

Polyalphabetic ciphers (a.k.a Renaissance Cipher)

➔ Vigenere cipher

Algorithm : combine the message and the key

Key : a word

Key space : the length of the word

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{wearediscoveredsaveyourself} \\ + \text{deceptivedeceptivedeceptive} \quad (\text{mod } 26) \\ \hline \text{ZICVTWQNGRZGVTWAVZHCQYGLMGJ} \end{array}$$

Advantage : Encryption of a letter is context dependent

Breaking Polyalphabetic Ciphers