

2429. Minimize XOR

Given two positive integers `num1` and `num2`, find the positive integer `x` such that:

- `x` has the same number of set bits as `num2`, and
- The value `x XOR num1` is **minimal**.

Note that `XOR` is the bitwise XOR operation.

Return *the integer* `x`. The test cases are generated such that `x` is **uniquely determined**.

The number of **set bits** of an integer is the number of `1`'s in its binary representation.

Example 1:

Input: `num1 = 3, num2 = 5`

Output: `3`

Explanation:

The binary representations of `num1` and `num2` are `0011` and `0101`, respectively.

The integer **3** has the same number of set bits as `num2`, and the value `3 XOR 3 = 0` is minimal.

Example 2:

Input: `num1 = 1, num2 = 12`

Output: `3`

Explanation:

The binary representations of `num1` and `num2` are `0001` and `1100`, respectively.

The integer **3** has the same number of set bits as `num2`, and the value `3 XOR 1 = 2` is minimal.

Constraints:

- $1 \leq \text{num1}, \text{num2} \leq 10^9$

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Bit manipulation

Time complexity: $O(\log_2 \max(a, b))$

Space complexity: $O(1)$

*/

class Solution {

public:

// If $k \geq n$:

// initialize `ans` to `a`

// set all $m = (k - n)$ unset bits, from right to left

int case1(int a, int b, int n, int k){

int ans = a;

int i = 0; *// To track the rightmost bit*

int m = k - n;

// While the rightmost $(k - n)$ bits are still unset

while(m){

// If rightmost bit is not set

if(!((ans >> i) & 1)){

// Set it

int x = (ans >> i) | 1;

// Append `i` 0s to the right and build the answer

ans |= (x << i);

m--; *// one bit is set*

}

i++; *// Next rightmost bit*

}

return ans;

}

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// If k<n:
// initialize `ans` to `a`
// Unset all m=(n-k) set bits, from right to left
int case2(int a,int b,int n, int k){
    int ans=a;
    int m=n-k;
    int i=0;
    // Keep shifting `a` to the right until reaching the (n-k)-th set bit
    // This helps us to find the number of 0s to add after finding the (n-k)-th set bit
    while(m){
        if(ans&1) m--;
        ans>>=1;
        i++;
    }
    // Shift `a` by `i` positions the left to add `i` 0s at the left
    ans<<=i;
    return ans;
}

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int minimizeXor(int num1, int num2){
    // n=#setbits in nums1
    int n=__builtin_popcount(num1);

    // k=#setbits in nums2
    int k=__builtin_popcount(num2);

    // Manage cases
    if(k>=n) return case1(num1,num2,n,k);
    return case2(num1,num2,n,k);
}
};

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