

6194. Minimize XOR

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Given two positive integers `num1` and `num2`, find the integer `x` such that:

- `x` has the same number of set bits as `num2`, and
- The value `x XOR num1` is **minimal**.

Note that `XOR` is the bitwise XOR operation.

Return *the integer* `x`. The test cases are generated such that `x` is **uniquely determined**.

The number of **set bits** of an integer is the number of `1`'s in its binary representation.

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Difficulty:	Medium

Example 1:

Input: `num1 = 3, num2 = 5`
Output: `3`
Explanation:
The binary representations of `num1` and `num2` are `0011` and `0101`, respectively.
The integer `3` has the same number of set bits as `num2`, and the value `3 XOR 3 = 0` is minimal.

Example 2:

Input: `num1 = 1, num2 = 12`
Output: `3`
Explanation:
The binary representations of `num1` and `num2` are `0001` and `1100`, respectively.
The integer `3` has the same number of set bits as `num2`, and the value `3 XOR 1 = 2` is minimal.

Constraints:

- `1 <= num1, num2 <= 109`

JavaScript

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1 const minimizeXor = (a, b) => {
2   let sa = a.toString(2), sb = b.toString(2), one = 0, min = 0, n = Math.max(sa.length, sb.length), used = new Set();
3   if (sa.length < n) sa = '0'.repeat(n - sa.length) + sa;
4   if (sb.length < n) sb = '0'.repeat(n - sb.length) + sb;
5   sa = sa.split("");
6   for (const c of sb) {
7     if (c == '1') one++;
8   }
9   // pr(sa, sb, one);
10  for (let i = 0; i < sa.length && one > 0; i++) {
11    if (sa[i] == '1') { // 1 ^ 1
12      one--;
13      sa[i] = '0';
14      used.add(i);
15    }
16  }
17  // pr(sa, one);
18  if (one > 0) {
19    for (let i = sa.length - 1; ~i && one > 0; i--) { // 0 ^ 1
20      if (sa[i] == '0' && !used.has(i)) {
21        sa[i] = '1';
22        one--;
23      }
24    }
25  }
26  // pr(sa, one)
27  for (let i = sa.length - 1; ~i; i--) {
28    if (sa[i] == '1') min += 1 << sa.length - i - 1;
29  }
30  // pr("min", min)
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31     return min ^ a;  
32 };
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