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## 342. Power of Four

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Given an integer  $n$ , return `true` if it is a power of four. Otherwise, return `false`.

An integer  $n$  is a power of four, if there exists an integer  $x$  such that  $n == 4^x$ .

### Example 1:

Input:  $n = 16$

Output: `true`

$$16 = 4 \times 4 = 4^2$$

### Example 2:

Input:  $n = 5$

Output: `false`

$$\rightarrow 5 \neq$$



### Example 3:

Input:  $n = 1$

Output: `true`

$$\rightarrow 4^0 = 1$$

## Approach - 1

(simple loop)

$$n = \underline{64}$$

$$\cancel{4} \times \cancel{4} \times \cancel{4}$$

$$\underline{64} \div 4 = 0$$

Yes

$$\underline{16} \div 4 = 0$$

Yes

$$\underline{4} \div 4 = 0$$

Yes

T.C.:  $\log_4(n)$

$$n = 12/4$$

$12 \div 4 = 0$   
Yes

$3 \div 4 = 0$   
No

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while (n % 4 == 0) {  
    n = n/4;  
}  
if (n == 1)  
    return True.  
False.
```

Approach - 2.  
Math.

$$n$$

$$4^x = n$$

$$x = \log_4 n$$

$$x = (\log_e n / (\log_e 4))$$

$$n = 64$$

$$x = \log 64 / \log 4 \approx \frac{4.1589}{1.3} = 3$$

$$4^x ? 64$$

$$(4^3 = 64) \text{ True.}$$

F<sub>1</sub>

$$n = 12$$

$$x = \log 12 / \log 4 \approx 1$$

$$4^x ? 12$$

$$4^1 \neq 12 \quad \underline{\underline{r=2}}$$

$$\underline{\log(n)} \leftarrow \text{int } x = \underline{\log(n) / \log(4)}$$

$$\underline{\log(x)} \leftarrow \begin{cases} \text{if } (\text{Pow}(4, x) == n) \\ \text{ret True;} \\ \text{else False.} \end{cases}$$

$$\underline{\log(n) + \log(x)}$$

Approach-3.

$$n = 8 = \begin{array}{c} 1000 \\ 7 = 0111 \\ \hline 0000 \end{array}$$

$$n \& (n-1) = 0$$

$$4^x = \boxed{(2^2)^x} = 2^{2x}$$

Maths +  
Bit Magic.

⚡ (\*) Every n which is Power of 4 MUST  
be Power of 2 also.

✓ (\*) Every n which is Power of 4 has  
a property as follows :-

$$\begin{array}{c} \cancel{4} - 1 = \textcircled{3} \\ \uparrow \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \cancel{16} - 1 = \textcircled{15} \\ \uparrow \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \cancel{64} - 1 = \textcircled{63} \\ \uparrow \\ \hline \end{array} \dots$$

$$(n-1) \div 3 = 0$$

$$\underline{(4^n - 1)} \div 3 = 0$$

Proof: (Induction)

Assume:-  $K$  ,  $(4^K - 1) \div 3 = 0$

$$\begin{array}{l} 4^K - 1 = 3x \\ 4^K = (3x+1) \end{array}$$

$$\textcircled{(k+1)} \Rightarrow (4^k - 1) \rightarrow \textcircled{(4^{k+1} - 1)}$$

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$$(4^k \cdot \underline{4}) - \underline{1} \rightarrow$$

$$[(3x+1) \cdot 4] - 1$$

$$(12x + 4) - 1$$

$$12x + 4 - 1 = 12x + 3$$

$$= \boxed{3(4x+1)}$$

$$(4^k - 1) / 3 \equiv \equiv 0$$

$$i/(n \equiv 0) \text{ } \underline{\underline{\text{Fam.}}}$$

$$i) \quad (n \cdot (n-1) = 0 \quad \& \quad (n-1) \cdot 1 = 0)$$

$$\text{or } \overline{TJ_{u_2}}$$