

Solution Review: List of Products of All Elements

This review provides a detailed analysis of the different ways to find products of all elements in a list.

We'll cover the following

- Solution #1: Using a nested loop
 - Time Complexity
- Solution #2: Optimizing the number of multiplications
 - Time Complexity

Solution #1: Using a nested loop

```
1 def find_product(lst):
2     result = []
3     left = 1 # To store product of all previous values from currentIndex
4     for i in range(len(lst)):
5         currentproduct = 1 # To store current product for index i
6         # compute product of values to the right of i index of list
7         for ele in lst[i+1:]:
8             currentproduct = currentproduct * ele
9         # currentproduct * product of all values to the left of i index
10        result.append(currentproduct * left)
11        # Updating `left`
12        left = left * lst[i]
13
14    return result
15
16
17 print(find_product([1, 2, 3, 4]))
18
```



This solution iterates over the list and calculates the product of all the numbers to the right of the current element as on **lines 7 and 8**. Then it calculates the product of all the elements to the left of the current element **line 10**. It then multiplies the two products and returns the result **line 14**.

Time Complexity

This algorithm is in $O(n^2)$ because the list is iterated over $n(n - 1)/2$ times.

Solution #2: Optimizing the number of multiplications

```
1 def find_product(lst):
2     # get product start from left
3     left = 1
4     product = []
5     for ele in lst:
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6         product.append(left)
7         left = left * ele
8     # get product starting from right
9     right = 1
10    for i in range(len(lst)-1, -1, -1):
11        product[i] = product[i] * right
12        right = right * lst[i]
13
14    return product
15
16
17 print(find_product([0, 1, 2, 3]))
18

```



The algorithm for this solution is to first create a new list with products of all elements to the left of each element as done on **lines 4-6**. Then multiply each element in that list to the product of all the elements to the right of the list by traversing it in reverse as done on **lines 9-11**

Time Complexity

Since this algorithm only traverses over the list twice, it's in linear time, $O(n)$.

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