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# Recursion: Davis' Staircase ■



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Davis has s staircases in his house and he likes to climb each staircase 1, 2, or 3 steps at a time. Being a very precocious child, he wonders how many ways there are to reach the top of the staircase.

Given the respective heights for each of the *s* staircases in his house, find and print the number of ways he can climb each staircase on a new line.

#### **Input Format**

The first line contains a single integer, **s**, denoting the number of staircases in his house.

Each line i of the s subsequent lines contains a single integer, n, denoting the height of staircase i.

#### **Constraints**

- $1 \le s \le 5$
- $1 \le n \le 36$

#### Subtasks

•  $1 \le n \le 20$  for 50% of the maximum score.

#### **Output Format**

For each staircase, print the number of ways Davis can climb it in a new line.

## **Sample Input**

3

3

#### **Sample Output**

44

### **Explanation**

Let's calculate the number of ways of climbing the first two of the Davis' s = 3 staircases:

- 1. The first staircase only has n = 1 step, so there is only one way for him to climb it (i.e., by jumping 1 step). Thus, we print 1 on a new line.
- 2. The second staircase has n = 3 steps and he can climb it in any of the four following ways:

$$1.~1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 1$$

2.  $\mathbf{1} \rightarrow \mathbf{2}$ 

3.  $2 \rightarrow 1$ 

Thus, we print 4 on a new line.

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   using System;
    using System.Collections.Generic;
3
    using System.IO;
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   using System.Linq;
   ▼ class Solution {
6
         static int ContarFormas(int n)
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9
                List<int> formas = new List<int>();
10
                 formas.Add(1);
                 formas.Add(2);
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12
                formas.Add(4);
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                 for (int i = 3; i < n; i++)
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15
                     formas.Add(formas[i - 1] + formas[i - 2] + formas[i - 3]);
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                return formas[n-1];
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            }
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            static void Main(String[] args)
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23 ▼
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                 int s = Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine());
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                for (int a0 = 0; a0 < s; a0++)
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                     int n = Convert.ToInt32(Console.ReadLine());
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                     Console.WriteLine(ContarFormas(n));
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                 Console.ReadLine();
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