

Test Name:

Summary Timeline

Tasks summary

Task	Time spent	Score
<div>NailingPlanks</div> <div>Java 8</div>	4 min	100%

Total score

100%

Tasks Details

Medium	1. NailingPlanks Count the minimum number of nails that allow a series of planks to be nailed.	Task Score	Correctness	Performance
		100%	100%	100%

Task description

You are given two non-empty arrays A and B consisting of N integers. These arrays represent N planks. More precisely, A[K] is the start and B[K] the end of the K-th plank.

Next, you are given a non-empty array C consisting of M integers. This array represents M nails. More precisely, C[I] is the position where you can hammer in the I-th nail.

We say that a plank (A[K], B[K]) is nailed if there exists a nail C[I] such that A[K] ≤ C[I] ≤ B[K].

The goal is to find the minimum number of nails that must be used until all the planks are nailed. In other words, you should find a value J such that all planks will be nailed after using only the first J nails. More precisely, for every plank (A[K], B[K]) such that 0 ≤ K < N, there should exist a nail C[I] such that I < J and A[K] ≤ C[I] ≤ B[K].

For example, given arrays A, B such that:

A[0] = 1 B[0] = 4

A[1] = 4 B[1] = 5

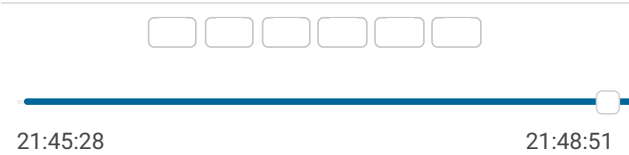
A[2] = 5 B[2] = 9

A[3] = 8 B[3] = 10

Solution

Programming language used:	Java 8	
Total time used:	4 minutes	?
Effective time used:	4 minutes	?
Notes:	not defined yet	

Task timeline



Code: 21:48:51 UTC, java, [show code in pop-up](#)
final, score: 100

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// you can also use imports, for example:

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import java.util.*;

four planks are represented: [1, 4], [4, 5], [5, 9] and [8, 10].

Given array C such that:

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C[0] = 4
C[1] = 6
C[2] = 7
C[3] = 10
C[4] = 2
```

if we use the following nails:

- 0, then planks [1, 4] and [4, 5] will both be nailed.
- 0, 1, then planks [1, 4], [4, 5] and [5, 9] will be nailed.
- 0, 1, 2, then planks [1, 4], [4, 5] and [5, 9] will be nailed.
- 0, 1, 2, 3, then all the planks will be nailed.

Thus, four is the minimum number of nails that, used sequentially, allow all the planks to be nailed.

Write a function:

```
class Solution { public int solution(int[] A,
int[] B, int[] C); }
```

that, given two non-empty arrays A and B consisting of N integers and a non-empty array C consisting of M integers, returns the minimum number of nails that, used sequentially, allow all the planks to be nailed.

If it is not possible to nail all the planks, the function should return -1.

For example, given arrays A, B, C such that:

```
A[0] = 1    B[0] = 4
A[1] = 4    B[1] = 5
A[2] = 5    B[2] = 9
A[3] = 8    B[3] = 10
```

```
C[0] = 4
C[1] = 6
C[2] = 7
C[3] = 10
C[4] = 2
```

the function should return 4, as explained above.

Write an **efficient** algorithm for the following assumptions:

- N and M are integers within the range [1..30,000];
- each element of arrays A, B and C is an integer within the range [1..2*M];
- $A[K] \leq B[K]$.

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3
4 // you can write to stdout for debugging purposes
5 // System.out.println("this is a debug message");
6
7 class Solution {
8     public int solution(int[] A, int[] B, int[] C) {
9         int N = A.length;
10        int M = C.length;
11
12        // two dimension array to save the original positions
13        int[][] sortedNails = new int[M][2];
14        for (int i = 0; i < M; i++) {
15            sortedNails[i][0] = C[i]; // nail position
16            sortedNails[i][1] = i; // nail index
17        }
18
19        // sort nails by their positions
20        Arrays.sort(sortedNails, (int[] x, int[] y) -> x[0] - y[0]);
21
22        // max index between all min nail indices
23        int minNailIndex = -1;
24
25        for (int k = 0; k < N; k++) {
26            // find min nail index between A[k] and B[k]
27            minNailIndex = findMinNailIndex(sortedNails, A[k], B[k]);
28            if (minNailIndex == -1) {
29                return -1;
30            }
31        }
32
33        return minNailIndex + 1;
34    }
35
36    /**
37     * Find the min index of nails that are between A and B
38     *
39     * @param sortedNails
40     * @param a
41     * @param b
42     * @return the min index if found, or -1 if not found
43     */
44    public int findMinNailIndex(int[][] sortedNails, int a, int b) {
45        int left = 0;
46        int right = sortedNails.length - 1;
47        int minIndex = -1;
48
49        // search for most left nail that is between a and b
50        while (left <= right) {
51            int mid = (left + right) / 2;
52            int c = sortedNails[mid][0];
53            if (c < a) {
54                left = mid + 1;
55            } else if (c > b) {
56                right = mid - 1;
57            } else {
58                right = mid - 1;
59                minIndex = mid;
60            }
61        }
62
63        if (minIndex == -1) { // not found
64            return -1;
65        }
66
67        int minIndexOriginal = sortedNails[minIndex][1];
68
69        // testing neighbour nails
70        for (int i = minIndex; i < sortedNails.length; i++) {
71            minIndexOriginal = Math.min(minIndexOriginal, sortedNails[i][1]);
72            if (minIndexOriginal <= currentMinIndex) {
73                return currentMinIndex;
74            }
75        }
76
77        return minIndexOriginal;
78    }
79 }
80 }
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Analysis summary

The solution obtained perfect score.

Analysis

Detected time complexity: $O((N + M) * \log(M))$

collapse all		Example tests
▼	example example test	✓ OK
1. 0.008 s OK		
collapse all		Correctness tests
▼	extreme_single single nail and single plank	✓ OK
1. 0.008 s OK		
2. 0.004 s OK		
▼	extreme_point nail is a point [1, 1]	✓ OK
1. 0.004 s OK		
2. 0.004 s OK		
▼	few_nails_in_the_same_place few nails are in the same place	✓ OK
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3. 0.008 s OK		
▼	random_small random sequence, length = ~100	✓ OK
1. 0.008 s OK		
collapse all		Performance tests
▼	random_medium random sequence, length = ~10,000	✓ OK
1. 0.120 s OK		
2. 0.404 s OK		
▼	random_large random sequence, length = ~30,000	✓ OK
1. 0.240 s OK		
▼	extreme_large_planks all large planks, length = ~30,000	✓ OK
1. 0.240 s OK		
▼	large_point all planks are points, length = ~30,000	✓ OK
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