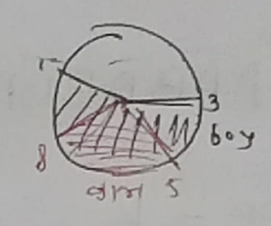
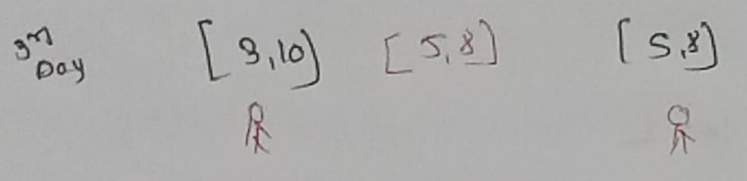
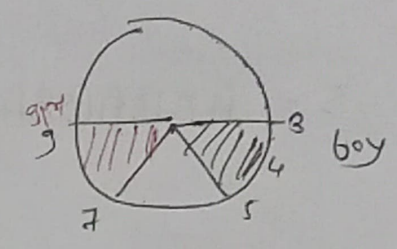
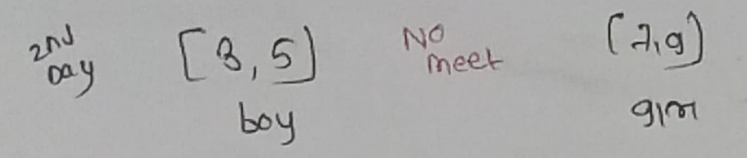
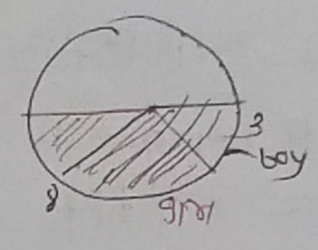
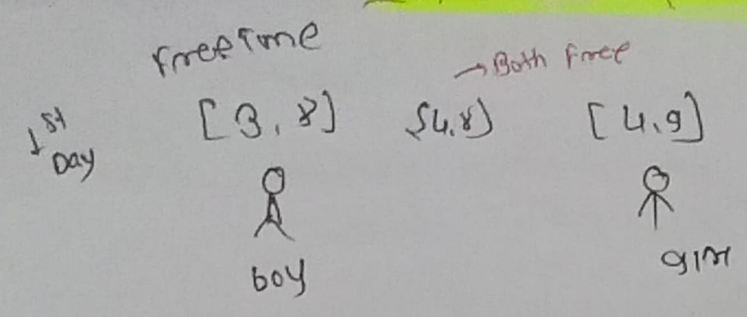
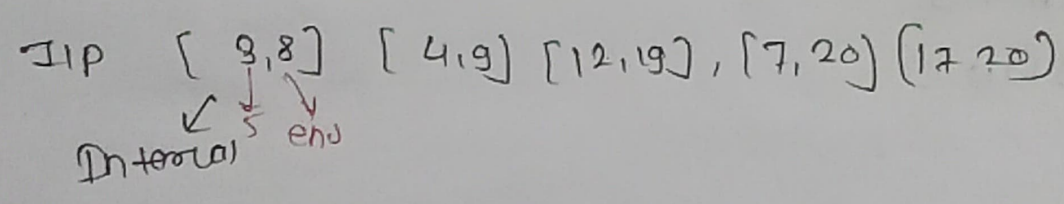
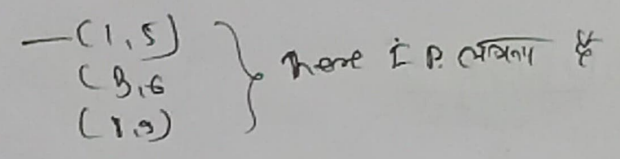


# Interval Pattern Theory



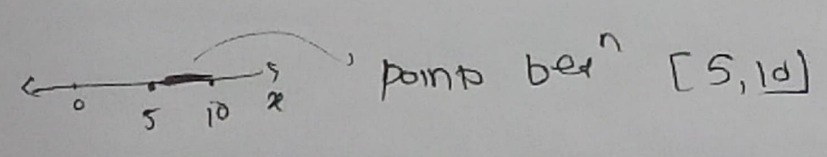
## Interval pattern

Many real world pattern/problems involves ranges. (time ranges, number ranges, memory ranges, geometric ranges).

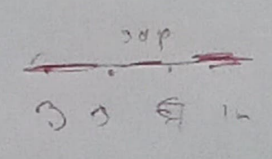
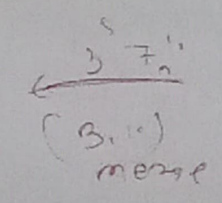
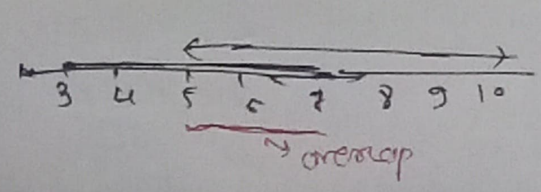
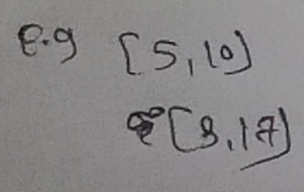


An Interval is written as

[start, end]

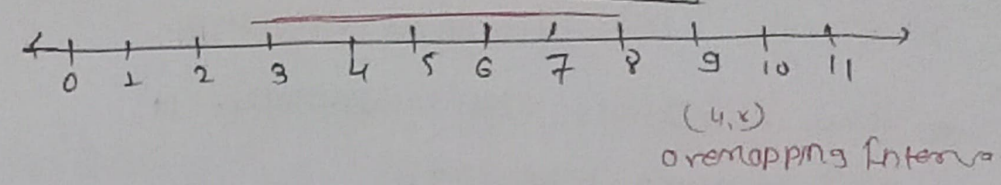


These pattern helps us understand how these range overlap, merge, intersect or leave gap

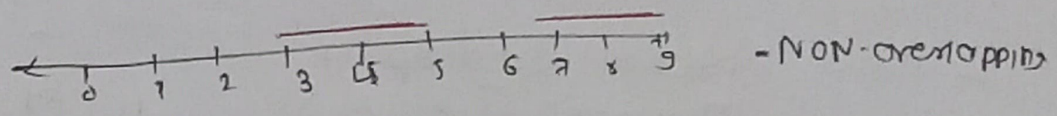




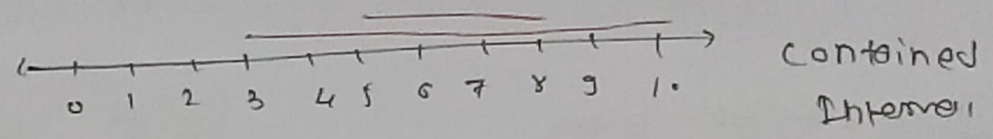
① [3, 8] [4, 9]  
 boy girl



② [3, 5] [7, 9]  
 B girl



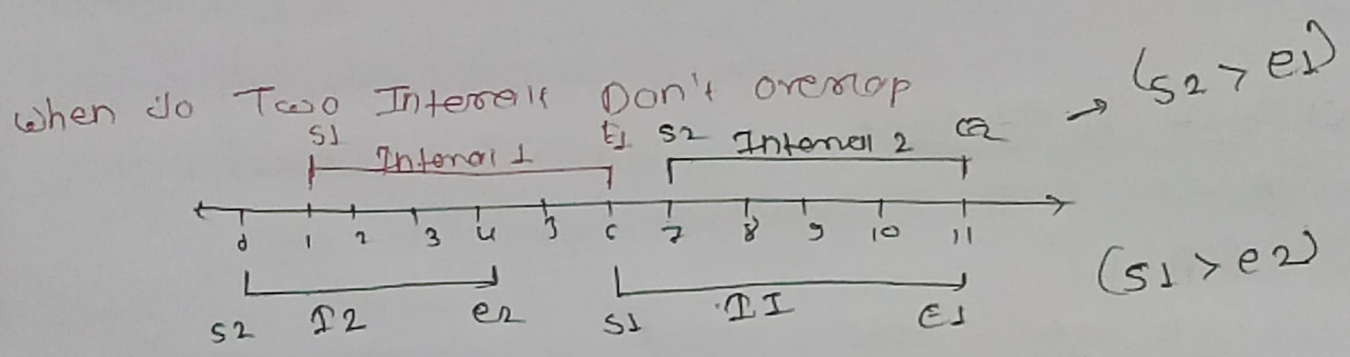
③ [3, 10] [5, 8]  
 boy girl



When do Two Interval overlap:

$$I_1 = [S_1, E_1]$$

$$I_2 = [S_2, E_2]$$



$\langle s_2 > e_1 \parallel s_1 > e_2 \rangle \rightarrow$  NO overlapping

1) When 2<sup>nd</sup> event starts, After 1<sup>st</sup> event is completed  
 $s_2 > e_1$

2) When 1<sup>st</sup> event starts after the 2<sup>nd</sup> event is completed  
 $s_1 > e_2$

$s_2 > e_1 \parallel s_1 > e_2 \rightarrow$  Two Intervals Don't overlap

$\parallel \langle (s_2 > e_1) \parallel (s_1 > e_2) \rangle \rightarrow$  Overlap



When do Two Interval overlap

- Two Intervals don't overlap IF:

$$e_1 \geq s_2 \text{ || } e_2 \leq s_1$$

- Two Interval overlap IF:

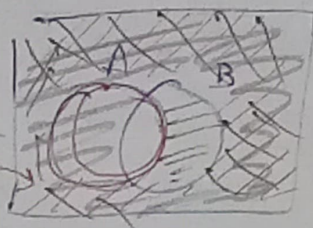
$$!(e_1 < s_2 \text{ || } e_2 < s_1)$$

$$|| (e_1 > s_2 \text{ \& } e_2 > s_1)$$

De Morgan's Law

$$(A \text{ || } B)^{\wedge} = A^{\wedge} \& B^{\wedge}$$

$$(A \& B)^{\wedge} = A^{\wedge} \text{ || } B^{\wedge}$$



$$A^{\wedge} =$$

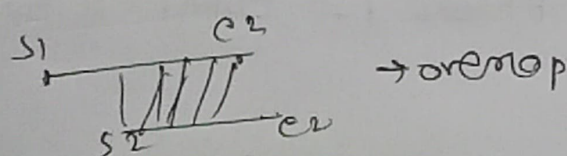
$$B^{\wedge} =$$

$$(\underbrace{e_1 > s_2}_A \text{ || } \underbrace{e_2 < s_1}_A)^{\wedge}$$

$$(A \text{ || } B)^{\wedge}$$

$$A^{\wedge} \& B^{\wedge}$$

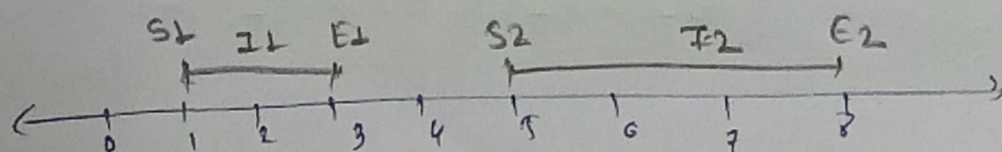
$$(e_1 \geq s_2) \& (e_2 \leq s_1)^{\wedge}$$



Types of Interval Relationship

→ Non-overlapping

$$\begin{matrix} s_1 & e_1 & s_2 & e_2 \\ [1, 3] & [5, 8] \end{matrix}$$



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

$$e_2 > s_1$$

$$s_1 > e_2$$

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

$$5 - 3 = 2$$

Difference

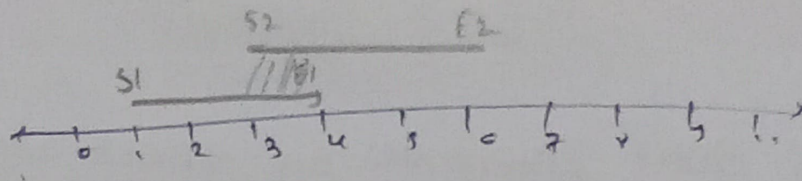
$$\begin{matrix} \min(e_1, e_2) \\ \max(s_1, s_2) \end{matrix}$$

gap exists  
useful for finding  
free gap

## Overlapping

$$e_1 \geq s_2$$

$$s_2 \geq s_1$$



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

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

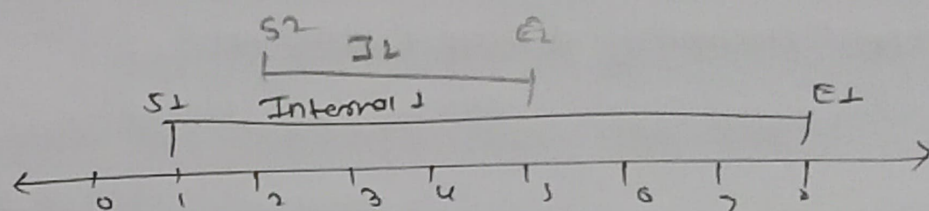
$$(3, 4) = 1$$

① They share time

② Useful for merging or counting conflicts

## ③ Contained:

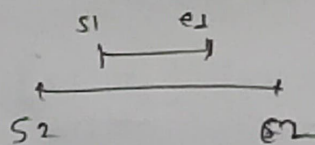
$[1, 8]$   $[2, 5]$



$$\text{Condition 1 } (s_2 \geq s_1 \text{ \& } e_2 \leq e_1)$$

// uses one of

$$\text{or } (s_1 \geq s_2 \text{ \& } e_1 \geq e_2) \leftarrow$$



Smaller Interval lies fully inside larger one



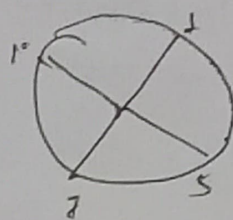
# First Step in Interval Problems

## ① Sort

- Always sort intervals by their start time

$$[5, -7], [1, -10], [11, -13] \rightarrow [1, -10], [5, -7], [11, -13]$$

2                      1                      3



→ complicate not without  
sort  
so sort it

## Why Sort :-

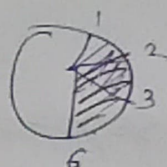
- ① Intervals are processed in timeline order
- ② Adjacent intervals can be compared directly
- ③ Easier merging & gap detection

## Problems :-

merge overlapping intervals :

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

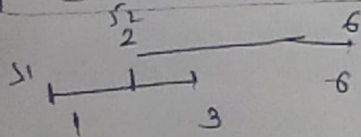
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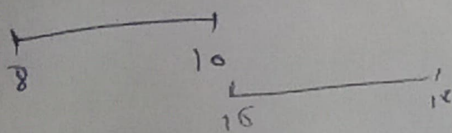
< 1, 6 > Ans

Ans

$$[1, 3] \rightarrow [1, 6], [8, 10], [15, 18]$$



$$\begin{aligned} \min(s1, s2) &= 1 \\ \max(e1, e2) &= \underline{\underline{6}} \end{aligned}$$



→ No merge

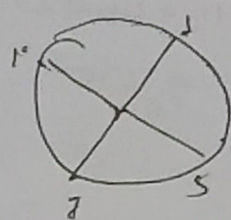
# First Step in Interval Problems

## ① Sort

- Always sort intervals by their start time

$$[5, -7] \quad [1, -10] \quad [11, -13] \rightarrow [1, 10] \quad [5, 7] \quad [11, 13]$$

2                      1                      3



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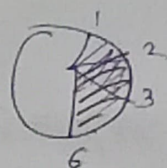
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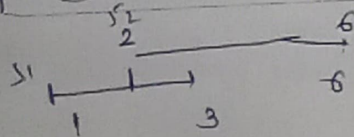
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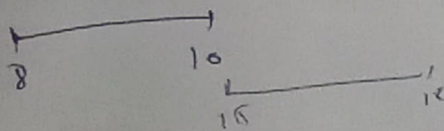
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→ no merge



Sort (Intervals)

// Add First Interval

result.add (Intervals [0])

for (i = 1; i < Intervals.length; i++)

{  
last = res[res.length - 1]

Remove last

Interval = Intervals [i]

Ex [1 3] [2 6] [8 10] [15 18]

Ans [1 3]

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

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

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

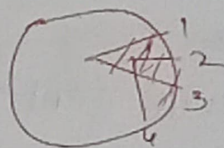
else

res.add (Interval)

## Problems 2

① Meeting rooms (check the conflicts)

[1 - 3] [2 - 4]



Can person attend all meetings?

Sort (Intervals)

for (int i = 1; i < intervals.length; i++)

Interval = Interval [i - 1];

curr = Intervals [i]

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

return False;

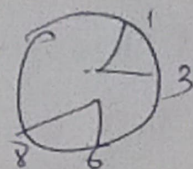
else

return True



③ Find free gap Time (gap)

{1 3} {6 8}



Given busy interval. Find available time slots

[1 3] [6 8]

Sort (intervals)

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

interval = intervals[i-1]

curr = interval[i]

if (curr[0] >= lastInterval[1];

res.add(interval[i], curr[1])

curr interval's start time  
interval's end time

return res

Lab

① Input contains intervals (time or numeric ranges)

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

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

Intuition behind sorting by start time

① chaos

Eg {5 7} {1 4} {12 11} {3 5} {9 11} {2 0}

Brute force

{3 7} {2 7}

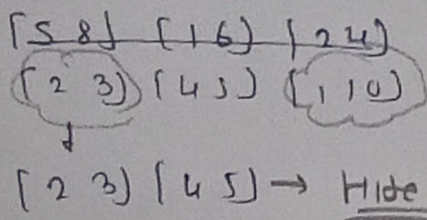
② Event comparison

merging : new event . start <= prev . event . end



③ Why Not sort by end

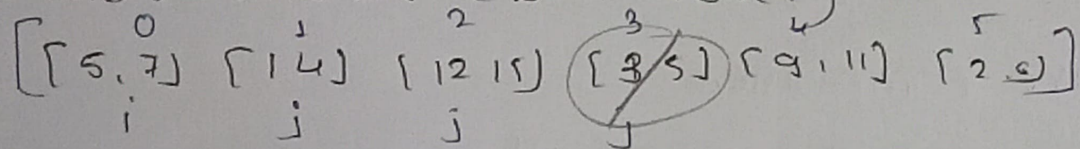
Hides future overlaps



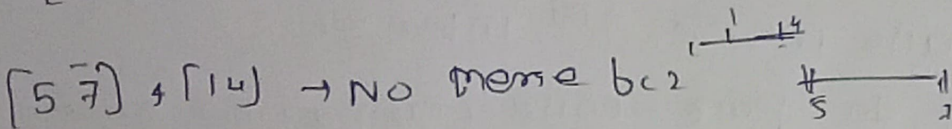
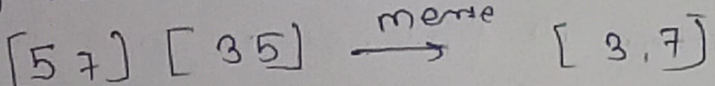
Day 20

Problems :-

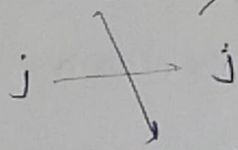
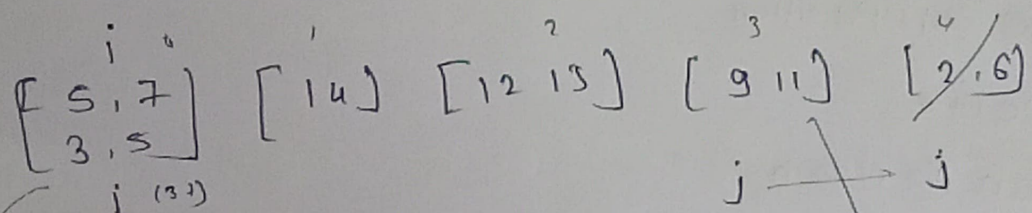
1 merge Intervals (Brute force)



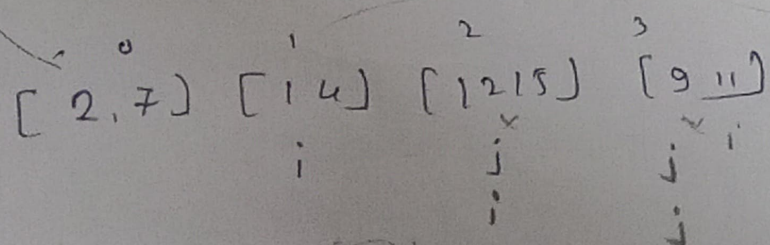
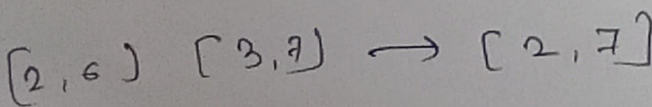
→ pair wise comparison



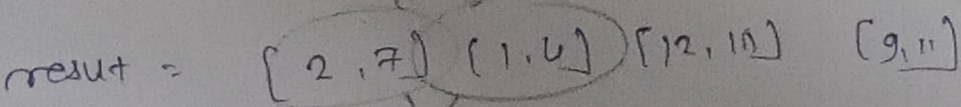
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No need to  $j++$  bcz after new index formed  $j$  at next already



$i++$  bcz we can compare all pairs

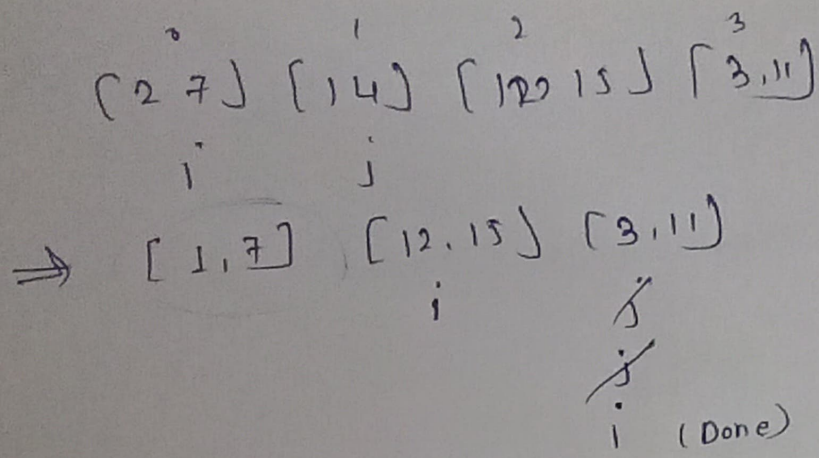


pending

can merge

① Iteration pair comparison





result:  $[1, 7] [12, 15] [3, 11]$

### Refining the Algorithm

- ① Pair wise Comparison
- ② we get answer after 1<sup>st</sup> Iteration
- ③ After ~~to~~ some iteration 1<sup>st</sup> Interval intersects 2<sup>nd</sup>
- ④ So it can also merge 2<sup>nd</sup> interval
- ⑤ we have to do pair-wise comparison ~~after~~ <sup>after merge</sup>

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