

Brute force

Eg: dividend = 24, divisor = 4

$$\text{so } \overset{1}{4} + \overset{2}{4} + \overset{3}{4} + \overset{4}{4} + \overset{5}{4} + \overset{6}{4} = 24$$

this can be written as

$$24 - 4 = 20 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$20 - 4 = 16 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$16 - 4 = 12 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$12 - 4 = 8 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$8 - 4 = 4 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$4 - 4 = 0 \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

so totally 6 times

we can keep a counter and perform this

$$\text{count} = 0$$

while dividend - divisor ≥ 0

$$\text{count} += 1$$

$$\text{dividend} -= \text{divisor}$$

Optimized \rightarrow Power of 2

$$\text{dividend} = 24$$

$$\text{divisor} = 4$$

, what is the nearest power of 2 that can be used

2^0	2^1	2^2	2^3	2^4	2^5
1	2	4	8	16	32

$$24 - 4 \times 2^3 = 24 - 32 \rightarrow \text{NO}$$

$$24 - (4 \times 2^2) = 24 - 16 = 8 \rightarrow \text{yes}$$

$$8 - 4 \times 2^2 = 8 - 16 \rightarrow \text{NO}$$

$$8 - 4 \times 2^1 = 8 - 8 = 0$$

$$\text{so } = 2^2 + 2^1 = 4 + 2 = \textcircled{6}$$