_iterator` models

A specialization of `reverse_iterator` models the same iterator traversal and iterator access concepts modeled by its `Iterator` argument. In addition, it may model old iterator concepts specified in the following table:

If `I` models	then `reverse_iterator<I>` models
Readable Lvalue Iterator, Bidirectional Traversal Iterator	Bidirectional Iterator
Writable Lvalue Iterator, Bidirectional Traversal Iterator	Mutable Bidirectional Iterator
Readable Lvalue Iterator, Random Access Traversal Iterator	Random Access Iterator
Writable Lvalue Iterator, Random Access Traversal Iterator	Mutable Random Access Iterator

`reverse_iterator<X>` is interoperable with `reverse_iterator<Y>` if and only if X is interoperable with Y.

`reverse_iterator` operations

In addition to the operations required by the concepts modeled by `reverse_iterator`, `reverse_iterator` provides the following operations.

```
reverse_iterator();
```

> **Requires:** `Iterator` must be Default Constructible.

> **Effects:** Constructs an instance of `reverse_iterator` with `m_iterator` default constructed.

```
explicit reverse_iterator(Iterator x);
```

> **Effects:** Constructs an instance of `reverse_iterator` with `m_iterator` copy constructed from `x`.

```
template<class OtherIterator>
reverse_iterator(
    reverse_iterator<OtherIterator> const& r
  , typename enable_if_convertible<OtherIterator, Itera-
tor>::type* = 0 // exposition
);
```

> **Requires:** `OtherIterator` is implicitly convertible to `Iterator`.

> **Effects:** Constructs instance of `reverse_iterator` whose `m_iterator` subobject is constructed from `y.base()`.

```
Iterator const& base() const;
```

> **Returns:** `m_iterator`

```
reference operator*() const;
```

> **Effects:**

> ```
> Iterator tmp = m_iterator;
> return *--tmp;
> ```

```
reverse_iterator& operator++();
```

> **Effects:** `--m_iterator`

> **Returns:** `*this`

```
reverse_iterator& operator--();
```

> **Effects:** `++m_iterator`

> **Returns:** `*this`

Transform iterator

The transform iterator adapts an iterator by modifying the `operator*` to apply a function object to the result of dereferencing the iterator and returning the result.

Class template `transform_iterator`

```
template <class UnaryFunction,
          class Iterator,
          class Reference = use_default,
          class Value = use_default>
class transform_iterator
{
public:
  typedef /* see below */ value_type;
  typedef /* see below */ reference;
  typedef /* see below */ pointer;
  typedef iterator_traits<Iterator>::difference_type difference_type;
  typedef /* see below */ iterator_category;

  transform_iterator();
  transform_iterator(Iterator const& x, UnaryFunction f);

  template<class F2, class I2, class R2, class V2>
  transform_iterator(
        transform_iterator<F2, I2, R2, V2> const& t
      , typename enable_if_convertible<I2, Iterator>::type* = 0      // ex-
position only
      , typename enable_if_convertible<F2, UnaryFunction>::type* = 0 // ex-
position only
    );
  UnaryFunction functor() const;
  Iterator const& base() const;
  reference operator*() const;
  transform_iterator& operator++();
  transform_iterator& operator--();
private:
  Iterator m_iterator; // exposition only
  UnaryFunction m_f;   // exposition only
};
```

If `Reference` is `use_default` then the `reference` member of `transform_iterator` is `result_of<UnaryFunction(ite`
Otherwise, `reference` is `Reference`.

If `Value` is `use_default` then the `value_type` member is `remove_cv<remove_reference<reference>`
`>::type`. Otherwise, `value_type` is `Value`.

If `Iterator` models Readable Lvalue Iterator and if `Iterator` models Random Access Traversal Iterator, then `iterator_category` is convertible to `random_access_iterator_tag`. Otherwise, if `Iterator` models Bidirectional Traversal Iterator, then `iterator_category` is convertible to `bidirectional_iterator_tag`. Otherwise `iterator_category` is convertible to `forward_iterator_tag`. If `Iterator` does not model Readable Lvalue Iterator then `iterator_category` is convertible to `input_iterator_tag`.

`transform_iterator` **requirements**

The type `UnaryFunction` must be Assignable, Copy Constructible, and the expression `f(*i)` must be valid where `f` is an object of type `UnaryFunction`, `i` is an object of type `Iterator`, and where the type of `f(*i)` must be `result_of<UnaryFunction(iterator_traits<Iterator>::reference)>::type`.

The argument `Iterator` shall model Readable Iterator.

`transform_iterator` **models**

The resulting `transform_iterator` models the most refined of the following that is also modeled by `Iterator`.

- Writable Lvalue Iterator if `transform_iterator::reference` is a non-const reference.
- Readable Lvalue Iterator if `transform_iterator::reference` is a const reference.
- Readable Iterator otherwise.

The `transform_iterator` models the most refined standard traversal concept that is modeled by the `Iterator` argument.

If `transform_iterator` is a model of Readable Lvalue Iterator then it models the following original iterator concepts depending on what the `Iterator` argument models.

If `Iterator` models	then `transform_iterator` models
Single Pass Iterator	Input Iterator
Forward Traversal Iterator	Forward Iterator
Bidirectional Traversal Iterator	Bidirectional Iterator
Random Access Traversal Iterator	Random Access Iterator

If `transform_iterator` models Writable Lvalue Iterator then it is a mutable iterator (as defined in the old iterator requirements).

`transform_iterator<F1, X, R1, V1>` is interoperable with `transform_iterator<F2, Y, R2, V2>` if and only if `X` is interoperable with `Y`.

`transform_iterator` **operations**

In addition to the operations required by the concepts modeled by `transform_iterator`, transform_iterator provides the following operations.

```
transform_iterator();
```

> **Returns:** An instance of `transform_iterator` with `m_f` and `m_iterator` default constructed.

```
transform_iterator(Iterator const& x, UnaryFunction f);
```

> **Returns:** An instance of `transform_iterator` with `m_f` initialized to `f` and `m_iterator` initialized to `x`.

```
template<class F2, class I2, class R2, class V2>
transform_iterator(
        transform_iterator<F2, I2, R2, V2> const& t
    , typename enable_if_convertible<I2, Iterator>::type* = 0      // expo-
sition only
    , typename enable_if_convertible<F2, UnaryFunction>::type* = 0 // expo-
sition only
);
```

> **Returns:** An instance of `transform_iterator` with `m_f` initialized to `t.functor()` and `m_iterator` initialized to `t.base()`.

> **Requires:** `OtherIterator` is implicitly convertible to `Iterator`.

```
UnaryFunction functor() const;
```

> **Returns:** `m_f`

```
Iterator const& base() const;
```

Returns: `m_iterator`

```
reference operator*() const;
```

Returns: `m_f(*m_iterator)`

```
transform_iterator& operator++();
```

Effects: `++m_iterator`
Returns: `*this`

```
transform_iterator& operator--();
```

Effects: `--m_iterator`
Returns: `*this`

Filter iterator

The filter iterator adaptor creates a view of an iterator range in which some elements of the range are skipped. A predicate function object controls which elements are skipped. When the predicate is applied to an element, if it returns `true` then the element is retained and if it returns `false` then the element is skipped over. When skipping over elements, it is necessary for the filter adaptor to know when to stop so as to avoid going past the end of the underlying range. A filter iterator is therefore constructed with pair of iterators indicating the range of elements in the unfiltered sequence to be traversed.

Class template `filter_iterator`

```
template <class Predicate, class Iterator>
class filter_iterator
{
 public:
    typedef iterator_traits<Iterator>::value_type value_type;
    typedef iterator_traits<Iterator>::reference reference;
    typedef iterator_traits<Iterator>::pointer pointer;
    typedef iterator_traits<Iterator>::difference_type difference_type;
    typedef /* see below */ iterator_category;

    filter_iterator();
    filter_iterator(Predicate f, Iterator x, Iterator end = Iterator());
    filter_iterator(Iterator x, Iterator end = Iterator());
    template<class OtherIterator>
    filter_iterator(
        filter_iterator<Predicate, OtherIterator> const& t
        , typename enable_if_convertible<OtherIterator, Itera-
  tor>::type* = 0 // exposition
        );
    Predicate predicate() const;
    Iterator end() const;
    Iterator const& base() const;
    reference operator*() const;
    filter_iterator& operator++();
 private:
    Predicate m_pred; // exposition only
```

```
      Iterator m_iter;  // exposition only
      Iterator m_end;   // exposition only
    };
```

If `Iterator` models Readable Lvalue Iterator and Bidirectional Traversal Iterator then `iterator_category` is convertible to `std::bidirectional_iterator_tag`. Otherwise, if `Iterator` models Readable Lvalue Iterator and Forward Traversal Iterator then `iterator_category` is convertible to `std::forward_iterator_tag`. Otherwise `iterator_category` is convertible to `std::input_iterator_tag`.

`filter_iterator` requirements

The `Iterator` argument shall meet the requirements of Readable Iterator and Single Pass Iterator or it shall meet the requirements of Input Iterator.

The `Predicate` argument must be Assignable, Copy Constructible, and the expression `p(x)` must be valid where `p` is an object of type `Predicate`, `x` is an object of type `iterator_traits<Iterator>::value_type`, and where the type of `p(x)` must be convertible to `bool`.

`filter_iterator` models

The concepts that `filter_iterator` models are dependent on which concepts the `Iterator` argument models, as specified in the following tables.

If `Iterator` models	then `filter_iterator` models
Single Pass Iterator	Single Pass Iterator
Forward Traversal Iterator	Forward Traversal Iterator
Bidirectional Traversal Iterator	Bidirectional Traversal Iterator

If `Iterator` models	then `filter_iterator` models
Readable Iterator	Readable Iterator
Writable Iterator	Writable Iterator
Lvalue Iterator	Lvalue Iterator

If `Iterator` models	then `filter_iterator` models
Readable Iterator, Single Pass Iterator	Input Iterator
Readable Lvalue Iterator, Forward Traversal Iterator	Forward Iterator
Writable Lvalue Iterator, Forward Traversal Iterator	Mutable Forward Iterator
Writable Lvalue Iterator, Bidirectional Iterator	Mutable Bidirectional Iterator

`filter_iterator<P1, X>` is interoperable with `filter_iterator<P2, Y>` if and only if `X` is interoperable with `Y`.

`filter_iterator` operations

In addition to those operations required by the concepts that `filter_iterator` models, `filter_iterator` provides the following operations.

```
    filter_iterator();
```

Requires: `Predicate` and `Iterator` must be Default Constructible.

Effects: Constructs a `filter_iterator` whose"m_pred", `m_iter`, and `m_end` members are a default constructed.

```
    filter_iterator(Predicate f, Iterator x, Iterator end = Iterator());
```

Effects: Constructs a `filter_iterator` where `m_iter` is either the first position in the range `[x,end)` such that `f(*m_iter) == true` or else "m_iter == end". The member `m_pred` is constructed from `f` and `m_end` from `end`.

```
filter_iterator(Iterator x, Iterator end = Iterator());
```

Requires: `Predicate` must be Default Constructible and `Predicate` is a class type (not a function pointer).

Effects: Constructs a `filter_iterator` where `m_iter` is either the first position in the range `[x,end)` such that `m_pred(*m_iter) == true` or else "m_iter == end". The member `m_pred` is default constructed.

```
template <class OtherIterator>
filter_iterator(
    filter_iterator<Predicate, OtherIterator> const& t
    , typename enable_if_convertible<OtherIterator, Itera-
tor>::type* = 0 // exposition
    );''
```

Requires: `OtherIterator` is implicitly convertible to `Iterator`.

Effects: Constructs a filter iterator whose members are copied from `t`.

```
Predicate predicate() const;
```

Returns: `m_pred`

```
Iterator end() const;
```

Returns: `m_end`

```
Iterator const& base() const;
```

Returns: `m_iterator`

```
reference operator*() const;
```

Returns: `*m_iter`

```
filter_iterator& operator++();
```

Effects: Increments `m_iter` and then continues to increment `m_iter` until either `m_iter == m_end` or `m_pred(*m_iter) == true`.

Returns: `*this`

Counting iterator

`counting_iterator` adapts an object by adding an `operator*` that returns the current value of the object. All other iterator operations are forwarded to the adapted object.

Class template `counting_iterator`

```
template <
    class Incrementable
  , class CategoryOrTraversal = use_default
  , class Difference = use_default
>
class counting_iterator
```

```
    {
    public:
        typedef Incrementable value_type;
        typedef const Incrementable& reference;
        typedef const Incrementable* pointer;
        typedef /* see below */ difference_type;
        typedef /* see below */ iterator_category;

        counting_iterator();
        counting_iterator(counting_iterator const& rhs);
        explicit counting_iterator(Incrementable x);
        Incrementable const& base() const;
        reference operator*() const;
        counting_iterator& operator++();
        counting_iterator& operator--();
    private:
        Incrementable m_inc; // exposition
    };
```

If the `Difference` argument is `use_default` then `difference_type` is an unspecified signed integral type. Otherwise `difference_type` is `Difference`.

`iterator_category` is determined according to the following algorithm:

```
    if (CategoryOrTraversal is not use_default)
        return CategoryOrTraversal
    else if (numeric_limits<Incrementable>::is_specialized)
        return iterator-category(
            random_access_traversal_tag, Incrementable, const Incrementable&)
    else
        return iterator-category(
            iterator_traversal<Incrementable>::type,
            Incrementable, const Incrementable&)
```

[*Note:* **implementers are encouraged to provide an implementation of** `operator-` **and a dif-**
ference_type that avoids overflows in the cases where `std::numeric_limits<Incrementable>::is_specialized`
is true.]

`counting_iterator` requirements

The `Incrementable` argument shall be Copy Constructible and Assignable.

If `iterator_category` is convertible to `forward_iterator_tag` or `forward_traversal_tag`, the
following must be well-formed:

```
    Incrementable i, j;
    ++i;          // pre-increment
    i == j;       // operator equal
```

If `iterator_category` is convertible to `bidirectional_iterator_tag` or `bidirectional_traversal_tag`,
the following expression must also be well-formed:

```
    --i
```

If `iterator_category` is convertible to `random_access_iterator_tag` or `random_access_traversal_tag`,
the following must must also be valid:

```
counting_iterator::difference_type n;
i += n;
n = i - j;
i < j;
```

counting_iterator models

Specializations of `counting_iterator` model Readable Lvalue Iterator. In addition, they model the concepts corresponding to the iterator tags to which their `iterator_category` is convertible. Also, if `CategoryOrTraversal` is not `use_default` then `counting_iterator` models the concept corresponding to the iterator tag `CategoryOrTraversal`. Otherwise, if `numeric_limits<Incrementable>::is_specialized`, then `counting_iterator` models Random Access Traversal Iterator. Otherwise, `counting_iterator` models the same iterator traversal concepts modeled by `Incrementable`.

   `counting_iterator<X,C1,D1>` is interoperable with `counting_iterator<Y,C2,D2>` if and only if `X` is interoperable with `Y`.

counting_iterator operations

In addition to the operations required by the concepts modeled by `counting_iterator`, `counting_iterator` provides the following operations.

   `counting_iterator();`

   Requires: `Incrementable` is Default Constructible.

   Effects: Default construct the member `m_inc`.

   `counting_iterator(counting_iterator const& rhs);`

   Effects: Construct member `m_inc` from `rhs.m_inc`.

   `explicit counting_iterator(Incrementable x);`

   Effects: Construct member `m_inc` from `x`.

   `reference operator*() const;`

   Returns: `m_inc`

   `counting_iterator& operator++();`

   Effects: `++m_inc`

   Returns: `*this`

   `counting_iterator& operator--();`

   Effects: `--m_inc`

   Returns: `*this`

   `Incrementable const& base() const;`

   Returns: `m_inc`

Function output iterator

The function output iterator adaptor makes it easier to create custom output iterators. The adaptor takes a unary function and creates a model of Output Iterator. Each item assigned to the output iterator is passed as an argument to the unary function. The motivation for this iterator is that creating a conforming output iterator is non-trivial, particularly because the proper implementation usually requires a proxy object.

Class template `function_output_iterator`

Header

```
#include <boost/function_output_iterator.hpp>

template <class UnaryFunction>
class function_output_iterator {
public:
  typedef std::output_iterator_tag iterator_category;
  typedef void                     value_type;
  typedef void                     difference_type;
  typedef void                     pointer;
  typedef void                     reference;

  explicit function_output_iterator();

  explicit function_output_iterator(const UnaryFunction& f);

  /* see below */ operator*();
  function_output_iterator& operator++();
  function_output_iterator& operator++(int);
private:
  UnaryFunction m_f;     // exposition only
};
```

`function_output_iterator` **requirements**

`UnaryFunction` must be Assignable and Copy Constructible.

`function_output_iterator` **models**

`function_output_iterator` is a model of the Writable and Incrementable Iterator concepts.

`function_output_iterator` **operations**

`explicit function_output_iterator(const UnaryFunction& f = UnaryFunction());`

> **Effects:** Constructs an instance of `function_output_iterator` with `m_f` constructed from f.

  `operator*();`

> **Returns:** An object `r` of unspecified type such that `r = t` is equivalent to `m_f(t)` for all t.

  `function_output_iterator& operator++();`

> **Returns:** *this

  `function_output_iterator& operator++(int);`

> **Returns:** *this