

Check whether K-th bit is set or not

Input : $n = 5, k = 1$

Output : SET

5 is represented as 101 in binary and has its first bit set.

Input : $n = 2, k = 3$

Output : NOT SET

2 is represented as 10 in binary, all higher i.e. beyond MSB, bits are NOT SET.

To check if the i^{th} bit is set or not (1 or not), we can use AND operator. How?

Let's say we have a number N , and to check whether its i^{th} bit is set or not, we can AND it with the number 2^i . The binary form of 2^i contains only i^{th} bit as set (or 1), else every bit is 0 there. When we will AND it with N , and if the i^{th} bit of N is set, then it will return a non zero number (2^i to be specific), else 0 will be returned.