

Test Name:

Summary Timeline

Tasks summary

Task	Time spent	Score
NailingPlanks C#	10 min	100%

Total score

100%

Tasks Details

Medium

1. NailingPlanks
Count the minimum number of nails that allow a series of planks to be nailed.

Task Score

100%

Correctness

100%

Performance

100%

Task description

You are given two non-empty arrays A and B consisting of N integers. These arrays represent N planks. More precisely, A[K] is the start and B[K] the end of the K-th plank.

Next, you are given a non-empty array C consisting of M integers. This array represents M nails. More precisely, C[I] is the position where you can hammer in the I-th nail.

We say that a plank (A[K], B[K]) is nailed if there exists a nail C[I] such that $A[K] \leq C[I] \leq B[K]$.

The goal is to find the minimum number of nails that must be used until all the planks are nailed. In other words, you should find a value J such that all planks will be nailed after using only the first J nails. More precisely, for every plank (A[K], B[K]) such that $0 \leq K < N$, there should exist a nail C[I] such that $I \leq J$ and $A[K] \leq C[I] \leq B[K]$.

For example, given arrays A, B such that:

Solution

Programming language used: C#

Total time used:

10 minutes

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Effective time used:

10 minutes

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Notes:

not defined yet

Task timeline

07:52:07

08:02:00

A[0] = 1 B[0] = 4
A[1] = 4 B[1] = 5
A[2] = 5 B[2] = 9
A[3] = 8 B[3] = 10

four planks are represented: [1, 4], [4, 5], [5, 9] and [8, 10].

Given array C such that:

C[0] = 4
C[1] = 6
C[2] = 7
C[3] = 10
C[4] = 2

if we use the following nails:

- 0, then planks [1, 4] and [4, 5] will both be nailed.
- 0, 1, then planks [1, 4], [4, 5] and [5, 9] will be nailed.
- 0, 1, 2, then planks [1, 4], [4, 5] and [5, 9] will be nailed.
- 0, 1, 2, 3, then all the planks will be nailed.

Thus, four is the minimum number of nails that, used sequentially, allow all the planks to be nailed.

Write a function:

```
class Solution { public int solution(int[] A,  
int[] B, int[] C); }
```

that, given two non-empty arrays A and B consisting of N integers and a non-empty array C consisting of M integers, returns the minimum number of nails that, used sequentially, allow all the planks to be nailed.

If it is not possible to nail all the planks, the function should return -1.

For example, given arrays A, B, C such that:

A[0] = 1 B[0] = 4
A[1] = 4 B[1] = 5
A[2] = 5 B[2] = 9
A[3] = 8 B[3] = 10

C[0] = 4
C[1] = 6
C[2] = 7
C[3] = 10
C[4] = 2

the function should return 4, as explained above.

Write an **efficient** algorithm for the following assumptions:

- N and M are integers within the range [1..30,000];
- each element of arrays A, B and C is an integer within the range [1..2*M];
- $A[K] \leq B[K]$.

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score: 100

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```
1 using System;  
2  
3 /**  
4  * 14.2 - Nailing Planks  
5  * Paulo Santos  
6  * 11.Jan.2023  
7  */  
8 class Solution {  
9     public int solution(int[] A, int[] B, int[] C)  
10  
11         var start = 0;  
12         var end = C.Length;  
13         var midNails = -1;  
14         while (start <= end) {  
15             var mid = (start + end) / 2;  
16             if (CheckNail(A, B, C, mid)) {  
17                 end = mid - 1;  
18                 midNails = mid;  
19             }  
20             else  
21                 start = mid + 1;  
22         }  
23         return midNails;  
24     }  
25  
26     private bool CheckNail(int[] A, int[] B, int[]  
27  
28         var M = C.Length;  
29         var prefixSum = new int[2 * M + 1];  
30         for (var i = 0; i < mid; i++)  
31             prefixSum[C[i]] += 1;  
32         for (var i = 1; i < prefixSum.Length; i++)  
33             prefixSum[i] += prefixSum[i - 1];  
34         for (var i = 0; i < A.Length; i++)  
35             if (prefixSum[B[i]] == prefixSum[A[i] -  
36                 return false;  
37  
38         return true;  
39  
40     }  
41 }
```

Analysis summary

The solution obtained perfect score.

Analysis

Detected time complexity:
 $O((N + M) * \log(M))$

expand all

Example tests



example

✓ OK

example test

expand all

Correctness tests



extreme_single

✓ OK

single nail and single plank		
▶	extreme_point nail is a point [1, 1]	✓ OK
▶	few_nails_in_the_same_place few nails are in the same place	✓ OK
▶	random_small random sequence, length = ~100	✓ OK
expand all Performance tests		
▶	random_medium random sequence, length = ~10,000	✓ OK
▶	random_large random sequence, length = ~30,000	✓ OK
▶	extreme_large_planks all large planks, length = ~30,000	✓ OK
▶	large_point all planks are points, length = ~30,000	✓ OK