

# Iterators pair constructors for stack and queue

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## Abstract

This paper proposes to add iterators-pair constructors to `std::stack` and `std::queue`

## Tony tables

Before	After
<pre>std::vector&lt;int&gt; v(42); std::queue&lt;int&gt; q({v.begin(), v.end()}); std::stack&lt;int&gt; s({v.begin(), v.end()});</pre>	<pre>std::vector&lt;int&gt; v(42); std::queue q(v.begin(), v.end()); std::stack s(v.begin(), v.end());</pre>

## Revisions

### R4

- Replace the 2 previously suggested feature macro by `__cpp_lib_adaptor_iterator_pair_constructor`
- Reorganize the order of constructors and put the allocators constructors on the appropriate section
- use *iter-value-type* as introduced by [LWG3506](#) [?]

### R3

- Add missing deduction guides for the constructors with allocators.  
**Since LEWG review, the deduction guides have been fixed to deduce the allocator type of the default container.**

## R2

- Remove the `Container` argument
- Add allocator support - in alignment with [LWG3506](#) [?]
- Add feature test macros

## Motivation

`std::stack` and `std::queue` do not provide iterators based constructors which is inconsistent. This paper is an offshoot of [\[P1206\]](#), for which I conducted a review of existing containers and containers adapters constructors.

The lack of these constructors forces the implementation of `ranges::to` to special case container-adapters or to not support them. Their absence make it also impossible to deduce their type using CTAD.

While this is a a small change, we believe its impact on the standard is low and consistent designs are less surprising and therefore easier to use: with this change, all container-like types, whether they are *Containers* or container adapters, can be constructed from an iterators pair, making them more compatible with `ranges`.

## Removal of the Container argument in R2

Previous iteration had a `queue(Iterator first, Iterator last, Container c)` argument, which was added for consistency with `priority_queue`. However, it was specified to insert the range denoted by `[first, last)` at the end of `c`. LWG astutely noted that this was confusing and wanted LEWG's input.

As a result, i decided to remove this argument entierly, as I can't think of a non-confusing fix, nor can I really come up with a good justification for this parameter.

- Changing the order of parameters would be inconsistent with `priority_queue`.
- Mandating that the range is inserted at the begining of the container has performance drawbacks.
- It is unclear that using the order of parameter to determine the order of insertion would actually make sense to users.

## Implementation

This proposal has been [Implemented in libc++](#)

## Proposed Wording

**Note for LWG & the editors: this wording uses the exposition only *iter-value-type* type which is introduced by the accepted resolution to issue [LWG3506](#) [?]**



### Definition

[queue.defn]

```
namespace std {
    template<class T, class Container = deque<T>>
    class queue {
    public:
        using value_type      = typename Container::value_type;
        using reference       = typename Container::reference;
        using const_reference = typename Container::const_reference;
        using size_type       = typename Container::size_type;
        using container_type  = Container;

    protected:
        Container c;

    public:
        queue() : queue(Container()) {}
        explicit queue(const Container&);
        explicit queue(Container&&);

        template<class InputIterator>
        queue\(InputIterator first, InputIterator last\);

        template<class Alloc> explicit queue(const Alloc&);
        template<class Alloc> queue(const Container&, const Alloc&);
        template<class Alloc> queue(Container&&, const Alloc&);
        template<class Alloc> queue(const queue&, const Alloc&);
        template<class Alloc> queue(queue&&, const Alloc&);

        template<class InputIterator, class Alloc>
        queue\(InputIterator first, InputIterator last, const Alloc&\);

        //...
    };

    template<class Container>
    queue(Container) -> queue<typename Container::value_type, Container>;

    template<class InputIterator>
    queue\(InputIterator, InputIterator\) -> queue<iter-value-type<InputIterator>>;

    template<class Container, class Allocator>
    queue(Container, Allocator) -> queue<typename Container::value_type, Container>;
```

```
template<class InputIterator, class Allocator>
queue(InputIterator, InputIterator, Allocator)
-> queue<iter-value-type<InputIterator>, deque<iter-value-type<InputIterator>, Allocator>>;
```

```
template<class T, class Container>
void swap(queue<T, Container>& x, queue<T, Container>& y) noexcept(noexcept(x.swap(y)));
```

```
template<class T, class Container, class Alloc>
struct uses_allocator<queue<T, Container>, Alloc>
: uses_allocator<Container, Alloc>::type { };
```

}



## Constructors

[queue.cons]

```
explicit queue(const Container& cont);
```

*Effects:* Initializes c with cont.

```
explicit queue(Container&& cont);
```

*Effects:* Initializes c with std::move(cont).

```
template<class InputIterator>
queue(InputIterator first, InputIterator last);
```

*Effects:* Initializes c with first as the first argument and last as the second argument.



## Constructors with allocators

[queue.cons.alloc]

[...]

```
template<class Alloc> queue(const queue& q, const Alloc& a);
```

*Effects:* Initializes c with q.c as the first argument and a as the second argument.

```
template<class Alloc> queue(queue&& q, const Alloc& a);
```

*Effects:* Initializes c with std::move(q.c) as the first argument and a as the second argument.

```
template<class InputIterator, class Alloc>
queue(InputIterator first, InputIterator last, const Alloc & alloc);
```

*Effects:* Initializes c with first as the first argument, last as the second argument and alloc as the third argument.



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[stack.defn]

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namespace std {
    template<class T, class Container = deque<T>>
```

```

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    public:
        using value_type      = typename Container::value_type;
        using reference       = typename Container::reference;
        using const_reference = typename Container::const_reference;
        using size_type       = typename Container::size_type;
        using container_type  = Container;

    protected:
        Container c;

    public:
        stack() : stack(Container()) {}
        explicit stack(const Container&);
        explicit stack(Container&&);

        template<class InputIterator>
        stack\(InputIterator first, InputIterator last\);

        template<class Alloc> explicit stack(const Alloc&);
        template<class Alloc> stack(const Container&, const Alloc&);
        template<class Alloc> stack(Container&&, const Alloc&);
        template<class Alloc> stack(const stack&, const Alloc&);
        template<class Alloc> stack(stack&&, const Alloc&);

        template<class InputIterator, class Alloc>
        stack\(InputIterator first, InputIterator last, const Alloc&\);

        //...
};

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template<class InputIterator>
stack\(InputIterator, InputIterator\)
-> stack<iter-value-type<InputIterator>>;

template<class Container, class Allocator>
stack(Container, Allocator) -> stack<typename Container::value_type, Container>;

template<class InputIterator, class Allocator>
stack\(InputIterator, InputIterator, Allocator\)
-> stack<iter-value-type<InputIterator>, deque<iter-value-type<InputIterator>, Allocator>>;

template<class T, class Container, class Alloc>
struct uses_allocator<stack<T, Container>, Alloc>
: uses_allocator<Container, Alloc>::type { };
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template<class InputIterator>  
stack(InputIterator first, InputIterator last);
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## ◆ Constructors with allocators

[stack.cons.alloc]

[...]

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template<class Alloc> stack(const stack& s, const Alloc& a);
```

*Effects:* Initializes `c` with `s.c` as the first argument and `a` as the second argument.

```
template<class Alloc> stack(stack&& s, const Alloc& a);
```

*Effects:* Initializes `c` with `std::move(s.c)` as the first argument and `a` as the second argument.

```
template<class InputIterator, class Alloc>  
stack(InputIterator first, InputIterator last, const Alloc & alloc);
```

*Effects:* Initializes `c` with `first` as the first argument, `last` as the second argument and `alloc` as the third argument.

## Feature test macros

Insert into [version.syn]

```
#define __cpp_lib_adaptor_iterator_pair_constructor <DATE OF ADOPTION> // also in <stack> and <queue>
```

## Acknowledgment

Thanks to Eric Niebler who reviewed the wording

## References

[P1206] Corentin Jabot *A function to convert any range to a container*  
<https://wg21.link/P1206>