

$$4^0 = 1 \quad 2^0 = 1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad b = 0$$

return 1;

$$a = 2$$

$$b = 3$$

Power of an element

$$\hookrightarrow a^b = 2^3 = 8$$

Recursive code

Base case condition

$$\textcircled{1} \quad b = 1$$

return a;

$\textcircled{2}$ Recursive calls

Powerfind(a, b) {

base case condition

if (b == 0) {

return 1;

}

else {

result = a * Powerfind(a, b-1);

}

return result;

Brute force
Approach

$$a = 2$$

$$b = 3$$

$$a^b = 2^3 = 8$$

$$\text{Powerfind}(2, 3)$$

$$2 \times \text{Powerfind}(2, 2)$$

$$4 = 8$$

$$2 \times \text{Powerfind}(2, 1)$$

$$2 = 4$$

$$2 \times \text{Powerfind}(2, 0)$$

$$1$$

Time complexity
 $\hookrightarrow O(b)$

Efficient algorithm

$$a = 2$$

$$b = 64$$

Even

odd

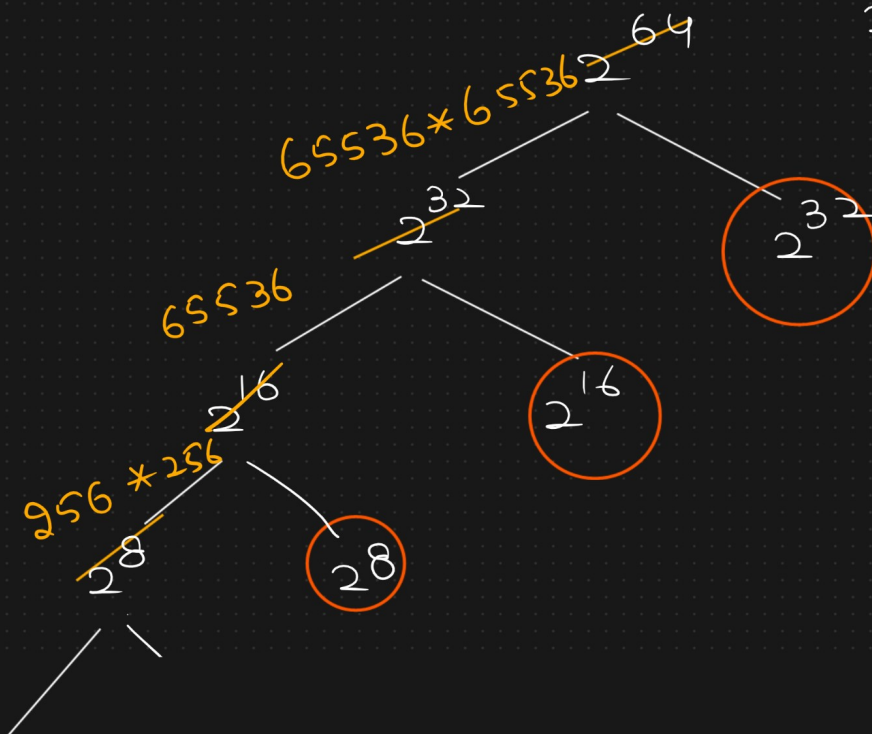
$$2^{64} = 2^{32} \times 2^{32}$$

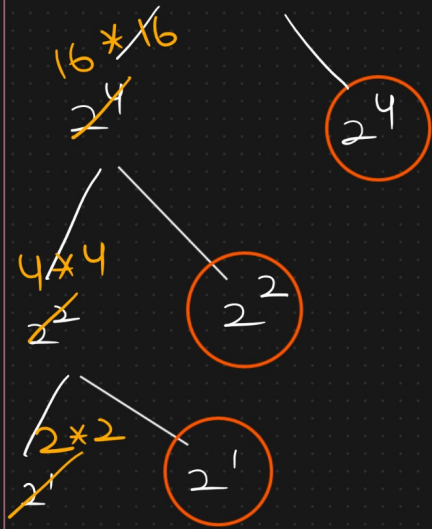
$$4, 29, 49, 67, 296$$

$$b = 65$$

$$2^{65} = 2 \times 2^{64}$$

$$a \times a^b$$





Divide & Conquer

$T(n)$

powerfind(a, b) {
 Base case condition
 if (b == 1) {

return a;

}
 else {

mid = b/2;

Recursive call

Left side result

result = powerfind(a, mid)

finalResult = result * result;

if (b % 2 == 0) {

return finalResult;

}
 else {

return a * finalResult;

}

Recurrence Relation

$$T(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & b = 1 \\ T(b/2) + 1 & b > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$T(b) = T\left(\frac{b}{2}\right) + 1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$T\left(\frac{b}{2}\right) = T\left(\frac{b}{2^2}\right) + 1$$

Substitution

Method

$$T(b) = T\left(\frac{b}{2^2}\right) + 2 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$T\left(\frac{b}{2^2}\right) = T\left(\frac{b}{2^3}\right) + 1$$

$$T(b) = T\left(\frac{b}{2^3}\right) + 3 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

↓ k times

$$T(b) = T\left(\frac{b}{2^k}\right) + k$$

$$\frac{b}{2^k} = 1$$

$$b = 2^k$$

$$\log_2 b = k$$

$$T(n) = T\left(\frac{b}{2^{\log_2 b}}\right) + \log_2 b$$

$$= T\left(\frac{\cancel{b}}{\cancel{b \log_2 b}}\right) + \log_2 b$$

$$T(n) = O(\log_2 b)$$
