

**MASSACHUSETTS MATHEMATICS LEAGUE  
CONTEST 1 - OCTOBER 2010 SOLUTION KEY**

**Team Round – continued**

F) Alternate solution (Tuan Le) - 3 cases

Case 1: 2Ps are next to each other, but O and I are not  
PP, L and N create 4 spaces to place the remaining letters.

{ \_\_\_ PP \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ N \_\_\_ }

The PP, L and N can be arranged in  $3! = 6$  ways and there are  $4 \cdot 3 = 12$  ways to place the O and I  
→  $6 \cdot 12 = 72$

Case 2: OI are next to each other, but the Ps are not

Again OI, L and N create 4 spaces to place the remaining letters.

{ \_\_\_ OI \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ N \_\_\_ }

Arrange OI next to each other – 2 ways

Arrange OI, L and N – 6 ways

Use 2 of the 4 spaces for the Ps -  $\binom{4}{2} = \frac{4!}{2!2!} = 6$

→  $2(6)(6) = 72$

Case 3: Both OI and PP in adjacent positions

Arrange the 4 items. Only OI can be flipped.

{OI, PP, L, N} →  $4! \cdot 2! = 48$

Since the total number of anagrams is  $6! - 1 = 359$ , the number of anagrams without adjacent Ps and without adjacent vowels is  $359 - (2(72) + 48) = \underline{167}$ .