

## Coding Question

5. Implement the optimal algorithm for interval scheduling (for a definition of the problem, see the Greedy slides on Canvas) in either C, C++, C#, Java, or Python. Be efficient and implement it in  $O(n \log n)$  time, where  $n$  is the number of jobs.

The input will start with an positive integer, giving the number of instances that follow. For each instance, there will be a positive integer, giving the number of jobs. For each job, there will be a pair of positive integers  $i$  and  $j$ , where  $i < j$ , and  $i$  is the start time, and  $j$  is the end time.

A sample input is the following:

```
2
1
1 4
3
1 2
3 4
2 6
```

The sample input has two instances. The first instance has one job to schedule with a start time of 1 and an end time of 4. The second instance has 3 jobs.

For each instance, your program should output the number of intervals scheduled on a separate line. Each output line should be terminated by a newline. The correct output to the sample input would be:

```
1
2
```