W9 - Data Structure & Algorithms

Problem 1: Maximum Number of Non-Overlapping Tasks

Overview: Given N tasks, each with a start and end time, determine the maximum number of tasks a person can complete without any time overlap. This problem is a classic example of the activity selection problem, where the goal is to select the maximum number of activities that don't overlap in time.

Algorithm Steps:

1. Sort Tasks:

 First, sort the tasks based on their end times. This sorting is crucial as it allows selecting the maximum number of non-overlapping tasks

2. Select Tasks:

- Start with the first task in the sorted list as it finishes the earliest.
- For each subsequent task, if its start time is greater than or equal to the end time of the previously selected task, select it.

3. Implementation Details:

- Define a class Task with start and end as attributes.
- Implement a comparator to sort the tasks based on end times.

4. Code

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import java.util.Arrays;
public class TaskScheduler {
   static class Task {
       int start;
       int end;
       Task(int start, int end) {
           this.start = start;
           this.end = end;
       }
  }
   // Function to find the maximum number of non-overlapping tasks
   public static int maxTasks(Task[] tasks) {
       Arrays.sort(tasks, (a, b) -> a.end - b.end);
       int count = 0;
       int lastEndTime = Integer.MIN_VALUE;
       for (Task task : tasks) {
           if (task.start >= lastEndTime) {
               count++;
               lastEndTime = task.end;
       return count;
  }
  // Main method to test the maxTasks function
   public static void main(String[] args) {
       Task[] tasks = {
           new Task(1, 3),
           new Task(2, 5),
           new Task(4, 6),
           new Task(6, 7),
           new Task(5, 8),
           new Task(8, 9)
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};
System.out.println("Maximum number of tasks that can be completed: " + maxTasks(tasks));
}
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