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Given a "2 x n" board and tiles of size "2 x 1", count the number of ways to tile the given board using the 2 x 1 tiles. A tile can either be placed horizontally i.e., as a 1 x 2 tile or vertically i.e., as 2 x 1 tile.

Examples:

Input: n = 4

Output: 3

Explanation:

For a 2 x 4 board, there are 3 ways

- All 4 vertical
- All 4 horizontal
- 2 vertical and 2 horizontal

Input: n = 3

Output: 2

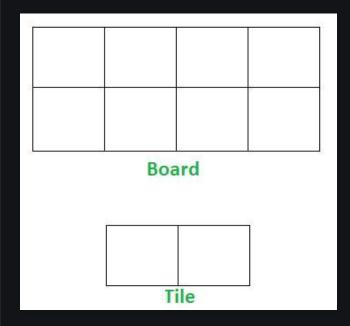
Explanation:

We need 2 tiles to tile the board of size 2 x 3.

We can tile the board using following ways

- Place all 3 tiles vertically.
- Place 1 tile vertically and remaining 2 tiles horizontally.





Recommended: Please solve it on "PRACTICE" first, before moving on to the solution.

Implementation -

Let "count(n)" be the count of ways to place tiles on a " $2 \times n$ " grid, we have following two ways to place first tile.

- 1) If we place first tile vertically, the problem reduces to "count(n-1)"
- 2) If we place first tile horizontally, we have to place second tile also horizontally. So the problem reduces to "count(n-2)"

Therefore, count(n) can be written as below.

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count(n) = n if n = 1 or n = 2
count(n) = count(n-1) + count(n-2)
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Here's the code for the above approach:

C++



C++ program to count the no. of ways to place 2*1 size / tiles in 2*n size board.

#include <iostream>