
SECURITY (COMP0141): CONFIDENTIALITY



CONFIDENTIALITY

“keeping data private”

how to:

- communicate secretly?
- establish basis for secure communication?

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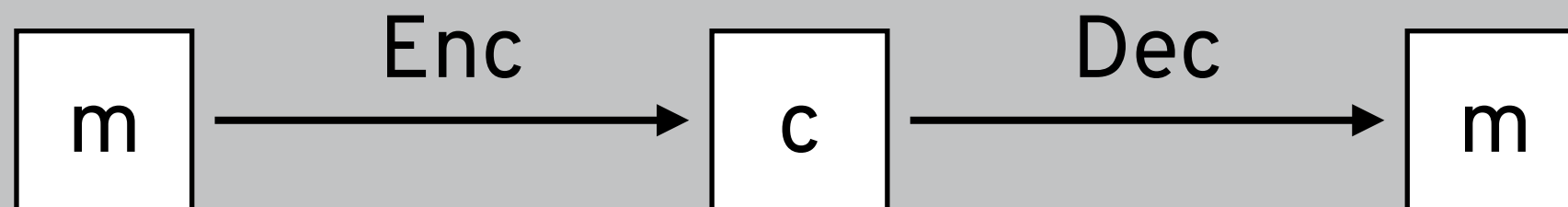
TERMINOLOGY

Cryptographer: person who **makes** cryptography

Cryptanalyst: person who **breaks** cryptography

Code: semantic **translation** (A means B)

Ciphertext: **encryption** of underlying **plaintext**



WARNING

You should never design your own cryptography!

This lecture on cryptography does not in any way qualify you to design cryptographic algorithms or protocols

Instead it's an introduction to what you can expect from cryptography and a feeling for how these algorithms work

WARNING



Cryptography

- If you get it right, could be secure for decades
- If you get it wrong, you get no security at all

CAESAR SHIFT CIPHER



MONOALPHABETIC SUBSTITUTION

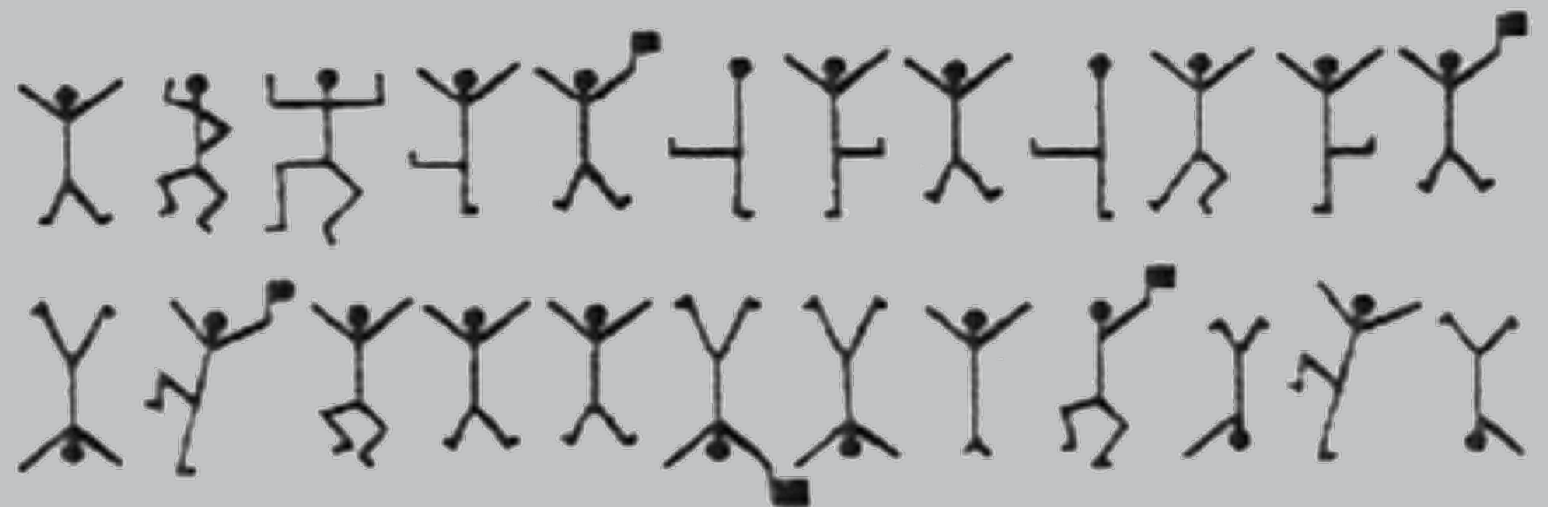
Monoalphabetic substitution cipher applies **permutation** $\pi : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$

In Caesar shift, π is **rotation**: $\beta \rightarrow \beta + \text{key} \bmod 26$

More generally, might have $\pi(a) = o$, $\pi(b) = m$, etc., or Σ' might not be same language as Σ

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

(adventure of the dancing men)



THREAT MODEL

Motivation:



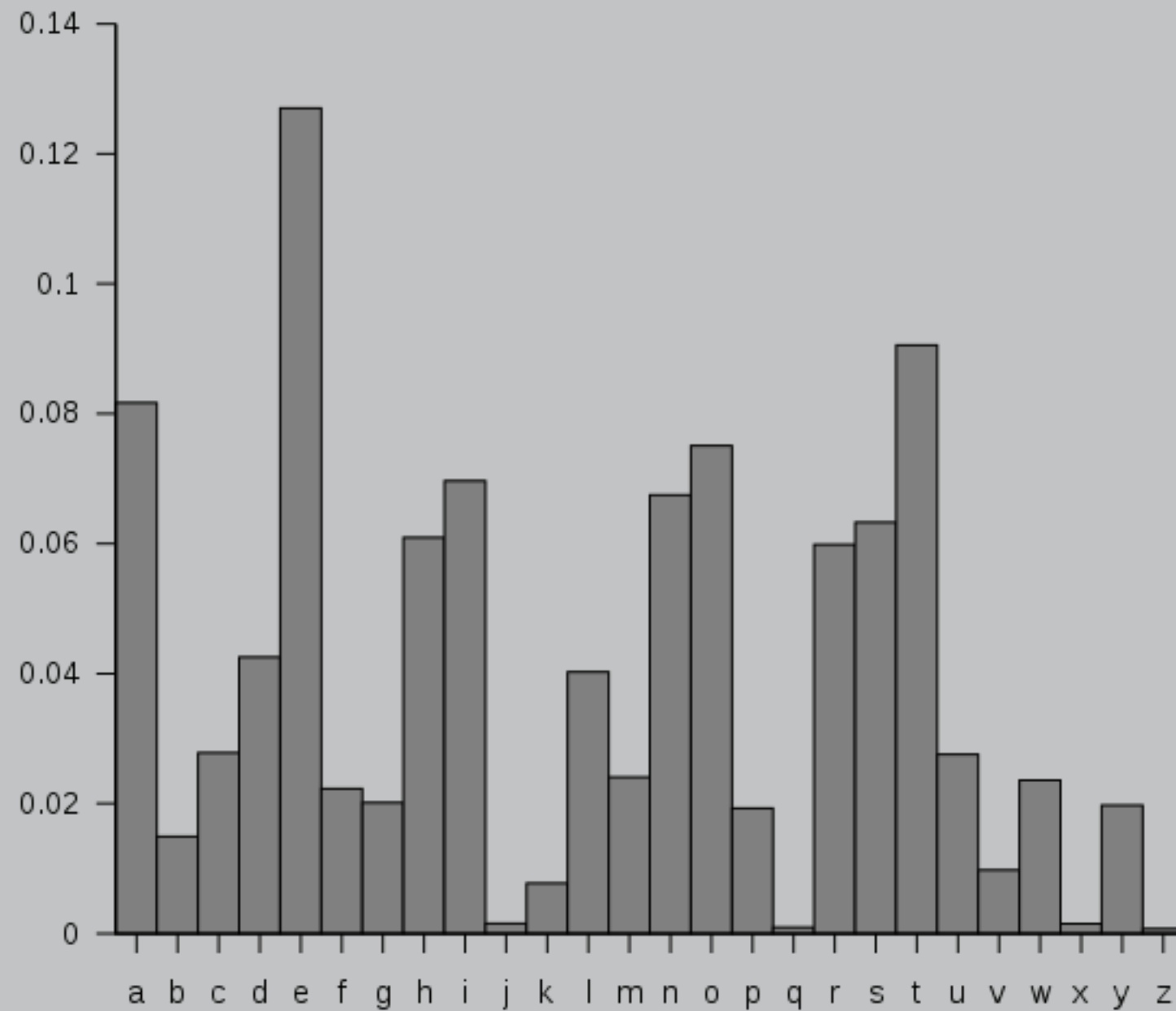
- **Recover key:** learn all future plaintexts
- **Recover plaintext:** learn this specific plaintext
- **Distinguish plaintext:** learn a single bit about plaintext

Capabilities:

- **Known ciphertext:** know ciphertext
- **Known algorithm:** know scheme used to encrypt
- **Known plaintext:** (partial) information about plaintext
- **Chosen plaintext:** adversary picked plaintext
- **Chosen ciphertext:** adversary picked ciphertext

Strongest security statement: the adversary with the strongest capabilities can't achieve even the weakest goal

FREQUENCY ANALYSIS



most common English letters: etnorias (or senorita)

Lw zdv wkh ehvw ri wlphv, lw zdv wkh zruvw ri
wlphv, lw zdv wkh djh ri zlvgrp, lw zdv wkh
djh ri irrolvkqhvv, lw zdv wkh hsrfk ri
eholhi, lw zdv wkh hsrfk ri lqfuhgxolwb, lw
zdv wkh vhdvrq ri Oljkw, lw zdv wkh vhdvrq ri
Gdunqhvv, lw zdv wkh vsulqj ri krsh, lw zdv
wkh zlqw hubwklqj
ehiruh xv, v, zh zhuh
doo jrlqj gluhfw wr khdyhq, zh zhuh doo jrlqj
gluhfw wkh rwkhu zdb - lq vkruw, wkh shulrg
zdv vr idu olnh wkh suhvhw shulrg, wkdw vrph
ri lwv qrlvlhvw dxwkrulwlhv lqvlvwhg rq lwv
ehlqj uhfhlyhg, iru jrrg ru iru hylo, lq wkh
vxshuodwlyh ghjuhh ri frpsdulvrq rqob.

most common letter is h

Lw zdv **wke** eevw ri wlp^ev, lw zdv **wke** zruvw ri
wlp^ev, lw zdv **wke** dje^e ri zlvgrp, lw zdv **wke**
dje^e ri irrolvkq^evv, lw zdv **wke** esrfk ri
eeole^ei, lw zdv **wke** esrfk ri lqfue^egxolwb, lw
zdv **wke** vedvrq ri Oljkw, lw zdv **wke** vedvrq ri
Gdunqe
wke
eeirue^e Then h→e ⇒ key is x (23) and we're done! e zeue
doo jrl
glue^efw **wke** rwke^eu zdb - lq vkruw, **wke** seulrg
zdv vr idu olne^e **wke** sue^eve^eqw seulrg, wkdw vrpe^e
ri lwv qrlvle^evw dxwkrulwle^ev lqvlvwe^eg rq lwv
eelqj uefe^elye^eg, iru jrrg ru iru eylo, lq **wke**
vxseuodwlye^e geju^eee ri frpsdulvrq rqob.

Caesar shift?

Then h→e ⇒ key is x (23) and we're done!

Lt zdv the eevt ri tlpev, lt zdv the zruvt ri
tlpev, lt zdv the dje ri zlvgrp, lt zdv the
dje ri irrolvhqevv, lt zdv the esrfh ri
eeolei, lt zdv the esrfh ri lqfuegxoltb, lt
zdv the vedvrq ri Oljht, lt zdv the vedvrq ri
Gdunqevv, lt zdv the vsulqj ri hrse, lt zdv
the zlqteu ri gevsdlu, ze hdg eyeubthlqj
eeirue xv, ze hdg qrthlqj eeirue xv, ze zeue
doo jrlqj glueft tr hedyeq, ze zeue doo jrlqj
glueft the rtheu zdb - lq vhrut, the seulrg
zdv vr idu olne the sueveqt seulrg, thdt vrpe
ri ltv qrlvlevt dxthrultlev lqvlvteg rq ltv
eelqj uefelyeg, iru jrrg ru iru eylo, lq the
vxseuodtlye gejuee ri frpsdulvrq rqob.

Lt zav the eevt ri tlpev, lt zav the zruvt ri
tlpev, lt zav the aje ri zlvgrp, lt zav the
aje ri irrolvhqevv, lt zav the esrfh ri
eeolei, lt zav the esrfh ri lqfuegxoltb, lt
zav the veavrq ri Oljht, lt zav the veavrq ri
Gaunqevv, lt zav the vsulqj ri hrse, lt zav
the zlqteu ri gevsalu, ze hag eyeubthlqj
eeirue xv, ze hag qrthlqj eeirue xv, ze zeue
aoo jrlqj glueft tr heayeq, ze zeue aoo jrlqj
glueft the rtheu zab - lq vhrut, the seulrg
zav vr iau olne the sueveqt seulrg, that vrpe
ri ltv qrlvlevt axthrultlev lqvlvteg rq ltv
eelqj uefelyeg, iru jrrg ru iru eylo, lq the
vxseuoatlye gejuee ri frpsaulvrq rqob.

It zav the eevt ri tipev, it zav the zruvt ri
tipev, it zav the aje ri zivgrp, it zav the
aje ri irroivhqevv, it zav the esrfh ri
eeoiei, it zav the esrfh ri iqfuegxoitb, it
zav the veavrq ri Oijht, it zav the veavrq ri
Gaunqevv, it zav the vsuiqj ri hrse, it zav
the ziqteu ri gevsaiu, ze hag eyeubthiqj
eeirue xv, ze hag qrthiqj eeirue xv, ze zeue
aoo jriqj giueft tr heayeq, ze zeue aoo jriqj
giueft the rtheu zab - iq vhrut, the seuirg
zav vr iau oine the sueveqt seuirg, that vrpe
ri itv qrivievt axthruitiev iqvivteg rq itv
eeiqj ufeiyeg, iru jrrg ru iru eyio, iq the
vxseuoatiye gejuee ri frpsauivrq rqob.

It zas the eest **ri** tipes, it zas the zrust **ri**
tipes, it zas the aje **ri** zisgrp, it zas the
aje **ri** irroishqess, it zas the esrfh **ri**
eoeiei, it zas the esrfh **ri** iqfuegxoitb, it
zas the searsq **ri** Oijht, it zas the searsq **ri**
Gaunqess, it zas the ssuiqj **ri** hrse, it zas
the ziqteu **ri** gessaiu, ze hag eyeubthiqj
eeirue xs, ze hag qrthiqj eeirue xs, ze zeue
aoo jriqj giueft tr heayeq, ze zeue aoo jriqj
giueft the rtheu zab - iq shrut, the seuirg
zas **sr** iau oine the sueseqt seuirg, that srpe
ri its qrisiest axthruities iqsisteg rq its
eeiqj uefeiyeg, iru jrrg ru iru eyio, iq the
sxseuoatiye gejuue **ri** frpsauisrq rqob.

It zas the eest of tipes, it zas the zoust of
tipes, it zas the aje of zisgop, it zas the
aje of foooishqess, it zas the esofh of
eooief, it zas the esofh of iqfuegxoitb, it
zas the **seasoq** of Oijht, it zas the **seasoq** of
Gaunqess, it zas the ssuiqj of hose, it zas
the ziqteu of gessaiu, ze hag eyeubthiqj
eefoue xs, ze hag qothiqj eefoue xs, ze zeue
aoo joiqj giueft to heayeq, ze zeue aoo joiqj
giueft the otheu zab - **iq** shout, the seuiog
zas so fau oine the sueseqt seuiog, that sope
of its **qoisiest** axthouities iqsisteg **oq** its
eeiqj uefeiyeg, fou joog ou fou eyio, **iq** the
sxseuoatiye gejuee of fopsauisoq oqob.

It zas the eest of tipes, it zas the zoust of
tipes, it zas the aje of zisgop, it zas the
aje of foooishness, it zas the esofh of
eooief, it zas the esofh of infuegxoitb, it
zas the season of Oijht, it zas the season of
Gaunness, it zas the ssuinj of hose, it zas
the zinteu of gessaiu, ze hag eyeubthinj
eefoue xs, ze hag nothinj eefoue xs, ze zeue
aoo joinj giueft to heayen, ze zeue aoo joinj
giueft the otheu zab - in shout, the seuiog
zas so fau oine the suesent seuiog, that sope
of its noisiest axthouities insisteg on its
eeinj uefeiyeg, fou joog ou fou eyio, in the
sxseuoatiye gejuee of fopsauison onob.

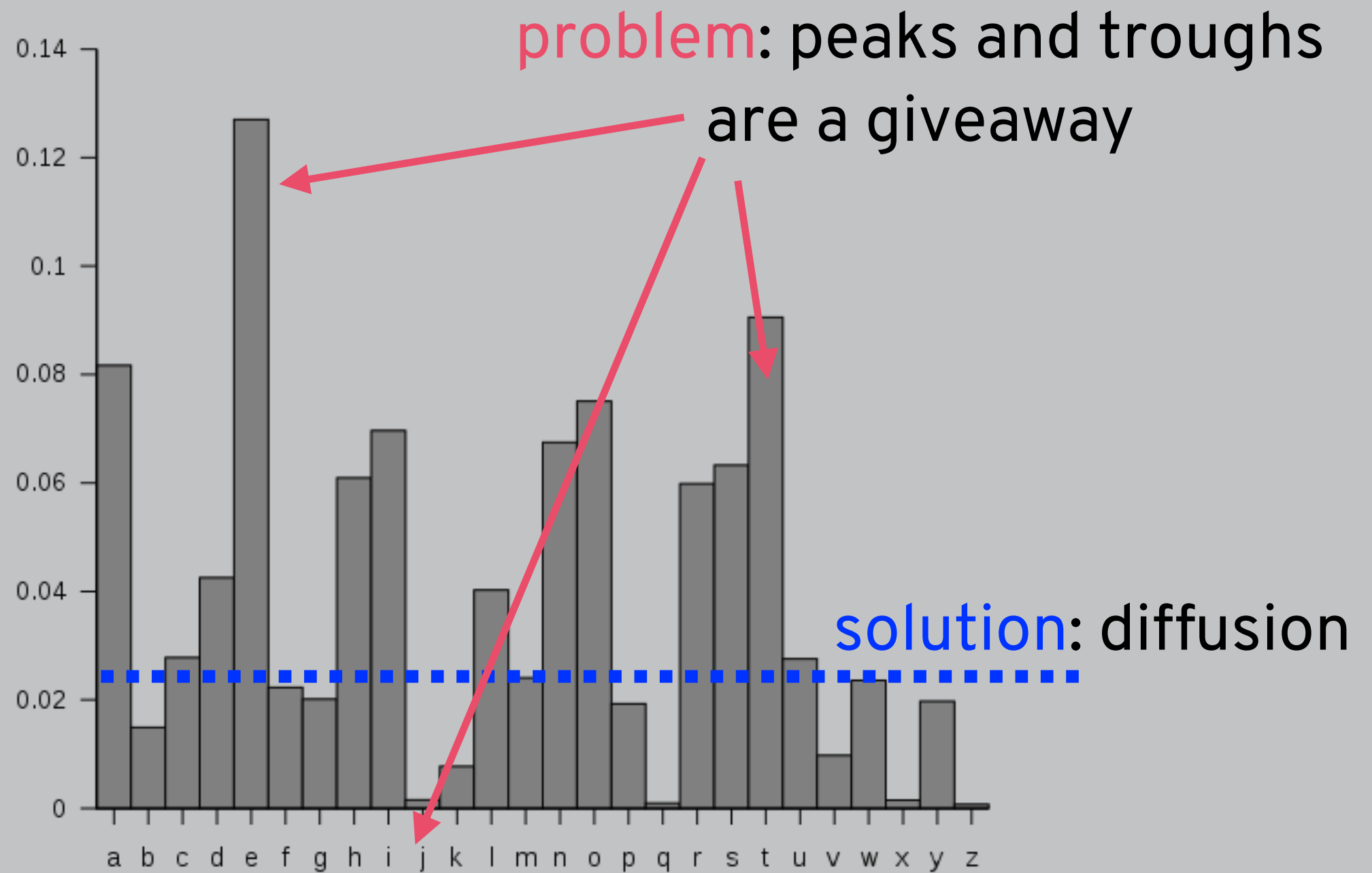
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Gaunness, it zas the ssuing of hose, it zas
the zinteu of gessaiu, ze hag eyeubthing
eefoue xs, ze hag nothing eefoue xs, ze zeue
aoo going giueft to heayen, ze zeue aoo going
giueft the **otheu** zab - in **shout**, the seuiog
zas so **fau** oine the suesent seuiog, that sope
of its noisiest axthouities insisteg on its
eeing uefeiyeg, **fou** goog **ou** **fou** eyio, in the
sxseuoatiye geguee of fopsauison onob.

It **zas** the eest of tipes, it **zas** the zorst of tipes, it **zas** the age of zisgop, it **zas** the age of foooishness, it **zas** the esofh of eeoief, it **zas** the esofh of infregxoitb, it **zas** the season of Oight, it **zas** the season of Garnness, it **zas** the ssring of hose, it **zas** the zinter of gessair, ze hag eyerbthing eefore xs, ze hag nothing eefore xs, ze zere aoo going gireft to heayen, ze zere aoo going gireft the other zab - in short, the seriog **zas** so far oine the sresent seriog, that sope of its noisiest axthorities insisteg on its eeing refeiyeg, for goog or for eyio, in the sxseroatiye gegree of fopsarison onob.

It was the eest of tipes, it was the worst of
tipes, it was the age of wisgop, it was the
age of foooishness, it was the esofh of
eeoief, it was the esofh of infregxoitb, it
was the season of Oight, it was the season of
Garnness, it was the ssring of hose, it was
the winter of gessair, we hag eyerbthing
eefore xs, we hag nothing eefore xs, we were
aoo going gireft to heayen, we were aoo going
gireft the other wab - in short, the seriog
was so far oine the sresent seriog, that sope
of its noisiest axthorities insisteg on its
eeing refeiyeg, for goog or for eyio, in the
sxseroatiye gegree of fopsarison onob.

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to heaven, we were all going direct the other way - in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only.

FREQUENCY ANALYSIS



VIGENERE CIPHER

(tabula recta)

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

plaintext

“Hi Alice”

key
“secret”

ciphertext

“Zm Ccmvw”

c represents
two different
plaintext
characters!

POLYALPHABETIC SUBSTITUTION

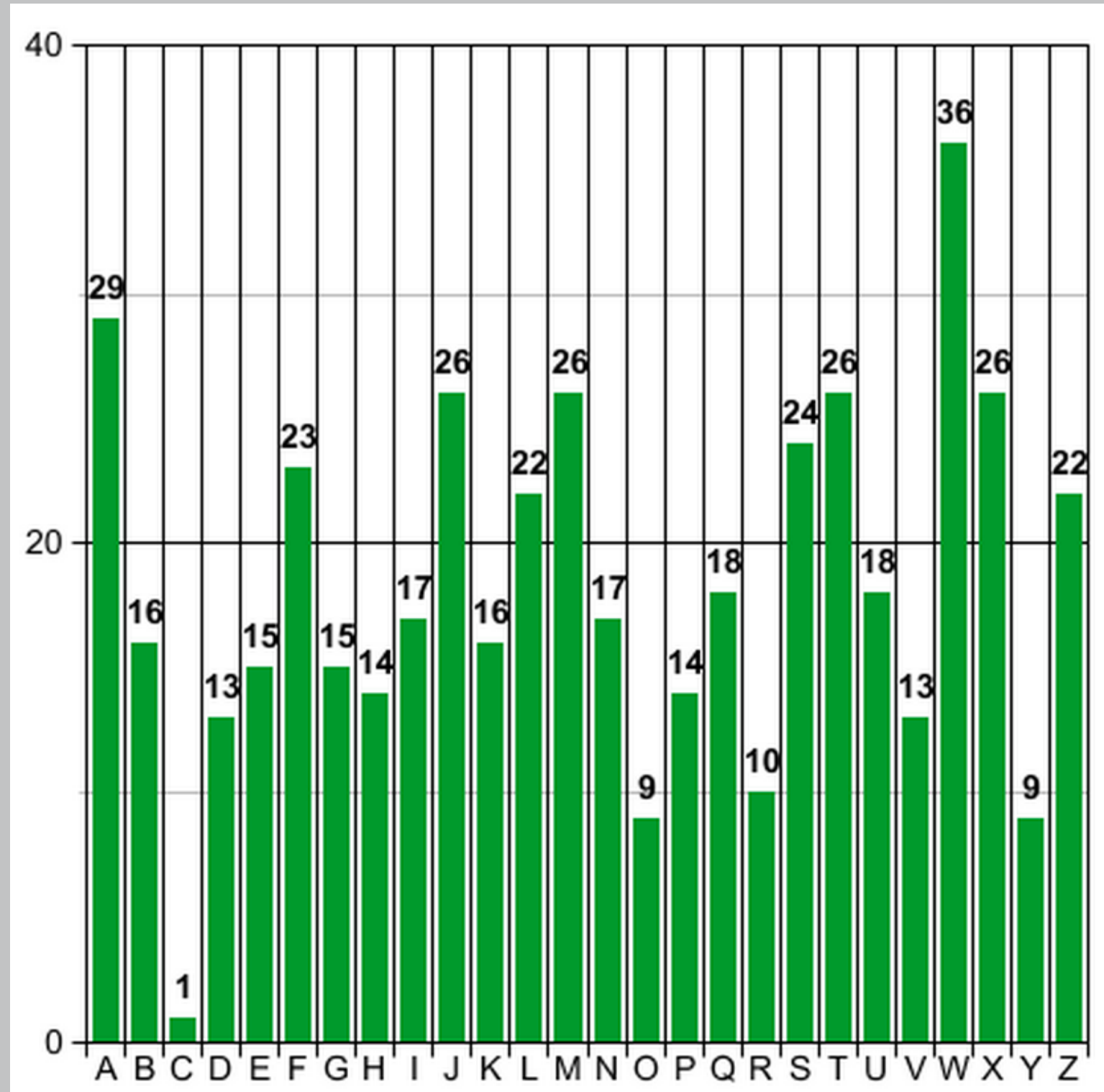
Polyalphabetic substitution cipher rotates through
permutations $\pi : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma'$

Example: rotor machines like Enigma



Lb xse yah jfkf ty wqnwe, nm zit ltj prztl ak
mlufk, uy pda uzq fzh wg ouxwru, jl ifl wpf
ssj hi npgxnkvfke, nm zit ltj xswdz ak
uhtjwr, nm zit ltj xswdz ak bqkswpzelbz, af
btv biw ejtvwo gr Qbjpu, af btv biw ejtvwo gr
Itusowex, bw ebk fmx vxsazl hi pphq, nm zit
ltj plvuwd ty gmthmnk, zm isp johzzltngj
jfxawx xa, xw tfw qwuzusz emggdj nv, ef oqwx
dtm yangj ljjqhm ww iwmaxq, ef oqwx dtm yangj
ljjqhm wpf gfmxu ebq - us lkws1, fmx smsaai
pda tg rfk oqow fmx szfkqsm smsaai, mkiu karx
rn jle shlaajwey txbigdnmlmt azxbvbfv as bwa
cwusz umdwuaxg, npj sthg ws xaw xyqm, az yah
avhqwedbjnq ixjzfw ak vruqsdnlrv pfxd.

VIGENERE FREQUENCIES



Lb xse yah jfkf ty wqnwe, nm zit ltj prztl ak
mlufk, uy pda uzq fzh wg ouxwru, jl ifl wpf
ssj hi npgxnkvfke, nm zit ltj xswdz ak
uhtjwr, nm zit ltj xswdz ak bqkswpzelbz, af
btv biw ejtvwo gr Qbjpu, af btv biw ejtvwo gr
Itusowex, bw ebk fmx vxsazl hi pphq, nm zit
ltj plvuwd ty gmthmnk, zm isp johzzltngj
jfxawx xa, xw tfw qwuzusz emggdj nv, ef oqwx
dtm yangj ljjqhm ww iwmaxq, ef oqwx dtm yangj
ljjqhm wpf gfmxu ebq - us lkws1, fmx smsaai
pda tg rfk oqow fmx szfkqsm smsaai, mkiu karx
rn jle shlaajwey txbigdnmlmt azxbvbfv as bwa
cwusz umdwuaxg, npj sthg ws xaw xyqm, az yah
avhqwedbjnq ixjzfw ak vruqsdnlrv pfxd.

VIGENERE CRYPTANALYSIS

nm zit ltj

nm zit ltj

nm zit ltj

same key letters encrypt same plaintext letters!

itwasthe
escharle
↓
nmzitltj

repeated n-grams reveal length of key
(because distances between = multiple of
key length, so key length = lcd(distances))

problem: key length reduces to monoalphabetic

solution: use a really long key!

RUNNING KEY CIPHER



hialice | hibob | howsitgoing | okayyou
itwasthebestoftimesitwastheworstofetimesitwasthe



qcxmbwm | jnuig | bxjxbcaljga | thpqrij

split ciphertext into blocks of five characters
use **indicator block** to say where in key to begin

page 63, line 1 \Rightarrow

06301
agdab

 \leftarrow gets inserted as
second-to-last block

RUNNING KEY CIPHER



hialice | hibob | howsitgoing | okayyou | **howsitgoing**
itwasthebestoftimesitwastheworstoftimesitwasthe



qcxmbwm | jnuig | bxjxbcaljga | thpqrij | **bxjxbcaljga**

problem: repetition in key yields patterns

solution: use a long random key!

ONE-TIME PAD (OTP)

hialice | hibob | howsitgoing | okayyou | howsitgoing
ujakjywibavnscknkveoldxhinrovngdytlwkhysinncrhih



bravraa | iiwbt | rbgnmhrrfuo | fyvlers | skgzgbtbken

also called a **perfect substitution cipher**

ONE-TIME PAD

hialice | hibob | howsitgoing | **ijustki lledsomeone**
ujakjywibavnscknkveoldxhir **xpbtlhkahnzcwonhxwrj** ih
↓
bravraa | iiwbt | rbgnmhrrfuo | **fyvlers | skgzgbtbken**



any ciphertext could decrypt to any plaintext
(if you use key once; otherwise reduces to running key)

KEY MATERIAL

hialice | hibob | howsitgoing | okayyou | howsitgoing
ujakjywibavnscknkveoldxhinrovngdytlwkhyinncrih



bravraa | iiwbt | rbgnmhrrfuo | fyvlers | skgzgbtbken

problem: how to share keys?

used in WWII and Cold War;
pages destroyed after use



TRADEOFFS OF HISTORICAL CIPHERS

