

# C++ Standard Library Algorithms

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# Basic information <a href="https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/algorithm">https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/algorithm</a>

#### <algorithm>

Non-modifying sequence (all\_of, find\_if, ...)
Modifying sequence (copy, remove, ...)

Partitioning
Sorting
Permutation
Binary Search
lower/upper\_bound, ...

Set/Heap operations
Min/max
Comparison
equal
lexographical compare, ...

#### <numeric>

iota
accumulate
reduce
transform\_reduce
inner\_product
adjacent\_difference
partial\_sum
inclusive\_scan
exclusive\_scan
transform\_inclusive\_scan
transform exclusive scan

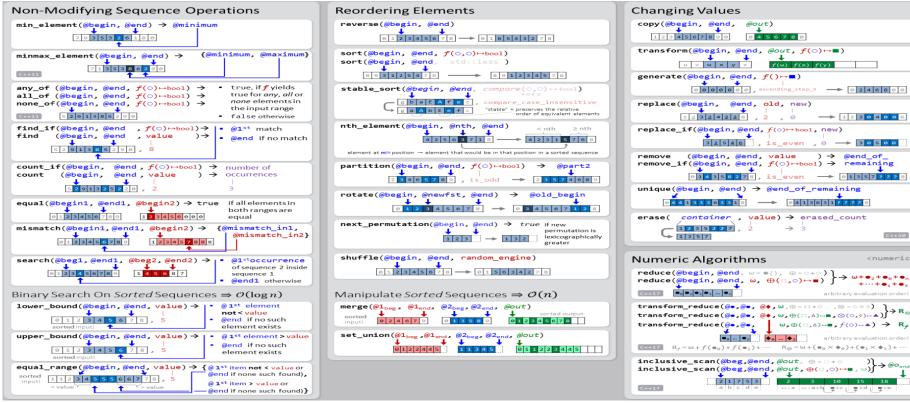
<memory>
uninitialized\_copy, ...
destroy, ...

<iterator>
Adaptors
make\_move\_iterator,
make\_reverse\_iterator, ...
back\_inserter, ...
Stream iterators
istream\_iterator,
ostream\_iterator, ...
Operations
begin, end, rbegin, ...
size, empty, data, ...
distance, next, prev, ...



#### Other links:

# https://hackingcpp.com/cpp/cheat\_sheets.html



# Basic information – in-class algorithms https://en.cppreference.com/w/cpp/container

Associative containers	Unordered associative containers	Most containers
O(log N)	O(1)	erase swap
count find equal_range lower_bound upper_bound	count find	erase_if (C++20)

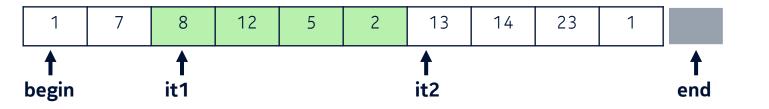
- Provide better performance than standalone algorithms (like std::find (O(N)))
- 2. Can modify containers
  - 1. standalone algorithms can modify only elements
  - compare behavior of std::remove and std::vector<T>::erase



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#### Ranges in C++17

- Range defined by 2 iterators [it1, it2) is the basic input to all algorithms
  - Range contains all element between it1(inclusively) and it2 (exclusively!)



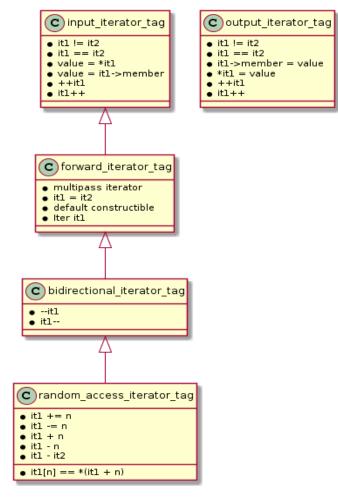
- Iterator can be anything that points to some element
  - "C" Pointer (T\*) is a valid iterator (when points to elements of an array T[N])
  - All Standard Library containers have corresponding iterators (access via begin/end methods)
  - Full range for container (like std::vector<int> a;) is (a.begin(), a.end())
  - Full range for "C" array (like char b[] = "ala ma kota";) is (b, b + sizeof(b)/sizeof(b[0]))
  - Since C++11 both containers and arrays ranges can be defined by functions begin, end: (std::begin(x), std::end(x))
  - Iterator can be also something not related to container nor array like stream iterators
- An example printing all elements of a vector<int> v; by copying to std::cout:

std::copy(v.begin(), v.end(), std::ostream\_iterator<int>(std::cout, ","));



# About performance

- Algorithms are written with performance in mind
  - But compiler optimization must be on!
- Algorithms have various versions aligned to type of iterators (see on right →). This is to achieve the best performance for the given iterator/container type. Simple example of that is std::distance, std::advance





#### C++ idioms: erase/remove

- std::remove if works on iterators
- 2. We need to use container method (like vector::erase) to actually removes the elements

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3. C++20 fixes that by adding erase if to containers

```
std::vector<int> vv{1,2,3,4,5,6};
print(vv);
auto it = std::remove if(begin(vv), end(vv), [](auto v) { return v & 1; });
print(vv);
print(begin(vv), it);
vv.erase(it, end(vv));
print(vv);
```

```
1 2 3 4 5 6
2 4 6 4 5 6
2 4 6
2 4 6
```

#### C++20 Introduced std::erase/erase\_if

```
std::vector<int> vv{1,2,3,4,5,6};
std::erase if(vv, [](auto v) { return v & 1; });
print(vv);
```



## Exercise: implement erase/remove for std::map (and std::set)

- Remove erase\_if for associative containers associative\_erase\_if(container)
- 2. Of course for pre C++20 code
- 3. And note that std::remove\_if is not working on such containers (cannot move elements)



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- 1. Shall work as std::equal but:
  - It shall return true also for ranges that are equal after sorting.
  - It shall not sort input range i.e. after execution of the algorithm input shall be unchanged!

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2. Examples:

```
const std::vector<int> a{1,12,23,34};
const std::array<int, 4> b{1,12,23,34};
const bool equal = equalUnordered(begin(a), end(a), begin(b));
assert(equal);
const std::vector<int> a{21,1,34,23};
const std::array<int, 4> b{1,21,23,34};
const bool equal = equalUnordered(begin(a), end(a), begin(b));
assert(equal);
const std::vector<int> a{1,2,4,3};
const std::array<int, 4> b{1,2,3,3};
const bool equal = equalUnordered(begin(a), end(a), begin(b));
assert(!equal);
```

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- 1. Copy iterator ranges (begin1, end1) and (begin2, ...) to local containers (vectors)
- 2. Sort these iterator ranges with comparing values pointed by iterators
- 3. Do std::equal on these local ranges, comparing values pointed by iterators (not iterators)
- 2. At first implement this signature:

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template <typename Iter1, typename Iter2>
bool equalUnordered(Iter1 begin1, Iter1 end1, Iter2 begin2);
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bool equalUnordered(Iter1 begin1, Iter1 end1, Iter2 begin2)
{
  const auto size = std::distance(begin1, end1);
  std::vector<Iter1> it1(size); std::vector<Iter2> it2(size);
  std::generate_n(it1.begin(), size, [begin1]() mutable { return begin1++; });
  std::generate_n(it2.begin(), size, [begin2]() mutable { return begin2++; });
...
```



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   std::sort(it1.begin(), it1.end(), [](Iter1 i1, Iter1 i2) { return *i1 < *i2; });
   std::sort(it2.begin(), it2.end(), [](Iter2 i1, Iter2 i2) { return *i1 < *i2; });
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   std::sort(it2.begin(), it2.end(), [](Iter2 i1, Iter2 i2) { return *i1 < *i2; });
   return std::equal(it1.begin(), it1.end(), it2.begin(), [](Iter1 i1, Iter2 i2) { return *i1 == *i2; });
}</pre>
```

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# Homework: Implement C++20 equalUnordered with custom comparator

- 1. What to do when there is no way to sort (no sorting comparator)?
  - 1. Prepare version when no std::sort is used
  - 2. Show in comments what is the algorithms computational complexity (big O notation)

```
template <typename Iter1, typename Iter2, typename Comparator>
bool equalUnordered(Iter1 begin1, Iter1 end1, Iter2 begin2, Comparator comp);
```

```
template <typename Iter1, typename Iter2, typename Comparator, typename SortingComparator>
bool equalUnordered(Iter1 begin1, Iter1 end1, Iter2 begin2, Comparator comp, SortingComparator sortComp);
```



# About performance - multithreading ((from gcc9.1))

Some algorithms can be run in multithreads modes

- namespace std::execution { sequenced\_policy seq; }
  - Default operations are performed in sequence (like in default pre-C++17 mode)
- namespace std::execution { parallel\_policy par; }
  - Operations might be performed in parallel (in different threads)
  - It requires from user to ensure no data races happen
- namespace std::execution { parallel\_unsequenced\_policy par\_unseq; }
  - Operations might be performed in parallel, vectorized, migrated from thread to thread
  - It requires vectorization-safe code e.g. no mutex allowed
    - But still no data races allowed so it is really hard to use. But it is the most promising.



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