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You are painting a fence of  $n$  posts with  $k$  different colors. You must paint the posts following these rules:

- Every post must be painted **exactly one** color.
- There **cannot** be three or more **consecutive** posts with the same color.

Given the two integers  $n$  and  $k$ , return *the number of ways you can paint the fence*.

Example 1:



**Input:**  $n = 3, k = 2$   
**Output:** 6  
**Explanation:** All the possibilities are shown.  
Note that painting all the posts red or all the posts green is invalid because there cannot be three posts in a row with the same color.

Example 2:

**Input:**  $n = 1, k = 1$   
**Output:** 1

Example 3:

**Input:**  $n = 7, k = 2$   
**Output:** 42

Constraints:

- $1 \leq n \leq 50$
- $1 \leq k \leq 10^5$
- The testcases are generated such that the answer is in the range  $[0, 2^{31} - 1]$  for the given  $n$  and  $k$ .

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