# ECE 471 Lab 1

## Secret-Key Encryption Lab

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### 1 Overview

The learning objective of this lab is for students to get familiar with the concepts in the secret-key encryption. After finishing the lab, students should be able to gain a first-hand experience on encryption algorithms, encryption modes, paddings, and initial vector (IV). Moreover, students will be able to use tools and write programs to encrypt/decrypt messages. This lab covers the following topics:

- Secret-key encryption
- Substitution cipher and frequency analysis
- Encryption modes and paddings
- Programming using the crypto library

**Lab Environment**. This lab has been tested on our pre-built Ubuntu 12.04 VM and Ubuntu 16.04 VM, both of which can be downloaded from the SEED website.

all information for source code and implementation can be found in my Github repository - https://github.com/mitchdz/ECE471/tree/master/lab1.

#### 2 Lab Tasks

# 2.1 Task 1: Frequency Analysis Against Monoalphabetic Substitution Cipher

It is well-known that monoalphabetic substitution cipher (also known as monoalphabetic cipher) is not secure, because it can be subjected to frequency analysis. In this lab, you are given a cipher-text that is encrypted using a monoalphabetic cipher; namely, each letter in the original text is replaced by another letter, where the replacement does not vary (i.e., a letter is always replaced by the same letter during the encryption). Your job is to find out the original text using frequency analysis. It is known that the original text is an English article.

#### 2.1.1 Task 1: solution

Shown below is the linux command

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$ ls -1
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in the lab1/task1 directory of my github repository. Inside that repository, the following command is used to copy the contents of the ciphertext into my X clipboard:

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$ xclip -sel clip -i ciphertext.txt
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mitch@light: ~/git/ECE471/lab1/task1 (master) $ ls -l
total 16
-rw-rw-r-- 1 mitch mitch 4759 Jan 29 18:44 ciphertext.txt
-rw-rw-r-- 1 mitch mitch 4759 Jan 29 18:49 plaintext.txt
mitch@light: ~/git/ECE471/lab1/task1 (master) $ xclip -sel clip -i ciphertext.txt
```

Figure 1: listing of lab1/task1 directory

The contents of ciphertext.txt is copied below:

ytn xqavhq yzhu xu qzupvd ltmat qnncq vgxzy hmrty vbynh ytmq ixur qyhvurn vlvhpq yhme ytn gvrrnh bnniq imsn v uxuvrnuvhmvu yxx

yth vlvhpq hvan lvq gxxsnupnp gd yth phcmqn xb tvhfnd lnmuqynmu vy myq xzyqny vup yth veevhnuy mceixqmxu xb tmq bmic axcevud vy yth nup vup my lvq qtvenp gd yth nchhrnuan xb chyxx ymcnq ze givasrxlu eximymaq vhcavupd vaymfmqc vup v uvymxuvi axufnhqvymxu vq ghmnb vup cvp vq v bnfnh phnvc vgxzy ltnythh ythhn xzrty yx gn v ehnqmpnuy lmubhnd yth qnvqxu pmpuy ozqy qnnc nkyhv ixur my lvq nkyhv ixur gnavzqn yth xqavhq lnhn cxfnp yx yth bmhqy lnnsnup mu cvhat yx vfxmp axubimaymur lmyt yth aixqmur anhncxud xb yth lmuynh xidcemaq ytvusq ednxuratvur

xun gmr jzngymxu qzhhxzupmur ytmq dnvhq vavpncd vlvhpq mq txl xh mb ytn

anhncxud lmii vpphnqq cnyxx nqenamviid vbynh ytn rxipnu rixgnq ltmat gnavcn v ozgmivuy axcmurxzy evhyd bxh ymcnq ze ytn cxfncnuy qenvhtnvpnp gd exlnhbzi txiidlxxp lxcnu ltx tnienp hvmqn cmiimxuq xb pxiivhq yx bmrty qnkzvi tvhvqqcnuy vhxzup ytn axzuyhd

qmruvimur ytnmh qzeexhy rxipnu rixgnq vyynupnnq qlvytnp ytncqnifnq mu givas qexhynp iveni emuq vup qxzupnp xbb vgxzy qnkmqy exlnh mcgvivuanq bhxc ytn hnp avheny vup ytn qyvrn xu ytn vmh n lvq aviinp xzy vgxzy evd munjzmyd vbynh myq bxhcnh vuatxh avyy qvpinh jzmy xuan qtn invhunp ytvy qtn lvq cvsmur bvh inqq ytvu v cvin axtxqy vup pzhmur ytn anhncxud uvyvimn exhycvu yxxs v gizuy vup qvymqbdmur pmr vy ytn viicvin hxqynh xb uxcmuvynp pmhnayxhq txl axzip ytvy gn yxeenp

vq my yzhuq xzy vy invqy mu ynhcq xb ytn xqavhq my ehxgvgid lxuy gn

lxcnu mufxifnp mu ymcnq ze qvmp ytvy viytxzrt ytn rixgnq qmrumbmnp ytn mumymvymfnq ivzuat ytnd unfnh muynupnp my yx gn ozqy vu vlvhpq qnvqxu avcevmru xh xun ytvy gnavcn vqqxamvynp xuid lmyt hnpavheny vaymxuq muqynvp v qexsnqlxcvu qvmp ytn rhxze mq lxhsmur gntmup aixqnp pxxhq vup tvq qmuan vcvqqnp cmiimxu bxh myq inrvi pnbnuqn bzup ltmat vbynh ytn rixgnq lvq bixxpnp lmyt ytxzqvupq xb pxuvymxuq xb xh inqq bhxc enxein mu qxcn axzuyhmnq

ux avii yx lnvh givas rxluq lnuy xzy mu vpfvuan xb ytn xqavhq ytxzrt ytn cxfncnuy lmii vicxqy anhyvmuid gn hnbnhnuanp gnbxhn vup pzhmur ytn anhncxud nqenamviid qmuan fxavi cnyxx qzeexhynhq imsn vqtind ozpp ivzhv pnhu vup umaxin smpcvu vhn qatnpzinp ehnqnuynhq

vuxytnh bnvyzhn xb ytmq qnvqxu ux xun hnviid suxlq ltx mq rxmur yx lmu gnqy emayzhn vhrzvgid ytmq tveenuq v ixy xb ytn ymcn muvhrzvgid ytn uvmigmynh uvhhvymfn xuid qnhfnq ytn vlvhpq tden cvatmun gzy xbynu ytn enxein bxhnavqymur ytn hvan qxaviinp xqavhxixrmqyq avu cvsn xuid npzavynp rznqqnq

yth lvd yth vavpncd yvgzivynq yth gmr lmuunh pxnquy thie mu nfnhd xythh avynrxhd yth uxcmunn lmyt yth cxqy fxynq lmuq gzy mu yth gnqy emayzhn avynrxhd fxynhq vhn vqsnp yx imqy ythmh yxe cxfmnq mu ehnbnhnuymvi xhpnh mb v cxfmn rnyq cxhn ytvu enhanuy xb yth bmhqyeivan fxynq my lmuq ltnu ux cxfmn cvuvrnq ytvy yth xun lmyt yth bnlnqy bmhqyeivan fxynq mq nimcmuvynp vup myq fxynq vhn hnpmqyhmgzynp yx yth cxfmnq ytvy rvhunhnp yth nimcmuvynp gviixyq qnaxupeivan fxynq vup ytmq axuymuznq zuymi v lmuunh nchrnq

my mq vii ynhhmgid axubzqmur gzy veevhnuyid ytn axuqnuqzq bvfxhmyn axcnq xzy vtnvp mu ytn nup ytmq cnvuq ytvy nupxbqnvqxu vlvhpq atvyynh mufvhmvgid mufxifnq yxhyzhnp qenazivymxu vgxzy ltmat bmic lxzip cxqy imsnid gn fxynhq

qnaxup xh ytmhp bvfxhmyn vup ytnu njzviid yxhyzhnp axuaizqmxuq vgxzy ltmat bmic cmrty ehnfvmi

mu my lvq v yxqqze gnylnnu gxdtxxp vup ytn nfnuyzvi lmuunh gmhpcvu mu lmyt ixyq xb nkenhyq gnyymur xu ytn hnfnuvuy xh ytn gmr qtxhy ytn ehmwn lnuy yx qexyimrty ivqy dnvh unvhid vii ytn bxhnavqynhq pnaivhnp iv iv ivup ytn ehnqzceymfn lmuunh vup bxh ylx vup v tvib cmuzynq ytnd lnhn axhhnay gnbxhn vu nufnixen quvbz lvq hnfnvinp vup ytn hmrtybzi lmuunh cxxuimrty lvq ahxlunp

ytmq dnvh vlvhpq lvyatnhq vhn zunjzviid pmfmpnp gnylnnu ythnn gmiigxvhpq xzyqmpn nggmur cmqqxzhm ytn bvfxhmyn vup ytn qtven xb lvynh ltmat mq ytn gvrrnhq ehnpmaymxu lmyt v bnl bxhnavqymur v tvmi cvhd lmu bxh rny xzy

gzy vii xb ytxqn bmicq tvfn tmqyxhmavi xqavhfxymur evyynhuq vrvmuqy ytnc ytn qtven xb lvynh tvq uxcmuvymxuq cxhn ytvu vud xytnh bmic vup lvq viqx uvcnp ytn dnvhq gnqy gd ytn ehxpzanhq vup pmhnayxhq rzmipq dny my lvq uxy uxcmuvynp bxh v qahnnu vayxhq rzmip vlvhp bxh gnqy nuqncgin vup ux bmic tvq lxu gnqy emayzhn lmytxzy ehnfmxzqid ivupmur vy invqy ytn vayxhq uxcmuvymxu qmuan ghvfntnvhy mu ytmq dnvh ytn gnqy nuqncgin qvr nupnp ze rxmur yx ythnn gmiigxvhpq ltmat mq qmrumbmavuy gnavzqn vayxhq cvsn ze ytn vavpncdq ivhrnqy ghvuat ytvy bmic ltmin pmfmqmfn viqx lxu ytn gnqy phvcv rxipnu rixgn vup ytn gvbyv gzy myq bmiccvsnh cvhymu capxuvrt lvq uxy uxcmuvynp bxh gnqy pmhnayxh vup vevhy bhxc vhrx cxfmnq ytvy ivup gnqy emayzhn lmytxzy viqx nvhumur gnqy pmhnayxh uxcmuvymxuq vhn bnl vup bvh gnylnnu

The related plaintext is shown below using the final (substitution) key 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz' to 'cfmypvbrlqxwiejdsgkhnazotu'. The process to derive this key is outlined below with accompanying pictures.

the oscars turn on sunday which seems about right after this long strange awards trip the bagger feels like a nonagenarian too

the awards race was bookended by the demise of harvey weinstein at its outset and the apparent implosion of his film company at the end and it was shaped by the emergence of metoo times up blackgown politics armcandy activism and a national conversation as brief and mad as a fever dream about whether there ought to be a president winfrey the season didnt just seem extra long it was extra long because the oscars were moved to the first weekend in march to avoid conflicting with the closing ceremony of the winter olympics thanks pyeongchang

one big question surrounding this years academy awards is how or if the ceremony will address metoo especially after the golden globes which became a jubilant comingout party for times up the movement spearheaded by powerful hollywood women who helped raise millions of dollars to fight sexual

#### harassment around the country

signaling their support golden globes attendees swathed themselves in black sported lapel pins and sounded off about sexist power imbalances from the red carpet and the stage on the air e was called out about pay inequity after its former anchor catt sadler quit once she learned that she was making far less than a male cohost and during the ceremony natalie portman took a blunt and satisfying dig at the allmale roster of nominated directors how could that be topped

as it turns out at least in terms of the oscars it probably wont be

women involved in times up said that although the globes signified the initiatives launch they never intended it to be just an awards season campaign or one that became associated only with redcarpet actions instead a spokeswoman said the group is working behind closed doors and has since amassed million for its legal defense fund which after the globes was flooded with thousands of donations of or less from people in some countries

no call to wear black gowns went out in advance of the oscars though the movement will almost certainly be referenced before and during the ceremony especially since vocal metoo supporters like ashley judd laura dern and nicole kidman are scheduled presenters

another feature of this season no one really knows who is going to win best picture arguably this happens a lot of the time inarguably the nailbiter narrative only serves the awards hype machine but often the people forecasting the race socalled oscarologists can make only educated guesses

the way the academy tabulates the big winner doesnt help in every other category the nominee with the most votes wins but in the best picture category voters are asked to list their top movies in preferential order if a movie gets more than percent of the firstplace votes it wins when no movie manages that the one with the fewest firstplace votes is eliminated and its votes are redistributed to the movies that garnered the eliminated ballots secondplace votes and this continues until a winner emerges

it is all terribly confusing but apparently the consensus favorite comes out ahead in the end this means that endofseason awards chatter invariably involves tortured speculation about which film would most likely be voters second or third favorite and then equally tortured conclusions about which film might prevail

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 prize went to spotlight last year nearly all the forecasters declared 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 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 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

After the ciphertext is copied, a program is utilized that is supplied by cryptoclub.org. The domain is shown below.



Figure 2: cryptoclub website

Below is the page you should see upon opening the URL in Figure 2  $\,$ 



Figure 3: cryptoclub main page

The contents of the ciphertext are copied into the program as shown in Figure 4. On this page, the ciphertext shows the frequency of letters and relates the frequency of letters in the ciphertext to the frequency of letters in the English alphabet.

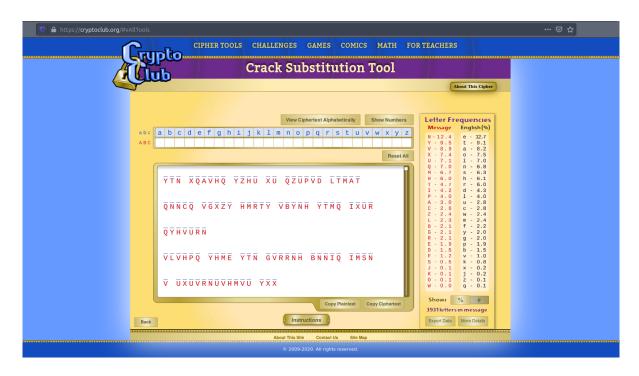


Figure 4: Crack Substitution Tool main page

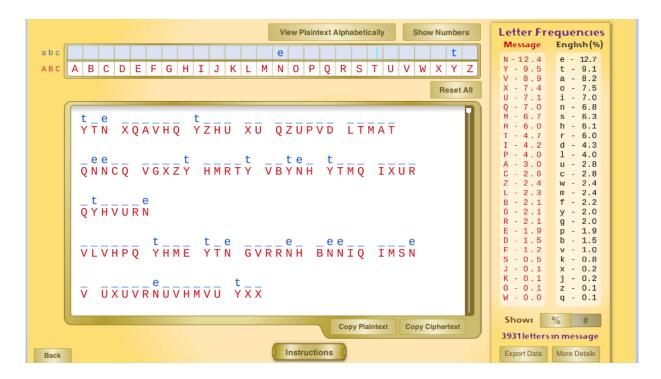


Figure 5: Mapping N to e and Y to t

In Figure 5 N is mapped to 'e' and Y is mapped to 't' due to frequency analysis (You can see that N matches e and Y matches t in frequency on the right). It is very easy then to notice that T maps to 'h' shown in Figure 6 to create the Trigram 'the'.



Figure 6: Mapping T to h

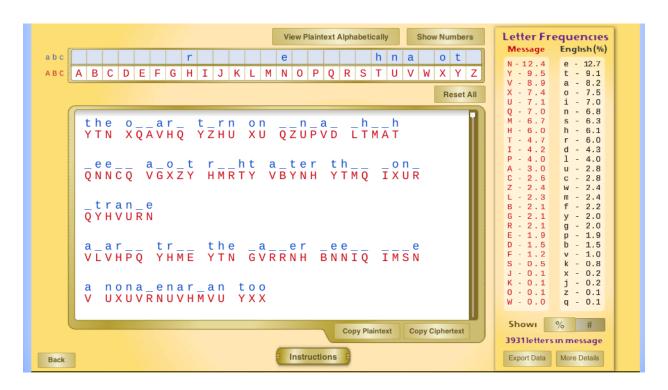


Figure 7: Mapping U to n, V to a, X to o, and H to r

Figure 7 shows how the ciphertext letters 'UVXH' are mapped to 'naor'. This mapping was done by looking at the ciphertext frequency and mapping the frequency to the closest related

frequency in the english alphabet. Words do not particularly make sense yet, so it is just assumed for now that this is the correct mapping.

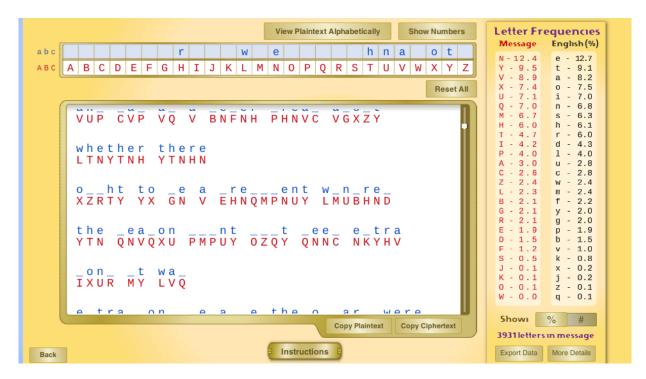


Figure 8: mapping L to w

In Figure 8 the string 'hether' was shown, which clearly meant to spell 'whether'. Therefore, L maps to w.

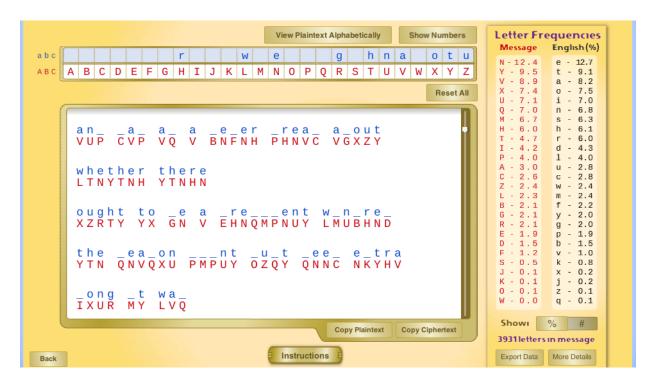


Figure 9: Mapping R to g

In Figure 9 the string 'ou-ht' is shown, which is meant to say 'ought'. Therefore, R maps to g.

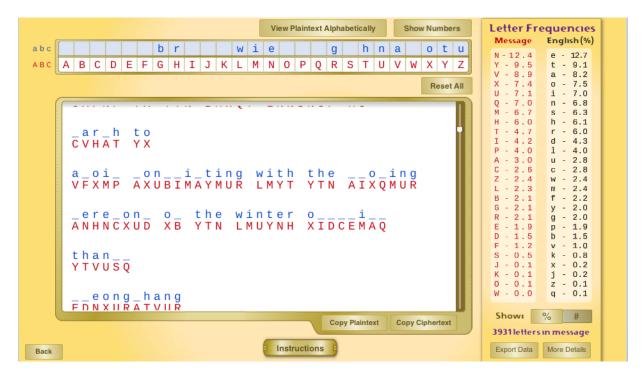


Figure 10: Mapping G to b and M to i

In Figure 10 The string 'w-nter' was shown, which should mean 'winter', Thus M maps to i. The mapping for G to b is not shown in this picture, but was done in a very similar fashion with another word.

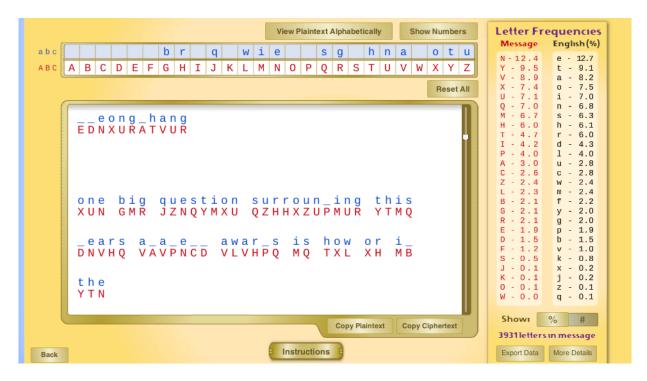


Figure 11: Mapping J to q and Q to s

In Figure 11 The string '-ue-tion' was present, which obviously meant 'question', therefore J maps to q Q maps to s.

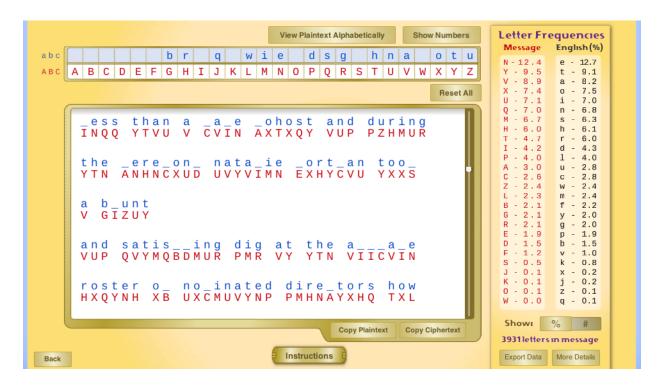


Figure 12: Mapping P to d

In Figure 12 The string 'an-' and '-ig' and '-uring' was present. Therefore, it is clear that P maps to d.

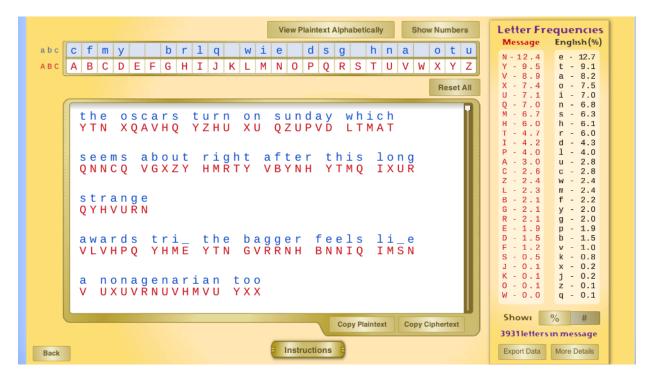


Figure 13: Mapping A to c, B to f, C to m, D to y, and I to l

In Figure 13 there are a lot of substitutions made. In particular, substitution A to c, B to f, C to m, D to y, and I to l. 'sunda-' was present which lead D to map to y, 'fee-s' which mapped I to l, 'os-ars' which mapped A to c, and the mapping from C to m is not present in Figure 13, but was done in a much similar fashion.

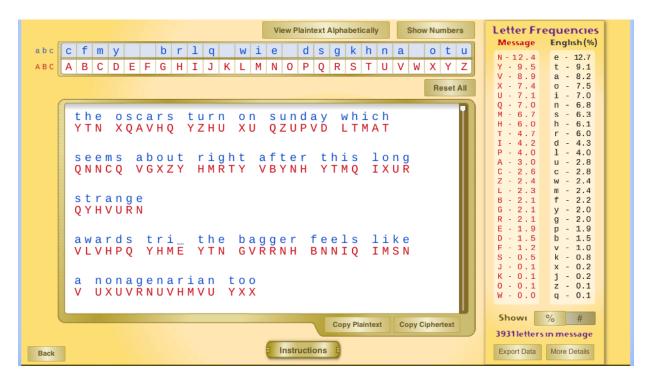


Figure 14: Mapping S to k

In figure 14 the mapping from S to k was done. This is due to the work 'li-e' being present, which is *likely* to be 'like'. Therefore, S maps to K. (get the pun)

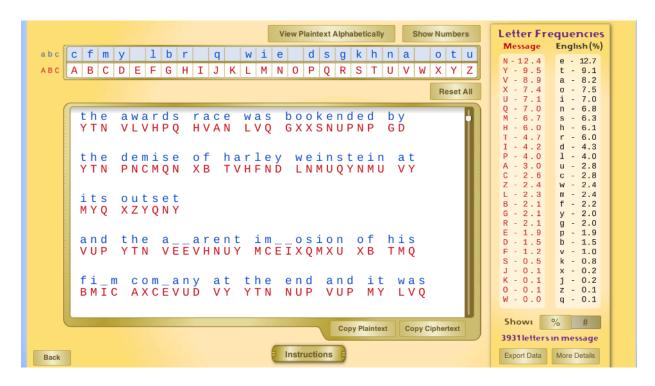


Figure 15: mapping F to l, removing I to l

In Figure 15 F is now mapped to l because the assumption was that the string 'harley' needed to be made. This removed the mapping from I to l.

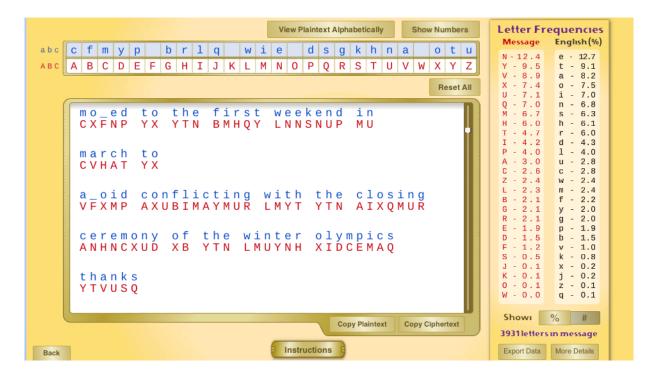


Figure 16: Mapping E to p, and re-mapping I to l

In Figure 16 E is mapped to p because 'olym-ics' was present, which definitely meains olympics. It was also noted that I should definitly be L because the string 'with the c-osing ceremony' was present.

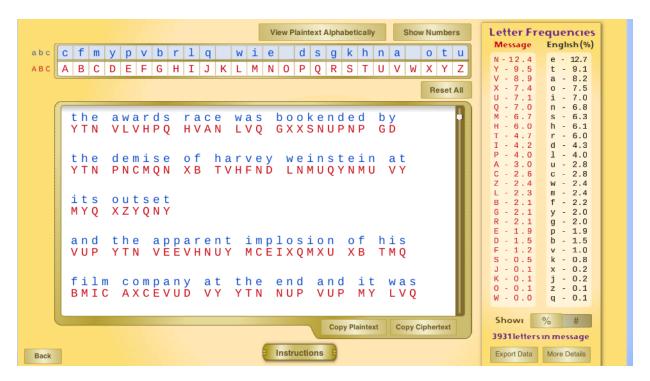


Figure 17: Mapping F to v

In Figure 17 it is clear that F should be mapped to v now, and that 'har-ey' should be 'harvey' to complete the name Harvery Weinstein.

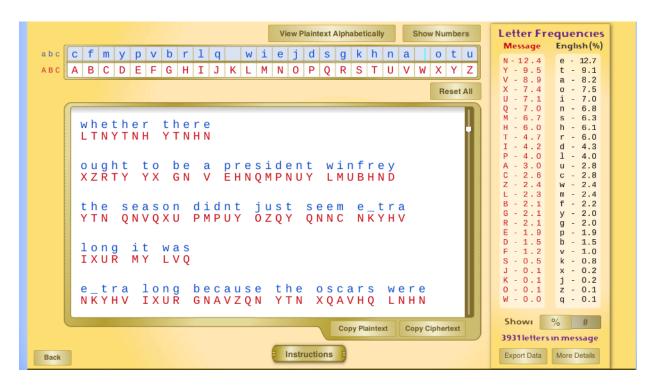


Figure 18: Mapping O to j

In Figure 18 it is clear that O should be mapped to j because the phrase 'the season didnt -ust seem' which obviously meant to say just.

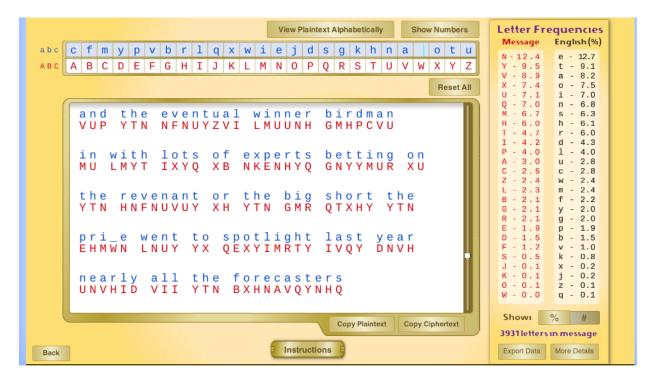


Figure 19: Mapping K to x

In Figure 19 it is clear that K should map x because the string 'e-perts' is present which should map to 'experts'.

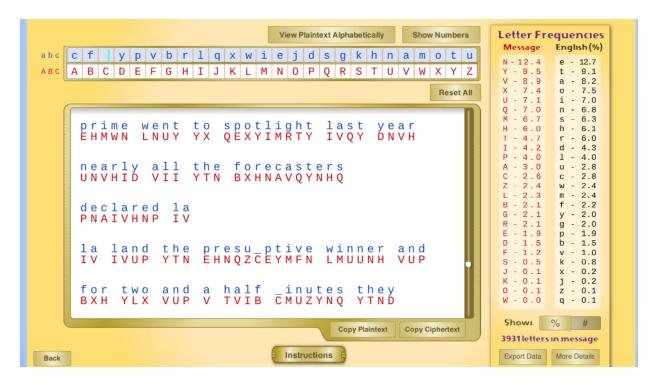


Figure 20: Mapping W to m, removing C to m

In Figure 20 it is clear that W should map to 'm' because the string 'pri-e' is present which is referring to 'prime'

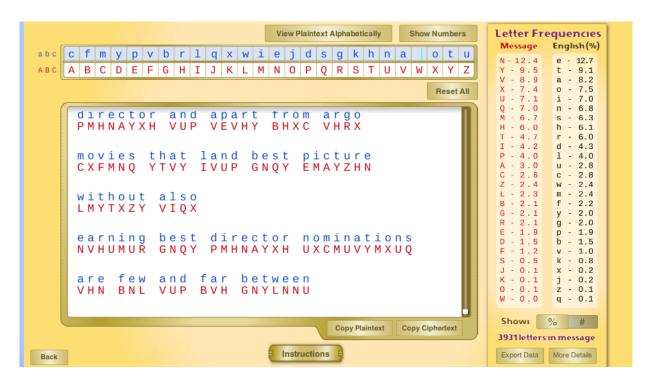


Figure 21: mapping C to m and removing W to m

In Figure 21 It is now really clear that mapping W to m was a mistake because the string 'fro- argo -ovies that' which maps to 'from argo movies that'.

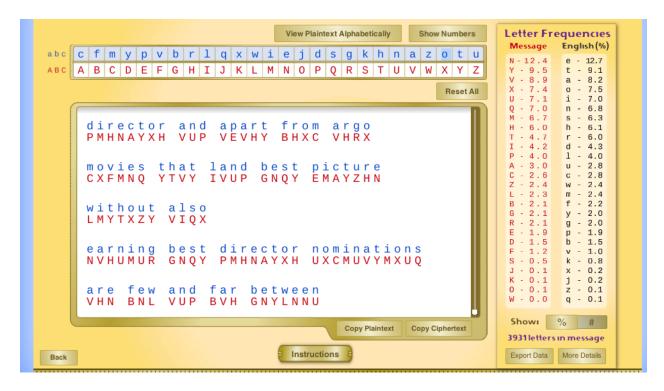


Figure 22: Mapping W to z

In Figure 22 W maps to z due to the process of elimination, because W does not show up, and neither does Z.

Finally, the key 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz' to 'cfmypvbrlqxwiejdsgkhnazotu' is obtained, where the first string 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz' is the ciphertext letters.