

# Recursion: Fibonacci Numbers

## *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  $\text{fibonacci}(0) = 0$  and  $\text{fibonacci}(1) = 1$  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:

- $\text{fibonacci}(0) = 0$
- $\text{fibonacci}(1) = 1$
- $\text{fibonacci}(n) = \text{fibonacci}(n - 1) + \text{fibonacci}(n - 2)$

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

As an 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. It must return the  $n^{\text{th}}$  element in the Fibonacci sequence.

*fibonacci* has the following parameter(s):

- $n$ : the integer index of the sequence to return

## Input Format

The input line contains a single integer,  $n$ .

## Constraints

- $0 < n \leq 30$

## Output Format

Locked stub code in the editor prints the integer value returned by the *fibonacci* function.

## Sample Input

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3
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## Sample Output

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2
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## Explanation

The Fibonacci sequence begins as follows:

$\text{fibonacci}(0) = 0$

$$\textit{fibonacci}(1) = 1$$

$$\textit{fibonacci}(2) = (0 + 1) = 1$$

$$\textit{fibonacci}(3) = (1 + 1) = 2$$

$$\textit{fibonacci}(4) = (1 + 2) = 3$$

$$\textit{fibonacci}(5) = (2 + 3) = 5$$

$$\textit{fibonacci}(6) = (3 + 5) = 8$$

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We want to know the value of  $\textit{fibonacci}(3)$ . In the sequence above,  $\textit{fibonacci}(3)$  evaluates to **2**.