

Product of array except self - using brute force

class Solution:

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

n = len(nums)

result = [0] * n

for i in range(n):

prod = 1

for j in range(n):

if i == j:

continue

prod *= nums[j]

result[i] = prod

return result

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

Step 1:

self \rightarrow solution instance

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

n $\rightarrow 4$

result $\rightarrow [0, 0, 0, 0]$

Step 2: { for i in range(n):
prod = 1

i $\rightarrow 0$

prod $\rightarrow 1$

Step 3: { for j in range(n):
if i == j:
continue
prod * = nums[j]

1st iteration:

j $\rightarrow 0$

i == j True \rightarrow continue

2nd iteration:

j $\rightarrow 1$

nums = [⁰1, ¹2, ²4, ³6]

$$\text{prod} \rightarrow 1 * 2 \rightarrow 2$$

3rd iteration:

$$j \rightarrow 2$$

$$\text{prod} \rightarrow 2 * 4 \rightarrow 8$$

4th iteration:

$$j \rightarrow 3$$

$$\text{prod} \rightarrow 8 * 6 \rightarrow 48$$

$$\text{Step 4: } \text{result}[i] = \text{prod}$$

$$\text{result} = [48, 0, 0, 0]$$

Step 5:

i becomes 1, then prod restarts to the initial value of 1.
then j becomes 0 again and prod will be 1 and so on.
when j becomes 1, the iteration will then be skipped, then
 $j \rightarrow 2$ therefore $\text{prod} \rightarrow 4 \Rightarrow j \rightarrow 3$ and $\text{prod} \rightarrow 24$
this will result in having $\rightarrow [48, 24, 0, 0]$

Step 6:

i becomes 2, then prod restarts to the initial value of 1.

then j becomes 0 again and prod will be 1 and so on.
when j becomes 2, the iteration will then be skipped, then

$j \rightarrow 3$ and prod $\rightarrow 12 \Rightarrow$

result $\rightarrow [48, 24, 12, 0]$, after repeating this process
the result will be $\rightarrow [48, 24, 12, 8]$