

2402. Meeting Rooms III

Hard Topics Companies Hint

You are given an integer n . There are n rooms numbered from 0 to $n - 1$.

You are given a 2D integer array `meetings` where `meetings[i] = [starti, endi]` means that a meeting will be held during the **half-closed** time interval `[starti, endi)`. All the values of `starti` are **unique**.

Meetings are allocated to rooms in the following manner:

1. Each meeting will take place in the unused room with the **lowest** number.
2. If there are no available rooms, the meeting will be delayed until a room becomes free. The delayed meeting should have the **same** duration as the original meeting.
3. When a room becomes unused, meetings that have an earlier original **start** time should be given the room.

Return *the number of the room that held the most meetings*. If there are multiple rooms, return *the room with the lowest number*.

A **half-closed interval** `[a, b)` is the interval between `a` and `b` **including** `a` and **not including** `b`.

Example 1:

Input: `n = 2, meetings = [[0,10],[1,5],[2,7],[3,4]]`

Output: `0`

Explanation:

- At time 0, both rooms are not being used. The first meeting starts in room 0.
 - At time 1, only room 1 is not being used. The second meeting starts in room 1.
 - At time 2, both rooms are being used. The third meeting is delayed.
 - At time 3, both rooms are being used. The fourth meeting is delayed.
 - At time 5, the meeting in room 1 finishes. The third meeting starts in room 1 for the time period `[5,10)`.
 - At time 10, the meetings in both rooms finish. The fourth meeting starts in room 0 for the time period `[10,11)`.
- Both rooms 0 and 1 held 2 meetings, so we return 0.

1. sort by start time

`meetings.sort(key =
(lambda x: x[0]))`

2. minheap / priority queue

mh1: free rooms

mh2: end time of
meetings happening.

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38 from typing import List
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40 class Solution:
41     def mostBooked(self, n: int, meetings: List[List[int]]) -> int:
42         meetings.sort(key=lambda x: x[0]) # Sort by start time
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44         count = [0] * n # Count how many meetings each room has had
45         free = list(range(n)) # List of free rooms
46         heapq.heapify(free) # Turn into min-heap
47         busy = [] # (endTime, roomID) minheap for tracking occupied rooms
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49         for s, e in meetings:
50             # Free up rooms that have finished before current meeting starts
51             while busy and busy[0][0] <= s:
52                 _, room = heapq.heappop(busy)
53                 heapq.heappush(free, room)
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55             duration = e - s
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57             if free:
58                 room = heapq.heappop(free)
59                 heapq.heappush(busy, (e, room))
60                 count[room] += 1
61             else:
62                 # No room is free, wait for earliest to finish
63                 earliest_end, room = heapq.heappop(busy)
64                 heapq.heappush(busy, (earliest_end + duration, room))
65                 count[room] += 1
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67         # Return the room with the most meetings (lowest index if tie)
68         max_meetings = max(count)
69         return count.index(max_meetings)
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