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/**
 * Return an array of arrays of size *returnSize.
 * The sizes of the arrays are returned as *returnColumnSizes array.
 * Note: Both returned array and *columnSizes array must be malloced, assume caller calls free().
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void swap(int** a, int** b)
{
    int *tmp;

    tmp = *a;
    *a = *b;
    *b = tmp;
}

int partition(int** nums, int l, int r)
{
    int pivot;
    int index;
    int base;

    base = l-1;
    pivot = nums[r][0];

    for(index = l; index < r; index++)
    {
        if(nums[index][0] < pivot)
        {
            base++;
            swap(&nums[index], &nums[base]);
        }
    }

    base++;
    swap(&nums[base], &nums[r]);

    return base;
}

void quickSort(int** nums, int l, int r)
{
    if(l < r)
    {
        int pivot_pos;

        pivot_pos = partition(nums, l, r);
        quickSort(nums, l, pivot_pos-1);
        quickSort(nums, pivot_pos+1, r);
    }
}

bool _merge(int** intervals, int pos, int merge_pos) {
    bool result;

    result = false;

    if( intervals[pos][1] >= intervals[merge_pos][0] )
    {
        if(intervals[pos][1] < intervals[merge_pos][1])
        {
            intervals[pos][1] = intervals[merge_pos][1];
        }
        result = true;
    }

    return result;
}

int** merge(int** intervals, int intervalsSize, int* intervalsColSize, int* returnSize, int** returnColumnSizes) {
    int index;
    int base = 0;

    *returnSize = 0;
    *returnColumnSizes = (int*)malloc(sizeof(int)*intervalsSize);
    quickSort(intervals, 0, intervalsSize-1);

    for(index = 1 ; index <= intervalsSize; index++)
    {
        if( (index == intervalsSize) || (false == _merge(intervals, base, index)) )
        {
            intervals[*returnSize][0] = intervals[base][0];
            intervals[*returnSize][1] = intervals[base][1];
            (*returnColumnSizes)[*returnSize] = 2;
            (*returnSize)++;
            base = index;
        }
    }

    return intervals;
}

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