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In [1]: def sort(lists):
        lists = [sorted(l) for l in lists]
        l1 = [(lists[i][0],i,0) for i in range(len(lists))]

        new_list = [[]]
        index = (0,0)

        while(len(l1)):
            minval,row,col = min(l1)
            l1.remove((minval,row,col))
            if (index[1] == len(lists[index[0]])):
                index = (index[0]+1,0)
                new_list += [[]]
            new_list[-1] += [minval]
            index = (index[0],index[1] + 1)

            if (col+1 < len(lists[row])):
                l1 += [(lists[row][col+1],row,col+1)]
            else:
                continue

        return new_list

#The idea is first sort each list inside the lists, then put the first element of
#each list into a list, then get the min of it, then remove this and add
the one in lists that
#is right after the min.
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Test case:

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In [2]: sort([[3,2,4],[7,1],[6,4,8],[3,4,5,6,2,1]])
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Out[2]: [[1, 1, 2], [2, 3], [3, 4, 4], [4, 5, 6, 6, 7, 8]]
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In [3]: sort([[1,2,3],[5,7],[2,4,8],[6,2,1]])
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Out[3]: [[1, 1, 2], [2, 2], [3, 4, 5], [6, 7, 8]]
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In [4]: sort([[3,4,5,6,2,1],[1,2,3],[5,7],[2,4,8],[6,2,1]])
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Out[4]: [[1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2], [2, 3, 3], [4, 4], [5, 5, 6], [6, 7, 8]]
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