

# Problem 452: Minimum Number of Arrows to Burst Balloons

## Problem Information

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Acceptance Rate:** 60.94%

**Paid Only:** No

**Tags:** Array, Greedy, Sorting

## Problem Description

There are some spherical balloons taped onto a flat wall that represents the XY-plane. The balloons are represented as a 2D integer array `points` where `points[i] = [xstart, xend]` denotes a balloon whose **horizontal diameter** stretches between `xstart` and `xend`. You do not know the exact y-coordinates of the balloons.

Arrows can be shot up **directly vertically** (in the positive y-direction) from different points along the x-axis. A balloon with `xstart` and `xend` is **burst** by an arrow shot at `x` if `xstart <= x <= xend`. There is **no limit** to the number of arrows that can be shot. A shot arrow keeps traveling up infinitely, bursting any balloons in its path.

Given the array `points`, return the **minimum** number of arrows that must be shot to burst all balloons.

**Example 1:**

**Input:** `points = [[10,16],[2,8],[1,6],[7,12]]` **Output:** 2 **Explanation:** The balloons can be burst by 2 arrows: - Shoot an arrow at `x = 6`, bursting the balloons `[2,8]` and `[1,6]`. - Shoot an arrow at `x = 11`, bursting the balloons `[10,16]` and `[7,12]`.

**Example 2:**

**Input:** `points = [[1,2],[3,4],[5,6],[7,8]]` **Output:** 4 **Explanation:** One arrow needs to be shot for each balloon for a total of 4 arrows.

**Example 3:**

**\*\*Input:\*\*** points = [[1,2],[2,3],[3,4],[4,5]] **\*\*Output:\*\*** 2 **\*\*Explanation:\*\*** The balloons can be burst by 2 arrows: - Shoot an arrow at x = 2, bursting the balloons [1,2] and [2,3]. - Shoot an arrow at x = 4, bursting the balloons [3,4] and [4,5].

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

\* `1 <= points.length <= 105` \* `points[i].length == 2` \* `-231 <= xstart < xend <= 231 - 1`

## Code Snippets

### C++:

```
class Solution {
public:
    int findMinArrowShots(vector<vector<int>>& points) {

    }
};
```

### Java:

```
class Solution {
    public int findMinArrowShots(int[][] points) {

    }
}
```

### Python3:

```
class Solution:
    def findMinArrowShots(self, points: List[List[int]]) -> int:
```