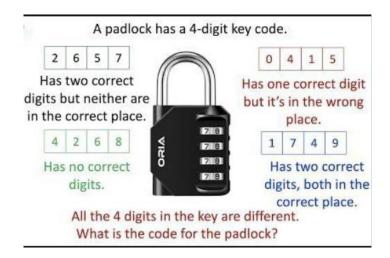
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Quick Solution using IBM ODM by Andrew Macdonald macdonald@uk.ibm.com



This follows my usual design principles to keep things simple for the business rule authors and to match the given requirements and data structures where possible. I implemented this as a self-contained ruleset that has no input/output parameters. It was built to solve the problem rather than provide a flexible and extensible decision service.

For this challenge it just needs one rule and one helper function to count the number of exact and partial matching numbers :

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definitions
    set Digits to { 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 } ;
    set Digit1 to a number in Digits;
    set Digit2 to a number in Digits
            where this number is not Digit1;
    set Digit3 to a number in Digits
            where this number is not one of { Digit1 , Digit2 } ;
    set Digit4 to a number in Digits
            where this number is not one of { Digit1 , Digit2 , Digit3 } ;
if
    the match score of Digit1 Digit2 Digit3 Digit4 to "2657" is 2.0
    and the match score of Digit1 Digit2 Digit3 Digit4 to "0415" is 1.0
    and the match score of Digit1 Digit2 Digit3 Digit4 to "4286" is 0.0
    and the match score of Digit1 Digit2 Digit3 Digit4 to "1749" is 0.2
then
    print "Solution: " + Digit1 + " " + Digit2 + " " + Digit3 + " " + Digit4 ;
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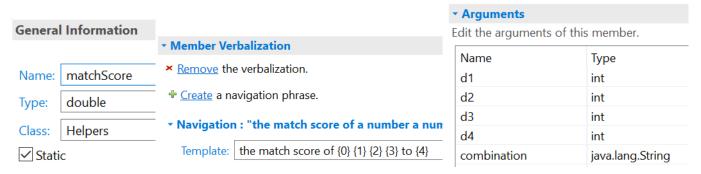
The first line of definitions section defines the list of possible numbers to use. The next four lines define the four unique digit variables which will generate a list of all permutations of the 4 digit codes.

The four 'if' conditions test the provided codes. I decided to add a utility method to count how many digits were an exact match and how many matched but in the wrong place returned in the form of a decimal number wrong place total>.. This enabled me to express the rule in a very similar format to how the problem was described and to make it easy to use other sets of values.

You can verbalise the method in different ways to make it more readable or natural language like but this is fine for a quick test. The 'then' part of the rule only executes if all of the parts of the definitions section have successfully matched and all of the if conditions are true. It will execute for every successful match so it should find all valid solutions. Running the rule directly in the ODM Rule Designer gives the following result showing only one possible solution:



The helper method is created as follows:



The code of this method is as follows. This is just a quick and simple first attempt but it works fine for the challenge. It could obviously be improved by using an array type and loops but it served it's purpose in making the rule simple to author by the non-technical users.

```
int wrongplace = 0;
if (!combination.substring(0,1).equals(""+d1) && combination.contains(""+d1) ) wrongplace = wrongplace + 1;
if (!combination.substring(1,2).equals(""+d2) && combination.contains(""+d2) ) wrongplace = wrongplace + 1;
if (!combination.substring(2,3).equals(""+d3) && combination.contains(""+d3) ) wrongplace = wrongplace + 1;
if (!combination.substring(3,4).equals(""+d4) && combination.contains(""+d4) ) wrongplace = wrongplace + 1;
int rightplace = 0;
if (combination.substring(0,1).equals(""+d1) ) rightplace = rightplace + 1;
if (combination.substring(1,2).equals(""+d2) ) rightplace = rightplace + 1;
if (combination.substring(2,3).equals(""+d3) ) rightplace = rightplace + 1;
if (combination.substring(3,4).equals(""+d4) ) rightplace = rightplace + 1;
return wrongplace+rightplace/10.0;
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