



5. [**2 points**] Let  $a$  and  $b$  be positive integers such that  $\text{ord}_2(a) = \text{ord}_2(b)$ . Let  $k$  be the common order of 2 in both  $a$  and  $b$ ; that is,  $k = \text{ord}_2(a)$  and  $k = \text{ord}_2(b)$ . Prove that if  $\text{ord}_2(a + b) \geq k + 1$ .