## Conventions

What are the rules and terminologies needed to run algorithms? Let's find out.

To use the algorithms, you have to keep a few rules in your head.

The algorithms are defined in various headers.

```
<algorithm>:
```

Contains the general algorithms.

```
<numeric>:
```

Contains the numeric algorithms. Many of the algorithms have the name suffix <u>\_if</u> and <u>\_copy</u>.

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if:
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The algorithm can be parametrized by a predicate.

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_copy:
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The algorithm copies its elements in another range.

Algorithms like auto num = std::count(InpIt first, InpIt last, const T& val) return the number of elements that are equal to val. num is of type iterator\_traits<InpIt>::difference\_type. You have the guarantee that num is sufficient to hold the result. Because of the automatic return type deduction with auto, the compiler will give you the right types.

If the container uses an additional range, it has to be valid The algorithm std::copy\_if uses an iterator to the beginning of its destination range. This destination range has to be valid.

## i Naming conventions for the algorithms

I use a few naming conventions for the type of arguments and the return type of the algorithms to make them easier to read.

Name	Description		
InIt	[Input iterator]		
FwdIt	[Forward iterator]		
BiIt	[Bidirectional iterator]		
UnFunc	[Unary callable]		
BiFunc	[Binary callable]		
UnPre	[Unary predicate]		
BiPre	[Binary predicate]		
Search	The searcher encapsulates the search algorithm.		
ValType	From the input range automatically deduced value type.		
ExePol	Execution policy		

Signature of the algorithms