

Products of array except self - using prefix and suffix
(optimal)

class Solution:

def prod_of_array(self, nums: list[int]) -> list[int]:

result = [1] * len(nums)

prefix = 1

for i in range(len(nums)):

result[i] = prefix

prefix * = nums[i]

postfix = 1

for i in range(len(nums) - 1, -1, -1):

result[i] * = postfix

postfix * = nums[i]

return result

print(Solution().prod_of_array(nums=[1, 2, 4, 6]))

Step 1:

self \rightarrow solution instance

nums $\rightarrow [1, 2, 4, 6]$

result $\rightarrow [1, 1, 1, 1]$

prefix $\rightarrow 1$

Step 2: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{for } i \text{ in range}(\text{len}(\text{nums})): \\ \text{result}[i] = \text{prefix} \\ \text{prefix} * = \text{nums}[i] \end{array} \right.$

Iterations:

1st $\Rightarrow i \rightarrow 0$

result[0] $\rightarrow 1$

prefix $\rightarrow 1 * 1$

result = $\overset{0}{1}, \overset{1}{}, \overset{2}{}, \overset{3}{}$

2nd $\Rightarrow i \rightarrow 1$

result[1] $\rightarrow 1$

prefix $\rightarrow 1 * 2$

result = $\overset{0}{1}, \overset{1}{1}, \overset{2}{}, \overset{3}{}$

3rd $\Rightarrow i \rightarrow 2$

result[2] $\rightarrow 2$

prefix $\rightarrow 2 * 4$

result = $\overset{0}{1}, \overset{1}{1}, \overset{2}{2}, \overset{3}{}$

last $\Rightarrow i \rightarrow 3$

result[3] $\rightarrow 8$

prefix $\rightarrow 8 * 6 \Rightarrow 48$

result = $[1, 1, 2, 8]$

Step 3:

postfix $\rightarrow 1$

Step 4: $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{for } i \text{ in range}(\text{len}(\text{nums}) - 1, -1, -1): \\ \text{result}[i] * = \text{postfix} \\ \text{postfix} * = \text{nums}[i] \end{array} \right.$

nums = $[1, 2, 4, 6]$

Iterations:

1st. $i \rightarrow 3$

result[3] $\rightarrow 8 * 1$

postfix $\rightarrow 1 * 6$

result = $[1, 1, 2, 8]$

2nd. $i \rightarrow 2$

result[2] $\rightarrow 2 * 6$

postfix $\rightarrow 6 * 4$

result = $[1, 1, 12, 8]$

3rd. $i \rightarrow 1$

result[1] $\rightarrow 1 * 24$

result = $[1, 24, 12, 8]$

postfix $\rightarrow 24 * 2$

2nd. $i \rightarrow 0$

result[0] $\rightarrow 1 * 48$

postfix $\rightarrow 48 * 1$

result = [48, 24, 12, 8]

