

* Problem statement :-

- A tribonacci sequence $T_n = T_{n-1} + T_{n-2} + T_{n-3}$
- $T_0 = 0$, $T_1 = 1$, $T_2 = 1$
- For a given n , return T_n .

* Example :-

$$n = 4$$

$$T_n = T_3 + T_2 + T_1$$

$$T_3 = T_2 + T_1 + T_0 \quad (\text{We know the } T_0 = 0 \text{ \& } T_1, T_2 = 1)$$

$$T_3 = 1 + 1 + 0 = 2$$

$$\therefore T_4 = 2 + 1 + 1 = \underline{\underline{4}}$$

* Solution :-

1) Approach 1 :- Simple iterative approach

- Since we know the values of T_0 , T_1 & T_2 , so whenever we encounter $n = 0, 1$ or 2 , we will return their respective values.
- For any value of n after 2 , we start iterating from 3 to n & compute the next value by $T_{n-1} + T_{n-2} + T_{n-3}$.
- We will keep on shuffling & adjust the values accordingly after each iteration.

$$TC :- O(n)$$

$$SC :- O(1)$$

2) Approach 2 :- Simple recursive approach

- Base case :- $n = 0 \rightarrow 0$

$$n = 1 \parallel n = 2 \rightarrow 1$$

$$\text{return } \text{foo}(n-1) + \text{foo}(n-2) + \text{foo}(n-3)$$

- The problem with this approach is that we are re-calculating certain values multiple times.
- Unnecessary call stacks will be created which increase the overall time complexity.
- So, on leetcode, we will get TLE with this approach.

Note :- This problem can be solved in a much efficient way using DP.
Come back after learning DP.