

# INF143A

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**Exercise 1** The following cipher text has been encrypted using the Caesar cipher. Reconstruct the plaintext and the secret key by exhaustive search.

*Cnbcwup xdc juu yxbbrkun tnbb dwcrw rw cqrh fjh rb anonaanm cx jb j kadcw-oxaln bnjalq, xa nggjdbcren bnjalq, jum lju rw yarwlyun kn jyyurnm jprwbc juh lryqna. Rc bdllnnmb fqnw cqn wduvna xo tnbb rb cxx bvjuu, r.n. fqnw cqn tnbb byjln xo cqn lryqna rb bdoorlnwucuh bvjuu.*

**Secret key:** 17

| 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 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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 |

*Testing out all possible keys until in this way is referred to as a brute-force search or exhaustive search, and can in principle be applied against any cipher. It succeeds when the number of keys is too small i.e when the key space of the cipher is sufficiently small.*

**Exercise 2** Exercise 2. A passage from a classic work of literature has been encrypted using a mono-alphabetic substitution cipher, producing the following ciphertext:

*F zbon wtmw, wo wts yohhob mggjstsbifob, wtfi gtsbohshob ou ntfwsbsii fi bow yobusiisa wo qs wts gjfhs mksbw fb srmkksjmwfbk wts wsjjoj ou oqlsywi owtsjnfis wsjjfqs; boj wo wts cbfhmkfbmwfes hfba fi wtsjs mcktw ou wsjjoj fb wtois mggsmjmbysi ntois mnucxbsii wo mbowtsj hfba mxhoiw ioxsw yobifiwi fb wtfi obs gtsbohshob, sigsyfmxw ntsb srtfgfwsa cbasj mbv uojh mw mxx mggjomytfbk wo hcwsbsii oj cbfesjimxfwv. Ntmw F hsmb qv wtsis wno iwmwshsbwi hmv gsjtmgi qs jsigsywfesw xcyfamwsa qv wts uoxxonfbk srmhgxsi.*

Use frequency analysis to recover the plaintext and secret key.

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

Decrypted text:

*I know that to the common apprehension, when phenomenon of whiteness is otherwise terrible nor to the unimaginative mind is there aught of terror in those appearances whose awfulness to another mind almost solely consists if this one phenomenon especially when exhibited under any form at all approaching to muteness of universality what I mean by there two statements may perhaps be respectively elucidated by the following examples.*

**Exercise 3** Write a simple implementation of the Vigenere cipher. Test it out by encrypting and decrypting a message. Try to break the encryption using the cryptanalysis tools at <https://www.dcode.fr/vigenere-cipher>.

wo bh pr qpt wp bh uhlt iv uhh ruhttlpn

**Key** 3 1 0

*To be or not to be this is the question*

#### Exercise 4

1.

| DECRYPTION   |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| LETTER PLACE | 7        | 4        | 11       | 11       | 14       | 19       | 7        | 4        | 17       | 4        |
| PLAIN TEXT   | <b>H</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>L</b> | <b>O</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>E</b> | <b>R</b> | <b>E</b> |
| LETTER PLACE | 19       | 22       | 15       | 15       | 12       | 7        | 19       | 22       | 9        | 22       |
| KEY          | <b>T</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>P</b> | <b>M</b> | <b>H</b> | <b>T</b> | <b>W</b> | <b>J</b> | <b>W</b> |
| SUM          | 26       | 26       | 26       | 26       | 26       | 26       | 26       | 26       | 26       | 26       |
| CIPHER       | <b>A</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>A</b> |

$K_1 = \text{TWPPM HTWJW}$

2.

$K_2 = \text{TWPPM EMJPX}$

3.

$K_3 = \text{ETSHW YTAPQ}$

<https://www.geocachingtoolbox.com/index.php?lang=en&page=oneTimePad>

**Exercise 5.** Decrypt the ciphertext “IVSIKBFDGXQUMNBDVAZY” using the key “BERGEN” with the Playfair cipher.

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

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

Decrypted: APPLIEDCRYPTOGRAPBYX

<http://rumkin.com/tools/cipher/playfair.php>