- 4.1. Given an array of n numbers from 1 to k, develop a data structure that can answer queries like «How many elements in the array are in range from a to b?» in O(1) time. Time for pre-calculation O(n + k).
- 4.2. How to sort strings (for example, consisting only of Latin letters) in lexicographic order using radix sort in $O(\sum len(s_i))$?
- 4.3. There is an array of n non-negative integers. Find the smallest integer that is not in the array in O(n) time.
- 4.4. There is an array of 2n different elements on which a linear order is defined (that is, any two elements can be compared). You need to split them into n pairs, so that the segments whose boundaries are numbers from pairs do not intersect (for example, from array (4, 10, 1, 6, 7, 2) you can build pairs (1, 2), (7, 10), (4, 6)). Is it possible to solve this problem faster than in $O(n \log n)$ time?
- 4.5. Build the sorting network for the bubble sort algorithm. What is the number of comparators and what is the depth of this network?
- 4.6. There are n friends living on the line, the *i*-th friend lives at x_i . They want to meet at one point. Help them find a point so that the total distance they travel is minimal.
- 4.7. There are n friends live on the line, the *i*-th friend lives at x_i . They want to meet at one point. Help them find a point so that the sum of the squares of the distances they travel is minimal.
- 4.8. There is an array of n non-negative integers. You can decrease the numbers, but so that they remain non-negative. What is the maximum number of distinct numbers that an array can have after several such operations?