

## Lecture :- Arrays Interview problems

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### Agenda

- Merge overlapping intervals
- Insert new interval.
- first missing +ve integer

## Merge intervals

interval is defined by start and end time.  
 $\text{start} \leq \text{end time}$ .

1. > Interval 1

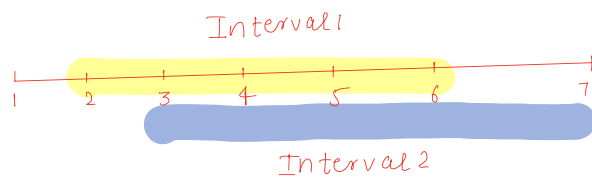
$(2, 6)$

Interval 2

$(3, 7)$

Merge them.

Overlapping



final merged interval =  $(2, 7)$ .

2. >  $(2, 4)$   $(5, 7)$   $\longrightarrow$  non-overlapping

3. >  $(2, 8)$   $(4, 6)$   $\longrightarrow$  overlapping

Merge them.

merged interval =  $(2, 8)$

4. >  $(3, 9)$   $(1, 6)$   $\longrightarrow$  overlapping  $\therefore$  merged interval =  $(1, 9)$

## Generalisation

$(s_1, e_1)$   $(s_2, e_2)$   $\longrightarrow$  Overlapping intervals

After merging them:

$[\min(s_1, s_2), \max(e_1, e_2)]$

Qn. Merge sorted overlapping intervals.

Given  $n$  intervals in sorted manner [overlapping intervals]  
Sorted on start time. Merge all overlapping intervals  
and return sorted list.

Input  $\left[ \begin{array}{ccccccc} (0, 2) & (1, 4) & (5, 6) & (6, 8) & (7, 10) & (8, 9) & (12, 14) \end{array} \right]$

output  $\left[ (0, 4) \quad (5, 10) \quad (12, 14) \right]$

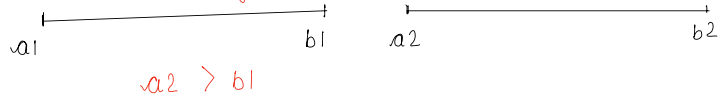
Interval 1	Interval 2	is overlapping?	Answer interval list.
$(0, 2)$	$(1, 4)$	Overlapping	$(0, 4)$
$(0, 4)$	$(5, 6)$	No	$(0, 4) \quad (5, 6)$
$(5, 6)$	$(6, 8)$	Overlapping	$(0, 4) \quad (5, 8)$
$(5, 8)$	$(7, 10)$	Overlapping	$(0, 4) \quad (5, 10)$
$(5, 10)$	$(8, 9)$	Overlapping	$(0, 4) \quad (5, 10)$
$(5, 10)$	$(12, 14)$	No	$(0, 4) \quad (5, 10) \quad (12, 14)$

## Approach

Overlapping condition?

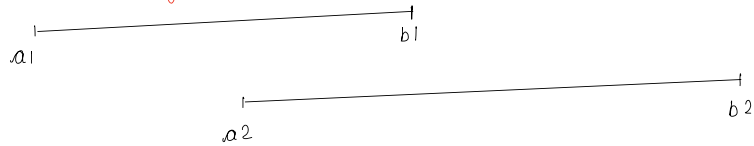
case1

Non-overlapping.



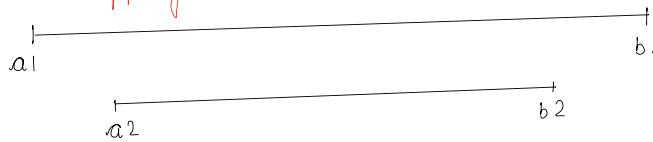
case2:

Overlapping



case3:

Overlapping



start of int2  $\leq$  end of int1

$$a_2 \leq b_1$$

Dry run:

interval[] = [ (0,2) (1,4) (5,6) (6,8) (7,10) (8,9) (12,14) ]

interval1	interval2	is overlapping?	After merging answer list.
(0,2)	(1,4)	Yes [ $a_2 \leq b_1$ ]	(0,4)
(0,4)	(5,6)	No [ $a_2 > b_1$ ]	(0,4) (5,6)
(5,6)	(6,8)	Yes [ $a_2 \leq b_1$ ]	(0,4) (5,8)
(5,8)	(7,10)	Yes [ $a_2 \leq b_1$ ]	(0,4) (5,10)
(5,10)	(8,9)	Yes [ $a_2 \leq b_1$ ]	(0,4) (5,10)
(5,10)	(12,14)	No [ $a_2 > b_1$ ]	(0,4) (5,10) (12,14)
(12,14)	end		

```
class Interval {  
    int start;  
    int end;  
}
```

## Algorithm code

```
List<Interval> mergeOverlappingIntervals ( List<Interval> intervals ) {  
    List<Interval> ans = new ArrayList<>();  
    int cs = intervals.get(0).start;  
    int ce = intervals.get(0).end;  
    for ( i = 1; i < intervals.size(); i++ ) {  
        int s = intervals.get(i).start;  
        int e = intervals.get(i).end;  
        if ( s <= ce ) {  
            ce = max( e, ce );  
        } else {  
            Interval temp = new Interval ( cs, ce );  
            ans.add ( temp );  
            cs = s;  
            ce = e;  
        }  
    }  
    Interval temp = new Interval ( cs, ce );  
    ans.add ( temp );  
    return ans;  
}
```

TC:  $O(n)$

SC:  $O(n)$  ||  $O(1)$

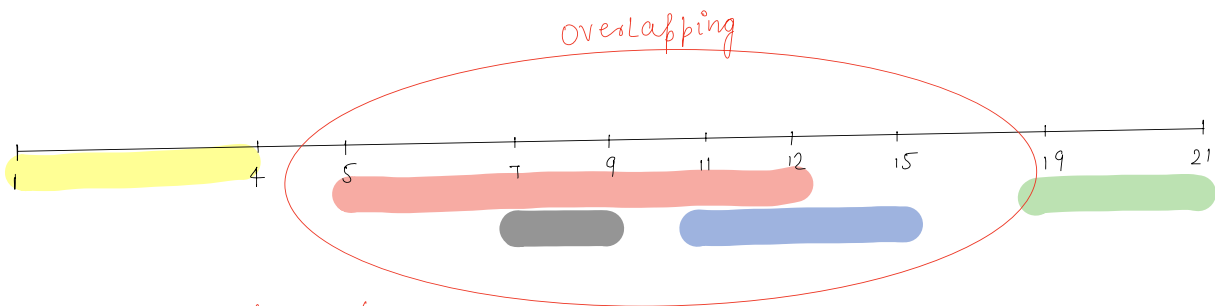
Q2 Given arr[n] intervals in sorted manner and non-overlapping. Given one extra interval.

Insert this extra interval in array.

Input interval[] =  $\left[ (1, 4) \ (7, 9) \ (11, 15) \ (19, 21) \right]$

new-interval = (5, 12)

output:  $\left[ (1, 4) \ (5, 15) \ (19, 21) \right]$



(1, 4) (5, 15) (19, 21) .

Idea: 1. If intervals are non-overlapping. (sorted)

interval = (3, 6)

New interval will come on

new interval = (7, 8)

right.



2. interval = (3, 6)

Left

new interval = (1, 2)

3. interval = (3, 6)

(3, 8)

new interval = (5, 8)

Overlapping



Dry run:

intervals[] =  $\left[ (1,3) \quad (4,7) \quad (10,14) \quad (16,19) \quad (21,24) \quad (27,30) \quad (32,35) \right]$

new interval = (12,22)

interval 1	new interval	placement	Merged
(1,3)	(12,22)	right	(1,3)
(4,7)	(12,22)	right	[1,3] (4,7)
(10,14)	(12,22)	Overlapping	[1,3] [4,7]
(16,19)	(10,22)	overlapping	[1,3] [4,7]
(21,24)	(10,22)	Overlapping	[1,3] [4,7]
(27,30)	(10,24)	left	[1,3] [4,7] (10,24)
(32,35)	(27,30)	left	[1,3] [4,7] [10,24] (27,30)
(32,35)	end		[1,3] [4,7] [10,24] [27,30] [32,35] <u>Ans</u>

## Algorithmic code

```
List<Interval> mergeIntervals(List<Interval> intervals,
                               Interval newInterval) {
    List<Interval> ans = new ArrayList<>();
    for (i=0; i<intervals.size(); i++) {
        int s = intervals.get(i).start;
        int e = intervals.get(i).end;
        // non-overlapping
        if (newInterval.start > e) {
            ans.add(intervals.get(i));
        }
        else if (s > newInterval.end) {
            ans.add(newInterval);
            while (i<n) {
                ans.add(intervals.get(i));
                i++;
            }
            return ans;
        }
        else { // overlapping.
            newInterval.start = min(newInterval.start, s);
            "      " end = max("      " end, e);
        }
    }
    ans.add(newInterval);
    return ans;
}
```

curr  $\rightarrow (27, 30)$

n.i  $\rightarrow (16, 24)$

TC:  $O(n)$

SC:

Break: 8:30-8:40

Qn Given  $arr[n]$ , find first missing the number.

3	-2	1	2	7
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ans = 4

1	2	5	6	4	3
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ans = 7

1	0	-5	-6	4	2
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ans = 3

Claim      Ans =  $[1, n+1]$

Approach 1

Brute force approach.

Iterate from 1 to  $n+1$  —

TC:  $O(n^2)$

SC:  $O(1)$

check if it is present in array or not?  
present  $\rightarrow$  continue;

not "  $\rightarrow$  return ans;

Approach 2

Hashset.

TC:  $O(n)$

SC:  $O(n)$

Expected solution

TC:  $O(n)$

SC:  $O(1)$

Use same array to store the information?

## Intuition

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

$arr[n] \rightarrow$  any el from 1 to  $n$  should be placed at idx  $(el-1)$ .

Example:

<sup>0</sup>	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>5</sup>	<sup>6</sup>
<del>7</del> 1	0	3	<del>6</del> 4	9	<del>4</del> 6	<del>1</del> -1

Don't  
care

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care

Case

correct poa

Don't  
care

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correct pos = 0th idx  
swap(6, 0)

1. Care

Correct pos = 5

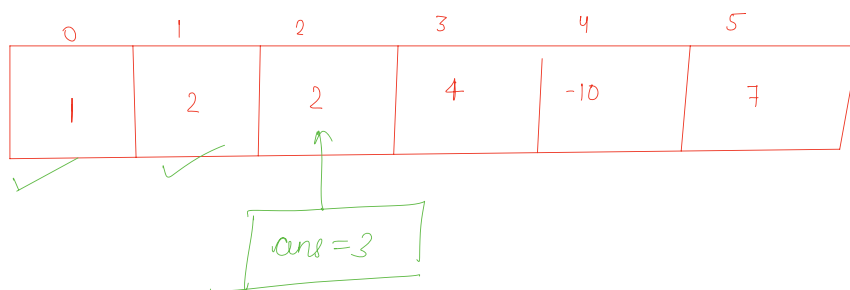
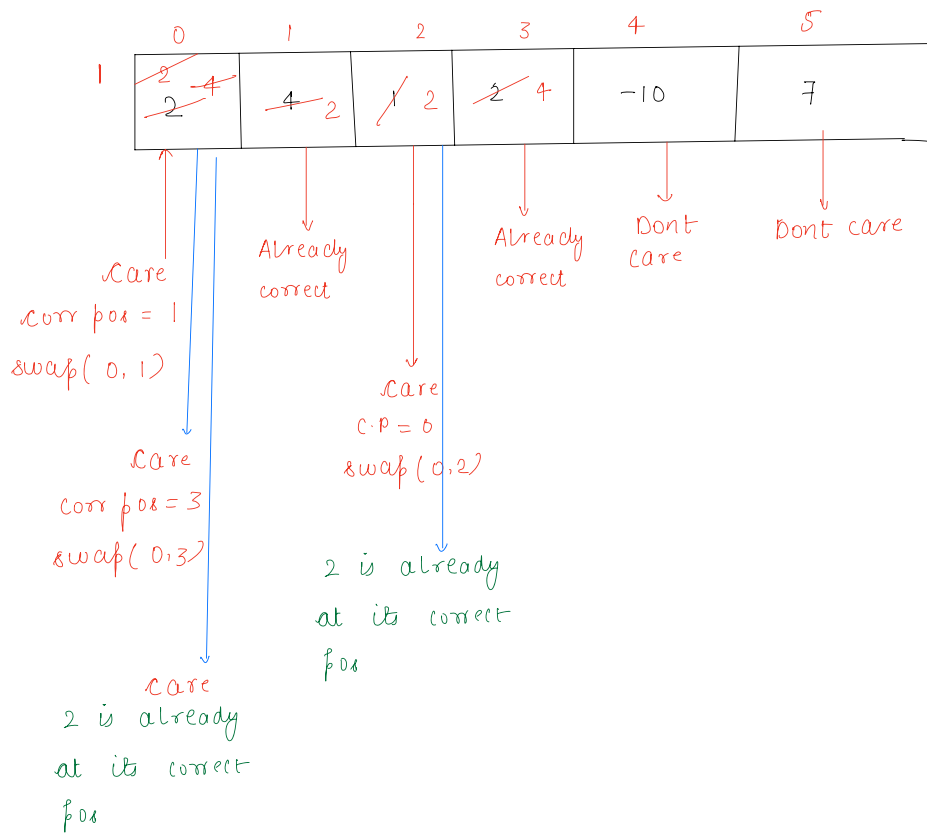
swap(3rd idx, 5th idx)

2. Care

| Correct pos

<sup>0</sup>	<sup>1</sup>	<sup>2</sup>	<sup>3</sup>	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>5</sup>	<sup>6</sup>
<del>-1</del> 1	0	3	<del>6</del> 4	9	<del>4</del> 6	<del>1</del> -1

$$\sin \theta = 2$$



## Algorithmic code

```
int firstMissingInterval(int[] arr) {
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```
    int i = 0;
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    while (i < arr.length) {
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        int correctIdx = arr[i] - 1;
```

Elements I care about — if (arr[i] >= 1 && arr[i] <= n) {  
 Check if el is at its correct pos or not? — if (arr[correctIdx] != arr[i]) {

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        swap(arr, i, correctIdx);
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```
    } else { —> el is at its correct position  
        i++;
```

Elements you don't care

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    } else {  
        i++;  
    }  
}
```

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for (i = 0; i < arr.length; i++) {  
    if (i + 1 != arr[i]) {  
        return i + 1;  
    }  
}
```

```
return arr.length + 1;  
}
```

TC:  $O(n)$

SC:  $O(1)$

Thankyou

