

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`)
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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
```
