1822. Sign of the Product of an Array

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There is a function signFunc(x) that returns:

- 1 if x is positive.
- -1 if x is negative.
- Ø if x is equal to Ø.

You are given an integer array nums . Let product be the product of all values in the array nums .

Return signFunc(product).

Example 1:

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Input: nums = [-1,-2,-3,-4,3,2,1]
Output: 1
Explanation: The product of all values in the array is
144, and signFunc(144) = 1
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(Brute force:

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class Solution {
public:
    int arraySign(vector<int>& nums) {
        int prod = 1;

        for(auto i: nums){
            prod *= i;
        }

        if(prod > 0) return 1;
        else if(prod == 0) return 0;
        else return -1;
    }
};
```

Runtime Error

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// Better Approach
is it neccessary to calculate the product? NO
    we can keep track of the postive and negative
if we count nos of negative if the count come even then +ve
else -ve
*/
class Solution {
public:
    int arraySign(vector<int>& nums) {
        int cnt = 0;
        for(auto i: nums){
            if(i == 0) return 0;
            if(i < 0) cnt++;
        return cnt % 2 == 0 ? 1 : -1;
    }
};
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