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A Product Array Puzzle

Given an array `arr[]` of `n` integers, construct a Product Array `prod[]` (of same size) such that `prod[i]` is equal to the product of all the elements of `arr[]` except `arr[i]`. Solve it **without division operator and in $O(n)$** .

Example:

`arr[] = {10, 3, 5, 6, 2}`

`prod[] = {180, 600, 360, 300, 900}`

Algorithm:

- 1) Construct a temporary array `left[]` such that `left[i]` contains product of all elements on left of `arr[i]` excluding `arr[i]`.
- 2) Construct another temporary array `right[]` such that `right[i]` contains product of all elements on on right of `arr[i]` excluding `arr[i]`.
- 3) To get `prod[]`, multiply `left[]` and `right[]`.

Implementation:

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdlib.h>

/* Function to print product array for a given array
arr[] of size n */
void productArray(int arr[], int n)
{
    /* Allocate memory for temporary arrays left[] and right[] */
    int *left = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int)*n);
    int *right = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int)*n);

    /* Allocate memory for the product array */
    int *prod = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int)*n);

    int i, j;

    /* Left most element of left array is always 1 */
    left[0] = 1;

    /* Rightmost most element of right array is always 1 */
    right[n-1] = 1;

    /* Construct the left array */
    for(i = 1; i < n; i++)
        left[i] = arr[i-1]*left[i-1];
```

```

/* Construct the right array */
for(j = n-2; j >=0; j--)
    right[j] = arr[j+1]*right[j+1];

/* Construct the product array using
left[] and right[] */
for (i=0; i<n; i++)
    prod[i] = left[i] * right[i];

/* print the constructed prod array */
for (i=0; i<n; i++)
    printf("%d ", prod[i]);

return;
}

/* Driver program to test above functions */
int main()
{
    int arr[] = {10, 3, 5, 6, 2};
    int n = sizeof(arr)/sizeof(arr[0]);
    printf("The product array is: \n");
    productArray(arr, n);
    getchar();
}

```

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Time Complexity: $O(n)$

Space Complexity: $O(n)$

Auxiliary Space: $O(n)$

The above method can be optimized to work in space complexity $O(1)$. Thanks to Dileep for suggesting the below solution.

```

void productArray(int arr[], int n)
{
    int i, temp = 1;

    /* Allocate memory for the product array */
    int *prod = (int *)malloc(sizeof(int)*n);

    /* Initialize the product array as 1 */
    memset(prod, 1, n);

    /* In this loop, temp variable contains product of
    elements on left side excluding arr[i] */
    for(i=0; i<n; i++)
    {
        prod[i] = temp;
        temp *= arr[i];
    }

    /* Initialize temp to 1 for product on right side */
    temp = 1;

    /* In this loop, temp variable contains product of
    elements on right side excluding arr[i] */
    for(i= n-1; i>=0; i--)
    {
        prod[i] *= temp;
    }
}

```

```
temp *= arr[i];
}

/* print the constructed prod array */
for (i=0; i<n; i++)
    printf("%d ", prod[i]);

return;
}
```

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Time Complexity: $O(n)$

Space Complexity: $O(n)$

Auxiliary Space: $O(1)$

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