

Staircase

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0.0.1 Problem Statement

Suppose there is a staircase that you can climb in either 1 step, 2 steps, or 3 steps. In how many possible ways can you climb the staircase if the staircase has n steps? Write a recursive function to solve the problem.

Example:

- $n == 1$ then answer = 1
- $n == 3$ then answer = 4 The output is 4 because there are four ways we can climb the staircase:
 - 1 step + 1 step + 1 step
 - 1 step + 2 steps
 - 2 steps + 1 step
 - 3 steps
- $n == 5$ then answer = 13

0.0.2 Exercise - Write a recursive function to solve this problem

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In [4]: """
        param: n - number of steps in the staircase
        Return number of possible ways in which you can climb the staircase
        """
        def staircase(n):
            '''Hint'''
            # Base Case - What holds true for minimum steps possible i.e.,  $n == 0, 1, 2$  or  $3$ ? Re
            # Recursive Step - Split the solution into base case if  $n > 3$ .

            pass
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Show Solution

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In [ ]: def test_function(test_case):
        n = test_case[0]
        solution = test_case[1]
        output = staircase(n)
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    if output == solution:
        print("Pass")
    else:
        print("Fail")
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In [ ]: n = 3
        solution = 4
        test_case = [n, solution]
        test_function(test_case)
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In [ ]: n = 4
        solution = 7
        test_case = [n, solution]
        test_function(test_case)
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In [ ]: n = 7
        solution = 44
        test_case = [n, solution]
        test_function(test_case)
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