

11. Write a C program for possible keys does the Playfair cipher have? Ignore the fact that some keys might produce identical encryption results. Express your answer as an approximate power of 2.

a. Now take into account the fact that some Playfair keys produce the same encryption results. How many effectively unique keys does the Playfair cipher have?

Code:

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def generate_matrix(keyword):
    keyword = keyword.lower().replace("j", "i")
    matrix = []
    used = set()
    for ch in keyword:
        if ch not in used and ch.isalpha():
            used.add(ch)
            matrix.append(ch)
    for ch in "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz": # j removed
        if ch not in used:
            used.add(ch)
            matrix.append(ch)
    return [matrix[i:i+5] for i in range(0, 25, 5)]

def find_position(matrix, ch):
    for i in range(5):
        for j in range(5):
            if matrix[i][j] == ch:
                return i, j
    return None

def playfair_encrypt(plaintext, keyword):
    matrix = generate_matrix(keyword)
    plaintext = plaintext.lower().replace("j", "i")
    new_text = ""
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# Prepare digraphs

i = 0

while i < len(plaintext):
    a = plaintext[i]

    b = plaintext[i+1] if i+1 < len(plaintext) else 'x'

    if a == b:
        b = 'x'

    i += 1

    else:
        i += 2

    new_text += a + b

cipher = ""

for i in range(0, len(new_text), 2):
    a, b = new_text[i], new_text[i+1]

    r1, c1 = find_position(matrix, a)
    r2, c2 = find_position(matrix, b)

    if r1 == r2: # same row
        cipher += matrix[r1][(c1 + 1) % 5]
        cipher += matrix[r2][(c2 + 1) % 5]

    elif c1 == c2: # same column
        cipher += matrix[(r1 + 1) % 5][c1]
        cipher += matrix[(r2 + 1) % 5][c2]

    else: # rectangle
        cipher += matrix[r1][c2]
        cipher += matrix[r2][c1]

return cipher

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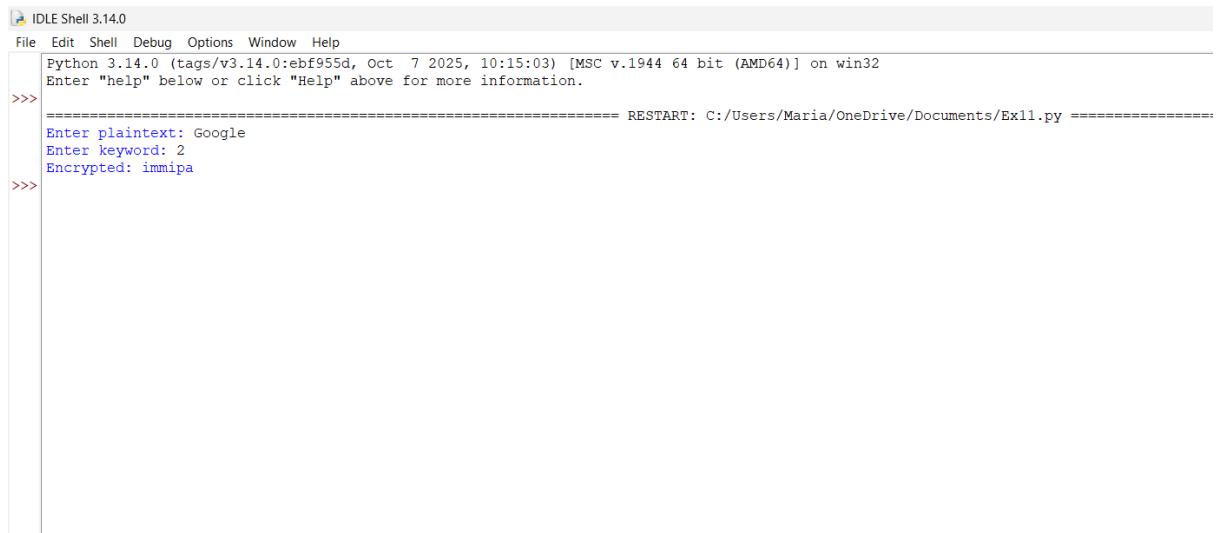
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# ---- MAIN ----

plaintext = input("Enter plaintext: ")

keyword = input("Enter keyword: ")

cipher = playfair_encrypt(plaintext, keyword)

print("Encrypted:", cipher)
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The screenshot shows the Python IDLE Shell interface. The title bar reads "IDLE Shell 3.14.0". The menu bar includes File, Edit, Shell, Debug, Options, Window, and Help. A status bar at the bottom displays "Python 3.14.0 (tags/v3.14.0:ebf955d, Oct 7 2025, 10:15:03) [MSC v.1944 64 bit (AMD64)] on win32". The main window contains the following text:

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>>> ===== RESTART: C:/Users/Maria/OneDrive/Documents/Ex11.py =====
Enter plaintext: Google
Enter keyword: 2
Encrypted: immipa
>>>
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