

Josephus solution for $k=2$

Observations:

Safe point ←

n	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
$f(n)$	1	1	3	1	3	5	7	1	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	1

increasing odd sequence

Josephus safe point for $k=2$ is an increasing odd sequence that **restarts with 1** whenever the **index n is a power of 2**. Therefore, if we choose M and L so that $n=2^M+L$, then safe point is L th odd sequence point that is $(2*L+1)$

Q. What is the 5th odd and 5th even number?

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11

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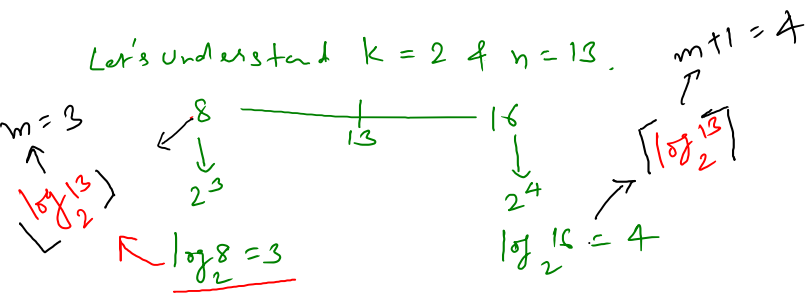
1st odd 2nd odd 3rd odd 5th odd

$$n^{\text{th}} \text{ odd} = 2n - 1 \quad \text{or} \quad 2n + 1$$

$$n^{\text{th}} \text{ even} = 2n$$

Understanding m & L

Let's understand $k=2$ & $n=13$.



$$n=13, \quad h = 2^m + L$$

$$= 2^3 + 5$$

So, for $n=13$, $m=3$ & $L=5$

for $n=13$,

$$n = 2^m + L$$

$$L = n - 2^m$$

Safe point is 2^{th} odd sequence point
i.e. $(2L+1)$

$$\Rightarrow 2L+1 = 2(n-2^m) + 1$$

$$= 2(n - 2^{\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor}) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor = m$$

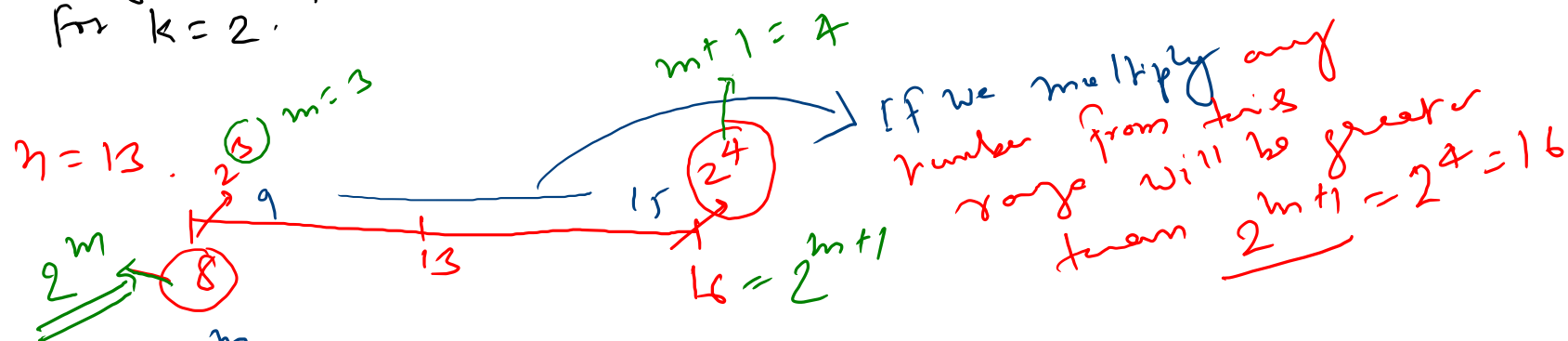
$$\lfloor \log_2 13 \rfloor = 3$$

$$\text{So, } \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor = m$$

$$\lceil \log_2 n \rceil = m+1$$

calculating m & $m+1$ using bitwise

finding safe point using bitwise operation
for $k=2$.



$n = 2^m + L$; $n=8$ to $n=15$ can be represented as $2^3 + L$, using $L=0$ to 7

$$8 = 2^3 + 0$$

$$9 = 2^3 + 1$$

$$10 = 2^3 + 2$$

$$11 = 2^3 + 3$$

\vdots

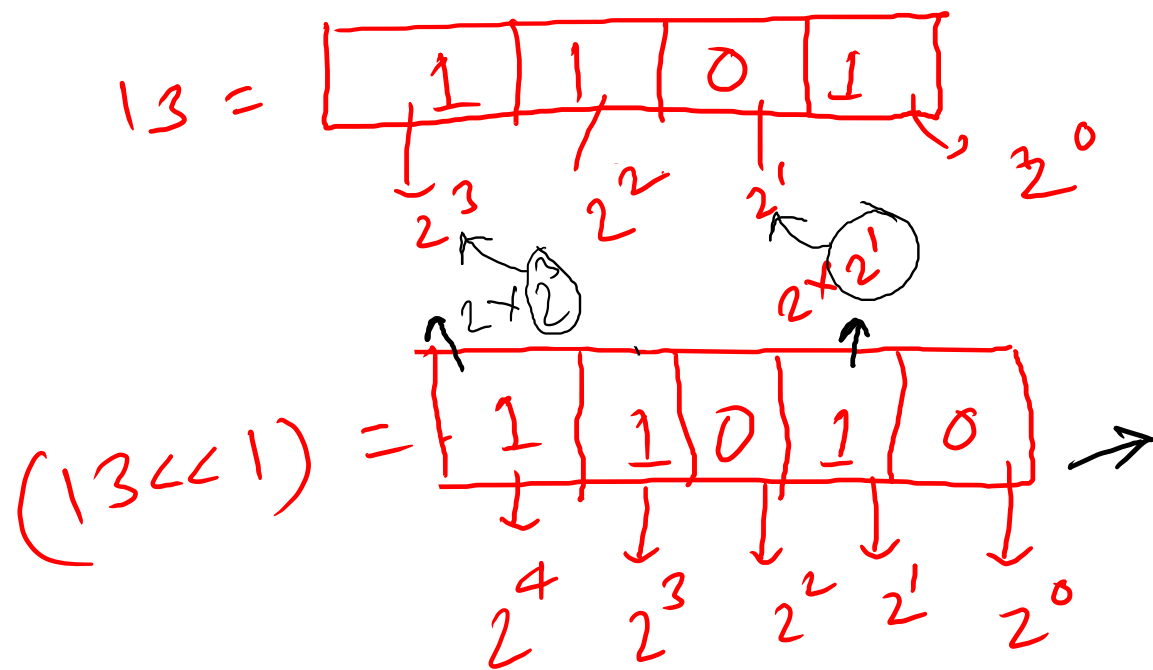
$$15 = 2^3 + 7$$

$$2^m = \text{Integer.highestOneBit}(n)$$

$$2 \times 2^m = \underline{2^{m+1}} = \text{Integer.highestOneBit}(2 \times n)$$

Multiply by 2 using bitwise operators

$$(n \ll 1) == 2 \times n$$



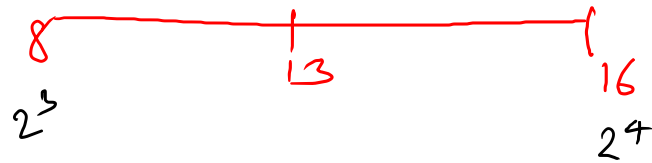
effectively we are multiplying each bit position by 2.

Divide by 2 using bitwise operators

$$(n \gg 1)$$

it divides each bit position by 2.

$$n = 13, L = 2,$$



$$n = 2^m + L$$

$$2n = 2 \times 2^m + 2L - 1 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{Safe point} = 2L + 1$$

In eq 1, if we add 1 and remove 2×2^m term will give

Safe point.

Strategy to get Safe point using bitwise operator:

$$n = 2^m + L$$

Step 1 (i) multiply the 'n' by 2

$$2n = 2 \times 2^m + 2L$$

Step 2 (ii) add 1 to the output of step 1

$$2n + 1 = 2 \times 2^m + (2L + 1) \quad \text{safe point}$$

Step (iii) make 2×2^m term as zero in step 11

$$n=13, k=2$$



If we multiply any number by 2 from this range will be greater than or equal to 2^4 i.e. 2^m

Step 1 = multiply the n by 2

$$2n = 2 \times 2^m + 2L$$

bitwise multiply by 2

$$(n \ll 1)$$

$$n \ll 1 = (2^m \ll 1) + (L \ll 1)$$

Step 2 add 1 to step 1

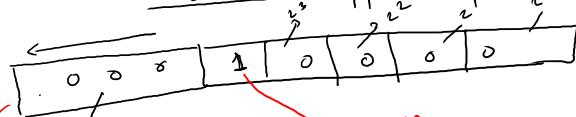
$$((n \ll 1) | 1)$$

$$(n \ll 1) | 1 = 2^m \ll 1 + ((L \ll 1) | 1)$$

Step 3 remove $2^m \ll 1$ term.

$2^m \ll 1 = 2^{m+1}$ → We will create an 'and mask' having $(m+1)$ th bit position as 1 and other bits as 0.

$$\text{Integer.highestOneBit}(2 \times n) = 2^{m+1} = 2^{3+1}$$



all 3's in range 27 bits

$$2^{m+1}$$

$$2 \times n = 2 \times 13 = 26 \text{ greater } 3+1 \text{ than } 2 = 2^4$$

If we take complement of this will give desired mask containing all 1's except at $(m+1)$ th bit position.