Using STL in Programming Contests

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About this Seminar

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STL?

STL (Standard Template Library)

- Implements useful data structures and basic algorithms
- Standard
 - Available in any C++ compiler (G++, VC++)
- Template
 - Classes and Functions with Generic type
 - They can work on many different data types, without being rewritten for each one.

Why we should use C++ libraries?

To write a program accurately and quickly

Overview

Containers

- pair
- vector (array)
- string, stringstream¹
- stack, queue, deque
- priority_queue (heap)
- set, map, multiset, multimap, unordered_set, unordered_map
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Algorithms

- sort, stable_sort
- unique
- next_permutation, prev_permutation
- lower_bound, upper_bound
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Preliminaries

All containers and functions are contained in the namespace std

```
#include <vector>
#include <algorithm>
using namespace std;  // (!)

int main()
{
    vector<int> a(3, 0);
    sort(a.begin(), a.end());
    return 0;
}
```

Pair

std::pair<T1, T2>

- Just pair : a bundle of two objects, of any type
- Two member fields : first, second
- Two ways to make a pair
 - Constructor : pair<T1, T2>(first, second)
 - The make_pair function
- Examples

Pair - Operators

Lexicographical Comparison Operators

- =, ==, !=, <, <=, >, >=
- Compare two pair of same type by first elments, and then by second elements
 - \bullet (3, 4) < (6, 2)
 - (1, 0) > (0, 90)
- Useful to represent a datatype which has a natural order (you don't have to define operators)

Pair - Advanced Usage

User-defined operators

You can even overload existing operators

typedefs and macros

Loooooong names are sometimes painful

Vector

std::vector<T>

A variable-length (linear) array

```
#include <vector>
```

Constructing a vector

Vector - Basic Usage

• size_t size() : return the size of vector

```
vector<int> kong(22, 2);
size_t n = kong.size();  // (unsigned)22
```

• bool empty(): test if a vector is of size 0 or not

```
vector<int> def;
assert( def.empty() == true );
```

- void clear() : clear a vector
 - ullet O(n), where n is the number of elements in the vector
 - Note that the allocated memorys are not freed immediately²

```
x.clear(); // x is a vector<T>
assert( x.size() == 0 );
```

Vector - Basic Usage

- T& operator [] : accesses to an element (0-based index)
 - Run-time Error when an invalid index is given
 - .at(index) is equivalent

```
vector<int> a = GetTestVector();
if(!a.empty()) a[0] = -1;
for(int i=0; i<(int)a.size(); ++i)
{
    a[i] ++; a[i] += a[0];
    printf("a[%d] = %d\n", i, a[i]);
}</pre>
```

Vector - Inserting/Removing an item

- T& back(): returns the last element
- T& first() : returns first last element
- void push_back(item) : adds an element item into back
- void pop_back(): deletes the last element
 - Don't worry about memory allocation
 - push_back, pop_back runs in amortized O(1) time

```
vector<int> A;
A.push_back(2011);
assert(2011 == A.back());
A.pop_back();
A.back() --;  // runtime error (empty vector!)
```

Vector - Resizing

- void resize(sz, with) : resizes an vector to contain sz elements, filling with with when expanded.
 - with can be omitted (default value is used. e.g. int : 0)

```
vector<int> A;
for(int i=0; i<n; ++i)
    scanf("%d", &A[i]);  // error! A has no elements</pre>
```

Vector - Multidimensional Arrays

```
vector< vector<int> > matrix;
matrix.resize(n);
for(int i=0; i<n; ++i)
    matrix[i].resize(m);
matrix[0][0] = matrix[n-1][m-1] = 1;</pre>
```

```
vector< vector<int> > matrix(n, m);
// vector< vector<int> > matrix(n, vector<int>(m));
matrix[0][0] = matrix[n-1][m-1] = 1;
```

```
vector<int> C[10];
for(int i=0; i<10; ++i)
{
    C[i].resize(i+1);
    C[i][0] = 1;
    for(int j=1; j<=i; ++j)
         C[i][j] = C[i-1][j-1] + C[i-1][j];
}</pre>
```

Vector - Multidimensional Arrays

Adjacency list representation of a graph

```
vector< vector<int> > G:
G.resize(V): // V : # of vertices
for(int i=0; i<E; ++i)</pre>
    int x = edges[i].x, y = edges[i].y;
    G[x].push_back(y);
                       // bidirectional ?
    G[y].push_back(x);
int u = 0:
for(int i=0; i<(int)G[u].size(); ++i) {</pre>
    int v = G[u][i];
    // for each edge (u, v) ...
```

Vector - Pitfalls

Common mistakes

 vector's (and as well as all other containers) size()³ is of unsigned type

```
for(int i=0; i<(int)v.size() - 1; ++i);  // good</pre>
```

- vector<bool> has different implementation
 - Continuous 8 elements are stored in 1 byte
 - Be cautious when using it recommended not to use

³same for length(), count() in other containers $\langle \Box \rangle \langle \overline{\Box} \rangle \langle \overline{\overline{\Box}} \rangle \langle \overline{\overline{\overline{\Box}}} \rangle \langle \overline{\overline{\overline{\Box}}} \rangle \langle \overline{\overline{\overline{\Box}}} \rangle$

Iterator

(STL containers)::iterator

- An object which allows to traverse through all the elements of a container.
- Very useful and important when handling STL containers and using algorithms
- An abstraction of traditional C pointers
 - We can treat an iterator as a pointer !
- Since each container provides different mechanism to traverse through all the elements, implementations and interfaces of different containers may be differ

(Put images here)



Iterator - Common Features

Declaration

```
vector<int> v = GetExampleVector();
set<int> s = GetExampleSet();

set<int>::iterator it;
vector<int>::iterator it = a.begin();
vector<int>::iterator it2 = a.end();
```

- Pointer assignment, equality comparison
 - operator =, ==, !=
- Pointer dereferencing (as in C)
 - operator *, ->
- Iterate through elements
 - operator ++ : Moves to next object to me
 - operator -- : Moves to previous object to me

Iterator - Range

- In STL, a range (a sequence of continuous elements in a container) is represented as by a pair of two iterators, typically called begin and end
- The element pointed by end is excluded from the range
 - [begin, end)
 - end iterator is past-the-end iterator
- STL containers usually have .begin() and .end()

Iterator - Typical usages and Example

```
vector<int> a(10);
for(int i=0; i<10; ++i) a.push_back(i);

// iterate through all the elements in a vector
for(vector<int>::iterator it = a.begin(); it != a.end(); ++ it)
{
    *it ++;
    cout << *it << endl;
    *it = -1;
}</pre>
```

```
bool IsEmpty(vector<int> &a) { return a.begin() == a.end(); }
```

lterator - std::vector<T>::iterator

- vector is a *linear* collection of elements, so it provides pointer arithmetics (same as C pointers)
 - operator +, -, +=, -=, <, <=, >, >=, []

Iterator - More

- const_iterator : analogy of const pointer
- reverse_iterator, const_reverse_iterator

```
// iterate through all the elements, but in a reverse order
vector<int>::reverse_iterator it;
for(it = a.rbegin(); it != a.rend(); ++it)
    DoSomething(*it);
```

Vector Revisited - Vector Manipulation

erase

erases one or a range of elements (the size of vector is reduced)

Vector Revisited - Vector Manipulation

insert

• inserts one or a range of elements before the given position

```
vector<int>& operator += (vector<int> &v, const vector<int> rhs)
{
    // append rhs into v
    v.insert(v.end(), rhs.begin(), rhs.end());
    return v;
}
```

String

std::string

- A container that handles a string
- Very convenient compared to naive C strings(char[])

```
#include <string>
```

Constructing a string

String - Basic Usage

size_t length(): returns the length of string

- bool empty(): tests if a string is of length 0
- void clear() : clears a string⁴

```
string x = "hello";
x.clear();
assert( x.empty() == true );
```

char operator []: a reference to i-th character of a string

```
string str = "Corea";
str[0] = 'K';
cout << str << " " << str[2] << endl; // Kr</pre>
```

push_back, pop_back, back, front

⁴Allocated memorys won't be freed.

String - Useful operators

- = : assignment (copying from string, char*, ...)
- ==, != : equality comparison
- <, >, <=, >= : lexicographical comparison
- +, += : string concatenation

String - c_str()

- o const char* c_str()
 - gets the C-style char* pointer of a string
 - useful when using printf, sscanf

Remark: cannot input by scanf directly.

String - substring

- string substr(pos, len)
 - returns a string from a substring, starting from 0-index pos and length len
 - Note that another string is created (memory is allocated)

String - iterators

Usage of string::iterator is same as vector

```
string s = "this is a lower string";
for(string::iterator it = s.begin(); it != s.end(); ++it)
   *it = toupper(*it);
```

- insert, erase can be used similar as vector
 - 0-based indices can be sused rather than iterators

String - find

- size_t find(s)
 - find s as a substring (like strchr, strstr)
 - s may be a string, a char*, or a single char
 - return the 0-based index where s first occurs, or string::npos⁵ if no occurences
 - ullet Time Complexity : $O(nm)^{6}$

• size_t rfind(s): almost same but find the last occurence

 $^{^5-1}$ as unsigned type (0xffffffff).

String - replace

- .replace(from, to, with)
 - replace the subrange [from, to) with a string with
- .replace(pos, len, with)
 - replace the subrange which begins 0-based index pos and of length len with a string width
- Endure ineffectiveness of naive string's operations



Streams - std::stringstream

std::stringstream

- istringstream, ostringstream
- Performs input/output operations on a string, rather than stdandard I/O or file I/O
 - similar to sprintf, sscanf

```
#include <sstream>
```

Streams - istringstream

```
/* string -> int, long, ... */
inline long long ParseLong(const string &str)
{
   long long res = 0;
   istringstream(str) >> res;
   return res;
}
```

```
/* string tokenizing example */
string str = "split me into vector<string>s";
vector<string> result;

istringstream ss(str); // splits on whitespaces
string x;
while(ss >> x) result.push_back(x); // see loop condition
assert( result.size() == 4 );
```

```
/* invalid operation example */
istringstream ss("notdouble"); double t;
if(ss >> t) cout << t << endl;
else cout << "parsing failed" << endl; // this is excuted</pre>
```

Streams - istringstream

```
/* BUT, if sscanf is simpler than istringstream, use sscanf !! */
pair<int, int> ParsePair(string &s) // s = "(3, 4)"
    pair<int, int> res;
    sscanf(s.c_str(), "(%d,%d)", &res.first, &res.second);
    return res:
/* istringstream is more concise due to variable-length */
vector<int> ParseVector(string s) // s = "{1, 2, 3, 4}"
{
    for(size_t i=0; i<s.length(); ++i)</pre>
        if(!isdigit(s[i]) && s[i] != '+' && s[i] != '-') s[i] = '';
    istringstream ss(s);
    vector<int> res;
    for(int x; ss >> x; ) res.push_back(x);
    return res;
}
```

Streams - ostringstream

```
/* int, long, ... -> string */
inline string ToString(const long long val)
{
   ostringstream ss;
   ss << val;
   return ss.str(); // .str() produces a string
} // alternatively, sprintf is also useful (maybe more faster)</pre>
```

Stack

std::stack

- Implements a FILO stack
 - Actually, vector can be used as stack

```
#include <stack>
```

- bool empty(): tests if a stack is empty
- size_t size() : gets the number of elements contained
- void push(x): push x on top of the stack
- T top(): gets the top element (stack must not be empty)
- void pop() : pop out the top element

Queue

std::queue

Implements a FIFO queue

```
#include <queue>
```

- bool empty(): tests if a queue is empty
- size_t size() : gets the number of elements contained
- void push(x) : push x on back of the queue
- T back() : gets the backmost element
- T front(): gets the frontmost element
- void pop() : pop out the frontmost element

Note: stack and queue have no iterators and do not support random-access, so if necessity, use vector or deque instead.



Queue - Simple BFS

```
int n;
vector<int> gr[MAXN];  // adjacency list, 0..n-1
vector<int> dist(MAXN); // shortest distance from S
void BFS(int S)
   queue<int> Q;
   fill(dist, dist + n, 987654321); // !?
   Q.push(S); dist[S] = 0;
   while(!Q.empty()) {
       int u = Q.front(); Q.pop(); // dequeue
       for(int i = 0; i < gr[u].size(); ++ i)</pre>
           int v = gr[u][i];
           if(dist[v] > dist[u] + 1) {
               dist[v] = dist[u] + 1;
               Q.push(v);
                                       // enqueue
```

Deque

std::deque

Implements a deque data structure

```
#include <deque> // or, automatically included by <queue>
```

- Deque have all features of std::vector, but in addition, O(1) pushing or popping on the front (as well as on the back) is supported.
- In fact, deque is implemented by concatenation of two vectors
 - Note that memory locations of all elements are not continuous (images here)

Deque

- size(), empty(), clear(), operator [], resize()
- back(), push_back(), pop_back()
- $push_front()$, $pop_front()$: O(1)

List

std::list

• implements a doubly-linked list

Priority Queue

std::priority_queue<T>

- Implements a priority queue (as a binary heap)
- Supports $O(\log n)$ push, pop operations
- All items of type T must be ordered strict weak ordering (typically and by default, the less operator '<').
 - $x \not< x$ for all x
 - x < y, y < z implies x < z for all x, y, z
 - x = y if and only if both $x \not< y$ and $y \not< x^8$



⁸Not necessary only for priority queue

Priority Queue - Usage

```
std::priority_queue<T>
```

- bool empty(): test if a queue is empty
- size_t size() : get the number of elements contained
- void push(x): push x into PQ, in $O(\log n)$ time
- T top(): get a item with highest priority (= largest item)
- ullet void $extstyle \operatorname{\mathsf{pop}}()$: $\operatorname{\mathsf{pop}}$ out the top element, in $O(\log n)$ time

Therefore, it is a max-heap (given the less operator, by default)

Priority Queue - Speicifying Operator

- We can specify an ordering
 - It can be any deterministic function (binary relation), or any comparator class/object which has a () operator
 - The ordering must be a strict weak ordering

```
priority_queue<T, container, comparator>
```

- container is usually vector<T> (or deque<T>)
- comparator
 - by default, less<T>
 - If you use greater<T> instead⁹, you get a min-heap
 - less<T> requires operator <, greater<T> requires operator >
 - Must callable with two T's, like comparator(v1, v2), and must be a strict weak ordering

 $^{^9 \}text{These}$ are included in the header <functional>, but <queue> automatically includes it 4 $^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $^{\frac{1}{2}}$ $^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Priority Queue - Example 1

Priority Queue - Example 2

```
struct myData {
    int id, key;
    myData(int id, int key) : id(id), key(key) {}
};
bool operator < (const myData &lhs, const myData &rhs)
{
                                     // Bad
   return lhs.key < rhs.key;
    if(lhs.key != rhs.key)
        return lhs.key > rhs.key;
    else return lhs.id < rhs.id;</pre>
}
                                     // a strict weak-ordering
void test()
    // a max-heap w.r.t key
    priority_queue<myData> Q;
    Q.push( myData(1, 10) );
    Q.push( myData(3, 5) );
    printf("%d\n", Q.top().id); // 1
}
```

Priority Queue - Example 3 : Dijkstra's Algorithm

```
int n:
vector< pair<int, int> > gr[MAXN]: // (vertex, weight)
int dist[MAXN];
                                      // distance S->u
void dijkstra(int S)
    typedef pair<int, int> node;  // (cost, vertex)
    priority queue<node, vector<node>, greater<node> > Q: // minheap
    fill(dist, dist + n, 987654321);
    Q.push(node(0, S)): dist[S] = 0:
    int visited = 0:
    while(!Q.emptv() && visited < n)</pre>
        int u = Q.top().second;
        if(dist[u] != Q.top().first) continue; // why?
        Q.pop(); ++visited;
        for(int i=0; i<gr[u].size(); ++i)</pre>
            int v = gr[u][i].first, w = gr[u][i].second;
            if(dist[v] > dist[u] + w)
                dist[v] = dist[u] + w:
                Q.push( node(dist[v], v) );
```

Set

std::set<T>

- Implements a set, supporting <u>logarithmatic</u> insertion, finding, deletion operations
- Balanced binary search tree (Red-Black tree) is used

```
#include <set>
```

- Data type should have a strict weak ordering!
 - By default, the less operator < (less<T>)
 - Key comparison only depends on this ordering. That is, equality test is not done by == operator, even if it exists.
- set does not allow duplicated items

Set - Basic Usage

Constructing a set

```
// creating an empty set
set<int> S;

// creating a set copying from some range
// for example, v : vector<int>, deque<int>, ...
set<int> S2( v.begin(), v.end() );
```

- void clear() : clear a set
- size_t size() : get the number of items contained in a set
- bool empty(): test if a set is empty or not

Set - Insertion

- pair<set<T>::iterator, bool> insert(val)
 - insert a single item val
 - returns a pair (the position inserted as an iterator, whether insertion is successful or not)
 - If another data of same key value as val was already contained, nothing will happen
- void insert(from, to): insert multiple items from a specified range [from, to)

```
set<int> T;
for(int i=1; i<=10; ++i) T.insert(i);
int f[] = {11, 12, 13, 14, 15};
T.insert(f, f+5);  // now T = {1, ..., 15}

T.insert(10);  // nothing happens
set<int>::iterator it = T.insert(0);
assert(*it == 0);
```

Set - Find

- set<T>::iterator find(val)
 - finds an element of key value val, and returns its location as an iterator
 - If there is no such item, then the .end() iterator is returned
- size_t count(val)
 - returns the number of elements of key value val
 - Actually, either 0 or 1

Set - Deletion

- size_t erase(val):
 - erases the element whose value is equivalent to val
- void erase(pos):
 - erases the element pointed by an iterator pos
- void erase(from, to):
 - erases the elements in the range [from, to)

```
set<string> S;
S.insert("A"); S.insert("B"); S.insert("C"); S.insert("D");

S.erase( S.rbegin() ); // (!) deletes the maximum

S.erase("A"); // S = {"B", "C"}

set<string>::iterator it = S.find("B");
S.erase( ++it ); // S = {"B"};

S.erase( S.end() ); // run-time error
```

Set - Iterate

Iterating through all the elements

• set<T>::iterator is bidirectional

Set - lower_bound, upper_bound

- set<T>::iterator lower_bound(x)
- set<T>::iterator upper_bound(x)
- return the foremost(lattermost) position where an item with key value key could be inserted without broking the orderings
- \bullet $O(\log n)$

```
set<int> S;
for(int i=-5; i<=5; i+=2) S.insert( i );
printf("%d %d\n", *S.lower_bound(-7), *S.upper_bound(-7)); // -5 -5
printf("%d %d\n", *S.lower_bound(3), *S.upper_bound(3)); // 3 5
printf("%d %d\n", *S.lower_bound(4), *S.upper_bound(4)); // 5 5
printf("%d %d\n", *S.lower_bound(7), *S.upper_bound(7)); // error</pre>
```

Set - Arbitrary Types and Ordering I

- Specify an ordering
 - Same as in priority_queue
- Example 1 : Predefined orderings

Set - Arbitrary Types and Ordering I

Example 2 : User-defined types

```
struct myPoint {
    int x, y;
    myPoint(int x, int y) : x(x), y(y) {}
};
bool operator < (const myPoint &lhs, const myPoint &rhs)</pre>
₹
    if(lhs.x != rhs.x) return lhs.x < rhs.x;</pre>
    else return lhs.y < rhs.y;</pre>
    // a strict weak-ordering
void test()
    set<myPoint> S;
    // Note : set<myPoint, less<myPoint> > requires operator '<'
    S.insert( myPoint(-3, 3) );
    S.insert( myPoint(2, -1) );
```

Map

std::map<K, V>

- Implements a mapping (a dictionary) 'key → value'
- $O(\log n)$ insertion, finding, deletion operations
- Again, balanced binary search tree (Red-Black tree)

```
#include <map>
```

- Keys should be <u>ordered</u> (strict weak ordering) and each key is unique, but values are not needed to be ordered
- An item in a map<K, V> is a pair<K, V>

Map - Basic Usage

Constructing a map

- void clear() : clear a map
- size_t size(): get the number of items contained in a map
- bool empty(): test if a map is empty or not
- Iterator points to an item(pair)

Map - Insert & Find

- map<K, V>::iterator insert(KVpair)
 - insert a key-value pair KVPair into a map
 - if there was no element of same key value, return the iterator of the item inserted
 - if there was already a element of same key value, return the iterator of the item previously existing (no changes on it)

```
map<string, int> M;
map<string, int>::iterator it;
it = M.insert( pair<string, int>("yuki", 181) );
printf("%s is %d cm.\n", it->first.c_str(), it->second);
it = M.insert( pair<string, int>("yuki", 182) );
printf("%s is still %d cm.\n", it->first.c_str(), it->second);
printf("there is %d person in the world\n", M.size()); // 1
```

Map - Insert & Find

- map<K, V>::iterator find(key)
 - find the item with key value key and return its iterator
 - If there is no such item, .end() iterator is returned
- V& operator [] (key):
 - find the item with key value key and return a reference to its mapped value.
 - If there was no such item, a new item is created!
 - equivalent to (this->insert(make_pair(x,V()))->second

Map - Basic Operations

- void insert(from, to)
- similar to set::insert(from, to)
- size_t count(key)
 - return the number of elements of key value key
 - Actually, either 0 or 1
- size_t erase(key) : erase the item of key value key
- void erase(it): erase the item pointed by iterator it

Map - Iterate

Iterating through all the elements

```
map<string, string> slaves;
slaves["ainu7"] = "Weonseok Yoo";
slaves["ryuwonha"] = "Wonha Ryu";
slaves["legend12"] = "Sukmin Koh";
slaves["altertain"] = "Taeyoon Lee";
slaves["libe"] = "Hyunhwan Jeong";
slaves["jongman"] = "Jongman Koo";
slaves["domeng"] = "Dokyung Lee";
slaves["astein"] = "Jinho Kim";
slaves["wook"] = "Jongwook Choi";
for(map<string, string>::iterator it = slaves.begin();
    it != slaves.end(): ++ it)
₹
   cout << "Thanks to " << it->first << '(' << it->second << ")!":
// it->first[0] = toupper(it->first[0]);  // not modifiable
    it->second = "Mr. " + it->second :
                                               // modifiable
for(map<string, string>::reverse_iterator it = slaves.rbegin();
    it != slaves.rend(); ++ it);
```

Map - lower_bound, upper_bound, equal_range

Similar to set

Map - Pitfalls

 Note that '[]' operator creates a new node if such key does not exist

In the above code, .count() or .find() should be used instead

Multiset, Multimap

- multiset, multimap
- Same as set<T> and map<K, V>, respectively, but the only difference is that multiset, multimap support duplicated keys
- Some Differences
 - count() can be arbitrary (nonnegative) integer
 - Now, multimap does not have [] operator anymore
 - .erase() does not recieve only a key value anymore
 - .find() returns a iterator to <u>some</u> item of specified key. To find multiple items (they are adjacent), use .equal_range()

Multiset, Multimap - Example

Multiset can be used as a priority queue which supports additional operations — finding/deleting a minimum, a maximum, or the element of specified key value

- A data structure which supports the following operations
 - insert(v): insert an element of key value v
 - erase(x): erase an element x (if several, only one is removed)
 - min() : get the element of smallest key value
 - max() : get the element of largest key value
 - find(v) : get a element of key value v
- will be useful in some problems....

Hash Set, Hash Map

- unordered_set<T>, unordered_map<K, V>
 - Similar interface as set, map but implemented by hash tables
- Used if keys can be hashed appropriately (rather than be ordered), for the sake of efficient search operations
 - Expected O(1) but not so fast
- Available in C++0x
 - $g++ \ge 4.4.x$
 - VC++ \geq 10.0 (VS 2010)

```
#include <unordered_set>
#include <unordered_map>
using namespace std::tr1;
unordered_set<int> HashSet;
unordered_map<int, int> HashMap;
unordered_multiset<int> HashMultiSet;
unordered_multimap<int, int> HashMultiMap;
```

Generic Algorithms

Functions especially designed to be used on ranges of elements, typically specified by endpoint iterators.

#include <algorithm>

swap, min, max

std::swap

Swaps two elements.

```
void loop(int x1, int x2)
{
    if(x1 > x2) swap(x1, x2);
    for(int x=x1; x<=x2; ++x) { ... }
}</pre>
```

```
void test(vector<int> &A, vector<int> &B) {
    A.swap(B); // more efficient using pointer swapping tricks
}
```

std::min, std::max

• find a minimum(maximum) among two values of same type

```
minVal = min(minVal, now);
maxVal = max(maxVal, now);
int maxOfFour = max(max(a, b), max(c, d));
```

min_element, max_element

std::min_element, std::max_element

- returns an iterator pointing to the element with the smallest (largest) value in the given range¹⁰
- If there are more than one elements of smallest (largest) value, then the foremost one is returned
- \bullet $\Theta(n)$

```
for(int i=1; i<=n; ++i)
{
    int minpos = min_element(data, data+n) - data;
    int minval = data[minpos];
    /* ... */
    int maxval = *max_element(data, data+n);
}</pre>
```

¹⁰ By default, min_element uses operator < and max_element uses operator >.

User-specific comparison object(function) may be given

reverse, rotate

std::reverse

• reverses the order of the elements in the given range

```
string a = "Hello Algospot!";
reverse(a.begin(), a.end());
cout << a << endl; // !topsoglA olleH</pre>
```

std::rotate

find

std::find

- iterator find(from, to, val)
- Returns the iterator of the first element whose value is same asHere, the == operator is used. value in the given range [from, to).
- If no such element, the past-the-end iterator to is returned
- \bullet O(n)

```
int a[] = {10, 1, 7, 4, 6, 8, 5, 3};
deque<int> d(a, a+8);
set<int> S(a, a+8);

printf("6 is %d-th.\n", find(a, a+8, 6) - a);  // 4
if(find(d.begin(), d.end(), 9) == d.end())
    printf("9 : not found in d\n");

// Note : this takes O(n), not O(log n)
printf("%d\n", *find(S.begin(), S.end(), 10) ); // 10
```

accumulate

std::accumulate

```
#include <numeric>
```

- Returns the result of accumulating all the values in the given range to an inititial value. (fold-left)
- By default, operator + is used, but specific binary functions can be used

```
vector<int> a;
int s1 = 0; for(int i=0; i<a.size(); ++i) s1 += a[i];
int s2 = accumulate(a.begin(), a.end(), 0);</pre>
```

```
vector<string> a; // concatenate all !
string s1 = ""; for(int i=0; i<a.size(); ++i) s1 += a[i];
string s2 = accumulate(a.begin(), a.end(), string(""));</pre>
```

```
vector<double> pr; // multiply all !
double p1 = 1.0; for(int i=0; i<pr.size(); +=i) p1 *= pr[i];
double p2 = accumulate(pr.begin(), pr.end(), multiplies<double>());
```

Sorting

std::sort

- void sort(from, to)
- Sorts the elements in the range [from, to) into ascending order
- Iterators should be random-accessible (e.g. vector, deque)
- Default ordering is the less operator <, but you can specify comparator which gives a strict weak ordering
- $O(n \log n)$ (usually, Quicksort)

Sorting - Example

How to sort items of user-defined type

```
struct slave {
    string name;
    int rating;

    // defining the < operator
    bool operator < (const slave &rhs) const {
        return rating < rhs.rating;
    }
};</pre>
```

```
// another way to define an operator
bool operator > (const slave &lhs, const slave &rhs)
    return lhs.rating > rhs.rating;
}
```

```
vector<slave> slaves = GetSlavesOfToday();
sort(slaves.begin(), slaves.end());
sort(slaves.begin(), slaves.end(), byName); // using comparator function
```

Sorting - Example

How to sort using a comparator function (e.g. indirect sort)

```
int red[] = {2240, 2611, 2257, 2225, 2736};
bool RatingAscending(const int &x, const int &y)
{
    return red[x] < red[y];
}</pre>
```

```
int idx[] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4};
sort(idx, idx + 5, RatingAscending);  // result : {4, 1, 2, 0, 3}
```

Sorting - Example

How to sort using a comparator object - functor (e.g. indirect sort)

```
struct Comparator {
   int *array;
   Comparator(int *a) : array(a) {}

  bool operator () (const int &x, const int &y)
   {
      return array[x] < array[y];
   }
};</pre>
```

```
int red[] = {2240, 2611, 2257, 2225, 2736};
int age[] = {23, 29, 26, 22, 31};
int idx[] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4};

// what if you want pass parameters to comparator ?
sort(idx, idx + 5, Comparator(red));  // 4, 1, 2, 0, 3
sort(idx, idx + 5, Comparator(age));  // 3, 0, 2, 1, 4
```

Sorting - other sorting functions

std::stable_sort

- same as sort, but preserves the relative order of the elements with equivalent values(keys)
- Here, equivalence x = y means $x \not< y$ and $y \not< x$
- $O(n \log n)$ with merge sort

std::partial_sort

- partial_sort(from, mid, to)
- [from, mid) contains the smallest elements of entire range, and [mid, to) contains the remainings in any order.
- $O(n \log k)$, where $k = \min \text{from}$.

Partitioning Functions

```
std::nth_element
```

- nth_element(from, nth, to)
- Finds k-th element (k = nth from) x and rearrange the whole array such that
 - x is located at the position to which nth points,
 - ullet smaller items than x precede x, and
 - ullet greater items than x follow x.
- ullet $\Theta(n)$, where $n=\mathtt{to}-\mathtt{from}$

```
std::partitition
```

std::stable_partititon

Unique - Removing Duplicated Entries

std::unique

- unique(from, to) or unique(from, to, comp)
- Removes the duplicate consecutive elementes from the given range, and returns the new end iterator
- does not alter the element past the new end
- Here, == operator is used for equality test (or, comp instead)

Binary Search

std::binary_search

- bool binary_search(from, to, key)
- Performs a binary search on the range [from, to) to find out whether an item of value key exists or not
- Dependent on a strict weak ordering (same as previous),
 assuming all the items are sorted with respect to this ordering
- $O(\log n)$ if iterators are random-accessible

Binary Search

std::lower_bound, std::upper_bound

- iterator lower_bound(from, to, key), upper_bound(from, to, key)
- return the foremost(lattermost) position where an item with key value key could be inserted without broking the orderings
- $O(\log n)$ if iterators are random-accessible

Binary Search

lower_bound as a binary search

One more comparison is required

std::equal_range

- pair<iterator, iterator> equal_range(from, to, key)
- returns the largest subrange that includes all the elements of values equivalent to key.
- Also, all the items in the given range must be in sorted order



Permutations

prev_permutation, next_permutation

- Rearranges the elements in the given range into the lexicographically previous(next) permutation.
- Comparator may be given (by default, the less operator)

```
vector<int> a(n) = ...;

// lexicographically first
sort(a.begin(), a.end());

// brute-force attack (n!)
do {
    DoSomething(a);

    for(int i=0; i<n; ++i) printf("%d ", a[i]);
    printf("\n");
} while(next_permutation(a.begin(), a.end()));</pre>
```

```
1 1 2 3
1 1 3 2
1 2 1 3
1 2 3 1
1 3 1 2
1 3 2 1
2 1 1 3
2 1 3 1
2 3 1 1
3 1 1 2
3 1 2 1
3 2 1 1
```

Useful References

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Thank You Very Much

Any Questions?