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9. What is the remainder when the 2008-digit number 222 ... 22 is divided by 9?

A 8

B 6

C 4

D 2

E 0

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Answer

9. **D** A number is divisible by 9 if, and only if, the sum of its digits is divisible by 9. The given number is N + 2, where N = 222...220 has 2007 2s. Since $2007 = 223 \times 9$, N is divisible by 9 and the required remainder is therefore 2.