

509. Fibonacci Number

LeetCode



Fibonacci using Memoization (Top-Down DP)



Problem

Compute the **n-th** Fibonacci number using **recursion with memoization** to avoid redundant calculations.



Approach — Recursive + DP (Top-Down)

We use a **dp** array to **store already computed results**, so that each Fibonacci value is computed only once.



Code

```
class Solution {
public:
    int fibo(int n, vector<int>& dp) {
        if (n <= 1) return n;           // Base case: F(0)=0, F(1)=1
        if (dp[n - 1] != -1) return dp[n - 1]; // If already computed, return it

        // Store result before returning
        return dp[n - 1] = fibo(n - 1, dp) + fibo(n - 2, dp);
    }

    int fib(int n) {
        vector<int> dp(n, -1); // Initialize DP array of size n with -1
        return fibo(n, dp);    // Compute F(n)
    }
};
```

Key Points

- **Base Case:**

`fibonacci(0) = 0` , `fibonacci(1) = 1`

- **Recurrence Relation:**

`fibonacci(n) = fibonacci(n-1) + fibonacci(n-2)`

- **Memoization:**

- Store results in `dp` to prevent recomputation
- Use `dp[n-1]` because vector size = `n` (indices `0` to `n-1`)

Time Complexity

| $O(n)$ — each Fibonacci number is computed once.

Space Complexity

| $O(n)$ — for the recursion stack + dp array.

Example

For `n = 5` :

```
fibonacci(5)
→ fibonacci(4) + fibonacci(3)
→ (fibonacci(3) + fibonacci(2)) + (fibonacci(2) + fibonacci(1))
→ ...
Result = 5
```

Fibonacci using Tabulation (Bottom-Up DP)

Problem

Compute the `n-th` Fibonacci number using the **iterative (bottom-up)** Dynamic Programming approach.

Approach — Iterative + DP (Bottom-Up)

Instead of recursion, we **build up** the solution from smaller subproblems (`0 → n`) using a simple loop.

Each Fibonacci value is stored in a `dp` array and used to compute the next one.

Code

```
class Solution {
public:
    int fib(int n) {
        if (n <= 1) return n; // Base cases: F(0)=0, F(1)=1

        int arr[n + 1];      // DP array to store Fibonacci numbers
        arr[0] = 0;
        arr[1] = 1;

        for (int i = 2; i <= n; i++) {
            arr[i] = arr[i - 1] + arr[i - 2]; // Build from smaller subproblems
        }

        return arr[n];        // Return F(n)
    }
};
```

Key Points

- **Bottom-Up DP:**

Start from the base cases and iteratively compute all values up to `n`.

- **No Recursion:**

Eliminates recursive call overhead and stack usage.

- **Transition Formula:**

```
arr[i] = arr[i-1] + arr[i-2]
```

- **Handles base cases:**

- `arr[0] = 0`
- `arr[1] = 1`

Time Complexity

| $O(n)$ — one loop from 2 \rightarrow n

Space Complexity

| $O(n)$ — due to the arr array

Example

For `n = 5` :

```
arr[0] = 0
arr[1] = 1
arr[2] = 1
arr[3] = 2
arr[4] = 3
arr[5] = 5
Result = 5
```