

Meeting Rooms

Problem Description:

Given an array of meeting time intervals consisting of start and end times $[[s_1, e_1], [s_2, e_2], \dots]$ ($s_i < e_i$), determine if a person could attend all meetings.

For example,

Given $[[0, 30], [5, 10], [15, 20]]$,

return false.

solve:

The idea is pretty simple: first we sort the intervals in the ascending order of start; then we check for the overlapping of each pair of neighboring intervals. If they do, then return false; after we finish all the checks and have not returned false, just return true.

Sorting takes $O(n \log n)$ time and the overlapping checks take $O(n)$ time, so this idea is $O(n \log n)$ time in total.

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class Solution {
public:
    bool canAttendMeetings(vector<Interval>& intervals) {
        sort(intervals.begin(), intervals.end(), compare);
        int n = intervals.size();
        for (int i = 0; i < n - 1; i++)
            if (overlap(intervals[i], intervals[i + 1]))
                return false;
        return true;
    }
private:
    static bool compare(Interval& interval1, Interval& interval2) {
        return interval1.start < interval2.start;
    }
    bool overlap(Interval& interval1, Interval& interval2) {
        return interval1.end > interval2.start;
    }
};
```