

Problem: Interval arithmetic

Using Python object oriented programming, write a class called `Interval` that represents a one-dimensional open interval on the real line. This main purpose of this class is to simplify overlapping continuous intervals. The code below should get you started but there are a lot of missing pieces that you will have to figure out.

The API should take a pair of integers as input and respond to the `+` operator such that

```
>>> a = Interval(1,3)
>>> b = Interval(2,4)
>>> c = Interval(5,10)
>>> a + b
Interval(1,4)
>>> b+c
[ Interval(2,4), Interval(5,10)]
```

- Note that in the case of non-overlapping intervals, the output should be a list of constituent `Intervals`. Keep in mind that these are **open** intervals. Specifically,

```
>>> Interval(2,3)+Interval(1,2)
[Interval(2,3), Interval(1,2)]
```

- Note that these do not produce a single interval because each interval is open (not closed). The interval endpoints can be negative also (e.g., `Interval(-10,-3)` is valid). The output **does not** have to be sorted.
- It's up to you to write the dunder functions for your object. If you do this right, you will have a very general solution to this problem.

This is where good object-oriented design pays off.

Note: Make sure to implement `__eq__` method below, to pass all the test cases in the grader.

Starter Code:

```
# fill out the necessary methods shown below and add others if need be.

class Interval(object):
    def __init__(self,a,b):
        """
        :a: integer
        :b: integer
        """
        assert a<b
        assert isinstance(a,int)
        assert isinstance(b,int)
        self._a = a
        self._b = b
    def __repr__(self):
        pass
    def __eq__(self,other):
        pass
    def __lt__(self,other):
        pass
    def __gt__(self,other):
        pass
    def __ge__(self,other):
        pass
    def __le__(self,other):
        pass
    def __add__(self,other):
        pass
```

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