

### Q1 Commands

5 Points

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

climb, read, enter, read

### Q2 Cryptosystem

5 Points

What cryptosystem was used in this level?

A Simple Substitution Cipher(Monoalphabetic)

### Q3 Analysis

25 Points

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

On the 1st screen, there was a trail saying "seemingly leading to the top of the hill". So we tried the command "climb" as to climb the hill.

The 2nd screen told us that there was some message written on the blocks, so the

command "read" made sense for reading the message.

The 3rd screen directly told us to write "enter",

Again it mentioned that something was written, so we used "read" again.

Initially looking at the cipher, it looked like some random text having some patterns. We saw that there were some repeated sequences like "Fic" and "ok". This gave us an idea that we should try shift cipher and substitution cipher. We tried shifting with 1-25, but the message still looked random for each case.

Digram and Trigram analysis done on cipher text helped us to find common patterns that were present in text for example digrams

like(fi->th,ic->he,cm->er,ck->es,oq->in,fc->te,kf->st,pi->ch,mc->re,io->hi,ok->is,hd->am,dn->mb) and trigrams

like(fic->the,hdn->amb,fio->thi,gef->oft,icp->hec,hsc->ave,cfi->eth,mco->rei,qfc->nte,fcu->ter,omk->irs,mkf->rst,cmg->ero) after doing such analysis it made cipher a little bit more clearer but still cipher was not comprehensible hence we dig further deeper to gather more insights.

Then we tried doing frequency analysis for substitution cipher along with known plaintexts for solving it. The code attached named "freqAnal.py" does the frequency analysis of all the letters present in the ciphertext. Frequency analysis of cipher text is:

[('C', 13.95), ('F', 10.85), ('K', 10.47), ('O', 9.69), ('I', 8.53), ('G', 5.43), ('H', 5.04), ('M', 5.04), ('Q', 4.65), ('P', 3.49), ('D', 2.71), ('N', 2.71), ('V', 2.71), ('E', 2.33), ('Y', 2.33), ('A', 1.94), ('U', 1.94), ('J', 1.55), ('L', 1.55), ('R', 1.16), ('X', 1.16), ('S', 0.78), ('B', 0.0), ('T', 0.0), ('W', 0.0), ('Z', 0.0)]

'e' is the most frequent letter in english and in our case, 'c' had the highest frequency. So, c was mapped to e. Similarly, 'f' was mapped to 't' which was 2nd highest occurring letter in the ciphertext.

So we assumed Fic as Tie and as it was the highest occurring, we considered Tie=The. So i mapped to h.

Using known plaintext and the knowledge of digrams and trigrams,we assumed thehe=there, ok=is and we mapped o=>i, k=>s,h=>r.

We observed that the characters [ , !] were not substituted. Finally, it was written that the digits have been shifted by 2 places. But as the 2 itself in the sentence might be the shifted

output, we tried all possible shifts from 1 to 9 for the digits inside the password. Finally, a shift of +4 worked (So, the digits were shifted by 4 backwards while encrypting). The password that we got was iRqy3U5qdgt.

## 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)

ciphertext space (b,t,w,z absent) -> {a,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,j,k,l,m,n,o,p,q,r,s,u,v,x,y,1,2,9}

plaintext space (j,q,x,z absent) -> {a,b,c,d,e,f,g,h,i,k,l,m,n,o,p,r,s,t,u,v,w,y,3,5,6}

Mapping from cipher text to plain text:

a->g,c->e,d->m,e->f,f->t,g->o,h->a,i->h,j->p,k->s,l->w,m->r,n->b,o->i,p->c,q->n,r->y,s->v,u->l,v->u,  
x->q,y->d,9->3,1->5,2->6.

## Q5 Password

5 Points

What is the final command used to clear this level?

iRqy3U5qdg

## Q6 Codes

0 Points

Upload any code that you have used to solve this level

▼ Crypto\_assign\_1.py

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1 letterFreq = {'E': 12.70, 'T': 9.06, 'A': 8.17, 'O': 7.51, 'I': 6.97, 'N': 6.75, 'S':  
6.33, 'H': 6.09, 'R': 5.99, 'D': 4.25, 'L': 4.03, 'C': 2.78, 'U': 2.76, 'M': 2.41,  
'W': 2.36, 'F': 2.23, 'G': 2.02, 'Y': 1.97, 'P': 1.93, 'B': 1.29, 'V': 0.98, 'K':  
0.77, 'J': 0.15, 'X': 0.15, 'Q': 0.10, 'Z': 0.07}  
2  
3 letters=list('ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ')  
4  
5 cipher= ""omkf pi hdn cmgef icphsck .H krg vphqkc c,  
6  
7 fic mco kqgf ioqag eo qfcmckf oq ficpihdn  
8  
9 cm .Kg dcgeficu hfc m pi hdn cmklo uuncdgm c  
10  
11 oqfc mc kfoq afihqfiokgq c!Fi cpgy cvkc yeg  
12  
13 mfio kdck kha cokh kodjuck vn k fofvfo  
14  
15 gqpojicmoqli opiyoa of kihsc nccqki oefc  
16  
17 ynr2 juhpc k. Fi c jhkk lgm yok oMxr9V1x ya  
18  
19 flofigvffic xvgfck. Fio kokfice""  
20  
21  
22 cipher=cipher.upper()  
23  
24 cipFreq={}  
25  
26 mapping={}  
27  
28 total=0  
29  
30 for let in 'ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ': # Calculate total letters  
31  
32     total+=cipher.count(let)
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34 for let in 'ABCDEFGHJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ': # Do Frequency Analysis
35
36     cipFreq[let]=round(cipher.count(let)*100/total,2)
37
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39 letterFreq=list(letterFreq.items())
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41 cipFreq=list(cipFreq.items())
42
43 cipFreq.sort(key=lambda x: x[1], reverse = True)
44
45
46 for i in range(6): # Create the mapping dictionary
47
48     mapping[cipFreq[i][0]]=letterFreq[i][0].lower()
49
50 print("CIPHERTEXT: ")
51 print("{}".format(cipher))
52
53 plain=cipher
54
55 mapping['I'] = 'h'
56
57 mapping['K'] = 's'
58
59 mapping['O'] = 'i'
60
61 mapping['M'] = 'r'
62
63 mapping['E'] = 'f'
64
65 for key in mapping:
66
67     plain=plain.replace(key,mapping[key]) # Replace the substituted characters
    from frequency analysis.
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68 print("++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++")
69 print("English Frequency: {}".format(letterFreq))
70 print("++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++")
71 print("Cipher Frequency Analysis: {}".format(cipFreq))
72 print("++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++")
73 print("Half Plaintext:\n{}".format(plain))
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75 print("++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++")
76 print("[+]Plaintext using digraph/trigraph analysis and manual inspection :\n","IRST
CH AMB EROFT HECAVES .A SYO UCANSE E, THE REI SNOT HINGO FI NTEREST IN THECHAMB ER .SO
MEOFTHEL ATER CH AMB ERSWI LLBEMORE 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. TH E PASSWOR DIS iRqy9U1q dg tWITHOUTTHE QUOTES. THI SISTHEF")
77 print("++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++++")
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79 #USING FINAL SUBSTITUTIONS as
80
81 #[ABCDEFGHIJKLMNPOQRSTUVWXYZ]
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83 #[GKEMFTOAHPSWRBICNYVJLUXQDZ]
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85
86 '''Final plaintext that we got after rearrangement of spaces is:
87
88 IRST 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! CODE USED
FOR THIS MESSAGE IS A SIMPLE SUBSTITUTION CIPHER IN WHICH DIGITS HAVE BEEN SHIFTED BY
2 PLACES. THE PASSWORD IS iRqy9U1qdgdt WITHOUT THE QUOTES. THIS IS THE F
89
90 '''
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93
94 #After Getting the password, try permutations of shifted numbers in circular way(mod
10) and attempt the password.
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96 cipher=list("iRqy9U1qdgt")
97
98 print("Cipher={}".format(cipher))
99
100 for i in range(1,10):
101
102     cip=list(cipher)
103
104     cip[4]=str((int(cip[4])+i)%10)
105
106     cip[6]=str((int(cip[6])+i)%10)
107
108     print("Number Increment Shift {}".format(i),''.join(cip))
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## Q7 Team Name

0 Points

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Commands

**5 / 5 pts****QUESTION 2**

Cryptosystem

**5 / 5 pts****QUESTION 3**

Analysis

**20 / 25 pts** **+ 10 pts** Using frequency analysis to conclude that its substitution cipher. **+ 5 pts** Mentioning about rotation in the ciphertext **+ 5 pts** Finding the mapping in the cryptosystem used by analyzing bigrams and trigrams( or small words)**+ 5 pts** Given mathematical explanation for the shift in the numbers**+ 0 pts** Wrong answer or NA**QUESTION 4**

Mapping

**10 / 10 pts****QUESTION 5**

Password

**5 / 5 pts****QUESTION 6**

Codes

**0 / 0 pts**

QUESTION 7

Team Name

0 / 0 pts