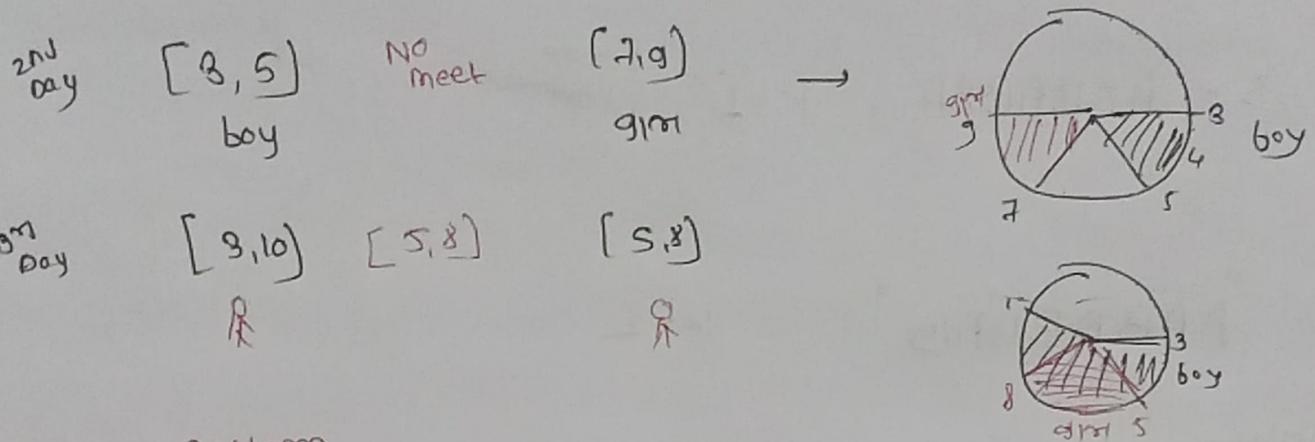
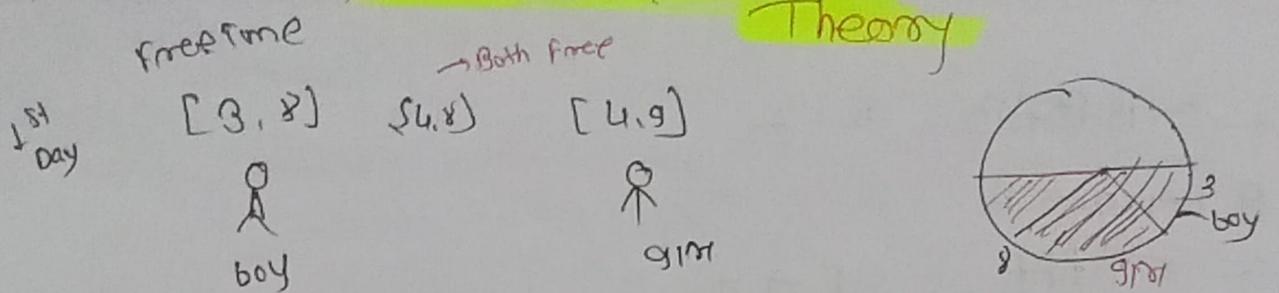


Interval Pattern Theory

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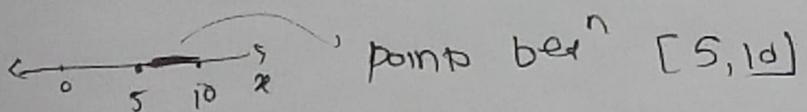
Interval pattern

Many real world pattern/problems involved ranges
 (Time ranges, number ranges, memory ranges, geometric ranges). $\{ (1, 5), (3, 6), (1, 3) \}$ These are IP ranges &

IP [3,8] [4,9] [12,19], [7,20] (17-20) - 1
Interval end

An Interval is written as

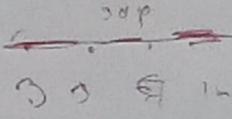
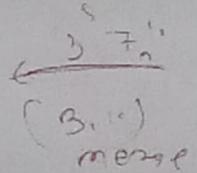
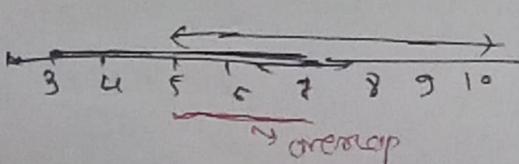
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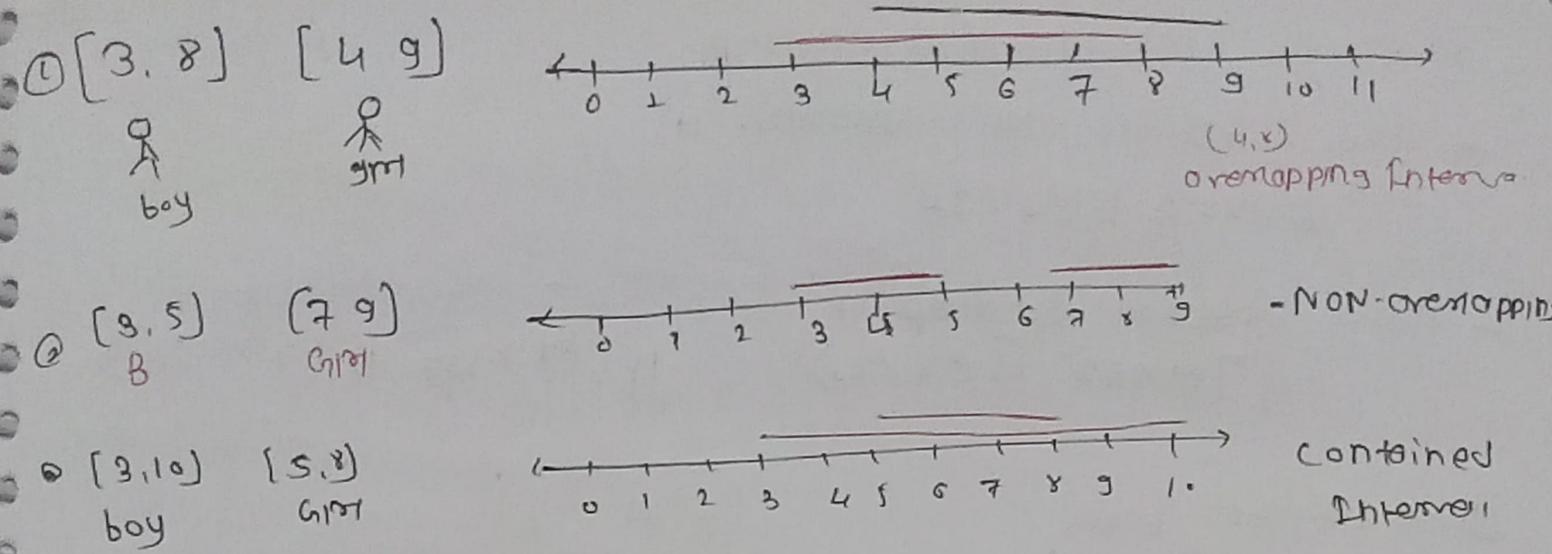


These patterns help us understand how these ranges overlap, merge, intersect or leave gap

8.9 [5,10]

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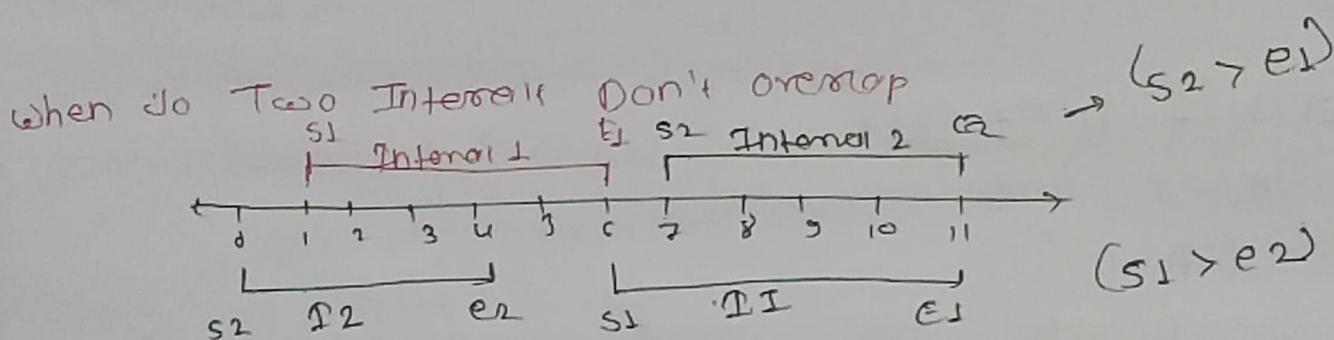




when do Two Interval overlap:

$$I_1 = [s_1, e_1]$$

$$I_2 = [s_2, e_2]$$



1) When 2nd event starts, After 1st event is completed

$$s_2 > e_1$$

2) When first event starts after the second event is completed

$$s_2 > s_1 > e_2$$

$s_2 > e_1 \text{ or } s_1 > e_2$ → Two Intervals
Don't overlap

! $\langle (s_2 > e_1) \text{ or } (s_1 > e_2) \rangle \rightarrow \text{overlap}$

When do Two Intervals overlap

- Two Intervals don't overlap IF:

$$e_1 > s_2 \text{ } \& \text{ } e_2 < s_1$$

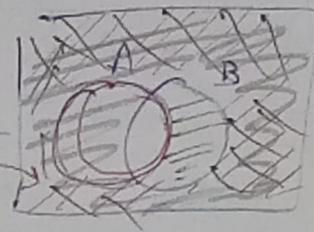
- Two Intervals overlap IF:

$$\begin{aligned} & ! (e_1 < s_2 \text{ } \& \text{ } e_2 < s_1) \\ & \quad \text{or} \\ & \quad (e_1 > s_2 \text{ } \& \text{ } e_2 > s_1) \end{aligned}$$

① De Morgan's Law

$$\textcircled{1} (A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$$

$$\textcircled{2} (A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$$



$$A^c =$$

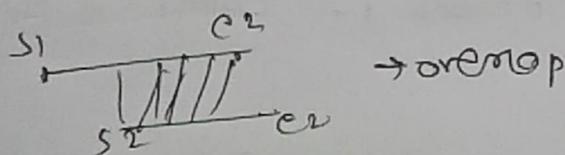
$$B^c =$$

$$\left(\underbrace{e_1 > s_2}_{A} \text{ } \& \text{ } \underbrace{e_2 < s_1}_{A} \right)^c$$

$$(A \cap B)^c$$

$$A^c \cup B^c$$

$$(e_1 > s_2)^c \text{ } \& \text{ } (e_2 < s_1)^c$$



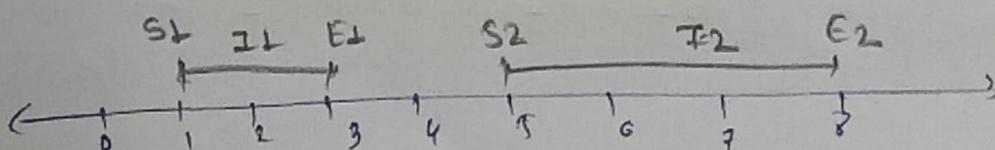
Types of Interval Relationship

→ Non-overlapping

$$\begin{bmatrix} s_1 & e_1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} s_2 & e_2 \\ 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min(e_1, e_2) &= 3 \\ \max(s_1, s_2) &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{5 - 3 = 2 \text{ Difference}}$$



$$s_2 > e_1 \text{ } \& \text{ }$$

$$\cancel{e_2 \rightarrow s_1}$$

$$s_1 > e_2$$

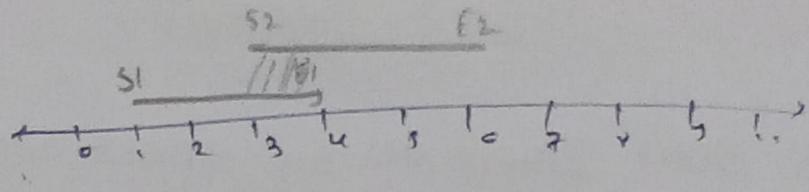
Gap exists

Useful for finding free gap

Overlapping

$$e_1 > s_2$$

$$\therefore e_2 > s_1$$



E.g. $[1, 4] \cap [3, 6]$

$$\langle \max(s_1, s_2), \min(e_1, e_2) \rangle$$

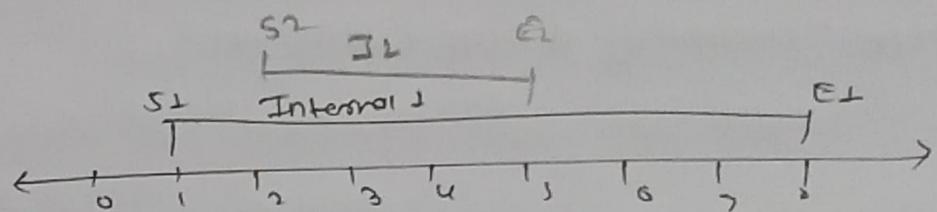
$$(3, 4) = 1$$

① They share time

② Useful for merging or counting conflicts

③ contained:

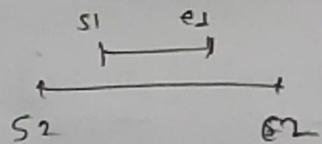
$[1, 8] \subset [2, 5]$



Condition 1: $(s_2) = s_1 \text{ and } e_2 \leq e_1$

if $s_2 < e_1$ of

Condition 2: $(s_1) = s_2 \text{ and } e_2 > e_1$



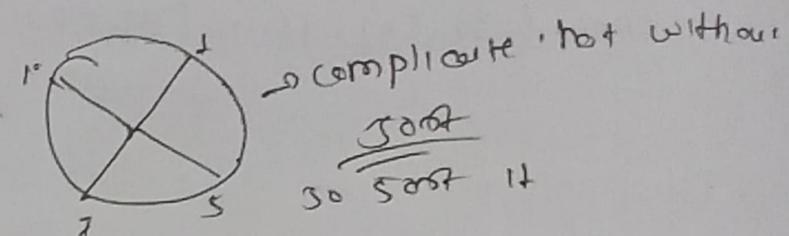
Smaller Interval lives Fully Inside Larger one

First Step in Interval Problems

① Sort

- Always sort intervals by their start time

$$[\underbrace{5, 7}_2], [\underbrace{1, 10}_1] [\underbrace{11, 13}_3] \rightarrow [\underbrace{1, 10}_1] [\underbrace{5, 7}_2] [\underbrace{11, 13}_3]$$



Why Sort :-

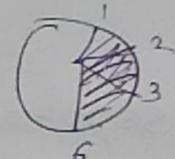
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- ② Adjacent intervals can be compared directly
- ③ Easier merging & gap detection.

Problems :-

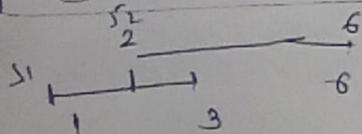
merge overlapping Intervals :

$$[1, 3] [2, 6] [8, 10] [15, 18]$$

$$\begin{cases} 1, 3 \\ 2, 6 \end{cases}$$



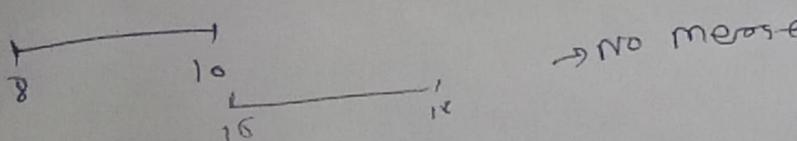
Ans
1 (1, 3) \rightarrow [1, 6], [8, 10] [15, 18]



$$\min(s_1, s_2) = 1$$

$$\max(e_1, e_2) = 6$$

<1, 6> Ans

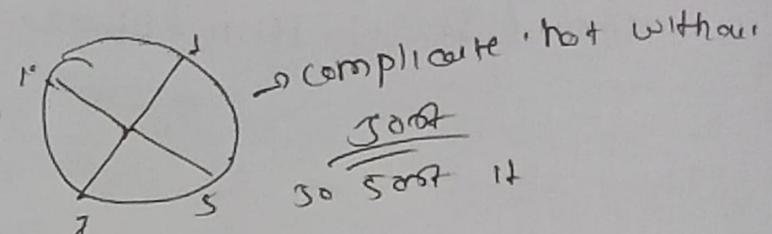


First Step in Interval Problems

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$$[\underbrace{5_1 - 7}_2], [\underbrace{1_1 - 10}_1] [\underbrace{11_3 - 13}_3] \rightarrow [1_1 - 10] [5_2 - 7] [11_3 - 13]$$



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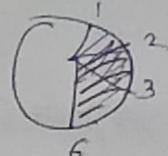
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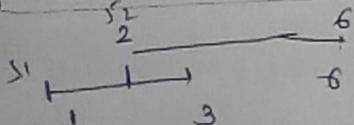
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$$\begin{matrix} [1_1 - 3_2] \\ [2_2 - 6_3] \end{matrix}$$



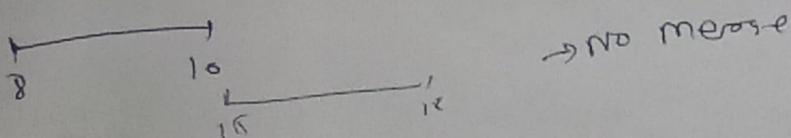
~~Ans~~ $\boxed{[1_1 - 3_2]} \rightarrow [1_1 - 6_3] [8_4 - 10_5] [15_6 - 18_7]$



$$\min(SL, S2) = 1$$

$$\max(EL, E2) = 6$$

L, C Ans



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sort (Intervals)           // Add First Interval  
result.add (Intervals[0])  
for (i=1 ; i<Intervals.length ; i++)
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↓

last = res.length - 1 → Remove last
Interval = Intervals[i]

$\rightarrow [1, 3] \quad [2, 6] \quad [8, 10] \quad [15, 19]$

Ans: $[1, 3]$

IF [Interval[0]] <= [last[1]];

last[0] = min (Interval[0], last[0])

last[1] = max (Interval[1], last[1])

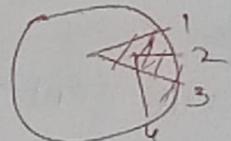
else

res.add (Interval)

Problems②

① meeting rooms (check the conflicts)

$(1-3) \cap (2-4)$



can person attend all meetings?

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sort (Intervals)
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for (int i=1 ; i<Intervals.length ; i++)
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Interval = Intervals[i-1];

curr = Intervals[i]

IF [curr[0]] <= [Interval[1]]

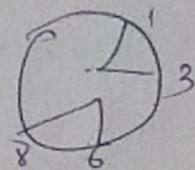
return False;

else

return True

③ find free gap time (gaps)

{1, 3} [6, 8]



Given busy interval, find available time slot

{1, 3} [6, 8]

Sort intervals

For int $i = 1$; $i < \text{intervals.length}$; $i++$

interval = intervals[i-1]

(curr = interval[i])

IF curr[0] \geq lastInterval[1];

res.add(interval[i], curr[0])

→ current interval of
start time

→ interval as end time

return res

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① Input contains Intervals (time or numeric ranges)

② You need to analyse overlaps, gaps, order, capacity, merging, or coverage

③ Sorting by start time solved the biggest part of the problem.

Intuition behind sorting by start time

① choose ..

Eg {5, 7} {1, 4} {1, 2, 10} {3, 5} {9, 11} {3, 6}

Therefore

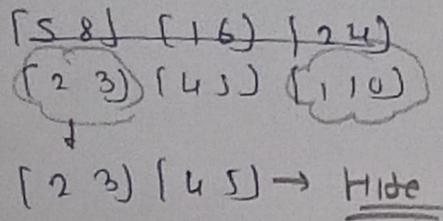
{3, 7} {2, 9}

② event comparison :

Merging : new event.start \leq prev.event.end

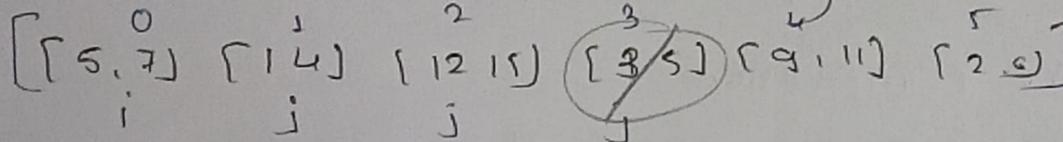
③ Why NOT sort by end

Hides future concept



problems :-

④ merge Intervals (Brute force)

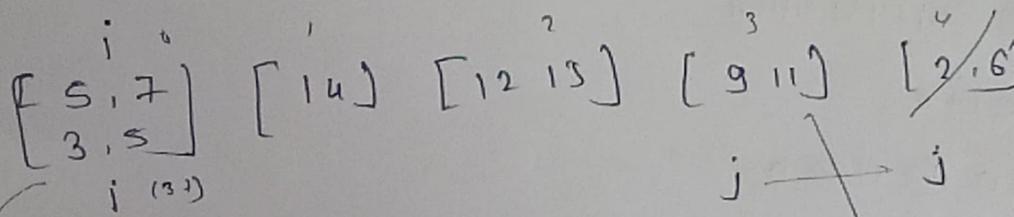


→ pair wise comparison

$$[5, 7] [3, 5] \xrightarrow{\text{merge}} [3, 7]$$

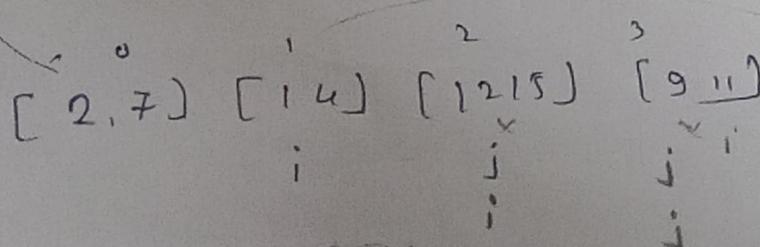
$$[5, 7] + [1, 4] \rightarrow \text{No merge b/c } \frac{1}{5} \cancel{\frac{4}{5}} \frac{1}{1}$$

j को आजा



No need to j++ b/c
after new index formed
j at next already

$$[2, 6] [3, 7] \rightarrow [2, 7]$$



j++ b/c we can
compare all pairs

result = [2, 7] (1, 4) [12, 15] [9, 11]
pending
= can merge

① Iteration pair
comparison

$(2, 7) [1, 4] [12, 15] [3, 11]$
 i j
 $\Rightarrow [1, 7] [12, 15] [3, 11]$
 i j
 j
 i (Done)
 result: (1, 7) (12, 15) (3, 11)

Refining the Algorithm

- ① pair wise comparison
- ② we get answer after 1st Iteration
- ③ After ~~no~~ some iteration 1st Rintervl intereal $\neq 1$
- ④ So it can also merge 2nd interval
- we have to do pair-wise comparison after merge

- ⑤ pair-wise comparison
 - ↳ merge
 - ↳ run ① again
 - merge not happen
 - ↳ merged all intervals