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Product of Array Except Self (Leetcode-238)



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PRODUCT OF ARRAY EXCEPT SELF (LEETCODE-238)

Nums

-1	2	3	4
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O/P

24	-12	-8	-6
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$\{ N = \text{nums.size}() \}$
 $\{ N = 4 \}$

$2 \times 3 \times 4$ $-1 \times 3 \times 4$ $-1 \times 2 \times 4$ $-1 \times 3 \times 2$

[BRUTE FORCE APPROACH:] (Nested For Loop)

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vector<int> ans(N);
for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    int mul = 1;
    for (int j = 0; j < n; j++) {
        if (i != j) {
            mul = mul * nums[j];
        }
    }
    ans[i] = mul;
}

return ans;
    
```

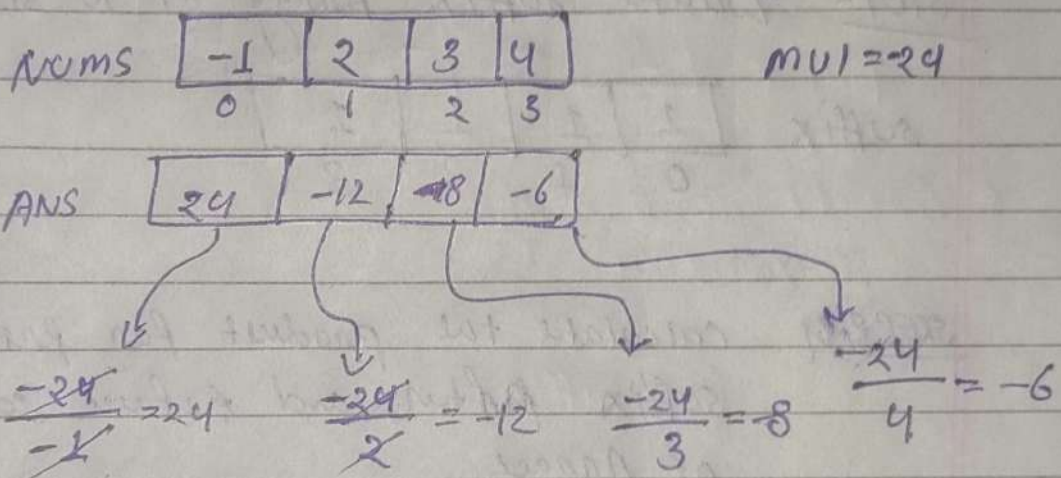
T.C. = $O(N)^2$

S.C. = $O(1)$

[Approach : Division operation]

STEP 1 Get product of all elements $\Rightarrow -24$

STEP 2 Traverse on Array to store the product on each Index via division operation



STEP 1 int mul = 1;

for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {

 mul = mul * nums[i];

}

STEP 2

vector<int> ans(N);

for (int i = 0; i < N; i++) {

 ans[i] = mul / nums[i];

}

return ans;

T.C. = $O(N)$

S.C. = $O(1)$

[Approach : prefix and suffix]

STEP 1 Create prefix Array of N size

prefix

1	1	1	1
0	1	2	3

STEP 2 Create suffix Array of N size

suffix

1	1	1	1
0	1	2	3

STEP 3/4 calculate the product for prefix & suffix after and before each index of Array

STEP 5 store product in Ans to get final output.

Logic

nums

-1	2	3	4
0	1	2	3

$$\rightarrow \underbrace{(0 \text{ to } i-1)}_{\text{prefix}} \times \underbrace{(i+1 \text{ to } N)}_{\text{suffix}}$$

i.e. $(-1) \times (3 \times 4) \Rightarrow -12$

prefix ~~21~~

Nums

-1	2	3	4
0	1	2	3

$i=1$

~~prefix~~

1	-1	-2	-6
0	1	2	3

$$\text{prefix}[i] = \text{prefix}[i-1] \times \text{Nums}[i-1]$$

prefix

1	-1	-2	-6
0	1	2	3

Suffix

$= N-2$

Nums

-1	2	3	4
0	1	2	3

$i=2$

Suffix

24	12	4	1
0	1	2	3

$$\text{suffix}[i] = \text{suffix}[i+1] \times \text{Nums}[i+1]$$

Ans

prefix

1	-1	-2	-6
0	1	2	3

Suffix

24	12	4	1
0	1	2	3

Ans

$i=0$

24	-12	-8	-6
0	1	2	3

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Time} &= O(N) \\ \text{Space} &= O(N) \end{aligned}$$

Final output

$$\text{Ans}[i] = \text{prefix}[i] \times \text{suffix}[i]$$


```
// Solution 1
// Optimal Approach: Prefix and suffix technique
// Time Complexity: O(N)
// Space Complexity: O(N)

class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> productExceptSelf(vector<int>& nums) {
        int n = nums.size();
        // Step 1: Create two arrays, prefix and suffix to hold the product of elements
        // before and after each index in nums
        vector<int> prefix(n, 1);
        vector<int> suffix(n, 1);

        // Step 2: Calculate the prefix products
        for(int index = 1; index < n; index++){
            prefix[index] = prefix[index - 1] * nums[index - 1];
        }

        // Step 3: Calculate the suffix products
        for(int index = n-2; index >= 0; index--){
            suffix[index] = suffix[index + 1] * nums[index + 1];
        }

        // Step 4: Multiply the corresponding prefix and suffix products
        // for each index to get the final result
        vector<int> answer(n);
        for (int index = 0; index < n; index++) {
            answer[index] = prefix[index] * suffix[index];
        }
        return answer;
    }
};
```

[Approach : Prefix & Suffix]

Nums	-1	2	3	4
	0	1	2	3

- Create prefix array as Answer

Prefix	1	-1	-2	-6
	0	1	2	3

- Create a variable suffix as a product variable

int suffix = 1;

- Traverse on entire array from end (N-1) ^{Nums & Prefix}

Nums	-1	2	3	4
	0	1	2	3

Prefix	1	-1	-2	-6
	0	1	2	3

$$j = N - 1 \\ = 3$$

for (j = end → 0)

prefix[j] = prefix[j] * suffix

suffix = suffix * ~~prefix~~ Nums[j]

$$\begin{aligned} \text{F.O.C.} &= O(N) \\ \text{S.C.} &= O(1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{suffix} = \frac{1 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2}{4 \times 2} = -1$$

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// Solution 2
// Optimal Approach: Prefix and suffix technique
// Time Complexity: O(N)
// Space Complexity: O(1)

class Solution {
public:
    vector<int> productExceptSelf(vector<int>& nums) {
        int n = nums.size();
        // Create prefix as answer to hold the product of elements
        // before each index in nums
        vector<int> prefix(n, 1);

        // Calculate the prefix products
        for(int index = 1; index < n; index++){
            prefix[index] = prefix[index - 1] * nums[index - 1];
        }

        // Create suffix variable as product of elements
        // after each index in nums
        int suffix = 1;

        // Traverse on entire arrays nums & prefix from end of nums
        for (int index = n-1; index >= 0; index--) {
            prefix[index] = prefix[index] * suffix;
            // Calculate the suffix products
            suffix = suffix * nums[index];
        }
        return prefix;
    }
};
```