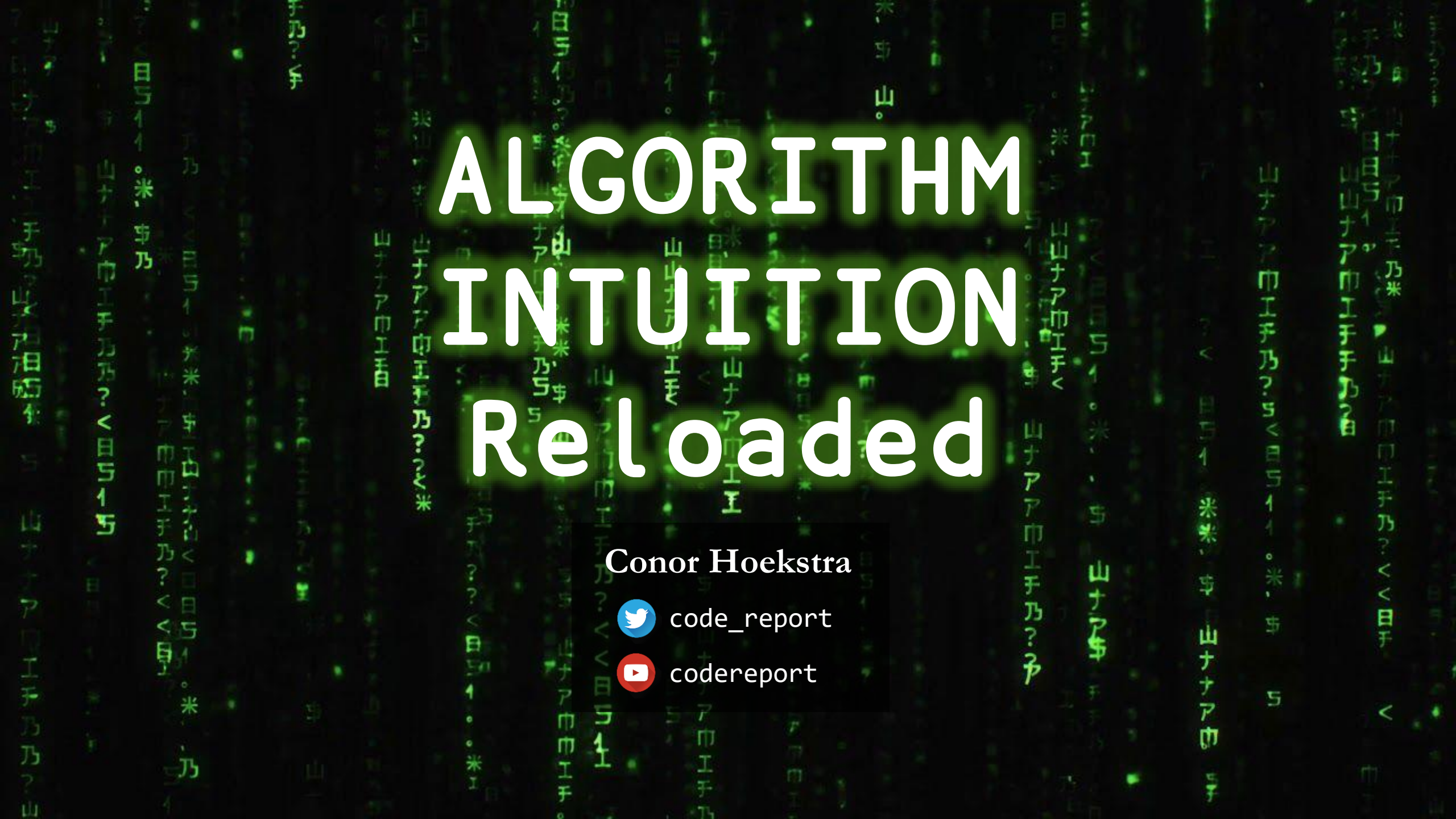
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“I’m not an expert, I’m just a dude.”

- Scott Schurr, CppCon 2015

“The more I learn, the less I know.”

- Albert Einstein

“The larger my island of knowledge, the longer my shore of ignorance.”

- Ben Deane, ADSP: The Podcast, Episode 24

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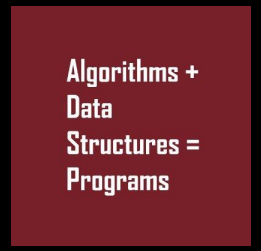

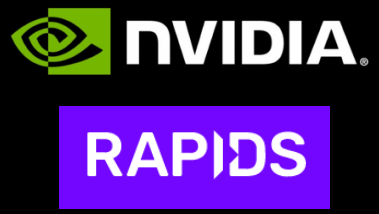

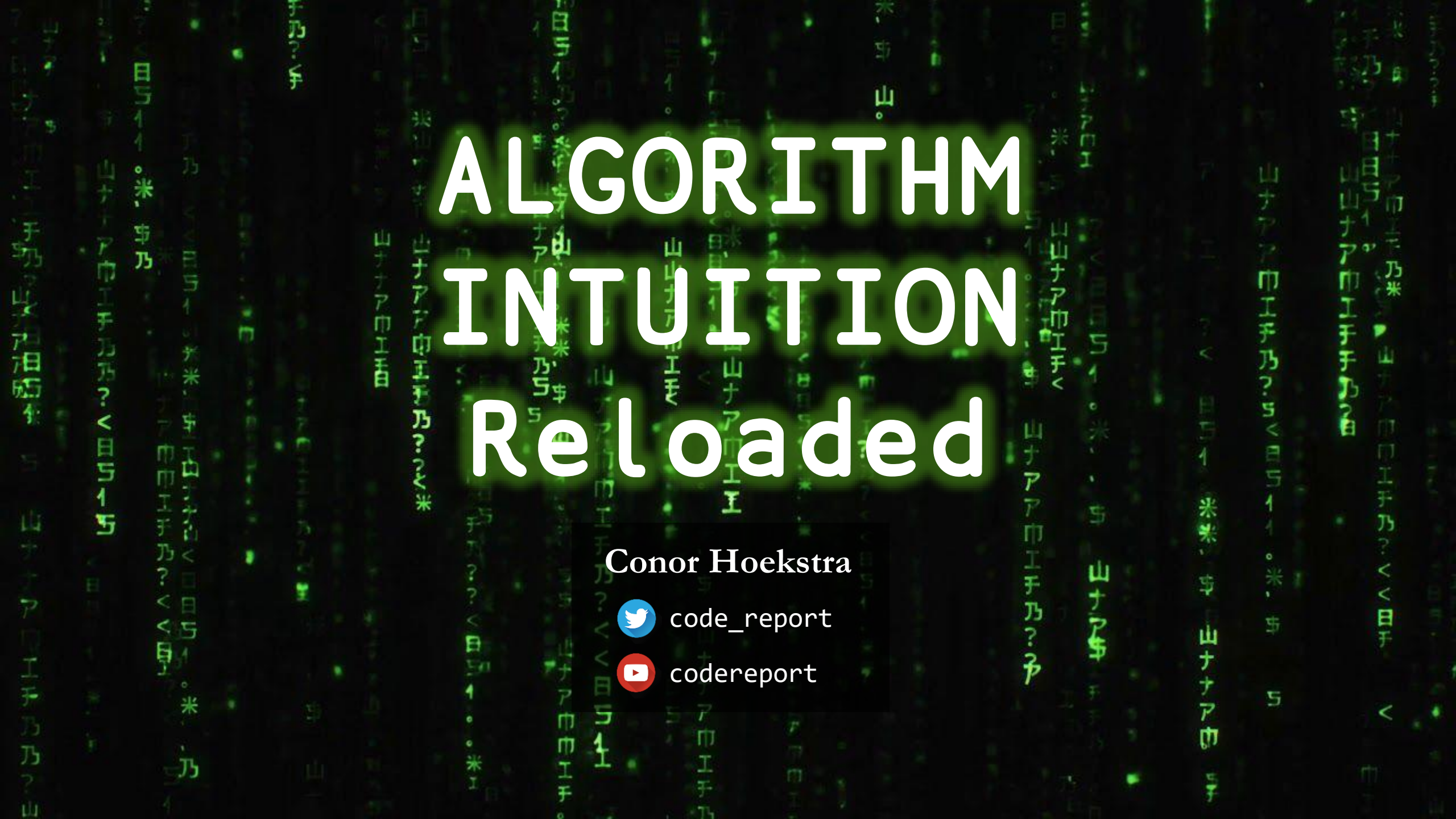
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THE STL ALGORITHM CHEAT SHEET

by @code_report

ZIP ALGORITHMS

```
inner_product
transform_reduce[17]
transform
mismatch
equal
```

```
zip_reduce
zip_reduce
zip_with
zip_find_not
zip_reduce*
```

ORDER LOGN ALGORITHMS

```
binary_search
lower_bound
upper_bound
equal_range
partition_point
```

CODE REVIEW A

```
sort            O(nlogn)
partial_sort    O(n) - O(n²)
nth_element     O(n)
```

CODE REVIEW B

```
find_if         O(n)
lower_bound     O(logn)
```

ALGORITHM RELATIONSHIPS

```
is_sorted -> is_sorted_until -> adjacent_find -> mismatch
```

THE ALGORITHM INTUITION TABLE

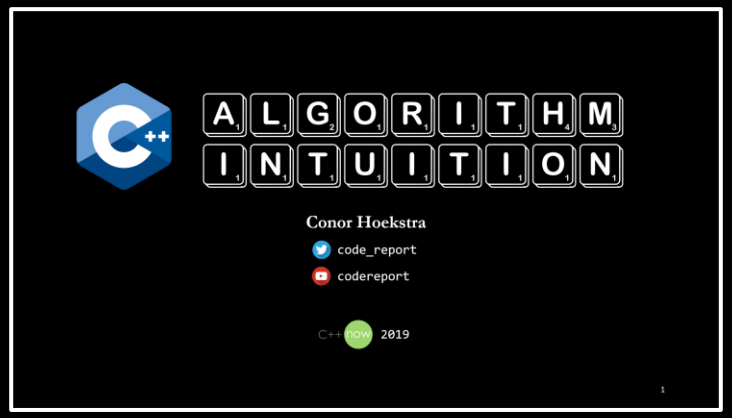
Algorithm	Indexes Viewed	Accumulator	Reduce / Map	Default Op
accumulate reduce[17]	1	Yes	Reduce	plus{}
	count, count_if, min_element, max_element, minmax_element			
partial_sum inclusive_scan[17]	1	Yes	Map	plus{}
find_if	1	No	Reduce	-
	find, all_of, any_of, none_of			
transform	1/2	No	Map	-
	replace[17], replace_if[17]			
adjacent_difference	2	No	Map	minus{}
inner_product transform_reduce[17]	1/2	Yes	Reduce	plus{} multiplies{}
transform_inclusive_scan[17]	1/2	Yes	Map	-
mismatch	1/2	No	Reduce	equal{}
adjacent_find	2	No	Reduce	equal{}

Note: non-accumulator reductions all short-circuit

THE TWIN ALGORITHMS

to be announced (at a future conference)

The Algorithm Intuition Trilogy



https://github.com/codereport/Algorithms
https://github.com/codereport/Talks

Let’s go back in time…


Native2013

"… and just as you can say, that would be a good use of a linked list, we don't have that **intuition** about **algorithms** yet, and we need to."

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- Kate Gregory

Episode 30

Goal (for you)

- Get you excited about algorithms
- Learn a new algorithm
- Start to develop some **algorithm intuition**

Interview Warm-up Question

Given an array of integers, find the difference between the minimum and maximum?

Guaranteed to have non-empty list

```cpp
// Solution 4c (C++20)

auto solve() -> int {
    vector v = { 2, 1, 3, 5, 4 };
    auto [a, b] = minmax_element(v);
    return *b - *a;
}
```

[[Slideware Disclaimer]]

- Should be using std:: namespace
- solve is a terrible function name
- a and b are terrible variable names
- Failing SOLID

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    auto const [a, b] = minmax_element(v);
    return *b - *a;
}
```

```cpp
// Solution 4c (C++20)

auto solve() -> int {
    auto const v      = std::vector{ 2, 1, 3, 5, 4 };
    auto const [a, b] = std::minmax_element(v);
    return *b - *a;
}
```

```cpp
// Solution 4c (C++20)

auto solve() -> int {
    auto const v      = std::vector{ 2, 1, 3, 5, 4 };
    auto const [a, b] = std::ranges::minmax_element(v);
    return *b - *a;
}
```

```cpp
// Solution 5

auto solve() -> int {
    auto const v = std::vector{ 2, 1, 3, 5, 4 };
    auto const r = std::ranges::minmax_element(v);
    return *r.max - *r.min;
}
```

Library	Pre-C++11	C++11	C++17	Grand Total
<algorithm>	66	19	3, -1	87*
<numeric>	4	1	6	11
<memory>	3	1	9	13
Grand Total	73	21	17*	111

Can anyone name one of the **four original numeric** algorithms?
Can anyone name the **one C++11 numeric** algorithms?

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adjacent_difference	reduce
exclusive_scan	transform_exclusive_scan
inclusive_scan	transform_inclusive_scan
inner_product	transform_reduce
iota	

Pre-C++11	C++11	C++17

```cpp
vector<int> v(10);
iota(begin(v), end(v), 1);

// 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
```

```cpp
vector<int> v(10);
iota(rbegin(v), rend(v), 1);

// 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
```

accumulate	partial_sum
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iota 	

Pre-C++11	C++11	C++17

```
vector v = { 1, 2, 3 };

auto x = accumulate(cbegin(v), cend(v), 0);
```

```
vector v = { 1, 2, 3 };

auto x = accumulate(cbegin(v), cend(v), 0);
auto y = accumulate(cbegin(v), cend(v), 0, plus{});
```

Not the best name …

```
vector v = { 1, 2, 3 };

auto x = accumulate(cbegin(v), cend(v), 0);
auto y = accumulate(cbegin(v), cend(v), 1, multiplies{});
```

```
vector v = { 1, 2, 3 };

auto x = reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v));
auto y = reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v), 0, plus{});
auto z = reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v), 1, multiplies{});
```

BEN DEANE

std::accumulate: Exploring an Algorithmic Empire

THE ALGORITHMS (PRE-C++17)

accumulate	adjacent_difference	adjacent_find	all_of	any_of
binary_search	copy	copy_backward	copy_if	copy_n
count	count_if	equal	equal_range	fill
fill_n	find	find_end	find_first_of	find_if
find_if_not	for_each	generate	generate_n	includes
inner_product	inplace_merge	iota	is_heap	is_heap_until
is_partitioned	is_permutation	is_sorted	is_sorted_until	
lexicographical_compare	lower_bound	make_heap	max	max_element
merge	min	min_element	minmax	minmax_element
mismatch	move	move_backward	next_permutation	none_of
nth_element	partial_sort	partial_sort_copy	partial_sum	partition
partition_copy	partition_point	pop_heap	prev_permutation	push_heap
	remove	remove_copy	remove_copy_if	remove_if
replace	replace_copy	replace_copy_if	replace_if	reverse
reverse_copy	rotate	rotate_copy	search	search_n
set_difference	set_intersection	set_symmetric_difference	set_union	shuffle
sort	sort_heap	stable_partition	stable_sort	

accumulate	partial_sum
adjacent_difference	reduce
exclusive_scan	transform_exclusive_scan
inclusive_scan	transform_inclusive_scan
inner_product	transform_reduce
iota	

David is going to give Vittorio and Jon each one coin. David has N coins with different values. David wants the absolute difference between the value of the coins to be minimized so Vittorio and Jon don't fight with each other. Given an array of coin values, help David find this minimum.

https://www.codechef.com/problems/EID

Find the minimum difference between two values in a list.

```
1 4 2    ->    1

1 3 3    ->    0
```

https://www.codechef.com/problems/EID

```cpp
auto min_value(vector<int>& coins) -> int {
    sort(begin(coins), end(coins));
    vector<int> diff(coins.size());
    adjacent_difference(cbegin(coins), cend(coins), begin(diff));
    return *min_element(cbegin(diff) + 1, cend(diff));
}
```

https://www.codechef.com/problems/EID

What's wrong with 2nd line? Do we O(n) space?

```
auto min_value(vector<int>& c) -> int {
    sort(begin(c), end(c));
    vector<int> d(c.size());
    adjacent_difference(cbegin(c), cend(c), begin(d));
    return *min_element(cbegin(d) + 1, cend(d));
}
```

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```cpp
auto min_value(vector<int>& c) -> int {
    sort(begin(c), end(c));
    return reduce(cbegin(c) + 1, cend(c), numeric_limits<int>::max(),
        [prev = c.front()](auto a, auto b) mutable {
            auto d = b - prev;
            prev = b;
            return min(a, d);
        });
}
```

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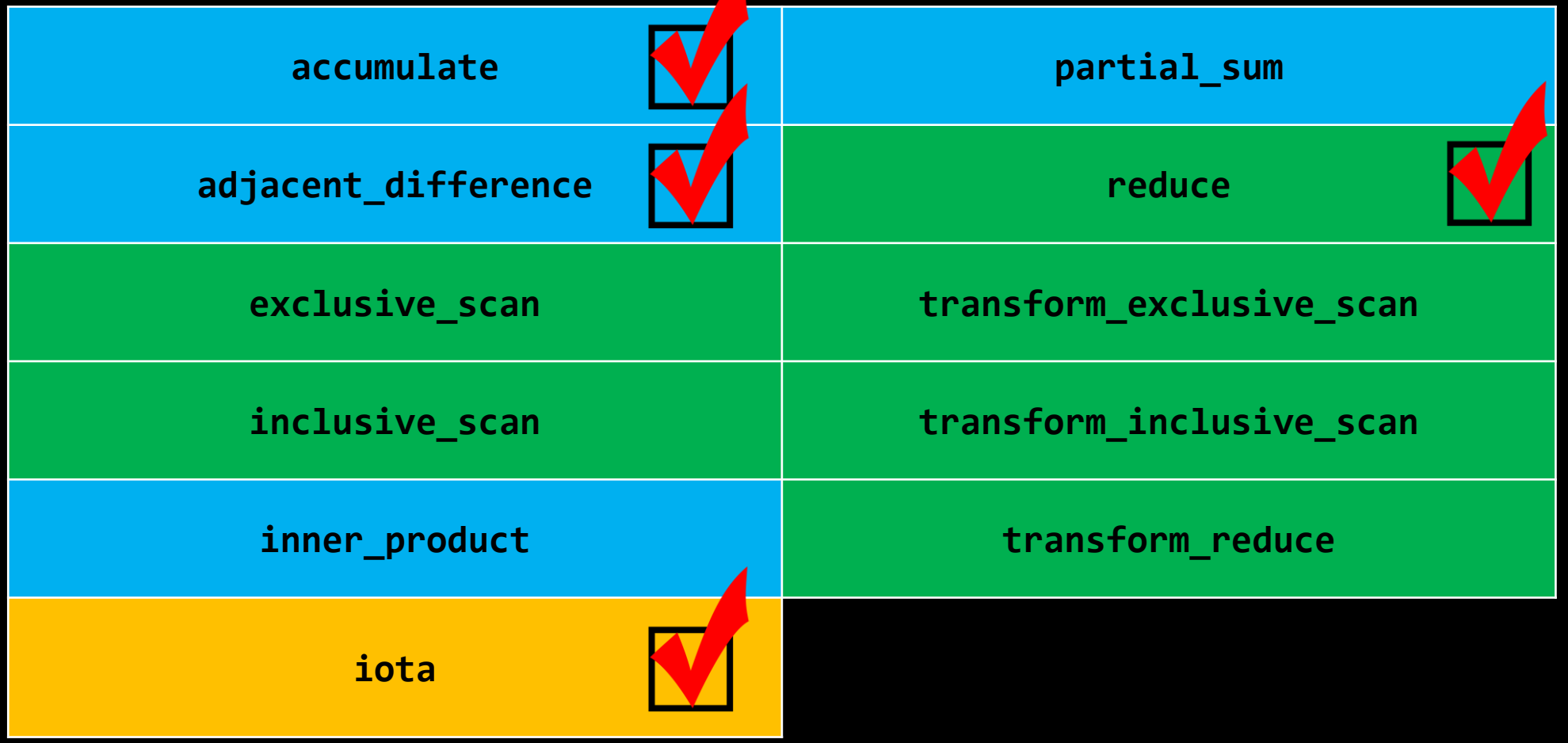
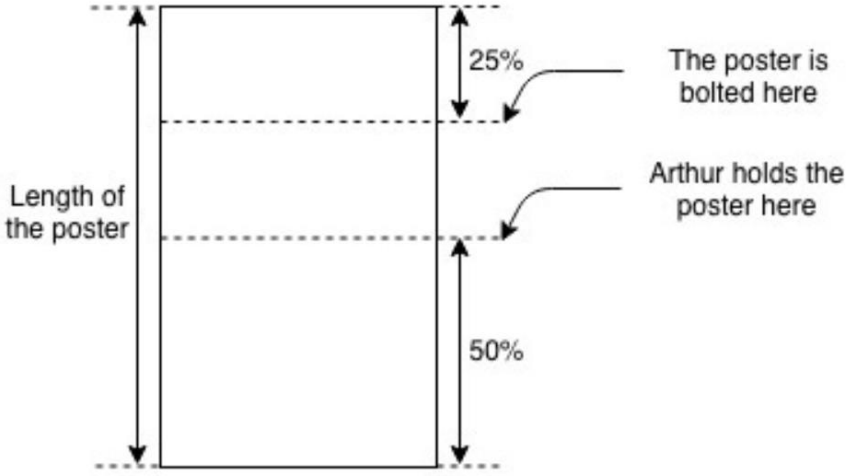


Pre-C++11	C++11	C++17

HackerRank

You are given the length (l) of N posters, and the wall heights (w) at which they will be hung. They are hung at they 75% mark of the poster. Given David has height h, how tall a ladder does he need?

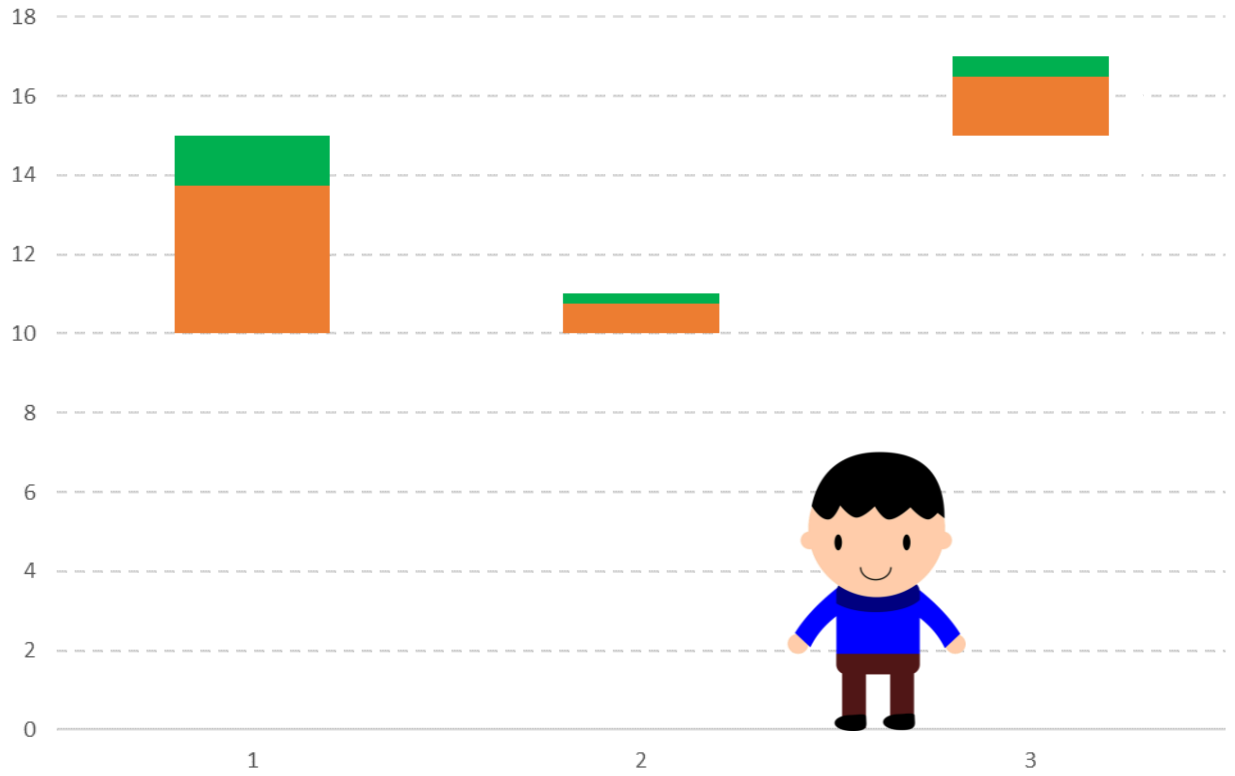


https://www.hackerrank.com/contests/hourrank-31/challenges/hanging-posters/problem

HourRank 31: Problem 1 – Hanging Posters

```
3  5
15  11  17
5  1  2
```

$$ceil\left(w - \frac{l}{4}\right) - h = 12$$



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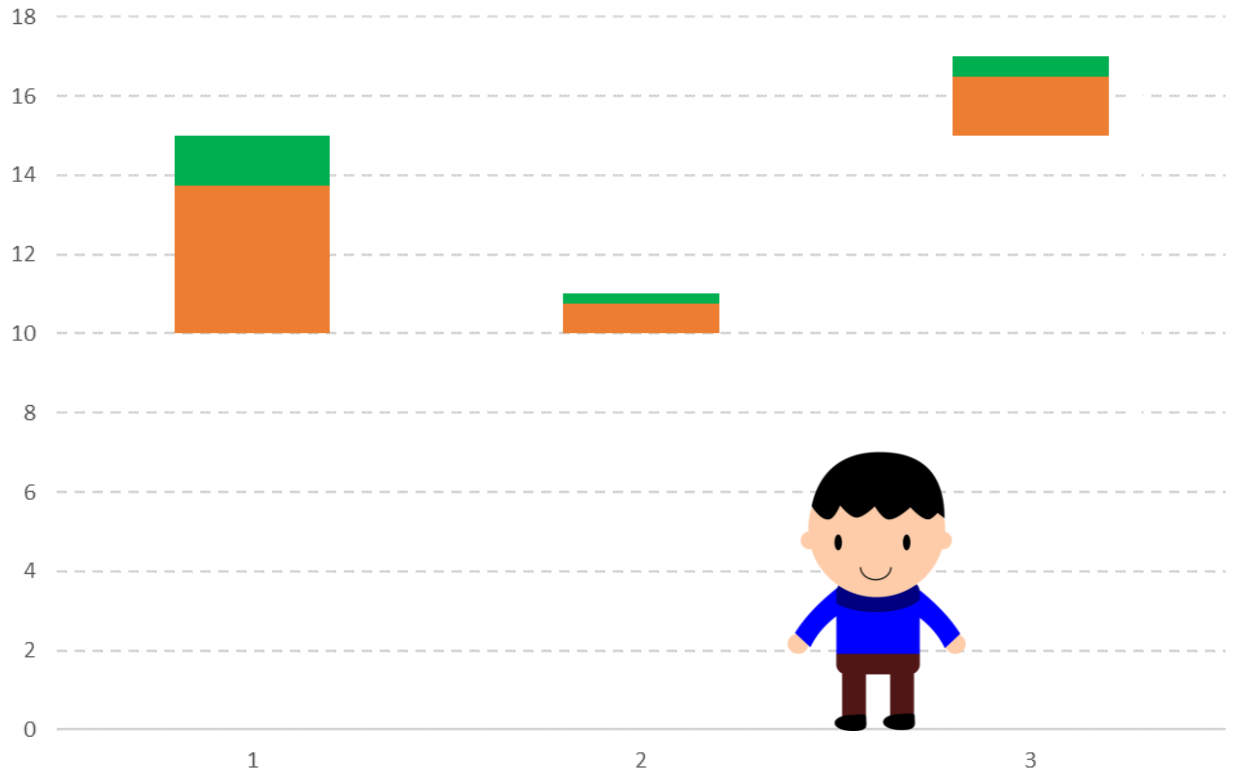

```cpp
int solve(int h, vector<int> w, vector<int> l) {
    int p = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < w.size(); ++i)
        p = max(p, w[i] - l[i] / 4);
    return max(0, p - h);
}
```

```java
public static int solve(int h, List<Integer> w, List<Integer> l) {
    int p = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < w.size(); ++i)
        p = Math.max(p, w.get(i) - l.get(i)/4);
    return Math.max(0, p - h);
}
```

Then Sy Brand tweeted…

```
def solve(h, w, l):
    p = max(a - b//4 for a, b in zip(w, l))
    return max(0, p - h)
```

```
int main() {
    auto hamming_distance = [](auto&& r1, auto&& r2) {
        return accumulate(view::zip(r1, r2), 0, ranges::plus{},
            [](auto&& x) { return x.first != x.second; });
    };

    auto ns = ranges::istream_range<std::string>(std::cin) | to_vector;
    auto found = view::cartesian_product(ns, ns)
                 | view::filter([&](auto&& p) {
                     return hamming_distance(get<0>(p), get<1>(p)) == 1;
                   });
    for (auto [s1,s2] : found | view::take(1)) {
        for (auto[c1, c2] : view::zip(s1, s2)) {
            if (c1 == c2) std::cout << c1;
        }
    }
}
```

Conor Hoekstra @code_report · 3 Dec 2018

Replying to @TartanLlama

Omgoodness! Ranges comes with zip??? Please tell me this is coming with C++20.

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Simon Brand @TartanLlama · 3 Dec 2018

Parts of range-v3 are coming in 20, I don't believe zip is though. @cjdb_ns ?

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Conor Hoekstra @code_report · 3 Dec 2018

This makes me so incredibly happy! I literally just yesterday googled, C++17 / C++20 zip to see if they had anything, because I wrote some code in both C++ and #Python and Python was so much more beautiful.

```cpp
int solve(int h, vector<int> w, vector<int> l) {
    int p = 0;
    for (int i = 0; i < w.size(); ++i)
        p = max(p, w[i] - l[i] / 4);
    return max(0, p - h);
}
```

```python
def solve(h, w, l):
    p = max(a - b//4 for a, b in zip(w, l))
    return max(0, p - h)
```

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Conor Hoekstra @code_report · 16 Dec 2018

Also, I just discovered std::inner_product - a beautiful temporary solution to a lack of zip. #cpp #inner_product

```
int solve(int h, vector<int> w, vector<int> l) {
    return max(0, inner_product(begin(w), end(w), begin(l), 0,
        [](auto a, auto b) { return max(a, b); },
        [](auto a, auto b) { return a - b / 4; }) - h);
}
```



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Not the best name …

And then …



transform_reduce



```
vector v = { 1, 2, 3 };
vector u = { 2, 3, 4 };

auto x = transform_reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v), cbegin(u), 0);
```

```
vector v = { 1, 2, 3 };
vector u = { 2, 3, 4 };

auto x = transform_reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v), cbegin(u), 0);
auto y = transform_reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v), cbegin(u), 0, plus{}, multiplies{});
```

```
vector v = { 1, 2, 3 };
vector u = { 2, 3, 4 };

auto x = transform_reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v), cbegin(u), 0);
auto y = transform_reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v), cbegin(u), 0, plus{}, multiplies{});
auto z = transform_reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v), cbegin(u), 0,
   plus{},
   multiplies{});
```

```
vector v = { 1, 2, 3 };
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auto x = transform_reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v), cbegin(u), 0);
auto y = transform_reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v), cbegin(u), 0, plus{}, multiplies{});
auto z = transform_reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v), cbegin(u), 0,
   [](auto a, auto b) { return max(a, b); },
   multiplies{});
```

Why not call it zip_reduce? Doesn't need to zip!!

```
vector v = { 1, 2, 3 };
vector u = { 2, 3, 4 };

auto x = transform_reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v), cbegin(u), 0);
auto y = transform_reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v), cbegin(u), 0, plus{}, multiplies{});
auto z = transform_reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v), cbegin(u), 0,
   [](auto a, auto b) { return max(a, b); },
   [](auto a, auto b) { return a + b * b; });
```

std::transform_reduce

Defined in header <numeric>

```
template<class InputIt1, class InputIt2, class T>
T transform_reduce(InputIt1 first1, InputIt1 last1, InputIt2 first2, T init);
```
(1) (since C++17)

```
template <class InputIt1, class InputIt2, class T, class BinaryOp1, class BinaryOp2>
T transform_reduce(InputIt1 first1, InputIt1 last1, InputIt2 first2,
                   T init, BinaryOp1 binary_op1, BinaryOp2 binary_op2);
```
(2) (since C++17)

```
template<class InputIt, class T, class BinaryOp, class UnaryOp>
T transform_reduce(InputIt first, InputIt last,
                   T init, BinaryOp binop, UnaryOp unary_op);
```
(3) (since C++17)

```
template<class ExecutionPolicy,
         class ForwardIt1, class ForwardIt2, class T>
T transform_reduce(ExecutionPolicy&& policy,
                   ForwardIt1 first1, ForwardIt1 last1, ForwardIt2 first2, T init);
```
(4) (since C++17)

```
template<class ExecutionPolicy,
         class ForwardIt1, class ForwardIt2, class T, class BinaryOp1, class BinaryOp2>
T transform_reduce(ExecutionPolicy&& policy,
                   ForwardIt1 first1, ForwardIt1 last1, ForwardIt2 first2,
                   T init, BinaryOp1 binary_op1, BinaryOp2 binary_op2);
```
(5) (since C++17)

```
template<class ExecutionPolicy,
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                   T init, BinaryOp binary_op, UnaryOp unary_op);
```
(6) (since C++17)

```
vector v = { 1, 2, 3 };
```

```
auto x = reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v), 0,
    [](auto a, auto b) { return a + b * b; });
```

```
auto y = transform_reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v), 0,
    std::plus{},
    [](auto e) { return e * e; });
```

Let's revisit our adjacent_difference / reduce question

```cpp
auto min_value(vector<int>& c) {
    sort(begin(c), end(c));
    return reduce(cbegin(c) + 1, cend(c), numeric_limits<int>::max(),
        [prev = c.front()](auto a, auto b) mutable {
        auto d = abs(b - prev);
        prev = b;
        return min(a, d);
    });
}
```

https://www.codechef.com/problems/EID

Can anyone see how to improve this? Hint: make use of a STL function object

```
auto min_value(vector<int>& c) {
   sort(begin(c), end(c));
   return transform_reduce(cbegin(c), --cend(c), ++cbegin(c),
      numeric_limits<int>::max(),
      [](auto a, auto b) { return min(a, b); },
      [](auto a, auto b) { return abs(a - b); });
}
```

https://www.codechef.com/problems/EID

```cpp
auto min_value(vector<int>& c) {
    sort(begin(c), end(c));
    return transform_reduce(++cbegin(c), cend(c), cbegin(c),
        numeric_limits<int>::max(),
        [](auto a, auto b) { return min(a, b); },
        std::minus{});
}
```

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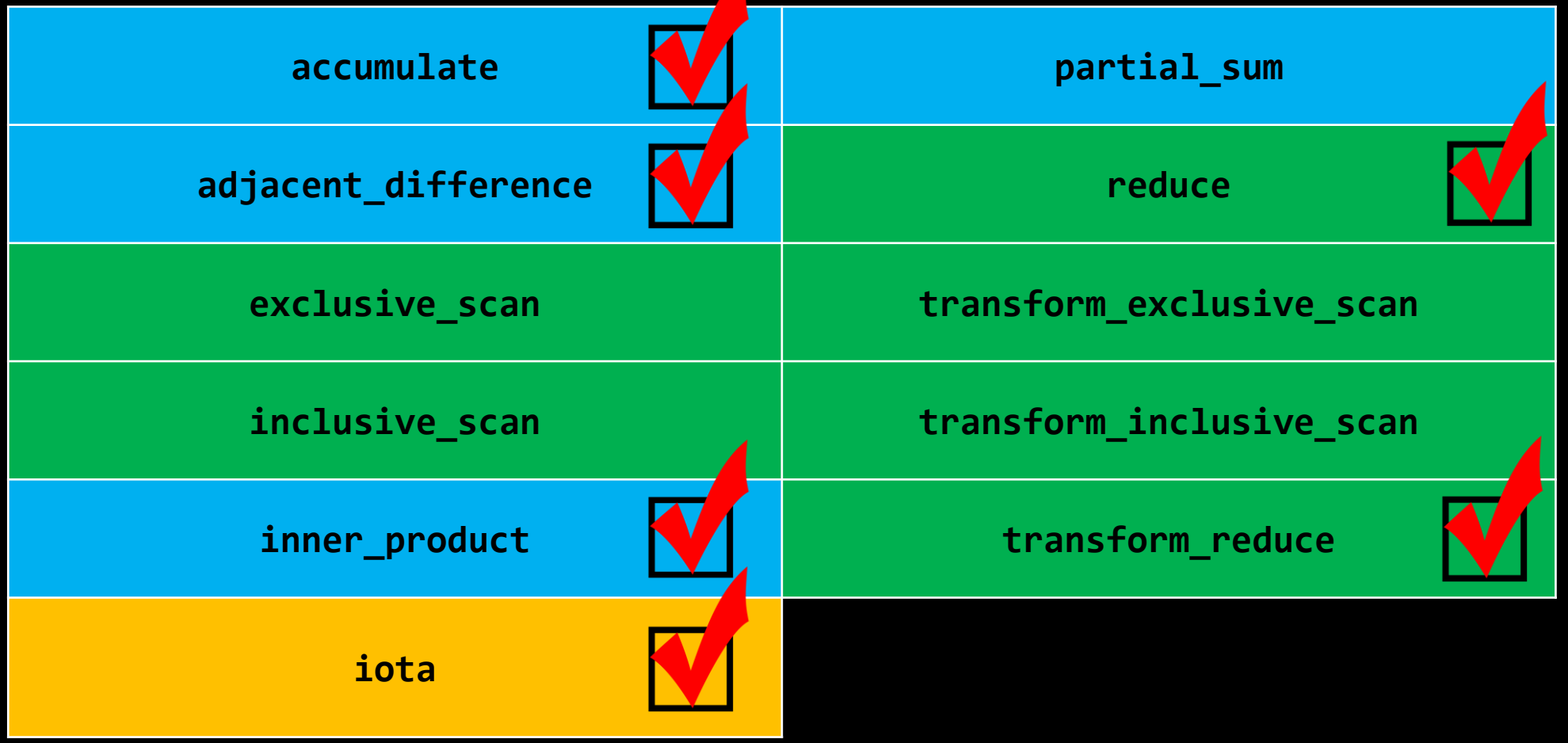
transform_reduce





Pre-C++11 | C++11 | C++17

LeetCode

42. Trapping Rain Water

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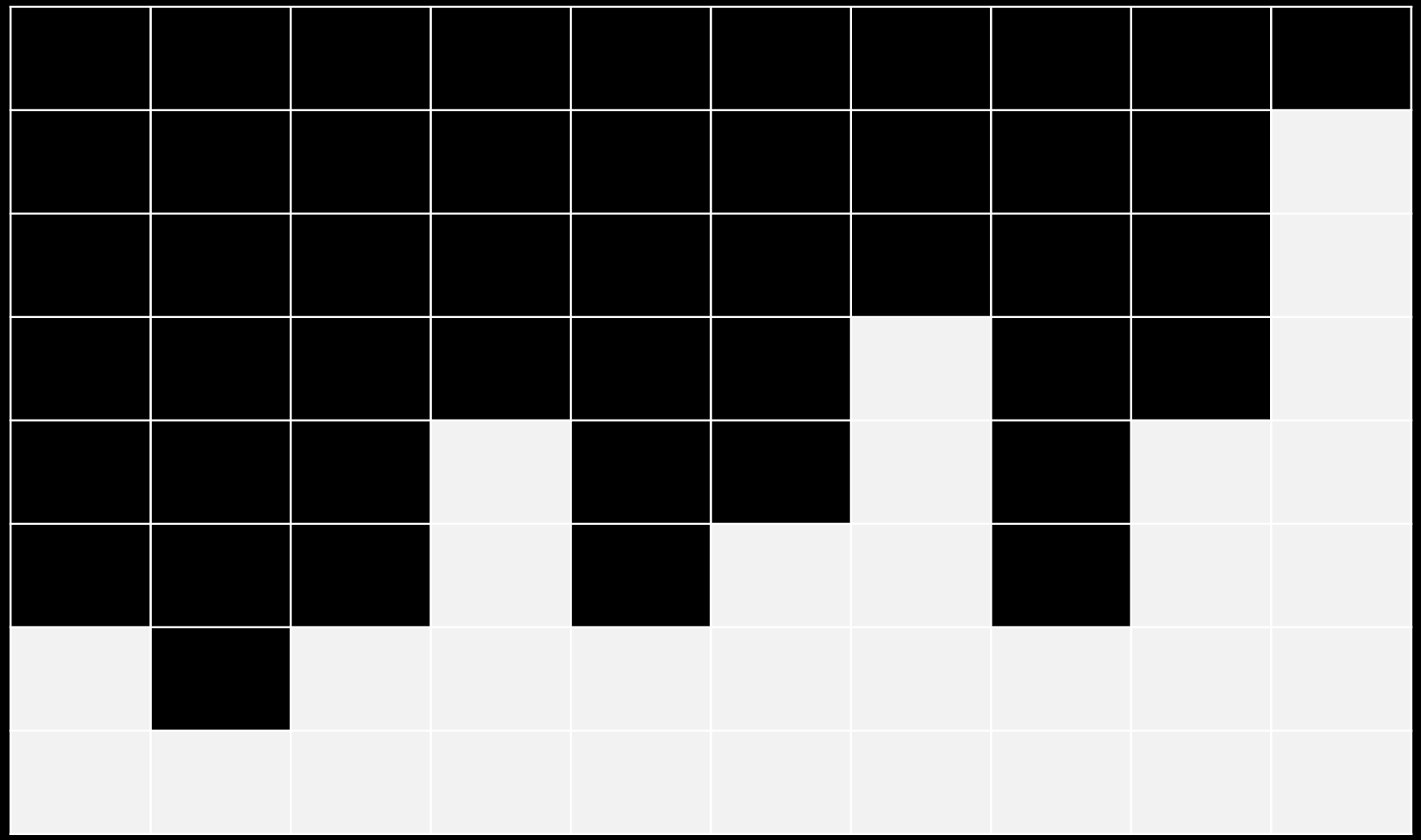
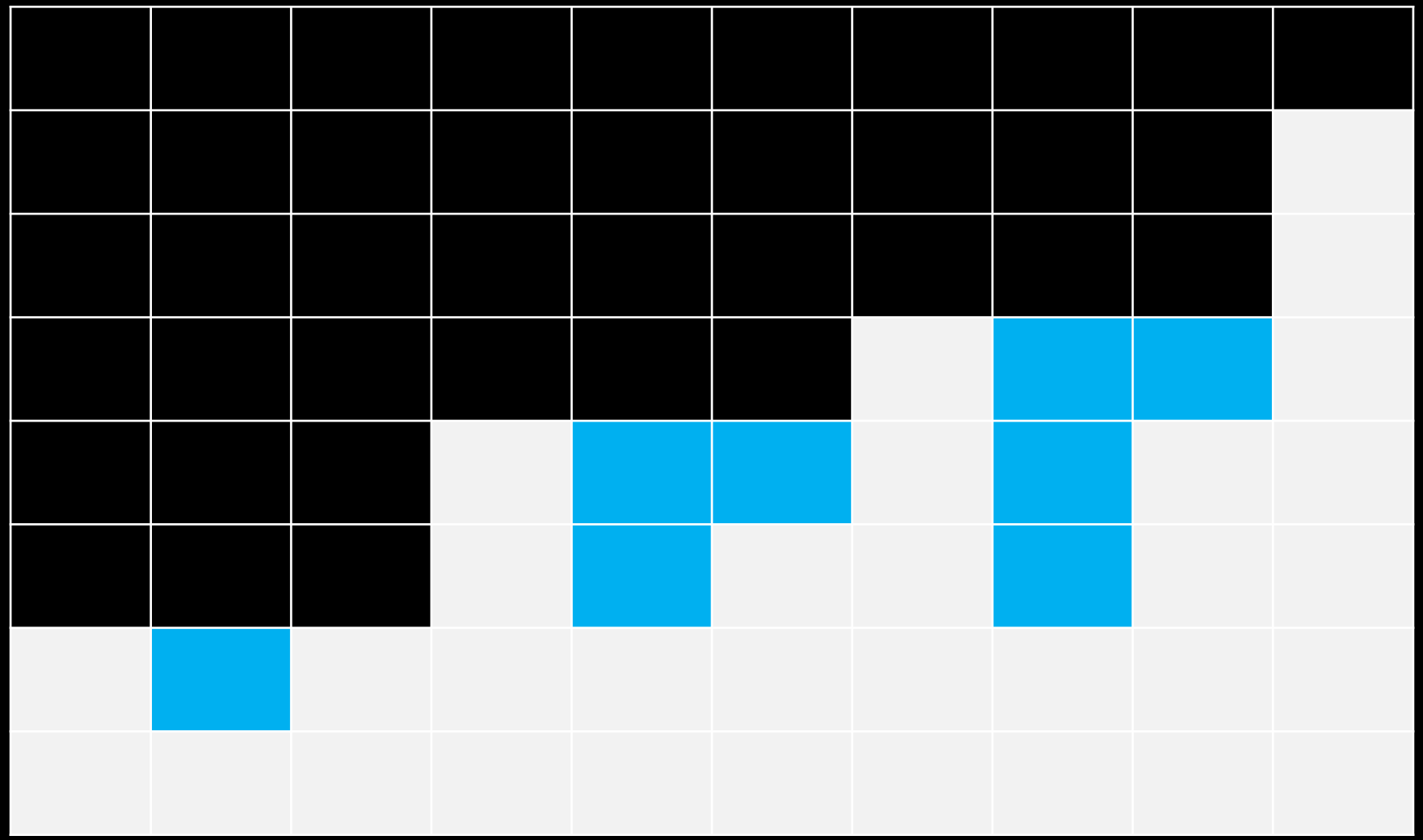
Given *n* non-negative integers representing an elevation map where the width of each bar is 1, compute how much water it is able to trap after raining.

The above elevation map is represented by array [0,1,0,2,1,0,1,3,2,1,2,1]. In this case, 6 units of rain water (blue section) are being trapped. **Thanks Marcos** for contributing this image!

https://leetcode.com/problems/trapping-rain-water/





```cpp
auto solve() {
    vector v = { 2, 1, 2, 4, 2, 3, 5, 2, 4, 7 };
    auto m   = v.front(); // max so far
    auto ans = 0;
    for (auto e : v) {
        m    = max(m, e);
        ans += m - e;
    }
    return ans;
}
```

```
auto solve() {
    vector v = { 2, 1, 2, 4, 2, 3, 5, 2, 4, 7 };
    vector u(v.size(), 0);
    partial_sum(cbegin(v), cend(v), begin(u),
        [](auto a, auto b) { return max(a, b); });
    return transform_reduce(cbegin(v), cend(v), cbegin(u), 0,
        std::plus{},
        [](auto a, auto b) { return abs(a - b); });
}
```

Not the best name …

```
auto solve() {
    vector v = { 2, 1, 2, 4, 2, 3, 5, 2, 4, 7 };
    vector u(v.size(), 0);
    partial_sum(cbegin(v), cend(v), begin(u), ufo::max{});
    return transform_reduce(cbegin(u), cend(u), cbegin(v), 0,
        std::plus{},
        std::minus{});
}
```

```cpp
auto solve() {
    vector v = { 2, 1, 2, 4, 2, 3, 5, 2, 4, 7 };
    vector u(v.size(), 0);
    inclusive_scan(cbegin(v), cend(v), begin(u), ufo::max{});
    return transform_reduce(cbegin(u), cend(u), cbegin(v), 0,
        std::plus{},
        std::minus{});
}
```

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42. Trapping Rain Water

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Given *n* non-negative integers representing an elevation map where the width of each bar is 1, compute how much water it is able to trap after raining.

The above elevation map is represented by array [0,1,0,2,1,0,1,3,2,1,2,1]. In this case, 6 units of rain water (blue section) are being trapped. **Thanks Marcos** for contributing this image!

https://leetcode.com/problems/trapping-rain-water/

```cpp
int trap(vector<int>& v) {
    vector u(v.size(), 0);
    inclusive_scan(begin(v),  end(v),   begin(u),  ufo::max{});
    return transform_reduce(cbegin(u), cend(u), cbegin(v), 0,
        std::plus<>(),
        std::minus<>());
}
```

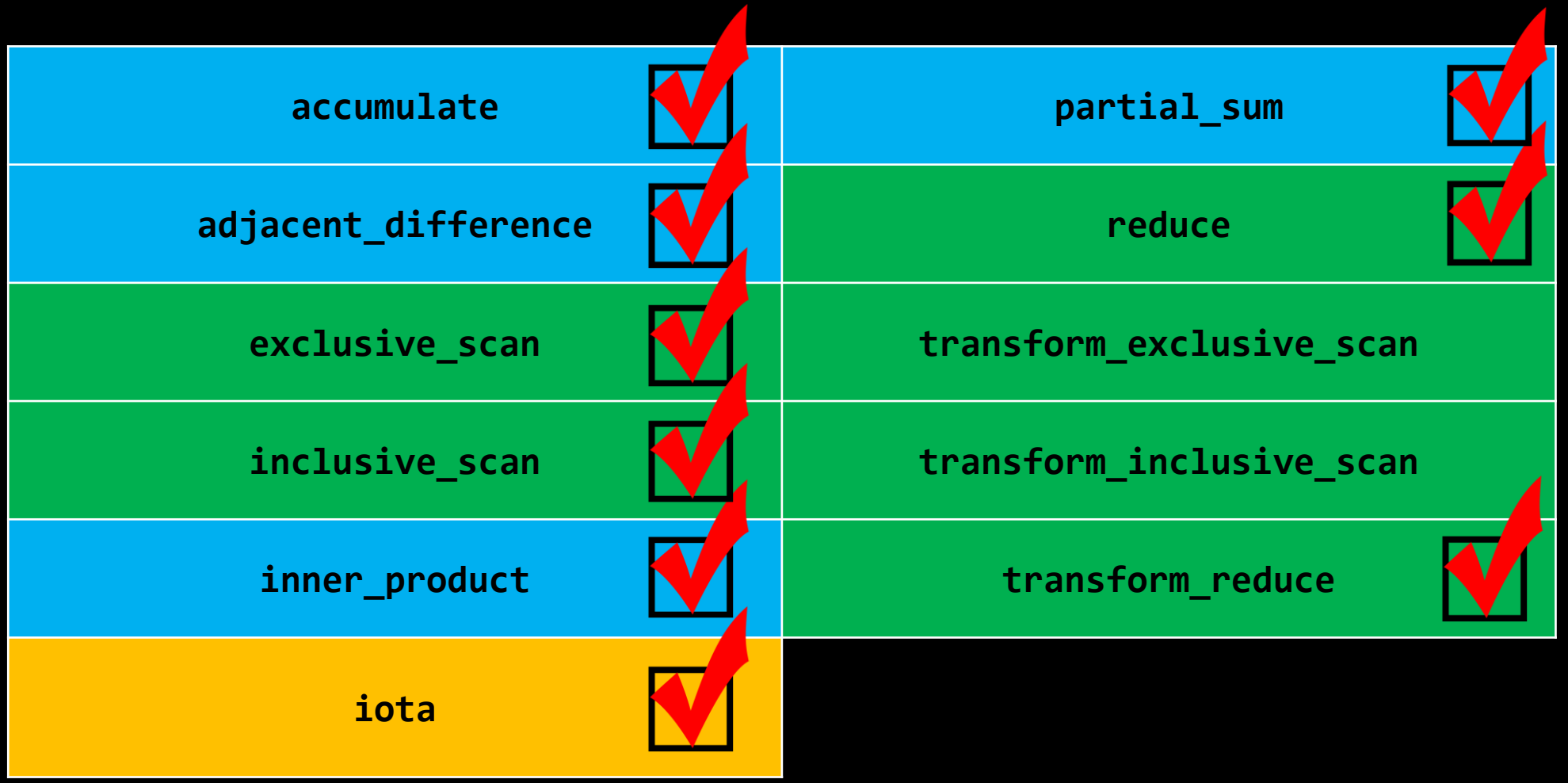
```cpp
int trap(vector<int>& v) {
    vector u(v.size(), 0);
    auto it = max_element(begin(v), end(v));
    inclusive_scan(begin(v),  end(v),   begin(u),  ufo::max{});
    return transform_reduce(cbegin(u), cend(u), cbegin(v), 0,
        std::plus<>(),
        std::minus<>());
}
```

```cpp
int trap(vector<int>& v) {
    vector u(v.size(), 0);
    auto it = max_element(begin(v), end(v));
    inclusive_scan(begin(v),  next(it), begin(u),  ufo::max{});
    return transform_reduce(cbegin(u), cend(u), cbegin(v), 0,
        std::plus<>(),
        std::minus<>());
}
```

```cpp
int trap(vector<int>& v) {
    vector u(v.size(), 0);
    auto it = max_element(begin(v), end(v));
    inclusive_scan(begin(v),  next(it), begin(u),  ufo::max{});
    inclusive_scan(rbegin(v), rev(it),  rbegin(u), ufo::max{});
    return transform_reduce(cbegin(u), cend(u), cbegin(v), 0,
        std::plus<>(),
        std::minus<>());
}
```

```cpp
template<class T>
using rev = reverse_iterator<T>;

int trap(vector<int>& v) {
    vector u(v.size(), 0);
    auto it = max_element(begin(v), end(v));
    inclusive_scan(begin(v),  next(it), begin(u),  ufo::max{});
    inclusive_scan(rbegin(v), rev(it),  rbegin(u), ufo::max{});
    return transform_reduce(cbegin(u), cend(u), cbegin(v), 0,
        std::plus<>(),
        std::minus<>());
}
```



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The Algorithm Intuition Table

Algorithm	Indexes Viewed	Accumulator	Reduce / Transform
accumulate / reduce	1	Yes Init = **Specified**	Reduce
inner_product / transform_reduce	1*	Yes Init = **Specified**	Reduce
partial_sum / inclusive_scan	1	Yes Init = **First elem**	Transform
exclusive_scan	1	Yes Init = **Specified**	Transform
adjacent_difference	2	No	Transform
iota	N / A	N / A	Transform

THE ALGORITHM INTUITION TABLE

Algorithm	Indexes Viewed	Accumulator	Reduce / Map	Default Op
accumulate reduce[17]	1	Yes	Reduce	plus{}
	count, count_if, min_element, max_element, minmax_element			
partial_sum inclusive_scan[17]	1	Yes	Map	plus{}
find_if	1	No	Reduce	-
	find, all_of, any_of, none_of			
transform	1/2	No	Map	-
	replace[17], replace_if[17]			
adjacent_difference	2	No	Map	minus{}
inner_product transform_reduce[17]	1/2	Yes	Reduce	plus{} multiplies{}
transform_inclusive_scan[17]	1/2	Yes	Map	-
mismatch	1/2	No	Reduce	equal{}
adjacent_find	2	No	Reduce	equal{}

Note: non-accumulator reductions all short-circuit

Conclusion

1. Algorithms are awesome! And fun!
2. Especially `transform_reduce`
    1. `minmax_element, min_element, max_element, sort, iota, count_if, inner_product, adjacent_difference, partial_sum, accumulate, reduce, inclusive_scan, exclusive_scan`
3. Know the default operations that algorithms come with
4. Leverage algorithms with function objects / lambdas

QUESTIONS?

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