

# Historic Crypto

## Questions:

1. What are the advantage and disadvantage of these classical cipher?
  - a. These ciphers are easy to implement and run very quickly.
2. Will you consider using these classical ciphers for your content protection? Why or why not?
  - a. No, since they are easy to implement, they are easy to crack. Most of these are pretty much useless because of how easy it is for modern computers to brute force them.
3. Discuss your experience during the crack implementations.
  - a. Cracking the Caesar was easy once we started using letter frequencies. We originally tried it by checking to see if there were English words in the output, but this became an issue once we saw the files with no spaces. Letter frequency analysis worked well though.
  - b. Mono-Alphabetic Substitution was the hardest of the three. In the end the program we developed could only approximately get the correct solution and needed some correction at the end.
  - c. Vigenère was originally difficult because we used the key length solving algorithms found on Wikipedia. These were not very accurate, so it caused issues that made the rest of the program difficult to solve. Finally, we found the Twist+ algorithm which could very accurately find the key size consistently. After the key size the rest was the same as the Caesar cipher, so not much work.

## Caesar:

### Description:

The Caesar Cipher works by rotating every character in the plaintext by a specific amount to produce the ciphertext. For example, if the key is 5 then `a` -> `f`, `z` -> `e`, etc.

### Encryption Implementation:

To implement this in Python, loop through the entire input and replace each character with the appropriate offset character. This can be done by creating a dictionary with the plaintext characters as keys and the corresponding ciphertext characters as values.

### Decryption Implementation:

For each of the 26 possible shifts (including no shift) get the letter frequencies statistics and compare them with the baseline English letter frequencies. Pick whichever one has the closest correlation. Without any adjustment this works for all the provided ciphertexts.

## Vigenère:

### Description:

Vigenère works by having some key phrase that is used to offset all the characters in the plaintext. If the key phrase is shorter than the plaintext then it can be added to itself until they are both the same length (i.e. key: 'dog' text: 'Hello, world!', long\_key: 'dogdo, gdogd!'). The longer key skips over non-letter characters and shifts letters by whatever letter is in the key (i.e. 'd' is a shift of three).

### Encryption Implementation:

To implement this in Python take the key and make it the same length as the plaintext. Then iterate through both the plaintext and the long key at the same time. Every time you encounter a letter shift it by the current letter from the key.

### Decryption Implementation:

The way we implemented the cracking was using the Twist+ algorithm to find the key length then using letter frequency analysis to find each of the letters of the key.

### [Twist+](#)

Twist+ is really complicated so we've included the link to the research paper about it.

## Mono-Alphabetic Substitution:

### Description:

Mono-Alphabetic Substitution works by mapping each character from the plaintext to a random character in the ciphertext. Each letter consistently maps to another letter but there is no order.

### Encryption Implementation:

The key for a Mono-Alphabetic Substitution Cipher is the shuffled alphabet which maps its plaintext to cipher text. In order to implement this, we can create a dictionary that has plaintext characters as its keys and the ciphertext characters as its values. Then just iterate through the input and replace all the letters.

### Decryption Implementation:

This one was tricky to decrypt. Even using letter frequency analysis, it is very difficult to find the right mapping because there are a total of  $26!$  possibilities. The approach we used was a genetic algorithm. The way it works is to generate 50 totally random keys and improve on each of them until we can't get any better. We do this by randomly swapping two characters in the key and checking to see if that makes the resulting ciphertext more "Englishly". In this case we checked by comparing the trigraph frequency between the decoded text and the expected English values. Then we keep swapping characters until we have made 5000 useless swaps in a row. At this point we can conclude that we probably won't get much better, so we move to the next key. Once we have all 50 keys, we can take the best one of the set and present it for evaluation. At the end the program provides the decoded text according to the key and lets the user swap letters manually until it gets to a better state.

## Solutions:

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Scrooge took his melancholy dinner in his usual melancholy tavern; and having read all the newspapers, and beguiled the rest of the evening with his banker's-book, went home to bed. He lived in chambers which had once belonged to his deceased partner. They were a gloomy suite of rooms, in a lowering pile of building up a yard, where it had so little business to be, that one could scarcely help fancying it must have run there when it was a young house, playing at hide-and-seek with other houses, and forgotten the way out again. It was old enough now, and dreary enough, for nobody lived in it but Scrooge, the other rooms being all let out as offices. The yard was so dark that even Scrooge, who knew its every stone, was fain to grope with his hands. The fog and frost so hung about the black old gateway of the house, that it seemed as if the Genius of the Weather sat in mournful meditation on the threshold.

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One of the phenomena which had peculiarly attracted my attention was the structure of the human frame, and, indeed, any animal endued with life. Whence, I often asked myself, did the principle of life proceed? It was a bold question, and one which has ever been considered as a mystery; yet with how many things are we upon the brink of becoming acquainted, if cowardice or carelessness did not restrain our inquiries. I revolved these circumstances in my mind and determined thenceforth to apply myself more particularly to those branches of natural philosophy which relate to physiology. Unless I had been animated by an almost supernatural enthusiasm, my application to this study would have been irksome and almost intolerable. To examine the causes of life, we must first have recourse to death. I became acquainted with the science of anatomy, but this was not sufficient; I must also observe the natural decay and corruption of the human body. In my education my father had taken the greatest precaution that my mind should be impressed with no supernatural horrors. I do not ever remember to have trembled at a tale of superstition or to have feared the apparition of a spirit. Darkness had no effect upon my fancy, and a churchyard was to me merely the receptacle of bodies deprived of life, which, from being the seat of beauty and strength, had become food for the worm. Now I was led to examine the cause and progress of this decay and force it to spend days and nights in vaults and charnel-houses. My attention was fixed upon every object the most insupportable to the delicacy of the human feelings. I saw how the fine form of man was degraded and wasted; I beheld the corruption of death succeed to the blooming cheek of life; I saw how the worm inherited the wonders of the eye and brain. I paused, examining and analysing all the minutiae of causation, as exemplified in the change from life to death, and death to life, until from the midst of this darkness a sudden light broke in upon me—a light so brilliant and wondrous, yet so simple, that while I became dizzy with the immensity of the prospect which it illustrated, I was surprised that among so many men of genius who had directed their inquiries toward the same science, that I alone should be reserved to discover so astonishing a secret.

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But this is not a claim that Man should stay always youthful. Supposing that that famous Spaniard, landing upon Florida's coral strands, had found that mythical Fountain of Youth; what a calamity for mankind! A world without maturity of thought; without man's full-grown muscular ability to construct mighty buildings, railroads and ships; a world without authors,

doctors, savants, musicians; nothing but Youth! I can think of but a solitary approval of such a condition; for such a horror as war would not,—could not occur; for a child is, naturally, a small bunch of sympathy. I know that boys will "scrap;" also that "spats" will occur amongst girls; but, at such a monstrosity as killings by bombing towns, sinking ships, or mass annihilation of marching troops, childhood would stand aghast. Not a tiny bird would fall; nor would any form of gun nor facility for manufacturing it, insult that almost Holy purity of youthful thought. Anybody who knows that wracking sorrow brought upon a child by a dying puppy or cat, knows that childhood can show us that our fighting, our policy of "a tooth for a tooth," is abominably wrong.

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MEGALONYX

MEGALONYX (GREAT CLAW) IS THE GREEK NAME FOR ANOTHER OF THE GIANT GROUND SLOTHS. THE NAME WAS PROPOSED BY THOMAS JEFFERSON IN 1797, BASED ON FOSSIL SPECIMENS FOUND IN A CAVE IN WEST VIRGINIA. MEGALONYX JEFFERSONII, OF THE FAMILY MEGALONYCHIDAE, WAS A LARGE, HEAVILY BUILT ANIMAL ABOUT 8 TO 10 FEET (2.53 M) LONG. ITS MAXIMUM WEIGHT MAY HAVE BEEN AS MUCH AS 800 POUNDS. THIS IS MEDIUM-SIZED AMONG THE GIANT GROUND SLOTHS.

LIKE OTHER GROUND SLOTHS IT HAD A BLUNT SNOUT, MASSIVE JAW AND LARGE, PEG-LIKE TEETH. THE HIND LIMBS WERE PLANTIGRADE (FLAT-FOOTED) AND THIS, ALONG WITH ITS STOUT TAIL, ALLOWED IT TO REAR UP INTO A SEMI-ERECT POSITION TO FEED ON TREE LEAVES. THE FORELIMBS HAD THREE HIGHLY DEVELOPED CLAWS THAT WERE PROBABLY USED TO STRIP LEAVES AND TEAR OFF BRANCHES.

M. JEFFERSONII WAS APPARENTLY THE MOST WIDE-RANGING GIANT GROUND SLOTH. FOSSILS ARE KNOWN FROM MANY PLEISTOCENE SITES IN THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING MOST OF

THE STATES EAST OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS AS WELL AS ALONG THE WEST COAST. IT WAS THE ONLY GROUND SLOTH TO RANGE AS FAR NORTH AS THE PRESENT-DAY YUKON AND ALASKA.

IN 2010, THE FIRST SPECIMEN EVER FOUND IN COLORADO WAS DISCOVERED AT THE ZIEGLER RESERVOIR SITE NEAR SNOWMASS VILLAGE (IN THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS AT AN ELEVATION OF 8,874 FEET). WHY THE GIANT GROUND SLOTH, AS WITH OTHER MEGAFUNA OF THE MIOCENE EPOCH, GREW TO SUCH ENORMOUS SIZE IS A MYSTERY.

BESIDES THEIR BULK, THESE SLOTHS WERE DISTINGUISHED BY THEIR SIGNIFICANTLY LONGER FRONT THAN HIND LEGS, A CLUE THAT THEY USED THEIR LONG FRONT CLAWS TO ROPE IN COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF VEGETATION. AS BIG AS IT WAS, THOUGH, MEGALONYX WAS A MERE PUP COMPARED TO THE TRULY GIANT MEGATHERIUM.

MEGATHERIUM AND MEGALONYX ARE DISTANT RELATIVES OF TODAY'S MODERN TWO- AND THREE-FINGERED SLOTHS THAT LIVE IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

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TWAS BRILLIG, AND THE SLITHY TOVES  
DID GYRE AND GIMBLE IN THE WABE:  
ALL MIMSY WERE THE BOROGOVES,  
AND THE MOME RATHS OUTGRABE.

BEWARE THE JABBERWOCK, MY SON!  
THE JAWS THAT BITE, THE CLAWS THAT CATCH!  
BEWARE THE JUBJUB BIRD, AND SHUN  
THE FRUMIOUS BANDERSNATCH!

HE TOOK HIS VORPAL SWORD IN HAND;  
LONG TIME THE MANXOME FOE HE SOUGHT  
SO RESTED HE BY THE TUMTUM TREE  
AND STOOD AWHILE IN THOUGHT.

AND, AS IN UFFISH THOUGHT HE STOOD,  
THE JABBERWOCK, WITH EYES OF FLAME,  
CAME WHIFFLING THROUGH THE TULGEY WOOD,  
AND BURBLED AS IT CAME!

ONE, TWO! ONE, TWO! AND THROUGH AND THROUGH  
THE VORPAL BLADE WENT SNICKER-SNACK!  
HE LEFT IT DEAD, AND WITH ITS HEAD  
HE WENT GALUMPHING BACK.

AND HAST THOU SLAIN THE JABBERWOCK?

COME TO MY ARMS, MY BEAMISH BOY!  
O FRABJOUS DAY! CALLOOH! CALLAY!  
HE CHORTLED IN HIS JOY.

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DID GYRE AND GIMBLE IN THE WABE:  
ALL MIMSY WERE THE BOROGOVES,  
AND THE MOME RATHS OUTGRABE.

[vigenere\\_easy\\_encrypt.txt](#) -> mfxjt

the room displayed a modest and pleasant color-scheme, after one of the best standard designs of the decorator who "did the interiors" for most of the speculative-builders' houses in zenith. the walls were gray, the woodwork white, the rug a serene blue; and very much like mahogany was the furniture—the bureau with its great clear mirror, mrs. babbitt's dressing-table with toilet-articles of almost solid silver, the plain twin beds, between them a small table holding a standard electric bedside lamp, a glass for water, and a standard bedside book with colored illustrations—what particular book it was cannot be ascertained, since no one had ever opened it. the mattresses were firm but not hard, triumphant modern mattresses which had cost a great deal of money; the hot-water radiator was of exactly the proper scientific surface for the cubic contents of the room. the windows were large and easily opened, with the best catches and cords, and holland roller-shades guaranteed not to crack. it was a masterpiece among bedrooms, right out of cheerful modern houses for medium incomes. only it had nothing to do with the babbitts, nor with any one else. if people had ever lived and loved here, read thrillers at midnight and lain in beautiful indolence on a sunday morning, there were no signs of it. it had the air of being a very good room in a very good hotel. one expected the chambermaid to come in and make it ready for people who would stay but one night, go without looking back, and never think of it again.

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thebellman'sspeech  
thebellmanhimselftheyallpraisedtotheskies—  
suchacarriage,sucheaseandsuchgrace!  
suchsolemnity,too!onecouldseehewaswise,  
themomentonelookedinhisface!  
hehadboughtalargemaprepresentingthesea,  
withouttheleastvestigeofland:  
andthecrewweremuchpleasedwhentheyfoundittobe  
amaptheycouldallunderstand.  
"what'sthegoodofmercator'snorthpolesandequators,  
tropics,zones,andmeridianlines?"  
sothebellmanwouldcry:andthecrewwouldreply  
"theyaremerelyconventionalsigns!"  
"othermapsareshapes,withtheirislandsandcapes!"



but we've got our brave captain to thank:"  
(so the crew would protest) "that he's bought us the best—  
a perfect and absolute blank!"  
this was charming, no doubt; but they shortly found out  
that the captain they trusted so well  
had only one notion for crossing the ocean,  
and that was to tingle his bell.  
he was thoughtful and grave—but the orders he gave  
were enough to bewilder a crew.  
when he cried "steer to starboard, but keep her head larboard!"  
what on earth was the helmsman to do?  
then the bowsprit got mixed with the rudders sometimes:  
a thing, as the bellman remarked,  
that frequently happens in tropical climes,  
when a vessel is, so to speak, "snarked."  
but the principal failing occurred in the sailing,  
and the bellman, perplexed and distressed,  
said he had hoped, at least, when the wind blew due east,  
that the ship would not travel due west!  
but the danger was past—they had landed at last,  
with their boxes, portmanteaus, and bags:  
yet at first sight the crew were not pleased with the view,  
which consisted of chasms and crags.  
the bellman perceived that their spirits were low,  
and repeated in musical tone  
some jokes he had kept for a season of woe—  
but the crew would do nothing but groan.  
he served out some grog with a liberal hand,  
and bad them sit down on the beach:  
and they could not but own that their captain looked grand,  
as he stood and delivered his speech.  
"friends, romans, and countrymen, lend me your ears!"  
(they were all of them fond of quotations:  
so they drank to his health, and they gave him three cheers,  
while he served out additional rations).  
"we have sailed many months, we have sailed many weeks,  
(four weeks to the month you may mark),  
but never as yet ('tis your captain who speaks)  
have we caught the least glimpse of a snark!"  
"we have sailed many weeks, we have sailed many days,  
(seven days to the week I allow),  
but as a snark, on the which we might lovingly gaze,  
we have never beheld till now!"  
"come, listen, my men, while I tell you again

the five unmistakable marks  
by which you may know, where so ever you go,  
the warranted genuine snarks.  
“let us take them in order. the first is the taste,  
which is meagre and hollow, but crisp:  
like a coat that is rather too tight in the waist,  
with a flavour of will-o’-the-wisp.  
“its habit of getting up late you’ll agree  
that it carries too far, when it says  
that it frequently breakfasts at five-o’clock tea,  
and dines on the following day.  
“the third is its slowness in taking a jest.  
should you happen to venture on one,  
it will sigh like a thing that is deeply distressed:  
and it always looks grave at a pun.  
“the fourth is its fondness for bathing-machines,  
which is constantly carries about,  
and believes that they add to the beauty of scenes—  
as a sentiment open to doubt.  
“the fifth is its ambition. it next will be right  
to describe each particular batch:  
distinguishing those that have feathers, and bite,  
and those that have whiskers, and scratch.  
“for, although common snarks do no manner of harm,  
yet, if I feel it my duty to say,  
some are boojums—” the bellman broke off in alarm,  
for the baker had fainted away.

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Code:

caesar.py

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# This is for testing, not for actual code
# -----
import logging
# -----

from util import chi_squared, command_line_process, file_decode, convert
import string

# guess the cipher key using chi squared values
def caesar_chi(text: str, get_rot_3: bool=False) -> str:
    chi_values = []
    key = string.ascii_lowercase
    for i in range(26):
        new_text = convert(key, text)
        chi_val = chi_squared(new_text)
        chi_values.append((new_text, chi_val))
        logging.debug(f"\tkey: {i:2}\tchi: {chi_val:.2f}")
        key = key[1:] + key[:1]

    min_index = chi_values.index(min(chi_values, key=lambda x: x[1]))
    if get_rot_3:
        return chr(ord('a') + min_index)
    return key[min_index:] + key[:min_index]

if __name__ == "__main__":
    # get the files to decode
    files = command_line_process("caesar.log")

    # decode them
    outputs = [file_decode(file, caesar_chi) for file in files]

    # print the outputs
    print("\n-----\n|Results|\n-----\n")
    with open("caesar.txt", "w") as f:
        for file, key, text in outputs:
            output = f"{file}\tkey: {key}\n{text}\n"
            print(output)
            f.write(output)
```

[data.py](#)

\*This is like 400 pages long in a word document, but it contains arrays and dictionaries for English letter frequencies and letter triplets.

mono-alphabetic.py

```
import logging
from multiprocessing import Pool
from os import cpu_count

from util import command_line_process, file_decode, convert
import data
import string
import random

CIPHER_TEXT: str = "boof"
KEYS: int = 50
KEY_STEPS: int = 5000

def eval(text: str) -> float:
    score = 0

    # i is the right side of the trigram
    for i in range(3, len(text)):
        # isolate the trigram
        trigram = text[i-3:i]
        # if the trigram is in the dictionary, increase score
        if trigram in data.trigrams:
            score += data.trigrams[trigram]
    return score

def genetic_key(key_attempt: int) -> tuple[float, str]:
    random.seed(key_attempt)

    # start with a random key
    key = list(string.ascii_lowercase)
    random.shuffle(key)

    # evaluate the key
    cur_score = eval(convert(key, CIPHER_TEXT))

    # go until we get 5000 swaps that don't improve score
    i = 0
    while i < KEY_STEPS:
        index1, index2 = random.sample(range(26), 2)
        new_key = key.copy()
        new_key[index1], new_key[index2] = key[index2], key[index1]

        new_score = eval(convert(new_key, CIPHER_TEXT))
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        if new_score > cur_score:
            cur_score = new_score
            key = new_key
            i = 0
        i += 1

    logging.debug(f"Attempt {key_attempt:2}: {key} with score
{cur_score:.2f}")
    print(f"[PROGRESS] {key_attempt}/{KEYS}")

    return cur_score, "".join(key)

def initializer(text: str):
    global CIPHER_TEXT
    CIPHER_TEXT = text

def mono_solver(text: str) -> str:
    # run the function `genetic_key` in parallel
    logging.debug(f"Running `genetic_key` in parallel with {cpu_count()}
threads.")
    pool = Pool(cpu_count(), initializer, (text,))
    results = pool.map(genetic_key, range(1, KEYS))

    best_score, best_key = max(results, key=lambda x: x[0])

    logging.debug(f"Best key: {best_key} with score {best_score:.2f}")
    return best_key

if __name__ == "__main__":
    # get the files from the command line
    files = command_line_process("mono.log")

    # decode them
    outputs = [file_decode(file, mono_solver) for file in files]

    # print the outputs
    print("\n-----\n|Results|\n-----\n")
    with open("mono.txt", "w") as f:
        for file, key, text in outputs:
            output = f"{file}\tkey: {key}\n{text}\n"
            print(output)
            f.write(output)

```

util.py

```
# For dealing with the command line
# -----

import sys
import logging
import os.path as osp
# -----
# For making the code look nicer
# -----
from typing import Union, Any, Callable
# -----

from data import english_expected
import string
import math

ALPHABET = string.ascii_lowercase

def text_process(nonplaintext: str) -> str:
    return "".join([c.lower() for c in nonplaintext if c.isalpha()])

def vigenere_encrypt(key: str, text: str) -> str:
    # preprocess the key and the text
    plaintext = text_process(text)
    key = key.lower()

    # make the key as long as the text by tiling it
    long_key = key * (len(plaintext) // len(key)) + key[:len(plaintext) %
len(key)]

    # generate the cipher text
    ciphertext = []
    for i in range(len(plaintext)):
        plainchar = plaintext[i]
        keychar = long_key[i]
        print(plainchar, keychar)
        ciphernum = (ALPHABET.index(plainchar) + ALPHABET.index(keychar)) %
26

        ciphertext.append(ALPHABET[ciphernum])

    return "".join(ciphertext)

def vigenere_decrypt(key: str, ciphertext: str):
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    # tile the key to be as long as the cipher text
    key_str = key * (len(ciphertext) // len(key)) + key[:len(ciphertext) %
len(key)]
    decrypted = []

    j = 0
    for i in range(len(ciphertext)):
        if ciphertext[i].isalpha():
            # get the 0-25 representation the letter
            chr_num = ord(ciphertext[i].lower()) - ord('a')
            chr_num -= ord(key_str[j]) - ord('a')

            # make sure it isn't negative
            if chr_num < 0:
                chr_num += 26

            if ciphertext[i].isupper():
                decrypted.append(chr(chr_num + ord('A')))
            else:
                decrypted.append(chr(chr_num + ord('a')))
            j += 1
        else:
            decrypted.append(ciphertext[i])

    return "".join(decrypted)

def rot_n_str(n: int, text: str) -> str:
    key = string.ascii_lowercase
    key = key[n:] + key[:n]
    return convert(key, text)

def convert(key: str, text: str) -> str:
    if isinstance(key, list):
        key = "".join(key)
    key_2 = key + key.upper()
    mapping = dict(zip(key_2, string.ascii_letters))
    return "".join([mapping.get(c, c) for c in text])

def chi_squared(input_text: str, difference: bool=True) -> Union[float,
list[float]]:
    counts = [0.0] * 26

    plaintext = "".join([c.lower() for c in input_text if c.isalpha()])

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length = len(plaintext)

for c in plaintext:
    counts[ord(c) - ord('a')] += 1

if difference:
    total = 0.0
    for i in range(26):
        total = total + math.pow((counts[i] -
length*english_expected[i]),2)/(length*english_expected[i])
    return total
else:
    return [x / sum(counts) for x in counts]

def command_line_process(logname: str) -> list[str]:
    # grab all the parts of the cmdline
    opts = [opt for opt in sys.argv[1:] if opt.startswith("-")]
    args = [arg for arg in sys.argv[1:] if not arg.startswith("-")]

    # set the logging level according to the cmdline arguments
    if log_opt := [x for x in opts if "log" in x]:
        loglevel = log_opt[0][6:]
        numeric_level = getattr(logging, loglevel.upper(), None)
        if not isinstance(numeric_level, int):
            raise ValueError('Invalid log level: %s' % loglevel)
        logging.basicConfig(level=numeric_level, filename=f"{logname}",
filemode="w")
        print(f"Log level: {loglevel.upper()}\n")
    else:
        print("Log level: WARNING\n")

    # print out cmdline
    logging.debug(args)
    logging.debug(opts)

    existing_files = []
    for arg in args:
        existing_files.append(arg) if osp.exists(arg) else
logging.warning(f"Cannot find {arg}")

    # confirm there is at least one file to decode
    if len(existing_files) == 0:
        print("You have to provide at least one file to decrypt.")
        print(f"\tusage: {logname}.py [--log=...] [file1] [file2] ...")

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        sys.exit(1)

    return existing_files

def file_decode(file: str, decoder: Callable[[str], str], mono=True) ->
tuple[str, str]:
    # process each of the provided files
    with open(file, "r") as f:
        logging.debug(f"{file}:")
        orig_text = f.read()
        key = decoder(orig_text)
        if not key:
            return "", "", ""
        if mono:
            key = correction(orig_text, key)
            return file, key, convert(key, orig_text)
        else:
            return file, key, vigenere_decrypt(key, orig_text)

def string_swap(string: str, index1: int, index2: int) -> str:
    string_list = list(string)
    string_list[index1], string_list[index2] = string_list[index2],
string_list[index1]
    return "".join(string_list)

def correction(text: str, key: str) -> str:
    print(f"key: {key}\n{convert(key, text)}")
    user_in = input("Does the input need changes? [Y/n]: ").lower().strip()
    if user_in == "y":
        while True:
            user_in = input("Enter two letters to swap (ex. `a b`) or `exit`:
").lower().strip()

            if user_in == "exit":
                break
            if len(user_in) != 3 or user_in[1] != " ":
                print("Invalid input.")
                continue

            # get the two letters and their indicies within the key
            letter1, letter2 = user_in.split()
            index1, index2 = ord(letter1) - ord('a'), ord(letter2) - ord('a')

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    # swap the indicies
    key = string_swap(key, index1, index2)

    # reprint the text
    print(f"key: {key}\n{convert(key, text)}")
return key
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vigenere.py

```
from caesar import caesar_chi
from util import command_line_process, file_decode, ALPHABET, text_process
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MAX_KEY_LEN: int = 13
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def twist_alg(ciphertext: str) -> int:
    # get the columns for each of the possible key lengths
    all_key_lengths = {}
    for key_len in range(1, MAX_KEY_LEN+1):
        cols = {}
        for i in range(key_len):
            cols[i] = ciphertext[i::key_len]
        all_key_lengths[key_len] = cols

    # get the letter frequencies
    all_key_frequencies = {}
    for k, cols in all_key_lengths.items():
        # get the frequencies of all the letters in each column
        letter_frequencies = {}
        for i, col in cols.items():
            # get the counts of each letter
            letter_counts = {}
            for letter in col:
                if letter not in letter_counts:
                    letter_counts[letter] = 0
                letter_counts[letter] += 1
            letter_frequencies[i] = letter_counts
        all_key_frequencies[k] = letter_frequencies

    # get all possible letters for each column
    all_key_letters = {}
    for key_len in all_key_frequencies:
        sub_dict = {}
        for num in all_key_frequencies[key_len]:
            letters_in = []
            for letter in all_key_frequencies[key_len][num]:
                letters_in.append(letter[0])
            sub_dict[num] = letters_in
        all_key_letters[key_len] = sub_dict

    # fill in all the frequencies that didn't show up in the column
    all_key_frequencies_complete = all_key_frequencies.copy()
    for c in ALPHABET:
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    for index in all_key_letters:
        for i in all_key_letters[index]:
            if c not in all_key_letters[index][i]:
                all_key_frequencies_complete[index][i][c] = 0

# sort the key frequencies in descending order
all_key_frequencies_complete_sorted = {}
for index in all_key_frequencies_complete:
    sub_dict = {}
    for i in all_key_frequencies_complete[index]:
        sub_dict[i] =
(sorted(all_key_frequencies_complete[index][i].items(), key=lambda x: x[1],
reverse=True))
    all_key_frequencies_complete_sorted[index] = sub_dict

# convert all the numbers to percentages
all_key_percentages = {}
for i in all_key_frequencies_complete_sorted:
    sub_dict = {}
    for j in all_key_frequencies_complete_sorted[i]:
        percentage_list = []
        if (j - 1) <= (len(ciphertext) % i):
            divisor = (len(ciphertext) // i) + 1
        else:
            divisor = len(ciphertext) // i

        for k in all_key_frequencies_complete_sorted[i][j]:
            tuple_new = (k[0], k[1] / divisor)
            percentage_list.append(tuple_new)
        sub_dict[j] = percentage_list
    all_key_percentages[i] = sub_dict

# collect all the letter percentages without their letters
cj = {}
for i in all_key_percentages:
    final = [0] * 26
    for j in all_key_percentages[i]:
        cj_list = [ k[1] for k in all_key_percentages[i][j] ]
        final = [ final[n] + cj_list[n] for n in range(len(cj_list))]
    cj[i] = final

# using the twist algorithm
twists = {}
for i in cj:
    twist = 0

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    for j in enumerate(cj[i]):
        if j[0] <= 12:
            twist += j[1]
        else:
            twist -= j[1]
    twist *= 100 / i
    twists[i] = twist

# using the twist+ algorithm
twistplus = {}
twistlist = list(twists.values())
for i in twistlist:
    subtact = 0
    for j in range(twistlist.index(i)):
        subtact += (twistlist[j] / twistlist.index(i))
    number = i - subtact
    if twistlist.index(i) != 0:
        twistplus[twistlist.index(i) + 1] = number

def twistplus_key(d: dict) -> int:
    mode_val = 0
    for i, j in d.items():
        if j > mode_val:
            mode = i
            mode_val = j
    return mode

return twistplus_key(twistplus)

def vigenere_solver(ciphertext: str) -> str:
    plain_ciphertext = text_process(ciphertext)
    key_len = twist_alg(plain_ciphertext)

    print(f"Key Length: {key_len}")

    key_letters = []
    for i in range(key_len):
        # get the text to analyze
        col = plain_ciphertext[i::key_len]
        key_letters.append(caesar_chi(col, True))

    return "".join(key_letters)

```

```
if __name__ == "__main__":
    # get the files from the command line
    files = command_line_process("vigenere.log")

    # decode them
    outputs = [file_decode(file, vigenere_solver, mono=False) for file in
files]

    # print the outputs
    print("\n-----\n|Results|\n-----\n")
    with open("vigenere.txt", "w") as f:
        for file, key, text in outputs:
            output = f"{file}\tkey: {key}\n{text}\n"
            print(output)
            f.write(output)
```