

# 4. Intervals

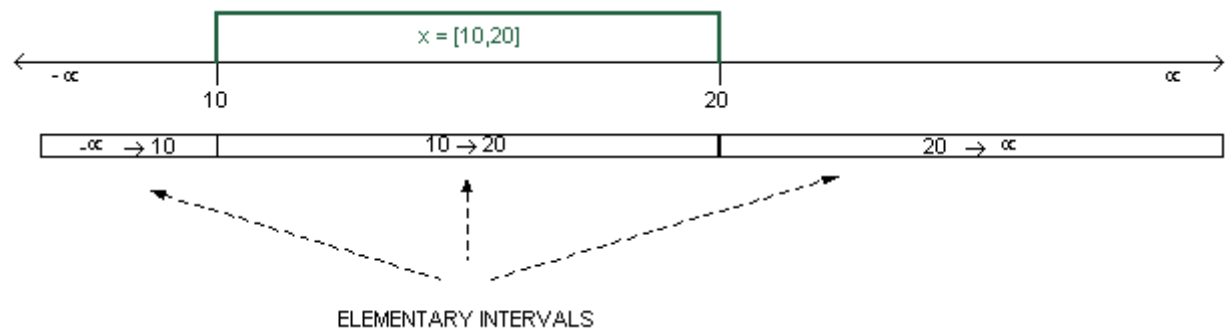
#intervals

## What are intervals?

An *interval* is a pair of integers  $[a, b]$  such that  $a < b$ .

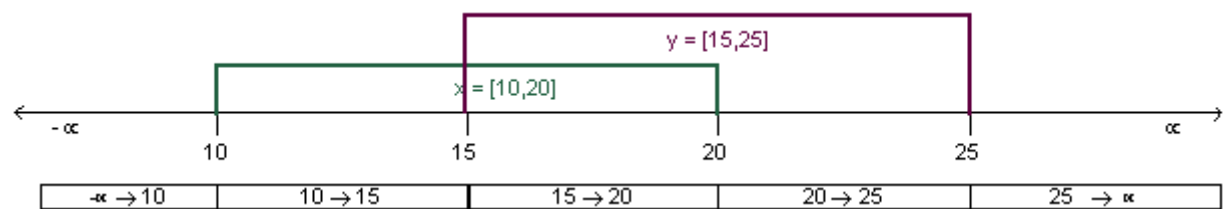
The endpoints  $a$  and  $b$  of each interval  $[a, b]$  divide the integer line into partitions called *elementary intervals*.

The interval  $x = [10, 20]$  has been added to the integer line. Notice that one interval cuts the line at two points:

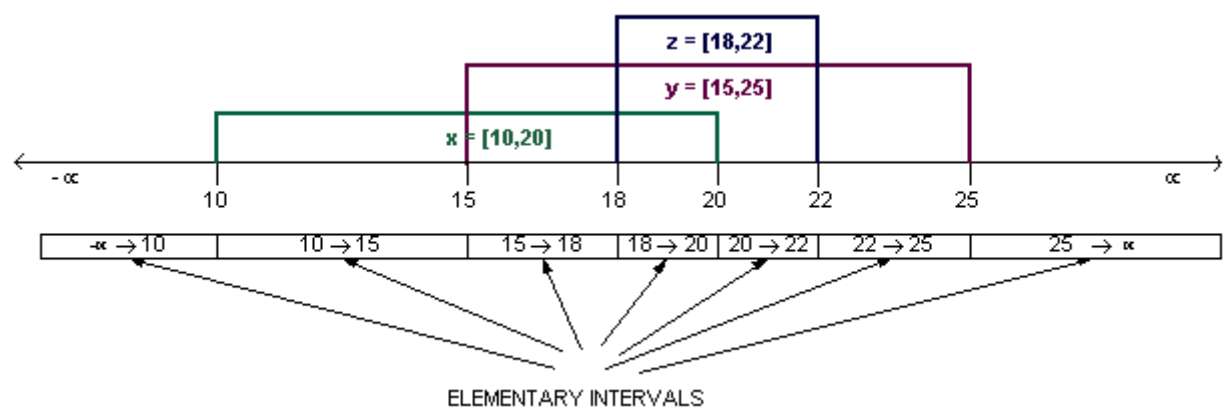


See what happens as we add new intervals. Notice how many new elementary intervals we are creating.

Add  $y = [15, 25]$ :



Add  $z = [18, 22]$ :



Given  $n$  intervals  $[a_i, b_i]$ , for  $i = 1 \dots n$ , *exactly* how many *elementary* intervals are there, assuming that no intervals  $[a_i, b_i]$  share endpoints?

We get  $2n + 1$  sub-intervals when there are  $n$  intervals on the integer line that do not share endpoints.

Every interval can be expressed as an aggregate of the sub-intervals that it spans:

	Interval	spans Sub-Intervals
x	[10,20]	[10,15], [15,18], [18-20]
y	[15,25]	[15,18], [18,20], [20-22], [22,25]
z	[18, 22]	[18,20], [20,22]

[Reference Link](#)

## 1. Insert Interval

Medium

You are given an array of non-overlapping intervals `intervals` where `intervals[i] = [starti, endi]` represent the start and the end of the  $i$ th interval and `intervals` is sorted in ascending order by `starti`. You are also given an interval `newInterval = [start, end]` that represents the start and end of another interval.

Insert `newInterval` into `intervals` such that `intervals` is still sorted in ascending order by `starti` and `intervals` still does not have any overlapping intervals (merge overlapping intervals if necessary).

Return `intervals` *after the insertion*.

Example 1:

Input: intervals = [[1,3],[6,9]] , newInterval = [2,5]

Output: [[1,5],[6,9]]

Example 2:

Input: intervals = [[1,2],[3,5],[6,7],[8,10],[12,16]] , newInterval = [4,8]

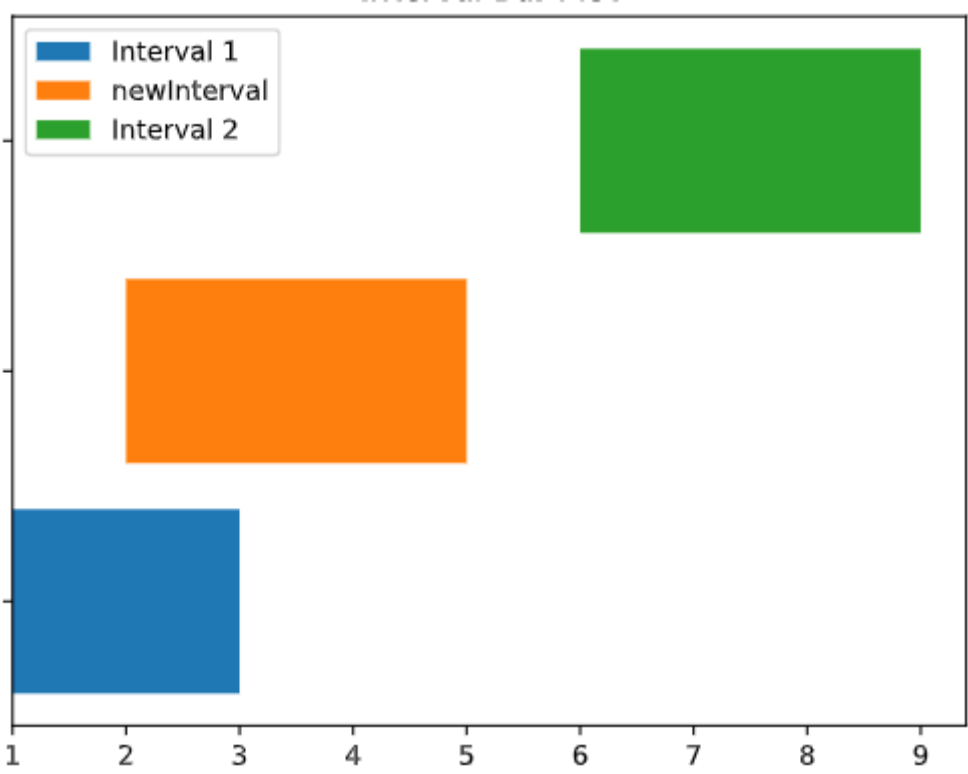
Output: [[1,2],[3,10],[12,16]]

Explanation: Because the new interval [4,8] overlaps with [3,5],[6,7],[8,10].

Constraints:

- 0 <= intervals.length <= 104
- intervals[i].length == 2
- 0 <= start\_i <= end\_i <= 105
- intervals is sorted by start\_i in **ascending** order.
- newInterval.length == 2
- 0 <= start <= end <= 105

Before



Code

```
class Solution:
    def insert(self, intervals, newInterval):
        res = []
        for i in range(len(intervals)):
            if newInterval[1] < intervals[i][0]:
                res.append(newInterval)
                return res + intervals[i:]
            elif newInterval[0] > intervals[i][1]:
                res.append(intervals[i])
            else:
                newInterval = [min(newInterval[0], intervals[i][0]), max(newInterval[1], intervals[i][1])]
        res.append(newInterval)
        return res

s = Solution()
result = s.insert([[1,3],[6,9]], [2,5])
print(result)
```

Breakdown

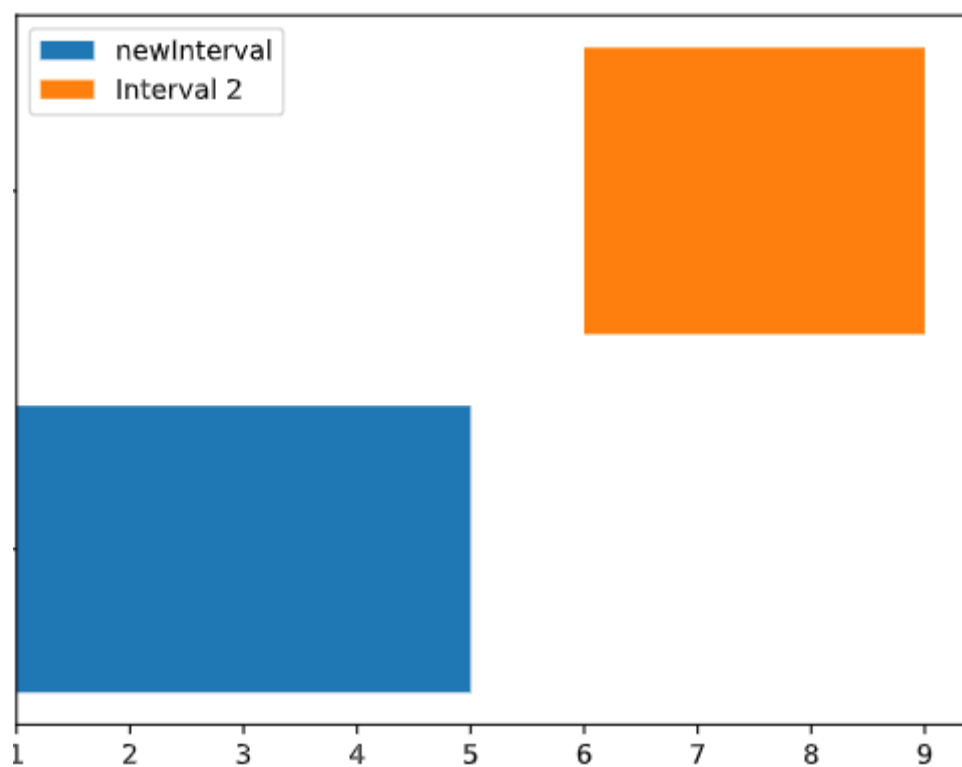
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def insert(self, [[1,3], [6,9]], [2,5]):
    res = []
    for i in range(2) :
        #iteration 1
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i = 0
intervals[0] = [1,3]
if 5 < 1 --> False
elif 2 > 3 --> False
else:
    newInterval = [min(2, 1), max(5, 3)] = [1, 5]
#iteration 2
i = 1
intervals[1] = [6, 9]
if 5 < 6 --> True:
    res.append([1,5]) >> res = [[1,5]]
return [[1,5]] + intervals[1:] >> [[1,5]] + [6,9] >> [[1,5], [6,9]]

```

**After**



## 2. Merge Intervals

Medium

Given an array of `intervals` where `intervals[i] = [starti, endi]`, merge all overlapping intervals, and return *an array of the non-overlapping intervals that cover all the intervals in the input.*

**Example 1:**

**Input:** `intervals = [[1,3],[2,6],[8,10],[15,18]]`

**Output:** `[[1,6],[8,10],[15,18]]`

**Explanation:** Since intervals `[1,3]` and `[2,6]` overlap, merge them into `[1,6]`.

**Example 2:**

**Input:** `intervals = [[1,4],[4,5]]`

**Output:** `[[1,5]]`

**Explanation:** Intervals `[1,4]` and `[4,5]` are considered overlapping.

**Constraints:**

- `1 <= intervals.length <= 104`
- `intervals[i].length == 2`
- `0 <= starti <= endi <= 104`

## Code

```

def merge(intervals):
    intervals.sort()
    output = [intervals[0]]
    for start, end in intervals[1:]:
        lastEnd = output[-1][1]
        if start <= lastEnd:
            output[-1][1] = max(lastEnd, end)

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        else:
            output.append([start,end])
    return output

if __name__ == "__main__":
    intervals = [[1, 3], [8, 10], [15, 18], [2, 6]]
    print(merge(intervals))
```

## Breakdown

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```
def merge([[1, 3], [8, 10], [15, 18], [2, 6]]):
    intervals.sort() >> [[1, 3], [2, 6], [8, 10], [15, 18]]
    output = [[1,3]]
    for start, end in [[2, 6], [8, 10], [15, 18]]:
        #iteration 1 >> [2,6]
        lastEnd = 3
        start = 2
        end = 6
        if 2 <= 3 --> True:
            output[-1][1] = max(3, 6) >> output = [[1,6]]

        #iteration 2 >> [8,10]
        lastEnd = 6
        start = 8
        end = 10
        if 8<=6 --> False
        else --> True:
            output.append([8,10]) >> output = [[1,6],[8,10]]

        #iteration 3 >> [15,18]
        lastEnd = 10
        start = 15
        end = 18
        if 15<=10 --> False
        else --> True
            ouput.append([15,18]) >> output = [[1,6],[8,10],[15,18]]

    return [[1,6],[8,10],[15,18]]
```

## 3. Non Overlapping Intervals

### Medium

Given an array of intervals `intervals` where `intervals[i] = [starti, endi]`, return *the minimum number of intervals you need to remove to make the rest of the intervals non-overlapping.*

#### Example 1:

**Input:** intervals = `[[1,2],[2,3],[3,4],[1,3]]`

**Output:** 1

**Explanation:** `[1,3]` can be removed and the rest of the intervals are non-overlapping.

#### Example 2:

**Input:** intervals = `[[1,2],[1,2],[1,2]]`

**Output:** 2

**Explanation:** You need to remove two `[1,2]` to make the rest of the intervals non-overlapping.

#### Example 3:

**Input:** intervals = `[[1,2],[2,3]]`

**Output:** 0

**Explanation:** You don't need to remove any of the intervals since they're already non-overlapping.

#### Constraints:

- `1 <= intervals.length <= 105`
- `intervals[i].length == 2`
- `-5 * 104 <= starti < endi <= 5 * 104`

## Code

```
def eraseOverlapIntervals(intervals):
    intervals.sort()
    res = 0
    prevEnd = intervals[0][1]
    for start, end in intervals[1:]:
        if start >= prevEnd:
            prevEnd = end
        else:
            res += 1
            prevEnd = min(prevEnd, end)
    return res

if __name__ == "__main__":
    intervals = [[1,2], [2,3], [3,4], [1,3]]
    result = eraseOverlapIntervals(intervals)
    print(result)
```

## Breakdown

```
def eraseOverlapIntervals([[1,2], [2,3], [3,4], [1,3]]):
    intervals.sort() >> [[1, 2], [1, 3], [2, 3], [3, 4]]
    res = 0
    prevEnd = intervals[0][1] >> 2
    for start, end in [[1, 3], [2, 3], [3, 4]]:
        #iter 1 >> [1,3]
        prevEnd = 2
        start = 1
        end = 3
        if 1 >= 2 --> False
        else --> True:
            res += 1 >> res = 1 # we have to erase this interval or we have erased it
            prevEnd = min(2, 3) >> prevEnd = 2

        #iter 2 >> [2,3]
        prevEnd = 2
        start = 2
        end = 3
        if 2>=2 --> True:
            prevEnd = 3

        #iter 3 >> [3,4]
        prevEnd = 3
        start = 3
        end = 4
        if 3>=3 --> True:
            prevEnd = 4

    return 1
```

## 4. Meeting Rooms

Medium

Given an array of meeting time intervals consisting of start and end times `[[s1,e1],[s2,e2],...]` ( $s_i < e_i$ ), determine if a person could attend all meetings.

**Example:**

Input: intervals = [(0,30),(5,10),(15,20)]

Output: false Explanation: (0,30), (5,10) and (0,30),(15,20) will conflict

```
class MeetingRooms:
    def canAttendMeeting(self, intervals):
        intervals.sort(key = lambda i:i[0])
        for i in range(1,len(intervals)):
            i1 = intervals[i-1]
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        i2 = intervals[i]
        if i1[1] > i2[0]:
            return False
        return True

if __name__ == "__main__":
    meetings = MeetingRooms()
    intervals = [(0,30),(5,10),(15,20)]
    attend_all = meetings.canAttendMeeting(intervals)
    print(attend_all)

```

## Breakdown

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```

def canAttendMeeting([(0,30),(5,10),(15,20)]):
    intervals.sort(key = lambda i: i[0]) >> [(0,30),(5,10),(15,20)]
    for i in range(1,3):
        i1 = intervals[i-1] >> intervals[0] >> (0, 30)
        i2 = intervals[i] >> (5,10)
        if 30 > 5 --> True:
            return False

```

## 5.Meeting Rooms II

Medium

Given an array of meeting time intervals consisting of start and end times `[[s1,e1],[s2,e2],...]` ( $s_i < e_i$ ) , find the minimum number of conference rooms required.)

### Example

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Input: intervals = [(0,30),(5,10),(15,20)]  
Output: 2 Explanation: We need two meeting rooms  
room1: (0,30)  
room2: (5,10),(15,20)

```

class MeetingRooms:
    def minMeetingRooms(self, intervals):
        start = sorted([i[0] for i in intervals])
        end = sorted([i[1] for i in intervals])
        res, count = 0, 0
        s, e = 0, 0
        while s<len(intervals):
            if start[s] < end[e]:
                s+=1
                count+=1
            else:
                e += 1
                count-=1
            res = max(res, count)
        return res

if __name__ == "__main__":
    meetings = MeetingRooms()
    intervals = [(0,30),(5,10),(15,20)]
    rooms_needed = meetings.minMeetingRooms(intervals)
    print(rooms_needed)

```

## Breakdown

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```

def minMeetingRooms([(0,30),(5,10),(15,20)]):
    start = [0, 5, 15]
    end = [10, 20, 30]
    res, count = 0, 0

```

```

s, e = 0, 0

while s < 3:
    # s = 0 , e = 0, count=0, res = 0
    if start[0] < end[0] --> 0 < 10 --> True:
        s+=1 >> s = 1
        count+=1 >> count=1
    res = max(0, 1) = 1
    # s = 1, e = 0, count = 1, res = 1
    if start[1] < end[0] --> 5<10 --> True:
        s+=1 >> s = 2
        count+=1 >> count = 2
    res = max(1, 2) = 2
    # s = 2, e = 0, count = 2, res = 2
    if start[2] < end[0] --> 15<10 --> False
    else --> True:
        e+=1 >> e=1
        count-=1 >> count = 1
    res = max(2, 1) = 2
return 2

```

## 6. Meeting Rooms III

Hard

You are given an integer `n` . There are `n` rooms numbered from `0` to `n - 1` .

You are given a 2D integer array `meetings` where `meetings[i] = [starti, endi]` means that a meeting will be held during the **half-closed** time interval `[starti, endi)` . All the values of `starti` are **unique**.

Meetings are allocated to rooms in the following manner:

1. Each meeting will take place in the unused room with the **lowest** number.
2. If there are no available rooms, the meeting will be delayed until a room becomes free. The delayed meeting should have the **same** duration as the original meeting.
3. When a room becomes unused, meetings that have an earlier original **start** time should be given the room.

Return *the **number of the room that held the most meetings***. If there are multiple rooms, return *the room with the **lowest** number*.

A **half-closed interval** `[a, b)` is the interval between `a` and `b` **including** `a` and **not including** `b` .

**Example 1:**

**Input:** `n = 2, meetings = [[0,10],[1,5],[2,7],[3,4]]`

**Output:** 0

**Explanation:**

- At time 0, both rooms are not being used. The first meeting starts in room 0.
  - At time 1, only room 1 is not being used. The second meeting starts in room 1.
  - At time 2, both rooms are being used. The third meeting is delayed.
  - At time 3, both rooms are being used. The fourth meeting is delayed.
  - At time 5, the meeting in room 1 finishes. The third meeting starts in room 1 for the time period `[5,10)`.
  - At time 10, the meetings in both rooms finish. The fourth meeting starts in room 0 for the time period `[10,11)`.
- Both rooms 0 and 1 held 2 meetings, so we return 0.

**Example 2:**

**Input:** `n = 3, meetings = [[1,20],[2,10],[3,5],[4,9],[6,8]]`

**Output:** 1

**Explanation:**

- At time 1, all three rooms are not being used. The first meeting starts in room 0.
  - At time 2, rooms 1 and 2 are not being used. The second meeting starts in room 1.
  - At time 3, only room 2 is not being used. The third meeting starts in room 2.
  - At time 4, all three rooms are being used. The fourth meeting is delayed.
  - At time 5, the meeting in room 2 finishes. The fourth meeting starts in room 2 for the time period `[5,10)`.
  - At time 6, all three rooms are being used. The fifth meeting is delayed.
  - At time 10, the meetings in rooms 1 and 2 finish. The fifth meeting starts in room 1 for the time period `[10,12)`.
- Room 0 held 1 meeting while rooms 1 and 2 each held 2 meetings, so we return 1.

### Constraints:

- `1 <= n <= 100`
- `1 <= meetings.length <= 105`
- `meetings[i].length == 2`
- `0 <= starti < endi <= 5 * 105`
- All the values of `starti` are **unique**.

```
import heapq
class Solution(object):
    def mostBooked(self, n, meetings):
        busy = []
        available = [i for i in range(n)]

        count = [0]*n
        meetings.sort()

        for start, end in meetings:
            while busy and busy[0][0]<=start:
                _end, room = heapq.heappop(busy)
                heapq.heappush(available, room)
            if available:
                room = heapq.heappop(available)
                heapq.heappush(busy, (end, room))
            else:
                time, room = heapq.heappop(busy)
                heapq.heappush(busy, (time+ end-start, room))
            count[room] += 1
        return count.index(max(count))

if __name__ == '__main__':
    n = 2
    meetings = [[0,10],[1,5],[2,7],[3,4]]
    s = Solution()
    result = s.mostBooked(n, meetings)
    print(result)
```

## 7. Minimum Interval to Include Each Query

### Hard

You are given a 2D integer array `intervals`, where `intervals[i] = [lefti, righti]` describes the `i`th interval starting at `lefti` and ending at `righti` (**inclusive**). The **size** of an interval is defined as the number of integers it contains, or more formally `righti - lefti + 1`.

You are also given an integer array `queries`. The answer to the `j`th query is the **size of the smallest interval** `i` such that `lefti <= queries[j] <= righti`. If no such interval exists, the answer is `-1`.

Return *an array containing the answers to the queries*.

#### Example 1:

**Input:** `intervals = [[1,4],[2,4],[3,6],[4,4]]`, `queries = [2,3,4,5]`

**Output:** `[3,3,1,4]`

**Explanation:** The queries are processed as follows:

- Query = 2: The interval [2,4] is the smallest interval containing 2. The answer is `4 - 2 + 1 = 3`.
- Query = 3: The interval [2,4] is the smallest interval containing 3. The answer is `4 - 2 + 1 = 3`.
- Query = 4: The interval [4,4] is the smallest interval containing 4. The answer is `4 - 4 + 1 = 1`.
- Query = 5: The interval [3,6] is the smallest interval containing 5. The answer is `6 - 3 + 1 = 4`.

#### Example 2:

**Input:** `intervals = [[2,3],[2,5],[1,8],[20,25]]`, `queries = [2,19,5,22]`

**Output:** `[2,-1,4,6]`

**Explanation:** The queries are processed as follows:

- Query = 2: The interval [2,3] is the smallest interval containing 2. The answer is `3 - 2 + 1 = 2`.
- Query = 19: None of the intervals contain 19. The answer is `-1`.
- Query = 5: The interval [2,5] is the smallest interval containing 5. The answer is `5 - 2 + 1 = 4`.
- Query = 22: The interval [20,25] is the smallest interval containing 22. The answer is `25 - 20 + 1 = 6`.

### Constraints:



- `1 <= intervals.length <= 105`
- `1 <= queries.length <= 105`
- `intervals[i].length == 2`
- `1 <= lefti <= righti <= 107`
- `1 <= queries[j] <= 107`

```
import heapq
class Intervals:
    def minInterval(self, intervals, queries):
        intervals.sort()
        minHeap = []
        res, i = {}, 0
        for q in sorted(queries):
            while i < len(intervals) and intervals[i][0] <= q:
                l, r = intervals[i]
                heapq.heappush(minHeap, (r-l+1, r))
                i += 1
            while minHeap and minHeap[0][1] < q:
                heapq.heappop(minHeap)
            res[q] = minHeap[0][0] if minHeap else -1
        return [res[q] for q in queries]

if __name__ == "__main__":
    i = Intervals()
    intervals = [[1,4],[2,4],[3,6],[4,4]]
    queries = [2,3,4,5]
    min_interval = i.minInterval(intervals, queries)
    print(min_interval)
```

## Breakdown

```
def minInterval([[1,4],[2,4],[3,6],[4,4]], [2,3,4,5]):
    intervals.sort() >> [[1,4],[2,4],[3,6],[4,4]]
    minHeap = []
    res, i = {}, 0
    for q in sorted([2,3,4,5]):
        # q = 2, i = 0
        while i < 4 and intervals[i][0] <= 2:
            i = 0
            l, r = [1,4]
            heapq.heappush([], (4-1+1, 4)) >> minHeap = [(4,4)]
            i+=1 >> i = 1
            # 1<4 and 2<=2 --> True
            i = 1
            l, r = [2,4]
            heapq.heappush([], (4-2+1, 4)) >> minHeap = [(3,4),(4,4)]
            i+=1 >> i = 2
            # 2<4 and 2<=3 --> False
        # Ends while loop
        while [(3,4),(4,4)] and 4<2 --> False
        res[2] = minHeap[0][0] if minHeap else -1 >> res = {2:3}

    #similarly the following happens
    # q = 3, i = 2
    res = {2:3, 3: 3}
    # q = 4
    res = {2:3, 3:3, 4:1}
    # q = 5
    res = {2:3, 3:3, 4:1, 5:4}
    return [3, 3, 1, 4]
```

End