

Arrays 3: Interview

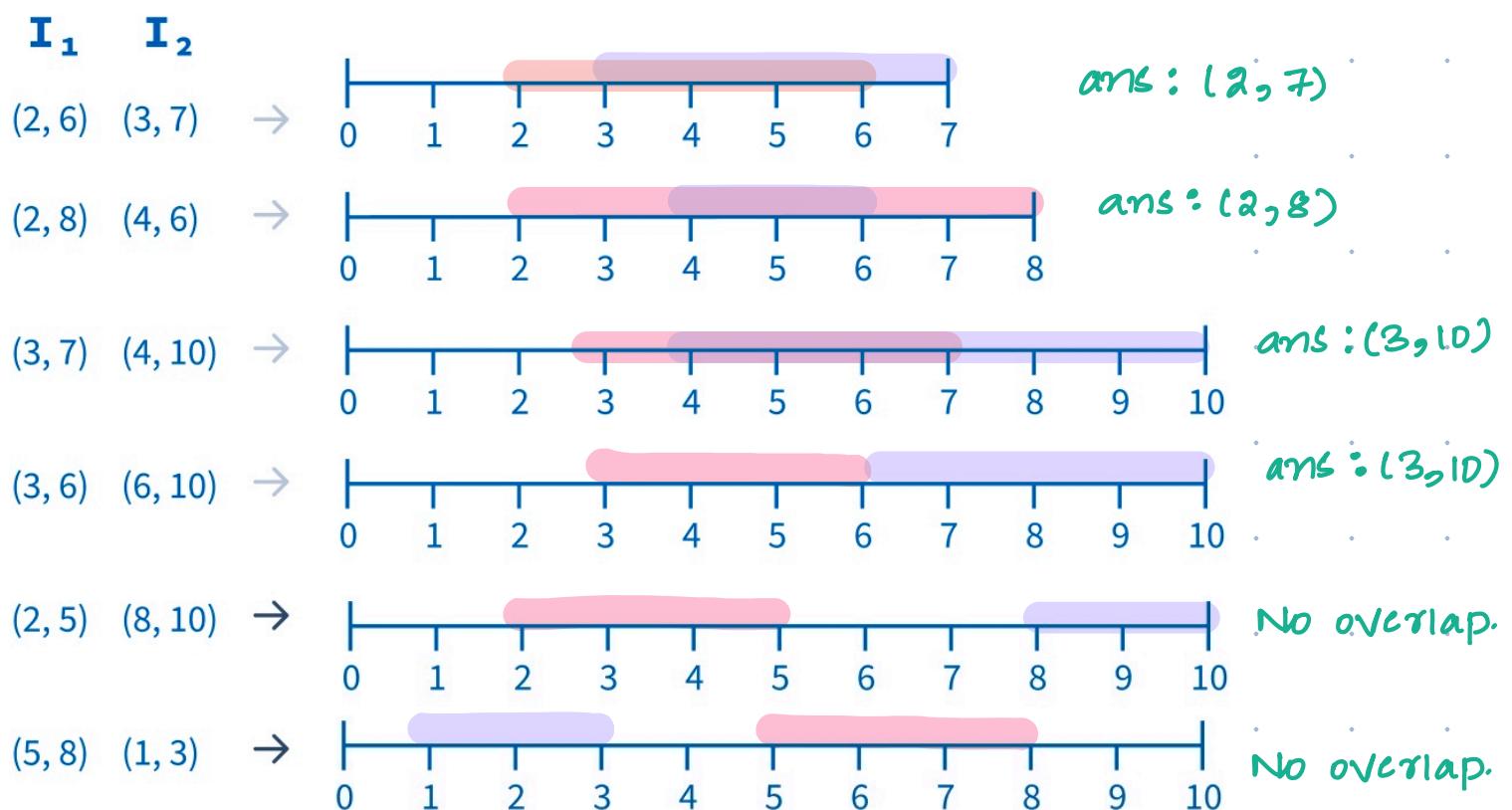
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Merge Overlapping Intervals



Quiz 1 :

(3,8) (5,12)

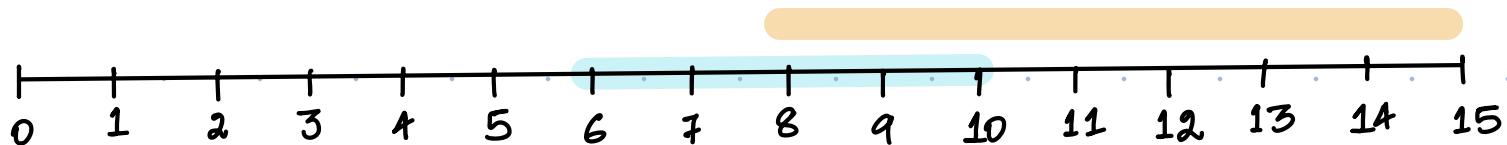


ans: (3, 12)

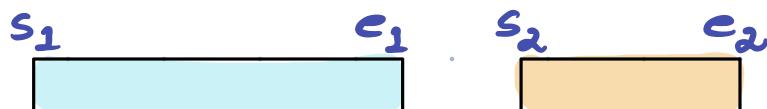


Quiz 2 :

(6,10) (8,15)

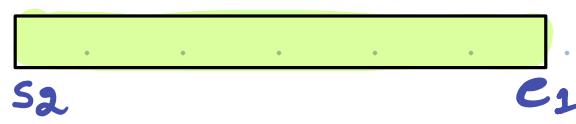
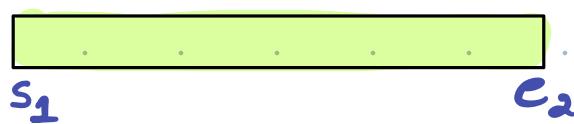
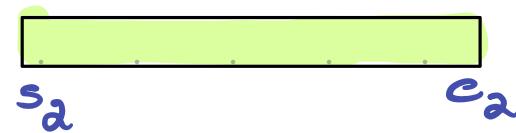
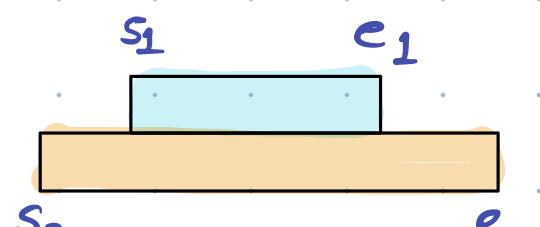
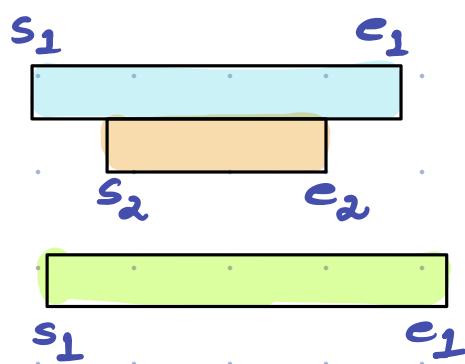
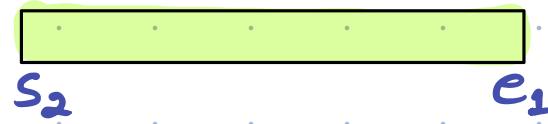
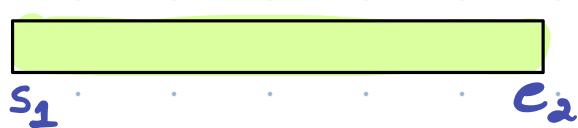
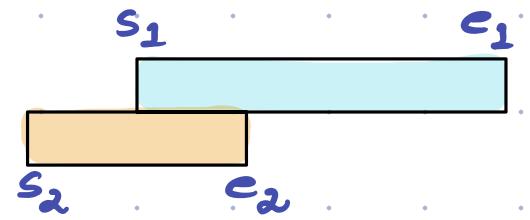
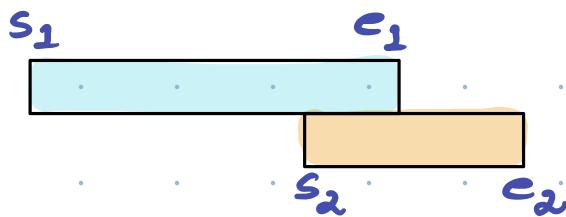


ans : (6,15)

NON-OVERLAPPING INTERVALS $e_1 < s_2$

OR

 $e_2 < s_1$

OVERLAPPING INTERVALS

Starting Pt. of Merged. Intervals : $\min(s_1, s_2)$

Ending Pt. of Merged. Intervals : $\max(e_1, e_2)$

Overlapping Interval : $(\min(s_1, s_2), \max(e_1, e_2))$

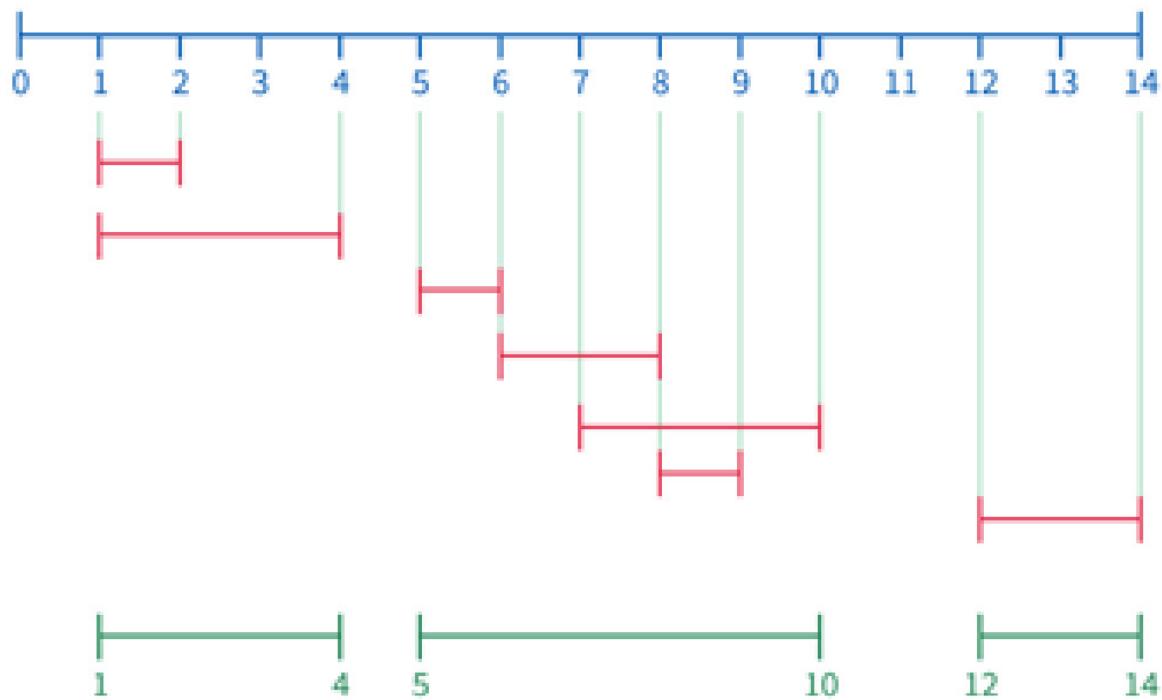
 Question

Given a sorted list of overlapping intervals, sorted based on start-time. Merge all overlapping intervals & return the sorted list of non-overlapping intervals.

 $[1 \leq N \leq 10^4]$ **Intervals:**

start time end time

1	2
1	4
5	6
6	8
7	10
8	9
12	14



Merge Sorted Overlapping Intervals

1	2
1	2
1	4
5	6
6	8
7	10
8	9
12	14

Interval 1	Interval 2	Overlapping?	Merged Interval	ans
(1, 2)	(1, 4)	✓	(1, 4)	
(1, 4)	(5, 6)	✗		(1, 4)
(5, 6)	(6, 8)	✓	(5, 8)	
(5, 8)	(7, 10)	✓	(5, 10)	
(5, 10)	(8, 9)	✓	(5, 10)	
(5, 10)	(12, 14)	✗		(5, 10)
(12, 14)	—			(12, 14)

ans : ((1, 4) (5, 10) (12, 14))

Quiz 3 :

Given a sorted list of overlapping intervals, sorted based on start time, merge all overlapping intervals and return sorted list.

Input:

Interval[] = { (1,10), (2, 3), (4, 5), (9, 12) }

Interval 1	Interval 2	Overlapping?	Merged Interval	ans
(1, 10)	(2, 3)	✓	(1, 10)	
(1, 10)	(4, 5)	✓	(1, 10)	
(1, 10)	(9, 12)	✓	(1, 12)	
(1, 12)	—			(1, 12)

ans : ((1, 12))



Merge Sorted Overlapping Intervals

Code :

```
int[][] MergeOverlappingIntervals(int[][] intervals) {
    start_1 = intervals[0][0];
    end_1 = intervals[0][1];
    int[][] ans;
    for (i = 1; i < intervals.size(); i++) {
        start_2 = intervals[i][0];
        end_2 = intervals[i][1];
        if (start_2 ≤ end_1) { // Overlapping
            start_1 = min(start_1, start_2);
            end_1 = max(end_1, end_2);
        } else { // Non-overlapping.
            ans.insert({start_1, end_1});
            start_1 = start_2;
            end_1 = end_2;
        }
    }
    ans.insert({start_1, end_1});
    return ans;
}
```

T.C : O(N)
S.C : O(1)



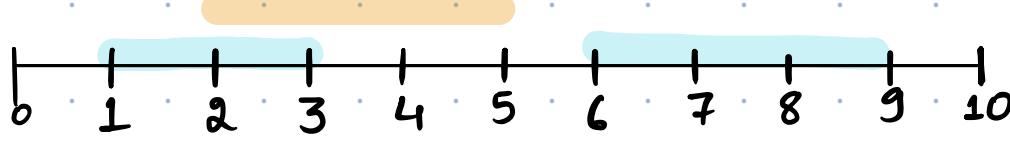
Merge Intervals II

Question

Given N non-overlapping intervals sorted based on start time. Given a new Interval. Merge this with existing intervals if possible & return final non-overlapping interval.

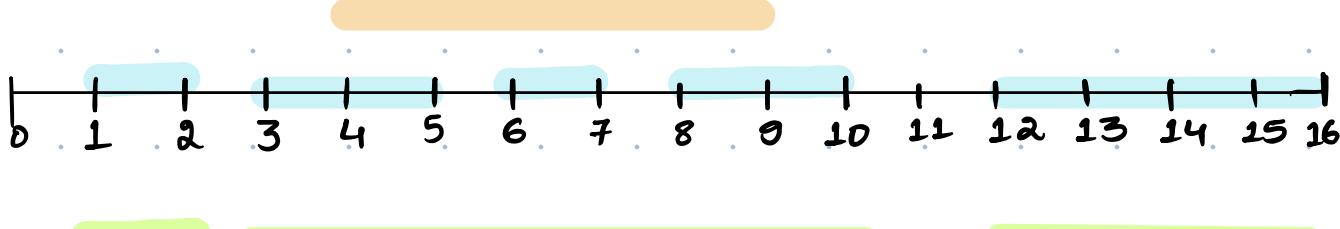


```
Intervals = [[1,3], [6,9]]  
newInterval = [2,5]
```



ans: ((1,5) (6,9))

```
Intervals = [[1,2], [3,5], [6,7], [8,10], [12,16]]  
newInterval = [4,9]
```



ans: ((1,2) (3,10) (12,16))

Example :

	New Interval	Overlapping?	ans
(1, 3)		X	(1, 3)
(4, 7)		X	(4, 7)
(10, 14)	(10, 22) → (10, 22)	✓	
(16, 19)	(10, 22) → (10, 22)	✓	
(21, 24)	(10, 22) → (10, 24)	✓	
(27, 30)	(10, 24)		(10, 24)
(32, 35)			(27, 30) (32, 35)

	New Interval	Overlapping?	ans
(1, 5)	(4, 11) → (1, 11)	✓	
(6, 10)	(1, 11) → (1, 11)	✓	
(11, 12)	(1, 11) → (1, 12)	✓	(1, 12)

ans: ((1, 12))



Merge Intervals II

Approach :

	New Interval	Overlapping?	ans
(1, 3)		X	(1, 3)
(4, 7)		X	(4, 7)
(10, 14)	(10, 22) \rightarrow (10, 22)	✓	
(16, 19)	(10, 22) \rightarrow (10, 22)	✓	
(21, 24)	(10, 22) \rightarrow (10, 24)	✓	
(27, 30)	(10, 24)		(10, 24)
(32, 35)			(27, 30) (32, 35)



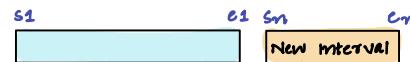
Non-overlapping

Overlapping.

Non-overlapping



Case 1: $e_1 < s_n$



Adding current interval into ans.

Non-Overlapping

Case 2: $e_n < s_1$



- First insert New interval into ans

- Insert all remaining intervals into ans

- Return ans

Case 3: Overlapping Intervals

Update New interval as Merged Interval.

Code:

Start & end of
New Interval
↑

`int[][] MergeOverlappingIntervals(int[][] intervals, int sn, int en) {`

`int[][] ans;`

`for (i = 0; i < intervals.size(); i++) {`

`s1 = intervals[i][0];`

`e1 = intervals[i][1];`

T.C : O(N)

S.C : O(1)

`if (e1 < sn) { // Non-Overlapping Case 1.`

`ans.insert({s1, e1});`

`}`

`else if (en < s1) { // Non-Overlapping Case 2`

`ans.insert({sn, en});`

`for (j = i; j < intervals.size(); j++) {`

`ans.insert({intervals[j][0], intervals[j][1]});`

`}`

`} return ans;`

`} else { // Overlapping Case.`

`sn = Math.Min(s1, sn);`

`en = Math.Max(e1, en);`

`}`

`ans.insert({sn, en});`

`return ans;`

Given N elements, find first missing +ve number

Question

Given an unsorted array of integers, find first missing natural number.



Example 1:

arr[5] → [3, -1, 1, 2, 7]

ans : 4

Example 2:

arr[7] → [9, 2, 6, 4, -8, 1, 3]

ans : 5

Example 3:

arr[6] → [1, 0, -5, -6, 4, 2]

ans : 3

Example 4:

arr[6] → [1, 2, 5, 6, 4, 3]

ans : 7

Example 5:

arr[4] → [1, 2, 3, 4]

ans : 5

[8, 9, 11, 56]



In the array [5, 3, 1, -1, -2, -4, 7, 2], what is the first missing natural number?

ans : 4

Given N elements, find first missing +ve number

Brute force approach

Starting from 1 check for all no. in array.

val

1 0 check if 1 is present → n

2 0 check if 2 is present → n

3 0 check if 2 is present → n

1 |
1 |
1 |
1 |

! 0 check if 2 is present → n

T.C : O(N^2)
S.C : O(1)

Idea -2 : Sort the array

-3	-7	1	10	3	8	2
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↓ sort

-7	-3	1	2	3	8	10
----	----	---	---	---	---	----

x x i

T.C : O($N \log N$)
S.C : O(1)

val : X 2 3 4

ans : 4

Given N elements, find first missing +ve number

Optimised approach :

Observation

arr[4] → [1, 2, 3, 4]

- If array contains all no from [1 N] : ans : (N+1)

arr[5] → [3, -1, 1, 2, 7]

- If arrays contains no other than [1 N]
 - (-ve No)
 - (Numbers > N)
- ans : [1 ... N]

Range OF Ans : [1, N+1]

Mark presence of no from 1 to N.

(-) or no > N → Ignore

Iterate again & check for missing no.

Given N elements, find first missing +ve number

How to mark the presence of numbers from [1.....N] ?

No's : [1, N]

array index: [0, N-1]

1 → 0th index

2 → 1st index

3 → 2nd index

⋮

⋮

N → (N-1)th index

i → (i-1)th index

$A[i] = (i+1)$ ans: (i+1)

ans: (N+1)

Example : 1

$$N = 8$$

[1, 8]

i

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5	3	1	-1	-2	-4	5	2
-x	x	3		5			-2
1	-d	2					

Is no in range of [1...8]

✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓

Correct index

4	2	✓				4	1
	0						

Is no equal to value at correct index:

x	x						

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

ans: 4



Given N elements, find first missing +ve number

Example : 2

$$N = 7$$

$$[1, 7]$$

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
-3	-7	1	10	3	8	2
1	2	-3 3		-3		-7
X	X	✓	X	✓	X	✓
Correct index		0		2		1
Is no equal to value at correct index.						

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	10	-3	8	-7

ans : 4

Given N elements, find first missing +ve number

Approach :

If no at index 'i' is in range of [1, N] ?



Ignore & Move ahead

Yes

Is value at index 'i' equal
to value at its correct index?



Ignore & Move ahead

Swap & bring it
to correct
index.

Keep on doing
this till we get
a correct value
at current index
or no is
irrelevant for
us.

Given N elements, find first missing +ve number

Code :

```
int i=0;
while (i<n) {
    if (A[i] >= 1 && A[i] <= n && A[i] != A[A[i]-1]) {
        Swap(A[i], A[A[i]-1]);
    } else {
        i++;
    }
}

for(i=0; i<n; i++) {
    if (A[i] != i+1)
        return (i+1);
}

return (n+1);
```

In Range

Not equal to value at its correct index.

T.C: O(N)
S.C: O(1)

DOUBTS :

0	1	2	3	4	5	6
-3	-7	1	10	3	8	2
X	X	↑				↑

i=1

int i=0 ;

while (i < n) {

if (A[i] > 1 && A[i] ≤ n)

 correct_idx = A[i] - 1 ;

 if (A[i] != A[correct_idx]) {

 Swap(A[i] , A[correct_idx]) ;

}

else {

 i++ ;

}

}

T.C : O(N)
S.C : O(1)