

Problem Description

Next Closest Time

Given a `time` represented in the format `"HH:MM"`, form the next closest time by reusing the current digits. There is no limit on how many times a digit can be reused.

You may assume the given input string is always valid. For example, `"01:34"`, `"12:09"` are all valid. `"1:34"`, `"12:9"` are all invalid.

Example 1:

Input: `time = "19:34"`

Output: `"19:39"`

Explanation: The next closest time choosing from digits `1, 9, 3, 4`, is `19:39`, which occurs 5 minutes later. It is not `19:33`, because this occurs 23 hours and 59 minutes later.

Example 2:

Input: `time = "23:59"`

Output: `"22:22"`

Explanation: The next closest time choosing from digits `2, 3, 5, 9`, is `22:22`.

It may be assumed that the returned time is next day's time since it is smaller than the input time number.

Constraints:

- `time.length == 5`
- `time` is a valid time in the form `"HH:MM"`.
- `0 <= HH < 24`
- `0 <= MM < 60`

Analysis

01:34

H2	H1	M2	M1
0	1	3	4

{0,1,3,4}

M1 == 4

M2 == 3 Return 01:43

{1, 3, 4, 9}

19:34 → 19:39

{1,3,9}

19:39 → 11:11

{2,3,5,9}

23:59 → 22:22

H2	H1	:	M2	M1
1	9		3	4

$0 \leq H2 \leq 1$ and $0 \leq H1 \leq 9$
 $H2 = 2$ and $0 \leq H1 \leq 3$

$0 \leq M2 \leq 5$ and $0 \leq M1 \leq 9$
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- $0 \leq HH < 24$
- $0 \leq MM < 60$

Algorithm

Read in all distinct numbers: S, rank it.

ab:cd

For M1, test if there exists e in S such that $d < e \leq 9$. If yes, return ab:ce.

For M2, test if there exists e in S such that $c < e \leq 5$. If yes, return ab:ed', where $d' = \min(S)$.

For H1,

 If $H2 = 2$, test if there exists e in S such that $b < e \leq 3$. If yes, return ae:d'd', where $d' = \min(S)$.

 Else, test if there exists e in S such that $b < e \leq 9$. If yes, return ae:d'd', where $d' = \min(S)$.

 Else, find $e = \min(S)$. Return worstCase(S).

For H2, test if there exists e in S such that $a < e \leq 2$. If yes, return ed':d'd', where $d' = \min(S)$.

Else, call worstCase(S).

Method: worstCase

This method takes in S and return ee:ee where $e = \min(S)$.