Homework 1 - SEED Lab: Secret-Key Encryption

Task 1: Frequency Analysis on Monoalphabetic Substitution Cipher

- 1.) Given a ciphertext, find out the key and the original plain text file using the help of a frequency analysis program and then guess the ciphertext with the help of a decryption program.
- 2.) My first step was to do a frequency analysis on the given ciphertext, this is my frequency analysis program coded in Java to determine how many occurrences of each letter within the given ciphertext.
- 3.) Here are the screenshots of my frequency analysis program in Java:

You can also check the code in my GitHub repo (https://github.com/mikh97/SEEDLabCypherText)

```
mport java.io.IOException;
import java.io.BufferedReader;
import java.util.HashMap;
import java.io.FileReader;
   public class Main {
        public static void main(String[] args) throws IOException {
            HashMap<Integer, Integer> hash = new HashMap<>();
            // File path to the cipher text file
            // I'm using Buffer Reader used to read each of the line in the cipher text file
            BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(new FileReader( fileName: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/ciphertext.txt"));
            // For loop to read the line
            while (true) {
                String line = reader.readLine();
                // If statement to end the loop if no strings or integers are present in the given line
                if (line == null) {
                    break;
                for (int \underline{i} = 0; \underline{i} < line.length(); \underline{i}++) {
                    char frequency = line.charAt(\underline{i});
                     if (frequency != ' ') {
                         int value = hash.getOrDefault((int) frequency, defaultValue: 0);
                         hash.put((int) frequency, value + 1);
            reader.close();
            // For loop to print the frequency analysis given on the cipher text
            for (int key : hash.keySet()) {
                System.out.println((char) key + ": " + hash.get(key));
```

4.) And here's the output I get from running the frequency analysis to the **ciphertext.txt**:

```
/Library/Java/JavaVirtualMachines/jdk-14.0.2.jd
a: 116
b: 83
c: 104
d: 59
e: 76
f: 49
g: 83
h: 235
i: 166
j: 5
k: 5
l: 90
m: 264
n: 488
0: 4
p: 156
q: 276
r: 82
s: 19
t: 183
u: 280
v: 348
w: 1
x: 291
y: 373
z: 95
Process finished with exit code \theta
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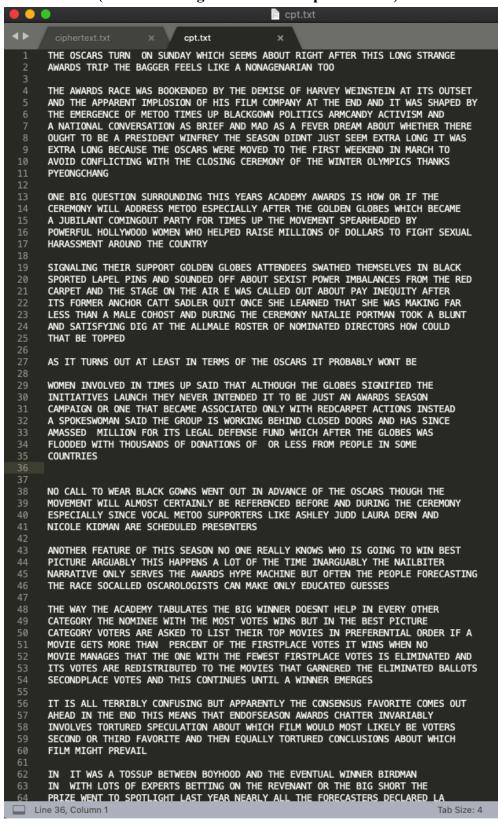
5.) I use this output shown in the frequency analysis to replace the most common letters with the most frequent letter in the English alphabet and guess my way through the plain text. Here's the program that I wrote in Java to replace all the common letters in the ciphertext while running it multiple times until the ciphertext is readable:

```
import java.io.FileReader;
import java.io.FileWriter;
import java.io.File;
import java.io.IOException;
import java.io.BufferedReader;
    public class Decryption
        static void decryptor(String filePath, String oldString, String newString)
            // Initializing the file path for the ciphertext
            File fileToBeModified = new File(filePath);
            String oldContent = "";
            BufferedReader reader = null;
            FileWriter writer = null;
                // Using BufferReader to read all the lines in the given file
                reader = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(fileToBeModified));
                String line = reader.readLine();
                while (line != null)
                    oldContent = oldContent + line + System.lineSeparator();
                    line = reader.readLine();
                // Method to replace the old encrypted alphabet with the given key
                String newContent = <u>oldContent</u>.replaceAll(oldString, newString);
                writer = new FileWriter(fileToBeModified);
                writer.write(newContent);
            catch (IOException e)
                e.printStackTrace();
```

```
finally
{
    try
    {
        reader.close();
        writer.close();
    }
    catch (IOException e)
    {
        e.printStackTrace();
    }
}
```

```
public static void main(String[] args)
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt", oldString: "n", newString: "E");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                                  newString: "T");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                                   newString: "A");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                                  newString: "S");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                                  newString: "N");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                                  newString: "I");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                                  newString: "R");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                    oldString: "t", newString: "H");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                                  newString: "D");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                                   newString: "C");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                    oldString: "c", newString: "M");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                                  newString: "U");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                                  newString: "W");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                                  newString: "Y");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                                  newString: "B");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                    oldString: "r", newString: "G");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                                  newString: "K");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                    oldString: "f", newString: "V");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                    oldString: "j", newString: "Q");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                    oldString: "k", newString: "X");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt",
                                                                    oldString: "o", newString: "J");
    decryptor( filePath: "/Users/mikhailsumawan/Desktop/cpt.txt", oldString: "w", newString: "Z");
    System.out.println("done");
```

6.) For the **ciphertext.txt** file given from SEED Lab for Task 1, the **output** that I got is below: (This is the original text from ciphertext.txt)



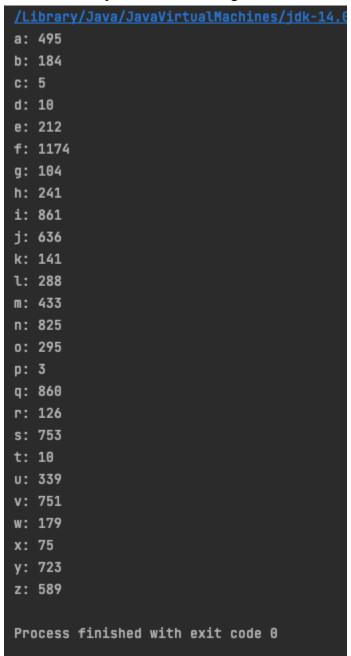
IN IT WAS A TOSSUP BETWEEN BOYHOOD AND THE EVENTUAL WINNER BIRDMAN IN WITH LOTS OF EXPERTS BETTING ON THE REVENANT OR THE BIG SHORT THE 64 PRIZE WENT TO SPOTLIGHT LAST YEAR NEARLY ALL THE FORECASTERS DECLARED LA LA LAND THE PRESUMPTIVE WINNER AND FOR TWO AND A HALF MINUTES THEY WERE CORRECT BEFORE AN ENVELOPE SNAFU WAS REVEALED AND THE RIGHTFUL WINNER MOONLIGHT WAS CROWNED THIS YEAR AWARDS WATCHERS ARE UNEQUALLY DIVIDED BETWEEN THREE BILLBOARDS 70 OUTSIDE EBBING MISSOURI THE FAVORITE AND THE SHAPE OF WATER WHICH IS THE BAGGERS PREDICTION WITH A FEW FORECASTING A HAIL MARY WIN FOR GET OUT BUT ALL OF THOSE FILMS HAVE HISTORICAL OSCARVOTING PATTERNS AGAINST THEM THE SHAPE OF WATER HAS NOMINATIONS MORE THAN ANY OTHER FILM AND WAS ALSO NAMED THE YEARS BEST BY THE PRODUCERS AND DIRECTORS GUILDS YET IT WAS NOT NOMINATED FOR A SCREEN ACTORS GUILD AWARD FOR BEST ENSEMBLE AND NO FILM HAS WON BEST PICTURE WITHOUT PREVIOUSLY LANDING AT LEAST THE ACTORS NOMINATION SINCE BRAVEHEART IN THIS YEAR THE BEST ENSEMBLE SAG ENDED UP GOING TO THREE BILLBOARDS WHICH IS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE ACTORS MAKE UP THE ACADEMYS 79 LARGEST BRANCH THAT FILM WHILE DIVISIVE ALSO WON THE BEST DRAMA GOLDEN GLOBE AND THE BAFTA BUT ITS FILMMAKER MARTIN MCDONAGH WAS NOT NOMINATED FOR BEST DIRECTOR AND APART FROM ARGO MOVIES THAT LAND BEST PICTURE WITHOUT ALSO EARNING BEST DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS ARE FEW AND FAR BETWEEN 84 Line 36, Column 1 Tab Size: 4

Thus, the key to the **ciphertext.txt** by deductive analysis is:

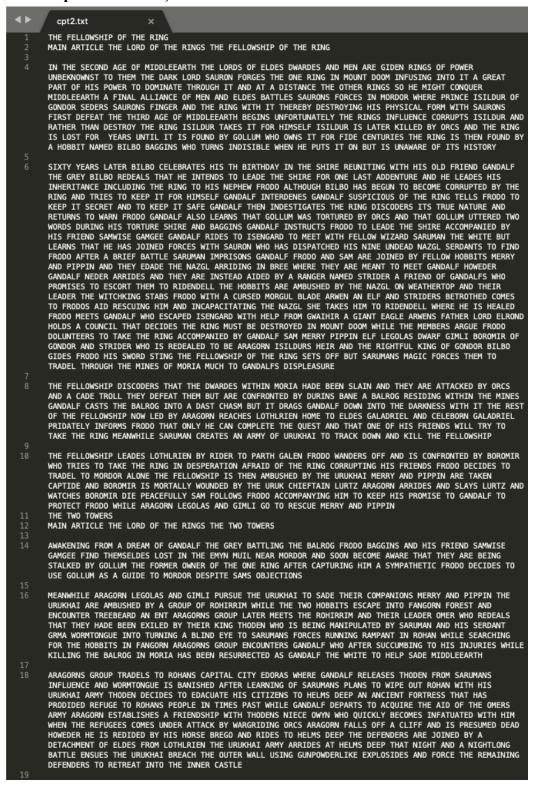
Plain text Alphabet	a	b	С	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	1	m	n	o	p	q	r	S	t	u	v	w	X	у	Z
Key Encrypti on	С	f	m	y	p	V	b	r	1	q	X	W	i	e	j	d	S	තා	k	h	n	a	Z	O	t	u

Task 1: Frequency Analysis on the ciphertext-o2.txt

1.) I used the same method I did for the first ciphertext.txt, I ran the same frequency analysis code on the ciphertext-o2.txt and got this result:



2.) Next, I ran the alphabet swapping code to match the ciphertext-o2.txt with the most frequent English alphabets and did a deductive analysis until I found the exact key for this encryption. This is the result that I got after running multiple times to find the right key: (Original text of ciphertext-o2.txt)



MERRY AND PIPPIN HADING CONDINCED TREEBEARD THAT THEY WERE ALLIES ARE BROUGHT TO AN ENT COUNCIL IN FANGORN WHERE THE ENTS DECIDE NOT TO ASSIST IN THE WAR PIPPIN THEN TELLS TREEBEARD TO TAKE THEM IN THE DIRECTION OF ISENGARD WHERE THEY WITNESS THE DEDASTATION CAUSED TO THE FOREST BY SARUMANS WAR EFFORTS AN ENRAGED TREEBEARD SUMMONS THE ENTS AND THEY STORM ISENGARD DROWNING THE ORCS BY BREAKING THEIR RIDER DAM AND STRANDING SARUMAN IN ORTHANC

AT HELMS DEEP ARAGORN CONDINCES A DESPAIRING THEODEN TO RIDE OUT AND MEET THE URUKS IN ONE LAST CHARGE GANDALF AND OMERS HORSEMEN ARRIDE AT SUNRISE TURNING THE TIDE OF THE BATTLE THE URUKHAI FLEE INTO FANGORN FOREST WHICH HAS MODED CLOSER TO THE BATTLE AT THE URGING OF TREEBEARD WHERE THEY ARE DESTROYED GANDALF WARNS THAT SAURONS RETALIATION WILL BE TERRIBLE AND SWIFT

MEANWHILE GOLLUM LEADS FRODO AND SAM THROUGH THE DEAD MARSHES TO THE BLACK GATE BUT CONDINCES THEM TO MORDOR BY AN ALTERNATIDE ROUTE FRODO AND SAM ARE CAPTURED BY THE RANGERS OF ITHILIEN LED BY FARAMIR BROTHER OF THE LATE BOROMIR FRODO HELPS FARAMIR CATCH GOLLUM TO SADE HIM FROM BEING KILLED AND FARAMIR LEARNS OF THE ONE RING AND TAKES HIS CAPTIDES WITH HIM TO GONDOR TO WIN HIS FATHERS RESPECT WHILE PASSING THROUGH THE BESIEGED GONDORIAN CITY OF OSGILIATH SAM REDEALS THAT BOROMIR WAS DRIDEN MAD BY THE RING AND TRIED TO TAKE IT AN ATTACKING NAZGL NEARLY CAPTURES FRODO WHO MOMENTARILY ATTACKS SAM BEFORE COMING TO HIS SENSES FORCING SAM TO REMIND HIM THAT THEY ARE FIGHTING FOR THE GOOD STILL LEFT IN MIDDLEEARTH FARAMIR IS IMPRESSED BY FRODO AND RELEASES THEM ALONG WITH GOLLUM WHILE LEADING THE HOBBITS ONCE MORE GOLLUM DECIDES TO TAKE REDENGE ON FRODO AND RECLAIM THE RING BY LEADING THE GROUP TO HER UPON ARRIDING AT CIRITH UNGOL

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TWO HOBBITS SMAGOL AND DAGOL ARE FISHING WHEN DAGOL DISCODERS THE ONE RING IN THE RIDER SMAGOL IS ENSNARED BY THE RING AND KILLS HIS FRIEND FOR IT HE RETREATS INTO THE MISTY MOUNTAINS AS THE RING TWISTS HIS BODY AND MIND UNTIL HE BECOMES THE CREATURE GOLLUM

CENTURIES LATER DURING THE WAR OF THE RING GANDALF LEADS ARAGORN LEGOLAS GIMLI AND KING THODEN TO ISENGARD WHERE THEY REUNITE WITH MERRY AND PIPPIN GANDALF RETRIEDES THE DEFEATED SARUMANS PALANTR PIPPIN LATER LOOKS INTO THE SEEINGSTONE AND IS TELEPATHICALLY ATTACKED BY SAURON GANDALF DEDUCES THAT SAURON WILL ATTACK GONDORS CAPITAL MINAS TIRITH HE RIDES THERE TO WARN GONDORS STEWARD DENETHOR TAKING PIPPIN WITH HIM

GOLLUM LEADS FRODO BAGGINS AND SAMWISE GAMGEE TO MINAS MORGUL WHERE THEY WATCH THE WITCHKING LEADER OF THE NINE NAZGL LEAD AN ARMY OF ORCS TOWARDS GONDOR THE HOBBITS BEGIN CLIMBING A STAIR CARDED IN THE CLIFF FACE THAT WILL TAKE THEM INTO MORDOR DIA A SECRET WAY UNAWARE THAT GOLLUM PLANS TO KILL THEM AND TAKE THE RING THE WITCHKING AND HIS FORCES STRIKE AND ODERWHELM OSGILIATH FORCING FARAMIR AND HIS GARRISON TO RETREAT TO MINAS TIRITH

GOLLUM DISPOSES OF THE HOBBITS FOOD BLAMING SAM FRODO TELLS SAM TO GO HOME BEFORE FRODO AND GOLLUM CONTINUE TO THE TUNNEL LEADING TO MORDOR WHERE GOLLUM TRICKS HIM INTO DENTURING INTO THE LAIR OF THE GIANT SPIDER SHELOB FRODO NARROWLY ESCAPES AND CONFRONTS GOLLUM TELLING HIM THAT HE MUST DESTROY THE RING FOR BOTH THEIR SAKES GOLLUM ATTACKS FRODO BUT FALLS DOWN A CHASM FRODO CONTINUES ON BUT SHELOB DISCODERS PARALYSES AND BINDS HIM HOWEDER SAM ARRIDES AND INJURES SHELOB DRIDING HER AWAY SAM HIDES AS ORCS APPEAR AND TAKE FRODO WITH THEM THE ORCS START A FIGHT ODER OWNERSHIP OF FRODOS MITHRIL DEST ALLOWING SAM TO ESCAPE WITH FRODO AND CONTINUE THEIR JOURNEY

ARAGORN LEARNS FROM ELROND THAT ARWEN IS DYING HADING REFUSED TO LEADE MIDDLE EARTH AFTER SEEING A DISION OF HER SON WITH ARAGORN ELROND GIDES ARAGORN ANDRIL FORGED FROM THE SHARDS OF ISILDURS SWORD NARSIL SO HE CAN RECLAIM HIS BIRTHRIGHT WHILE GAINING REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE DEAD MEN OF DUNHARROW JOINED BY LEGOLAS AND GIMLI ARAGORN TRADELS TO THE PATHS OF THE DEAD RECRUITING THE ARMY OF THE DEAD BY PLEDGING TO RELEASE THEM FROM THE CURSE ISILDUR PUT ON THEM FARAMIR IS GRADELY WOUNDED AFTER A FUTILE EFFORT TO RETAKE OSGILIATH BELIEDING HIS SON TO BE DEAD DENETHOR FALLS INTO MADNESS GANDALF IS LEFT TO DEFEND THE CITY AGAINST THE ORC ARMY LED BY GOTHMOG AS GOTHMOGS ARMY FORCES ITS WAY INTO THE CITY DENETHOR ATTEMPTS TO KILL HIMSELF AND FARAMIR ON A PYRE PIPPIN ALERTS GANDALF AND THEY SADE FARAMIR BUT A BURNING DENETHOR LEAPS TO HIS DEATH FROM THE TOP OF MINAS TIRITH JUST BEFORE THODEN AND HIS NEPHEW OMER ARRIDE WITH THE ROHIRRIM DURING THE ENSUING BATTLE THEY ARE ODERWHELMED BY THE OLIPHAUNTRIDING HARADRIM WHILE THE WITCHKING MORTALLY WOUNDS THODEN THOUGH THODENS NIECE OWYN DESTROYS THE WITCHKING WITH MERRYS HELP THODEN SUCCUMBS TO HIS WOUNDS ARAGORN ARRIDES WITH THE ARMY OF THE DEAD WHO ODERCOME THE ORCS AND WIN THE BATTLE ARAGORN THEN FREES THEM FROM THE CURSE ARAGORN DECIDES TO LEAD HIS ARMY UPON THE BLACK GATE AS A DISTRACTION SO FRODO AND SAM CAN GET TO MOUNT DOOM

ARAGORNS ARMY DRAW OUT SAURONS FORCES AND EMPTIES MORDOR ALLOWING FRODO AND SAM TO REACH THE DOLCANO BUT GOLLUM ATTACKS THEM JUST AS THEY REACH MOUNT DOOM AS HE STANDS ON THE LEDGE ODER THE DOLCANIC FIRE FRODO SUCCUMBS TO THE RING AND CLAIMS IT AS HIS OWN GOLLUM ATTACKS FRODO AND BITES HIS FINGER OFF TO RECLAIM THE RING FRODO FIGHTS BACK AND AS THEY STRUGGLE ODER THE RING BOTH FALL OFF THE LEDGE GOLLUM FALLS INTO THE FIRE WITH THE RING AND DIES FRODO CLINGS TO THE SIDE OF THE LEDGE AND SAM RESCUES HIM AS THE RING DISINTEGRATES IN THE LADA AS FRODO AND SAM ESCAPE SAURON IS DESTROYED ALONG WITH HIS FORCES AND THE NINE AS MORDOR CRUMBLES GANDALF FLIES IN WITH EAGLES TO RESCUE THE HOBBITS WHO AWAKEN LATER IN MINAS TIRITH AND ARE REUNITED WITH THE SURDIDING FELLOWSHIP MEMBERS ARAGORN IS CROWNED KING OF GONDOR AND TAKES ARWEN AS HIS QUEEN THE HOBBITS RETURN HOME TO THE SHIRE WHERE SAM MARRIES ROSIE COTTON A FEW YEARS LATER FRODO DEPARTS MIDDLEEARTH FOR THE UNDYING LANDS WITH HIS UNCLE BILBO GANDALF AND THE ELDES HE LEADES SAM THE RED BOOK OF WESTMARCH WHICH DETAILS THEIR ADDENTURES SAM THEN RETURNS TO THE SHIRE WHERE HE EMBRACES ROSIE AND THEIR CHILDREN

Thus, the key to the **ciphertext.txt** by deductive analysis is:

Plain text Alphabet	a	b	С	d	e	f	മ	h	i	j	k	1	m	n	o	p	q	r	S	t	u	v	w	X	у	Z
Key Encrypti on	d	w	q	j	С	e	d	u	t	S	p	f	1	r	m	С	a	y	0	Z	gg	i	b	k	n	h

Task 2: Encryption Using Different Ciphers and Modes

For Task 2, I'm using 3 different encryption modes to encrypt the plain.txt file:

- 1. The first encryption mode I used is -aes-128-cbc
- 2. The second encryption mode I used is -aes-128-cfb
- 3. And the last encryption mode I used it -bf-cbc (The blowfish)

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Terminal File Edit View Search Terminal Help

[09/11/21]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ subl plain.txt

[09/11/21]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ openssl enc -aes-128-cbc -e -in plain.txt -out cipher.bin -K 0011223

3445566778899aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708

[09/11/21]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ openssl enc -aes-128-cfb -e -in plain.txt -out cipher2.bin -K 001122

33445566778899aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708

[09/11/21]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ openssl enc -bf-cbc -e -in plain.txt -out cipher3.bin -K 00112233445

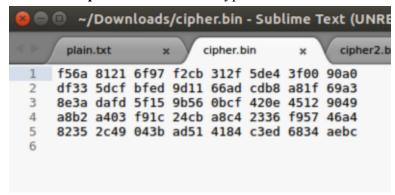
566778899aabbccddeeff -iv 0102030405060708

[09/11/21]seed@VM:~/Downloads$ ls

cipher2.bin cipher3.bin cipher.bin plain.txt

[09/11/21]seed@VM:~/Downloads$
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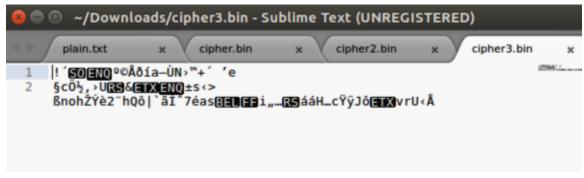
Here's the **cipher.bin** file for encryption -aes-128-cbc:



Here's the cipher2.bin file for the encryption -aes-128-cfb:

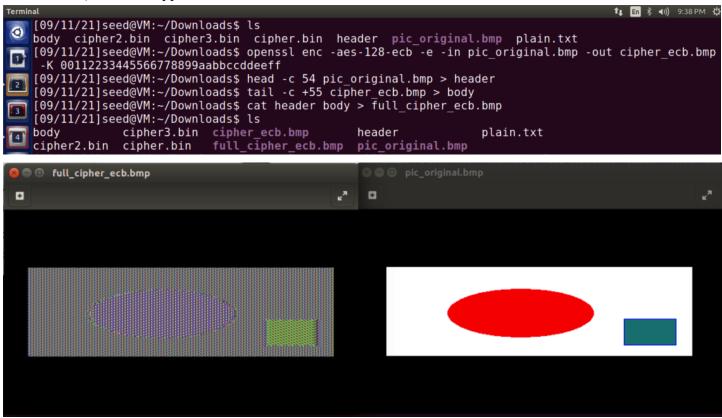


Lastly, here's the cipher3.bin file for the encryption -bf-cbc:



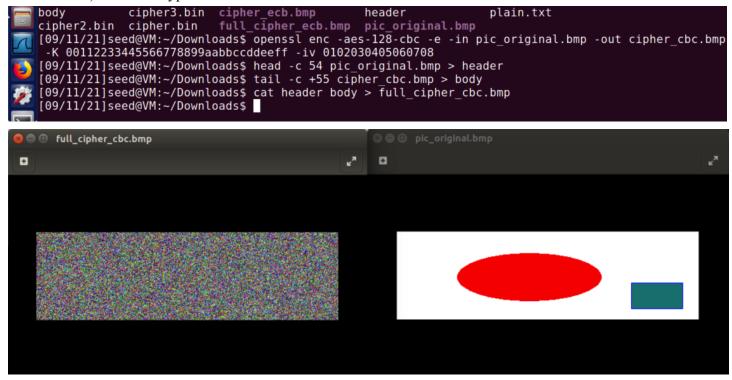
Task 3: Encryption Mode - ECB vs CBC

1.) ECB Encryption Picture CLI Commands:



The ECB Encrypted file looks like a rough and more pixelated version of the original picture, I think people can kind guess or at least approximate what kind of picture was behind the encryption.

2.) CBC Encryption Picture CLI Commands:



Meanwhile, the CBC Encryption looks more random and complex compare to the ECB Encrypted files. I don't think anyone could've guess what or even approximate what picture was behind the encrypted file.