

# Power Using Recursion

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Exponent  $(m)^n$

$$2^5 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2$$

$$m^n = m \times m \times m \times \dots \text{for } n \text{ times}$$

$$\text{pow}(m, n) = (m \times m \times m \times \dots \times n-1 \text{ times}) \times m$$

$$\text{pow}(m, n) = \text{pow}(m, n-1) \times m$$

$$\text{pow}(m, n) = \begin{cases} 1 & , n=0 \\ \text{pow}(m, n-1) \times m & , n>0 \end{cases}$$

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int pow(int m, int n)
{
    if (n == 0)
        return 1;
    return pow(m, n-1) * m;
}
    
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$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{pow}(2, 9) \\
 &\downarrow \\
 &\text{pow}(2, 8) \times 2 = 256 \\
 &\downarrow \\
 &\text{pow}(2, 7) \times 2 = 128 \\
 &\downarrow \\
 &\text{pow}(2, 6) \times 2 = 64 \\
 &\downarrow \\
 &\text{pow}(2, 5) \times 2 = 32 \\
 &\downarrow \\
 &\text{pow}(2, 4) \times 2 = 16 \\
 &\downarrow \\
 &\text{pow}(2, 3) \times 2 = 8 \\
 &\downarrow \\
 &\text{pow}(2, 2) \times 2 = 4 \\
 &\downarrow \\
 &\text{pow}(2, 1) \times 2 = 2 \\
 &\downarrow \\
 &\text{pow}(2, 0) \times 2 = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$2^8 = (2^2)^4$$

$$2^9 = 2 \cdot (2^2)^4$$



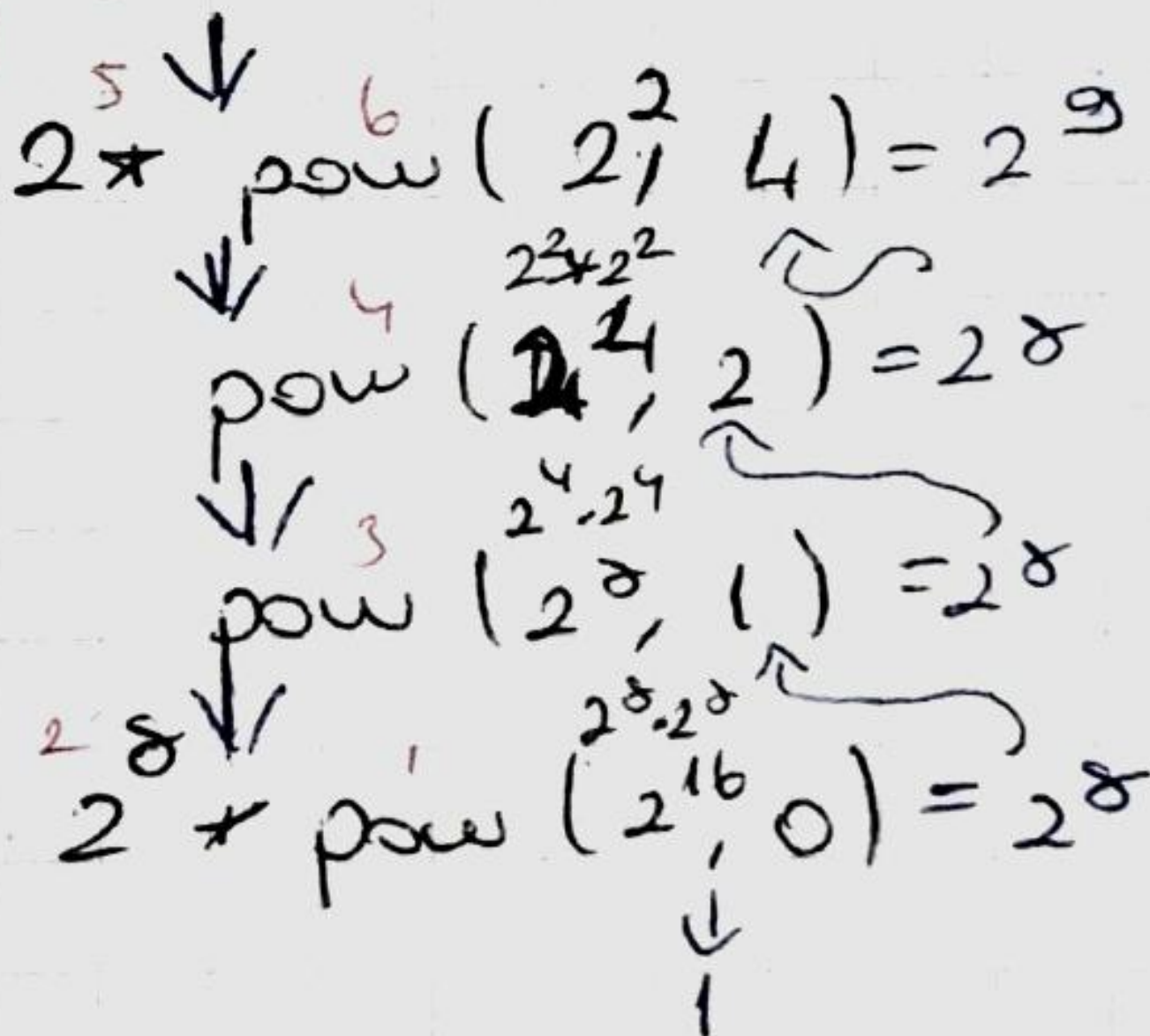
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int pow(int m, int n) {
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    if (n == 0)
        return 1;
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    if (n % 2 == 0)
        return pow(m * m, n / 2);
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    else
        return 2 * pow(m * m, (n - 1) / 2);
}
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$\text{pow}(2, 9) = 2^9$



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