

## Bitwise AND of Numbers Range

We need the AND of all numbers from left to right.

### Key Insight:

The AND of range [left, right] essentially keeps only the common prefix bits of left and right.

- Any bit that changes within the range will eventually become 0.
- So we find the highest common prefix of left and right.

### Approach 1: Shift until equal.

- While  $\text{left} < \text{right}$ , right-shift both until they are equal.
- Keep track of how many shifts we did.
- Shift back left afterwards.

### Approach 2: Remove lowest set bits of right.

Keep clearing the least significant bit of right until  $\text{right} \leq \text{left}$ .  
This effectively removes the varying bits.

Both methods run in  $O(1)$  to  $O(\log n)$  time, which is efficient for 32-bit integers.