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Power of Two

Problem Statement:

Write a recursive function <code>isPowerOfTwo(n)</code> that returns <code>true</code> if <code>n</code> is a power of 2, otherwise <code>false</code>.

Example 1:

Input: 8

Process: $(8 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1)$

Output: true

Example 2:

Input: 18

Output: false

Concepts:

Power of Two: A number is a power of 2 if it can be divided by 2 repeatedly until it reaches 1.

Base Case: $n == 1 \rightarrow true$

Invalid Case: n < 1 or $n \% 2 != 0 \rightarrow false$

Recursive Case: isPowerOfTwo(n / 2)

Time & Space Complexity:

Time Complexity: O(log n)

Space Complexity: O(log n) Due to recursion stack

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```
function isPowerOfTwo(n) {
  if (n === 1) return true;
  else if (n < 1 || n % 2 !== 0) return false;
  return isPowerOfTwo(n / 2);
}

console.log(isPowerOfTwo(8)); // true
console.log(isPowerOfTwo(18)); // false</pre>
```

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