Templates

Game Plan



- erase in containers
- template functions
- concept lifting
- implicit interfaces
- overload resolution

erasing in STL containers

part 1: invalidated iterators

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Problem of invalidated iterators!

```
list<int> l{3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 2, 6};

auto iter = l.begin();
auto temp = --l.end();
std::advance(iter, 4);
l.erase(iter);

// {3, 1, 4, 1, 2, 6}

auto val = *iter;

// prints 6
```

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```
vector<int> v{3, 1, 4, 1, 5, 2, 6};
auto iter = v.begin();
auto temp = --v.end();
std::advance(iter, 4);
v.erase(iter);
// {3, 1, 4, 1, 2, 6}
auto val = *iter;
// Undefined behavior!
```

Different containers have different rules for invalidated containers!

iterator to erasure point always invalidated

vector: all iterators after erasure point invalidated.

deque: all iterators invalidated (unless erasure point was front or back)

list/set/map: all other iterators are still valid!

```
// This code is buggy!
void erase_all(vector<int>& vec, int val) {
  for (auto iter = vec.begin(); iter != vec.end(); ++iter) {
    if (*iter == val) {
      vec.erase(iter);
                                                  incrementing
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                          nothing was erased
```

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void erase_all_even_keys(map<int, int>& map, int val) {
  for (auto iter = map.begin(); iter != map.end(); ++iter) {
    if (iter->first == val) {
      iter = map.erase(iter);
    }
  }
}
```

```
// Equivalently, bad code in the Stanford library
void erase_all_even_keys(map<int, int>& map, int val) {
 for (int key : map) {
    if (map[key] == val) {
       map.remove(key); // messes up the iterators!
// recall range-based for loop is implemented using iterators
```

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erasing in STL containers

part 2: erase-remove idiom

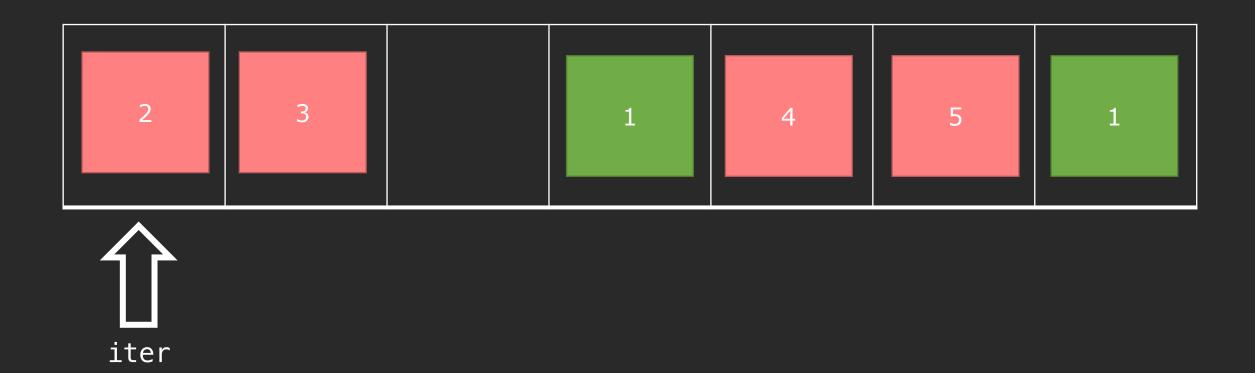
How efficient is this code?

```
void erase_all(vector<int>& vec, int val) {
  for (auto iter = vec.begin(); iter != vec.end();) {
    if (*iter == val) {
      iter = vec.erase(iter); // this is kinda slow
    } else {
      ++iter;
    }
  }
}
```





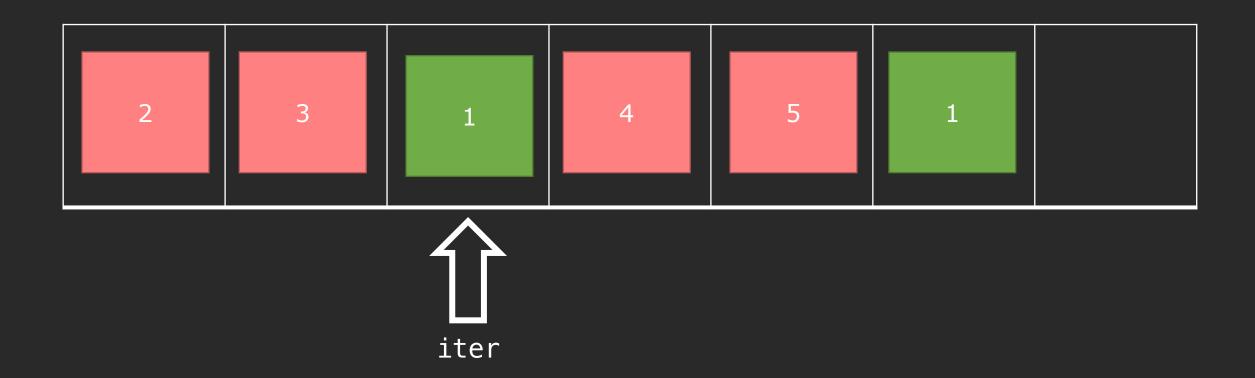


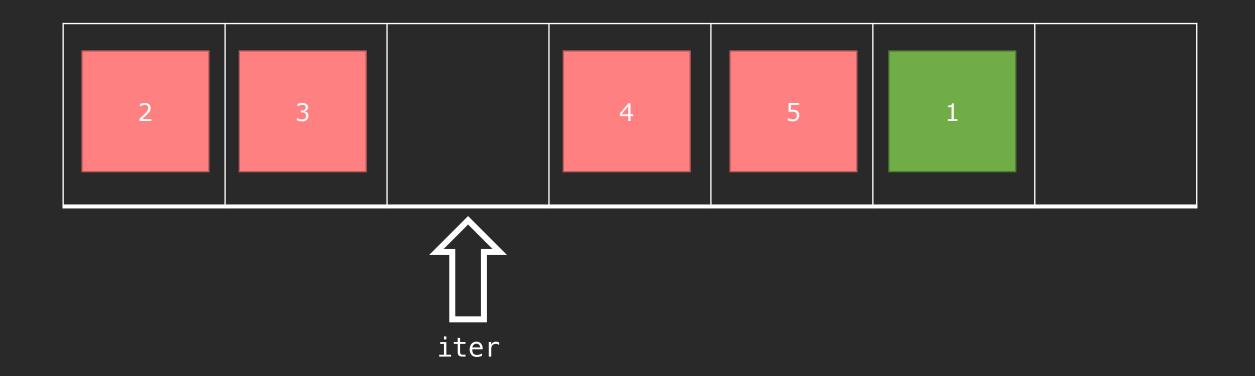


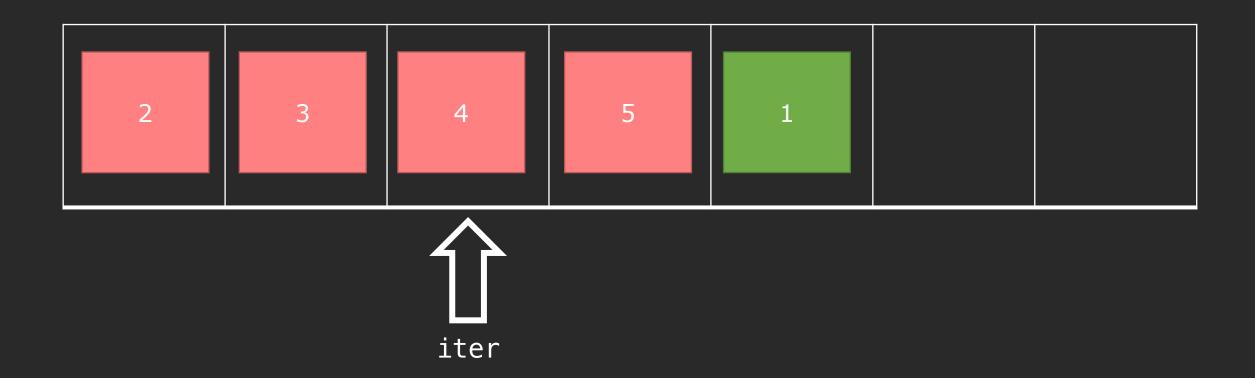


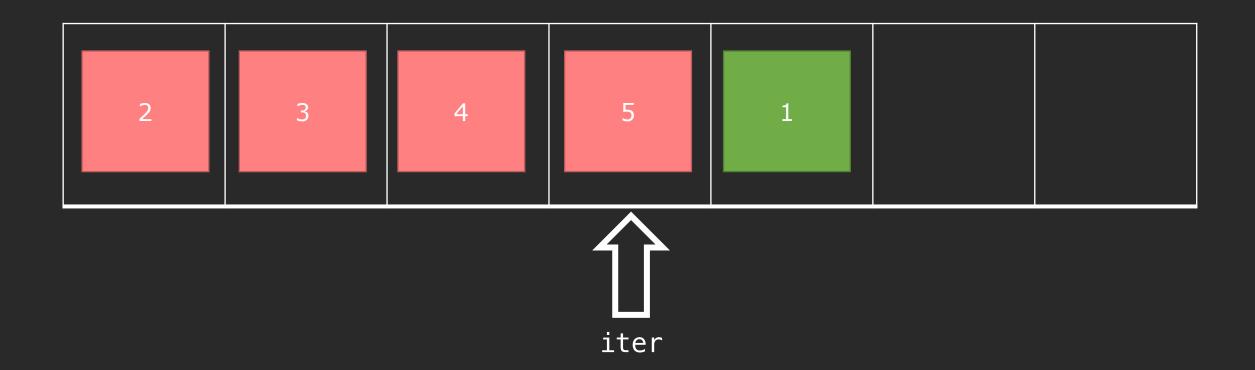


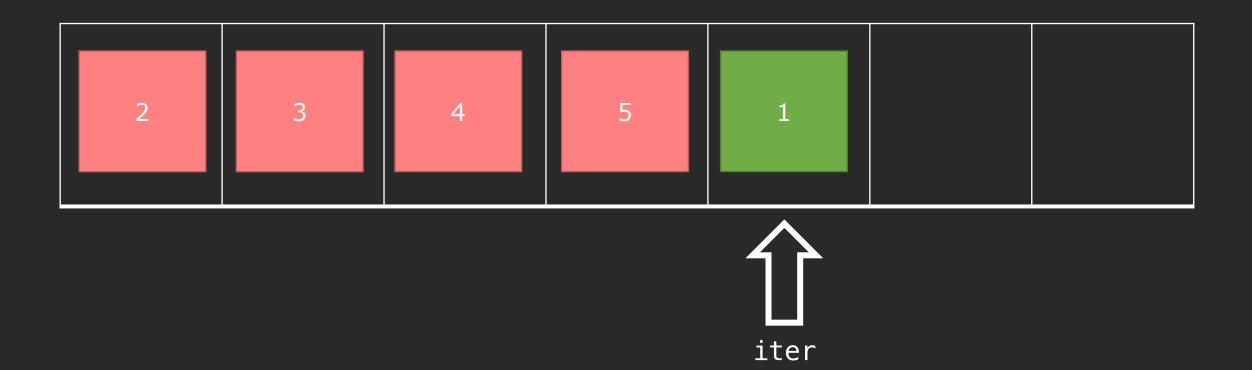


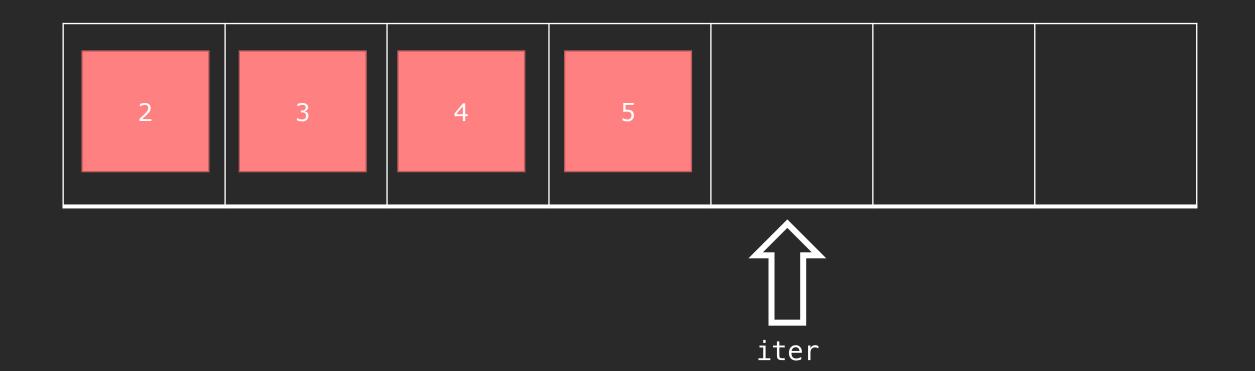




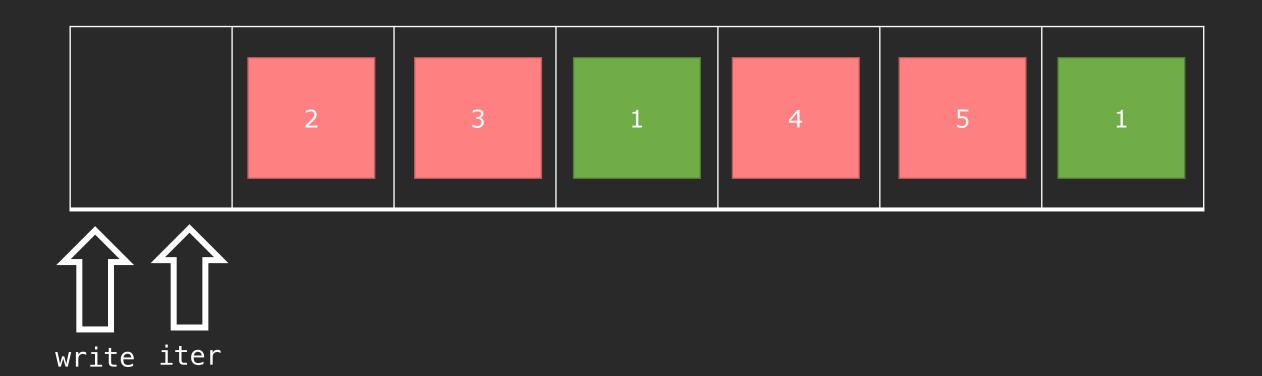


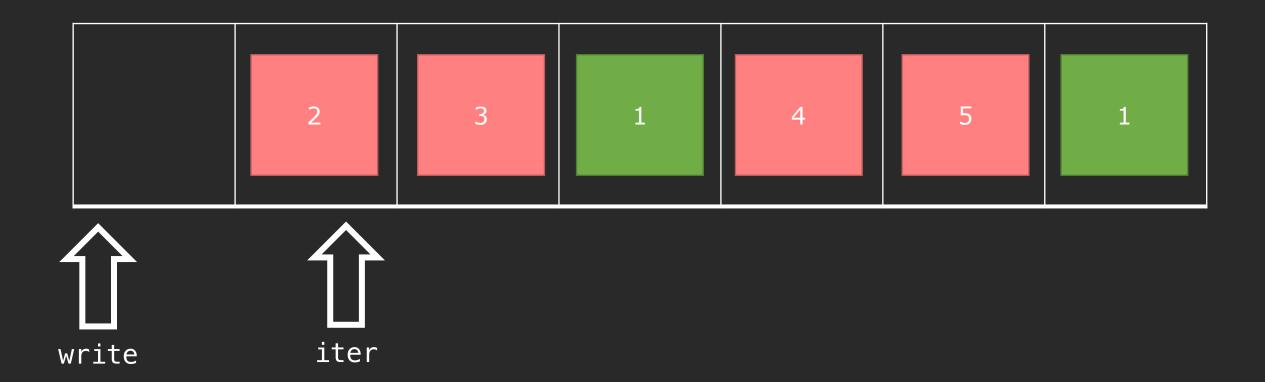


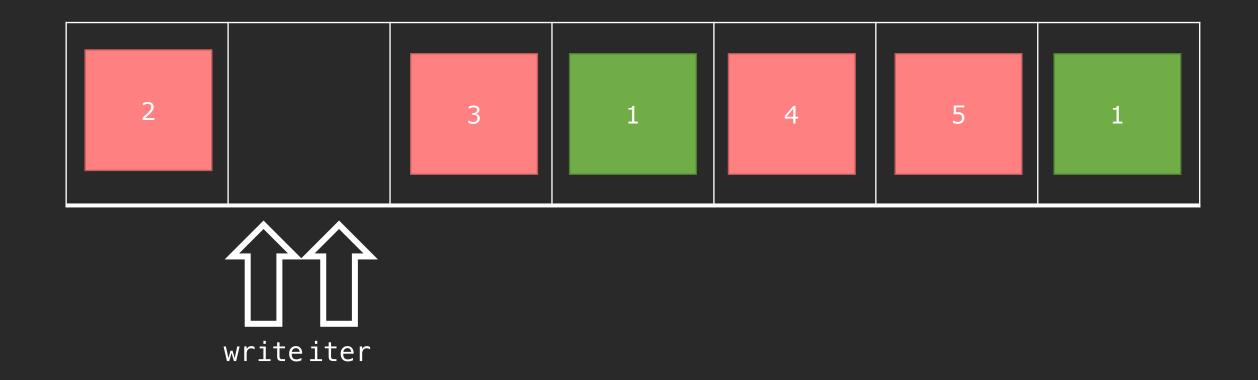


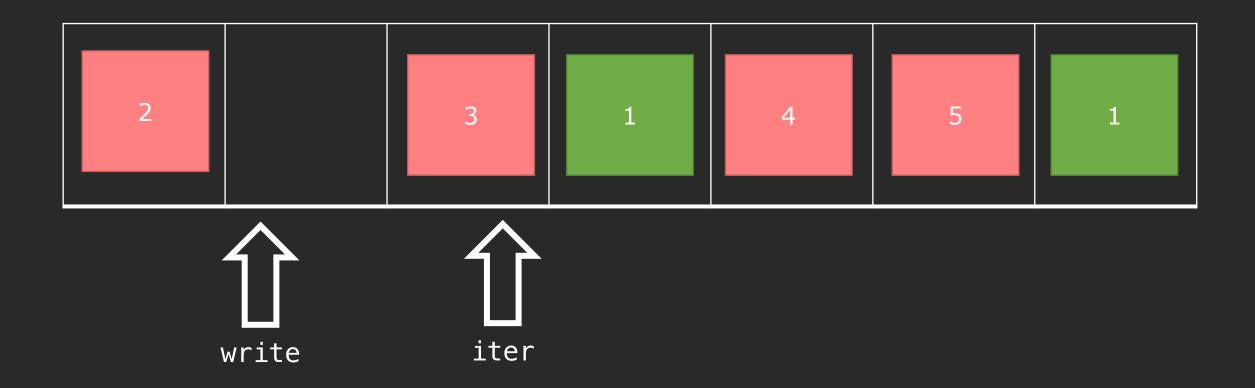


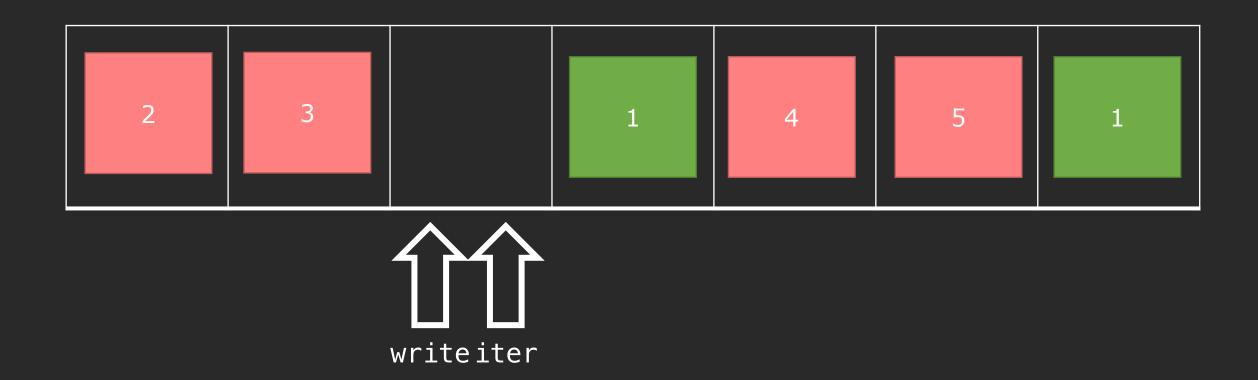


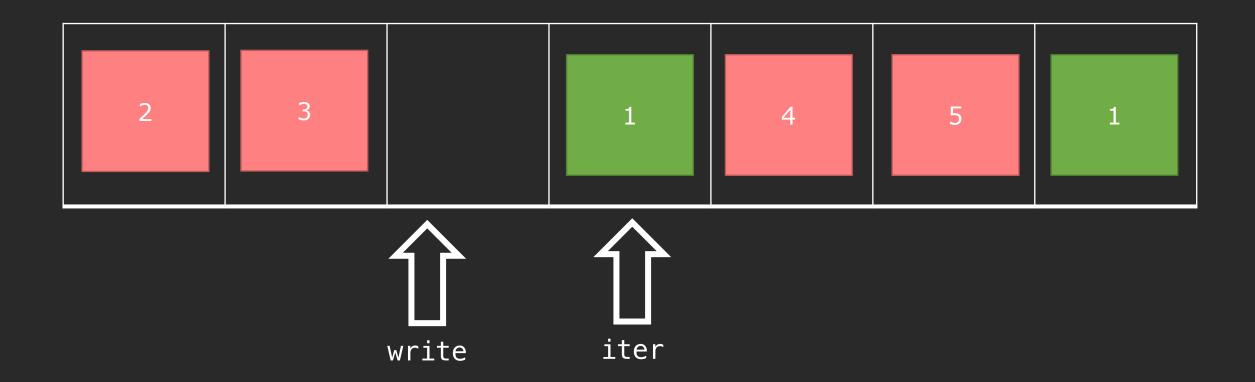


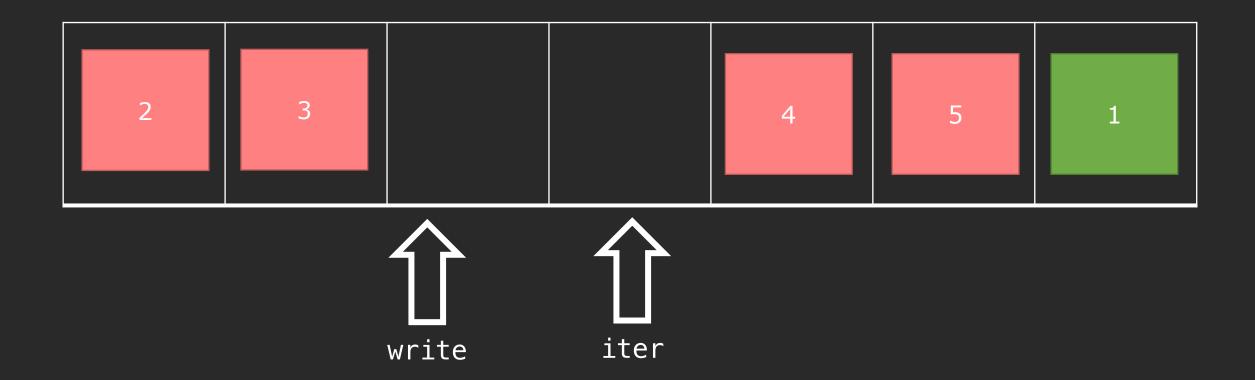


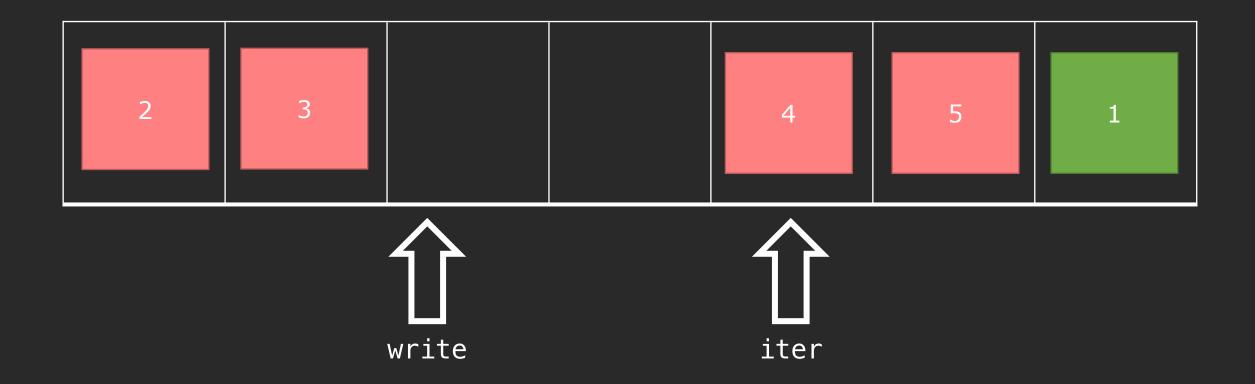


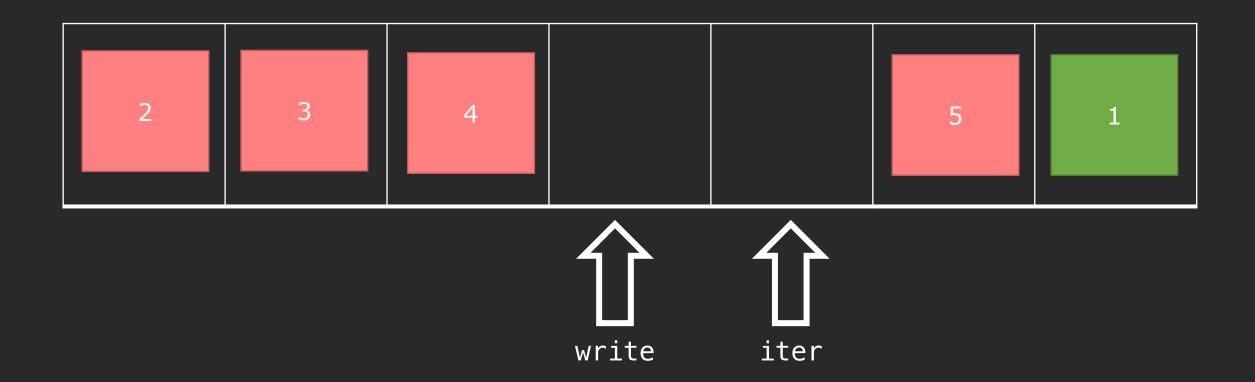


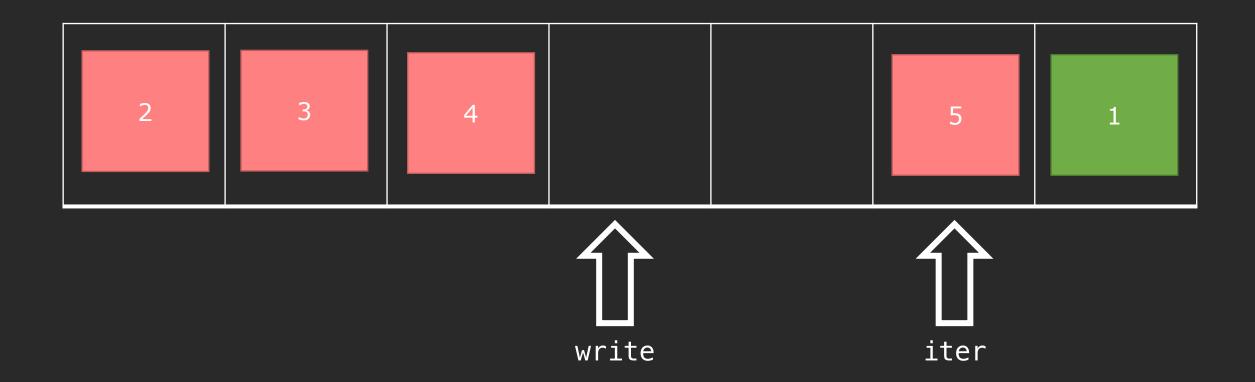


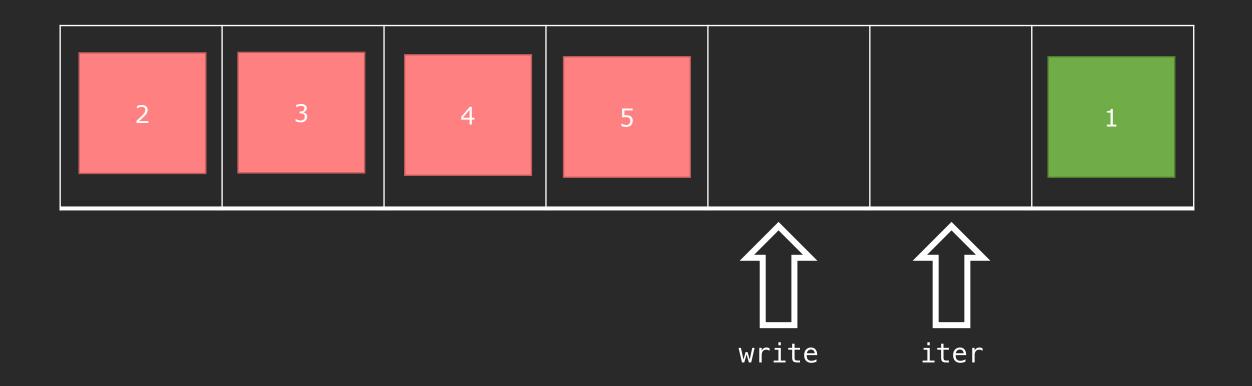


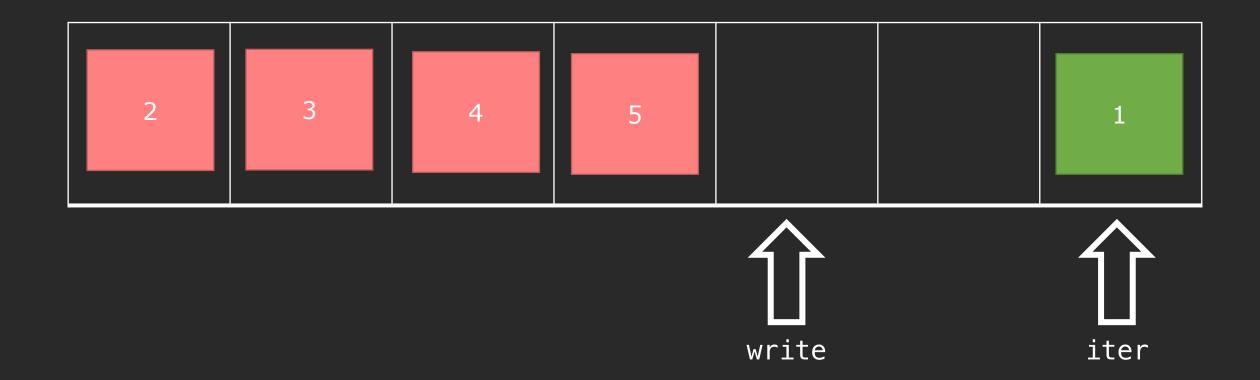


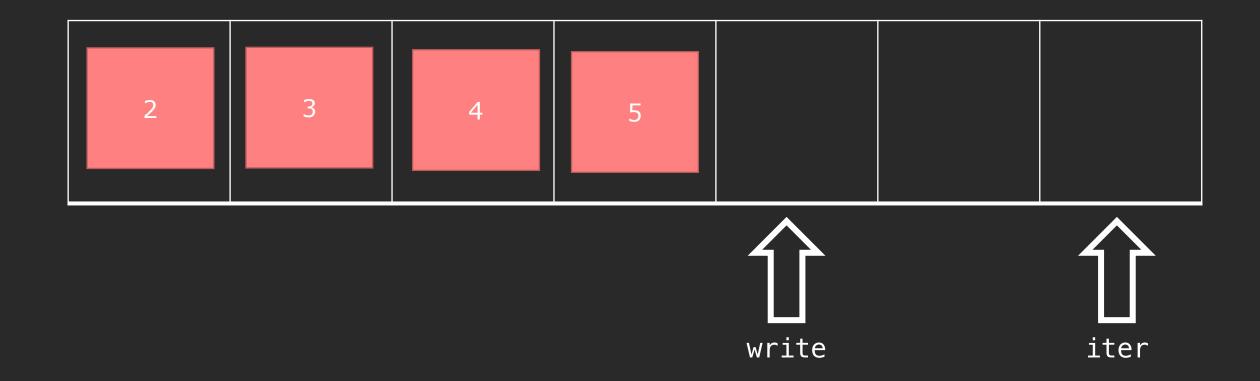












we'll discuss more next lecture!

template functions

Can we handle different types?

```
int main() {
  auto [min, max] = my_minmax(3, 6);
  cout << min << endl; // 3
  cout << max << endl; // 6</pre>
pair<int, int> my_minmax(int a, int b) {
  if (a < b) return {a, b};</pre>
  else return {b, a};
```

Can we handle different types?

```
int main() {
  auto [min, max] = my_minmax("Anna", "Avery");
  cout << min << endl; // Anna - first alphabetical
  cout << max << endl; // Avery
}</pre>
```

One way: overloaded functions.

```
pair<int, int> my_minmax(int a, int b) {
  if (a < b) return {a, b};
  else return {b, a};
pair<double, double> my_minmax(double a, double b) {
  if (a < b) return {a, b};</pre>
  else return {b, a};
pair<string, string> my_minmax(string a, string b) {
  if (a < b) return {a, b};
  else return {b, a};
                                          Bigger problem: how do you
                                          handle user defined types?
```

An observation: the highlighted parts are identical.

```
pair<int, int> my_minmax(int a, int b) {
  if (a < b) return {a, b};
  else return {b, a};
pair<double, double> my_minmax(double a, double b) {
  if (a < b) return {a, b};</pre>
  else return {b, a};
pair<string, string> my_minmax(string a, string b) {
  if (a < b) return {a, b};
  else return {b, a};
```

Only the types are different.

```
pair<int, int> my minmax(int a, int b) {
  if (a < b) return {a, b};
  else return {b, a};
pair<double, double> my_minmax(double a, double b) {
  if (a < b) return \{a, b\};
  else return {b, a};
pair<string, string> my_minmax(string a, string b) {
  if (a < b) return {a, b};
 else return {b, a};
```

Let's write a general form in terms of a type T.

```
pair<T, T> my minmax(T a, T b) {
  if (a < b) return {a, b};
  else return {b, a};
pair<T, T> my_minmax(T a, T b) {
  if (a < b) return {a, b};
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We now have a generic function!

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  else return {b, a};
}</pre>
```

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```
Declares the next
                         Specifies T is some
                                                 List of template
                           arbitrary type.
function is a template.
                                                   arguments.
             template <typename T>
             pair<T, T> my_minmax(T a, T b) {
               if (a < b) return {a, b};</pre>
               else return {b, a};
```

Scope of template argument T limited to function.

```
my_minmax<string>("Anna", "Avery");

template <typename T>
  pair<T, T> my_minmax(T a, T b) {
  if (a < b) return {a, b};
   else return {b, a};
}</pre>
```

Explicit Instantiation of Templates

```
my_minmax<string>("Anna", "Avery");
                 template <typename T>
Explicitly states
                pair<T, T> my_minmax(T a, T b) {
  T = string
                   if (a < b) return {a, b}; \
                   else return {b, a};
                 }
                                                    Compiler replaces
                                                    every T with string
```

```
my_minmax<string>("Anna", "Avery");

template <typename string>
pair<string, string> my_minmax(string a, string b) {
  if (a < b) return {a, b};
  else return {b, a};
}</pre>
```

```
my_minmax(3, 4);

template <typename T>
pair<T, T> my_minmax(T a, T b) {
  if (a < b) return {a, b};
  else return {b, a};
}</pre>
```

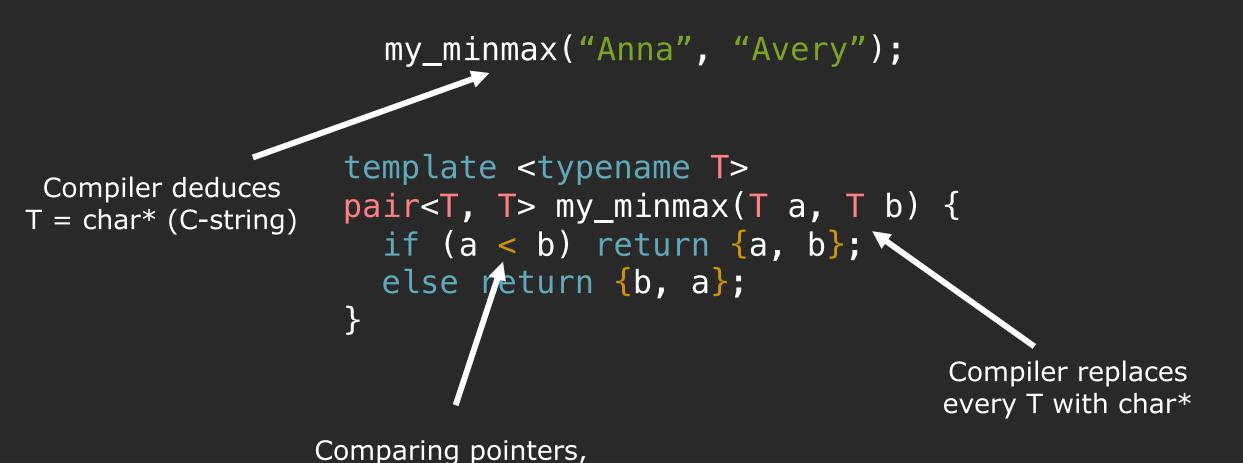
```
my_minmax(3, 4);
                 template <typename T>
Compiler deduces
                 pair<T, T> my_minmax(T a, T b) {
    T = int
                   if (a < b) return {a, b}; \
                   else return {b, a};
                 }
                                                     Compiler replaces
                                                      every T with int
```

Be careful: type deduction can't read your mind!

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not what you want!

And just in case the type is a large collection.

```
template <typename T>
pair<T, T> my_minmax(const T& a, const T& b) {
  if (a < b) return {a, b};
  else return {b, a};
}</pre>
```

T = vector<int> would be okay here.

Preview of template errors

```
my_minmax(cout, cout);
```

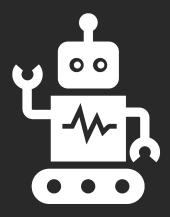
- Semantic error: you can't call operator < on two streams.
- Conceptual error: you can't find the min or max of two streams.
- The compiler deduces the types and literally replaces the types.
 Compiler will produce semantic errors, not conceptual error.
- This turns out to be a headache!

Preview of template errors

```
std::find(X, Y, Z, W);
```

- Semantic error: [some horrifying code you didn't write failed]
- Conceptual error: [you called the function incorrectly]

 Every quarter on CS 106B Piazza: "Compiler points to an error in the Stanford library. Stanford library is broken!"



Example

Templates: declaration and instantiation

Your turn: make this function generic!

```
int getInteger(const string& prompt, const string& reprompt) {
  while (true) {
    cout << prompt;</pre>
    string line; int result; char extra;
    if (!getline(cin, line))
       throw domain_error("[shortened]");
    istringstream iss(line);
    if (iss >> result && !(iss >> extra)) return result;
    cout << reprompt << endl;</pre>
```

Your turn: make this function generic!

```
template <typename T>
T getType(const string& prompt, const string& reprompt) {
  while (true) {
    cout << prompt;</pre>
    string line; T result; char extra;
    if (!getline(cin, line))
       throw domain_error("[shortened]");
    istringstream iss(line);
    if (iss >> result && !(iss >> extra)) return result;
    cout << reprompt << endl;</pre>
```

concept lifting

Concept Lifting

Looking at the assumptions you place on the parameters and questioning if they are really necessary.

Can you solve a more general problem by relaxing the constraints?

Why write generic functions?

```
Count how many times 3 appears in a vector<int>.

Count how many times 4.7 appears in a list<double>.

Count how many times 'X' appears in a string.

Count how many times 'X' appears in a deque<char>.

Count how many times 5 appears in the second half of a vector<int>.
```

are at most 5.

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Count how many elements in the second half of a vector<int>

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This code does not work. Why?

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Imagine we called

countOccurences with a list.

We are indexing through a potentially unindexable collection.

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Bad! Why?

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Solved using iterators!

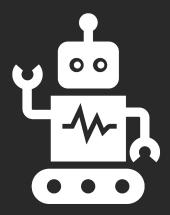
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This still makes one last

assumption.

How many times does the [type] [val] appear in [a range of elements]?

We even give control of where the start and end should be.



Example Lifting countOccurences

Can we solve all of these now?

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Count how many elements in the second half of a vector<int>

We are stuck on the last one. How do we customize the predicate?

```
countOccurences(v.begin(), v.end(), 3);
countOccurences(l.begin(), l.end(), 4.7);
countOccurences(s.begin(), s.end(), 'X');
countOccurences(d.begin(), d.end(), 'X');
countOccurences(v.begin() + v.size()/2, v.end(), 5);
Count how many elements in the second half of a vector<int>
are at most 5.
```

We'll tackle this next time!

implicit interfaces

```
vector<int> v1{1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3};
vector<int> v2{1, 2, 3};
count0ccurences(v1.begin(), v1.end(), v2);
```

```
vector<int> v1{1, 2, 3, 1, 2, 3};
vector<int> v2\{1, 2, 3\};
countOccurences(v1.begin(), v1.end(), v2);
                                           vector<int>
 vector<int>::iterator
                          vector<int>::iterator
```

```
template <typename InputIt, typename DataType>
int countOccurences(InputIt begin,
                    InputIt end,
                    DataType val) {
  int count = 0;
  for (auto iter = begin; iter != end; ++iter) {
   if (*iter == val) ++count;
  return count;
```

```
template <typename InputIt, typename DataType>
int countOccurences(vector<int>::iterator begin,
                     vector<int>::iterator end,
                     vector<int> val) {
  int count = 0;
  for (auto iter = begin; iter != end; ++iter) {
    if (*iter == val) ++count;
  return count;
                                  *iter is an int, can't
                                    == to a vector
```

What must be true of InputIt and DataType?

begin must be copyable.

iter must be equality comparable to end.

You must be able to increment iter.

You must be able to dereference iter and equality compare it to val.

Each template parameter must have the operations the function assumes it has.

InputIt must support

- copy assignment (iter = begin)
- prefix operator (++iter)
- comparable to end (begin != end)
- dereference operator (*iter)

DataType must support

comparable to *iter

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```
// bad: streams
// bad: collections
// bad: anything not an iterator
// bad: numeric types
```

// bad: iterators of wrong type

Nasty compile errors if instantiated type do not support these.

Template errors are not fun to debug.

There's a StackOverflow thread on maximizing lines of error messages with fewest lines of code.

Basically use a lot of template features incorrectly.

```
averyw09521@Averys-MacBook-Air lectures-new % q++ -std=c++2a templates-1.cpp -o templates && ./templates
templates-1.cpp:19:15: error: invalid operands to binary expression ('int' and 'std::_1::vector<int, std::_1::allocate
   if (*iter == val) ++count:
templates-1.cpp:32:3:
                            in instantiation of function template specialization 'countOccurences<std::_1::_wrap_iter<
      std::__1::vector<int, std::__1::allocator<int> > ' requested here
  countOccurences(v.begin(), v.end(), v2);
/Library/Developer/CommandLineTools/usr/bin/../include/c++/v1/system_error:391:1:
                                                                                         candidate function not viable: n
     from 'int' to 'const std::__1::error_code' for 1st argument
operator==(const error_code& __x, const error_code& __y) _NOEXCEPT
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                                                                                         candidate function not viable: n
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/Library/Developer/CommandLineTools/usr/bin/../include/c++/v1/system_error:406:1:
                                                                                         candidate function not viable: n
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operator==(const error_condition& __x, const error_code& __y)              _NOEXCEPT
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                                                                                         candidate function not viable: r
     from 'int' to 'const std::__1::error_condition' for 1st argument
operator==(const error_condition& __x, const error_condition& __y) _NOEXCEPT
/Library/Developer/CommandLineTools/usr/bin/../include/c++/v1/utility:580:1:
                                                                                   candidate template ignored: could not
      'pair<type-parameter-0-0, type-parameter-0-1>' against 'int'
operator==(const pair<_T1,_T2>& __x, const pair<_T1,_T2>& __y)
/Library/Developer/CommandLineTools/usr/bin/../include/c++/v1/iterator:712:1:
                                                                                    candidate template ignored: could no
      'reverse_iterator<type-parameter-0-0>' against 'int'
operator==(const reverse_iterator<_Iter1>& __x, const reverse_iterator<_Iter2>& __y)
/Library/Developer/CommandLineTools/usr/bin/../include/c++/v1/iterator:941:1:
                                                                                    candidate template ignored: could no
      istream_iterator<type-parameter-0-0, type-parameter-0-1, type-parameter-0-2, type-parameter-0-3>' against 'int'
operator==(const istream_iterator<_Tp, _CharT, _Traits, _Distance>& __x,
/Library/Developer/CommandLineTools/usr/bin/../include/c++/v1/iterator:1045:6:
                                                                                      candidate template ignored: could r
      'istreambuf_iterator<type-parameter-0-0, type-parameter-0-1>' against 'int'
bool operator==(const istreambuf_iterator<_CharT,_Traits>& __a,
/Library/Developer/CommandLineTools/usr/bin/../include/c++/v1/iterator:1153:1:
                                                                                      candidate template ignored: could r
      'move_iterator<type-parameter-0-0>' against 'int'
operator==(const move_iterator<_Iter1>& __x, const move_iterator<_Iter2>& __y)
```

Template interfaces: explicit vs. implicit

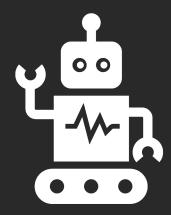
```
countOccurences(v1.begin(), v1.end(), v2);
```

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- Conceptual error: you can't find the min or max of two streams.
- The compiler deduces the types and literally replaces the types.
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- Really not fun to debug.

Collection must have a method size() that returns an integer.

Collection must support the subscript operator ([])

Furthermore, that return value must be equality comparable to DataType.



Example

When templates go wrong.

overload resolution

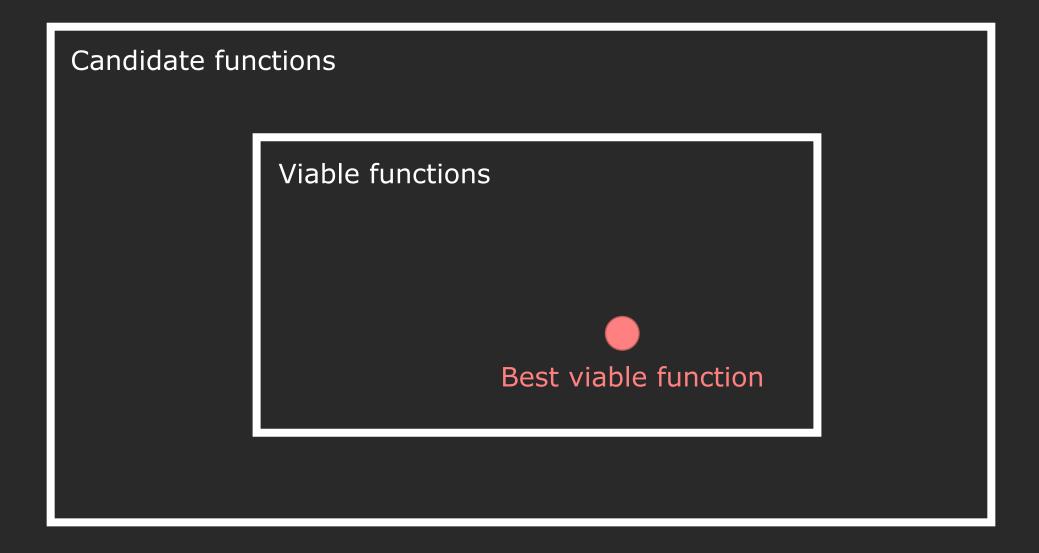
advanced topic most C++ programmers don't actively think about this

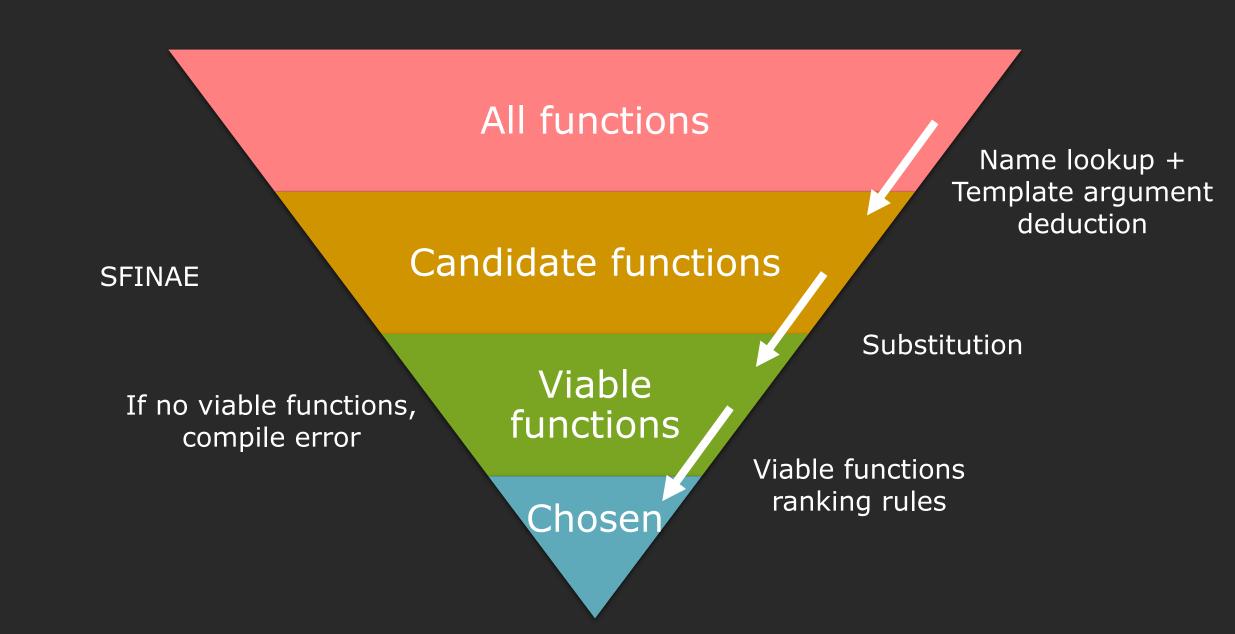
"what if there are multiple potential templates functions?"

My answer last quarter: don't do it.

Better answer: sometimes people do that! Let's see it.

All functions





Overload resolution steps

- From all functions within scope, look up all functions that match the name of function call. If template is found, deduce the type.
- From all candidate functions, check the number and types of the parameters. For template instantiations, try substituting and see if implicit interface satisfied. If fails, remove these instantiations.
- From all viable functions, rank the viable functions based on the type conversions necessary and the priority of various template types. Choose the best viable function.

SFINAE

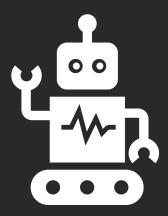
- Substitution Failure Is Not An Error
- When substituting the deduced types fails (in the immediate context) because the type doesn't satisfy implicit interfaces, this does not result in a compile error.
- Instead, this candidate function is not part of the viable function.
 The other candidates will still be processed.

Power of SFINAE

We can implement this logic:

If substituted type does not satisfy some condition, remove this overload from the candidate function set.

For Java users, this should remind you of Reflection. For Python users, this might remind you of hasattr().



Example SFNIAE example and enable_if

Substitution passes if T has a member size.

```
template <typename T>
auto printSize(const T& a) -> decltype(a.size()) {
  cout << "printing with size member function: ";</pre>
  cout << a.size() << endl;</pre>
  return a.size();
// T = int (fail)
// T = vector<int> (success)
// T = vector<int>* (fail)
```

Substitution passes if T can be negated.

```
template <typename T>
auto printSize(const T& a) -> decltype(-a) {
  cout << "printing with negative numeric function: ";</pre>
  cout << -a << endl;
  return -a;
// T = int (success)
// T = vector<int> (fail)
// T = vector<int>* (fail)
```

Substitution passes if T can be dereferenced and called with size member function.

```
template <typename T>
auto printSize(const T& a) -> decltype(a->size()) {
  cout << "printing with pointer function: ";</pre>
  cout << a->size() << endl;</pre>
  return a->size();
// T = int (fail)
// T = vector<int> (fail)
// T = vector<int>* (success)
```

SFNIAE removes the overloads which do not compile, allowing you to call printSize on different types!

Power of SFINAE

std::enable_if<Predicate>

If Predicate is satisfied, proceed as normal.

If Predicate is not satisfied, <u>purposely</u> create a template error!

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This expression doesn't compile if T is not arithmetic.



Next time

Functions and Algorithms

```
int main() {
   vector<int> v1{1, 2, 3, 4};
   vector<int> v2{1, 2, 4, 6};
   vector<int> v3{1, 2, 3, 4};
   vector<int> v4{1, 2, 3};
   auto [match, l1, l2] = mismatch(v1, v2); // {false, 3, 4}
   auto [match, r1, r3] = mismatch(r1, r3); // {true, 0, 0}
   auto [match, k1, k4] = mismatch(k1, k4); // undefined
```

}

What is the implicit interface of this template function?

```
template <typename InputIt1, typename InputIt2>
pair<InputIt1, InputIt2> mismatch(InputIt1 first1,
                                     InputIt1 last1,
                                     InputIt2 first2)
  while (first1 != last1 && *first1 == *first2){
    ++first1; ++first2;
  return {first1, first2};
                                   What is the implicit interface of
```

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```
template <typename ForwardIt, typename T>
ForwardIt remove(ForwardIt first, ForwardIt last,
                    const T& value) {
     first = <u>std::find</u>(first, last, value);
     if (first != last)
          for(ForwardIt i = first; ++i != last; )
               if (!(*i == value))
                    *first++ = std::move(*i);
     return first;
```