

```
void f(map<string,int>& m)
{
    auto p = find_if(m.begin(),m.end(),Greater_than{42});
    // ...
}
```

Here, `Greater_than` is a function object (§5.5) holding the value (42) to be compared against:

```
struct Greater_than {
    int val;
    Greater_than(int v) : val{v} {}
    bool operator()(const pair<string,int>& r) { return r.second>val; }
};
```

Alternatively, we could use a lambda expression (§5.5):

```
auto p = find_if(m.begin(), m.end(), [](const pair<string,int>& r) { return r.second>42; });
```

A predicate should not modify the elements to which it is applied.

10.6 Algorithm Overview

A general definition of an algorithm is “a finite set of rules which gives a sequence of operations for solving a specific set of problems [and] has five important features: Finiteness ... Definiteness ... Input ... Output ... Effectiveness” [Knuth,1968,§1.1]. In the context of the C++ standard library, an algorithm is a function template operating on sequences of elements.

The standard library provides dozens of algorithms. The algorithms are defined in namespace `std` and presented in the `<algorithm>` header. These standard-library algorithms all take sequences as inputs. A half-open sequence from `b` to `e` is referred to as `[b:e)`. Here are a few examples:

Selected Standard Algorithms	
<code>p=find(b,e,x)</code>	<code>p</code> is the first <code>p</code> in <code>[b:e)</code> so that <code>*p==x</code>
<code>p=find_if(b,e,f)</code>	<code>p</code> is the first <code>p</code> in <code>[b:e)</code> so that <code>f(*p)==true</code>
<code>n=count(b,e,x)</code>	<code>n</code> is the number of elements <code>*q</code> in <code>[b:e)</code> so that <code>*q==x</code>
<code>n=count_if(b,e,f)</code>	<code>n</code> is the number of elements <code>*q</code> in <code>[b:e)</code> so that <code>f(*q,x)</code>
<code>replace(b,e,v,v2)</code>	Replace elements <code>*q</code> in <code>[b:e)</code> so that <code>*q==v</code> by <code>v2</code>
<code>replace_if(b,e,f,v2)</code>	Replace elements <code>*q</code> in <code>[b:e)</code> so that <code>f(*q)</code> by <code>v2</code>
<code>p=copy(b,e,out)</code>	Copy <code>[b:e)</code> to <code>[out:p)</code>
<code>p=copy_if(b,e,out,f)</code>	Copy elements <code>*q</code> from <code>[b:e)</code> so that <code>f(*q)</code> to <code>[out:p)</code>
<code>p=move(b,e,out)</code>	Move <code>[b:e)</code> to <code>[out:p)</code>
<code>p=unique_copy(b,e,out)</code>	Copy <code>[b:e)</code> to <code>[out:p)</code> ; don't copy adjacent duplicates
<code>sort(b,e)</code>	Sort elements of <code>[b:e)</code> using <code><</code> as the sorting criterion
<code>sort(b,e,f)</code>	Sort elements of <code>[b:e)</code> using <code>f</code> as the sorting criterion
<code>(p1,p2)=equal_range(b,e,v)</code>	<code>[p1:p2)</code> is the subsequence of the sorted sequence <code>[b:e)</code> with the value <code>v</code> ; basically a binary search for <code>v</code>
<code>p=merge(b,e,b2,e2,out)</code>	Merge two sorted sequences <code>[b:e)</code> and <code>[b2:e2)</code> into <code>[out:p)</code>