

# 509. Fibonacci Number

## LeetCode



### Fibonacci using Memoization (Top-Down DP)



#### Problem

Compute the  $n\text{-th}$  Fibonacci number using **recursion with memoization** to avoid redundant calculations.



#### Approach — Recursive + DP (Top-Down)

We use a  $\text{dp}$  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:**

`fibo(0) = 0 , fibo(1) = 1`

- **Recurrence Relation:**

`fibo(n) = fibo(n-1) + fibo(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` :

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

## Fibonacci using Tabulation (Bottom-Up DP)

## Problem

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

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## Approach — Iterative + DP (Bottom-Up)

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

Each Fibonacci value is stored in a  $\text{dp}$  array and used to compute the next one.

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## 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`

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## Time Complexity

|  $O(n)$  — one loop from 2 → n



## Space Complexity

|  $O(n)$  — due to the arr array

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## ✓ Example

For `n = 5` :

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