

Min and Max

Let's take a look at the functions C++ provides to check the minimum and maximum in a range.

You can determine the minimum, the maximum and the minimum and maximum pair of a range with the algorithms `std::min_element`, `std::max_element` and `std::minmax_element`. Each algorithm can be configured with a binary predicate.

Returns the minimum element of the range:

```
constexpr FwdIt min_element(FwdIt first, FwdIt last)
FwdIt min_element(ExePol pol, FwdIt first, FwdIt last)

constexpr FwdIt min_element(FwdIt first, FwdIt last, BinPre pre)
FwdIt min_element(ExePol pol, FwdIt first, FwdIt last, BinPre pre)
```



Returns the maximum element of the range:

```
constexpr FwdIt max_element(FwdIt first, FwdIt last)
FwdIt max_element(ExePol pol, FwdIt first, FwdIt last)

constexpr FwdIt max_element(FwdIt first, FwdIt last, BinPre pre)
FwdIt max_element(ExePol pol, FwdIt first, FwdIt last, BinPre pre)
```



Returns the pair `std::min_element` and `std::max_element` of the range:

```
constexpr pair<FwdIt, FwdIt> minmax_element(FwdIt first, FwdIt last)
pair<FwdIt, FwdIt> minmax_element(ExePol pol, FwdIt first, FwdIt last)

constexpr pair<FwdIt, FwdIt> minmax_element(FwdIt first, FwdIt last, BinPre pre)
pair<FwdIt, FwdIt> minmax_element(ExePol pol, FwdIt first, FwdIt last, BinPre pre)
```



If the range has more than one minimum or maximum element, the first one is returned.

```
#include <algorithm>
#include <cstdlib>
```



```

#include <iostream>
#include <string>
#include <vector>

#include <sstream>

std::string toString(int i){
    std::stringstream buff;
    buff.str("");
    buff << i;
    std::string val= buff.str();
    return val;
}

int toInt(const std::string& s){
    std::stringstream buff;
    buff.str("");
    buff << s;
    int value;
    buff >> value;
    return value;
}

int main(){

    std::cout << std::endl;

    std::vector<int> myInts;
    std::vector<std::string> myStrings{"94", "5", "39", "-4", "-49", "1001", "-77", "23", "0",
    std::transform(myStrings.begin(), myStrings.end(), std::back_inserter(myInts), toInt);

    for (auto i: myInts) std::cout << i << " ";

    std::cout << "\n\n";

    auto paInt= std::minmax_element(myInts.begin(), myInts.end());
    std::cout << "std::minmax_element(myInts.begin(), myInts.end()): " << "(" << *paInt.first <<

    auto paStr= std::minmax_element(myStrings.begin(), myStrings.end());
    std::cout << "std::minmax_element(myStrings.begin(), myStrings.end()): " << "(" << *paStr.fi

    auto paStrAsInt= std::minmax_element(myStrings.begin(), myStrings.end(), [](std::string a,
    std::cout << "std::minmax_element(myStrings.begin(), myStrings.end()): " << "(" << *paStr.fi

    std::cout << std::endl;

}

```



Minimum and maximum algorithms