

AIM: To perform decoding of shift cipher and mono alphabet substitution cipher.

THEORY:

Shift Cipher (Caesar Cipher)

The **Shift Cipher**, also known as the **Caesar Cipher**, is one of the simplest and most well-known encryption techniques. It is a type of substitution cipher where each letter in the plaintext is shifted by a certain number of places down or up the alphabet. The key in a shift cipher is the number of positions each letter is shifted.

How it Works:

1. Encryption:

- Choose a shift value (e.g., 3).
- For each letter in the plaintext, find its position in the alphabet.
 - Shift it by the chosen value and replace it with the resulting letter.
- If the shift moves past the end of the alphabet, it wraps around to the beginning. ○ Example: With a shift of 3, "A" becomes "D", "B" becomes "E", and so on.

$$C_i = (P_i + k) \bmod 26$$

Where C_i is the i -th character of the ciphertext, P_i is the i -th character of the plaintext, and k is the shift key.

2. Decryption:

- Reverse the process by shifting each letter in the ciphertext back by the same number of positions. ○ Example: With a shift of 3, "D" becomes "A", "E" becomes "B", and so on.

$$P_i = (C_i - k) \bmod 26$$

Example:

- Plaintext: HELLO

- Shift: 3
- Ciphertext: KHOOR

Monoalphabetic Substitution Cipher

A **Monoalphabetic Substitution Cipher** is a more general form of substitution cipher where each letter in the plaintext is replaced by a corresponding letter in the ciphertext. However, unlike the Caesar Cipher, the substitution is not necessarily a fixed shift; instead, any permutation of the alphabet can be used as the key.

How it Works:

1. Key Generation:

- Create a random permutation of the alphabet. This permutation will serve as the key.
- Example key: QWERTYUIOPLKJHGFDSA ZXCVBNM
- Each letter of the plaintext is substituted with the corresponding letter from the key.

2. Encryption:

- For each letter in the plaintext, find its position in the regular alphabet.
- Replace it with the letter in the same position in the substitution key.
- Example: With the above key, "A" would be replaced by "Q", "B" by "W", etc.

3. Decryption:

- Reverse the process by substituting each letter in the ciphertext with the corresponding letter in the regular alphabet.
- Example: With the above key, "Q" would be replaced by "A", "W" by "B", etc.

Example:

- Plaintext: HELLO
- Key: QWERTYUIOPLKJHGFDSA ZXCVBNM
- Ciphertext: ITSSG

IMPLEMENTATION:

(SHIFT CIPHER)

PART III

Plaintext:

the porcupine is under the sheets

shift: 3 ▼

⌵ Encrypt ⌵

⌶ Decrypt ⌶

Ciphertext

wkh srufxslqh lv xqghu wkh vkhhwv

PART IV

Enter your solution Plaintext and shift key here:


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Key 3 ▼

Check my answer!

CORRECT!!

(MONO ALPHABETIC CIPHER)


Breaking the Mono-alphabetic Substitution Cipher

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PART I

Decrypt the following cipher text. A tool to simulate the Mono-Alphabetic Substitution cipher is provided beneath for your assistance.

Here is the table of frequencies of English alphabets for your reference:

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
8.167	1.49	2.782	4.253	12.702	2.228	2.015	6.094	6.966	0.153	0.772	4.025	2.406
n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
6.749	7.507	1.929	0.095	5.987	6.327	9.056	2.758	0.978	2.360	0.150	1.974	0.074

gkrt nlgtrtub nkr lxuun x uetp gxb ve x dihweln kxuu gwvk fxtb uedonq qeehn el xuu nmnn. nkr lwtqn x nfxuu orb ve x qeeh vee nfxuu leh krh ve law, civ vkheipk gludk nkr nnn xt xvvhxduvnr pxbqrt. nkr vkrt qndesirhn x cevur uxruung 'ghuto fr', vkr detvrtvn el gkwk dcinr krh ve nhhto vee nfxuu ve hrudd vkr orb, x dkon gwvk 'rov fr' et wv dcinr krh ve pheg ve nidk x vhrfrtqeln nmnr krh krqx kavv vkr druwatp.

Next Ciphertext

Calculate Frequencies in ciphertext

Ciphertext Frequencies:

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
0.000	1.037	2.282	3.942	8.091	1.452	3.112	5.602	2.075	0.000	8.506	1.452	0.415
n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
7.469	1.867	1.452	3.32	11.618	0.622	4.979	5.602	9.959	6.639	7.884	0.622	0.000

PART II

Note that the *cipher text* is in lower case and when you replace any character, the final character of replacement, i.e., *plaintext* is changed to upper case automatically in the following scratchpad.

CHAPTER 1 - DOWN THE RABBIT HOLE: ALICE IS BORED SITTING ON THE RIVERBANK WITH HER SISTER, WHEN SHE NOTICES A TALKING, CLOTHED WHITE RABBIT WITH A POCKET WATCH RUN PAST. SHE FOLLOWS IT DOWN A RABBIT HOLE WHEN SUDDENLY SHE FALLS A LONG WAY TO A CURIOUS HALL WITH MANY LOCKED DOORS OF ALL SIZES. SHE FINDS A SMALL KEY TO A DOOR TOO SMALL FOR HER TO FIT, BUT THROUGH WHICH SHE SEES AN ATTRACTIVE GARDEN. SHE THEN DISCOVERS A BOTTLE LABELLED 'DRINK ME', THE CONTENTS OF WHICH CAUSE HER TO SHRINK TOO SMALL TO REACH THE KEY. A CAKE WITH 'EAT ME' ON IT CAUSES HER TO GROW TO SUCH A TREMENDOUS SIZE HER HEAD HITS THE CEILING.

Modify the text above (in scratchpad):

This is case insensitive function and replaces only cipher text (lower case) by plain text (upper case).

Replace cipher character

a

by plaintext character

z

Modify

Use the following function to make any unwanted exchange by giving an uppercase character and a lower case. This is a case sensitive function.

Replace character

a

by character

z

Replace these exact characters

Your replacement history:

You replaced d by C You replaced k by H You replaced x by A You replaced y by P You replaced v by T You replaced r by E You replaced b by R You replaced u by L You replaced w by I You replaced e by O You replaced c by B You replaced q by D You replaced g by W You replaced t by N You replaced n by S You replaced p by G You replaced s by V You replaced o by K You replaced f by M You replaced i by U You replaced h by Y You replaced l by F You replaced m by Z

PART III

Enter your solution plaintext here:

DOORS OF ALL SIZES. SHE FINDS A SMALL KEY TO A DOOR TOO SMALL FOR HER TO FIT, BUT THROUGH WHICH SHE SEES AN ATTRACTIVE GARDEN. SHE THEN DISCOVERS A BOTTLE LABELLED 'DRINK ME', THE CONTENTS OF WHICH CAUSE HER TO SHRINK TOO SMALL TO REACH THE KEY. A CAKE WITH 'EAT ME' ON IT CAUSES HER TO GROW TO SUCH A TREMENDOUS SIZE HER HEAD HITS THE CEILING.

Solution Key =

Check Answer!

CORRECT!!

CONCLUSION: Successfully performed decoding of shift cipher and mono alphabet substitution cipher.