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Given an integer array `nums`, find a subarray that has the largest product, and return *the product*.

The test cases are generated so that the answer will fit in a **32-bit** integer.

Example 1:

```
Input: nums = [2,3,-2,4]
Output: 6
Explanation: [2,3] has the largest product 6.
```

Example 2:

```
Input: nums = [-2,0,-1]
Output: 0
Explanation: The result cannot be 2, because [-2,-1] is not a subarray.
```

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↳ contigous part of array.

arr[] = [2, 3, -2, 4] [2, -2] X (subsequence)

ans = 6

1) Brute Force

- Generate all sub array.

```
maxi = INT_MIN
for(i=0; i<n; i++)
{
  for(j=i; j<n; j++)
  {  product=1
     for(k = i ⟶ j)  // this will give subarray
     {
        product = product * arr[k];
```

```
        }
        maxi = max(maxi, product)
    }
}
```

TC ⇒ $O(n^3)$ SC ⇒ $O(1)$

2) Better Solution :

```
for(i=0; i<n; i++)
{   product = 1
    for(j=i; j<n; j++)
    {   prod = prod * arr[j];
        maxi = max(maxi, prod)
    }
}
```

TC ⇒ $O(n^2)$ SC ⇒ $O(1)$

3) Optimal Approach

arr[] = [2, 3, -2, 4]

ans = 6

1. +ve ⇒ multiple everyone

2. even -ve, rest +ve ⇒ multiple everyone

3. odd -ve rest +ve ⇒ will give -ve.

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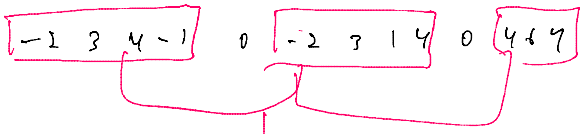
we need max product, so you can do remove one -ve nos of odd nos of -ves will leave us with even nos of -ve.

4. if it has '0', multiplication will be '0'.

e.g. 

i'll take this array and check

{ 2 3 -2 4 }

max = ~~INT_MIN~~ 2 6

prex = ~~1 2 6 -12 -48~~

suff = ~~1 1 -8 -24 -48~~

this is max of {2 3}

Now if there is '0' in the array and if you encounter '0' while multiplying then change the prefix to '1' again. (starting up new).

Pseudo

```
pref = 1 , suff = 1
for( i = 0 ⟶ n-i)
{
    if (pre == 0) pre = 1
    if (suff == 0) suff = 1      } //handling '0' in the array.
    pref = pref * arr[i]
    suff = suff * arr[n-i-1]; //as suff is from back.
    maxi = max(maxi, max(pref, suff))
}
return maxi;
```

T.C => O(n) S.C => O(1)