

56. Merge Intervals

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Given an array of intervals where $intervals[i] = [start_i, end_i]$, merge all overlapping intervals, and return an array of the non-overlapping intervals that cover all the intervals in the input.

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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] overlaps, 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:

- $1 \leq intervals.length \leq 10^4$
- $intervals[i].length == 2$
- $0 \leq start_i \leq end_i \leq 10^4$

A. ① Overlapping

| inter1 | inter2 | |
|---------|---------|---|
| [1, 8] | [8, 12] | ✓ |
| [1, 8] | [7, 12] | ✓ |
| [>1, 8] | [9, 2] | ✗ |
| [1, 8] | [1, 9] | ✓ |

∴ if $inter1[0] \leq inter2[0] \leq inter1[1]$

② Sort all intervals in advance

[[1,3], [8,10], [2,6], [15,18]]

↓

[[1,3], [2,6], [8,10], [15,18]]

③ $ans = [[1,3]]$ ← 1st interval is taken

for interval in rest:

if $ans[-1]$ not overlapping with interval:

$ans.append(interval)$

else :

1) merge

2) update the ans[-1] to be merged interval.

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def overlapping(self, inter1:List[int],inter2:List[int]) -> bool:
    if inter1[0]<=inter2[0] <=inter1[1]:
        return True
    return False
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def merge(self,intervals: List[List[int]]) -> List[List[int]]:
    heap,sorted_intervals,ans = [],[],[]
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    for interval in intervals:
        heappush(heap,interval)
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    ans.append(heappop(heap))
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    while heap:
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        sorted_intervals.append( heappop(heap))
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    for interval in sorted_intervals:
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        if not self.overlapping(ans[-1],interval):
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            ans.append(interval)
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        else:
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            ans[-1][1]=max(ans[-1][1],interval[1]) - update
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```
    return ans
```

merge

or use

Sort()