

what are some properties related to division
multiplication and other with respect to xor used in cp

Here are the **XOR properties that actually matter in Competitive Programming**, especially when combined with **addition / subtraction / multiplication / division**.
(Short, first-principles, CP-useful only.)

Core XOR properties (must-know)

1. Self-inverse

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$$a \oplus a = 0$$

$$a \oplus 0 = a$$

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2. Commutative & Associative

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$$a \oplus b = b \oplus a$$

$$(a \oplus b) \oplus c = a \oplus (b \oplus c)$$

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3. Prefix trick

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$$a \oplus b \oplus b = a$$

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→ Used in prefix XOR, range XOR queries.

XOR vs Addition / Subtraction

× No linear relation

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$$a \oplus b \neq a + b$$


$$a \oplus b \neq a - b$$

✓ Bit-level relation

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$$a + b = (a \oplus b) + 2 \cdot (a \& b)$$

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 Very important

→ explains carry generation.

Consequences

- If $(a \& b) == 0 \rightarrow a + b = a \oplus b$
- Used in:
 - carry-free addition
 - bitmask DP
 - constraints like $a + b = a \oplus b$

XOR vs Multiplication

× No distributive property

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$$a \oplus (b \times c) \neq (a \oplus b) \times (a \oplus c)$$

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✓ Special cases

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$$a \oplus (2a) = \text{left-shift effect}$$

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Power of 2 trick

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$$a \times 2^k = a \ll k$$

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→ XOR unaffected by left shift positions unless overlapping bits.

XOR vs Division

× No relation

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$(a \oplus b) / c$ has no simplification

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Division destroys bit patterns → avoid combining with XOR unless brute forcing bits.

XOR vs AND / OR (VERY IMPORTANT)

Identity

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$a + b = (a \oplus b) + 2(a \& b)$

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Bounds

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$a \oplus b \leq a + b$

$a \oplus b \geq |a - b|$

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Useful identities

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$a | b = (a \oplus b) + (a \& b)$

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XOR patterns used in CP

1 XOR from 1 to n

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$f(n) = 1 \oplus 2 \oplus \dots \oplus n$

$n \% 4 == 0 \rightarrow n$

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n % 4 == 1 → 1
n % 4 == 2 → n + 1
n % 4 == 3 → 0
```

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Used in:

- range XOR
- missing number
- parity games

2 XOR in ranges

powershell

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XOR(l, r) = f(r) ⊕ f(l - 1)
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3 XOR invariants

- XOR preserves **parity of bits**
- XOR cancels duplicates
→ Used in:
- odd occurrence problems
- multiset equivalence
- Grundy / Nim

XOR in Modular Arithmetic

× XOR ≠ mod

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(a ⊕ b) % m ≠ (a % m) ⊕ (b % m)
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Never mix blindly.

XOR in Bitwise DP / Greedy

Key facts:

- XOR works **bit independently**
- MSB decides magnitude
- Greedy from MSB → LSB

Used in:

- max XOR pair
- trie problems
- minimizing $(a \oplus x)$

XOR & Comparison




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Maximize $a \oplus b \rightarrow$ differ at highest bit

Minimize $a \oplus b \rightarrow$ match highest bits

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Summary Table

Operation	Works with XOR?	Note
$+$	 Partial	carry via $\&$
$-$	\times	no structure
\times	\times	except shifts
$/$	\times	destroys bits
$\&$		carry relation
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$\%$	\times	unsafe

CP Golden Rules

- Think **bitwise**, not arithmetic
- If addition involved \rightarrow check carries ($\&$)
- If division involved \rightarrow avoid XOR

- XOR problems → **prefix, parity, highest bit**

If you want, I can give:

- XOR problem patterns
- Tricks used in CF/LeetCode
- XOR + DP
- XOR + greedy proofs

Just tell me which.



not these, properties related to division x^a

Got it — you mean **exponentiation properties** (x^a) with **division / multiplication**, not XOR.

Here are the **exact CP-relevant laws**, clean and precise.

Core exponent properties (division & multiplication)

1 Same base, multiply

$$x^a \cdot x^b = x^{a+b}$$

2 Same base, divide

$$\frac{x^a}{x^b} = x^{a-b} \quad (x \neq 0)$$

📌 Most used identity in CP

3 Power of a power

$$(x^a)^b = x^{a \cdot b}$$

4 Different bases, same power

$$x^a \cdot y^a = ($$



no related to division

Understood 👍

You want **only division-related properties of exponentiation** (x^a/y^b) — no XOR, no multiplication extras.

Here are the **only valid & CP-useful division rules**, from first principles.

1 Same base division (MOST IMPORTANT)

$$\frac{x^a}{x^b} = x^{a-b} \quad (x \neq 0)$$

Examples:

- $\frac{2^7}{2^3} = 2^4$
- $\frac{10^5}{10^2} = 10^3$

2 Same exponent division

$$\frac{x^a}{y^a} = \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^a \quad (y \neq 0)$$

Example:

- $\frac{8^2}{2^2} = (4)^2 = 16$

Used when **exponents match**.

3 Negative exponent via division

$$x^{-a} = \frac{1}{x^a}$$

So,

$$\frac{1}{x^{-a}} = x^a$$

Example:

- $2^{-3} = \frac{1}{8}$

4 Fractional exponents (roots via division)

$$x^{\frac{a}{b}} = \sqrt[b]{x^a}$$

Example:

- $16^{1/2} = 4$
- $(27^{2/3}) = (\sqrt[3]{27})^2$

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i want xor property related to division

Short answer (important for CP):

There is NO direct algebraic property linking XOR and division.
But there are a few very specific, safe facts & edge cases you *can* use.

1 XOR is not compatible with division (core fact)

In general:

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$$\begin{aligned} (a \oplus b) / c &\neq (a / c) \oplus (b / c) \\ a \oplus (b / c) &\neq (a \oplus b) / c \end{aligned}$$

👉 Division destroys bit structure, XOR works purely on bits.

So never distribute / factor division over XOR.

2 Power-of-2 division (ONLY useful case)

Division by power of 2 is bit-shift:

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$a / 2^k = a \gg k$ (**integer** division)

Now XOR interaction:

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$(a \oplus b) \gg k = (a \gg k) \oplus (b \gg k)$ **✗** generally **false**

But **✓ TRUE** if lower k bits of both are zero:

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if (a % 2^k == 0 && b % 2^k == 0):
    (a ⊕ b) / 2^k = (a / 2^k) ⊕ (b / 2^k)
```

 CP use: problems that say

“numbers are multiples of 2^k ”

3 XOR parity vs division

Lowest bit:

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$a \oplus b = \text{odd} \Leftrightarrow a \text{ and } b \text{ have different parity}$

Division effect:

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$(a / 2)$ loses parity info

So:

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$(a \oplus b) \% 2 \neq ((a/2) \oplus (b/2)) \% 2$

 **Division kills XOR parity invariants**

4 XOR & modulo (related to division)

Since:

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$$a \% m = a - m \lfloor a/m \rfloor$$

XOR does NOT commute:

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$$(a \oplus b) \% m \neq (a \% m) \oplus (b \% m)$$

Exception:

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$$m = 2^k$$


$$a \% 2^k = \text{lower } k \text{ bits}$$

Then:

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$$(a \oplus b) \% 2^k = (a \% 2^k) \oplus (b \% 2^k)$$

 Very important in bitmask problems.

5 Division-based identities that DO NOT exist

× These are **always** wrong:

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$$(a \oplus b) / a = b$$

$$(a \oplus b) / b = a$$

$$(a / b) \oplus c = a / (b \oplus c)$$

If you see something like this → **reject immediately.**

6 CP Golden Rule (memorize)

XOR respects only:

- bit positions
- powers of two
- exact bit alignment

Division respects only:

- magnitude
- quotient, not bits

👉 Mixing them is almost always invalid.

One-line summary (exam / CP ready)

XOR has **no distributive or inverse relation** with division, except in **power-of-2 aligned cases** where division is just a shift.

If you want, I can give:

- CF problems where this trap appears
- When setters *intentionally* mix XOR + division
- Proof-based explanation (bit-level)

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just give me list of correct propertiese

Here is a **clean list of ONLY correct properties** involving **XOR (\oplus)** and **division ($/$)**.

No explanations, no false ones — **just facts** (CP-safe).

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1. No distributive property

$$(a \oplus b)/c \neq (a/c) \oplus (b/c)$$

2. No inverse relation

$$(a \oplus b)/a \neq b$$

3. No associativity with division

$$a \oplus (b/c) \neq (a \oplus b)/c$$

4. XOR does not preserve quotients

$$\lfloor (a \oplus b)/c \rfloor \neq \lfloor a/c \rfloor \oplus \lfloor b/c \rfloor$$

✓ TRUE WITH CONDITIONS (important)**5. Division by power of 2 = right shift**

$$a/2^k = a \gg k$$

6. XOR preserved after division by power of 2

$$\text{If } a \equiv 0 \pmod{2^k}, b \equiv 0 \pmod{2^k}$$

$$(a \oplus b)/2^k = (a/2^k) \oplus (b/2^k)$$

7. Modulo power of 2 compatibility

$$(a \oplus b) \bmod 2^k = (a \bmod 2^k) \oplus (b \bmod 2^k)$$

✓ RELATED BUT INDIRECT**8. Parity relation**

$$(a \oplus b) \bmod 2 = (a \bmod 2) \oplus (b \bmod 2)$$

9. Division destroys lower XOR bits

$$(a/2^k) \oplus (b/2^k) \text{ ignores lowest } k \text{ bits}$$

× NEVER TRUE (memorize)

- XOR distributive over division
- Division distributive over XOR
- XOR acting as inverse of division
- Any simplification of $(a \oplus b) / c$ for arbitrary c

🔑 One-line CP rule

XOR only works cleanly with division when the divisor is a power of 2 and bits are aligned.

That's the **complete, correct list**.



when $a \oplus b$ is divisible by a, b or by both

Below is the **exact, correct list of cases** for when

$(a \oplus b)$ is divisible by a, b , or both.

No guesses, no patterns that fail — **only guaranteed truths**.

1 Divisible by a

$$a \mid (a \oplus b)$$

✓ Happens iff

- $a = 1$
(since every integer is divisible by 1)
- $b = 0$

$$a \oplus 0 = a \Rightarrow a \mid a$$

× Otherwise

No general divisibility guarantee.

2 Divisible by b

$$b \mid (a \oplus b)$$

✓ Happens iff

- $b = 1$

- $a = 0$

Same reasoning as above.

3 Divisible by both a and b

$$\text{lcm}(a, b) \mid (a \oplus b)$$

✓ Only guaranteed cases

- $a = b$

$$a \oplus a = 0 \Rightarrow \text{divisible by any nonzero } a$$

- $a = b = 1$
(trivial subset of above)

4 Important negative results (CP traps)

× These are **NOT** true:

- If $a \mid b$ then $a \mid (a \oplus b)$
- If $a \oplus b$ is even, then divisible by a or b
- If $(a \& b) = 0$, then divisibility holds

All false in general.

5 Special case (power of two)

Let:

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a = 2^k
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Then:

$$a \mid (a \oplus b)$$

✓ Happens iff

- the lowest k bits of b are zero
(i.e., $b \% a == 0$)

Because:

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$$a \oplus b \equiv b \pmod{a}$$

6 Summary Table

Condition	a	b	Divisible by
$b = 0$	any	0	a
$a = 0$	0	any	b
$a = b$	x	x	both
$a = 1$	1	any	a
$b = 1$	any	1	b
$a = 2^k, b \% a = 0$	2^k	multiple	a

Final CP Rule

Except trivial or power-of-two cases,
 $a \oplus b$ has **no reliable divisibility relation** with a or b .

If you want:

- proof for any case
- CF-style trick problems
- counterexamples for wrong assumptions

say the word.

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give me result i am not able to understand what you are saying

Understood. Here is the **FINAL RESULT**, written **very plainly**, no theory, no explanations.

RESULT: When is `a XOR b` divisible?

Let `c = a \oplus b`.

1 Divisible by a

`a | c` ONLY in these cases:

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b = 0
OR
a = 1
OR
a = b
OR
(a is power of 2 AND b % a == 0)
```

2 Divisible by b

`b | c` ONLY in these cases:

```
java
```

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```
a = 0
OR
b = 1
OR
a = b
OR
(b is power of 2 AND a % b == 0)
```

3 Divisible by both a and b

`a | c AND b | c` ONLY in these cases:

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```
a = b
OR
a = 0
OR
b = 0
```

4 Otherwise

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a ⊕ b is NOT divisible by a
a ⊕ b is NOT divisible by b
```

One-line rule (memorize)

XOR almost never preserves divisibility.
Only trivial or power-of-two cases work.

That's it.



THOUGHT: Here $x > 0$
and $y > 0$
. So $x \oplus y$
is neither equal to x
nor y
. So $x \oplus y$
is a divisor of x
or y
and $x \oplus y < x$
or $x \oplus y < y$
.

OBSERVATION: Any divisor d
of p

such that $d < p$
 we know that $d \leq \lfloor p/2 \rfloor$

.

Also, the highest bits of d
 and p
 are different when $d \leq \lfloor p/2 \rfloor$

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THOUGHT: Wait but $x \oplus y$
 has the same highest bit as y
 if $y \geq 2 \cdot x$

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CONCLUSION: So if $y \geq 2 \cdot x$
 , then $x \oplus y$
 can not be a divisor of y

.

THOUGHT: But can it be a divisor of x
 ?

OBSERVATION: If $y \geq 2 \cdot x$
 , then $x \oplus y > x$
 because the highest bit in $x \oplus y$
 is greater than that in x
 . So $x \oplus y$
 can not be a divisor of x

.

CONCLUSION: If $y \geq 2 \cdot x$
 , then $x \oplus y$
 can not be a divisor of x
 or y
 . So no solution in this case.

THOUGHT: Now we need to consider the case when $y < 2 \cdot x$
 . But x
 is small in this problem, making it feasible to iterate over
 all possible values of y

.

ACTION: Iterate over all possible values of $y < 2 \cdot x$

and check if $x \oplus y$
is a divisor of either x
or y
.

Time Complexity: $O(x)$

Here is the **clean, final result**, rewritten **clearly and correctly**, with **no extra theory**.

FINAL RESULT (Correct Logic)

Let

- $x > 0, y > 0$
- $d = x \oplus y$

We want:

$$d \mid x \quad \text{or} \quad d \mid y$$

Key facts (used)

1. If d divides a number p and $d < p$, then

$$d \leq \left\lfloor \frac{p}{2} \right\rfloor$$

2. Any number $\leq \lfloor p/2 \rfloor$ has a **smaller highest set bit** than p .
 3. XOR keeps the **highest set bit** of the larger number (unless canceled).
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Case 1: $y \geq 2x$

- Highest bit of y is **strictly greater** than highest bit of x
- So:

$x \oplus y$ has the same highest bit as y

Check divisibility:

- Can $x \oplus y \mid y$?
 × No, because a divisor $< y$ must be $\leq y/2$, but
 $x \oplus y \geq y/2$

- Can $x \oplus y \mid x$?
 × No, because $x \oplus y > x$

✓ Conclusion

If $y \geq 2x$, no solution

Case 2: $y < 2x$

- x is small
- Number of possible y values is limited

✓ Action

Iterate:

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```
for y = 1 to 2x - 1:
    d = x ^ y
    if x % d == 0 or y % d == 0:
        valid
```

Final Answer (one line)

Only possible solutions occur when $y < 2x$. For $y \geq 2x$, no solution exists.

Time Complexity

$O(x)$

Your reasoning is **correct** and **logically sound**.

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give code

Here is the **direct code** implementing exactly the logic you derived.

No extra checks, no tricks.

Python

python

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```
def find_valid_y(x):
    res = []
    for y in range(1, 2 * x):
        d = x ^ y
        if d != 0 and (x % d == 0 or y % d == 0):
            res.append(y)
    return res

x = int(input())
ans = find_valid_y(x)

print(len(ans))
print(*ans)
```

Go

go

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```
package main

import "fmt"

func main() {
    var x int
    fmt.Scan(&x)


    ans := []int{}

    for y := 1; y < 2*x; y++ {
        d := x ^ y
        if d != 0 && (x%d == 0 || y%d == 0) {
            ans = append(ans, y)
        }
    }
}
```

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    }  
}  
  
fmt.Println(len(ans))  
for _, v := range ans {  
    fmt.Print(v, " ")  
}  
}
```

C++


cpp

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```
#include <bits/stdc++.h>  
using namespace std;  
  
int main() {  
    int x;  
    cin >> x;  
  
    vector<int> ans;  
    for (int y = 1; y < 2 * x; y++) {  
        int d = x ^ y;  
        if (d != 0 && (x % d == 0 || y % d == 0)) {  
            ans.push_back(y);  
        }  
    }  
  
    cout << ans.size() << "\n";  
    for (int y : ans) cout << y << " ";  
}
```

Complexity

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Time: $O(x)$
Space: $O(1)$ (excluding output)

This matches **exactly** the reasoning you wrote.

