

## Power of Four

Given an integer (signed 32 bits), write a function to check whether it is a power of 4.

### **Example:**

Given num = 16, return true. Given num = 5, return false.

**Follow up:** Could you solve it without loops/recursion?

### **Credits:**

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## Solution 1

```
public boolean isPowerOfFour(int num) {  
    return num > 0 && (num & (num-1)) == 0 && (num & 0x55555555) != 0;  
    //0x55555555 is to get rid of those power of 2 but not power of 4  
    //so that the single 1 bit always appears at the odd position  
}
```

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## Solution 2

```
bool isPowerOfFour(int num) {  
    return num > 0 && (num & (num - 1)) == 0 && (num - 1) % 3 == 0;  
}
```

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## Solution 3

```
public class Solution {  
    public boolean isPowerOfFour(int num) {  
        return (num > 0) && ((num & (num - 1)) == 0) && ((num & 0x55555555) == num);  
    }  
}
```

The basic idea is from power of 2, We can use " $n \& (n-1) == 0$ " to determine if  $n$  is power of 2. For power of 4, the additional restriction is that in binary form, the only "1" should always located at the odd position. For example,  $4^0 = 1$ ,  $4^1 = 100$ ,  $4^2 = 10000$ . So we can use " $num \& 0x55555555 == num$ " to check if "1" is located at the odd position.

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