

Cryptography and Quantum Cryptography

Homework 1

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0.1 Selected Text

The selected Spanish four-line poem is:

Bajo el cielo de España diremos “sí, acepto”,
el tres de octubre sellamos nuestro amor perfecto.
Con el alma entrelazada y el corazón encendido,
me caso con el amor de mi vida, mi destino elegido.

Spanish Alphabet Used

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N Ñ O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

This alphabet contains 27 letters.

0.2 Normalization

All letters were converted to uppercase. Accented characters were replaced and all non-alphabetic characters were removed.

Normalized Plaintext:

BAJOELCIELODEESPAÑADIREMOSSIACTO
ELTRESDOCTUBRESELLAMOSNUESTROAMORPERFECTO
CONEALALMAENTRELAZADAYELCORAZONENCENDIDO
MECASOCONELAMORDEMVIDAMIDESTINOELEGIDO

0.3 Caesar Cipher

A shift of 3 was used.

$$C = (P + 3) \mod 27$$

Encrypted text:

(Insert your Caesar encrypted output here)

0.4 Vigeneré Cipher

Keyword used: **KENYA**

$$C_i = (P_i + K_i) \mod 27$$

Encrypted text:

(Insert your Vigenere encrypted output here)

0.5 Enigma Encryption

A simplified Enigma machine was implemented in Python using:

- Three rotors
- One reflector
- Rotor stepping mechanism

Encrypted text:

(Insert your Enigma encrypted output here)

0.6 Frequency Analysis

Letter frequencies were computed for:

- Original text
- Caesar cipher text
- Vigenere cipher text
- Enigma cipher text

0.6.1 Original Text Statistics

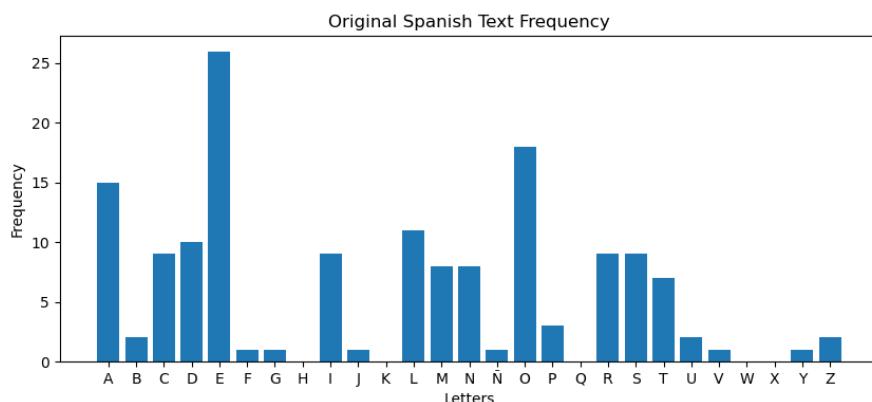


Figure 1: Letter frequency of the original Spanish text

Observation:

The letters E, A, O, S, R and N appear most frequently, which corresponds to the known statistical properties of Spanish.

0.6.2 Caesar Cipher Statistics

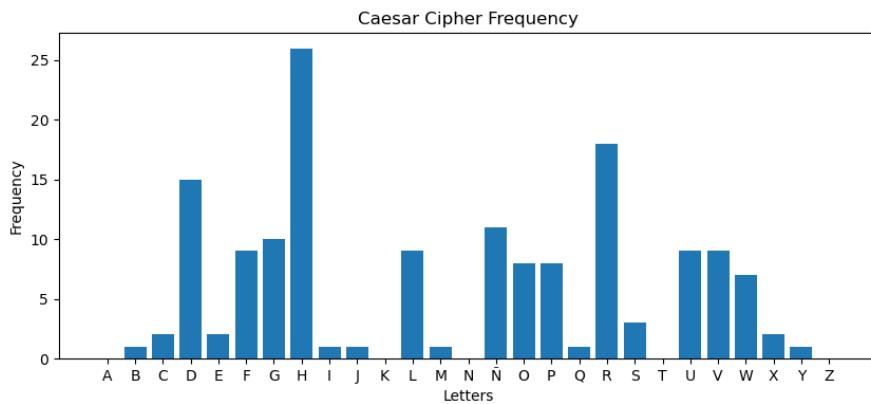


Figure 2: Letter frequency after Caesar encryption

Observation:

The distribution remains identical to the original but shifted cyclically. The statistical structure of the language is still clearly recognizable.

0.6.3 Vigenere Cipher Statistics

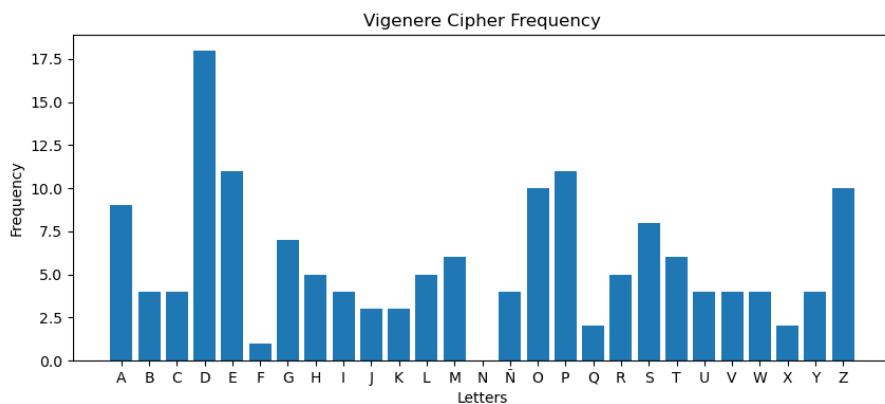


Figure 3: Letter frequency after Vigenere encryption

Observation:

The distribution becomes more dispersed compared to the Caesar cipher. The original frequency peaks are partially concealed.

0.6.4 Enigma Cipher Statistics

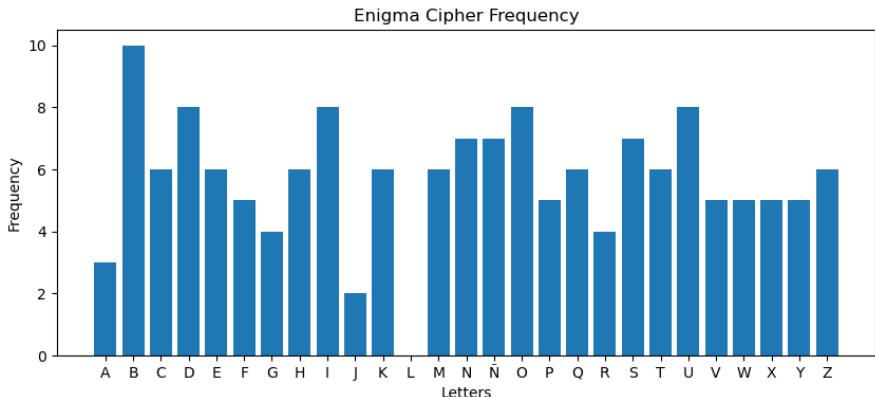


Figure 4: Letter frequency after Enigma encryption

Observation:

The distribution appears significantly more uniform. The characteristic Spanish frequency pattern is no longer easily recognizable, demonstrating stronger statistical concealment.

0.7 Comparison of Statistical Properties

- The Caesar cipher preserves letter frequency structure.
- The Vigenere cipher partially hides frequency patterns.
- The Enigma machine produces a near-uniform distribution.
- Enigma encryption significantly reduces statistical predictability.

0.8 Sources Used

- Custom Python implementation
- Matplotlib library for histogram generation
- Course lecture notes

0.9 Conclusion

This assignment demonstrates that classical substitution ciphers such as the Caesar cipher preserve statistical properties of the language and are vulnerable to frequency analysis.

The Vigenere cipher improves security by applying multiple shifts based on a keyword.

The Enigma machine introduces rotor stepping and multiple layered transformations, producing a significantly more uniform frequency distribution and making statistical attacks substantially more difficult.