

105 STL ALGORITHMS IN LESS THAN AN HOUR

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Fluent {C++}



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Agenda

Brief chat about STL algorithms

The STL algorithms themselves

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We need to know them. All. Well. Very well.

STL algorithms can make code more expressive

Raising levels of abstraction

Sometimes, it can be spectacular.

```
void PanelBar::RepositionExpandedPanels(Panel* fixed_panel) {
    CHECK(fixed_panel);

    // First, find the index of the fixed panel.
    int fixed_index = GetPanelIndex(expanded_panels_, *fixed_panel);
    CHECK_LT(fixed_index, expanded_panels_.size());

    // Next, check if the panel has moved to the other side of another panel.
    const int center_x = fixed_panel->cur_panel_center();
    for (size_t i = 0; i < expanded_panels_.size(); ++i) {
        Panel* panel = expanded_panels_[i].get();
        if (center_x <= panel->cur_panel_center() ||
            i == expanded_panels_.size() - 1) {
            if (panel != fixed_panel) {
                // If it has, then we reorder the panels.
                ref_ptr<Panel> ref = expanded_panels_[fixed_index];
                expanded_panels_.erase(expanded_panels_.begin() + fixed_index);
                if (i < expanded_panels_.size()) {
                    expanded_panels_.insert(expanded_panels_.begin() + i, ref);
                } else {
                    expanded_panels_.push_back(ref);
                }
            }
            break;
        }
    }
}
```



```
// Next, check if the panel has moved to the left side of another panel.
auto f = begin(expanded_panels_) + fixed_index;

auto p = lower_bound(begin(expanded_panels_), f, center_x,
    [](const ref_ptr<Panel>& e, int x){ return e->cur_panel_center() < x; });

// If it has, then we reorder the panels.
rotate(p, f, f + 1);
```

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Running time extraction

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Avoiding mistakes:



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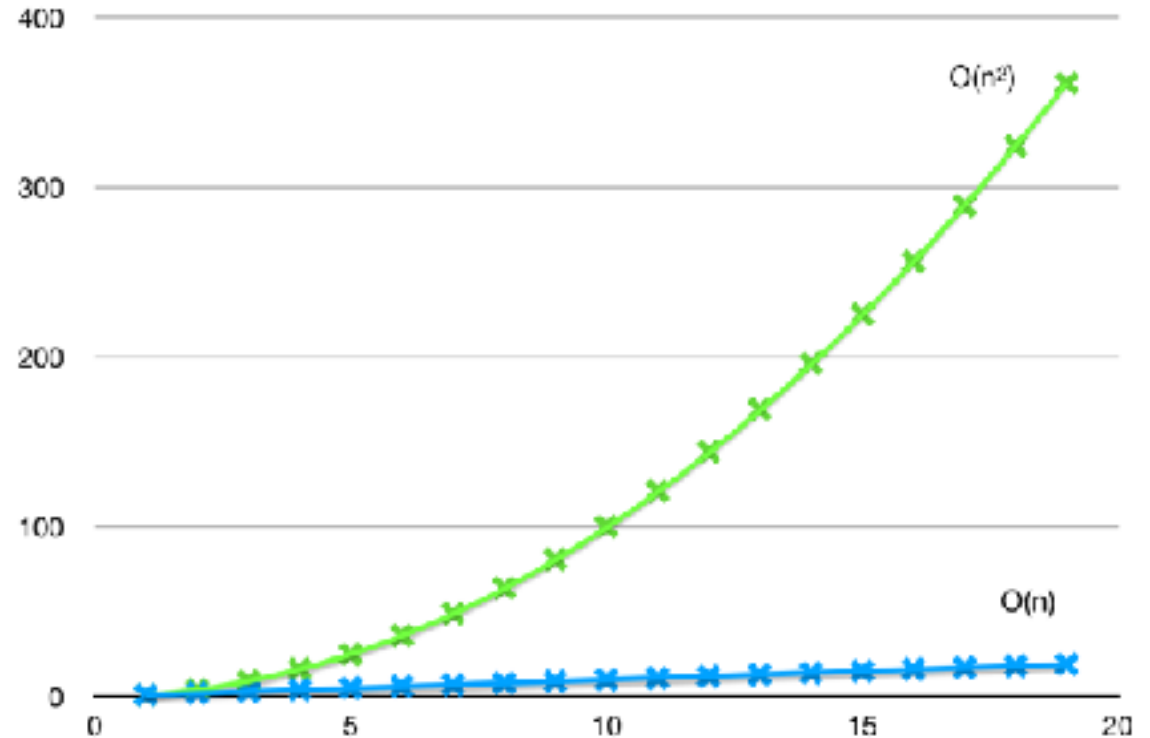
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off-by-one

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STL algorithms can make code more expressive

- Raising levels of abstraction

- Sometimes, it can be spectacular.

Avoid common mistakes:

- off-by-one

- empty loops

- naive complexity

Used by lots of people

- A common vocabulary

- Whatever the version of your compiler

It's not just
for_each

o

for_each



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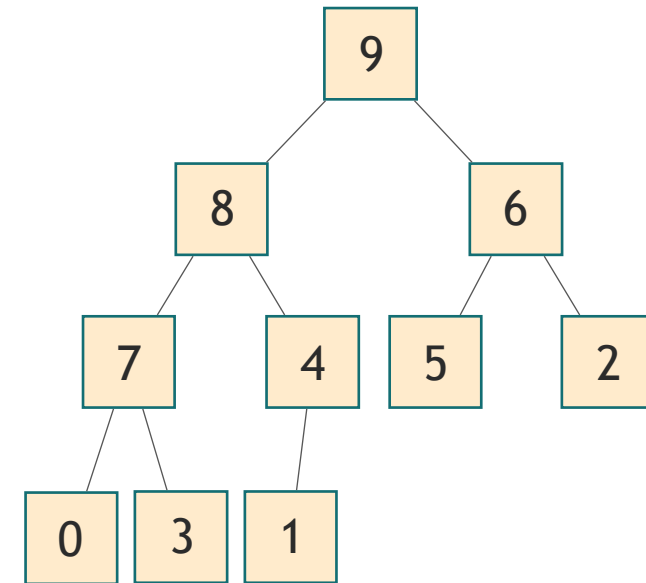
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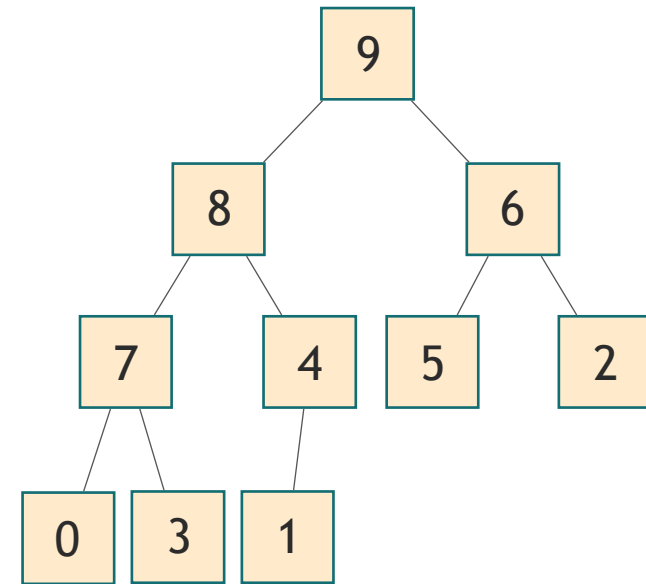
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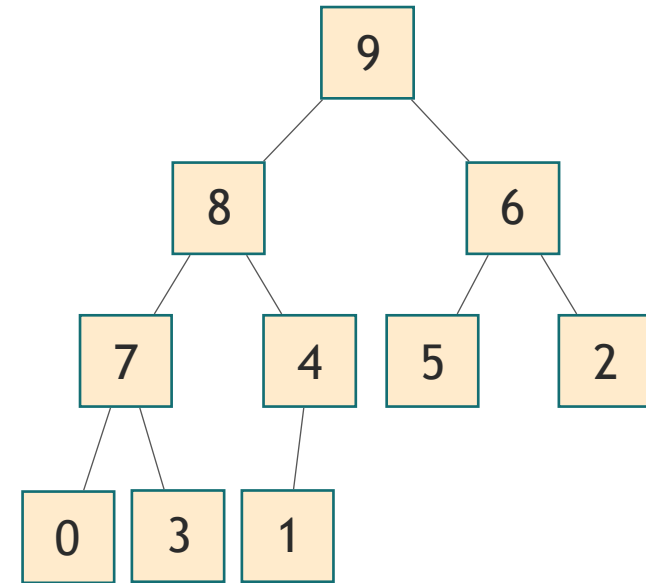


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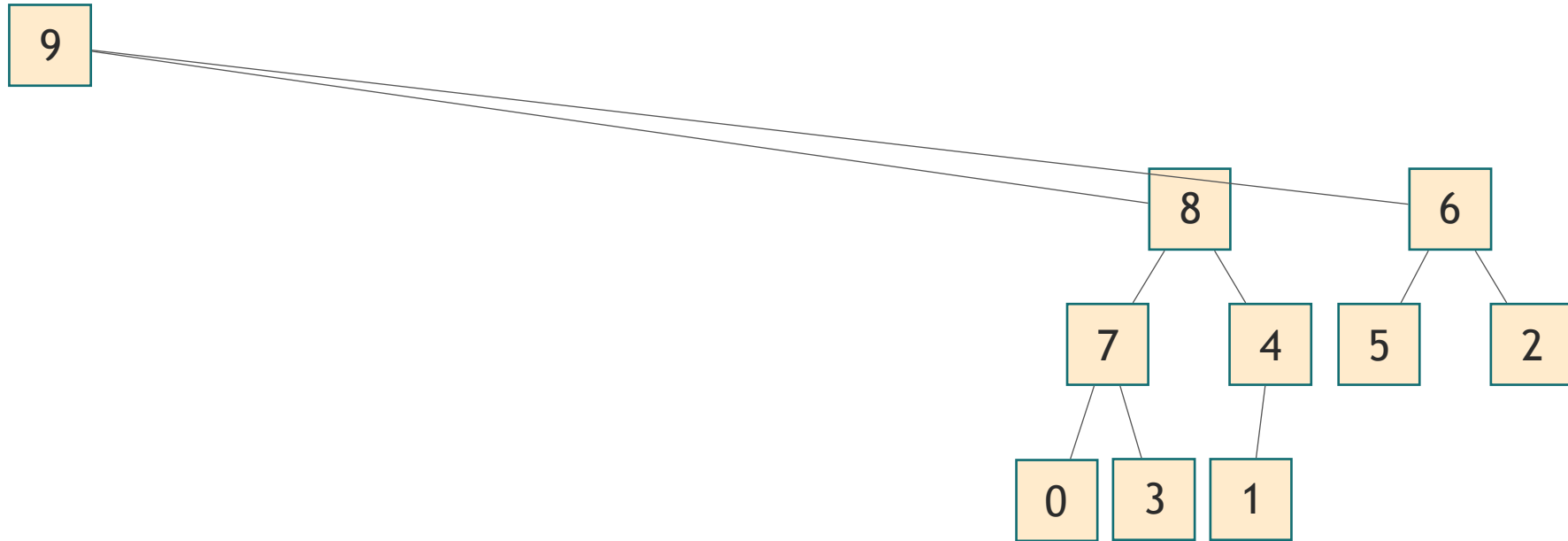


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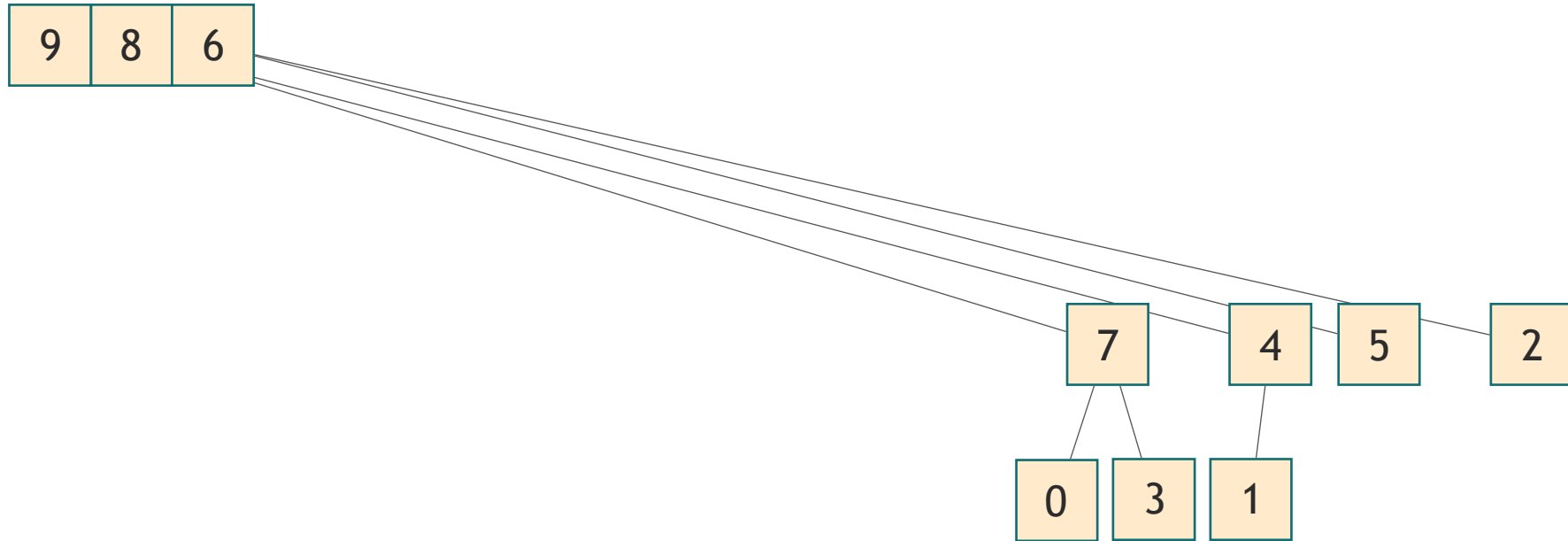
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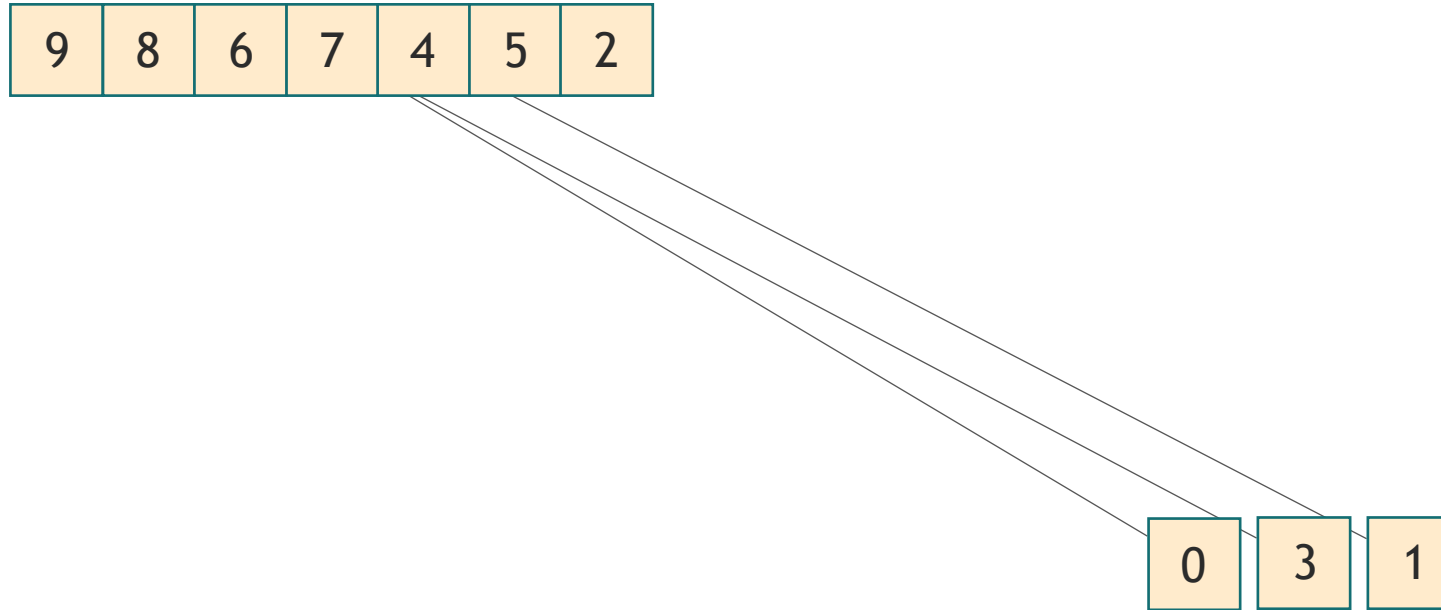
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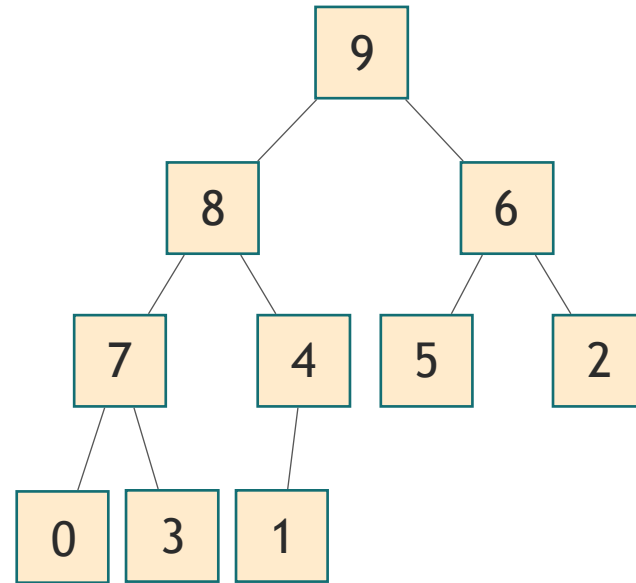


make_heap

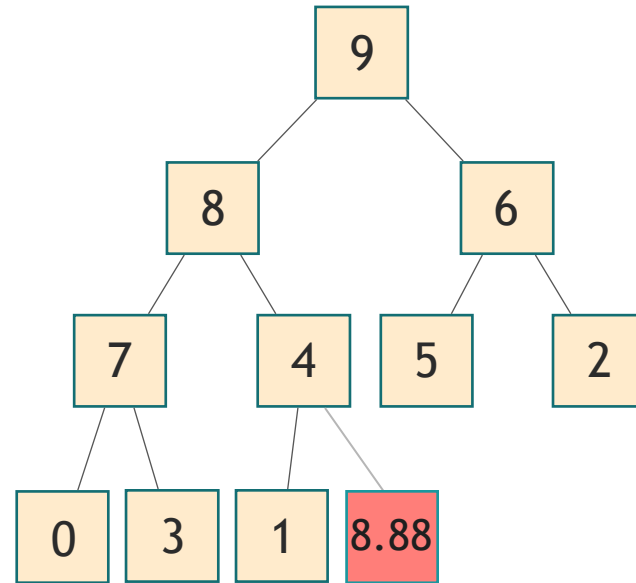
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```
std::make_heap(begin(numbers), end(numbers));
```

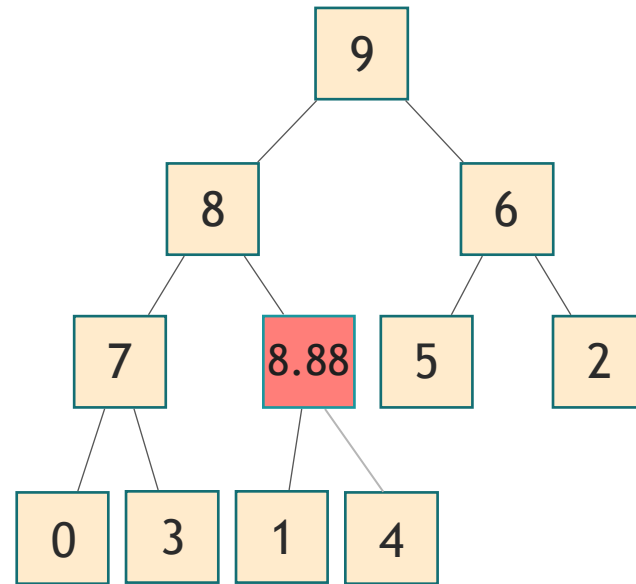
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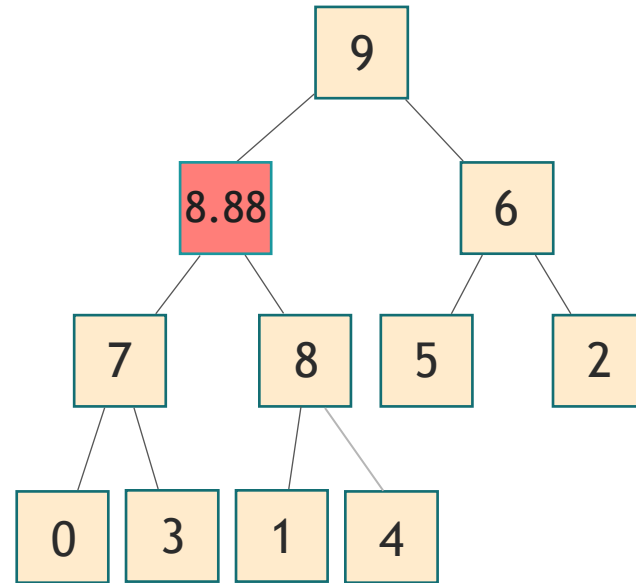
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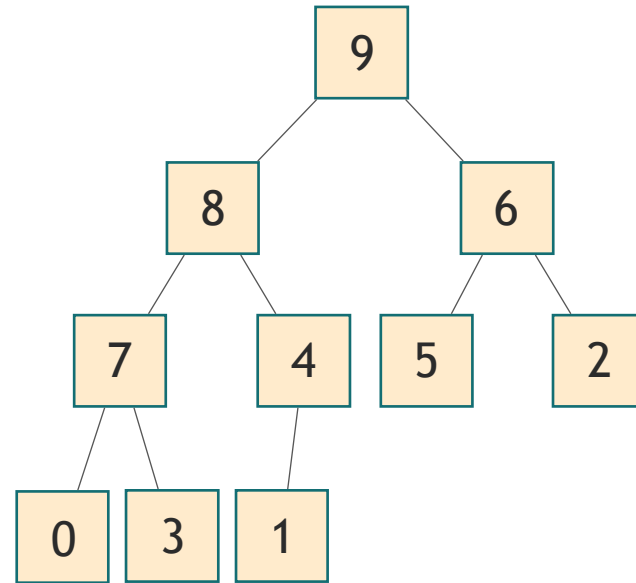
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9	8	6	7	4	5	2	0	3	1	8.88
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```
numbers.push_back(8.88);
```

```
std::push_heap(begin(numbers), end(numbers));
```

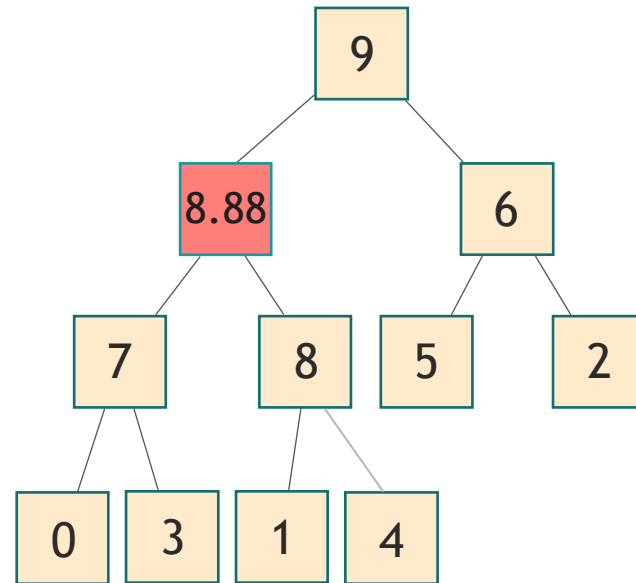
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std::push_heap(begin(numbers), end(numbers));
```

HEAPS



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std::push_heap(begin(numbers), end(numbers));
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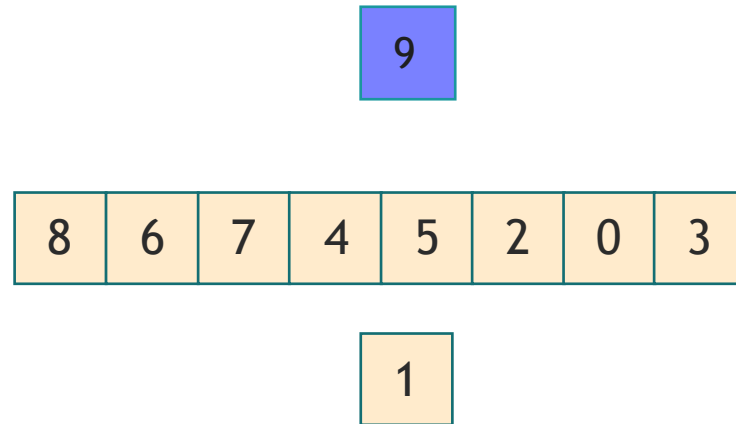
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```
std::pop_heap(begin(numbers), end(numbers));
```

HEAPS



```
std::pop_heap(begin(numbers), end(numbers));
```

HEAPS



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```
std::pop_heap(begin(numbers), end(numbers));
```

HEAPS



8	7	6	3	4	5	2	0	1	9
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```
std::pop_heap(begin(numbers), end(numbers));
```

HEAPS



8	7	6	3	4	5	2	0	1
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```
std::pop_heap(begin(numbers), end(numbers));  
numbers.pop_back();
```

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make_heap

push_heap

pop_heap

PROVINCE OF HEAPS

sort_heap

inplace

nth_element

SORTING

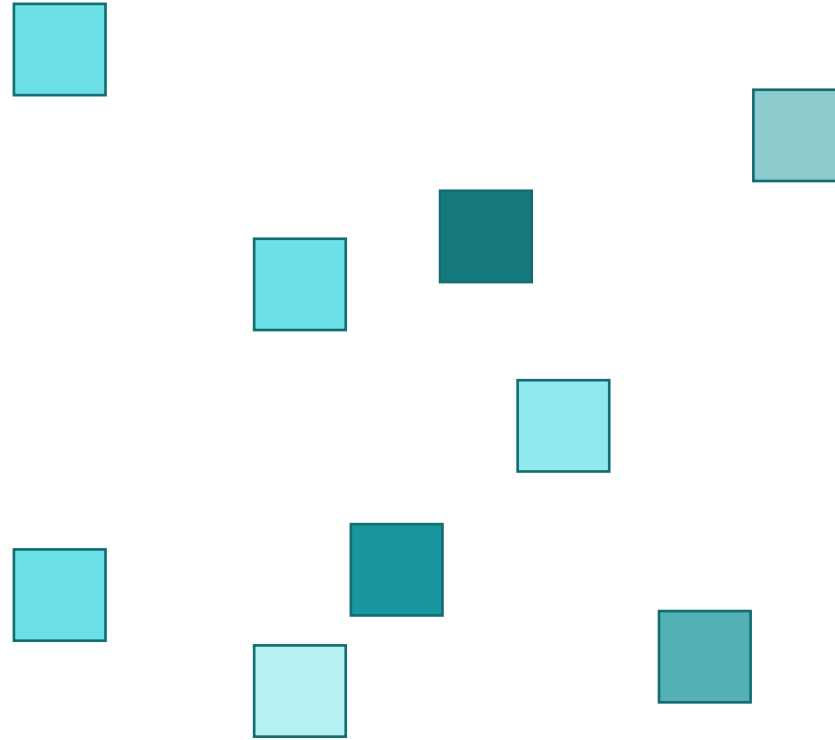


sort



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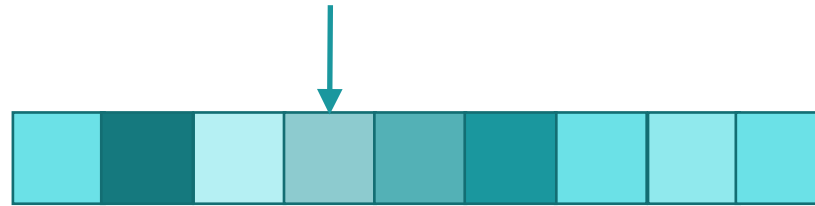


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sort

partial_sort



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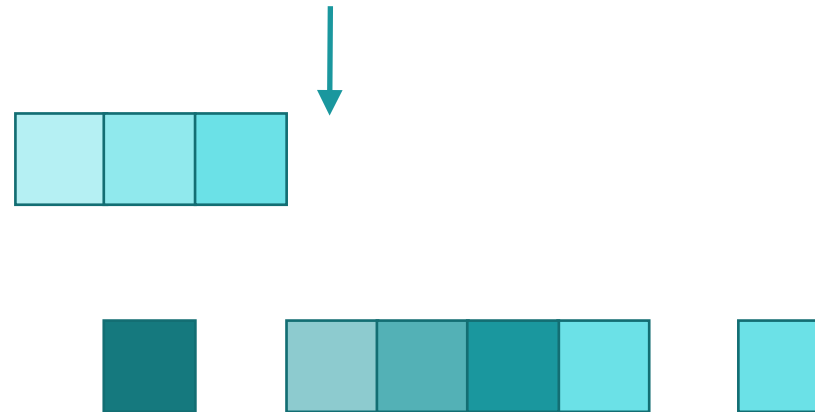


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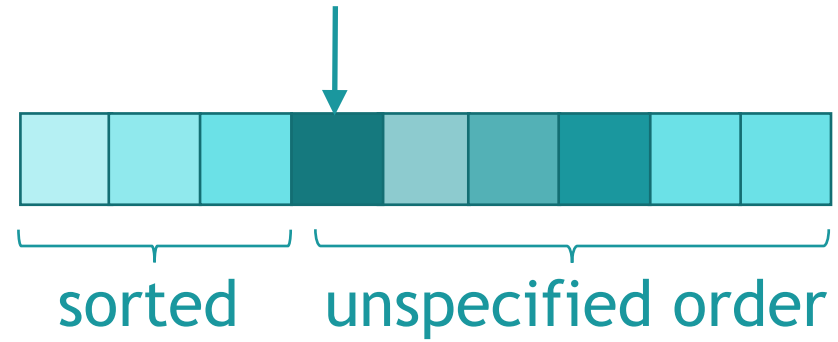


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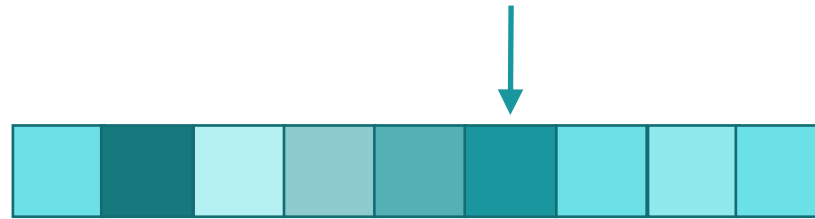
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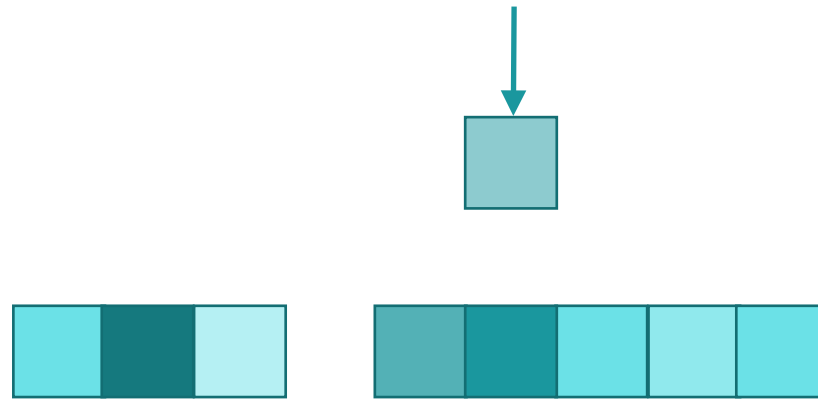
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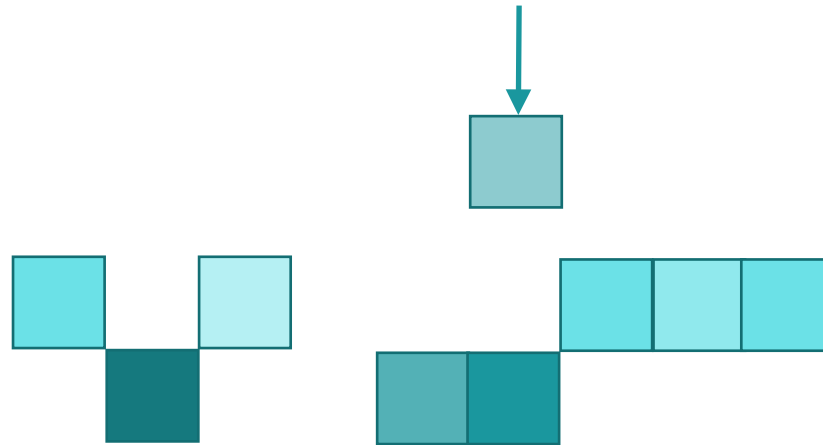
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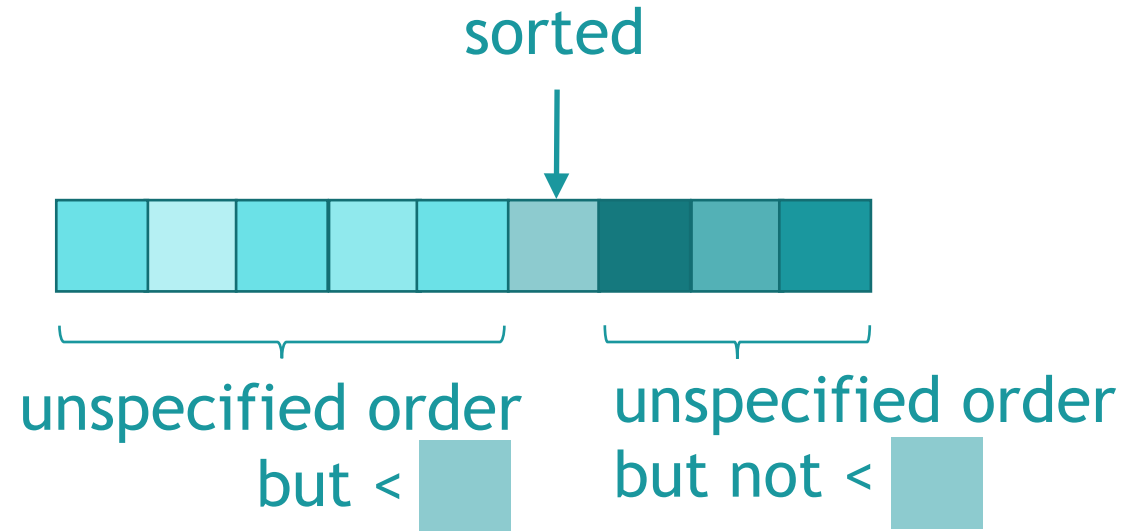
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nth_element



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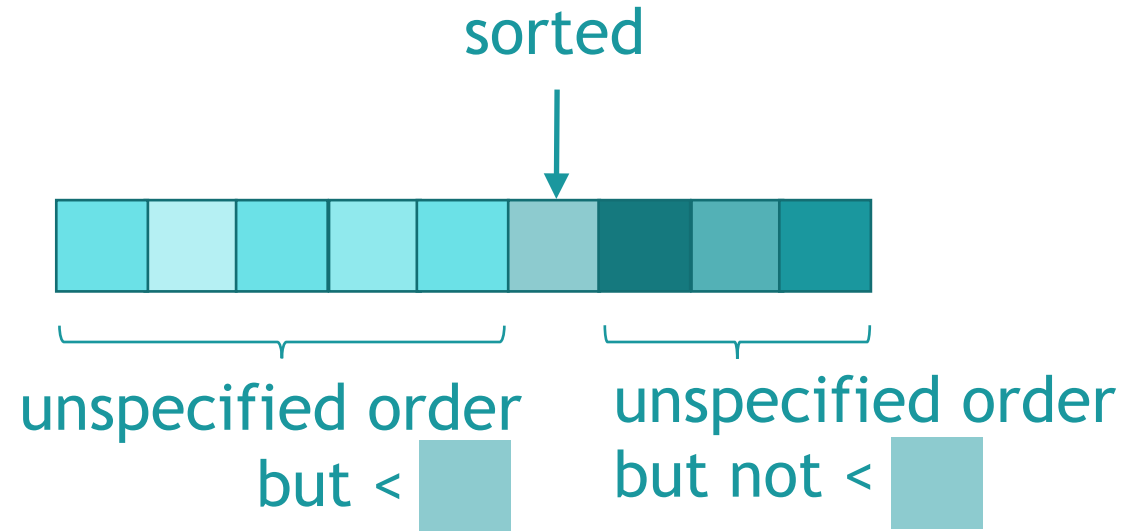


sort

partial_sort

nth_element

sort_heap



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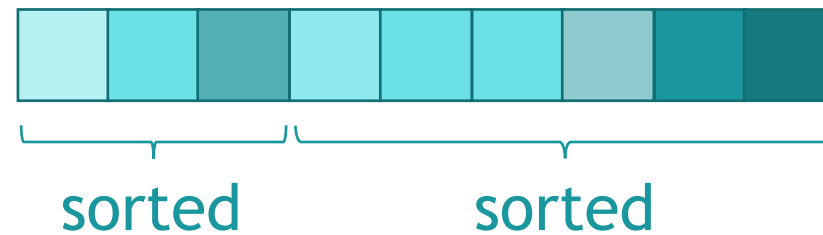
sort

partial_sort

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sort_heap

inplace_merge



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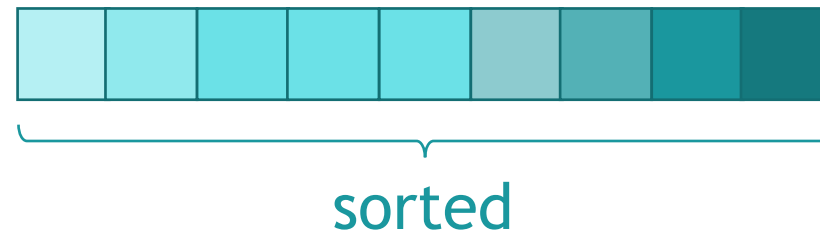
sort

partial_sort

nth_element

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SHORE OF SORTING

sort

partial sort

nth_element

inplace_merge

pop_heap

sort_heap

make_heap

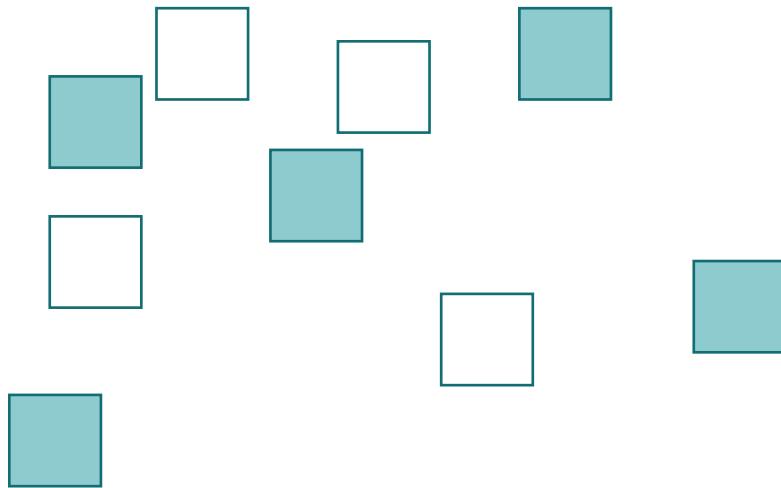
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PARTITIONING



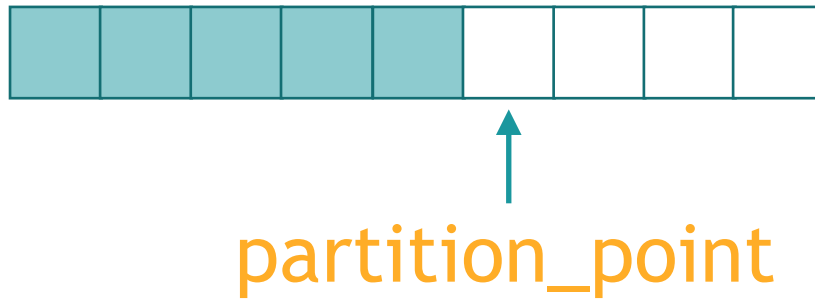
partition

PARTITIONING



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partition

OTHER PERMUTATIONS



rotate

2	1	5	2	7	10	2	5	6
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OTHER PERMUTATIONS



rotate

5	6	2	1	5	2	7	10	2
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shuffle

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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OTHER PERMUTATIONS



8

5

1

4

7

2

6

3

9

rotate

5	6	2	1	5	2	7	10	2
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shuffle



OTHER PERMUTATIONS



rotate

5	6	2	1	5	2	7	10	2
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9	5	8	1	3	7	6	4	2
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shuffle



OTHER PERMUTATIONS



rotate

5	6	2	1	5	2	7	10	2
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shuffle

9	5	8	1	3	7	6	4	2
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reverse

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

prev_permutation



next_permutation



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	8
1	2	3	4	5	6	8	7	9
...								
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

OTHER PERMUTATIONS



rotate

5	6	2	1	5	2	7	10	2
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shuffle

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reverse

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next_permutation



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...								
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

PARTITIONING-SORT-HEAP

stable_*



stable_sort
stable_partition

is_*



is_sorted
is_partitioned
is_heap

is*_until



is_sorted_until
is_partitioned_until
is_heap_until



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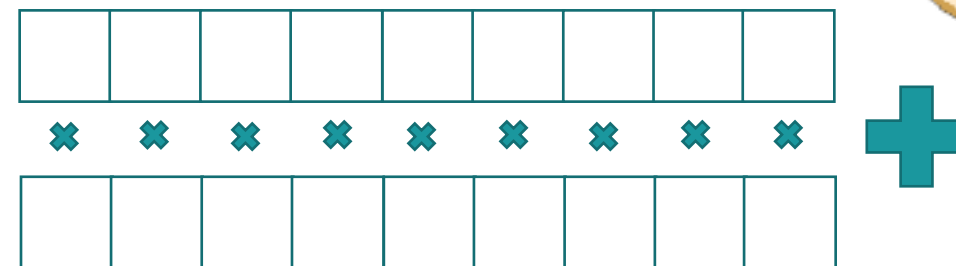
PROVINCE OF HEAPS

NUMERIC ALGORITHMS

count



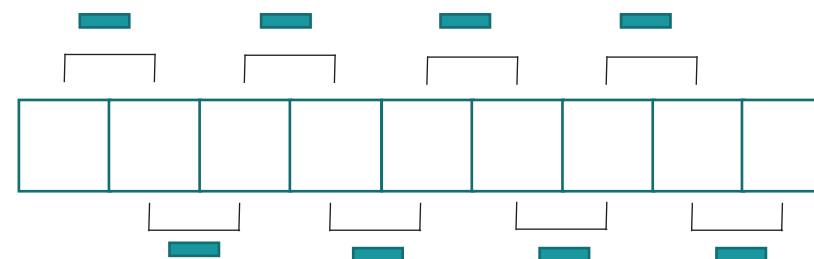
inner_product



accumulate/ (transform_)reduce



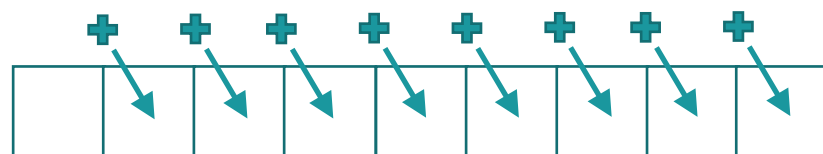
adjacent_difference



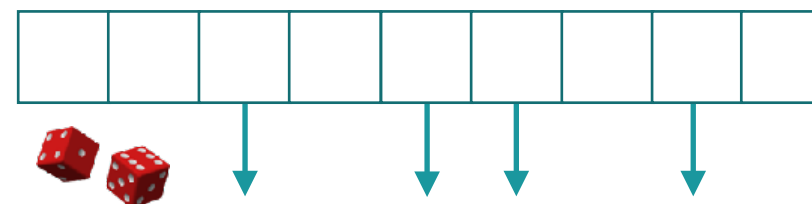
partial_sum

(transform_)inclusive_scan

(transform_)exclusive_scan



sample



QUERYING A PROPERTY



all_of

true



any_of

false



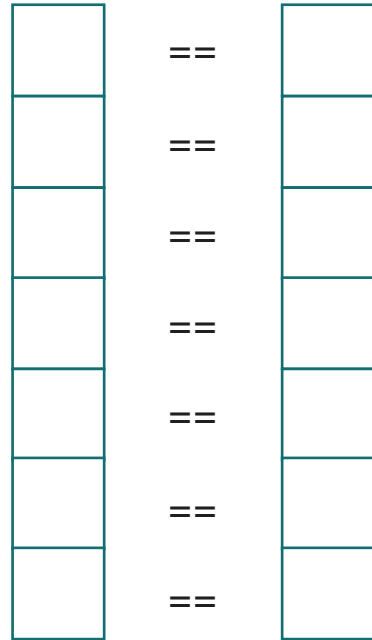
none_of

true

QUERYING A PROPERTY ON 2 RANGES



equal

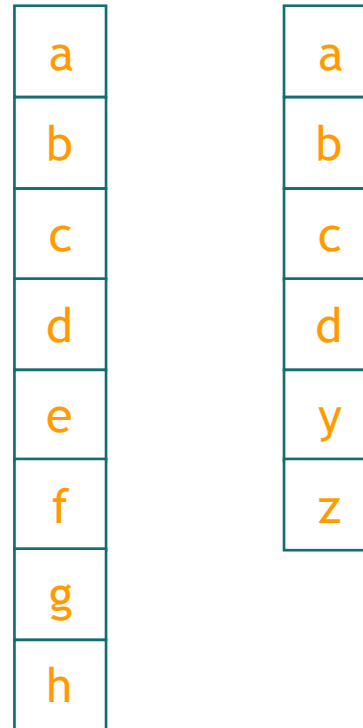


&& same size

→ bool

is_permutation → bool

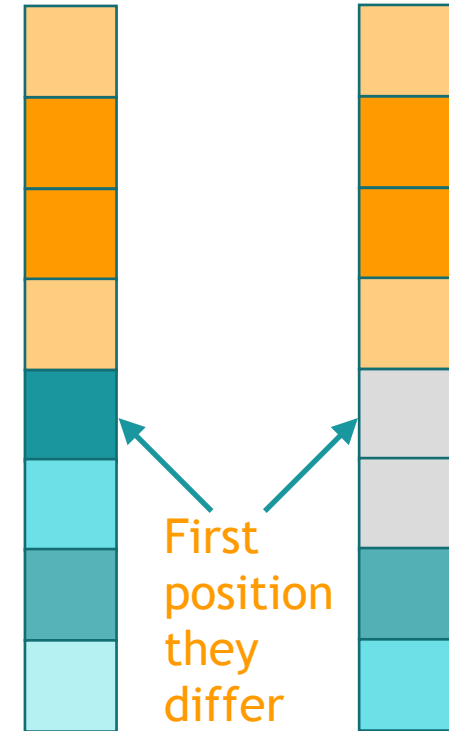
lexicographical_compare



First one smaller?

→ bool

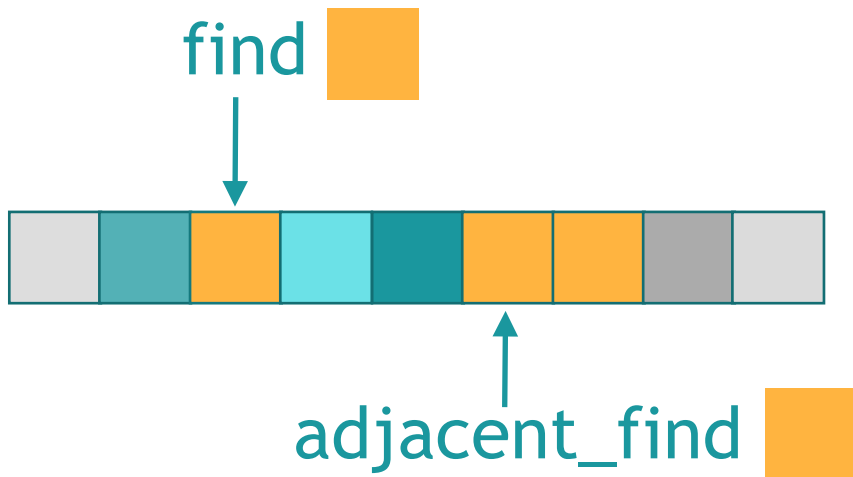
mismatch



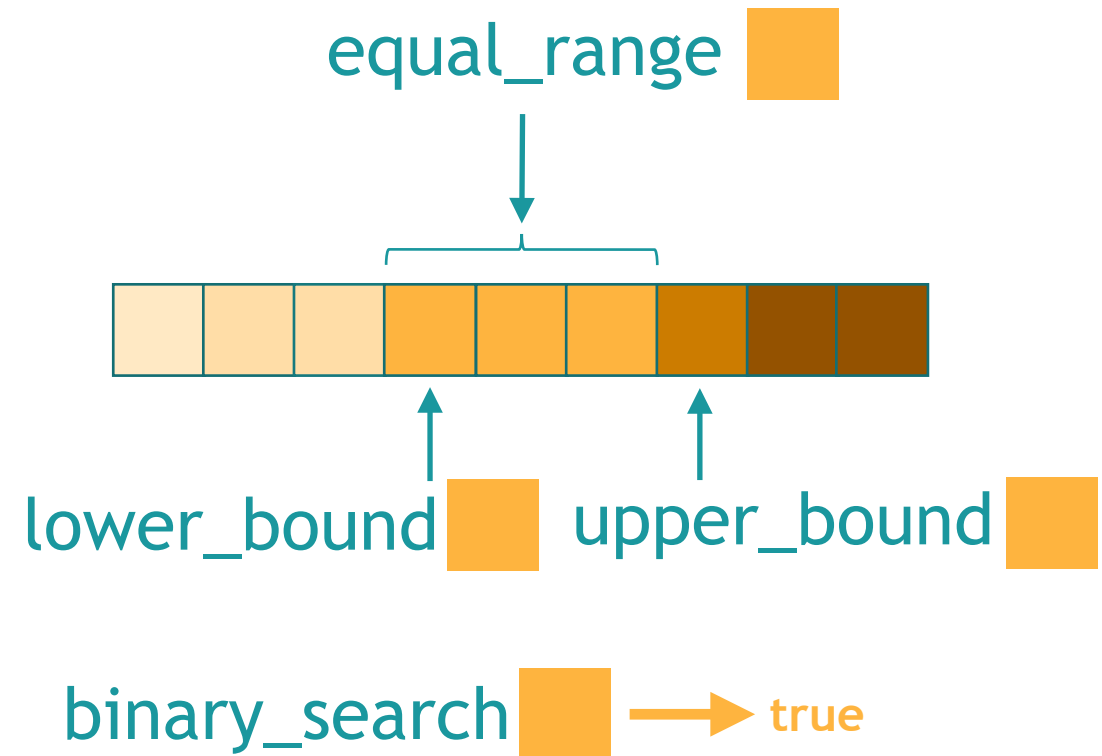
→ std::pair<Iterator, Iterator>

SEARCHING A VALUE

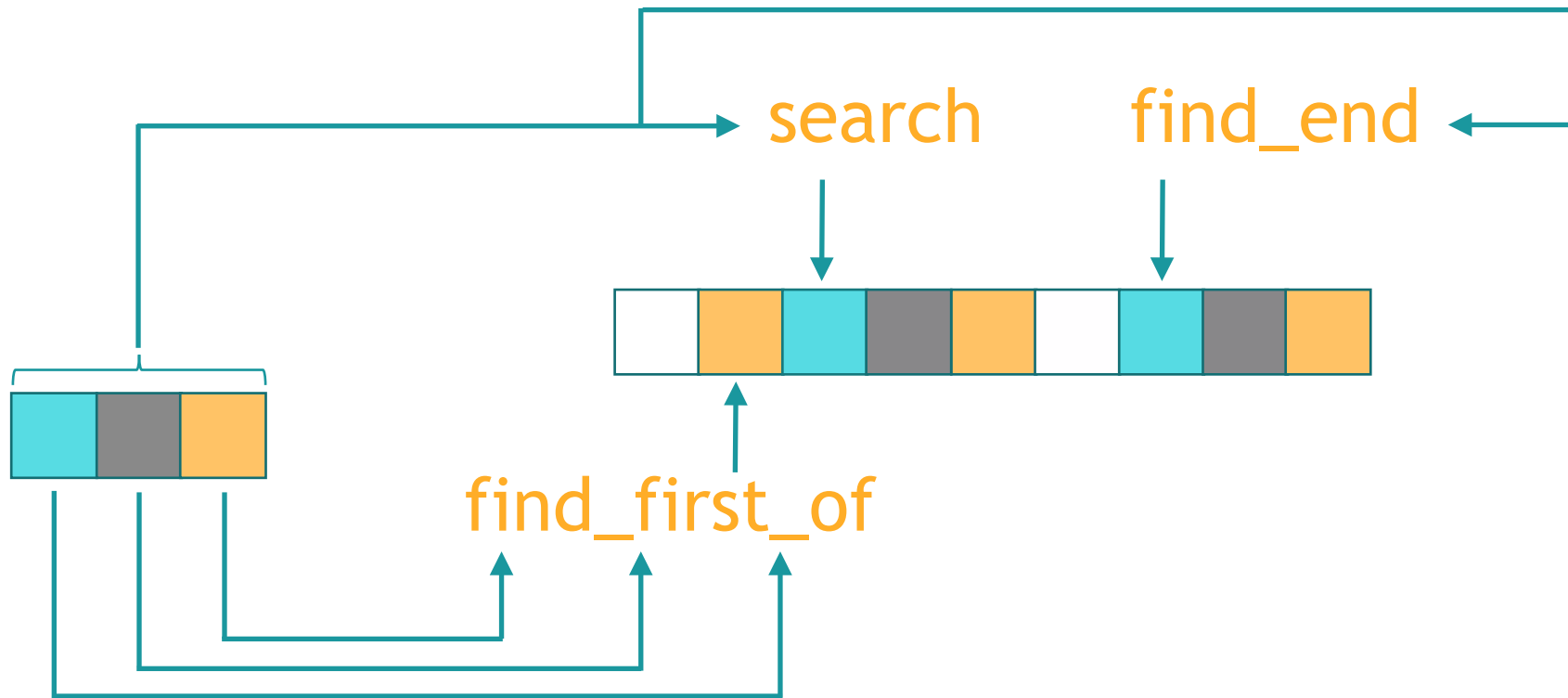
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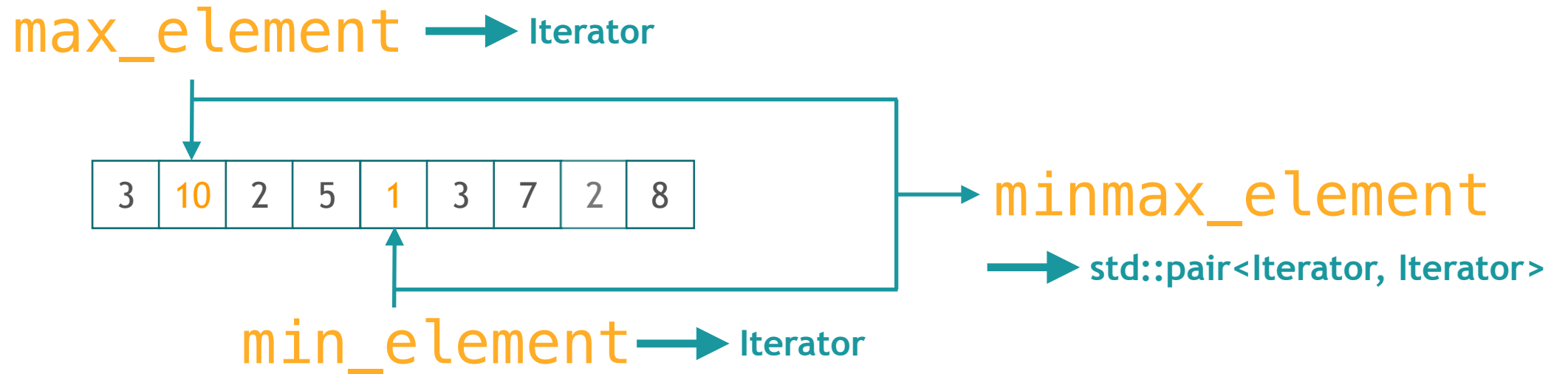
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SEARCHING A RANGE



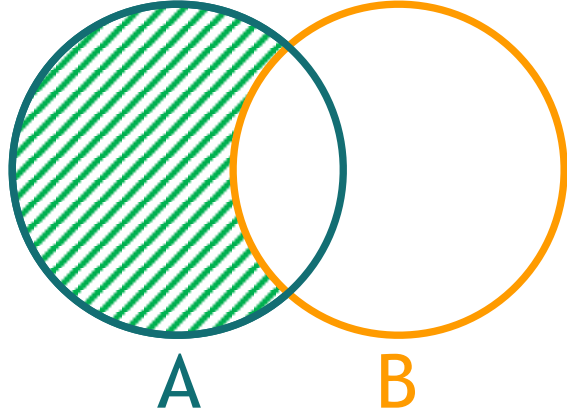
SEARCHING A RELATIVE VALUE



ALGOS ON SETS

A: sorted

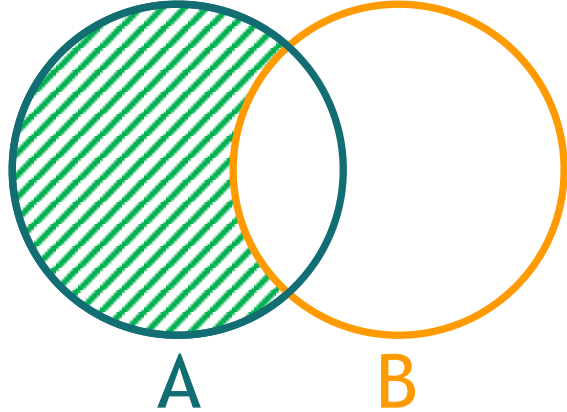
B: sorted



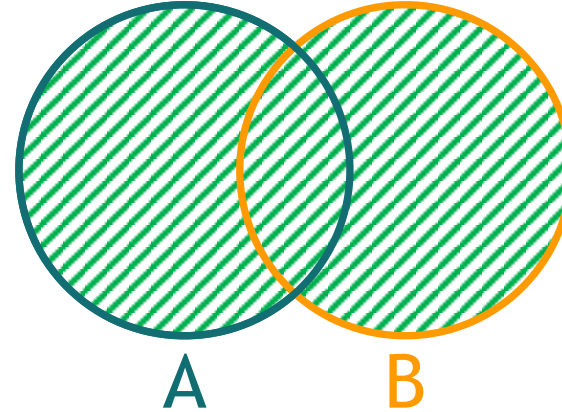
`std::set_difference`

```
std::set_difference(begin(A), end(A),  
                   begin(B), end(B),  
                   std::back_inserter(results));
```

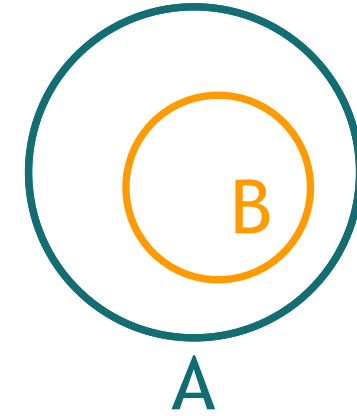
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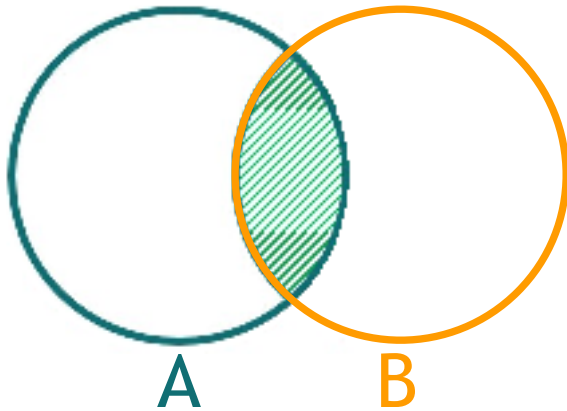
`std::set_difference`



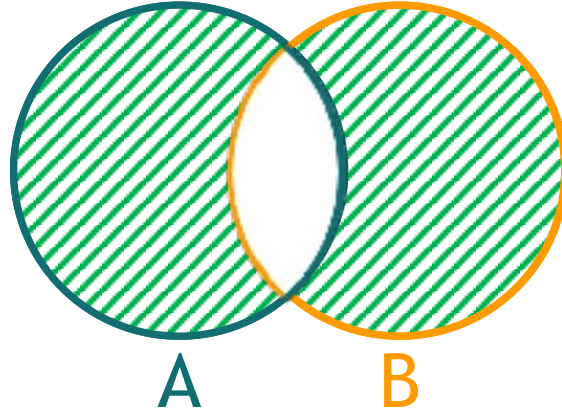
`std::set_union`



`std::includes`



`std::set_intersection`



`std::set_symmetric_difference`

B: sorted

A: sorted



`std::merge`



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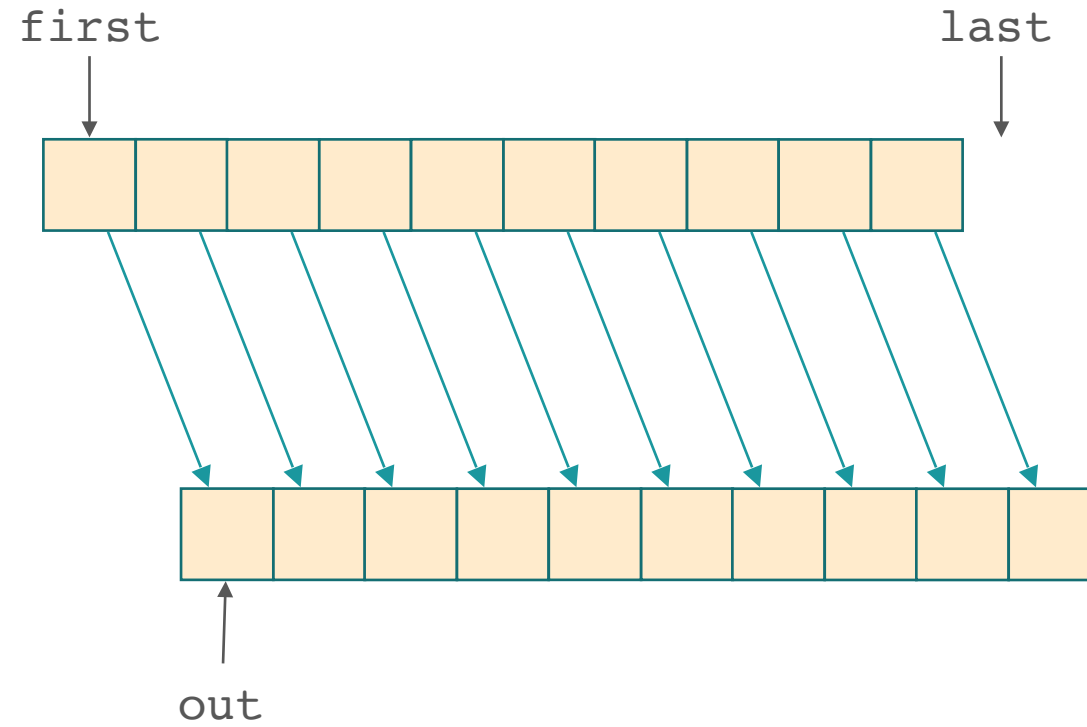
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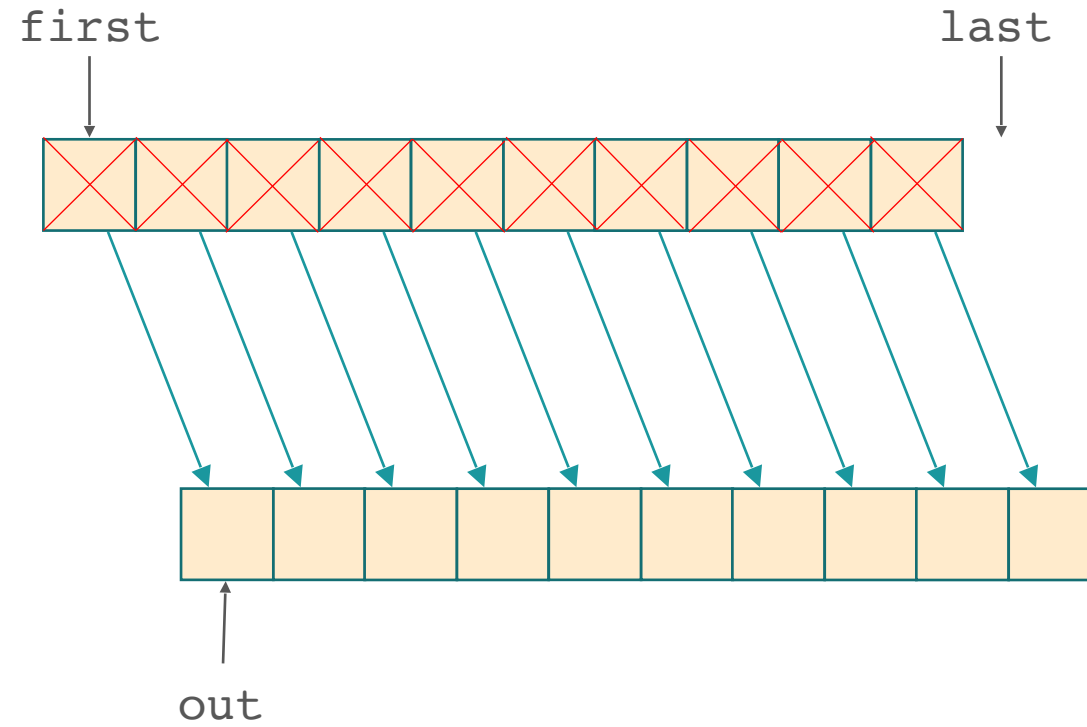


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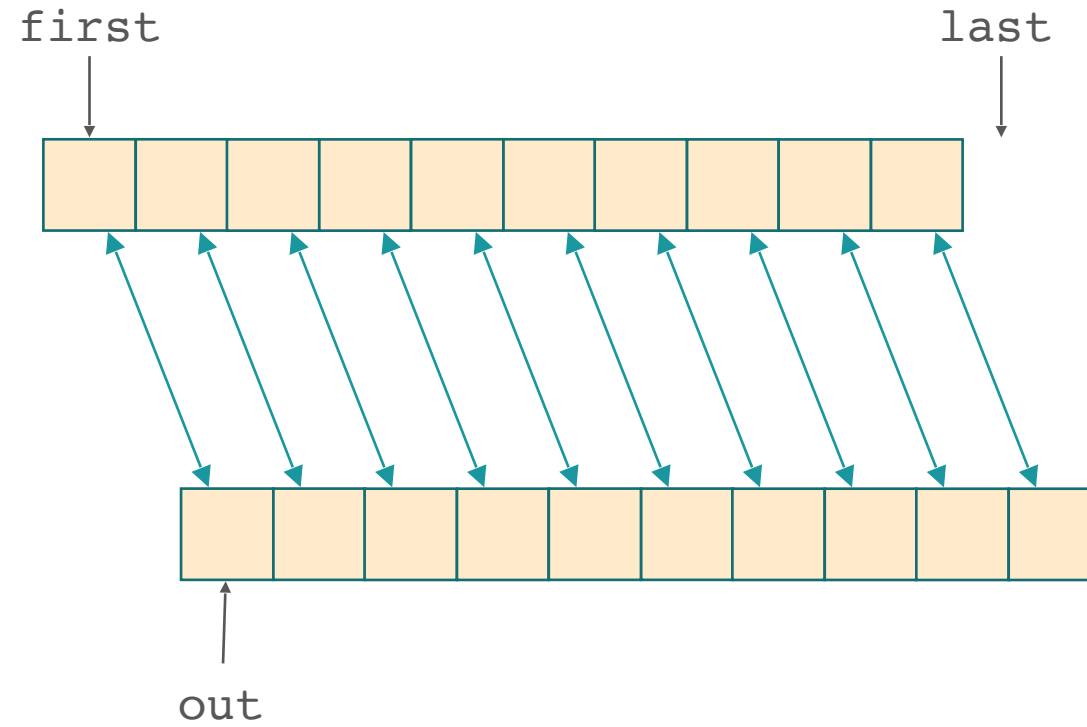
SECRET RUNES



```
std::copy(first, last, out);
```



```
std::move(first, last, out);
```



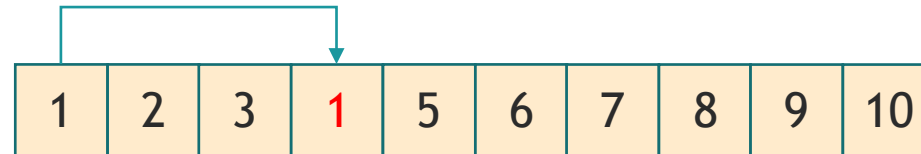
```
std::swap_ranges(first, last, out);
```

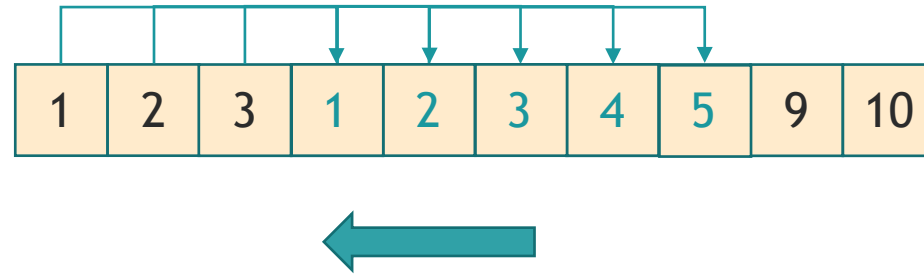


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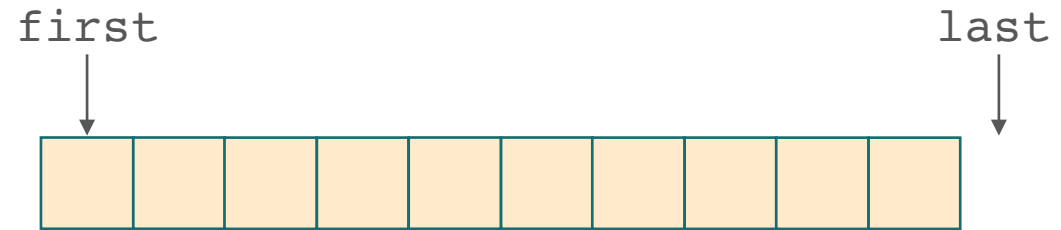


`std::copy_backward`

`std::move_backward`

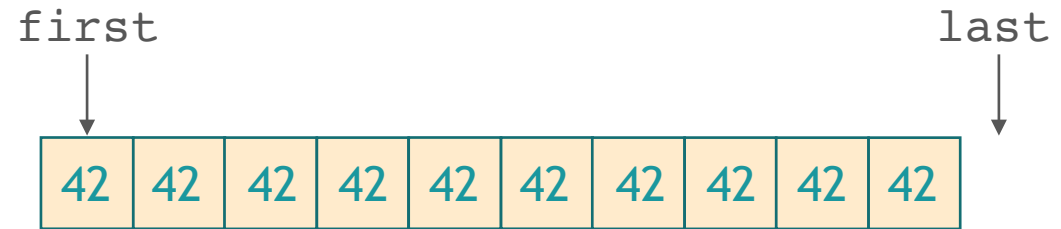


```
std::fill(first, last, 42);
```



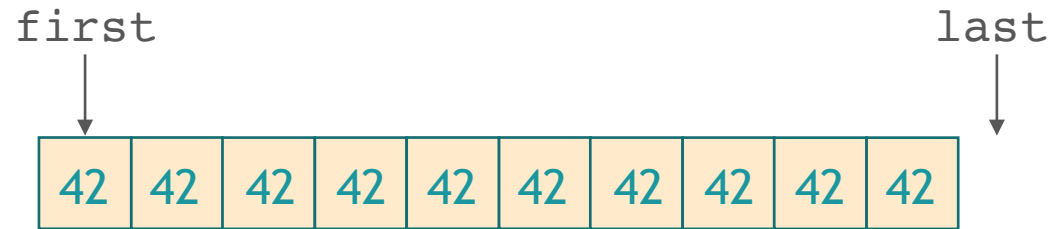


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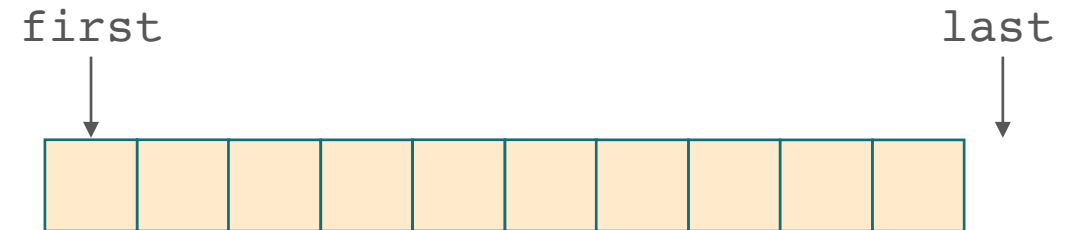




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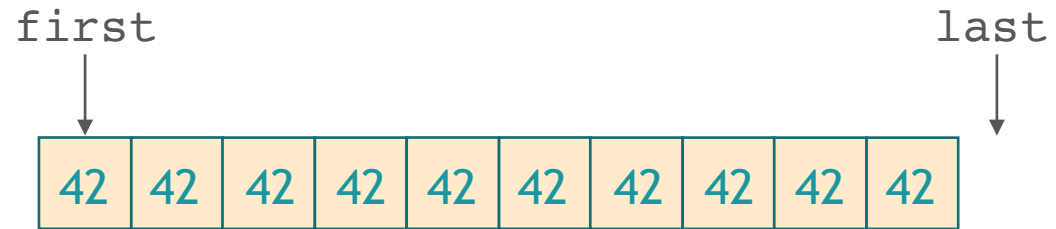


```
std::generate(first, last, f);
```

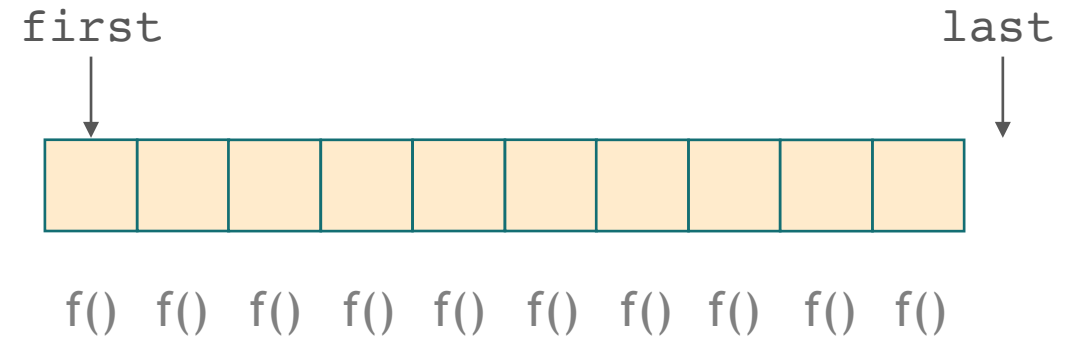




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std::fill(first, last, 42);
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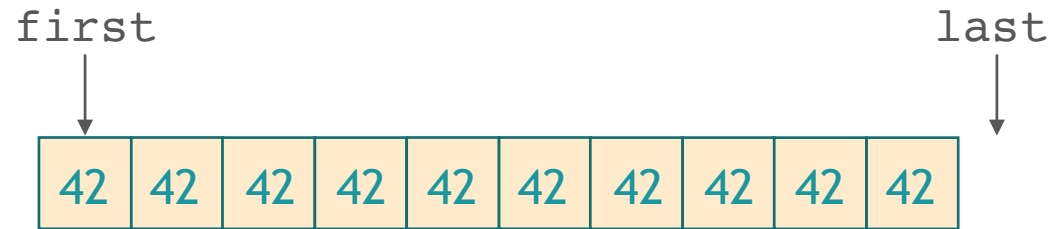


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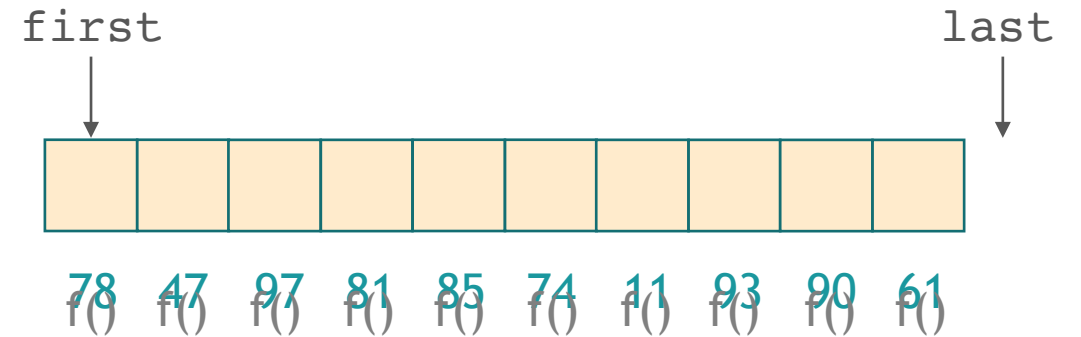




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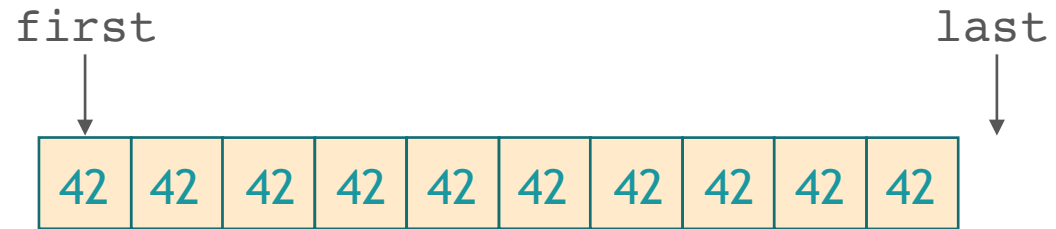


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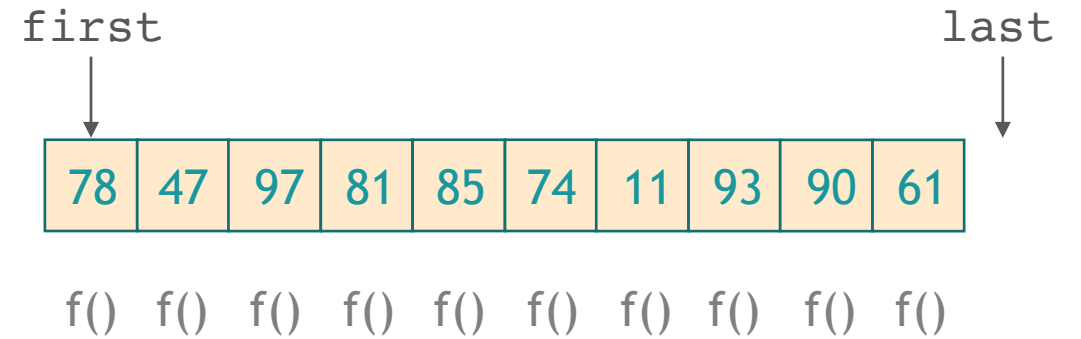




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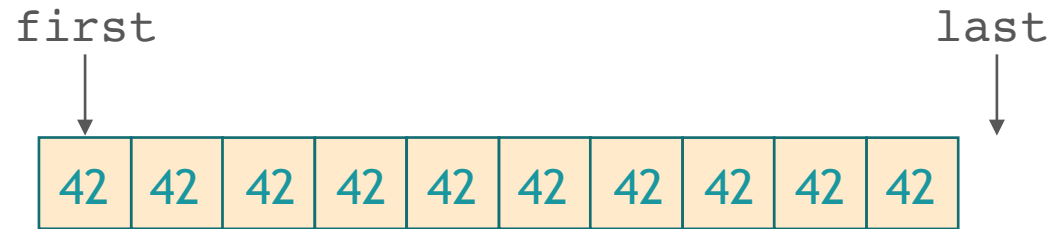


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```

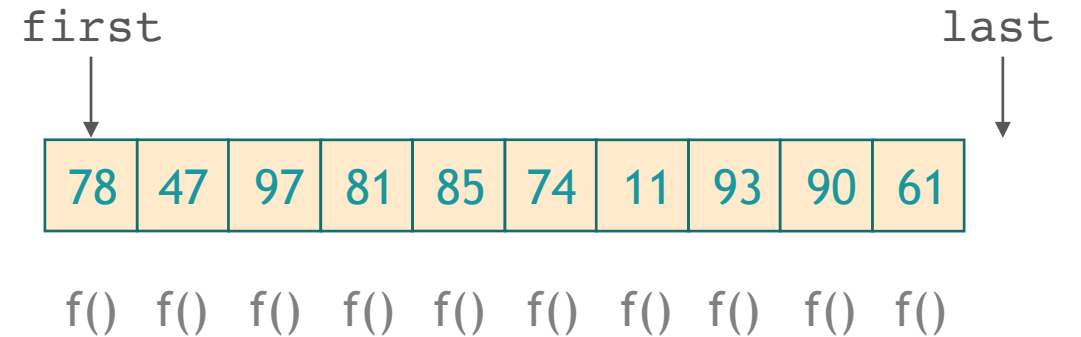




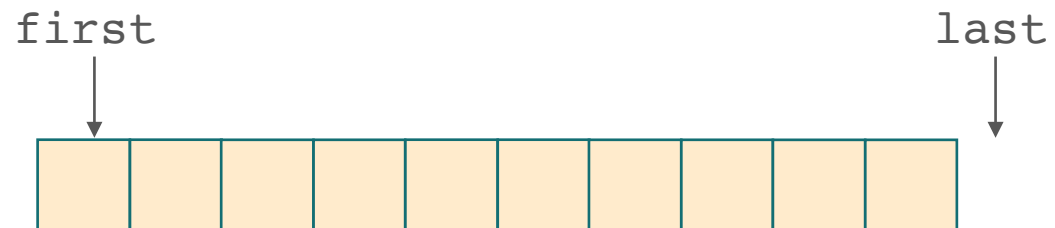
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std::fill(first, last, 42);
```



```
std::generate(first, last, f);
```

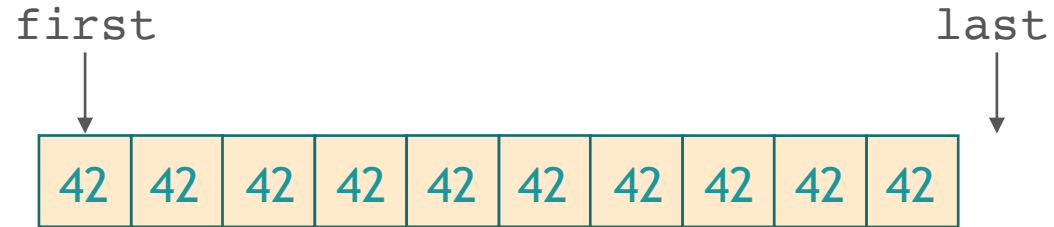


```
std::iota(first, last, 42);
```

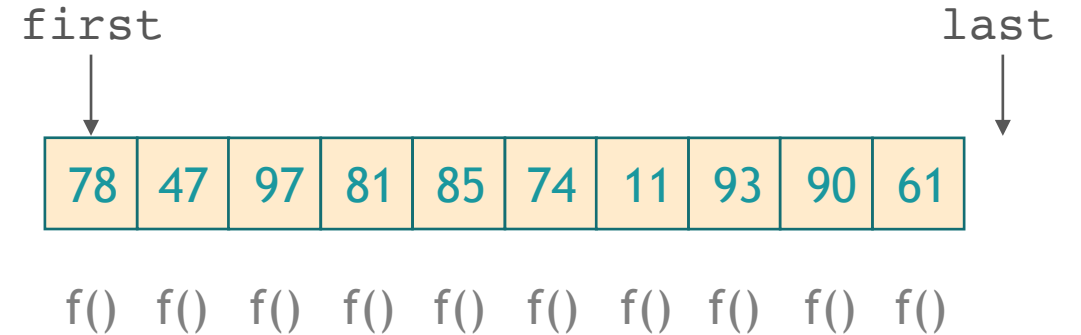




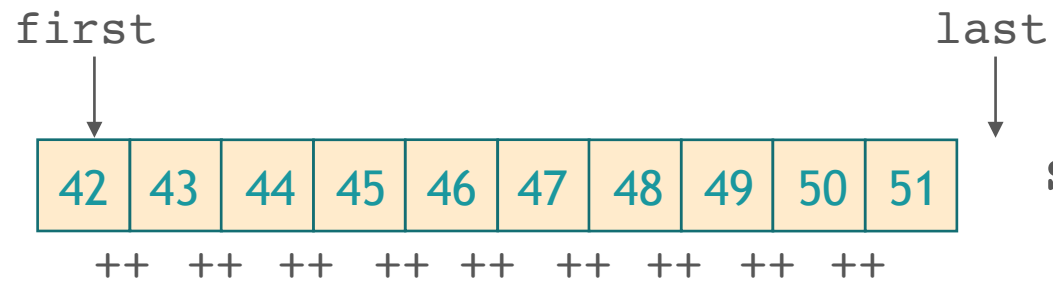
```
std::fill(first, last, 42);
```



```
std::generate(first, last, f);
```



```
std::iota(first, last, 42);
```



```
std::replace(first, last, 42, 43);
```

CHANGING STRUCTURE



remove

collection

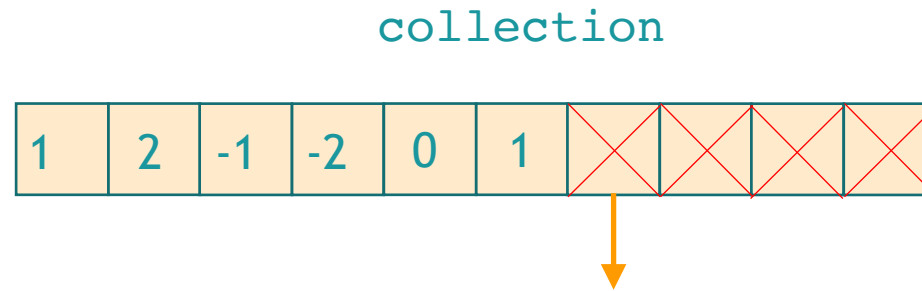
1	2	99	99	99	-1	-2	99	0	1
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```
std::remove(begin(collection), end(collection), 99);
```

CHANGING STRUCTURE



remove



```
std::remove(begin(collection), end(collection), 99);
```

CHANGING STRUCTURE



collection

remove

1	2	-1	-2	0	1
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```
collection.erase(std::remove(begin(collection), end(collection), 99), end(collection));
```

➡ `erase(collection, 99);`

CHANGING STRUCTURE



collection

1	2	99	99	99	-1	-2	99	0	1
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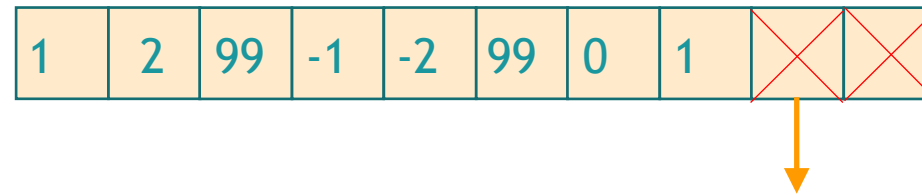
unique

```
std::unique(begin(collection), end(collection));
```

CHANGING STRUCTURE



collection



unique

```
std::unique(begin(collection), end(collection));
```

CHANGING STRUCTURE



collection

1	2	99	-1	-2	99	0	1
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unique

```
collection.erase(std::unique(begin(collection), end(collection)), end(collection));
```

➡ `unique(collection);`

_COPY

*_copy



remove_copy

unique_copy

reverse_copy

rotate_copy

replace_copy

partition_copy

partial_sort_copy

`_IF`

`*_if`



`find_if`

`find_if_not`

`count_if`

`remove_if`

`remove_copy_if`

`replace_if`

`replace_copy_if`

`copy_if`

SEARCHES

find_end

remove



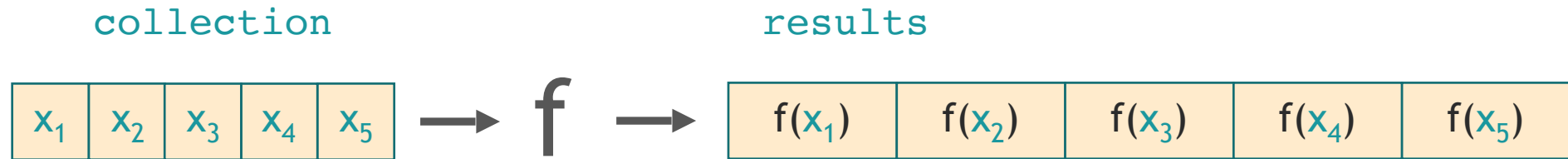
unique



ISLAND OF
**STRUCTURE
CHANGERS**

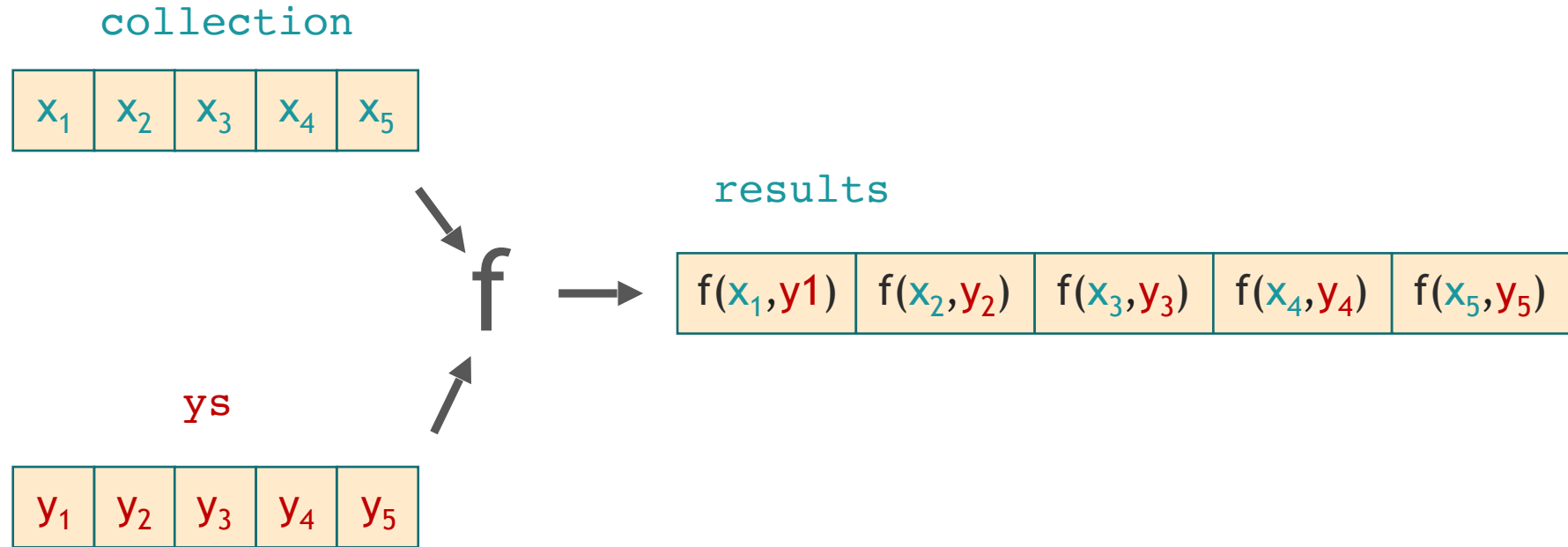


TRANSFORM



```
std::transform(begin(collection), end(collection),  
               std::back_inserter(results),  
               f);
```

TRANSFORM



```
std::transform(begin(collection), end(collection),  
               begin(ys),  
               std::back_inserter(results),  
               f);
```

FOR_EACH

```
std::for_each(begin(collection), end(collection), f);
```

collection

x ₁	x ₂	x ₃	x ₄	x ₅
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Calls:

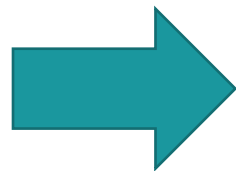
f(x₁)

f(x₂)

f(x₃)

f(x₄)

f(x₅)



Side-effects

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○
for_each

transform
○

LONELY ISLANDS

nstruct

sized_copy

○
copy_backward



RAW MEMORY



fill → operator=

uninitialized_fill → ctor

copy → operator=

uninitialized_copy → copy ctor

move → operator=

uninitialized_move → move ctor

```
std::uninitialized_fill(first, last, 42);
```

```
std::destroy(first, last);
```



uninitialized_default_construct

uninitialized_value_construct

N

copy_n
fill_n
generate_n
search_n
for_each_n
uninitialized_copy_n
uninitialized_fill_n
uninitialized_move_n
uninitialized_default_construct_n
uninitialized_value_construct_n
destroy_n

`_N`



```
std::fill(begin(collection), end(collection), 42);
```

`copy_n`

```
std::fill_n(begin(collection), 5, 42);
```

`fill_n`

`generate_n`

`search_n`

```
std::fill_n(std::back_inserter(collection), 5, 42);
```

`for_each_n`

`uninitialized_copy_n`

`uninitialized_fill_n`

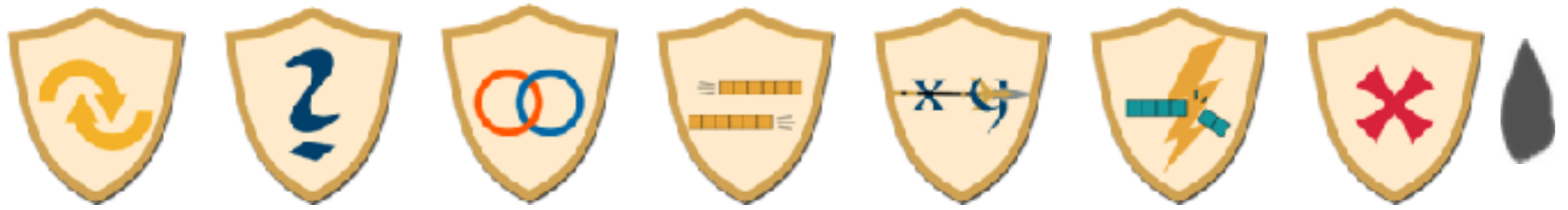
`uninitialized_move_n`

`uninitialized_default_construct_n`

`uninitialized_value_construct_n`

`destroy_n`

NOW WHAT?



STL algorithms can make code more expressive

Replace your `for`-loops by the right algorithm

Happy to lend a hand if it helps

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Want more algorithms?

Boost.Algorithms

gather
sort_subrange
is_palindrome
boyer_moore
one_of
...

Understand their technical aspects

Algorithmic complexity

Pre/post - requisites

Look at the implementation

Get inspired

Understand what abstractions work well

Write your own algorithms

Combine an algorithm with a rune `sort_copy`

Enrich a family `set_seggregate`

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