

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:
```