

Product of Array Except Self

Problem: Given an integer array `nums`, return an array `answer` such that `answer[i]` is equal to the product of all the elements of `nums` except `nums[i]`.

The product of any prefix or suffix of `nums` is guaranteed to fit in a 32-bit integer.

You must write an algorithm that runs in $O(n)$ time and without using the **division operation**.

Example 1:

Input: `nums = [1,2,3,4]`

Output: `[24,12,8,6]`

Explanation:

<code>nums[i]=1</code>	<code>2 * 3 * 4 = 24</code>
<code>nums[i]=2</code>	<code>1 * 3 * 4 = 12</code>
<code>nums[i]=3</code>	<code>1 * 2 * 4 = 8</code>
<code>nums[i]=4</code>	<code>1 * 2 * 3 = 6</code>

brute-force Solution(Using two for loops):

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for i = 0 -----> n
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    for j = 0 -----> n
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        int product = 1
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        if i == j :
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            Skip that
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            calculate the product of remaining element
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        product = product * product[j]
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    answer[i] = product
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return Answer
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It could be Time Limit Exceeded , we need to optimize this because it has TC : $O(n^2)$, SC = $O(n)$ complexity.

Optimized Solution(using prefix and suffix array):

```
class Solution {  
    public int[] productExceptSelf(int[] nums) {  
        int[] suffixP = new int[nums.length];  
        int[] prefixP = new int[nums.length];  
        int[] answer = new int[nums.length];  
  
        prefixP[0] = 1;  
        for(int i = 1; i < nums.length; i++){  
            prefixP[i] = nums[i - 1] * prefixP[i - 1];  
        }  
  
        suffixP[nums.length - 1] = 1;  
        for(int k = nums.length - 2; k >= 0; k--){  
            suffixP[k] = nums[k + 1] * suffixP[k + 1];  
        }  
  
        for(int s = 0; s < nums.length; s++){  
            answer[s] = prefixP[s] * suffixP[s];  
        }  
  
        return answer;  
    }  
}  
  
// TC: O(n)  
// SC: O(n)
```