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Recursion: Fibonacci Numbers

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The Fibonacci Sequence

The Fibonacci sequence appears in nature all around us, in the arrangement of seeds in a sunflower and the spiral of a nautilus for example.

The Fibonacci sequence begins with  $fibonacci(0) = 0$  and  $fibonacci(1) = 1$  as its first and second terms. After these first two elements, each subsequent element is equal to the sum of the previous two elements.

Programmatically:

- $fibonacci(0) = 0$
- $fibonacci(1) = 1$
- $fibonacci(n) = fibonacci(n - 1) + fibonacci(n - 2)$

Given  $n$ , return the  $n^{th}$  number in the sequence.

Example

$n = 5$

The Fibonacci sequence to 6 is  $fs = [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8]$ . With zero-based indexing,  $fs[5] = 5$ .

Function Description

Complete the recursive function  $fibonacci$  in the editor below.

fibonacci has the following parameter(s):

- int n: the index of the sequence to return

Returns

- int: the  $n^{th}$  element in the Fibonacci sequence

Input Format

The integer  $n$ .

Constraints

- $0 < n \leq 30$

Sample Input

STDIN	Function
3	n = 3

Sample Output

2

Explanation

The Fibonacci sequence begins as follows:

$fibonacci(0) = 0$

$fibonacci(1) = 1$

$fibonacci(2) = (0 + 1) = 1$

$fibonacci(3) = (1 + 1) = 2$

$fibonacci(4) = (1 + 2) = 3$

$fibonacci(5) = (2 + 3) = 5$

$fibonacci(6) = (3 + 5) = 8$

...

In the sequence above,  $fibonacci(3)$  is 2.

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Language

Java 8

```
1 import java.util.*;
2
3 public class Solution {
4
5     public static int fibonacci(int n) {
6
7         int answer = 0;
8
9         if (n == 0) {
10             answer = 0;
11         }
12
13         else if (n == 1 || n == 2) {
14             answer = 1;
15         }
16
17         else {
18             answer = fibonacci(n -1) + fibonacci(n -2);
19         }
20     }
21 }
```

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You have passed the sample test cases. Click the submit button to run your code against all the test cases.

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Input (stdin)

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✔ Sample Test case 1

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✔ Sample Test case 2

Your Output (stdout)

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Expected Output

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