

# TP1 Report

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This work has the objective to decipher 3 ciphertexts and do the respective cryptanalysis.

The decrypted results are in the files `plaintext1.txt`, `plaintext2.txt` and `plaintext3.txt`.

The ciphertexts are in uppercase characters and plaintexts in lowercase.

This ciphertexts were encrypted with *affine*, *monoalphabetic substitution* and *Vigenère* (not respectively). Although we didn't know which method of encryption was applied in order, we deduced that the first one wasn't the *Vigenère*, because there was a lot of texts and too few patterns for 3 letter words.

With this we could try to first find the *affine* ciphertext since it's the easiest one to get the key (only 2 numbers obtained from systems of equations with modular arithmetic).

But instead we decided to decipher the *affine* and the *monoalphabetic substitution* at the same time, since the *affine* is a type of *monoalphabetic substitution*.

## Ciphertext #2 & #3

We deciphered these texts with the `mono_decoder` function we developed in python

This function receives a `ciphertext` (in uppercase) and optionally a `known_letters` map and returns the plaintext if it's possible to decode

```
mono_decoder(txt, kl={})
```

This implementation follows a simple algorithm:

1. Swap letters in `txt` with the `known_letters` map (this will increase the confidence in the results)

2. While the text is not fully decrypted

- 2.1. Find `confidence` and `matches` for every word
  - 2.2. Select the word with max confidence value

### Confidence

Confidence is a value from 0 to 1 that represents the algorithm's confidence to deduce the word and make changes to the `known_letters` map. This value is just a fraction with the number of `matches` an encrypted word gives.

### Match

For an encrypted word 'JGG', swapping uppercase characters for dots ( . ) and passing it to the `match` function developed, it returns a list of possible matches in the `words.txt` file, example:

```
'''
```

```
match('...') ['act', 'add', 'age', 'ago', 'aid', 'aim', 'air', 'all', 'and', 'any', 'are', ... ]'''
```

This can be done with a partially encrypted word too. For the word `Joo` passing `.oo` will reduce the number of matches in the result, example:

```

```
match('.oo') ['too ] ^`
```

## Known Letters Map

It's a python dictionary used as a map to store the mapping of the cipher letter to plain letters, example:

```
known_letters = { 'G':'t', 'U':'a', 'V':'s', 'I':'o', 'T':'r', 'R':'u', 'N':'b', 'O':'l',  
'S':'w', 'H':'i', 'J':'p', 'C':'n', 'B':'m', 'M':'c', 'A':'y', 'K':'g', 'F':'v', 'Z':'f',  
'L':'d', 'L':'d', 'Y':'q', 'P':'k', }
```

## Ciphertext #1