

# Problem 1889: Minimum Space Wasted From Packaging

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Hard

**Acceptance Rate:** 33.14%

**Paid Only:** No

**Tags:** Array, Binary Search, Sorting, Prefix Sum

## Problem Description

You have  $n$  packages that you are trying to place in boxes, **one package in each box**. There are  $m$  suppliers that each produce boxes of **different sizes** (with infinite supply). A package can be placed in a box if the size of the package is **less than or equal to** the size of the box.

The package sizes are given as an integer array `packages`, where `packages[i]` is the **size** of the  $i$ th package. The suppliers are given as a 2D integer array `boxes`, where `boxes[j]` is an array of **box sizes** that the  $j$ th supplier produces.

You want to choose a **single supplier** and use boxes from them such that the **total wasted space** is **minimized**. For each package in a box, we define the space **wasted** to be `size of the box - size of the package`. The **total wasted space** is the sum of the space wasted in **all** the boxes.

\* For example, if you have to fit packages with sizes `[2,3,5]` and the supplier offers boxes of sizes `[4,8]`, you can fit the packages of size-`2` and size-`3` into two boxes of size-`4` and the package with size-`5` into a box of size-`8`. This would result in a waste of  $(4-2) + (4-3) + (8-5) = 6$ .

Return the **minimum total wasted space** by choosing the box supplier **optimally**, or `-1` if it is **impossible** to fit all the packages inside boxes. Since the answer may be **large**, return it **modulo**  $10^9 + 7$ .

**Example 1.**

**\*\*Input:\*\*** packages = [2,3,5], boxes = [[4,8],[2,8]] **\*\*Output:\*\*** 6 **\*\*Explanation\*\*** : It is optimal to choose the first supplier, using two size-4 boxes and one size-8 box. The total waste is  $(4-2) + (4-3) + (8-5) = 6$ .

**\*\*Example 2:\*\***

**\*\*Input:\*\*** packages = [2,3,5], boxes = [[1,4],[2,3],[3,4]] **\*\*Output:\*\*** -1 **\*\*Explanation:\*\*** There is no box that the package of size 5 can fit in.

**\*\*Example 3:\*\***

**\*\*Input:\*\*** packages = [3,5,8,10,11,12], boxes = [[12],[11,9],[10,5,14]] **\*\*Output:\*\*** 9  
**\*\*Explanation:\*\*** It is optimal to choose the third supplier, using two size-5 boxes, two size-10 boxes, and two size-14 boxes. The total waste is  $(5-3) + (5-5) + (10-8) + (10-10) + (14-11) + (14-12) = 9$ .

**\*\*Constraints:\*\***

\*  $n == \text{packages.length}$  \*  $m == \text{boxes.length}$  \*  $1 \leq n \leq 105$  \*  $1 \leq m \leq 105$  \*  $1 \leq \text{packages}[i] \leq 105$  \*  $1 \leq \text{boxes}[j].\text{length} \leq 105$  \*  $1 \leq \text{boxes}[j][k] \leq 105$  \*  $\sum(\text{boxes}[j].\text{length}) \leq 105$  \* The elements in  $\text{boxes}[j]$  are **\*\*distinct\*\***.

## Code Snippets

**C++:**

```
class Solution {
public:
    int minWastedSpace(vector<int>& packages, vector<vector<int>>& boxes) {

    }
};
```

**Java:**

```
class Solution {
    public int minWastedSpace(int[] packages, int[][] boxes) {

    }
}
```

**Python3:**

```
class Solution:
    def minWastedSpace(self, packages: List[int], boxes: List[List[int]]) -> int:
```