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Applied Algorithm Lab

Disjoint segment

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Disjoint segment

- Find maximal number of disjoint segments from a given set.
- Input: A line and a set of segments on the line:

$$X = \{(a_1, b_1); ...; (a_n, b_n)\}, \text{ where } a_i < b_i$$

- Objective: Find a subset of X containing disjoint segment and largest cardinality
- Output: the largest cardinality found



Disjoint segment

Example

stdin	stdout
6	4
0 10	
3 7	Explain: (3,7), (9,11), (12,15), (17,19)
6 14	
9 11	
12 15	
17 19	



Disjoint segment

Idea to solve: use greedy approach

Observation

- Choose from left to right: prioritize the interval that ends earliest \rightarrow this "saves space" for later intervals.
- Sort the intervals in ascending order of their end time.
- Traverse through the intervals and check if an interval satisfies the condition; if yes, add it to the subset.

Auxiliary variable

last: stores the end point of the previously selected interval.

Selection condition

An interval is selected if begin > last.



Disjoint segment - Implementation

```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>
    using namespace std;
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    typedef pair<int, int> ii;
    vector<ii> ab;
    int n, nbSegment = 0;
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    void input() {
         ios_base::sync_with_stdio(0);
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         cin tie(0); cout tie(0);
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         cin >> n;
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         ab.resize(n);
         for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
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             cin >> ab[i].first >> ab[i].second;
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Disjoint segment - Implementation

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int main() {
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         input();
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         int last = -1;
         sort(ab.begin(), ab.end(), [](ii a, ii b) {
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             return a second < b second;</pre>
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         });
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         for (int i=0; i<n; i++) {
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              if (ab[i].first > last) {
                  last = ab[i].second;
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                  nbSegment++;
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         cout << nbSegment << endl;</pre>
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         return 0;
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```





THANK YOU!