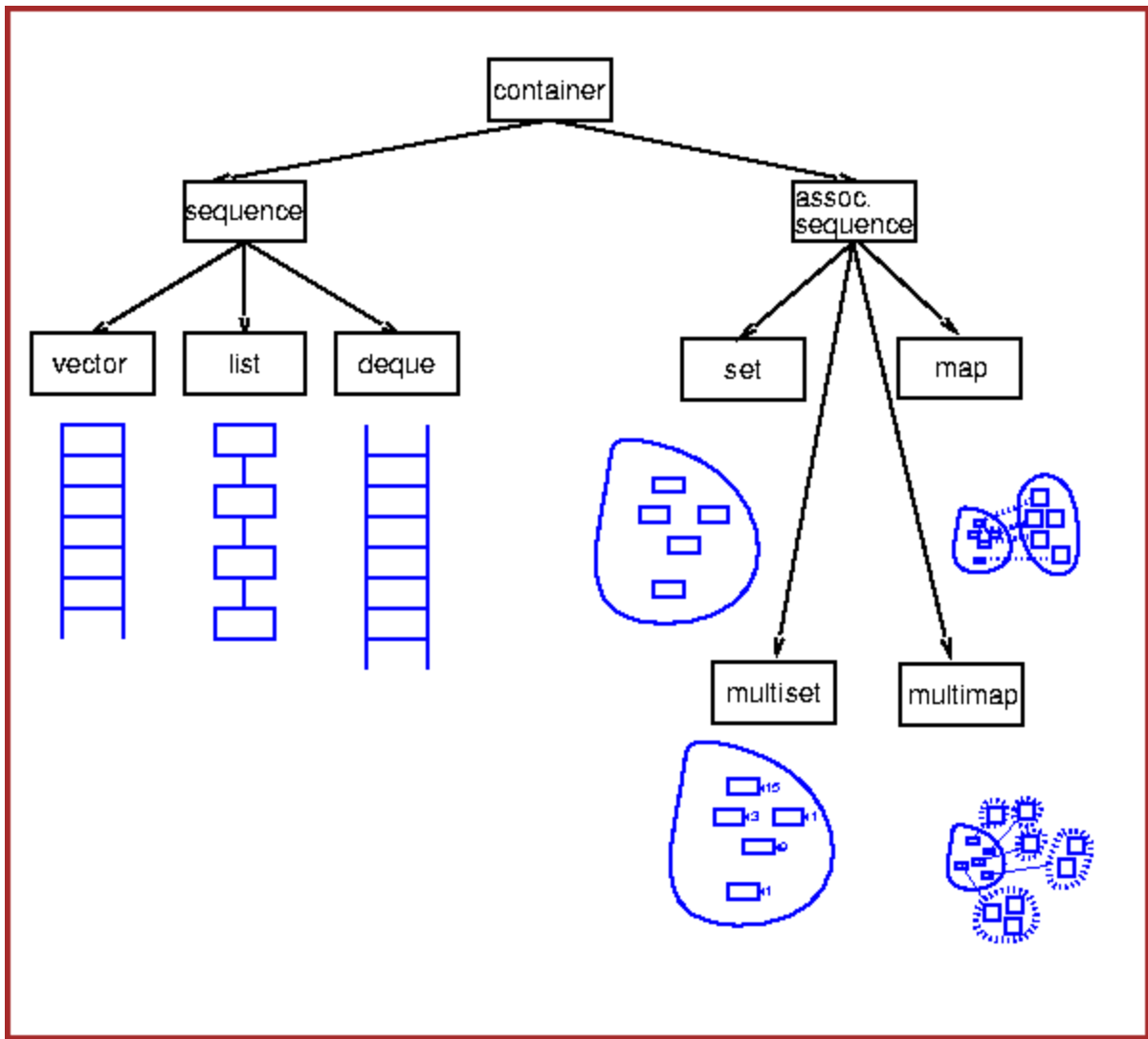


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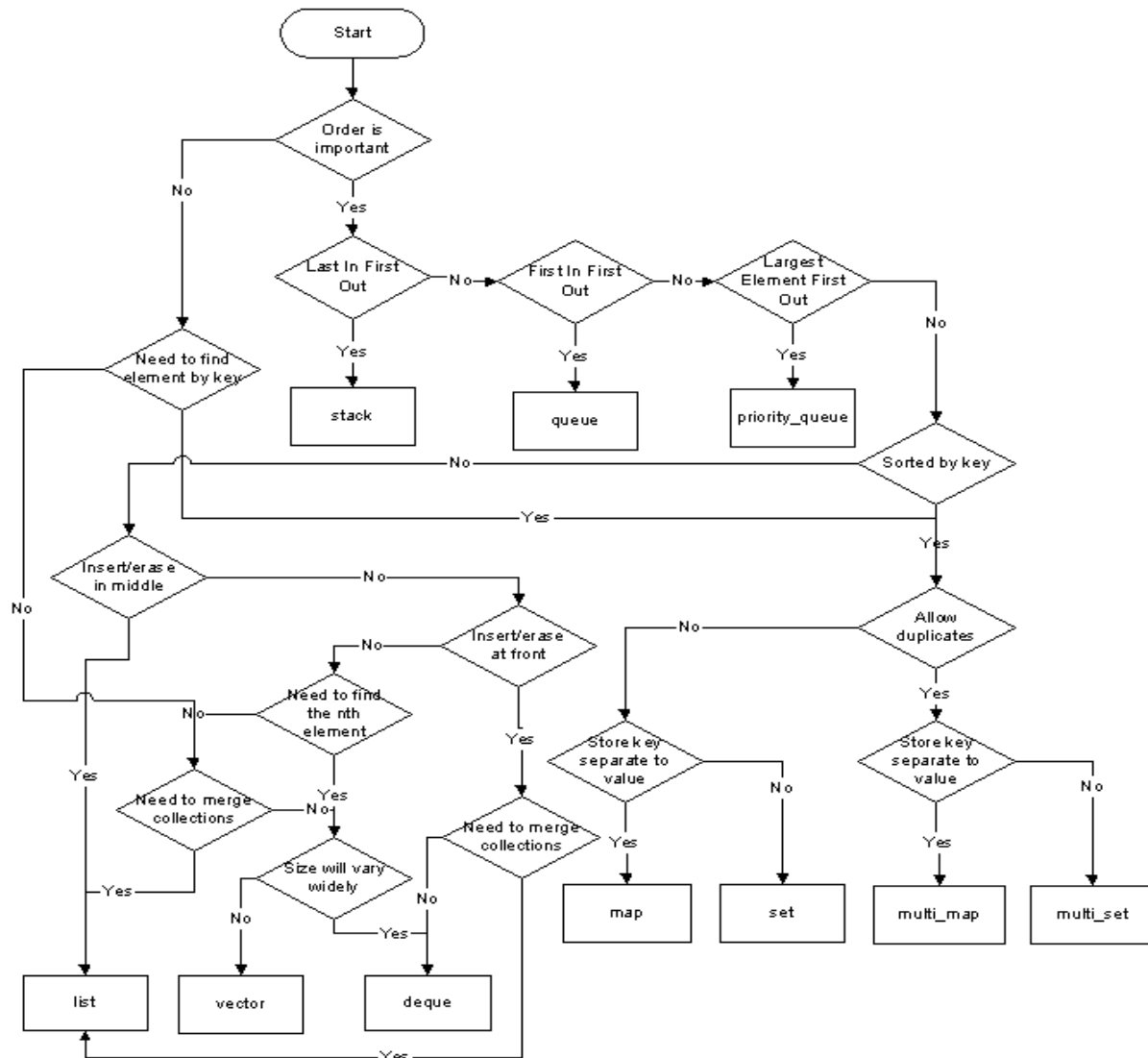
◆ STL (Standard Template Library)

At the core of the C++ Standard Template Library are following three well-structured components:

Component	Description
Containers	Containers are used to manage collections of objects of a certain kind. There are several different types of containers like deque, list, vector, map etc.
Algorithms	Algorithms act on containers. They provide the means by which you will perform initialization, sorting, searching, and transforming of the contents of containers.
Iterators	Iterators are used to step through the elements of collections of objects. These collections may be containers or subsets of containers.



- How can I efficiently select a Standard Library container in C++?



- Vector**

- The elements are stored contiguously, which means that elements can be accessed not only through iterators, but also using offsets on regular pointers to elements.
- Look this simple vector program.

```

#include <iostream>
#include <vector>

int main()
{
    // Create a vector containing integers
    std::vector<int> v = {7, 5, 16, 8};

    // Add two more integers to vector
    v.push_back(25);
    v.push_back(13);

    // Iterate and print values of vector
    for(int n : v) {

```

```

        std::cout << n << '\t';
    }
}
- O/p: 7 5 16 8 25 13

```

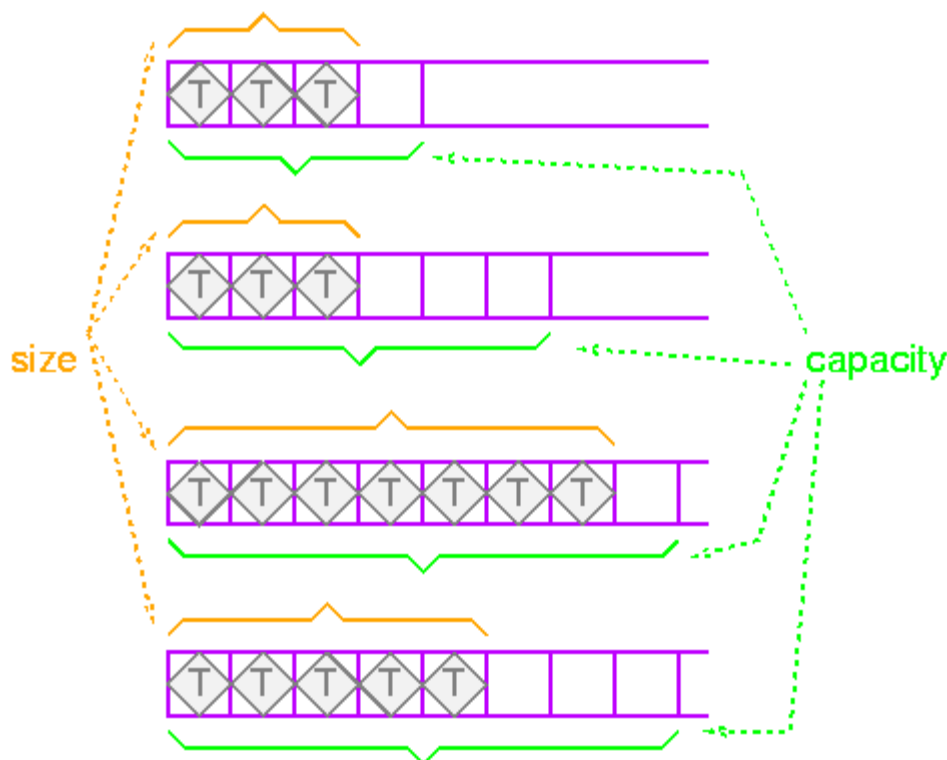
Vector Functions:

Size - returns the number of elements.

max_size - returns the maximum possible number of elements.

reserve - Requests that the [vector capacity](#) be at least enough to contain n elements. If n is greater than the current [vector capacity](#), the function causes the container to reallocate its storage increasing its [capacity](#) to n .

Capacity - returns the number of elements that can be held in currently allocated storage



resize - Resizes the container so that it contains n elements.

void resize (size_type n, value_type val = value_type());

If n is smaller than the current container size, the content is reduced to its first n elements, removing those beyond (and destroying them).

If n is greater than the current container size, the content is expanded by inserting at the end as many elements as needed to reach a size of n . If val is specified, the new elements are initialized as copies of val , otherwise, they are value-initialized.

```
std::vector<int> v1;
v1.resize(1000); //allocation + instance creation
cout <<(v1.size() == 1000)<< endl; //prints 1
cout <<(v1.capacity()==1000)<< endl; //prints 1

std::vector<int> v2;
v2.reserve(1000); //only allocation
cout <<(v2.size() == 1000)<< endl; //prints 0 here size is 0
cout <<(v2.capacity()==1000)<< endl; //prints 1
```

push_back:

- Adds a new element at the end of the vector.
- Causes an automatic reallocation of the allocated storage space if -and only if- the new vector size surpasses the current vector capacity.

pop_back:

Removes the last element in the vector, effectively reducing the container size by one.

erase:

Removes from the vector either a single element (position) or a range of elements ([first,last)).

This effectively reduces the container size by the number of elements removed, which are destroyed.

vectors use an array as their underlying storage, *erasing elements in positions other than the vector end causes the container to relocate all the elements* after the segment erased to their new positions. This is generally an inefficient operation.

E.g

```
std::vector<int> myvector;

// set some values (from 1 to 10)
for (int i=1; i<=10; i++) myvector.push_back(i);

// erase the 6th element
myvector.erase (myvector.begin()+5);

// erase the first 3 elements:
myvector.erase (myvector.begin(),myvector.begin()+3);
```

Difference b/w operator[] and at() To Access Vector In C++

1. Both are used to access elements in vector.
2. **operator[] don't do range checking, at() does range checking** before accessing
3. operator[] don't throw when it is **out of bound** (undefined behaviour), but at() throw if it is out of bound.
4. **operator[] faster and at() is slower** as compare to operator[]

• Stack

- Stacks are a type of container adaptor, specifically designed to operate in a **LIFO** context (last-in first-out)
- Stacks are *implemented as containers adaptors*, which are classes that use an encapsulated object of a specific container class as its underlying container, providing a specific set of member functions to access its elements.

The container shall support the following operations:

- empty
- size
- back
- push_back
- pop_back

Constructor:

```
explicit stack (const container_type& ctnr = container_type());  
template<class T, class Container = std::deque<T>> class stack;
```

e.g

```
std::deque<int> mydeque (3,100);           // deque with 3 elements  
std::vector<int> myvector (2,200);         // vector with 2 elements  
  
std::stack<int> first;                      // empty stack  
std::stack<int> second (mydeque);          // stack initialized to copy of deque  
  
std::stack<int, std::vector<int> > third;    // empty stack using vector. Here stack is  
                                              // using vector as underlying  
container.  
std::stack<int, std::vector<int> > fourth (myvector);
```

• deque

```
template < class T, class Alloc = allocator<T> > class deque;
```

acronym of double-ended queue

Internally Imagine it as a vector of vectors. it can be implemented otherwise, like a **linked list of arrays**.

Modifiers:

<u>assign</u>	Assign container content (public member function)
<u>push back</u>	Add element at the end (public member function)
<u>push front</u>	Insert element at beginning (public member function)
<u>pop back</u>	Delete last element (public member function)
<u>pop front</u>	Delete first element (public member function)
<u>insert</u>	Insert elements (public member function)
<u>erase</u>	Erase elements (public member function)
<u>swap</u>	Swap content (public member function)
<u>clear</u>	Clear content (public member function)
<u>emplace</u>	Construct and insert element (public member function)
<u>emplace front</u>	Construct and insert element at beginning (public member function)
<u>emplace back</u>	Construct and insert element at the end (public member function)

Capacity:

<u>size</u>	Return size (public member function)
<u>max size</u>	Return maximum size (public member function)
<u>resize</u>	Change size (public member function)

❖ Vector Vs. Deque

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• List

Lists are sequence containers that allow non-contiguous memory allocation. As compared to vector, list has slow traversal, but once a position has been found, insertion and deletion are quick. Normally, when we say a List, we talk about doubly linked list. For implementing a singly linked list, we use forward list.

splice() function in C++ STL

The `list::splice()` is a built-in function in C++ STL which is used to transfer elements from one list to another. The `splice()` function can be used in three ways:

1. Transfer all the elements of list *x* into another list at some *position*.
2. Transfer only the element pointed by *i* from list *x* into the list at some *position*.
3. Transfers the range *[first, last)* from list *x* into another list at some *position*.

• Maps

Maps are associative containers that store elements formed by a combination of a **key value** and a mapped value.

Associative

Elements in associative containers are referenced by their **key** and not by their absolute position in the container.

Ordered

The elements in the container follow a strict order at all times. All inserted elements are given a position in this order.

Unique keys

No two elements in the container can have equivalent *keys*.

Constructor:

```
empty (1) explicit map (const key_compare& comp = key_compare(),
                      const allocator_type& alloc = allocator_type());
                      template <class InputIterator>
range (2)   map (InputIterator first, InputIterator last,
                  const key_compare& comp = key_compare(),
                  const allocator_type& alloc = allocator_type());
copy (3) map (const map& x);
```

e.g:

```
std::map<char,int> first;

std::map<char,int> second (first.begin(),first.end());

std::map<char,int> third (second);
```

Insert:

```

mymap.insert ( std::pair<char,int>('a',100) );

// Second insert function version (range insertion):
std::map<char,int> anothermap;
anothermap.insert(mymap.begin(),mymap.find('c'));

// showing contents:
std::cout << "mymap contains:\n";
for (it=mymap.begin(); it!=mymap.end(); ++it)
    std::cout << it->first << " => " << it->second << '\n';

```

cbegin:

Returns a `const_iterator` pointing to the first element in the container.

Cend:

Returns a `const_iterator` pointing to the *past-the-end* element in the container.

e.g:

```

std::map<char,int>::Iterator it = mymap.cbegin();
for (auto it = mymap.cbegin(); it != mymap.cend(); ++it)
    std::cout << " [" << (*it).first << ':' << (*it).second << ']' ;

```

find:

Searches the container for an element with a key equivalent to `k` and returns an iterator to it if found, otherwise it returns an iterator to `map::end`.

e.g:

```

it = mymap.find('b');
if (it != mymap.end())
    mymap.erase (it);

```

`map::lower_bound` : will points returns an iterator pointing to the first element that is not less than key.

`map::upper_bound` : returns an iterator pointing to the first element that is greater than key.

e.g.

```

mymap['a']=20;
mymap['b']=40;
mymap['c']=60;
mymap['d']=80;
mymap['e']=100;

itlow=mymap.lower_bound ('b'); // itlow points to b
itup=mymap.upper_bound ('d');  // itup points to e (not d!)

mymap.erase(itlow,itup);      // erases [itlow,itup)

// print content:
for (std::map<char,int>::iterator it=mymap.begin(); it!=mymap.end(); ++it)
    std::cout << it->first << " => " << it->second << '\n';

```

o/p:

```

a => 20
e => 100

```

```

intmap[1]=10;

```



```
intmap[2]=20;
intmap[4]=40; // <---both lower_bound(3)/upper_bound(3) will points to here
intmap[5]=50;

it1=intmap.lower_bound (3);
it2=intmap.upper_bound (3);
```

❖ Using User defined class objects as keys in std::map

By default std::map uses “operator <” as sorting criteria for keys. For default data types like int and std::string etc, operator < is available by default but for User defined classes operator < is not available by default.

Therefore, to use user defined class objects as keys in std::map we should have either,

- Default sorting criteria i.e. operator < defined for our Class.
- std::map should be assigned with an external sorting criteria i.e. comparator that can compare two objects of your user defined class.

Lets understand by example,

Suppose our class is User that has id and name properties. To use this class as key in std::map we will overload operator <.

```
class User
{
    std::string m_id;
    std::string m_name;
public:
    User(std::string name, std::string id)
        :m_id(id), m_name(name)
    {}
    const std::string& getId() const {
        return m_id;
    }
    const std::string& getName() const {
        return m_name;
    }
    bool operator< (const User& userObj) const
    {
        if(userObj.m_id < this->m_id)
            return true;
    }
};

std::map<User, int> m_UserInfoMap;

m_UserInfoMap.insert(std::make_pair<User, int>(User("Mr.X", "3"), 100) );
m_UserInfoMap.insert(std::make_pair<User, int>(User("Mr.X", "1"), 120) );
m_UserInfoMap.insert(std::make_pair<User, int>(User("Mr.Z", "2"), 300) );

std::map<User, int>::iterator it = m_UserInfoMap.begin();
for(; it != m_UserInfoMap.end(); it++)
{
    std::cout<<it->first.getName()<<" :: "<<it->second<<std::endl;
}
```

O/P:

Mr.X :: 100

Mr.Z :: 300

Mr.X :: 120

As we can see in output above, `std::map` can contain `User` object with unique IDs only therefore there are two entries for 2 Mr.X objects.

Now suppose we want to change the sorting criteria of keys i.e for `User` objects, instead of comparing by ID we want to compare them by name property.

To achieve this we have two options either change the definition of operator `<` or by using external sorting criteria i.e. comparators. For example,

```
struct UserNameComparator
{
    bool operator()(const User & left, const User & right) const
    {
        return (left.getName() > right.getName());
    }
};

std::map<User, int, UserNameComparator> m_UserInfoMap;

m_UserInfoMap.insert(std::make_pair<User, int>(User("Mr.X", "3"), 100) );
m_UserInfoMap.insert(std::make_pair<User, int>(User("Mr.X", "1"), 120) );
m_UserInfoMap.insert(std::make_pair<User, int>(User("Mr.Z", "2"), 300) );

std::map<User, int, UserNameComparator>::iterator it =
m_UserInfoMap.begin();
for(; it != m_UserInfoMap.end(); it++)
{
    std::cout<<it->first.getName()<<" :: "<<it->second<<std::endl;
```

```
}
```

O/P:

Mr.Z :: 300

Mr.X :: 100

As we can see in above output there is only 1 entry for name Mr.X because this time because we are comparing keys i.e User objects by name instead of Id.

Extra Note:

std::set, std::multiset, std::map and std::multimap are guaranteed to be **ordered according to the keys** (and the criterion supplied). When we print any my map or set using iterator It will print always in sorted order.

• Multimap

Multimaps are associative containers that store elements formed by a combination of a key value and a mapped value, following a specific order, and where multiple elements can have equivalent keys.

You are allowed to insert multiple value with same key.

```
mymultimap.insert ( std::pair<char,int>('a',100) );  
mymultimap.insert ( std::pair<char,int>('z',150) );
```

```
mymultimap.insert ( std::pair<char,int>('a',200) );  
mymultimap.insert ( std::pair<char,int>('a',100) );
```

e.g:

```
int main()  
{  
    std::multimap<int, char> dict{  
        {1, 'A'},  
        {2, 'B'},  
        {2, 'C'},  
        {2, 'D'},  
        {4, 'E'},  
        {3, 'F'}  
    };  
  
    auto range = dict.equal_range(2);  
    for (auto i = range.first; i != range.second; ++i)  
    {  
        std::cout << i->first << ": " << i->second << '\n';  
    }  
}
```

• Sets

- Sets are containers that store unique elements following a specific order.
- In a set, the value of an element also identifies it (the value is itself the key, of type T), and each value must be unique.
- The value of the elements in a **set cannot be modified once in the container** (the elements are always **const**), but they can be inserted or removed from the container.

Sets are typically implemented as **binary search trees**(Red-Black Tree).

Constructor:

```
empty (1) explicit set (const key_compare& comp = key_compare(),
                      const allocator_type& alloc = allocator_type());
                      template <class InputIterator>
range (2)   set (InputIterator first, InputIterator last,
                  const key_compare& comp = key_compare(),
                  const allocator_type& alloc = allocator_type());
copy (3) set (const set& x);
```

e.g:

```
std::set<int> first;                                // empty set of ints

int myints[] = {10,20,30,40,50};
std::set<int> second (myints,myints+5);            // range

std::set<int> third (second);                       // a copy of second

std::set<int> fourth (second.begin(), second.end()); // iterator ctor.

int myints[] = {10,20,30,40,50};
std::set<int> second (myints,myints+5);            // range
second.insert(10);
```

O/p: 10,20,30,40,50

Capacity:

<u>empty</u>	Test whether container is empty (public member function)
<u>size</u>	Return container size (public member function)
<u>max_size</u>	Return maximum size (public member function)

Modifiers:

<u>insert</u>	Insert element (public member function)
<u>erase</u>	Erase elements (public member function)
<u>swap</u>	Swap content (public member function)
<u>clear</u>	Clear content (public member function)
<u>emplace</u>	

<u>emplace_hint</u>	Construct and insert element (public member function)
	Construct and insert element with hint (public member function)
Operations:	
<u>find</u>	Get iterator to element (public member function)
<u>count</u>	Count elements with a specific value (public member function)
<u>lower_bound</u>	Return iterator to lower bound (public member function)
<u>upper_bound</u>	Return iterator to upper bound (public member function)
<u>equal_range</u>	Get range of equal elements (public member function)

• Multiset

Multisets are containers that store elements following a specific order, and where multiple elements can have equivalent values.

Multisets are typically implemented as binary search trees.

e.g:

```
int myints[] = {10,20,30,40,50};
std::multiset<int> second (myints,myints+5);    // range
second.insert(10);
```

O/p: 10,10,20,30,40,50

• Unordered Sets

An *unordered_set* is implemented using a *hash table* where keys are hashed into indices of a hash table so that the insertion is always randomized. All operations on the *unordered_set* takes constant time $O(1)$ on an average which can go up to linear time $O(n)$ in worst case which depends on the internally used hash function, but practically they perform very well and generally provide a constant time lookup operation.

The *unordered_set* can contain key of any type – predefined or user-defined data structure but when we define key of type user define the type, we need to specify our comparison function according to which keys will be compared.

❖ Sets vs Unordered Sets

Set is an ordered sequence of unique keys whereas *unordered_set is a set in which key can be stored in any order*, so unordered. Set is implemented as a *balanced search tree structure* that is why it is possible to maintain order between the elements (by specific tree traversal). The time complexity of set

operations is $O(\log n)$ while for `unordered_set`, it is $O(1)$.

❖ Methods on Unordered Sets:

For `unordered_set` many functions are defined among which most used are the size and empty for capacity, find for searching a key, insert and erase for modification.

The `Unordered_set` allows only unique keys, for duplicate keys `unordered_multiset`

```
// declaring set for storing string data-type
unordered_set<string> stringSet ;

// inserting various string, same string will be stored
// once in set

stringSet.insert("code") ;
stringSet.insert("in") ;
stringSet.insert("c++") ;
stringSet.insert("is") ;
stringSet.insert("fast") ;

// now iterating over whole set and printing its
// content
cout << "\nAll elements : ";
unordered_set<string> :: iterator itr;
for (itr = stringSet.begin(); itr != stringSet.end(); itr++)
    cout << (*itr) << endl;
```

O/P: Order is not fix

All elements :

```
is
fast
c++
in
code
```

• unordered_map

`unordered_map` is an associated container that stores elements formed by the combination of key-value and a mapped value. The key value is used to uniquely identify the element and the mapped value is the content associated with the key. Both key and value can be of any type predefined or user-defined. Internally `unordered_map` is implemented using Hash Table, the key provided to map are hashed into indices of a hash table that is why the performance of data structure depends on hash function a lot but on an average, the cost of **search, insert and delete** from the hash table is $O(1)$.

```
unordered_map<string, int> umap;

// inserting values by using [] operator
umap["GeeksforGeeks"] = 10;
```

```

umap["Practice"] = 20;
umap["Contribute"] = 30;

// Traversing an unordered map
for (auto x : umap)
cout << x.first << " " << x.second << endl;

```

O/P:

```

Contribute 30
GeeksforGeeks 10
Practice 20

```

❖ unordered_map vs map :

map (like set) is an ordered sequence of unique keys whereas in unordered_map key can be stored in any order, so unordered.

The map is implemented as a balanced tree structure that is why it is possible to maintain order between the elements (by specific tree traversal). The time complexity of map operations is $O(\log n)$ while for unordered_map, it is $O(1)$ on average.

❖ Difference bet insert and emplace:

- The primary difference is that insert takes an object whose type is the same as the container type and **copies** that argument into the container. emplace takes a more or less arbitrary argument list and **constructs** an object in the container from those arguments.
- The advantage of emplace is, it does **in-place** insertion and **avoids an unnecessary copy** of object.

```

e.g. 1
int main()
{
    std::set<A> set;
    set.insert(A(10)); // This will construct and the copy object
    set.emplace(20); // This will just create object directly i set with
                     //given params
}

```

```

e.g. 2
// declaring map
multimap<pair<char, int>> ms;

// using emplace() to insert pair in-place
ms.emplace('a', 24);

// Below line would not compile
// ms.insert('b', 25);

// using emplace() to insert pair in-place
ms.emplace(make_pair('b', 25));

```

Algorithms

Sorting:

<u>sort</u>	Sort elements in range (function template)
<u>stable sort</u>	Sort elements preserving order of equivalents (function template)
<u>partial sort</u>	Partially sort elements in range (function template)
<u>partial sort copy</u>	Copy and partially sort range (function template)
<u>is sorted</u>	Check whether range is sorted (function template)
<u>is sorted until</u>	Find first unsorted element in range (function template)
<u>nth element</u>	Sort element in range (function template)

Modifying sequence operations:

<u>copy</u>	Copy range of elements (function template)
<u>copy_n</u>	Copy elements (function template)
<u>copy_if</u>	Copy certain elements of range (function template)
<u>copy_backward</u>	Copy range of elements backward (function template)
<u>move</u>	Move range of elements (function template)
<u>move_backward</u>	Move range of elements backward (function template)
<u>swap</u>	Exchange values of two objects (function template)
<u>swap_ranges</u>	Exchange values of two ranges (function template)
<u>iter_swap</u>	Exchange values of objects pointed to by two iterators (function template)
<u>transform</u>	Transform range (function template)
<u>replace</u>	Replace value in range (function template)
<u>replace_if</u>	Replace values in range (function template)
<u>replace_copy</u>	Copy range replacing value (function template)
<u>replace_copy_if</u>	

<u>fill</u>	Copy range replacing value (function template)
<u>fill n</u>	Fill range with value (function template)
<u>generate</u>	Fill sequence with value (function template)
<u>generate n</u>	Generate values for range with function (function template)
<u>remove</u>	Generate values for sequence with function (function template)
<u>remove if</u>	Remove value from range (function template)
<u>remove copy</u>	Remove elements from range (function template)
<u>remove copy if</u>	Copy range removing value (function template)
<u>unique</u>	Copy range removing values (function template)
<u>unique copy</u>	Remove consecutive duplicates in range (function template)
<u>reverse</u>	Copy range removing duplicates (function template)
<u>reverse copy</u>	Reverse range (function template)
<u>rotate</u>	Copy range reversed (function template)
<u>rotate copy</u>	Rotate left the elements in range (function template)
<u>random_shuffle</u>	Copy range rotated left (function template)
<u>shuffle</u>	Randomly rearrange elements in range (function template)
	Randomly rearrange elements in range using generator (function template)

Min/max:

<u>min</u>	Return the smallest (function template)
<u>max</u>	Return the largest (function template)
<u>minmax</u>	Return smallest and largest elements (function template)
<u>min element</u>	Return smallest element in range (function template)
<u>max element</u>	Return largest element in range (function template)
<u>minmax element</u>	Return smallest and largest elements in range (function template)

Non-modifying sequence operations:

<u>all_of</u>	Test condition on all elements in range (function template)
<u>any_of</u>	Test if any element in range fulfills condition (function template)
<u>none_of</u>	Test if no elements fulfill condition (function template)
<u>for_each</u>	Apply function to range (function template)
<u>find</u>	Find value in range (function template)
<u>find_if</u>	Find element in range (function template)
<u>find_if_not</u>	Find element in range (negative condition) (function template)
<u>find_end</u>	Find last subsequence in range (function template)
<u>find_first_of</u>	Find element from set in range (function template)
<u>adjacent_find</u>	Find equal adjacent elements in range (function template)
<u>count</u>	Count appearances of value in range (function template)
<u>count_if</u>	Return number of elements in range satisfying condition (function template)
<u>mismatch</u>	Return first position where two ranges differ (function template)
<u>equal</u>	Test whether the elements in two ranges are equal (function template)
<u>is_permutation</u>	Test whether range is permutation of another (function template)
<u>search</u>	Search range for subsequence (function template)
<u>search_n</u>	Search range for elements (function template)

- **std::sort**

```
template< class RandomIt >  
void sort( RandomIt first, RandomIt last );
```

It is a function template. Sorts the elements in the range [first, last) in ascending order. The order of equal elements is not guaranteed to be preserved.

```

std::array<int, 10> s = {5, 7, 4, 2, 8, 6, 1, 9, 0, 3};

// sort using the default operator<
std::sort(s.begin(), s.end()); o/p:0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

// sort using a standard library compare function object
std::sort(s.begin(), s.end(), std::greater<int>()); o/p: 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

// sort using a custom function object
struct {
    bool operator()(int a, int b)
    {
        return a < b;
    }
} customLess;
std::sort(s.begin(), s.end(), customLess);o/p:0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

// sort using a lambda expression
std::sort(s.begin(), s.end(), [](int a, int b) {
    return b < a;
}); o/p: 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1 0

```

• std::partial_sort

Rearranges elements such that the range [first, middle) contains the sorted middle - first smallest elements in the range [first, last). The order of equal elements is not guaranteed to be preserved. The order of the remaining elements in the range [middle, last) is unspecified.

```

std::array<int, 10> s{5, 7, 4, 2, 8, 6, 1, 9, 0, 3};

std::partial_sort(s.begin(), s.begin() + 3, s.end());
O/p:0 1 2 7 8 6 5 9 4 3

```

❖ Where can it be used ?

1. **Finding the largest element:** Since, with std::partial_sort, we can partially sort the container till whichever position we would like to. So, if we just sort the first position and use a function object , we can find the largest element, without having to sort the entire container.

```

// Using std::partial_sort
std::partial_sort(v.begin(), v.begin() + 1, v.end(),
    greater<int>());

// Displaying the largest element after applying
// std::partial_sort

```

```
ip = v.begin();
cout << "The largest element is = " << *ip;
```

2. Finding the smallest element: Similar to finding the largest element, we can also find the smallest element in the container in the previous example.

```
// Using std::partial_sort
std::partial_sort(v.begin(), v.begin() + 1, v.end());
```

❖ Point to remember:

- **std::sort() vs std::partial_sort():** Some of you might think that why are we using std::partial_sort, in place we can use std::sort() for the limited range, but remember, if we use std::sort with a partial range, then only elements within that range will be considered for sorting, while all other elements outside the range will not be considered for this purpose, whereas with std::partial_sort(), all the elements will be considered for sorting.
- partial_sort rearranges elements such that the range [first, middle) contains the sorted elements.
- The order of equal elements is not guaranteed to be preserved.
- The order of remaining elements is unspecified.

• std::merge

```
template< class InputIt1, class InputIt2, class OutputIt >
OutputIt merge( InputIt1 first1, InputIt1 last1,
                InputIt2 first2, InputIt2 last2,
                OutputIt d_first );

template< class InputIt1, class InputIt2, class OutputIt, class Compare>
OutputIt merge( InputIt1 first1, InputIt1 last1,
                InputIt2 first2, InputIt2 last2,
                OutputIt d_first, Compare comp );
```

Merges two sorted ranges [first1, last1) and [first2, last2) into one sorted range beginning at d_first.

```
// merge
std::vector<int> dst;
std::merge(v1.begin(), v1.end(), v2.begin(), v2.end(), std::back_inserter(dst));
```

O/P:

```
v1 : 0 1 3 4 4 5 5 8 8 9
v2 : 0 2 2 3 6 6 8 8 8 9
dst: 0 0 1 2 2 3 3 4 4 5 5 6 6 8 8 8 8 8 9 9
```

• std::min

```
template< class T >
const T& min( const T& a, const T& b );
```

```
template< class T >
constexpr const T& min( const T& a, const T& b );
```

Returns the smaller of the given values.

-Returns the smaller of a and b.

-Returns the smallest of the values in initializer list ilist.

```
std::cout << "smaller of 1 and 9999: " << std::min(1, 9999) << '\n'
        << "smaller of 'a', and 'b': " << std::min('a', 'b') << '\n'
        << "shortest of \"foo\", \"bar\", and \"hello\": " <<
std::min( { "foo", "bar", "hello" },
        [](const std::string& s1, const std::string& s2) {
            return s1.size() < s2.size();
        }) << '\n';
```

O/P:

1

a

foo

• std::min_element

Finds the smallest element in the range [first, last).

- Elements are compared using operator<.
- Elements are compared using the given binary comparison function comp.

e.g :

```
std::vector<int> v{3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 9};
```

```
std::vector<int>::iterator result = std::min_element(std::begin(v), std::end(v));
```

o/p:1

One of min version use std::min_element internally.

```
template< class T >
```

```
T min( std::initializer_list<T> ilist)
{
    return *std::min_element(ilist.begin(), ilist.end());
}
```

e.g:

```
std::min( { 9, 5, 3, 45, 21, 2, 14 }) o/p:3
```

• std::max

Returns the greater of the given values.

- Returns the greater of a and b.
- Returns the greatest of the values in initializer list ilist.

e.g:

For above example of `std::min` with use of `std::max`

O/P: 9999, b, hello

• `std::max_element`

Finds the greatest element in the range [first, last).

- Elements are compared using operator<.
- Elements are compared using the given binary comparison function comp.

e.g:

```
static bool abs_compare(int a, int b)
```

```
{
    return (std::abs(a) < std::abs(b));
}
```

```
std::vector<int> v{ 3, 1, -14, 1, 5, 9 };
```

```
std::vector<int>::iterator result;
```

```
result = std::max_element(v.begin(), v.end()); O/P: 9
```

```
result = std::max_element(v.begin(), v.end(), abs_compare); O/P:-14
```

One of max version use `std::max_element` internally.

```
template< class T >
```

```
T max( std::initializer_list<T> ilist)
```

```
{
    return *std::max_element(ilist.begin(), ilist.end());
}
```

e.g:

```
std::max( { 9, 5, 3, 45, 21, 2, 14 } )
```

• `std::minmax`

Returns the lowest and the greatest of the given values.

- Returns references to the smaller and the greater of a and b.
- Returns the smallest and the greatest of the values in initializer list ilist.

❖ Return value

1-2) Returns the result of `std::pair<const T&, const T&>(a, b)` if `a < b` or if `a` is equivalent to `b`. Returns the result of `std::pair<const T&, const T&>(b, a)` if `b < a`.

e.g:

```
std::pair<int, int> bounds = std::minmax(std::rand() % v.size(),
                                         std::rand() % v.size());
```

• `std::minmax_element`

Finds the smallest and greatest element in the range `[first, last)`.

-Elements are compared using operator<.

-Elements are compared using the given binary comparison function `comp`.

e.g:

```
std::vector<int> v = { 3, 9, 1, 4, 2, 5, 9 };
```

```
auto result = std::minmax_element(v.begin(), v.end()); O/P: Min=1 Max=9
```

• `std::find`, `std::find_if`, `std::find_if_not`

Returns the first element in the range `[first, last)` that satisfies specific criteria:

- `find` searches for an element equal to value
- `find_if` searches for an element for which predicate `p` returns `true`
- `find_if_not` searches for an element for which predicate `q` returns `false`

Return value

Iterator to the first element satisfying the condition or last if no such element is found.

e.g:

```
std::vector<int> v{ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 };

auto result1 = std::find(std::begin(v), std::end(v), n1);
auto result2 = std::find(std::begin(v), std::end(v), n2);

if (result1 != std::end(v)) {
    std::cout << "v contains: " << n1 << '\n';
}
else {
    std::cout << "v does not contain: " << n1 << '\n';
}

bool IsOdd(int i)
{
    return i % 2;
}

it = std::find_if(vec.begin(), vec.end(), IsOdd);
```

• `std::count`, `std::count_if`

Returns the number of elements in the range `[first, last)` satisfying specific criteria.

- counts the elements that are equal to `value`.
- counts elements for which predicate `p` returns `true`.

Return value

number of elements satisfying the condition.

e.g:

```
1. int data[] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 4, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 };
std::vector<int> v(data, data + 10);

int target1 = 3;
int target2 = 5;
int num_items1 = std::count(v.begin(), v.end(), target1); //O/P: count: 2
int num_items2 = std::count(v.begin(), v.end(), target2); //O/P: count: 0

2. This example uses a lambda expression to count elements divisible by 3.
int num_items1 = std::count_if(v.begin(), v.end(), [](int i) {return i % 3 == 0; });
```

• `std::equal`

Returns `true` if the range `[first1, last1)` is equal to the range `[first2, last2)`, and `false` otherwise.

Return value

If the elements in the two ranges are equal, returns `true`.
Otherwise returns `false`.

e.g:

```
1. bool flag = std::equal(s.begin(), s.end(), v.begin(), v.end());

2. bool is_palindrome(const std::string& s)
{
    return std::equal(s.begin(), s.begin() + s.size()/2, s.rbegin());
}
```

• `std::copy`, `std::copy_if`

Copies the elements in the range, defined by `[first, last)`, to another range beginning at `d_first`.

- Copies all elements in the range `[first, last)`. The behavior is undefined if `d_first` is within the range `[first, last)`. In this case, [std::copy_backward](#) may be used instead.
- Only copies the elements for which the predicate `pred` returns `true`.

Return value

Output iterator to the element in the destination range, one past the last element copied.

• `std::search`

Searches for the first occurrence of the subsequence of elements [s_first, s_last) in the range [first, last]

- Elements are compared using operator==.
- Elements are compared using the given binary predicate p.

Diff between search and find:

The difference is that `std::search` searches for a *whole range* of elements within another range, while `std::find_first_of` searches for a *single* element from a range within another range.

• `std::reverse`

Reverses the order of the elements in the range.

e.g: `std::vector<int> v({1,2,3});`

```
std::reverse(std::begin(v), std::end(v));  
std::cout << v[0] << v[1] << v[2] << '\n'; O/P:321
```

• `std::unique`

Eliminates all but the first element from every consecutive group of equivalent elements from the range [first, last) and returns a past-the-end iterator for the new *logical* end of the range.

- Elements are compared using operator==.
- Elements are compared using the given binary predicate p.

e.g :

```
// remove duplicate elements (normal use)  
std::vector<int> v{1,2,3,1,2,3,3,4,5,4,5,6,7};  
std::sort(v.begin(), v.end()); // 1 1 2 2 3 3 3 4 4 5 5 6 7  
auto last = std::unique(v.begin(), v.end());  
// v now holds {1 2 3 4 5 6 7 x x x x x}, where 'x' is indeterminate  
v.erase(last, v.end());  
O/P:  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7
```

• `std::is_sorted`

Checks if the elements in range [first, last) are sorted in non-descending order.

-Elements are compared using operator<.

- Elements are compared using the given binary comparison function comp.

Return value

`true` if the elements in the range are sorted in ascending order

e.g:

```
#include <iostream>  
  
#include <algorithm>  
  
int main()  
{
```

```

const int N = 5;
int digits[N] = {3, 1, 4, 1, 5};

for (auto i : digits) std::cout << i << ' ';
std::cout << ": is_sorted: " << std::is_sorted(digits, digits+N) << "\n";

std::sort(digits, digits+N);

for (auto i : digits) std::cout << i << ' ';
std::cout << ": is_sorted: " << std::is_sorted(digits, digits+N) << "\n";
}

```

O/P:

3 1 4 1 5 : is_sorted: 0

1 1 3 4 5 : is_sorted: 1

- **std::is_sorted_until**

Examines the range [first, last) and finds the largest range beginning at first in which the elements are sorted in ascending order.

Return value

The upper bound of the largest range beginning at first in which the elements are sorted in ascending order. That is, the last iterator it for which range [first, it) is sorted.

e.g:

```

int nums[N] = {3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 9};
int *sorted_end = std::is_sorted_until(nums, nums + N);
sorted_size = std::distance(nums, sorted_end);

```

Other STL notes

- **std::lower_bound**

Returns an iterator pointing to the first element in the range [first, last) that is *not less* than (i.e. greater or equal to) value.

- **std::upper_bound**

Returns an iterator pointing to the first element in the range [first, last) that is *greater* than value.

e.g:

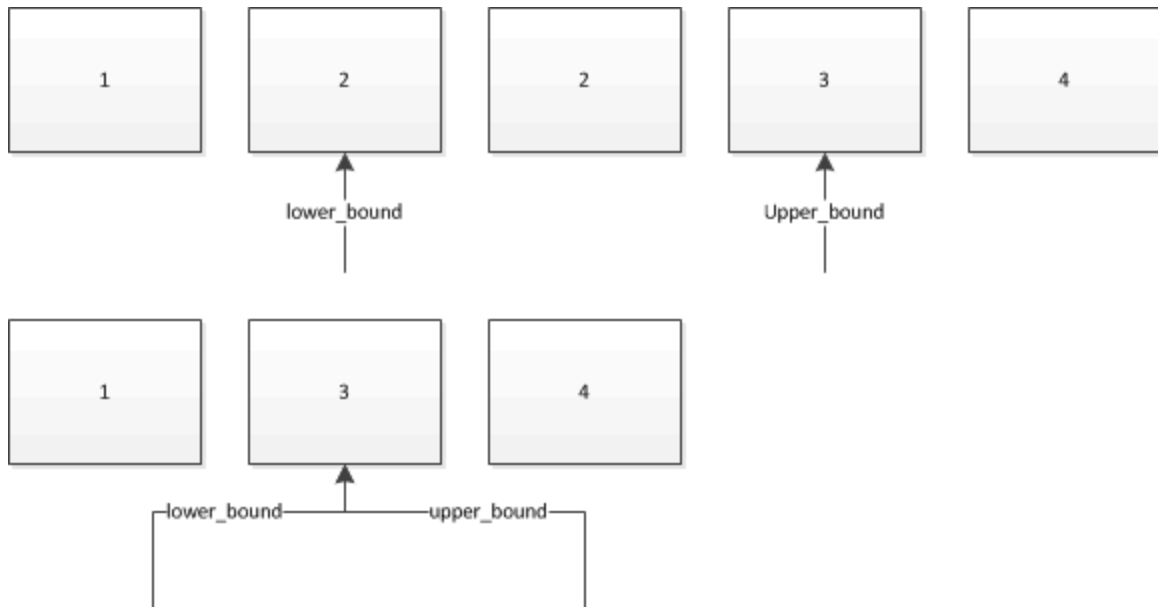
```

std::vector<int> data = { 1, 1, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 6 };

auto lower = std::lower_bound(data.begin(), data.end(), 4); O/P: 4
auto upper = std::upper_bound(data.begin(), data.end(), 4); O/P: 4

lower = std::lower_bound(data.begin(), data.end(), 2); O/P: 2
upper = std::upper_bound(data.begin(), data.end(), 2); O/P: 3

```



- **std::binary_search**

Checks if an element equivalent to value appears within the range [first, last).

For std::binary_search to succeed, the range [first, last) must be at least partially ordered,

e.g:

```
std::vector<int> haystack {1, 3, 4, 5, 9};
int needle = 5;
if (std::binary_search(haystack.begin(), haystack.end(), needle)) {
    std::cout << "Found " << needle << '\n';
} else {
    std::cout << "no dice!\n";
}
```

O/P: Found

- ❖ **Key Note of binary search**

Binary search needs container to be in sorted order. If it is not it consider as it is sorted and do the searching with start, mid and end point.

```
std::vector<int> vec = { 4,1,8,3,12,2,5 };

if (std::binary_search(vec.begin(), vec.end(), 4)) {
    std::cout << "Found " << '\n';
}
else {
    std::cout << "no dice!\n";
}
```

- **std::set_difference**

Copies the elements from the sorted range [first1, last1) which are not found in the sorted range [first2, last2) to the range beginning at d_first.

The resulting range is also sorted.

Return value

Iterator past the end of the constructed range.

e.g:

```
std::vector<int> v1 {1, 2, 5, 5, 5, 9};
std::vector<int> v2 {2, 5, 7};
std::vector<int> diff;

std::set_difference(v1.begin(), v1.end(), v2.begin(), v2.end(),
                  std::inserter(diff, diff.begin()));
```

O/P: 1 5 5 9

- **std::random_shuffle, std::shuffle**

```
template< class RandomIt >
void random_shuffle( RandomIt first, RandomIt last );

template< class RandomIt, class URBG >
void shuffle( RandomIt first, RandomIt last, URBG&& g );
```

Reorders the elements in the given range [first, last) such that each possible permutation of those elements has equal probability of appearance.

e.g:

```
std::vector<int> v = {1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10};

std::random_device rd;
std::mt19937 g(rd());

std::shuffle(v.begin(), v.end(), g);

std::random_shuffle(v.begin(), v.end(), g);
```

- **std::transform**

```
template< class InputIt, class OutputIt, class UnaryOperation >

OutputIt transform( InputIt first1, InputIt last1, OutputIt d_first,
                   UnaryOperation unary_op );
```

std::transform applies the given function to a range and stores the result in another range, beginning

at d_first. UnaryOperation is function objects.

Functor is a term that refers to an entity that supports operator () in expressions (with zero or more parameters), i.e. something that syntactically behaves as a function.

A function object that returns a Boolean value is a **predicate**.

A predicate is a specific kind of functor: a functor that evaluates to a boolean value. It is not necessarily a value of bool type, but rather a value of any type with "boolean" semantics. The type should be implicitly convertible to bool though.

e.g:

```
std::string s("hello");
std::transform(s.begin(), s.end(), s.begin(),
               [](unsigned char c) { return std::toupper(c); });
std::cout << s;
```

- **std::rotate**

Performs a left rotation on a range of elements.

Specifically, std::rotate swaps the elements in the range [first, last) in such a way that the element n_first becomes the first element of the new range and n_first - 1 becomes the last element.

e.g:

```
std::vector<int> v{2, 4, 2, 0, 5, 10, 7, 3, 7, 1};

std::sort(v.begin(), v.end());
// simple rotation to the left
std::rotate(v.begin(), v.begin() + 1, v.end());

// simple rotation to the right
std::rotate(v.rbegin(), v.rbegin() + 1, v.rend());
```

O/P:

before sort: 2 4 2 0 5 10 7 3 7 1

after sort: 0 1 2 2 3 4 5 7 7 10

simple rotate left : 1 2 2 3 4 5 7 7 10 0

simple rotate right: 0 1 2 2 3 4 5 7 7 10