Q1 Commands

5 Points

List the commands used in the game to reach the first ciphertext.

go

read

enter

read

Q2 Cryptosystem

5 Points

What cryptosystem was used in this level?

Substitution Cipher (mono-alphabetic in nature)

Q3 Analysis

25 Points

What tools and observations were used to figure our the cryptosystem? (Explain in less than 100 words)

Tools:

- (i) Used python script to check whether the given ciphertext is encrypted with "SHIFT CIPHER (CAESAR CIPHER)" or not.
- (ii) Used python script (attached in answer 6) to find frequency of each letter and bigrams in the ciphertext.
- (iii) Used table showing letter frequencies (unigram, bigram) in English language from the lecture slides and internet.

Observations:

- 1. We used python script to check if the ciphertext is encrypted with shift cipher or not. We found out that none of the 26 possibilities resulted in a meaningful text. Hence the possibility of encryption using shift cipher was rejected.
- 2. Then we proceed to check whether it is encrypted with Affine cipher and substitution cipher or not using Frequency analysis. The key in the mono-alphabetic substitution cipher defines a map from each letter of the plaintext alphabet to some (only one)letter of the ciphertext alphabet, where the map can be arbitrary subject only to the constraint that it be one-one so that decryption is possible. As a result, the key space contains all of the alphabet's bijections or permutations. When using English alphabets, the key Space is of size 26!=26*25*.....*1 or approximately 2^88, making brute-force attack impossible. Hence we go for frequency analysis which is going to utilize the statistical patterns of alphabets in English language.
- 3. If frequency analysis were not of work, we planned to hypothesize it as Vignere Cipher and decrypt it using Kasiski test and index of coincidence.
- 4. As we were doing Ciphertext only attack, these were all for the pre-planned as Encryption scheme like Hill Cipher, LFSR stream cipher etc are difficult to break with a ciphertext only attack.

Frequency Analysis-

- 5. The presence of three single-letter words, C H K, casts doubt on the placement of the spaces, because the only single-letter words used in regular English vocabulary are I and A. We deduced from this observation that there must be intentional spaces or a lack of spaces between words. Also, the last line does not end with a full stop, raising the possibility that the ciphertext has been rotated by ten places.
- 6. Because C appears significantly more frequently than any other ciphertext character in this ciphertext, we can hypothesize that $d_k(C)=E$. Looking at the bigram, we can see that the occurrence of FI is the highest, followed by the occurrence of IC. Because the most common bigrams in English are TH and HE, we hypothesize that $d_k(FI)=TH$ and $d_k(IC)=HE$.
- 7. We will be seeing if it is encrypted with Affine Cipher. Mapping A to 0, B to 1, ...Z to 25, and from the above hypothesis , we got $e_k(4)=2$ and $e_k(19)=5$. As $e_k(x)=ax+b$, where a and b are unknown, two linear equation is as follows:

4a+b=2mod26 and 19a+b=5 mod26

This system has a unique solution as a=7 and b=0(in Z_26), which is a legal key as gcd(a,26)=1. Then, decrypting using $x=7-1x \mod 26$ i.e $x=15y \mod 26$, we got no meaningful plaintext!. Hence we chose to check for Substitution Cipher.

8. At this point, substituting using above hypothesis, the partially decrypted ciphertext looks like:

OMKt Ph HDN eMGEt hePHSeK .H KRG VPHQKe e, the MeO KQGt hOQAG EO QteMeKt OQ thePhHDN eM .KG DeGEtheU HteM Ph HDN eMKLO UUNeDGMe OQte Me KtOQ AthHQthOKGQ e!th ePGY eVKe YEG MthO KDeK KHA eOKH KODJUeK VN K tOtVtO GQPOJheMOQLh OPhYOA Ot KhHSe NeeQKh OEte YNR2 JUHPeK. th e JHKKLGM YOK OMXR9V1X YA tLOthGVtthe XVGteK. thO KOKtheE

- 9. As of now, c is e, and the most common bigrams in the English language beginning with e is er and es. Assuming that d_k(CK) = ES and d_k(CM) = ER, the ciphertext now looks like: Orst Ph HDN erGEt hePHSes .H sRG VPHQse e, the reO sQGt hOQAG EO Qterest OQ thePhHDN er .sG DeGEtheU Hter Ph HDN ersLO UUNeDGre OQte re stOQ AthHQthOsGQ e!th ePGY eVse YEG rthO sDes sHA eOsH sODJUes VN s tOtVtO GQPOJherOQLh OPhYOA Ot shHSe NeeQsh OEte YNR2 JUHPes. th e JHssLGr YOs OrXR9V1X YA tLOthGVtthe XVGtes. thO sOstheE
- 10. Taking a look at the phrase "se e, the reO s" which is more likely to be "see, there is," the possible substitution for O is I. the ciphertext now looks like irst Ph HDN erGEt hePHSes .H sRG VPHQse e, the rei sQGt hiQAG Ei Qterest iQ thePhHDN er .sG DeGEtheU Hter Ph HDN ersLi UUNeDGre iQte re stiQ AthHQthisGQ e!th ePGY eVse YEG rthi sDes sHA eisH siDJUes VN s titVti GQPiJheriQLh iPhYiA it shHSe NeeQsh iEte YNR2 JUHPes. th e JHssLGr Yis irXR9V1X YA tLithGVtthe XVGtes. thi sistheE
- 11. By looking at "i Qterest "which is most likely the word "interest" leads us to the possible substitution for Q as N.
- 12. thi sistheEirst, probably "this is the first," which leads us to the possible substitution for E as F. The ciphertext now appears to be irst Ph HDN erGft hePHSes .H sRGVPHnse e, the rei snGt hinAG fi nterest in thePhHDN er .sG DeGftheU Hter Ph HDN ersLi UUNeDGre inte re stin AthHnthisGn e!th ePGY eVse YfG rthi sDes sHA eisH siDJUes VN s titVti GnPiJherinLh iPhYiA it shHSe Neensh ifte YNR2 JUHPes. th e JHssLGr Yis irXR9V1X YA tLithGVtthe XVGtes. thi sisthef
- 13. The phrase "inte re stin AthHnthisGne" is possibly "interesting than this one". Therefore the possible substitution for A is G, H Is A, G is O. The ciphertext after substituting now looks like:

irst Ph aDN eroft hePaSes .a sRo VPanse e, the rei snot hingo fi nterest in thePhaDN er .so DeoftheU ater Ph aDN ersLi UUNeDore inte re stin gthanthison e!th ePoY eVse Yfo rthi sDes sag eisa siDJUes VN s titVti onPiJherinLh iPhYig it shaSe Neensh ifte YNR2 JUaPes. th e JassLor Yis irXR9V1X Yg tLithoVtthe XVotes. thi sisthef

14. the phrase "so DeoftheU ater" is more likely "some of the later". Hence the possible substitution for D is M and U is L.

irst Ph amN eroft hePaSes .a sRo VPanse e, the rei snot hingo fi nterest in thePhamN er .so meofthel ater Ph amN ersLi IINemore inte re stin gthanthison e!th ePoY eVse Yfo rthi smes sag eisa simJles VN s titVti onPiJherinLh iPhYig it shaSe Neensh ifte YNR2 JlaPes. th e JassLor Yis irXR9V1X Yg tLithoVtthe XVotes. thi sisthef

15. "fo rthi smes sag eisa simJles VN s titVti onPiJher" is more likely making the hypothesis of substituting J as P, and therefore P as C, and VN as UB.

irst ch amb eroft hecaSes .a sRo ucanse e, the rei snot hingo fi nterest in thechamb er .so meofthel ater ch amb ersLi llbemore inte re stin gthanthison e!th ecoY euse Yfo rthi smes sag eisa simples ub s tituti oncipherinLh ichYig it shaSe beensh ifte YbR2 places. th e passLor Yis irXR9U1X Yg tLithoutthe Xuotes. thi sisthef

16. The assignment task suggests that caSes should be caves. So $d_k(S)=V$," sRo ucanse e" is "as you can see" leading $d_k(R)=Y$, "th ecoY euse Yfo rthi s "may be "the code used for this " leading $d_k(Y)=d$, "I ater ch amb ersLi Ilbemore", leads $d_k(L)=W$, and finally "Xuotes." Is more likely " quotes" and hence $d_k(X)=Q$. The final decryption leads us: irst ch amb eroft hecaves a syo ucanse e, the rei snot hingo fi nterest in thechamb er .so meofthel ater ch amb erswi Ilbemore inte re stin gthanthison e!th ecod euse dfo rthi smes sag eisa simples ub s tituti oncipherinwh ichdig it shave beensh ifte dby2 places. the passwor dis irgy9u1g dg twithoutthe quotes. thi sisthef

17. Special characters appear to be unchanged!

18. We obtained the above plaintext after decrypting it with frequency analysis, which claims that the digits are shifted by "2" places. However, because 2 is a digit, it is obvious that 2 is also encrypted by some shifting. _Assume the number that was shifted to 2 is X. Because X is the key here, we can assert that X is shifted by X places, resulting in 2. The problem is written as follows in mathematical notation: X+X=2mod10 (mod 10 because there are 10 digits only, aka 0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9).

The digits satisfying the above equation is 1 and 6.

Without loss of generality, let us assume that X=1. Then the method of decryption tends to finding two numbers Y and Z, such that $Y+1=9 \mod 10$ and $Z+1=1 \mod 10$. Therefore leading us Y=8 and Z=0.

For this case the decrypted password is: iRqy8U0qdgt
On submission, it showed incorrect. So we tried the other value of X.

19. For the 2nd case assume that X=6. Then the method of decryption tends to finding two numbers Y and Z, such that Y+6=9mod10 and Z+6=1mod10. Therefore leading us as Y=3 and Z=5. For this case the decrypted password is: iRqy3U5qdgt On submission, it showed correct.

Q4 Mapping

10 Points

What is the plaintext space and ciphertext space?

What is the mapping between the elements of plaintext space and the elements of ciphertext space? (Explain in less than 100 words)

Plaintext space and ciphertext space are the sets of strings composed of uppercase English alphabets, lowercase English alphabets, spaces and punctuations.

CIPHERTEXT SPACE:

"omkf pi hdn cmgef icphsck .H krg vphqkc c,fic mco kqgf ioqag eo qfcmckf oq ficpihdn cm .Kg dcgeficu hfcm pi hdn cmklo uuncdgmc oqfc mc kfoq afihqfiokgq c!Fi cpgy cvkc yeg mfio kdck kha cokh kodjuck vn k fofvfo gqpojicmoqli opiyoa of kihsc nccqki oefc ynr2 juhpck. Fi c jhkklgm yok oMxr9V1x ya flofigvffic xvgfck. Fio kokfice"

PLAINTEXT SPACE (after substitution and rotation):

"this is the first chamber of the caves. As you can see, there is nothing of interest in the chamber. Some of the later chambers will be more interesting than this one. The code used for this message is a simple substitution cipher in which digits have been shifted by 2 places. The password is iRqy3U5qdgt without the quotes."

The following mapping is extracted from the explanation in question 3:

A
$$\rightarrow$$
g, C \rightarrow e, D \rightarrow m, E \rightarrow f, F \rightarrow t, G \rightarrow o, H \rightarrow a, I \rightarrow h, J \rightarrow p, K \rightarrow s, L \rightarrow w, M \rightarrow r, N \rightarrow b, O \rightarrow i, P \rightarrow c, Q \rightarrow n, R \rightarrow y, S \rightarrow v, U \rightarrow I, V \rightarrow u, X \rightarrow q, Y \rightarrow d, 2 \rightarrow 6, 9 \rightarrow 3, 1 \rightarrow 5

Q5 Password

5 Points

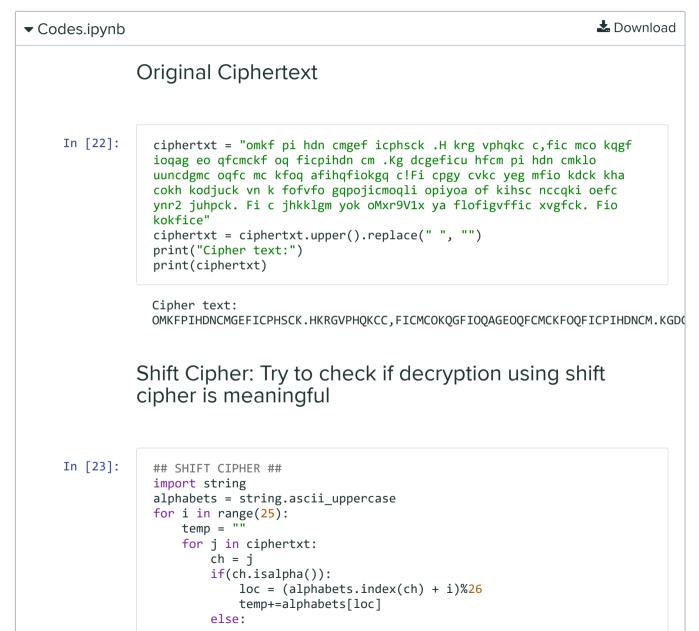
What is the final command used to clear this level?

iRqy3U5qdgt

Q6 Codes

0 Points

Upload any code that you have used to solve this level



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temp+=ch
print(temp)
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OMKFPIHDNCMGEFICPHSCK.HKRGVPHQKCC,FICMCOKQGFIQQAGEQQFCMCKFQQFICPIHDNCM.KGDQ PNLGOJIEODNHFGJDOITDL.ILSHWOIRLDD,GJDNDPLRHGJPRBHFPRGDNDLGPRGJDOJIEODN.LHEU OOMHRKJFPEOIGHKERJUEM.JMTIXRJSMEE,HKEOEOMSIHKOSCIGOSHEOEMHOSHKERKJFPEO.MIF# RPNISLKGOFPJHILFSKVFN.KNUJYSKTNFF,ILFPFRNTJILRTDJHRTIFPFNIRTILFSLKGOFP.NJGF SOOJTMLHRGOKIJMGTLWGO.LOVKZTLUOGG,JMGOGSOUKJMSUEKISUJGOGOJSUJMGTMLHRGO.OKHU TRPKUNMISHRLJKNHUMXHP.MPWLAUMVPHH,KNHRHTPVLKNTVFLJTVKHRHPKTVKNHUNMISHR.PLIH USOLVONJTISMKLOIVNYIO.NOXMBVNWOII,LOISIUOWMLOUWGMKUWLISIOLUWLOIVONJTIS.OMJ NAN. TCUNOPWCPMXVMRJCTCMXVJNHXVPMNXRVCTCPM, CCRXOWDNYRO.RCSOWCPMLNTCUNOPWMRTV WUSNXOPLVKUOMNOKXPAKS.PSZODXPYSKK,NOKUKWSYONOWYIOMWYNKUKSNWYNOKXOPLVKU.SOLK XVTOYROMWLVPNORLYOBLT.OTAPEYOZTLL,ORLVLXTZPORXZJPNXZOLVLTOXZORLYROMWLV.TPM YWUPZSRNXMWQOPSMZRCMU.RUBQFZRAUMM, PSMWMYUAQPSYAKQOYAPMWMUPYAPSMZSRNXMW.UQNN ZXVOATSOYNXRPOTNASDNV.SVCRGASBVNN,OTNXNZVBROTZBLRPZBONXNVOZBOTNATSOYNX.VRON AYWRBUTPZOYSORUOBTEOW.TWDSHBTCWOO,RUOYOAWCSRUACMSOACROYOWRACRUOBUTPZOY.WSP(BZXSCVUQAPZTRSVPCUFPX.UXETICUDXPP,SVPZPBXDTSVBDNTRBDSPZPXSBDSVPCVUQAPZ.XTQF CAYTDWVRBQAUSTWQDVGQY.VYFUJDVEYQQ,TWQAQCYEUTWCEOUSCETQAQYTCETWQDWVRBQA.YUR(DBZUEXWSCRBVTUXREWHRZ.WZGVKEWFZRR,UXRBRDZFVUXDFPVTDFURBRZUDFUXREXWSCRB.ZVSF ECAVFYXTDSCWUVYSFXISA.XAHWLFXGASS,VYSCSEAGWVYEGQWUEGVSCSAVEGVYSFYXTDSC.AWTS FDBWGZYUETDXVWZTGYJTB.YBIXMGYHBTT,WZTDTFBHXWZFHRXVFHWTDTBWFHWZTGZYUETD.BXU GECXHAZVFUEYWXAUHZKUC.ZCJYNHZICUU,XAUEUGCIYXAGISYWGIXUEUCXGIXAUHAZVFUE.CYVU HFDYIBAWGVFZXYBVIALVD.ADKZOIAJDVV,YBVFVHDJZYBHJTZXHJYVFVDYHJYBVIBAWGVF.DZW\ IGEZJCBXHWGAYZCWJBMWE.BELAPJBKEWW,ZCWGWIEKAZCIKUAYIKZWGWEZIKZCWJCBXHWG.EAXW JHFAKDCYIXHBZADXKCNXF.CFMBQKCLFXX,ADXHXJFLBADJLVBZJLAXHXFAJLADXKDCYIXH.FBY KIGBLEDZJYICABEYLDOYG.DGNCRLDMGYY,BEYIYKGMCBEKMWCAKMBYIYGBKMBEYLEDZJYI.GCZ\ LJHCMFEAKZJDBCFZMEPZH.EHODSMENHZZ,CFZJZLHNDCFLNXDBLNCZJZHCLNCFZMFEAKZJ.HDAZ MKIDNGFBLAKECDGANFOAI.FIPETNFOIAA,DGAKAMIOEDGMOYECMODAKAIDMODGANGFBLAK.IEBA

Affine Cipher: Try to check if decryption using affine cipher is meaningful

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In [24]:
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### AFFINE Cipher #####
temp2 = ""
for j in ciphertxt:
    ch = j
    if(ch.isalpha()):
        loc = alphabets.index(ch)
        temp2+=alphabets[((loc*15)%26)]
    else:
        temp2+=ch
print(temp2)
```

Frequency Analysis: Unigrams

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In [25]:
              #### UNIGRAMS #######
             freq = {i:ciphertxt.count(i)/len(ciphertxt)*100 for i in alphabets}
             sorted(freq.items(), key = lambda x: x[1], reverse = True)
Out [25]:
              [('C', 13.48314606741573),
               ('F', 10.486891385767791),
               ('K', 10.112359550561797),
               ('0', 9.363295880149813),
               ('I', 8.239700374531834),
               ('G', 5.2434456928838955),
               ('H', 4.868913857677903),
               ('M', 4.868913857677903),
               ('Q', 4.49438202247191),
               ('P', 3.3707865168539324),
               ('D', 2.6217228464419478),
               ('N', 2.6217228464419478),
               ('V', 2.6217228464419478),
               ('E', 2.247191011235955),
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               ('U', 1.8726591760299627),
               ('J', 1.4981273408239701),
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               ('R', 1.1235955056179776),
               ('X', 1.1235955056179776),
               ('S', 0.7490636704119851),
               ('B', 0.0),
              ('T', 0.0),
              ('W', 0.0),
              ('Z', 0.0)]
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Frequency Analysis: Bigrams

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In [26]:
              ##### BI-GRAMS ######
              fr = {i+j:ciphertxt.count(i+j) for i in alphabets for j in alphabets
              if ciphertxt.count(i+j)>0}
              p =sum(fr.values())
              for i in fr:
                  fr[i] = float(fr[i]/p)*100
              sorted(fr.items(), key = lambda x: x[1], reverse = True)
Out [26]:
              [('FI', 5.64516129032258),
               ('IC', 3.6290322580645165),
               ('CM', 3.225806451612903),
               ('CK', 2.82258064516129),
               ('OK', 2.82258064516129),
               ('IO', 2.4193548387096775),
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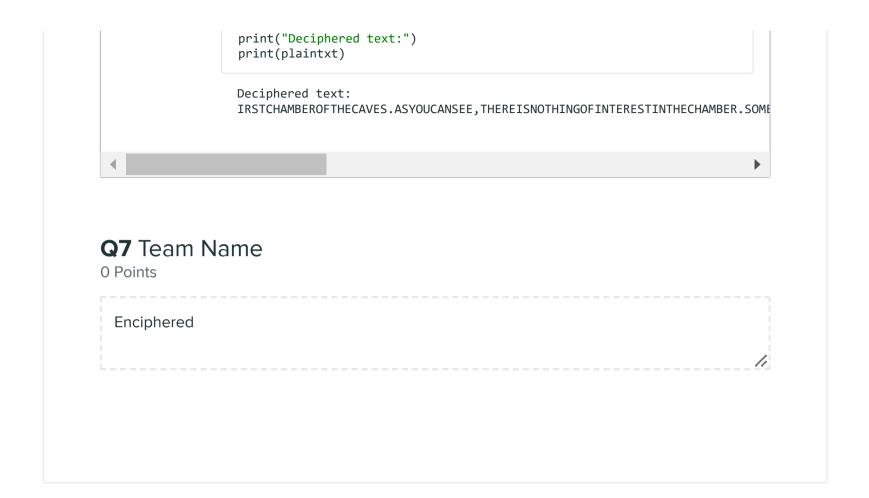
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('YN', 0.4032258064516129)]
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Substitution Cipher using frequency analysis

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In [27]: plaintxt = ""
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for ch in ciphertxt:
    if ch=='C':
        ch='E'
    elif ch=='F':
        ch='T'
    elif ch=='K':
        ch='S'
    elif ch=='0':
        ch='I'
    elif ch=='I':
        ch='H'
    elif ch=='G':
        ch='0'
    elif ch=='H':
        ch='A'
    elif ch=='M':
        ch='R'
    elif ch=='Q':
        ch='N'
    elif ch=='P':
        ch='C'
    elif ch=='D':
        ch='M'
    elif ch=='N':
        ch='B'
    elif ch=='V':
        ch='U'
    elif ch=='E':
        ch='F'
    elif ch=='Y':
        ch='D'
    elif ch=='A':
        ch='G'
    elif ch=='U':
        ch='L'
    elif ch=='J':
        ch='P'
    elif ch=='L':
        ch='W'
    elif ch=='X':
        ch='Q'
    elif ch=='S':
        ch='V'
    elif ch=='R':
        ch='Y'
    plaintxt+=ch
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Assignment 1

GRADED

GROUP

Gargi Sarkar Utkarsh Srivastava Anindya Ganguly View or edit group

TOTAL POINTS 50 / 50 pts	
QUESTION 1	
Commands	5 / 5 pts
QUESTION 2	
Cryptosystem	5 / 5 pts
QUESTION 3	
Analysis	25 / 25 pts
QUESTION 4	
Mapping	10 / 10 pts
QUESTION 5 Password	5 / 5 pts
QUESTION 6	0 / 0 mtm
Codes	0 / 0 pts
QUESTION 7	
Team Name	0 / 0 pts