

1. Using the number of vowels to detect ciphertext rectangles

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def counting(n,m):
    vowel = [0]*n
    j=0
    for i in text :
        if i != " ":
            if(j==n):
                j=0
                if i=='A' or i=='E' or i=='I' or i=='O' or i=='U':
                    vowel[j]+=1
                j+=1
            else:
                vowel[j] += 1
                j+=1

    ans1=0
    for i in range(n):
        ans1+=abs(vowel[i]-m*0.4)

    print(ans1)
    return ans1

n1=7
m1=11
n2=11
m2=7
if counting(n1,m1)>counting(n2,m2):
    n=n2
    m=m2
else:
    n=n1
    m=m1
print(n,m)
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I use the counting function to determine the matrix's rows and cols. (Same as quiz 2)

As a result, this is a 11*7 matrix.

2. Using plaintext bigrams and trigrams to calculate conditional probabilities for Markov decision processing.

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d3={}
d2={}
def markov():
    plain = plaintextref.translate({ord(c): None for c in string.whitespace})
    #print(plain)

    for i in range(len(plain)-2):
        j=i+1
        k=i+2
        temp=""
        temp+=plain[i]
        temp+=plain[j]
        temp+=plain[k]
        if temp in d3:
            d3[temp]+=1
        else:
            d3[temp]=1

    #print(d3)
    for i in range(len(plain)-1):
        j=i+1
        temp=""
        temp+=plain[i]
        temp+=plain[j]
        if temp in d2:
            d2[temp]+=1
        else:
            d2[temp]=1

    #print(d2)
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I use the markov function to count the probabilities of 2 characters and 3 characters, then, I save them in dictionary d2 and d3.

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strcol=[""]*m
ind=0
c=0
for t in text:
    if c==n:
        c=0
        ind+=1
        if t != " ":
            strcol[ind]+=t
            c+=1
for i in range(m):
    print(strcol[i])
firstcol = 2
seccol = 5
ndone = [0,1,2,3,4,5,6]
resultcol=[firstcol,seccol]
ndone.remove(firstcol)
ndone.remove(seccol)

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In this section, I slice the ciphertext into strings of columns. The result is:

'EOEYEGTRNPS'

'ECEHHETYHSN'

'GNDDDDETO CR'

'AERAEMHTECS'

'EUSIARWKDRI'

'RNYARANUEYI'

'NTTCEIETUS'

Followed the hint, the first column should be 'GNDDDDETO CR' and the second column should be 'RNYARANUEYI'

3. Using MDP to recover columnar transposition ciphers

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for i in range(2,m):
    maxprob=0
    choosecol=-1
    for j in ndone:
        probs=0
        for w in range(m):
            char2=""
            char2 += strcol[firstcol][w]
            char2 += strcol[seccol][w]

            char3 = char2+strcol[j][w]
            if char2 not in d2 or char3 not in d3:
                continue
            else:
                probs+=math.log(26*(d3[char3]/d2[char2]))
        if probs>maxprob:
            maxprob=probs
            choosecol=j
            ndone.remove(choosecol)
            resultcol.append(choosecol)
            firstcol=seccol
            seccol=choosecol

plaintext=""
for i in range(n):
    for col in resultcol:
        plaintext+=strcol[col][i]
print(plaintext)

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Every time I want to decide the next column, I run through the undone columns and count the total conditional probabilities of the column.

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probs += math.log(26*(d3[char3]/d2[char2]))
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Find the most appropriate column with the highest probability, remove it from the undone columns and redo this to find the next column.

Luckily, I find out the origin plaintext:

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GREECEANNOUNCEDYESTERDAYITHADREACHEDAGREEMENTWITHTURKEYTOENDTHE  
CYPRUSCRISISNS
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