Pow(x,n)

For this problem, the key is to compute x^n efficiently, especially for large n, including negative powers.

Key Idea: Fast Exponentiation (Exponentiation by Squaring):

Why?

- Naive method: Multiply x n times → O(n) (too slow for large n).
- Fast exponentiation: Repeatedly square x, halve n → O(log n).

Handling Negative n

- $x^{-n} = 1/x^n$
- Convert n to positive, compute power, then take reciprocal.

Algorithm:

1. If n < 0:
   - Set x = 1/x
   - Use n = -n (careful with INT_MIN, use long long to avoid overflow)
2. Initialize result = 1
3. While n > 0:
   - If n is odd, multiply result by x
   - Square x and halve n.

Complexity:

- Time: O(log n)
- Space: O(1)