

Cody Problem 12. Fibonacci sequence

Calculate the nth Fibonacci number.

Given n, return f where $f = \text{fib}(n)$ and $f(1) = 1$, $f(2) = 1$, $f(3) = 2$, ...

Examples:

```
% Input  n = 5
% Output f is 5
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% Input  n = 7
% Output f is 13
```

Scratch Pad

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n = 5
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n = 5
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fib(n)
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ans = 5
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n = 7
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fib(n)
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ans = 13
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Solution

```
function f = fib(n)
    if n == 1 || n == 2
        f = 1; % Base case: Fibonacci numbers 1 and 2 are both 1.
    else
        a1 = 1; % Initialize the first Fibonacci number.
        a2 = 1; % Initialize the second Fibonacci number.
        i = 2; % Initialize the loop counter to 2, as we already have the
        first two Fibonacci numbers.

        while(i < n)
            buff = 0; % Temporary variable to store the next Fibonacci
            number.
            buff = a1 + a2; % Calculate the next Fibonacci number by adding
            the previous two.
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        i = i + 1;      % Increment the loop counter.
        a1 = a2;        % Update a1 with the value of a2.
        a2 = buff;      % Update a2 with the newly calculated Fibonacci
number.
    end

    f = buff; % Return the Fibonacci number at position n.
end
end
```