

## 4.1 Parity of a word

If Number of 1s in the word is odd return 0, otherwise 1.

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def parity(x):
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    result = 0
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    while x:
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        result ^= x & 1
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        x >>= 1
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    return result
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$x = 6 = 0110$

result = 0

Iter 1  $x \& 1 = \frac{0110}{0001} = 0000$

result =  $0000 + \frac{0000}{0000} = 0000$

$x = 0011$  right shifted once

Iter 2  $x \& 1 = \frac{0011}{0001} = 0001$

result =  $\frac{0001}{0000} = 0001$

$x = 0001$

Iterate through each bits using bit shifting, then we track the number of 1's seen so far.