Documentation on Reconstruct Original Digits from English

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1. Problem Statement

Given a string s containing an unordered English representation of digits (o-9), reconstruct and return the digits in ascending order.

Example 1:

Input:

s = "owoztneoer"

Output:

"012"

Example 2:

Input:

s = "fviefuro"

Output:

"45"

Constraints:

- 1≤s.length≤10⁵
- s[i] is one of the letters: ["e", "g", "f", "i", "h", "o", "n", "s", "r", "u", "t", "w", "v", "x", "z"]
- The input is guaranteed to be a valid jumbled representation of digits.

2. Intuition

The key to solving this problem efficiently is recognizing **unique character associations** for certain digits. Instead of trying all possible permutations, we leverage these unique character occurrences to determine the counts of each digit.

3. Key Observations

Each digit in English has specific characters that can be uniquely identified:

Digit	Word	Unique Character
0	zero	z
2	two	w
4	four	u
6	six	X
8	eight	G

After determining the above digits, we can find the remaining ones:

Digit	Word	Dependent Characters
1	one	o (appears in zero, two, four)
3	three	h (appears in three, eight)
5	five	f (appears in five, four)
7	seven	s (appears in seven, six)
9	nine	i (appears in nine, five, six, eight)

4. Approach

- I. Count the frequency of each character in the input string.
- II. **Identify numbers with unique characters** and record their frequency:
 - a. $z' \rightarrow 0$
 - b. $w' \rightarrow 2$
 - c. $u' \rightarrow 4$
 - d. $'x' \rightarrow 6$
 - e. $'g' \rightarrow 8$
- III. **Deduct counts for remaining numbers** based on known values:
 - a. 'o' \rightarrow 1 (subtract counts of 0, 2, and 4)
 - b. 'h' \rightarrow 3 (subtract count of 8)
 - c. 'f' \rightarrow 5 (subtract count of 4)
 - d. 's' \rightarrow 7 (subtract count of 6)
 - e. 'i' \rightarrow 9 (subtract counts of 5, 6, and 8)
- IV. **Reconstruct the output string** by arranging digits in sorted order.

5. Edge Cases

- All digits present: "zeroonetwothreefourfivesixseveneightnine"
- Only one digit: "nine" → Output "9"
- Randomly shuffled characters: "xwutgieorhzefoevns"
- Large input: Length close to 10510⁵

6. Complexity Analysis

Time Complexity

• Counting characters: O(N)O(N)

• **Identifying digits**: O(1)O(1) (fixed 10 numbers)

• Constructing the output: O(1)O(1)

Total Complexity: O(N)O(N)

Space Complexity

- We use a dictionary for character frequency (O(1)O(1)) and a dictionary for digit frequency (O(1)O(1)).
- The final result string takes at most O(N)O(N) space.

Total Complexity: O(N)O(N)

7. Alternative Approaches

Brute Force Approach

- 1. Generate all permutations of the string.
- 2. Check if the permutation forms valid English digit words.
- 3. Sort and return the numbers.

Time Complexity: $O(N!)O(N!) \rightarrow Not$ feasible

Sorting by Word Length

- Sort known words by length and extract numbers accordingly.
- Not optimal due to complex substring matching.

8. Test Cases

```
solution = Solution()
# Test Case 1
assert solution.originalDigits("owoztneoer") == "012"
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# Test Case 2
assert solution.originalDigits("fviefuro") == "45"

# Test Case 3
assert solution.originalDigits("zeroonetwothreefourfivesixseveneightnine") == "0123456789"

# Test Case 4 (Random shuffle)
assert solution.originalDigits("xwutgieorhzefoevns") == "0245678"

# Test Case 5 (Single digit cases)
assert solution.originalDigits("nine") == "9"
assert solution.originalDigits("eight") == "8"
assert solution.originalDigits("two") == "2"
```

9. Final Thoughts

- Efficient approach using character frequency.
- Time Complexity O(N)O(N) is optimal for large inputs.
- Alternative approaches exist but are significantly less efficient.
- Edge cases are handled properly, ensuring correctness.