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【Ch9】 Sequential Containers

9.3.4 Specialized forward_list Operations

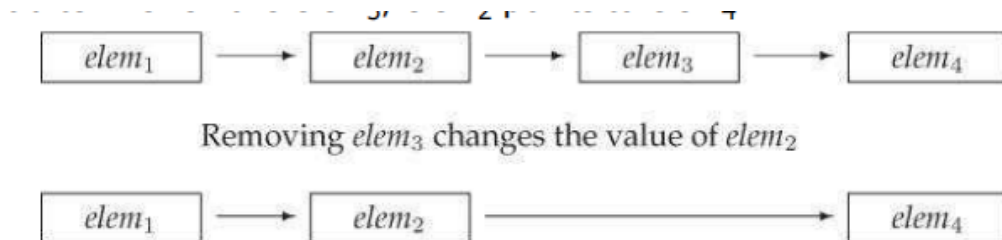


Figure 9.1. forward_list Specialized Operations

When we add or remove an element in a linked list, the element before the one we added or removed has a different successor.

To add or remove an element, we need access to its predecessor in order to update that element's links. However, `forward_list` is a singly linked list, and thus has no easy way to get to an element's predecessor.

For this reason, the operations to add or remove elements in a `forward_list` operate by changing the element after the given element.

Table 9.8. Operations to Insert or Remove Elements in a `forward_list`

<code>lst.before_begin()</code>	Iterator denoting the nonexistent element just before the beginning of the list. This iterator may not be dereferenced.
<code>lst.cbefore_begin()</code>	<code>cbefore_begin()</code> returns a <code>const_iterator</code> .
<code>lst.insert_after(p, t)</code>	Inserts element(s) <i>after</i> the one denoted by iterator <code>p</code> . <code>t</code> is an object, <code>n</code> is a count, <code>b</code> and <code>e</code> are iterators denoting a range (<code>b</code> and <code>e</code> must not refer to <code>lst</code>), and <code>il</code> is a braced list. Returns an iterator to the <i>last</i> inserted element. If the range is empty, returns <code>p</code> . Undefined if <code>p</code> is the off-the-end iterator.
<code>lst.insert_after(p, n, t)</code>	
<code>lst.insert_after(p, b, e)</code>	
<code>lst.insert_after(p, il)</code>	
<code>emplace_after(p, args)</code>	Uses <code>args</code> to construct an element after the one denoted by iterator <code>p</code> . Returns an iterator to the new element. Undefined if <code>p</code> is the off-the-end iterator.
<code>lst.erase_after(p)</code>	Removes the element <i>after</i> the one denoted by iterator <code>p</code> or the range of elements from the one <i>after</i> the iterator <code>b</code> up to but not including the one denoted by <code>e</code> . Returns an iterator to the element after the one deleted, or the off-the-end iterator if there is no such element. Undefined if <code>p</code> denotes the last element in <code>lst</code> or is the off-the-end iterator.
<code>lst.erase_after(b, e)</code>	

Because these operations behave differently from the operations on the other containers, `forward_list` does not define `insert`, `emplace`, or `erase`.

Instead, it defines members named `insert_after`, `emplace_after`, and `erase_after`.

To support these operations, `forward_list` also defines `before_begin`, which returns an off-the-beginning iterator. This iterator lets us **add or remove elements “after” the nonexistent element before the first one** in the list.

For example, we will rewrite the code that removes the odd-valued elements from a list to use `forward_list`:

```
forward_list<int> flst = { 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 };
auto prev = flst.before_begin(); //the "off-the-start" iterator
auto curr = flst.begin(); //the start iterator
while(curr != flst.end()) {
    if(*curr % 2)
        curr = flst.erase_after(prev); //erase and move curr
    else {
        prev = curr++; //move the iterator to denote next, and move the curr iterator by one
    }
}
```

Exercise

Exercise 9.27: Write a program to find and remove the odd-valued elements in a `forward_list<int>`.

[See 9_27.cpp for code](#)

Exercise 9.28: Write a function that takes a `forward_list<string>` and two additional `string` arguments. The function should find the first `string` and insert the second immediately following the first. If the first `string` is not found, then insert the second `string` at the end of the list.

[See 9_28.cpp for code](#)