

**Require:**  $n \geq 0$

**Ensure:**  $y = x^n$

$y \Leftarrow 1$

$X \Leftarrow x$

$N \Leftarrow n$

**while**  $N \neq 0$  **do**

**if**  $N$  is even **then**

$X \Leftarrow X \times X$

$N \Leftarrow \frac{N}{2}$

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**else if**  $N$  is odd **then**

$y \Leftarrow y \times X$

$N \Leftarrow N - 1$

**end if**

**end while**