

## 70. Climbing Stairs

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You are climbing a stair case. It takes  $n$  steps to reach to the top.

Each time you can either climb 1 or 2 steps. In how many distinct ways can you climb to the top?

Analysis:

List the first several terms:

$n = 1$ ,  $fn = 1$

$n = 2$ ,  $fn = 2$  (1+1, or 2)

$n = 3$ ,  $fn = 3$  (1+1+1, or 1+2, or 2+1)

$n = 4$ ,  $fn = 5$  (1+1+1+1, or 1+2+1, or 1+1+2, or 2+1+1, or 2+2)

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we found that the No. of ways at  $n$  equals the No. of ways at  $n-1$  plus that at  $n-2$ . Thus this is a Fibonacci question.

Following are the code:

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3 class Solution(object):
4     def climbStairs(self, n):
5         fn = [0, 1, 2]
6         i = 3
7         while i <= n:
8             fn.append(fn[i-2] + fn[i-1])
9             i += 1
10        return fn[n]
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12 s = Solution()
13 for i in range(5):
14     res = s.climbStairs(i)
15     print(res)
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Time complexity is  $O(n)$  space complexity is  $O(1)$