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- We have a variant of the Vigenere cipher system using numbered strings as a key.
 - The strings used are given in the additional file.(100 strings)
- On each numbered string, the 26 capital letters of the alphabet are printed twice in a random order.
- A key pair looks like (66, 11, 52, 55, 04, 90 / 11), consisting of string numbers used followed by the offset between the plaintext column and the ciphertext column.
 - In the above key pair, 66, 11, 52, 55, 04, 90 are the key string numbers; 11 is the offset

- Encryption Example
 - Plaintext: CRYPTO
 - Key = (66, 11, 52, 55, 04, 90 / 11)
- Put each string in a row so that 'CRYPTO' comes out vertically according to the order of the key.
 - For each string, use a left (first) letter to make 'CRYPTO'
- As much as offset, each letter is shifted to the right, which become ciphertext.
- In this case, 'CRYPTO' is encrypted to 'UKLAGW'.



- Offset can be an integer number from 1 to 25
- The number of strings used for a key do not exceed 25
 - $(N_1, N_2, N_3, \dots, N_{25} / O)$ is the form of a key
 - N_i is number of strings, and O is the offset
- No strings can be used twice in the key
 - E.g., $(12, 25, 12, \dots, / 24)$ is not allowed
- If the plaintext is longer than 25 letters, it divided into blocks of 25 letters
- All blocks are encrypted in the same way as the first block with the same key and offset

- Problem:
- First 41 letters of plaintext:
THISCIPHERWASWIDELYUSED BECAUSE OF SIMPLE STR
- Ciphertext (125 letters):
**OYKWUXRNJOOPPTXCTYNYQHFCQNIWNKPAZQSTIF
HOOWEYEHDQQYZMFQDHGZWUQIEZOUJNCEHDQQE
RBNJKRMRGLWIXVLVPFOBLLAVOPZENPADJPKVMMM
PDYXJCBWEX**
- Given the above ciphertext, find the plaintext of 125 letters and key

- You should show the approaches step by step to decrypt the ciphertext.
- Hint: You may utilize the following mono, bi, tri, quadgram frequencies (n-gram frequencies)

- Monogram frequencies

letter	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
%	8.2	1.5	2.8	4.3	12.7	2.2	2.0	6.1	7.0	0.2	0.8	4.0	2.4
letter	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	U	V	w	x	Y	z
%	6.7	1.5	1.9	0.1	6.0	6.3	9.1	2.8	1.0	2.4	0.2	2.0	0.1

- Bigram frequencies

letter	TH	HE	IN	ER	AN	RE	ON	AT	EN	ND	TI	ES
%	3.55	3.08	2.43	2.05	1.99	1.85	1.76	1.49	1.45	1.35	1.34	1.34
letter	OR	TE	OF	ED	IS	IT	AL	AR	ST	NT	TO	
%	1.28	1.21	1.18	1.17	1.13	1.12	1.09	1.08	1.05	1.04	1.04	

Submission Guideline

- **Please upload the followings as a single compressed file into Blackboard**
 1. Source codes and exe files for solution (**C is encouraged, but if you want you can use Python, Java, etc**)
 2. Decrypted plaintext (**.txt, or image file**)
 3. Report (**.doc, .hwp, or pdf file**)
- ❖ **Late submission, or any kind of plagiarism will result in 0 point**

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- **Deadline: 2022. Oct. 27, 23:59**
- **Late submission is not acceptable**