

## Problem Set 2 Exercise #14: Power of 3

**Reference:** Lecture 5 notes

**Learning objectives:** Repetition statements; Writing efficient programs

**Estimated completion time:** 45 minutes

### Problem statement:

Write a program **power\_of\_3.c** that reads two positive integers *start*, *end* ( $1 < start < end$ ) from user and counts how many natural numbers in range  $[start, end]$  (both inclusive) that are power of 3. For example, there are 2 natural numbers in range  $[2, 10]$  that are power of 3. They are: 3 and 9.

A tip is given at the end of this page.

### Sample run #1:

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Enter start and end: 2 10
Answer = 2
```

### Sample run #2:

```
Enter start and end: 3 30
Answer = 3
```

### Useful tips:

A program using nested loops will pass 4 out of 5 test cases. A program with single loops will be able to pass all test cases.