Recursion: Fibonacci Numbers

The Fibonacci Sequence

The Fibonacci sequence appears in nature all around us, in the arrangement of seeds in a sunflower and the spiral of a nautilus for example.

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The Fibonacci sequence begins with fibonacci(0) = 0 and fibonacci(1) = 1 as its first and second terms. After these first two elements, each subsequent element is equal to the sum of the previous two elements.

Programmatically:

- fibonacci(0) = 0
- fibonacci(1) = 1
- fibonacci(n) = fibonacci(n-1) + fibonacci(n-2)

Given n, return the n^{th} number in the sequence.

Example

n = 5

The Fibonacci sequence to 6 is fs = [0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8]. With zero-based indexing, fs[5] = 5.

Function Description

Complete the recursive function fibonacci in the editor below.

fibonacci has the following parameter(s):

• *int n:* the index of the sequence to return

Returns

- *int:* the n^{th} element in the Fibonacci sequence

Input Format

The integer *n*.

Constraints

• $0 < n \leq 30$

Sample Input

STDIN	Function

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3 n = 3
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Sample Output

2

Explanation

The Fibonacci sequence begins as follows:

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fibonacci(0) = 0

fibonacci(1) = 1

fibonacci(2) = (0 + 1) = 1

fibonacci(3) = (1 + 1) = 2

fibonacci(4) = (1 + 2) = 3

fibonacci(5) = (2 + 3) = 5

fibonacci(6) = (3 + 5) = 8

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In the sequence above, fibonacci(3) is 2.