

Iterative Power (Binary Exponentiation)

$$3^{10} = 3^8 * 3^2$$

10: 1010

$$3^{19} = 3^{16} * 3^2 * 3^1$$

19: 10011

1. Every number can be written as sum of power of 2, for example $19 = 16 + 2 + 1$.
2. We can traverse through all bits of a number (LSB to MSB) in $O(\log n)$.

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res = 1
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while n > 0:
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    if (n % 2 != 0):
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        # Bit is 1
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```
    else:
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```
        # Bit is 0
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    n = n/2
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```
def power(x, n):
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```
    res = 1
```

```
    while n > 0:
```

```
        if n % 2 != 0:
```

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            res = res * x
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```
        x = x * x
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        n = n // 2
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```
    return res
```

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x = 4
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n = 5
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```
print(power(x, n))
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