Cryptography (CS362)

Assignment - 1

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The below cipher text was generated using **Caesar Cipher**.

```
G JOYGJBGTZGMK UL ZNK MKTKXGR YAHYZOZAZOUT IOVNKX OY ZNGZ HUZN YKTJKX
GTJ XKIKOBKX SAYZ IUSSOZ ZNK VKXSAZKJ IOVNKX YKWAKTIK ZU SKSUXE. G IUSSUT
ZKINTOWAK LUX GBUOJOTM ZNOY OY ZU AYK G QKECUXJ LXUS CNOIN ZNK IOVNKX YKWAKTIK
IGT HK MKTKXGZKJ. LUX KDGSVRK, AYOTM ZNK QKECUXJ IOVNKX, CXOZK UAZ
ZNK QKECUXJ LURRUCKJ HE ATAYKJ RKZZKXY OT TUXSGR UXJKX GTJ SGZIN ZNOY GMGOTYZ
ZNK VRGOTZKDZ RKZZKXY
```

1. Write a program to perform **Brute Force attack** on the given cipher.

Input

Any Cipher-Text generated using Caesar Cipher Encryption algorithm.

Output

Key value using which cipher text was generated.

Also **Decrypted Message** is Generated in separate File.

Note

- ✓ **Automate** the process of identifying the legitimate plaintext generated from each key e.g. assume that the plaintext was **English text**.
- ✓ Your program should include **Logic** that can identify English text in the **Brute Force attack**.
- ✓ Submit in form of Folder that contain :
- ➢ **Source** code
- ➢ **Executable** file
- ➢ **Steps** to run your program.

Code

```
"""Code to Decrypt the Text {Encrypted using Caesar Cipher}
   Arguments: * Text File - File Containing the Encrypted Text
   It will generate "output.txt" File containing the Decrypted Text
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"""

# For Checking if the Word is Valid in English Dictionary or Not
import enchant


def decrypt(ciphertext, key):
    """
        This function acts like a Casear Cipher.
        Replaces an input string with another string a fixed number of spaces farther down
the alphabet
        Arguments:
        * ciphertext (string) - any upper case or lower case letter string
        * key (integer) - any integer value to shift to a new letter
    """
    decrypted = ""
    for c in ciphertext:
        if c.isupper():
            starting_ascii = ord('A')
            # Calculate the Alphabet Index
            alpha_index = ord(c) - starting_ascii
            # Increment it be 'key Positions'
            mod_26 = (alpha_index + key) % 26
            decrypted += chr(starting_ascii + mod_26)
        elif c.islower():
            starting_ascii = ord('a')
            # Calculate the Alphabet Index
            alpha_index = ord(c) - starting_ascii
            # Increment it be 'key Positions'
            mod_26 = (alpha_index + key) % 26
            decrypted += chr(starting_ascii + mod_26)
        else:
            decrypted += c
            # raise ValueError('Input is Not a Letter')
    return decrypted


def solve():
    """
    This will take input [Cipher Text] from input.txt & Give Decrypted Text in 'output.txt'
    """
    # Context Manager 'with' for File Input
    with open('input.txt', 'r') as f:
        # for English Dictionary
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        d = enchant.Dict("en_US")

        # Not used f.read()/f.readlines()/f.readline() - to Avoid Running Out of Memory
        for cryptic_text in f:

            max_valid_token = 0
            final_plain_text = ""
            final_key = 0

            # Brute Force Attack
            for i in range(0, 26):

                plain_text = decrypt(cryptic_text, i)

                # Get Tokens of the Plain Text
                plain_txt_token = plain_text.split()
                # Count the Number of Valid Tokens in Plain Text
                valid_tokens_cnt = 0
                for token in plain_txt_token:
                    if d.check(token) == True:
                        valid_tokens_cnt += 1

                # Update if the valid_token_count is maximum
                if(valid_tokens_cnt > max_valid_token):
                    final_plain_text = plain_text
                    final_key = i
                    max_valid_token = valid_tokens_cnt

            # print("For key {}, Decrypted Text:\n {} \n".format(final_key,
final_plain_text))
            with open("output.txt", "a") as output_file:
                output_file.write(final_plain_text)


# Call to main solve() Function
if __name__ == "__main__":
    solve()
```

Pre-requisites:

- ✓ Python3
- ✓ Enchant Module

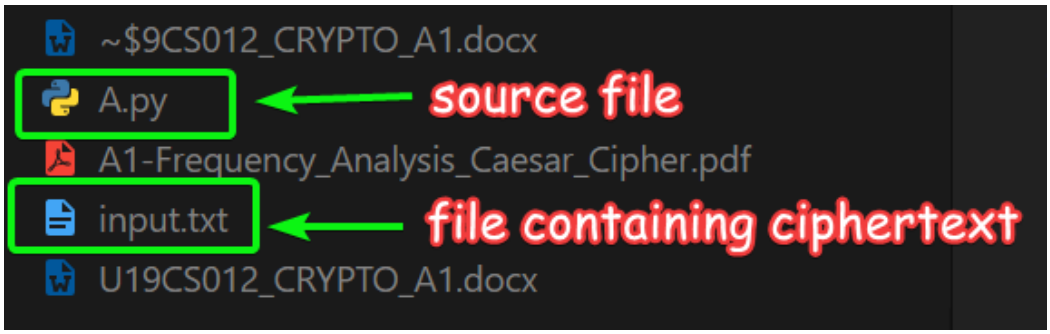
For downloading the **Enchant** Module, use below Command in your Command Line.

```
pip install pyenchant
```

Execution Instruction Steps

1.) Add the "Encrypted" Cipher Text [Caesar Cipher Algorithm] in `input.txt` File

2.) Open Terminal in Folder where Both Source Code {`A.py`} & `input.txt` are present.



3.) Type the Below Command:

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python -u "c:\Users\Admin\Desktop\CRYPTO_A1\A.py"
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As shown below

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PS C:\Users\Admin\Desktop\CRYPTO_A1> python -u "c:\Users\Admin\Desktop\CRYPTO_A1\A.py"
Decryption Key for Caesar Cipher : 20
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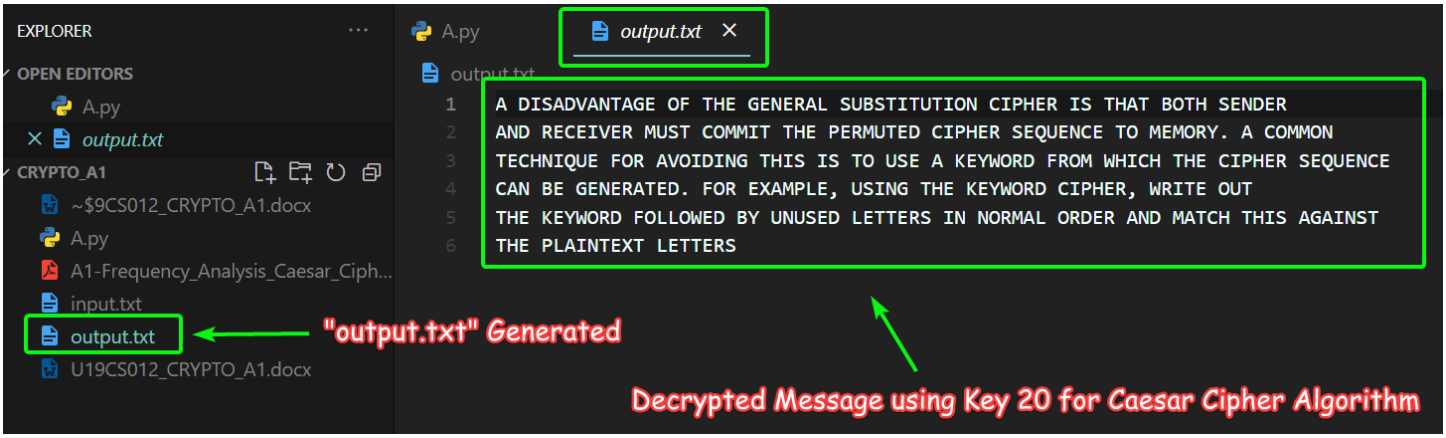
"output.txt" Generated



Output

output.txt

```
A DISADVANTAGE OF THE GENERAL SUBSTITUTION CIPHER IS THAT BOTH SENDER
AND RECEIVER MUST COMMIT THE PERMUTED CIPHER SEQUENCE TO MEMORY. A COMMON
TECHNIQUE FOR AVOIDING THIS IS TO USE A KEYWORD FROM WHICH THE CIPHER SEQUENCE
CAN BE GENERATED. FOR EXAMPLE, USING THE KEYWORD CIPHER, WRITE OUT
THE KEYWORD FOLLOWED BY UNUSED LETTERS IN NORMAL ORDER AND MATCH THIS AGAINST
THE PLAINTEXT LETTERS
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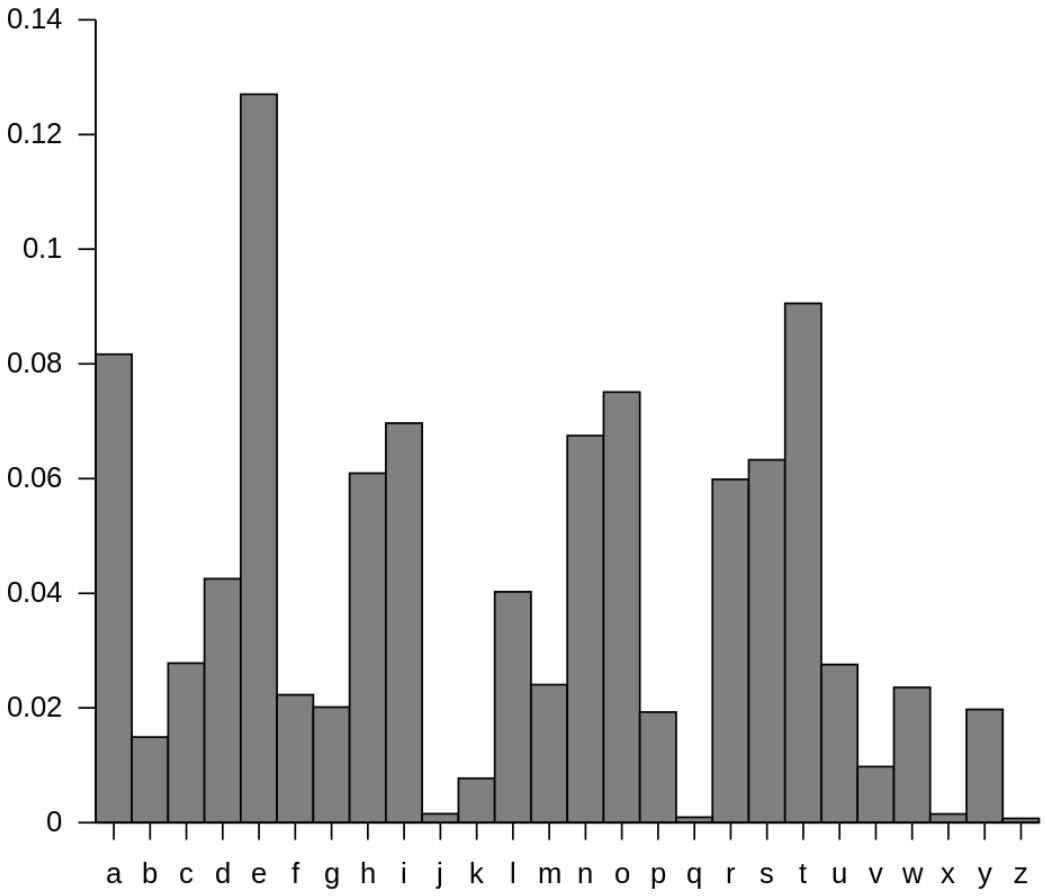
2. To illustrate the use of **Frequency analysis** for breaking the cipher.

You can use the program given in below link which will help you to carry out frequency analysis attack for such cipher text produced by a Mono-Alphabetic cipher. [http://crypto.interactive-maths.com/frequency-analysis-breaking-the-code.html]

Your goal is to find the **Plaintext**, as well as the **key** employed for the above encryption. Clearly explain the **Methodology i.e.** how you could break the code **step by step** while performing the frequency analysis.

Frequencies Analysis: using known character frequencies to **decrypt** a cipher

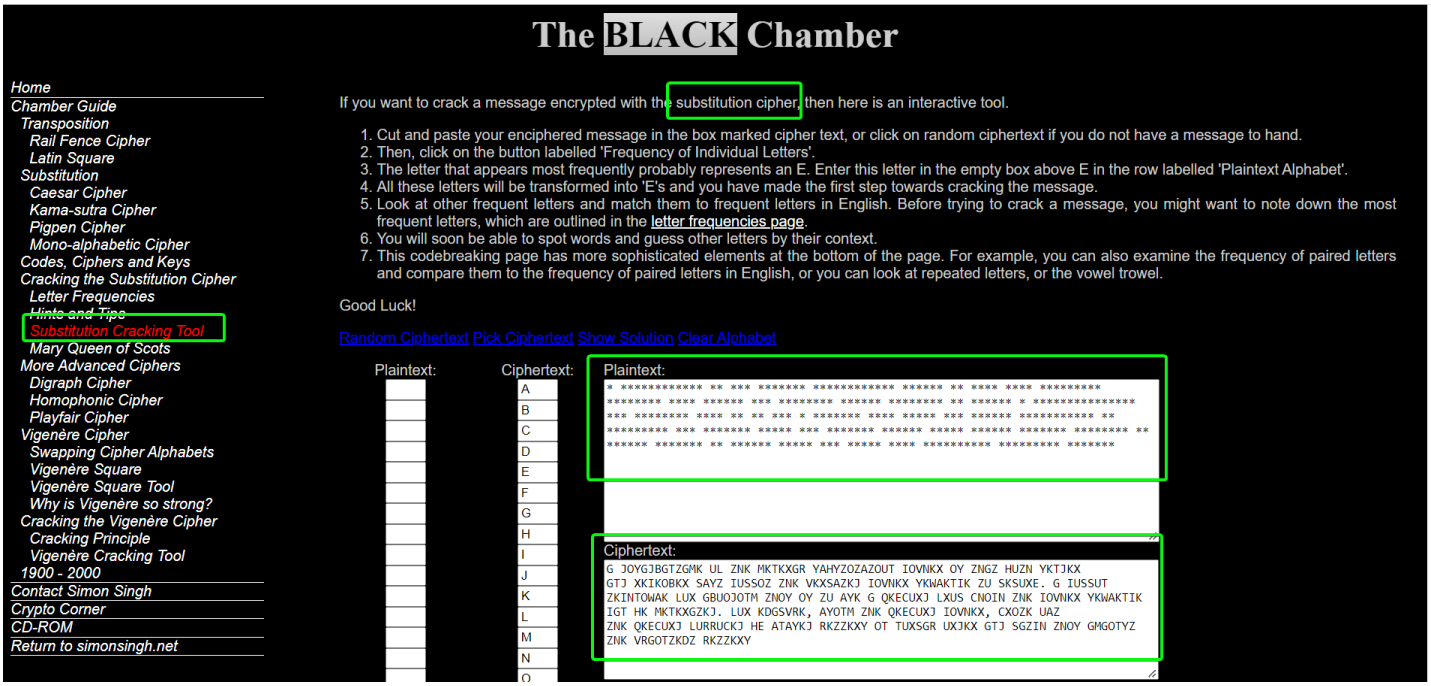
Since, we are working with a Mono-Alphabetic Cipher, we should examine the frequencies of the **letters** of **English** Alphabets.



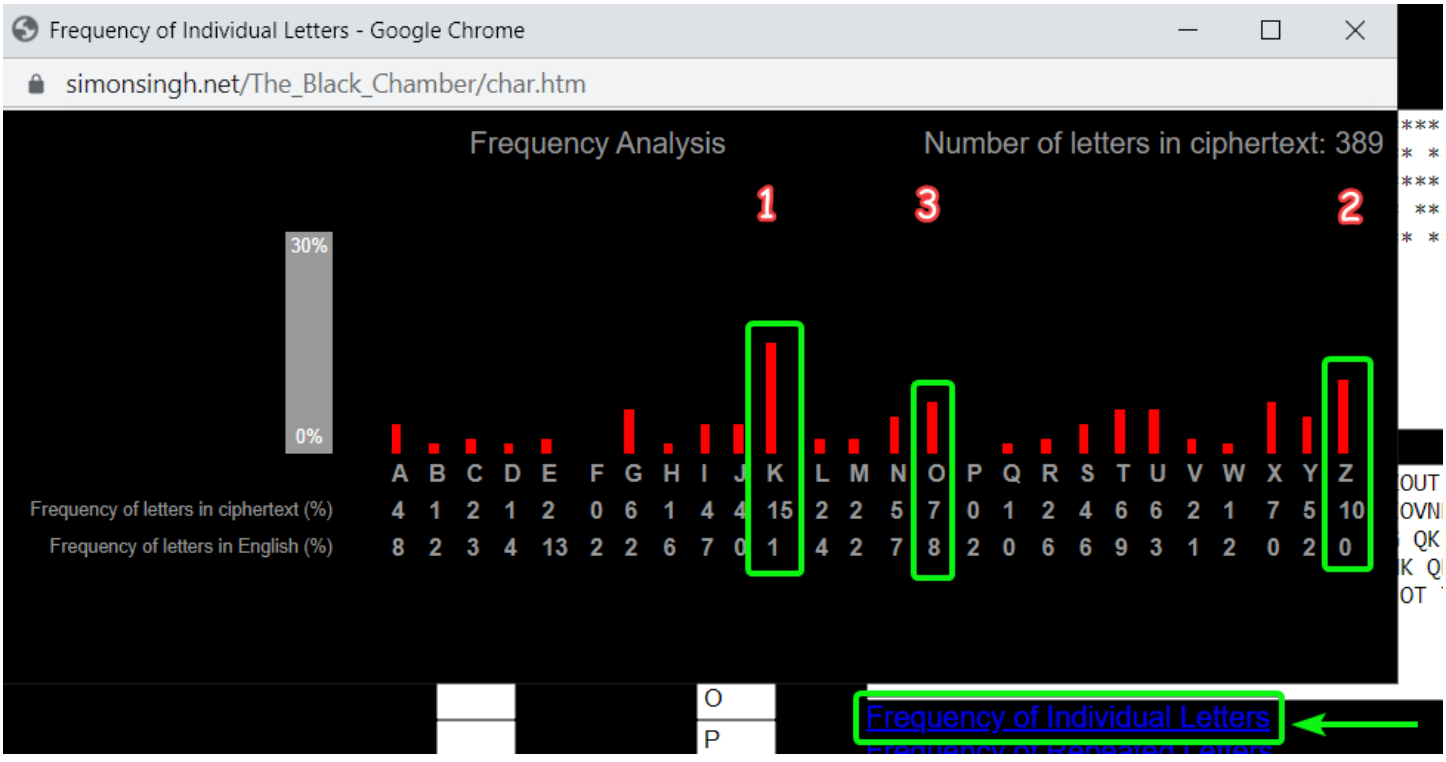
Above is list of average frequencies for letters in the English language. So, for example, the letter **E** accounts for **12.7%** of all letters in English, whereas **Z** accounts for 0.1 %. {**The Average Distribution**}

1.) We will be using the Below Frequency Analysis Tool {since it does not have Ads}

https://www.simonsingh.net/The_Black_Chamber/substitutioncrackingtool.html



2.) Watch the Frequency of Individual Letters

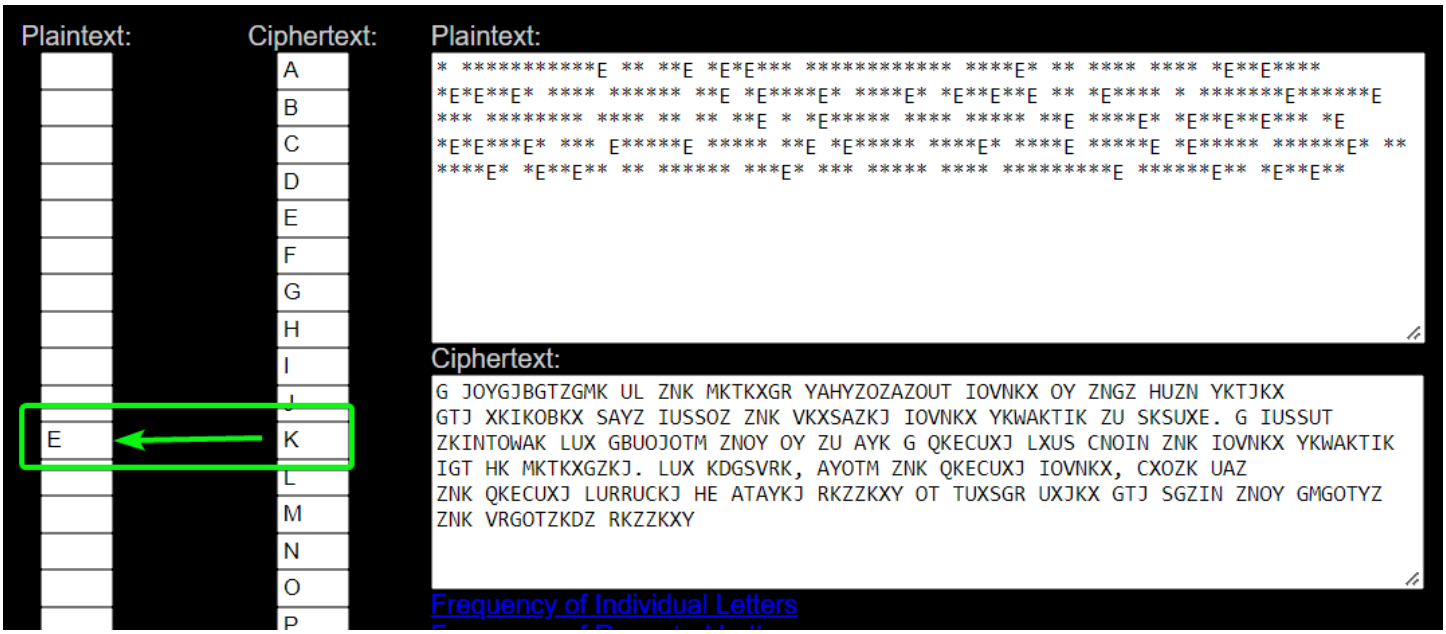


We can observe that Letter "K" has maximum frequency [15], followed by Letter "Z" [10], and then Letter "O".

Observations:

(a) Since Letter "K" is most Frequent in Given Cipher Text & If we consider Average Distribution of English Alphabet Frequencies, Letter "E" is most Frequent. {It may/may not be Right Substitution}

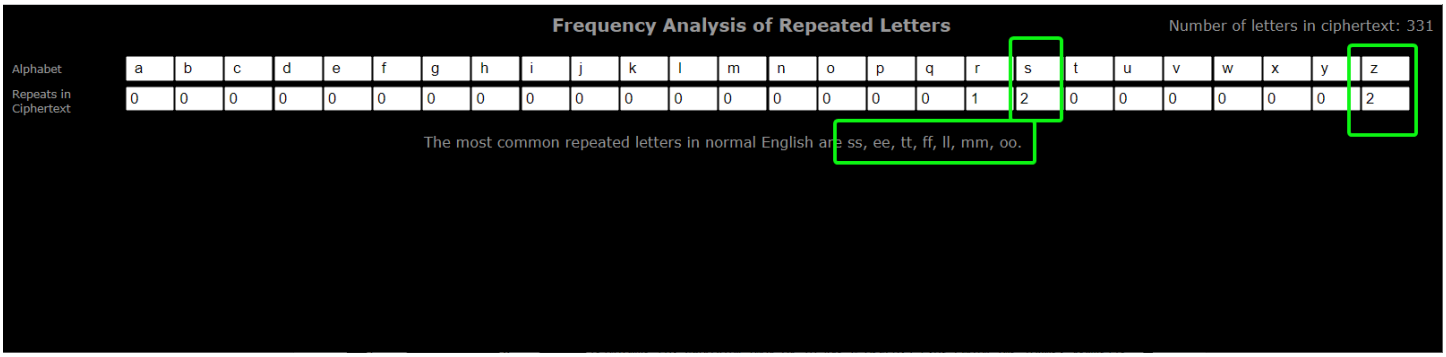
∴ K -> E

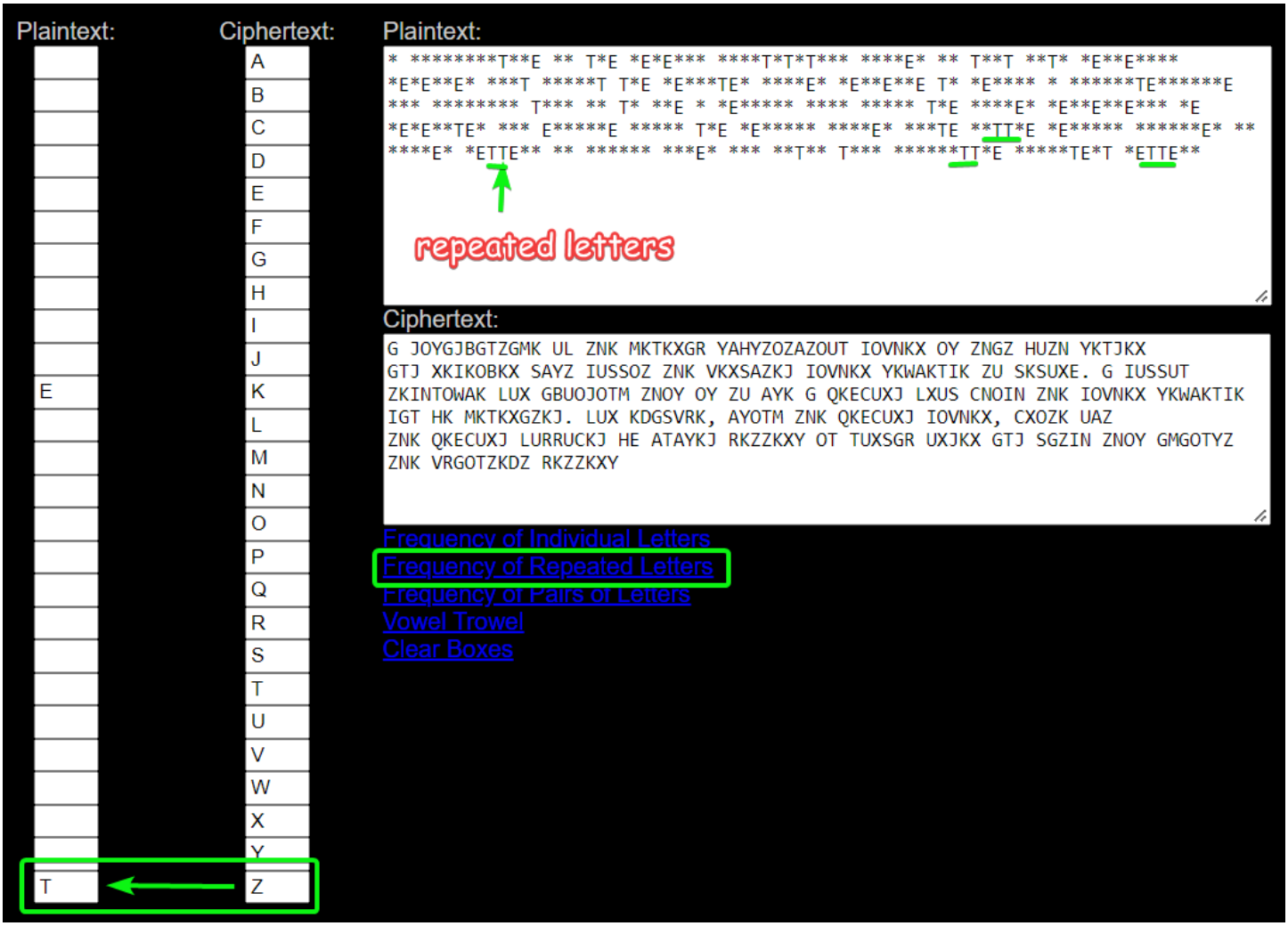


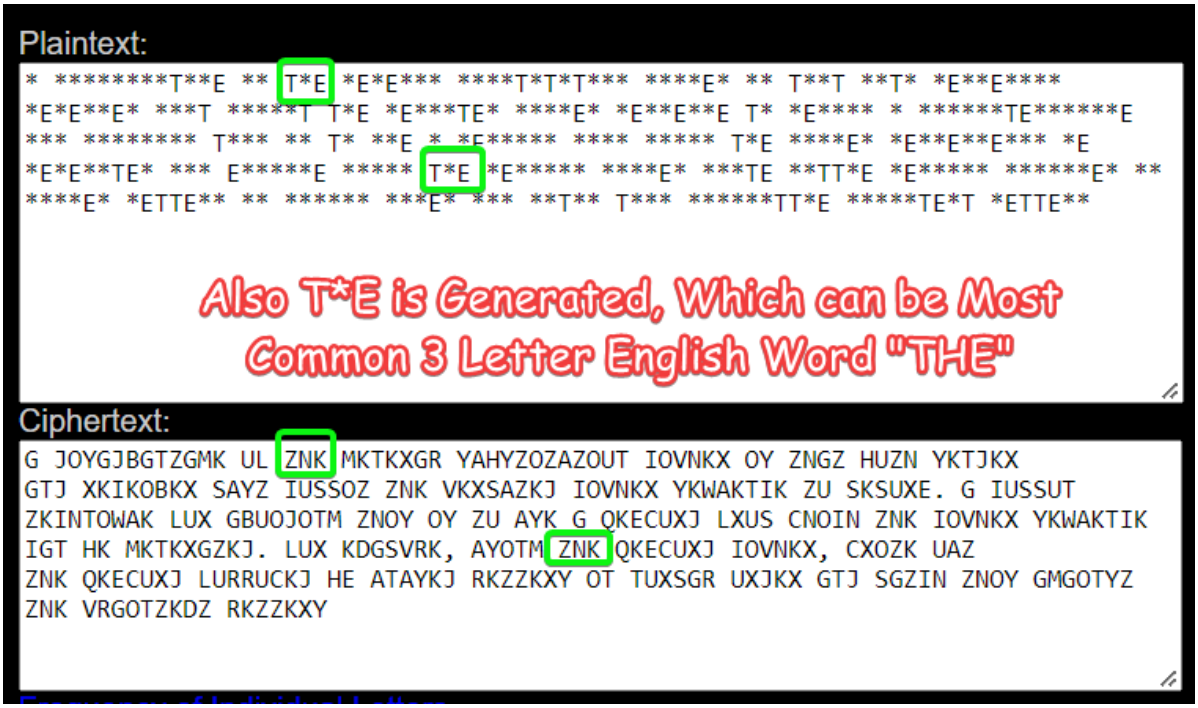
We don't see any Abnormal English Words being generated by this Substitution.

(b) Since Letter "Z" is **Next** most Frequent in Given Cipher Text & If we consider Average Distribution of English Alphabet Frequencies, Letter "T" is Next most Frequent. {It may/may not be Right Substitution}

∴ Z -> T



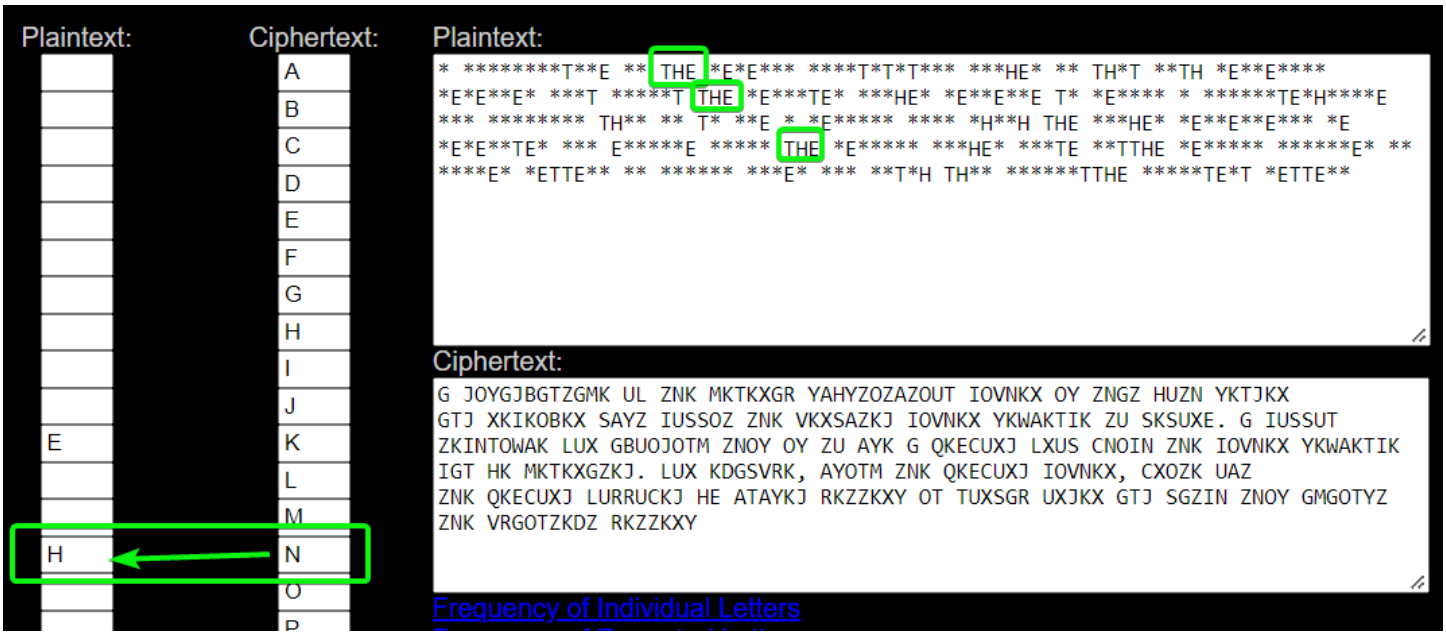




Since, Z -> T, also leads to Most Common Repeated Letters in Normal English & 3 Letter Frequent Word Occurrence, This Substitution is also Fine.

(c) From Observation (b), T*E [Plaintext] -> ZNK [Cipher],

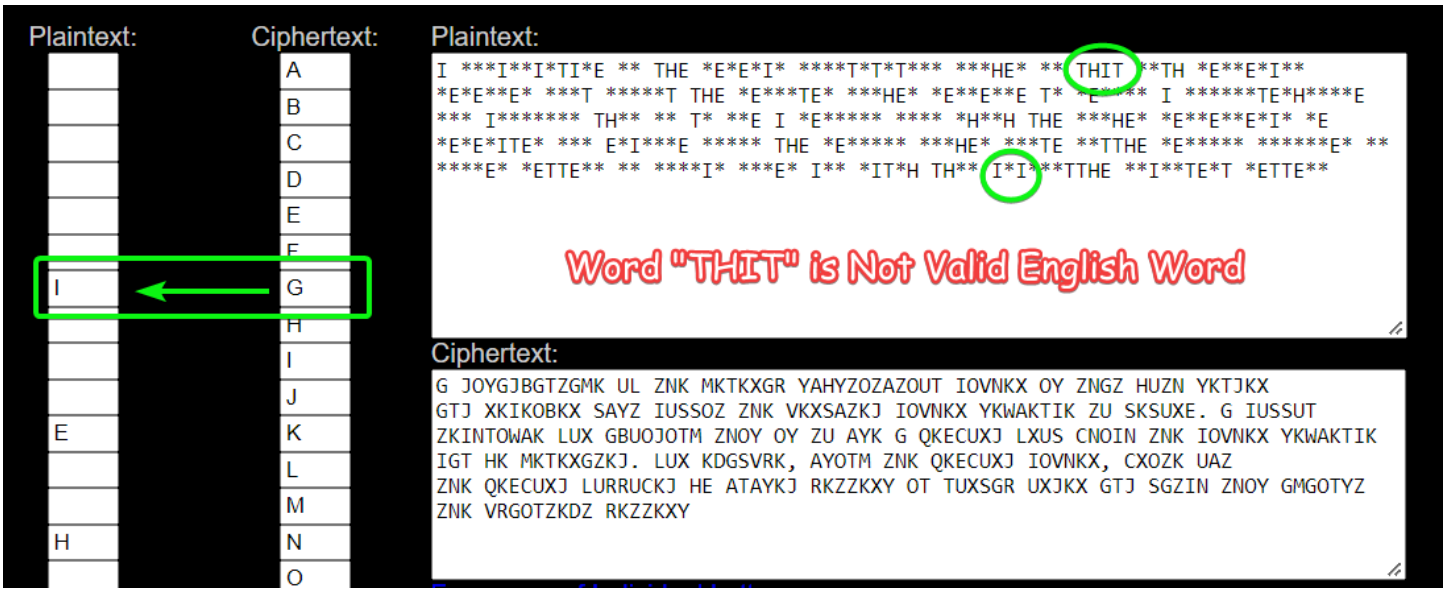
∴ N -> H



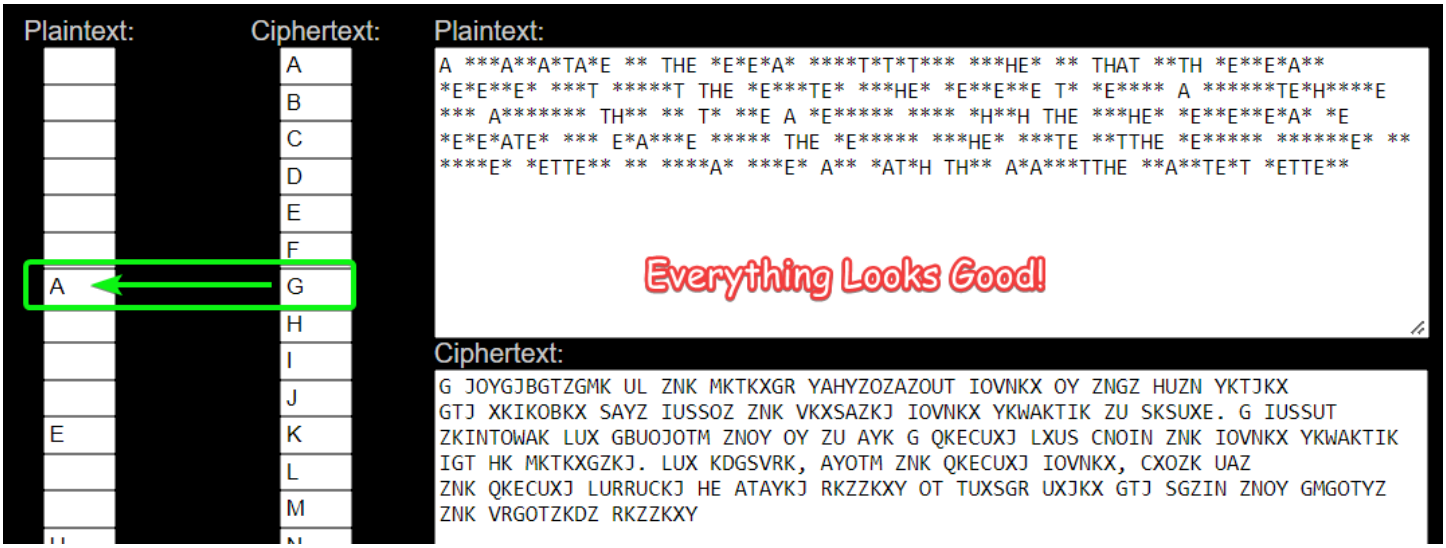
(d) Since One-letter words in English are "A" and "I",

∴ We can Safely Predict that Letter "G" -> Either "A" or "I".

Lets Try G->I



Since, Word "THIT" is Not Valid English Word, ∴ Substituting G->A would Lead to "THAT" which is Valid English Word. ∴ G -> A



[Most Frequent Substitution - https://scottbryce.com/cryptograms/stats.html]

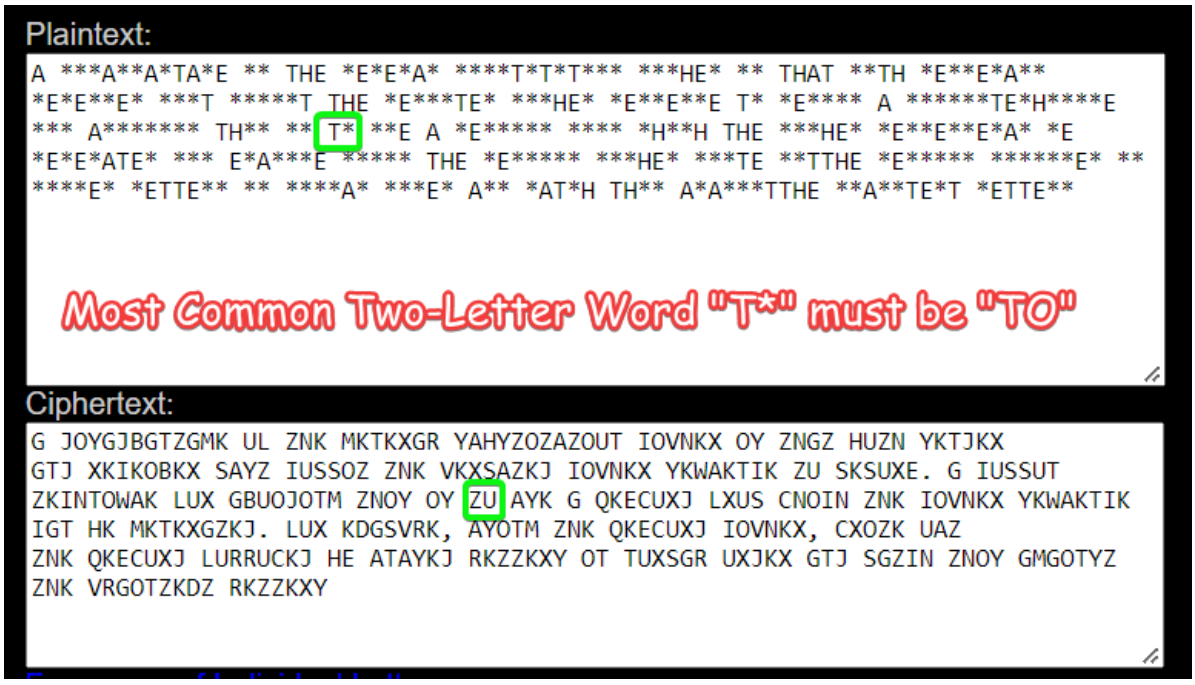
The most common two-letter words in order of frequency

of, to, in, it, is, be, as, at, so, we, he, by, or, on, do, if, me, my, up, an, go, no, us, am

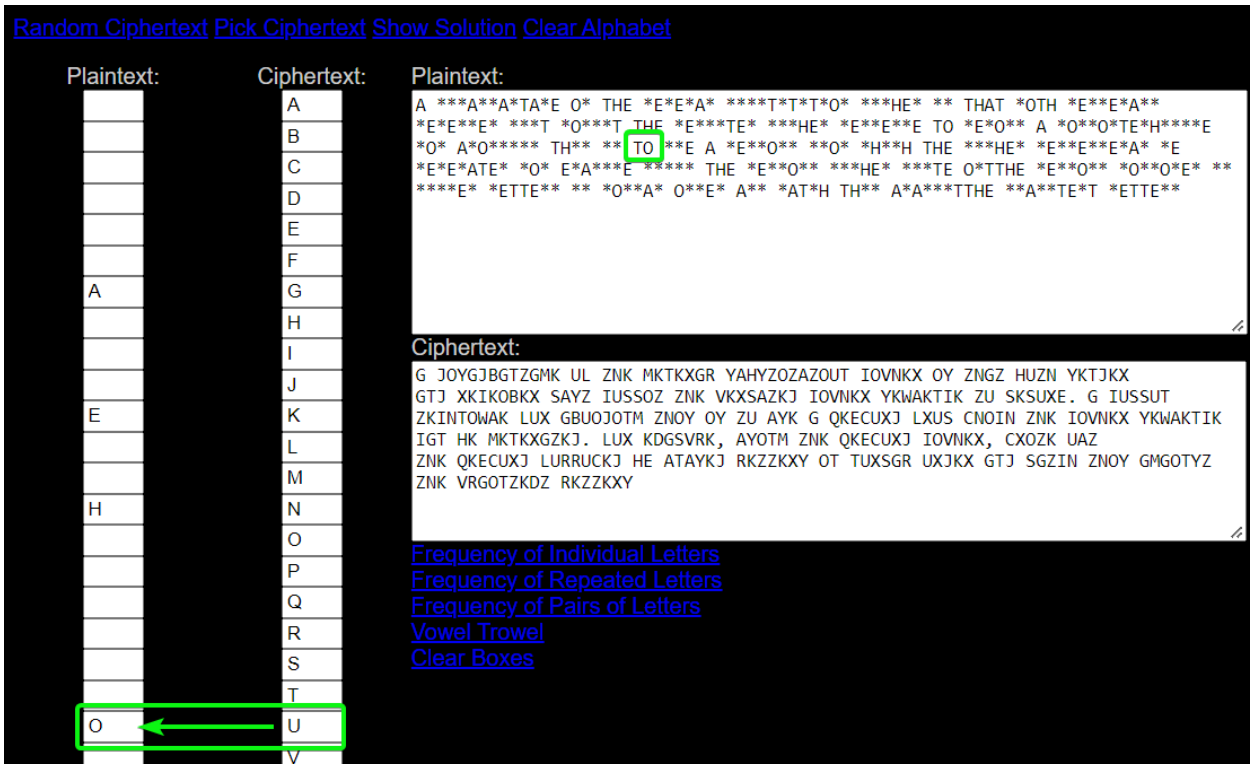
The most common three-letter words in order of frequency

the and, for, are, but, not, you, all, any, can, had, her, was, one, our, out, day, get, has, him, his, how, man, new, now, old, see, two, way, who, boy, did, its, let, put, say, she, too, use

(e) Most Common Two Letter Word Starting with "T" is "TO"



∴ "TO" -> "ZU", U -> O is Valid Substitution.



Similarity, "*E" -> HK, & Most Common Two Letter Word Ending with E is "BE".

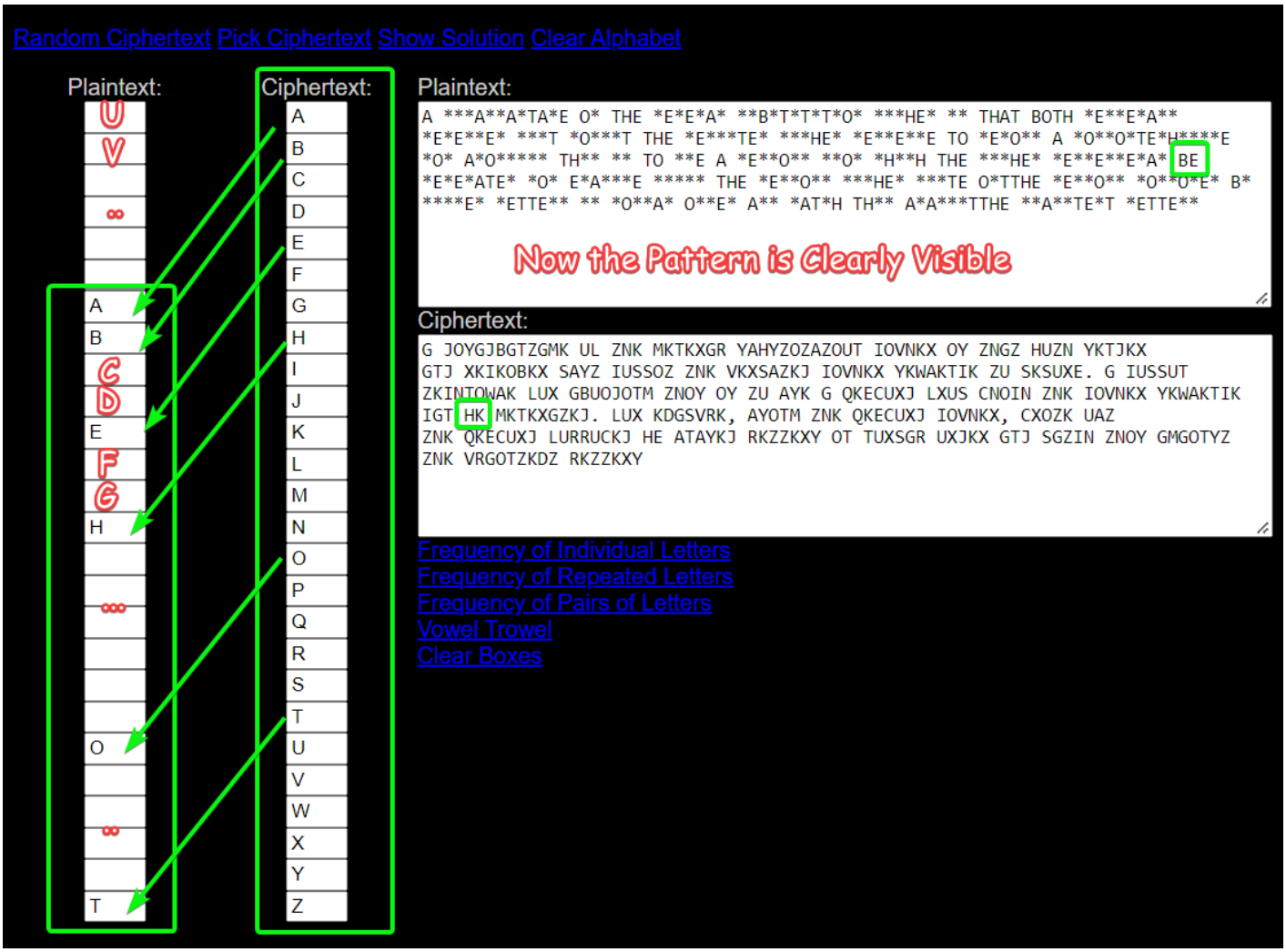
> *The most common two-letter words in order of frequency*
>
> of, to, in, it, is be as, at, so, we, he, by, or, on, do, if, me, my, up, an, go, no, us, am

∴ "BE" -> "HK", H -> B is Valid Substitution.

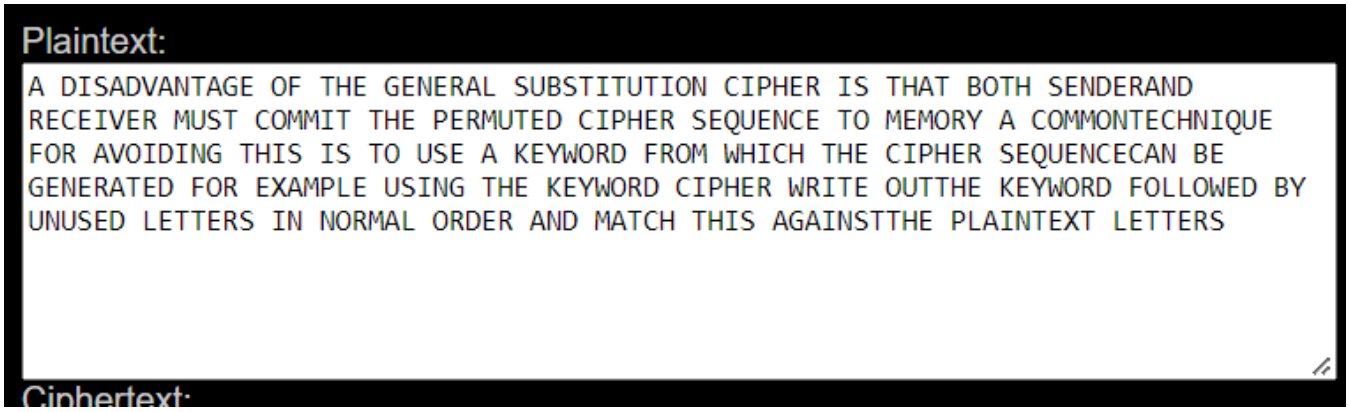
Cipher-Letter	Plain-Text	Key {Shift} (c + key) % 26
K	E	20
Z	T	20
N	H	20
G	A	20
U	O	20
H	B	20

Therefore, the Pattern is **Clearly Visible** since its Mono-Alphabetic Caeser.

{We got the Key in First Observation itself, but other observations made first Claim Strong.}



Message



After all Substitutions are made, the Cipher Text is **Successfully Decrypted**!

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