Cryptography

Some simple ciphers

Caesar's Cipher

- Simple Shift Cipher
- All letters in the plain text are shifted by the same amount
- Easily cracked

Example

plaintext: the sleepy brown fox ate doughnuts

shift: +5

Encryption Process

- I. Remove the spaces and punctuation from the plaintext
- 2. Set up the encryption alphabet based on the shift value
- 3. Generate the ciphertext by looking up the value in the encryption alphabet

plaintext: thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts

shift: +5

encryption alphabet:

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

plaintext: thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts

shift: +5

encryption alphabet:

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

BCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZA

plaintext: thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts

shift: +5

encryption alphabet:

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

CDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZAB

plaintext: thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts

shift: +5

encryption alphabet:

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

DEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABC

plaintext: thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts

shift: +5

encryption alphabet:

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

EFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCD

plaintext: thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts

shift: +5

encryption alphabet:

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz FGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDE

plaintext: thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts

shift: +5

encryption alphabet:

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz FGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDE

plaintext: thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts

shift: +5

encryption alphabet:

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz FGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDE

CIPHERTEXT:YM

plaintext: thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts

shift: +5

encryption alphabet:

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

FGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDE

CIPHERTEXT:YMJ

plaintext: thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts

shift: +5

encryption alphabet:

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz FGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDE

CIPHERTEXT:

YMJXQJJDGWTBSKTCFYJITZLMSZYX

Decryption Process (with shift)

- Set up the decryption alphabet based on the (negated)shift value
- 2. Generate the plaintext by looking up the value in the encryption alphabet
- 3. Insert spaces/punctuation

CIPHERTEXT: YMJXQJJDGWTBSKTCFYJITZLMSZYX shift: +5 (but shift backwards to decrypt) decryption alphabet: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ vwxyzabcdefghijklmnopqrstu plaintext: ?

CIPHERTEXT:

YMJXQJJDGWTBSKTCFYJITZLMSZYX

shift: +5

decryption alphabet:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ vwxyzabcdefghijklmnopqrstu

plaintext: t

CIPHERTEXT:

YMJXQJJDGWTBSKTCFYJITZLMSZYX

shift: +5

decryption alphabet:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

vwxyzabcdefghijklmnopqrstu

plaintext: th

CIPHERTEXT:

YMJXQJJDGWTBSKTCFYJITZLMSZYX

shift: +5

decryption alphabet:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ vwxyzabcdefghijklmnopqrstu

plaintext: thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts

CIPHERTEXT:

YMJXQJJDGWTBSKTCFYJITZLMSZYX

shift: +5

decryption alphabet:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ vwxyzabcdefghijklmnopqrstu

plaintext: the sleepy brown fox ate doughnuts

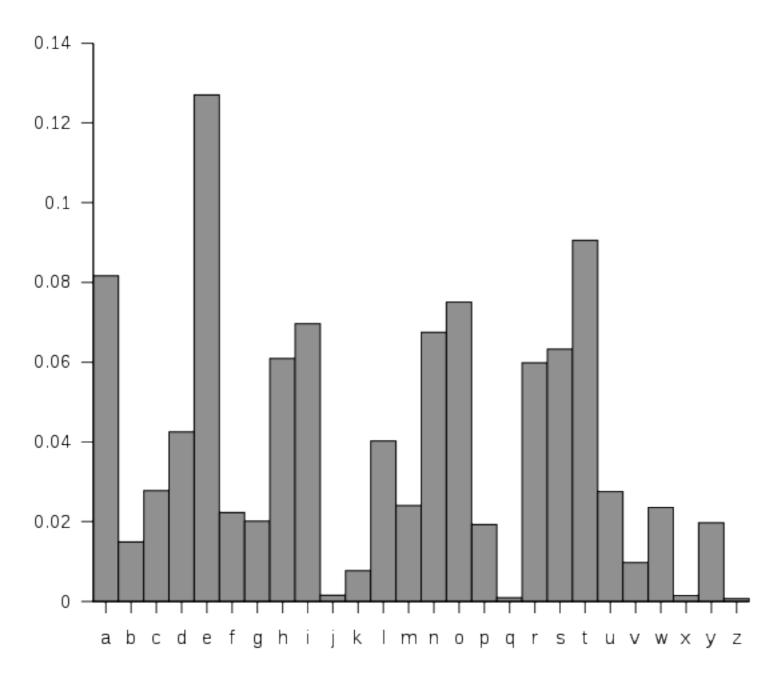
Decryption Process (without shift)

1. ?

Decryption Process (without shift)

- I. Brute force
 - I. how many different possible ciphers?
- 2. Frequency analysis
 - I. Letter frequency
 - 2. Look for patterns that could be common words

Frequency Analysis



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:English_letter_frequency_%28alphabetic%29.svg

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CIPHERTEXT:
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YMJXQJJDGWTBSKTCFYJITZLMSZYX

shift: ?

decryption alphabet:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

plaintext: ?

CIPHERTEXT:

j=e!shift = 5? YMJXQJJDGWTBSKTCFYJITZLMSZYX

shift: ?

decryption alphabet:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ vwxyzabcdefghijklmnopqrstu

plaintext: ?

CIPHERTEXT:

j=e!shift = 5? YMJXQJJDGWTBSKTCFYJITZLMSZYX

shift: ?

decryption alphabet:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ vwxyzabcdefghijklmnopqrstu

plaintext: thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts

CIPHERTEXT:

j=e!shift = 5? YMJXQJJDGWTBSKTCFYJITZLMSZYX

shift: ?

decryption alphabet:

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ vwxyzabcdefghijklmnopqrstu

plaintext: the sleepy brown fox ate doughnuts

Encode the following using a shift of +11:

great minds think alike

Encode the following using a shift of +11:

great minds think alike

Answer: RCPLE XTYOD ESTYV LWTVP

The following was encoded with a shift of +6, decode it:

HXKGQGRRZNKIOVNKXY

The following was encoded with a shift of +6, decode it:

HXKGQGRRZNKIOVNKXY

Answer: break all the ciphers

The following was encoded with an unknown shift of, decode it:

DROPBOAEOXMIYPDROVODDOBOSCDRO UOI

The following was encoded with an unknown shift of, decode it:

DROPBOAEOXMIYPDROVODDOBOSCDRO UOI

Answer: the frequency of the letter e is key

Vigenere's Cipher

- A more complex shift cipher
- Uses a set of Caesar ciphers
- Usually a "key word" defines the shifts
- Use a Vigenere Square (or tabular recta) to encrypt/decrypt

Tabula recta



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Vigen%C3%A8re_square_shading.svg

Tabula recta

F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A CDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZAB DEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABC F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E JKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDE J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z 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 A B C D LMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDE NNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHI SSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHI TTUVWXYZABCDEFGHI UUVWXYZABCDEFGH VVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMN WWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRST XXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVW YYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWX ZZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXY

Encryption:
Find plaintext column,
and keyletter row

Decryption:
Find keyletter row, and locate CIPHERTEXT letter in that row.
Column label is the plaintext letter

plaintext: the sleepy brown fox ate

doughnuts

key: lemur

CIPHERTEXT:?

plaintext: thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts

key: lemur

thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts lemurlemurlemurlemurlemu

CIPHERTEXT:?

thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts lemurlemurlemurlemurlemu

AABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A CDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWX D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W K Y Z A B C D F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A 🖡 K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B L D E STUVWXYZABCDEFGHI SSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQR TTUVWXYZABCDEFGHI UVWXYZABCDEFGHI VWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTU WWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRST XXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVW YZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWX ZZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXY

Encryption:
Find plaintext column,
and keyletter row

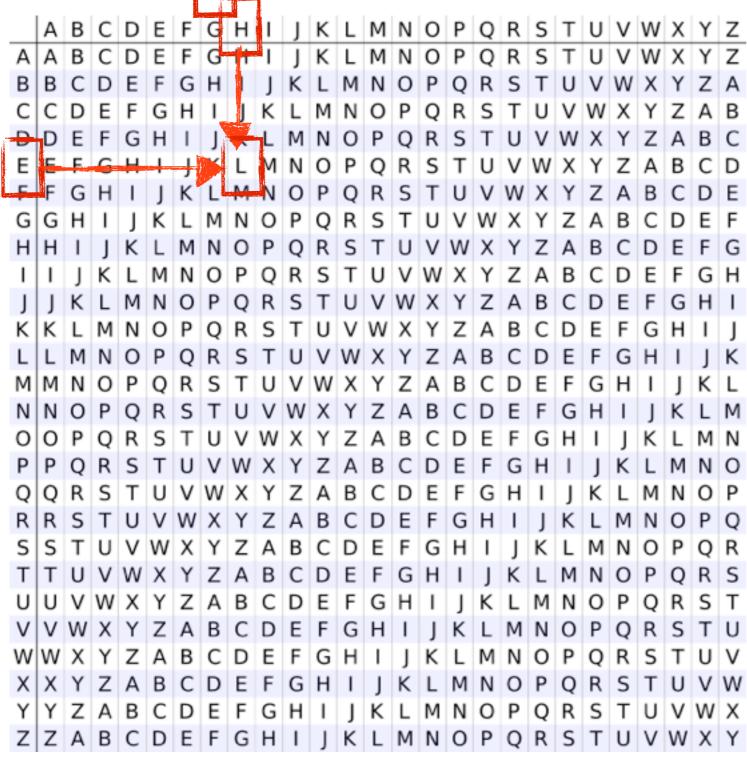
plaintext: thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts

key: lemur

thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts lemurlemurlemurlemurlemur E

CIPHERTEXT:?

thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts lemurlemurlemurlemurlemu



Encryption:
Find plaintext column,
and keyletter row

plaintext: thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts

key: lemur

thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts lemurlemurlemurlemurlemurlemu ELQMCPIBSSCSIHWZBMNVOSGAYYYFM

CIPHERTEXT:

ELQMCPIBSSCSIHWZBMNVOSGAYYYFM

key: lemur

plaintext: ?

ELQMCPIBSSCSIHWZBMNVOSGAYYYFM lemurlemurlemurlemurlemu

AABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ JKLMNOPQRST CDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWX F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W K Y Z A B C D F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X GHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXY JKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A LMNOPQRSTUVWXYZA STUVWXYZABCDEFGHI SSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMN TTUVWXYZABCDEFGHI UVWXYZABCDEFGHIJ VWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTU WWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRST XXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVW YYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWX ZZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXY

Encryption:
Find plaintext column,
and keyletter row

CIPHERTEXT:

ELQMCPIBSSCSIHWZBMNVOSGAYYYFM

key: lemur

plaintext: t

ELQMCPIBSSCSIHWZBMNVOSGAYYYFM lemurlemurlemurlemurlemurlemurlemu

ABCDEFGHI F G I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z **P** J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y KLMNOPQRSTUVWXY GHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABC LMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCD LMNOPQRSTUVWXYZA LMNOPQRSTUVWXYZAB LMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABC J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B LMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDE KLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCD LMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDE MMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHI NNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHI STUVWXYZABCDEFGHI RRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHI SSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOP TTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRS UVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRST VWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTU WWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUV XXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVW YYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWX ZZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXY

Encryption:
Find plaintext column,
and keyletter row

CIPHERTEXT:

ELQMCPIBSSCSIHWZBMNVOSGAYYYFM

key: lemur

plaintext: th

CIPHERTEXT:

ELQMCPIBSSCSIHWZBMNVOSGAYYYFM

key: lemur

plaintext: thesleepybrownfoxatedoughnuts

CIPHERTEXT:

ELQMCPIBSSCSIHWZBMNVOSGAYYYFM

key: lemur

plaintext: the sleepy brown fox ate

doughnuts

CIPHERTEXT:

ELQMCPIBSSCSIHWZBMNVOSGAYYYFM

key: lemur

plaintext: ?

Decryption Process (without key)

- Brute force
 - how many different possible ciphers?
- Frequency analysis (If length of key is known)
- More advanced analysis
 - Kasiski Examination
 - When same word (or word-part) encrypted by same part of key
 - Look for repetition in CIPHERTEXT, then use the length of space between repeats to guess at key length

Vigenere Cipher Practice

Encode the following using the key CAPER:

I am slowly going crazy

I am slowly going crazy

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ AABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ BCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZA CDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZAB DEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABC F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C GHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEF HIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDE IJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGH J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I KLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHI LLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJK MMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHI NNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHI OOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDE TUVWXYZABCDEFGH STUVWXYZABCDEFGHI RRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHI SSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQR TTUVWXYZABCDEFGHI UUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRST VVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTU WWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUV XXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVW YYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWX ZZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXY

Encryption:
Find plaintext column,
and keyletter row

Vigenere Cipher Practice

Encode the following using the key CAPER:

I am slowly going crazy

Answer: kabwcqwacxqickttaoc