## 646. Maximum Length of Pair Chain

# **Difficulty: Medium**

https://leetcode.com/problems/maximum-length-of-pair-chain

You are given an array of n pairs pairs where pairs[i] =  $[left_i, right_i]$  and  $left_i < right_i$ .

A pair p2 = [c, d] **follows** a pair p1 = [a, b] if b < c. A **chain** of pairs can be formed in this fashion.

Return the length longest chain which can be formed.

You do not need to use up all the given intervals. You can select pairs in any order.

### Example 1:

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Input: pairs = [[1,2],[2,3],[3,4]]
Output: 2
Explanation: The longest chain is [1,2] -> [3,4].
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### Example 2:

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Input: pairs = [[1,2],[7,8],[4,5]]
Output: 3
Explanation: The longest chain is [1,2] -> [4,5] -> [7,8].
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#### **Constraints:**

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• n == pairs.length
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- 1 <= n <= 1000
- ullet -1000 <= left<sub>i</sub> < right<sub>i</sub> <= 1000