

Practice Problem 2.15 (solution page 184)

Using only bit-level and logical operations, write a C expression that is equivalent to  $x == y$ . In other words, it will return 1 when  $x$  and  $y$  are equal and 0 otherwise.

$!(x \& \sim y)$  Only works for  $y \neq 0$  (always true if  $y = 0$ )

$!(\sim x \& y)$  Only works for  $x \neq 0$  (always true if  $x = 0$ )

So need to combine them,

$$![(x \& \sim y) | (\sim x \& y)] = ! (x \wedge y)$$

↑  
nonzero if  $x$  and  $y$  differ at any bit

	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0