2 Sequence Algorithm Concepts

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2.1 Sequence Algorithm



A sequence algorithm is an algorithm ($\S1.2$) that takes one or more linear sequences as inputs.

Refinement of: Algorithm Specialized by Input (§1.3).

2.2 Comparison Based Sequence Algorithm



A comparison based sequence algorithm is a sequence algorithm ($\S2.1$) whose computation depends on comparisons between pair of values in the sequence. Such an algorithm depends upon a *comparison operator*, one that is either previously defined as < or is passed to the algorithm. In either case the comparison operator must compute a Strict Weak Ordering ($\S5.1$) on the value type of the sequence.

Refinement of: Sequence Algorithm ($\S2.1$).

2.3 Index Based Sequence Algorithm



An *index based sequence algorithm* is a sequence algorithm ($\S2.1$) that operates only on the positions within the sequence, independently of the values stored.

Refinement of: Sequence Algorithm ($\S2.1$).

2.4 Predicate Based Sequence Algorithm



A predicate based sequence algorithm is a sequence algorithm ($\S2.1$) whose computation depends on the results of applying a given predicate to values in the sequence.

Refinement of: Sequence Algorithm ($\S2.1$).

2.5 Sequence Permuting Algorithm



A sequence permuting algorithm is a sequence algorithm ($\S2.1$) whose output is a permutation of its input.

Refinement of: Sequence Algorithm ($\S2.1$).

2.6 Sequence Sorting Algorithm



- Refinement of: Comparison Based (§2.2), Permuting (§2.5), Sequence Algorithm (§2.1).

Output: A modified sequence of elements in the same range.

Effects:

- After execution, the elements in [first, last) are a permutation (§2.5) of the input.
- After execution, the elements in [first, last) are in nondecreasing order according to the comparison operator defined on the value type of the sequence or passed to the algorithm as parameter comp.

2.7 Sequence Selection Algorithm



- Refinement of: Comparison Based (§2.2), Permuting (§2.5), Sequence Algorithm (§2.1).
- Input: Iterators first, nth and last such that nth is in the range [first, last), and optionally a comparison operator (§2.2) comp.

Output: A modified sequence of elements in the same range.

Effects:

- After execution, the elements in [first, last) are a permutation (§2.5) of the input.
- After execution, the element pointed to by the iterator nth is the same as the element that would be in that position if the entire range [first, last) had been sorted, and none of the elements in [nth, last) are less than any of the elements in the range first, nth).
- The reordering is done according to the comparison operator defined on the value type of the sequence or passed to the algorithm as parameter comp.

2.8 Sequence Rotation Algorithm



- Refinement of: Index Based (§2.3), Permuting (§2.5), Sequence Algorithm (§2.1).
- Input: Iterators first, middle, and last such that first and last delimit
 a range of elements [first, last) and the range [first, middle) is
 a prefix of [first, last).
- Output: A modified sequence of elements in the range [first, last).
- Effects: After execution, the elements in [first, last) are those that were in [middle, last) in the input, followed by those that were in [first, middle) in the input.

2.9 Sequence Reversal Algorithm



- Refinement of: Index Based ($\S2.3$), Permuting ($\S2.5$), Sequence Algorithm ($\S2.1$).
- Input: A sequence of elements in a range [first, last).
- Output: A modified sequence of elements in the same range.
- Effects: After execution, the elements in [first, last) are the same as those in the input, but in the reverse order.