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TODAY'S AGENDA

First 50 minutes:

- Computing Disciplines
- Intro to Cryptography

(10 minute break)

Second Hour:

- Ciphers
- Cryptography Worksheet





ABOUT ME

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Graduated from KU with my B.S. in CompSci in May '23

I also studied illustration and animation through the design department during my time in undergrad

I am currently pursuing my Master's Degree (MSCS)

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TELL ME ABOUT YOU!

Your name, if you are a junior or senior,
and if you are considering computing.

Which Computing Discipline is Right for You?

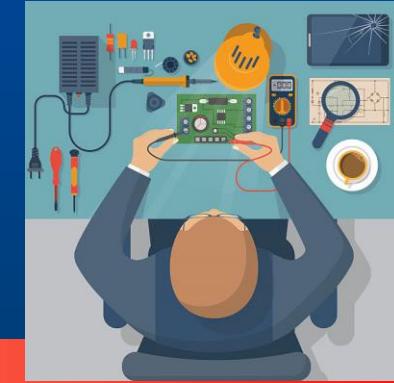


Computer Science

- Applied Computing
- Cybersecurity Engineering



Computer Engineering



Electrical Engineering



What Can I Do As A:



Computer Scientist

- Software Developer
- Web Developer
- Cybersecurity Professional
- Video Game Developer



Computer Engineer

- Software Developer
- Systems Engineer
- Computer Systems Analyst
- Hardware Designer



Electrical Engineer

- Electrical Design Engineer (CAD)
- Electronics Engineer
- Field Engineer



Degree Requirement Links

- Computer Science:
 - <https://catalog.ku.edu/engineering/electrical-engineering-computer-science/bs-computer-science/#requirementstext>
- Applied Computing:
 - <https://catalog.ku.edu/engineering/electrical-engineering-computer-science/bs-applied-computing/#text>
- Cybersecurity Engineering:
 - <https://catalog.ku.edu/engineering/electrical-engineering-computer-science/bs-cybersecurity-engineering/>
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 - <https://eecs.ku.edu/eecs-courses>

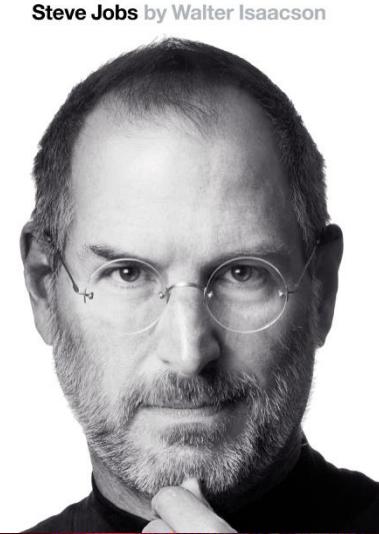
What do you think of when you think of Computer Science?



Absolutely no one:
Hackers in movies:



"I'm in"



> Hello, world!_



You



What it Actually Is:



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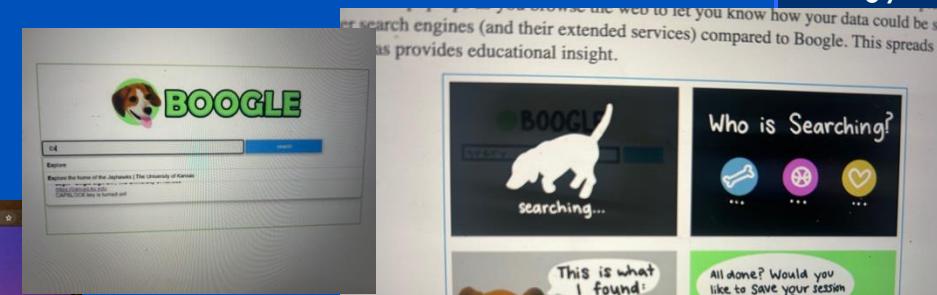
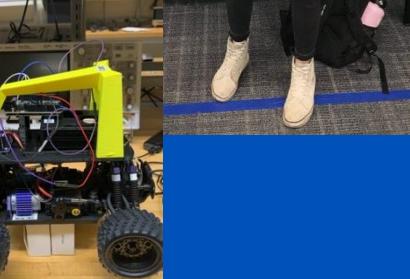


What You Will Actually Be Doing:

- Writing Code
 - Python, C, C++, SQL, etc, etc, etc.
- Data Structures
 - Learn best ways to store/ house data for specific use-cases
 - Do you need to be able to access data quickly?
 - Do you need to be able to store a huge amount of data long-term?
- Learning how computers interpret and execute the code we write
- Taking electives in focused areas:
 - Machine learning / artificial intelligence
 - Cybersecurity
 - Program verification



Cool Projects I Did in My Discipline!



The additional features make web search more age appropriate. Besides the issue of censoring

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er search engines (and their extended services) compared to Google. This spreads awareness and provides educational insight.

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We do have:

Brian McClendon!
“that’s our Lebron”

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Ciphers & Encryption

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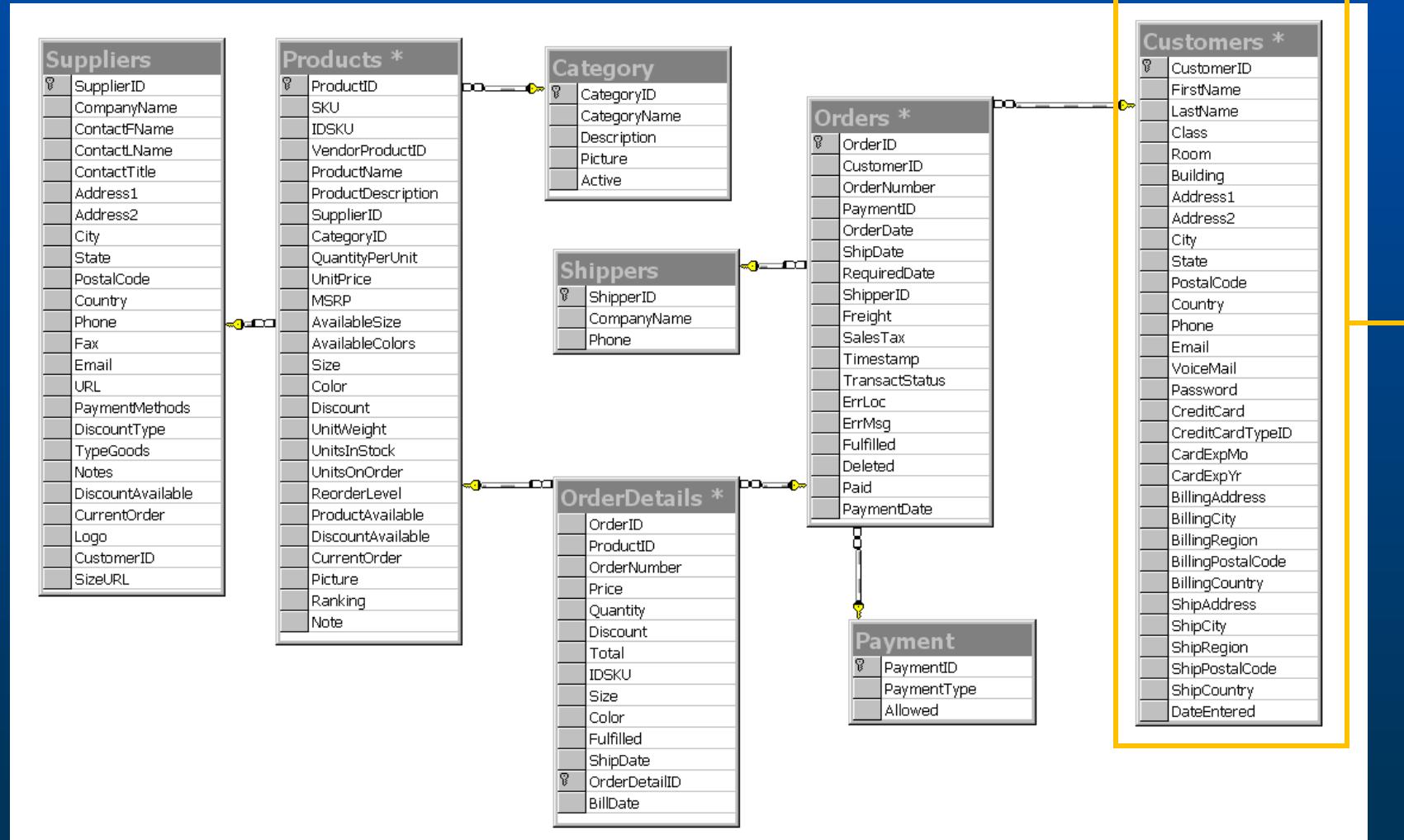
What is Encryption?

- Encryption is the process of converting information or data into a code, especially to prevent unauthorized access.

Why do we Need Encryption?

- We need to protect data in all forms
 - At rest
 - In this case, even if physical devices are stolen or accessed by unauthorized persons, the data is unreadable
 - In transit
 - The interception and potential alteration of data in transit is called a “Man in the Middle” attack
 - In use
 - Data needs to be protected while it is being accessed from your computer memory
 - Complex as this type of encryption requires methodologies that allows you to perform operations on your data without fully decrypting it

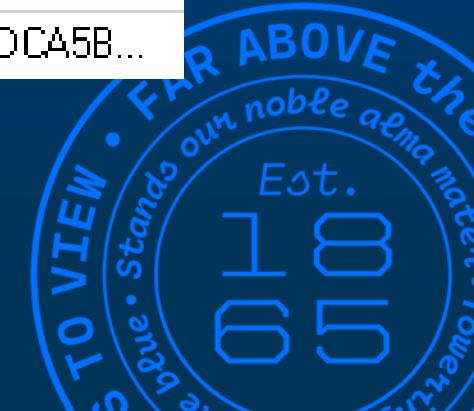
DB Schema:



Customers *	
	CustomerID
Jane	Doe
123 University Way	Apt C7
Lawrence	KS
66044	USA
785-555-5555	
JaneDoe@ku.edu	
LovemyDog7!	
0123 4567 8910 1112	
MasterCard	
EXP 12	
EXP 26	
456 Robin St	
Wichita, KS	
USA	
Lawrence	
KS	
66044	
USA	

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Stored Data Should Instead Look Something Like This:



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	Customer_id	Customer_Name	Credit_card_number_encrypt
1	25665	mssqltips4	0x00433D8201CD98408F12834EA54FDC21010000008F2462D...
2	74112	MSSQLTips2	0x00433D8201CD98408F12834EA54FDC2101000000C3DBB29...
3	74113	MSSQLTips3	0x00433D8201CD98408F12834EA54FDC2101000000FD C93D...
4	74114	MSSQLTips4	0x00433D8201CD98408F12834EA54FDC2101000000E0C1891...
5	74115	MSSQLTips5	0x00433D8201CD98408F12834EA54FDC2101000000DDCA5B...

TERMINOLOGY RELATED TO

HACKING



White Hat Hacker

- Ethical security hacker
- Receives consent from system owner
- Follows rules and discloses flaws in order to expose and patch security vulnerabilities

Grey Hat Hacker

- Operates in “grey area”
- May not receive consent or adhere to legal guidelines before launching system attack
- May or may not disclose vulnerabilities
- May disclose vulnerabilities in exchange for compensation or other personal gain

Black Hat Hacker

- Malicious attacker
- Attempts to steal data or use data for illegal purposes



Ciphers

- Cryptography Basics
- Shift / Caesar Cipher
- Substitution Cipher
- Vigenère Cipher
- We will work through practice problems for each cipher together, and if there is time left, there are additional problems to solve.



CRYPTOGRAPHY BASICS



TERMINOLOGY

- **Plaintext**: readable text in its original, unencrypted form
- **Ciphertext**: encrypted text which is unreadable to anyone without the decryption key
- **Keyspace**: the set of all possible, distinct keys of a cryptosystem

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The word “cryptography” originates from the Greek words “kryptos” (κρυπτός) meaning “hidden” or “secret” and “Graphein” (γράφειν) meaning “writing.” Cryptography means “secret writing.”



ADVANCED TERMINOLOGY

- Symmetric-Key Encryption: a cryptographic method where the same key is used for both encrypting and decrypting the data
- Asymmetric-Key Encryption: a cryptographic method of where encryption and decryption use different keys which are mathematically related



Modulo
“the remainder when dividing”

%

We will use “mod” in our
ciphers.

Practice with Modulo

Examples:

$$3 \% 2 = 1$$

$$3 = (2 \times 1) + 1$$

$$54 \% 26 = 2$$

$$54 = (26 \times 2) + 2$$

$$1 \% 5 = 1$$

Practice:

1. $36 \% 5 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

2. $2 \% 3 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

3. $110 \% 10 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

4. $31 \% 9 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$



Please notice that modulo will only come into play when the dividend is larger than the divisor. Otherwise, the modulo is just the dividend.

SHIFT CIPHER

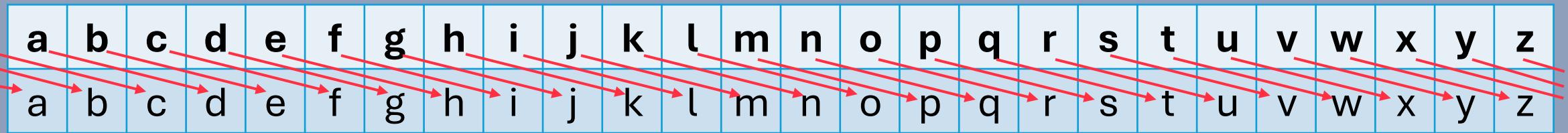


SHIFT CIPHER

- In cryptography, the shift cipher is one of the simplest and most commonly-known encryption methods.
 - Shift ciphers are performed by “shifting” all letters of plaintext “X” positions in the alphabet.
- * Shift ciphers are also known as Caesar ciphers because General Julius Caesar utilized them when sending messages to his military to prevent military plans of action from being understood by adversaries in case of interception.



The Shift Cipher



plaintext: meet in engineering

key: shift: +3

ciphertext: phhw lq hqjlqhhlqj

The Math Behind The Shift Cipher

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

$$E_K(m) = (m + K) \% 26$$

- K = amount of shift
- m = number of the plaintext letter
- c = number of the ciphertext letter

$$D_K(c) = (c - K) \% 26$$

Why is writing a formula for the cipher useful?

So we can automate the process!

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Let's practice!

Encrypt the word “FOX” with the shift cipher $E_K(m) = (m + K) \% 26$, where $K = 4$

$$F: E(_)=(_+_)\%26 \quad E_4(5)=(5+4)\%26 \quad E_4(5)=9\%26 \quad E_4(5)=9 \quad =J$$

$$O: E(_)=(_+_)\%26 \quad E_4(14)=(14+4)\%26 \quad E_4(14)=18\%26 \quad E_4(14)=18 \quad =S$$

$$X: E(_)=(_+_)\%26 \quad E_4(23)=(23+4)\%26 \quad E_4(23)=27\%26 \quad E_4(23)=1 \quad =B$$

DEMO

[Colab Link](#)



(8) # Caesar Cipher

```
def caesar_cipher(text, shift): # takes text and the amount of shift
    result = "" # initialize a string to store the result
    for char in text: # for each character in the text
        if char.isalpha(): # check to see if character is alphabetic
            start = ord('a') if char.islower() else ord('A')
            shifted_char = chr((ord(char) - start + shift) % 26)
            result += shifted_char # add the new character to the result
        else:
            result += char # if the character is not alphabetic, add it as is
    return result
```



Test the cipher

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original_text = input("Enter the text to encrypt: ") # get the original text from the user
shift_amount = int(input("Enter the shift amount: ")) # get the shift amount from the user
encrypted_text = caesar_cipher(original_text, shift_amount)
print("\noriginal text: ", original_text, "\n") # print the original text
print("encrypted text: ", encrypted_text, "\n") # print the encrypted text
decrypted_text = caesar_cipher(encrypted_text, -shift_amount)
print("decrypted text: ", decrypted_text) # print the decrypted text
```



Enter the text to encrypt: Hello World!
Enter the shift amount: 3

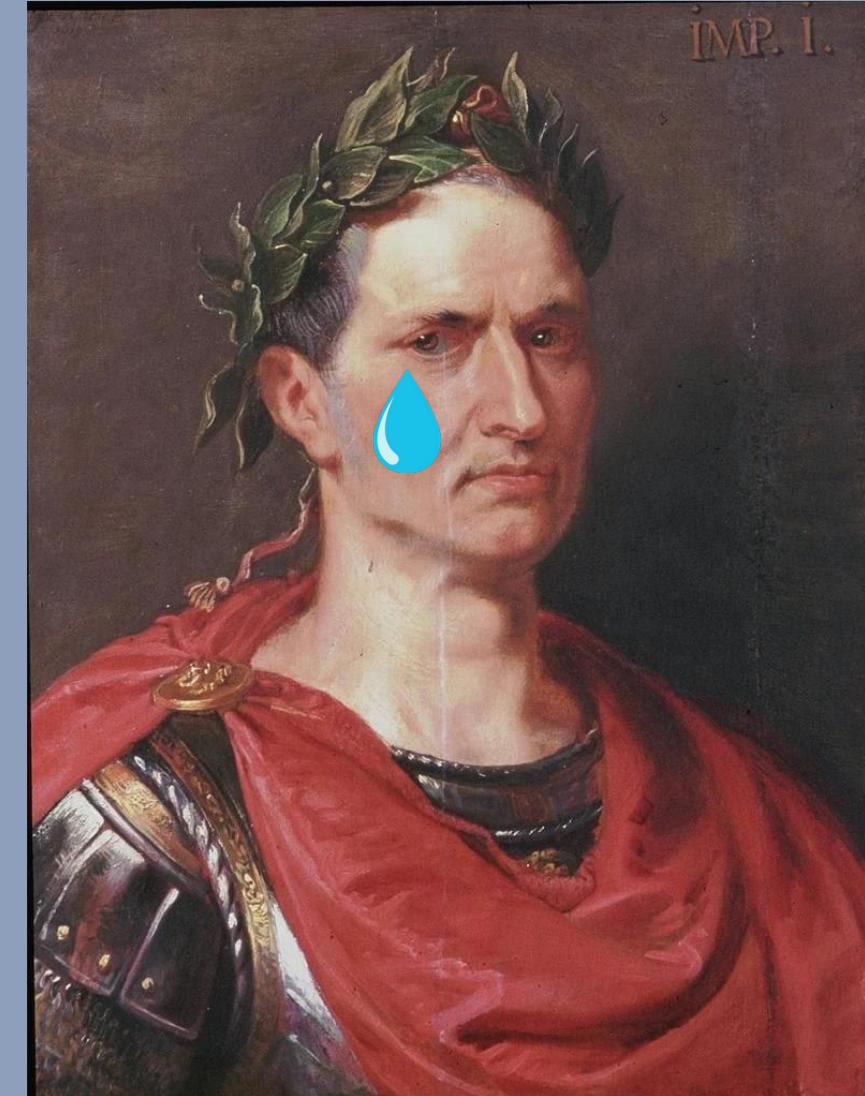
original text: Hello World!

encrypted text: Khoor Zruog!

decrypted text: Hello World!

Why isn't the Caesar Cipher Secure?

- The keyspace is very small (only 26)
 - additionally, one of the keys is 0 which means the message would still be in plaintext
 - A computer can break a Caesar cipher in milliseconds without knowing the key!
- * * Cracking a code by trying all possible combinations is called brute force.



DEMO PT II

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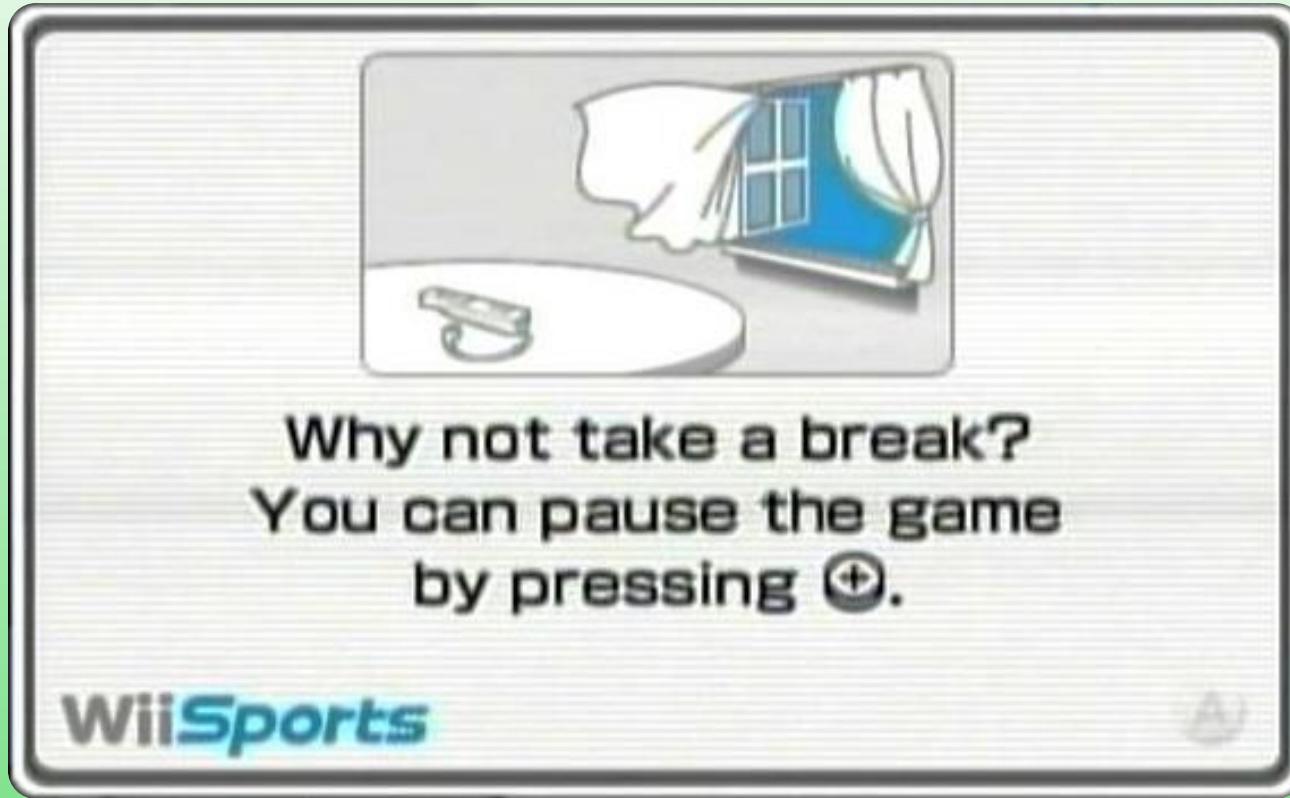
You!

A messenger brings you
a scroll with the text

“ZKDW LV IRU OXQFK?”

and whispers, “I bring an
urgent message! The key
is 3” before running
away. What has General
Caesar written
to you?





BREAK TIME!

Take 10 minutes and we will continue with
cryptography.

SUBSTITUTION CIPHER



Substitution Cipher

- Substitute one character for another
 - **Monoalphabetic cipher:** each letter of the plaintext is replaced with another letter of the alphabet.
 - It uses a **fixed key** which consist of the 26 letters of a “shuffled alphabet”

plaintext: a b c d e f g h i j k l m n o p q r s t u v w x y z

key: m n b v c x z a s d f g h j k l p o i u y t r e w q

plaintext: FISH

ciphertext: XSIA

Substitution Cipher

- Keyspace: $26! \approx 4 * 10^6$ possible substitution alphabets
- Can we brute force the cipher?
 - 10^9 tests/second
 - $\approx 4 * 10^{13}$ second
 - $\approx 3 * 10^7$ YEARS to brute force the cipher

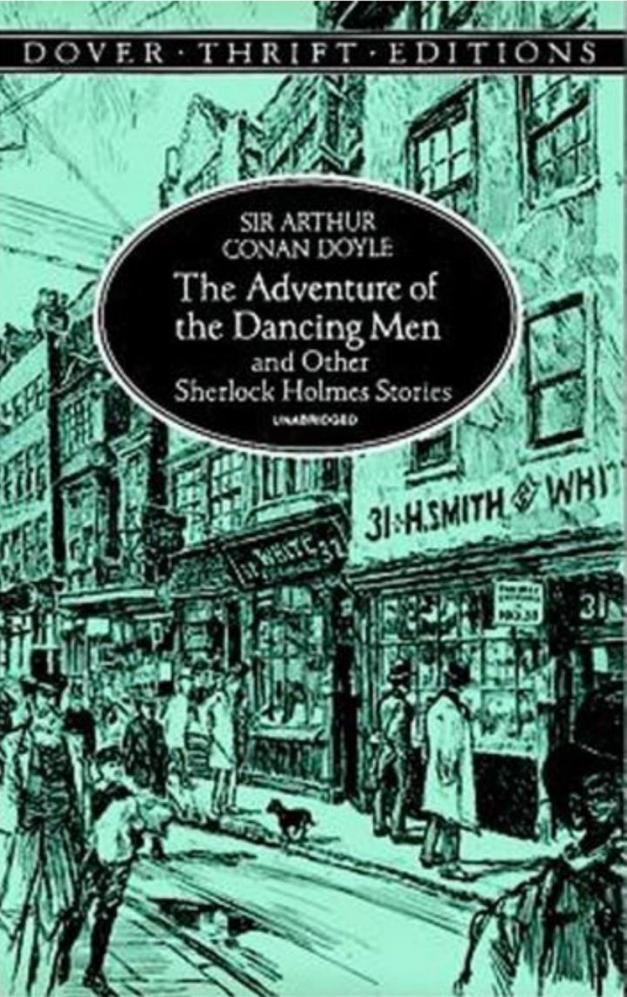


Did We Fix the Problem?

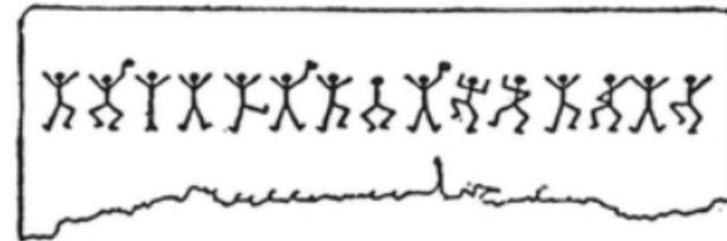
First, let's talk about ...

- Frequency Analysis: method to correlate language-specific patterns/ distributions between plaintext and ciphertext.

Frequency Analysis

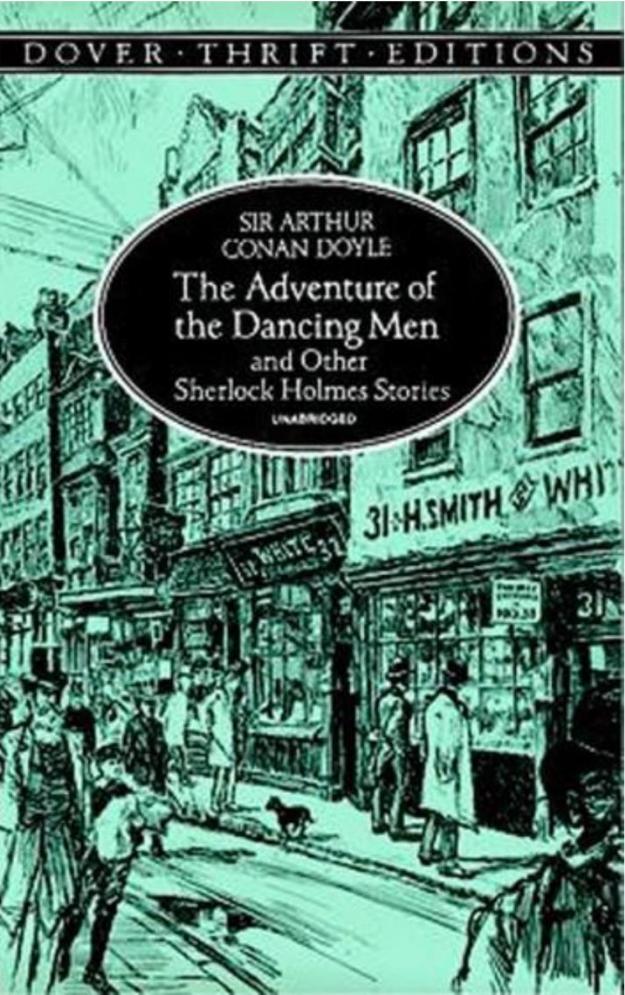


Holmes held up the paper so that the sunlight shone full upon it. It was a page torn from a notebook. The markings were done in pencil, and ran in this way:



Holmes examined it for some time, and then, folding it carefully up, he placed it in his pocketbook.

Frequency Analysis



"Having once recognized, however, that the symbols stood for letters, and having applied the rules which guide us in all forms of secret writings, the solution was easy enough. The first message submitted to me was so short that it was impossible for me to do more than to say, with

some confidence, that the symbol  stood for E. As you are aware, E is the most common letter in the English alphabet, and it predominates to so marked an extent that even in a short sentence one would expect to find it most often. Out of fifteen symbols in the first message, four were the same, so it was reasonable to set this down as E.

It is true that in some cases the figure was bearing a flag, and in some cases not, but it was probable, from the way in which the flags were distributed, that they were used to break the sentence up into words. I accepted this as a hypothesis, and noted that E was represented by 

Frequency Analysis

Vg gbbx n ybg bs oybbq,
fj~~r~~ng naq g~~r~~nef gb t~~r~~
gb j~~u~~rer j~~r~~ n~~e~~r gbqnl,
ohg j~~r~~ unir whfg o~~r~~tha.
Gbqnl j~~r~~ ortva va
~~r~~near~~f~~g g~~u~~r jbex bs
znxvat fhe~~r~~ gung g~~u~~r
jbeyq j~~r~~ yrnir bhe
puvyqe~~r~~a vf whfg n
yvggy~~r~~ ov~~g~~ o~~rgg~~re guna
g~~u~~r bar j~~r~~ vaunovg
gbqnl.

ciphertext:

It took a lot of blood,
sweat and tears to get
to where we are today,
but we have just begun.
Today we begin in
earnest the work of
making sure that the
world we leave our
children is just a
little bit better than
the one we inhabit
today.

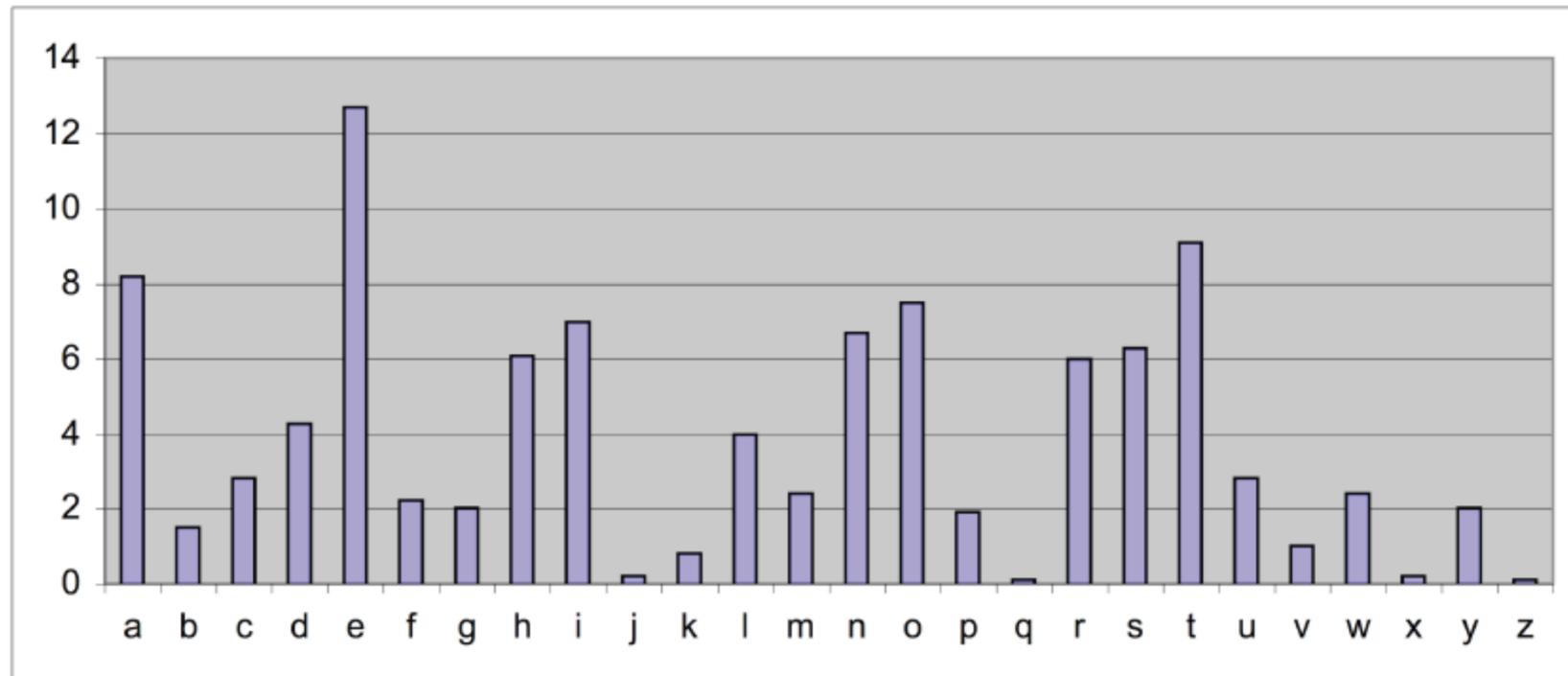
plaintext:



Frequency Analysis

* * How can we even build
further off of this
knowledge?

In English:



Common English Bigrams and Trigrams:

Bigrams

th	1.52%
he	1.28%
in	0.94%
er	0.94%
an	0.82%
re	0.68%
nd	0.63%
at	0.59%
on	0.57%
nt	0.56%
ha	0.56%
es	0.56%
st	0.55%
en	0.55%
ed	0.53%
to	0.52%
it	0.50%
ou	0.50%
ea	0.47%
hi	0.46%
is	0.46%
or	0.43%
ti	0.34%
as	0.33%
te	0.27%
et	0.19%

Trigrams

ng	0.18%	1. the	6. ion	11. nce
of	0.16%	2. and	7. tio	12. edt
al	0.09%	3. tha	8. for	13. tis
de	0.09%	4. ent	9. nde	14. oft
se	0.08%	5. ing	10. has	15. sth
le	0.08%			
sa	0.06%			
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ve	0.04%			
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ur	0.02%			

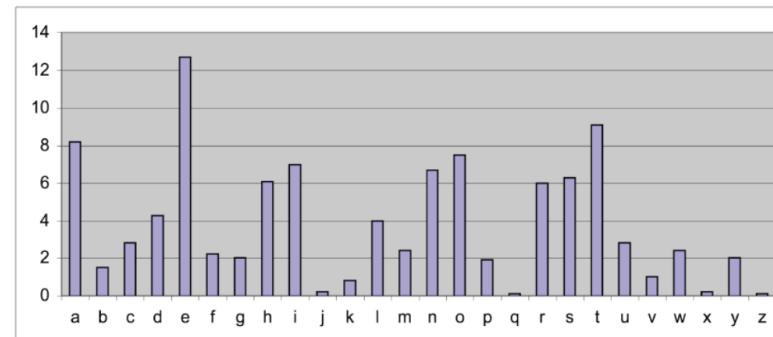


- Example:

**GS SGU WL LS KZAVU YJAY JU WL
GSY XWLYNZKUX KR LSPUYJWGO
NGUQHUMYUX**

- Count the frequency

- U: 8; Y: 6; G: 5; S: 5; L: 5; W: 4; J: 3;
K: 3; X: 3; A: 2; N: 2; Z:2

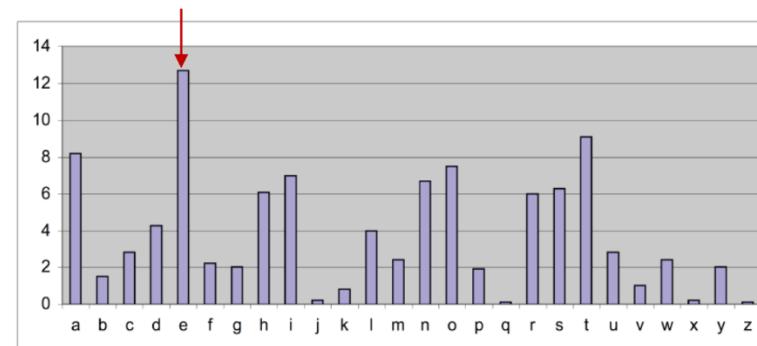


- Example:

**GS SGE WL LS KZAVE YJAY JE WL
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NGEQHEMYEX**

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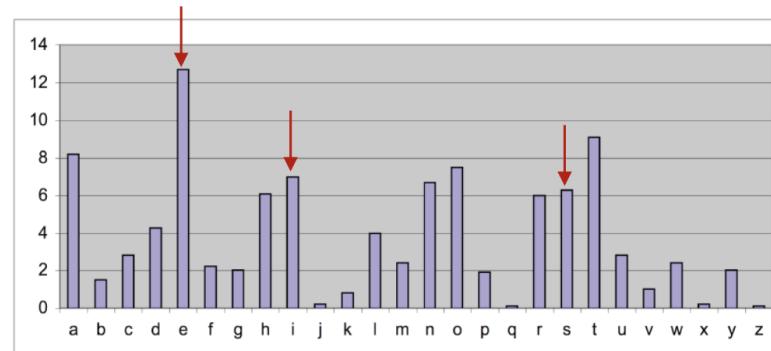
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- frequent two-letter words?
 - WL → IS



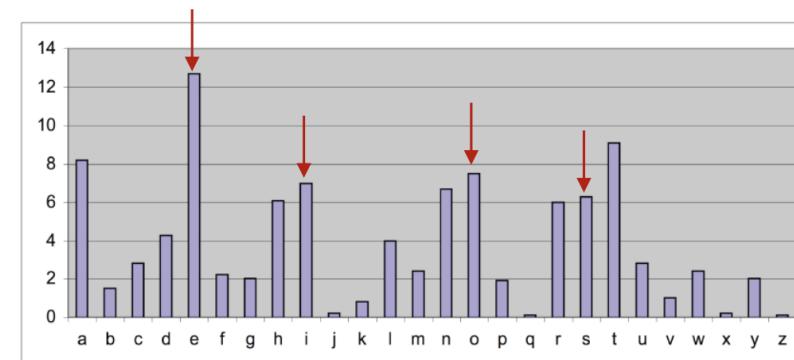
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 - WL → IS
 - SS → SO

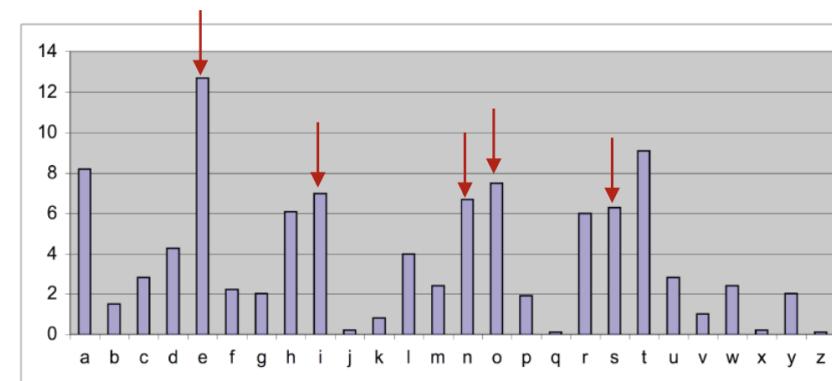


- Example:

GO OGE IS SO KZAVE YJAY JE IS
GOY XISYNZKEX KR SOPEYJIGO
NGEQHEMYEX

- Frequency analysis

- U: 8 → E; Y: 6; G: 5; S: 5→O; L: 5 → S; W: 4 → I;
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- what is G?
 - GO→NO
 - OGE→ONE



- Example:

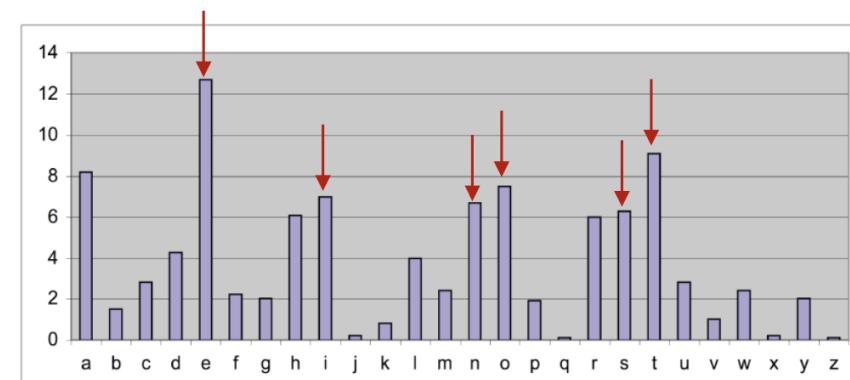
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- what is Y?

- NOY→NOT

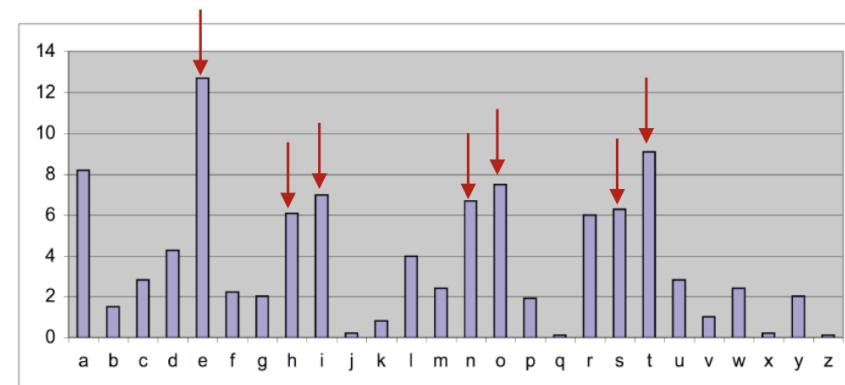


- Example:

NO ONE IS SO KZAVE TJAT JE IS
NOT XISTNZKEX KR SOPETJINO
NNEQHEMTEX

- Frequency analysis

- U: 8 → E; Y: 6 → T; G: 5 → N; S: 5 → O; L: 5 → S; W: 4 → I;
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- what is J?
 - JE → HE

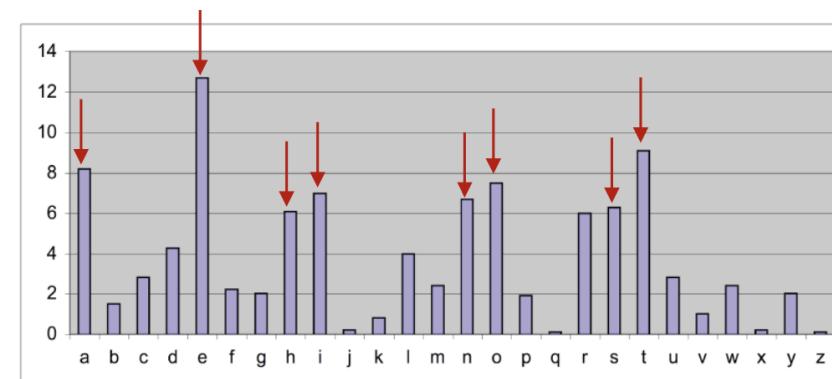


- Example:

NO ONE IS SO KZAVE THAT HE IS
NOT XISTNZKEX KR SOPETHINO
NNEQHEMTEX

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- what is A?
 - THAT → THAT

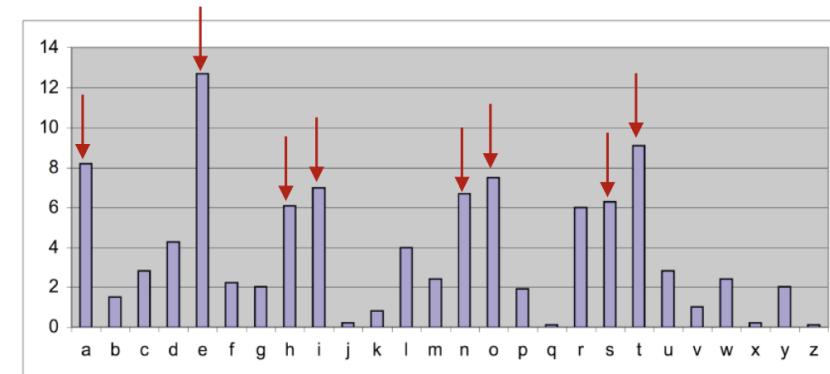


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- what is P and O?
 - SOPETHINO → SOMETHING

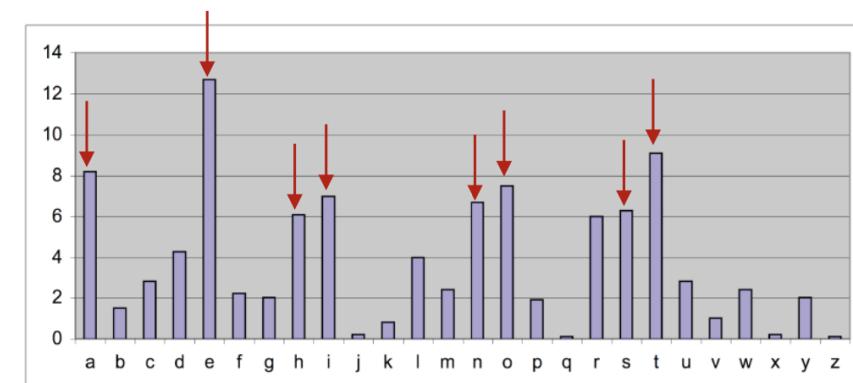


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- EX ?
 - ER or ED or ES

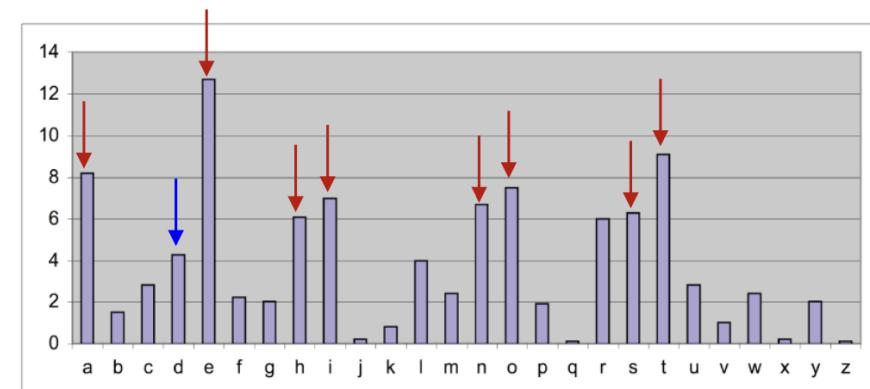


- Example:

NO ONE IS SO KZAVE THAT HE IS
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- guess X → D

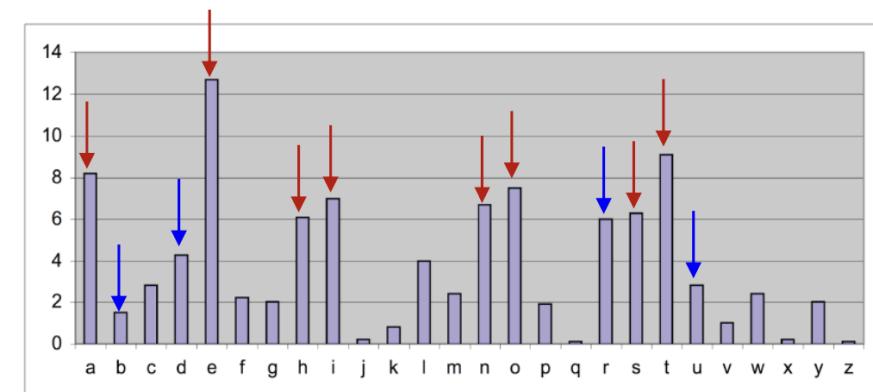


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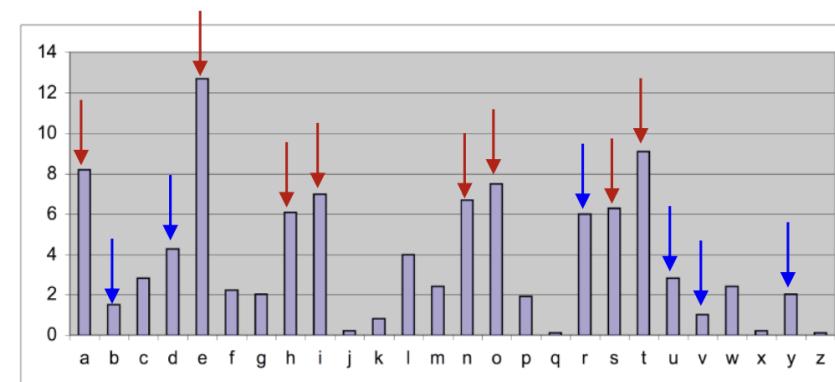


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- BR → BY
- UNEQHEMTED → UNEXPECTED



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- What is your take-away from this cryptanalysis example?

So! Did We Fix the Problem?

- No, we can still crack the substitution cipher using cryptanalysis.
 - the study of methods for obtaining the meaning of encrypted information without accessing the secret information
 - utilize the weakness of the design or implementation of a cryptographic algorithm
 - Our example here was frequency analysis

VIGENÈRE CIPHER



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- The Vigenère Cipher is a shift cipher where each character of plaintext is encoded with a different Caesar cipher
- The cipher is named after Blaise de Vigenère (pictured above), though it was first described by Giovan Battista Bellaso in 1553 (pictured below).





plaintext:

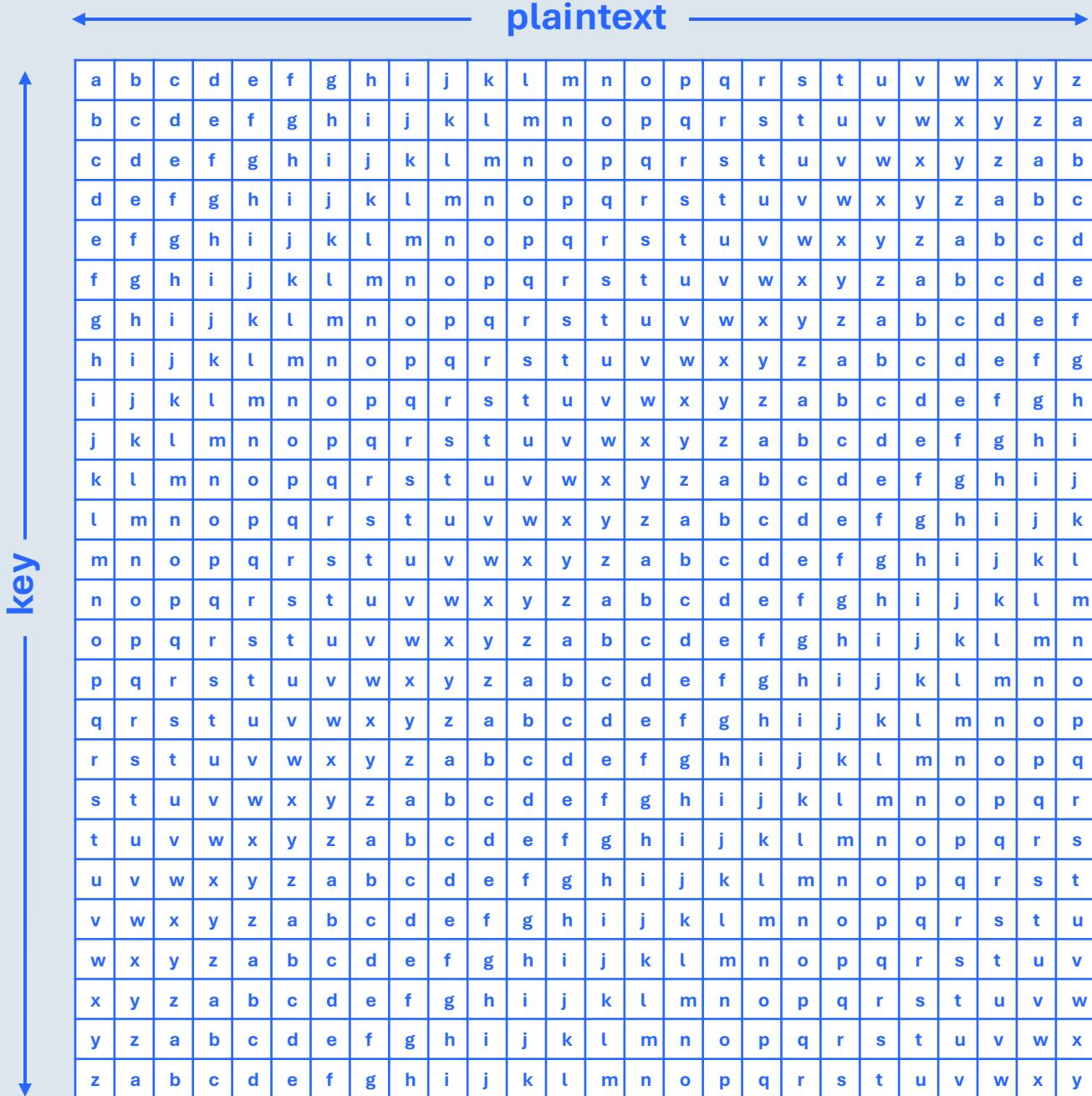
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ciphertext:

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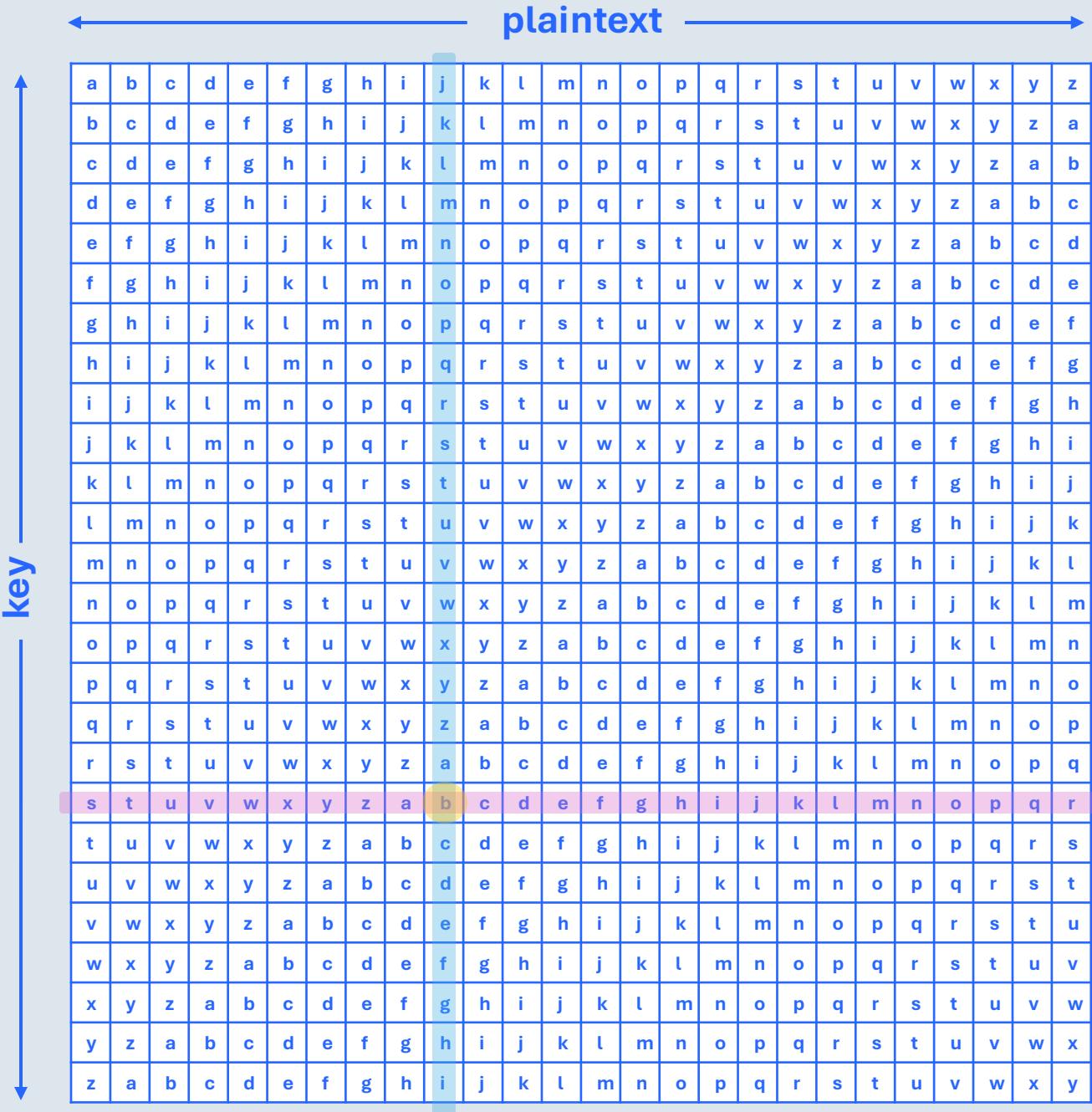
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ciphertext:

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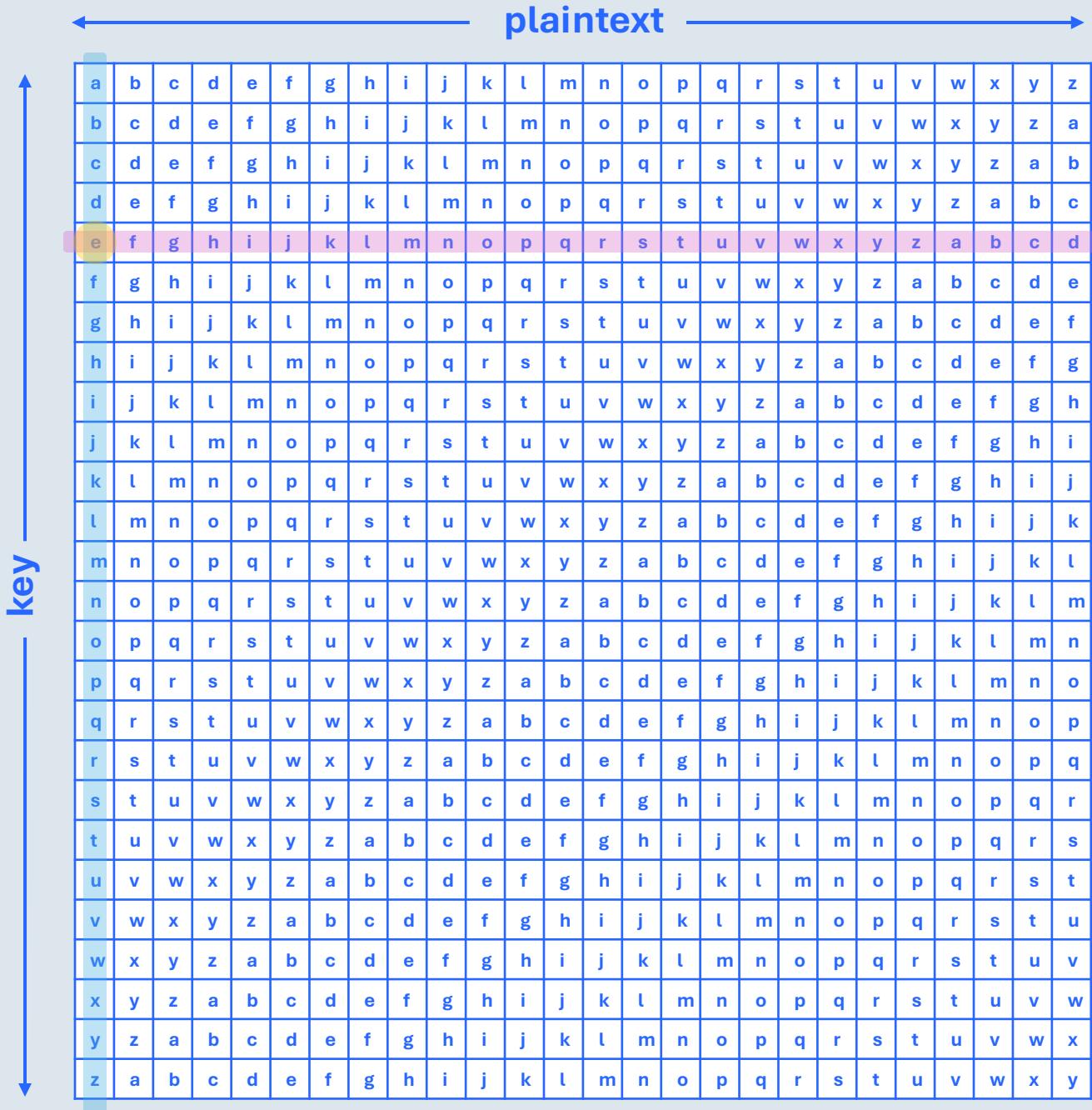
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ciphertext:

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plaintext:

J	A	Y	H	A	W	K
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key:

S	E	C	R	E	T	S
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ciphertext:

B	E	A				
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plaintext

key

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	a
c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	a	
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plaintext:

J	A	Y	H	A	W	K
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key:

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ciphertext:

B	E	A	Y			
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plaintext:

J	A	Y	H	A	W	K
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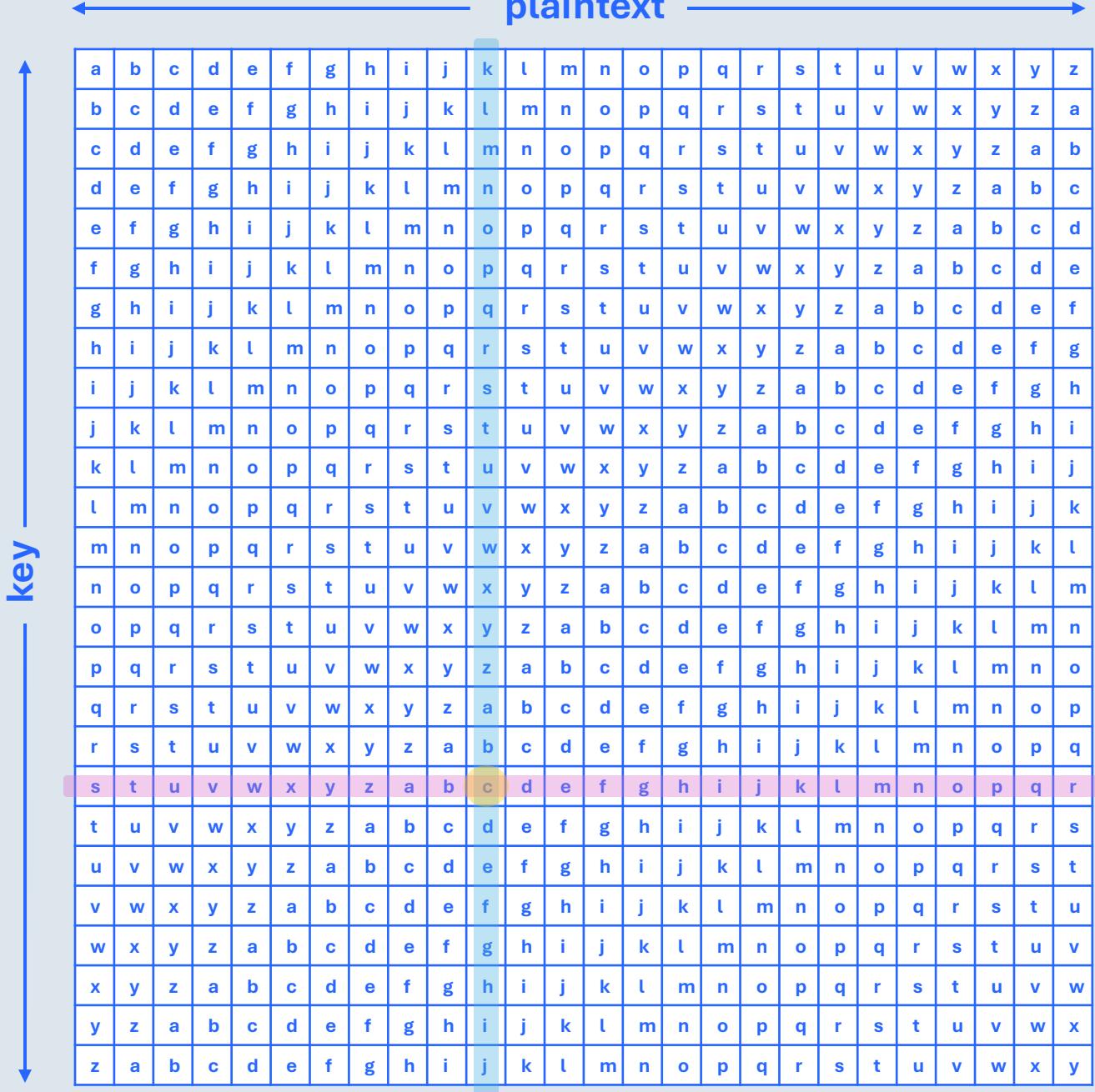
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key:

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Vigenère Cipher Security

- **Strengths:**
 - mitigates frequency analysis weakness
 - Keyspace: there are too many keys to crack the cipher with brute force manually
 - For a key length of k , there are 26^k possible keys
- We CAN break the Vigenère cipher
 - First find the key length
 - Test every possible key for each key length



Cybersecurity Classes of Interest:

- EECS 569: Digital Forensics
- EECS 666: Network Security
- EECS 683: Hardware Security
- EECS 700: Data Privacy & Security
- EECS 765: Intro to Cryptography & Computer Security
- EECS 785: IoT Security
- EECS 787: Mobile Security

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- IoT Security
- Social Network Privacy
- Network Security
- Secure Data Sharing & Publishing
- Adversarial ML



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- Information Security & Privacy
- Database Security
- Smart Grid System Privacy & Security



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- Secure Design
- Mobile Security



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- Hardware Security

What IS Research?

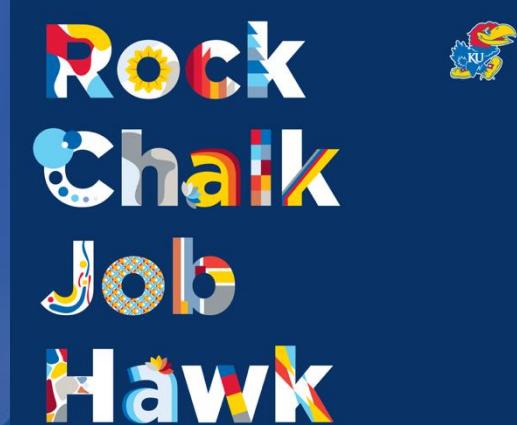
- Professors research current technologies to mitigate vulnerabilities, verify processes, and to make advances in the field.
 - Make new discoveries
 - Prove/ validate existing theories and methodologies
 - Explore the unknown within a field



Computing in Health

- Imaging
 - ex. Dr. Shomaji – Carotid Artery Research with Computer Vision
- Data Privacy & Security
 - Health record storage and maintenance
 - Protect PII (Personally-Identifying Information)
- Advance telemedicine software
- Data Science
 - Analyze health statistics to extract insights

OPPORTUNITIES KU HAS FOR YOU



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My Big Sister Advice to You:

- Before arriving:
 - Take a programming class (many available online)
 - Get an Arduino starter kit
 - Take MATH! Take Calculus.
- Upon degree start:
 - GET A WINDOWS / LINUX COMPUTER – sorry my Mac friends 😞
 - GO TO CLASS EVEN IF YOUR FRIENDS DO NOT
 - Live in the dorms if you can afford to
 - Live with people who are pursuing a degree of equal difficulty or people who you KNOW have a strong work ethic
 - DO. YOUR. HOMEWORK. YOURSELF.
 - Do as much hands-on work as you can
 - Make your own passion projects
 - Attend department events
 - HackKU, Career Fair, Clubs
 - Do an internship!! Utilize your summers to get ahead.
 - Attend Office Hours! Get to know your instructors.





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