

Applied Cryptography – DD2520 2023

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1. Introduction:

The two ciphertexts that I received was:

Ciphertext #1:

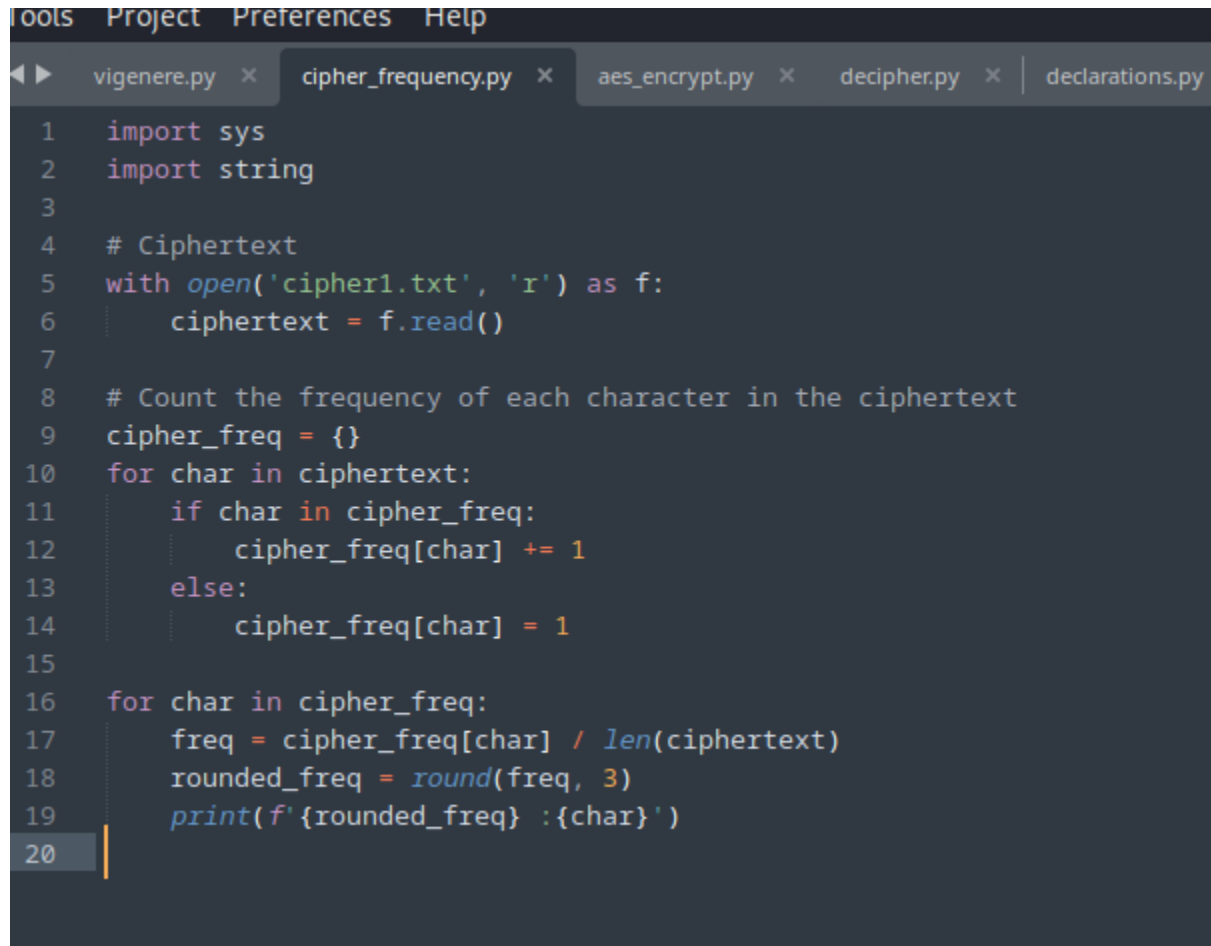
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2. Cryptanalysis of Ciphertext #1:

First of all, I had to write a python script to count the frequency of each character in the ciphertext.



```
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1  import sys
2  import string
3
4  # Ciphertext
5  with open('cipher1.txt', 'r') as f:
6      ciphertext = f.read()
7
8  # Count the frequency of each character in the ciphertext
9  cipher_freq = {}
10 for char in ciphertext:
11     if char in cipher_freq:
12         cipher_freq[char] += 1
13     else:
14         cipher_freq[char] = 1
15
16 for char in cipher_freq:
17     freq = cipher_freq[char] / len(ciphertext)
18     rounded_freq = round(freq, 3)
19     print(f'{rounded_freq} :{char}')
20
```

This python script reads the contents of the ciphertext file No. 1 and calculates the frequency of each character in the ciphertext.

- First it checks if the current character already exists in the dictionary "cipher_freq".
- If the character exists in the dictionary, its value (the frequency count) is incremented by 1.
- If the character does not exist in the dictionary, a new entry is added with the character as the key and its frequency count set to 1.

The output of it look like this:

```
(base) (kali@kali)-[~/applied_crypto]
└─$ python cipher_frequency.py
0.067 :N
0.062 :U
0.193 :_
0.066 :4
0.058 :W
0.008 :S
0.024 :Y
0.1 :6
0.037 :J
0.054 :1
0.046 :3
0.052 :8
0.02 :Q
0.054 :H
0.012 :G
0.02 :A
0.023 :Z
0.019 :E
0.01 :L
0.032 :F
0.014 :X
0.007 :R
0.008 :5
0.013 :O
0.001 :C
0.0 :#
0.001 :P
0.0 :7
```

According to the frequency of English characters, there are a lot in common.

A	0.072	J	0.001	S	0.056
B	0.013	K	0.007	T	0.080
C	0.024	L	0.035	U	0.024
D	0.037	M	0.021	V	0.009
E	0.112	N	0.059	W	0.021
F	0.020	O	0.066	X	0.001
G	0.018	P	0.017	Y	0.017
H	0.054	Q	0.001	Z	0.001
I	0.061	R	0.053	-	0.120

For example, the character “_” in the ciphertext, might probably be the space.

So I wrote another Python script that reads the content of the Ciphertext 1, and replaces specific characters in the ciphertext with other characters, and then writes the deciphered text to a file.

And it looks like this:

```
1  import sys
2  import string
3  import collections
4
5  # python cipher_replace.py [CipherText]
6
7  # Ciphertext
8  with open('cipher1.txt', 'r') as f:
9      ciphertext = f.read()
10
11  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('_', ' ')
12  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('N', 'T')
13  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('A', 'M')
14  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('S', 'K')
15  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('W', 'S')
16  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('Y', 'W')
17  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('G', 'Y')
18  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('Q', 'G')
19  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('X', 'B')
20  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('P', 'X')
21  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('L', 'P')
22  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('C', 'Q')
23  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('O', 'C')
24  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('5', 'V')
25  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('4', 'A')
26  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('8', 'I')
27  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('F', 'D')
28  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('1', 'N')
29  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('Z', 'F')
30  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('3', 'R')
31  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('7', 'Z')
32  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('U', 'O')
33  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('E', 'U')
34  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('6', 'E')
35  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('J', 'L')
36  ciphertext = ciphertext.replace('#', 'J')
37
38  with open('decipher1.txt', 'w') as f:
39      f.write(ciphertext)
```


Finally, after executing this Python script we have the deciphered text:

TO ASK WELL TO ANSWER RIGHTLY ARE THE MARKS OF A WISE MAN MEN MUST SPEAK OF MENS DEEDS WHAT HAPPENS MAY NOT BE HIDDENRWISE IS HE NOT WHO IS NEVER SILENT MOUTHING
MEANINGLESS WORDS A GLIB TONGUE THAT GOES ON CHATTERING SINGS TO ITS OWN HARMRA MAN AMONG FRIENDS SHOULD NOT MOCK ANOTHER MANY BELIEVE THE MAN WHO IS NOT QUESTIONED
TO KNOW MUCH AND SO HE ESCAPES THEIR SCORN AN EARLY MEAL A MAN SHOULD TAKE BEFORE HE VISITS FRIENDS LEST WHEN HE GETS THERE HE GO HUNGRY AFRAID TO ASK FOR FOODTHE
FASTEST FRIENDS MAY FALL OUT WHEN THEY SIT AT THE BANQUETBOARD IT IS AND SHALL BE A SHAMEFUL THING WHEN GUEST QUARRELS WITH GUESTSTRHE WISE GUEST HAS HIS WAY OF
DEALING WITH THOSE WHO TAUNT HIM AT TABLE HE SMILES THROUGH THE MEAL NOT SEEMING TO HEAR THE TWADDLE TALKED BY HIS FOESRTHE TACTFUL GUEST WILL TAKE HIS LEAVE EARLY
NOT LINGER LONG HE STARTS TO STINK WHO OUTSTAYS HIS WELCOME IN A HALL THAT IS NOT HIS OWNRA SMALL HUT OF ONE S OWN IS BETTER A MAN IS HIS MASTER AT HOME A COUPLE OF
GOATS AND A CORDED ROOF STILL ARE BETTER THAN BEGGINGRA SMALL HUT OF ONES OWN IS BETTER A MAN IS HIS MASTER AT HOME HIS HEART BLEEDS IN THE BEGGAR WHO MUST ASK AT
EACH MEAL FOR MEATRA WAYFARER SHOULD NOT WALK UNARMED BUT HAVE HIS WEAPONS TO HAND HE KNOWS NOT WHEN HE MAY NEED A SPEAR OR WHAT MENACE MEET ON THE ROADRNO MAN IS SO
GENEROUS HE WILL JIB AT ACCEPTING A GIFT IN RETURN FOR A GIFT NO MAN SO RICH THAT IT REALLY GIVES HIM PAIN TO BE REPAIDRANCE HE HAS WON WEALTH ENOUGH A MAN SHOULD NOT
CRAVE FOR MORE WHAT HE SAVES FOR FRIENDS FOES MAY TAKE HOPES ARE OFTEN LIARSRWITH PRESENTS FRIENDS SHOULD PLEASE EACH OTHER WITH A SHIELD OR A COSTLY COAT MUTUAL
GIVING MAKES FOR FRIENDSHIP SO LONG AS LIFE GOES WELL A MAN SHOULD BE LOYAL THROUGH LIFE TO FRIENDS TO THEM AND TO FRIENDS OF THEIRS BUT NEVER SHALL A MAN MAKE OFFER
OF FRIENDSHIP TO HIS FOESRA MAN SHOULD BE LOYAL THROUGH LIFE TO FRIENDS AND RETURN GIFT FOR GIFT LAUGH WHEN THEY LAUGH BUT WITH LIES REPAY A FALSE FOE WHO LIESRIF YOU
FIND A FRIEND YOU FULLY TRUST AND WISH FOR HIS GOODWILL EXCHANGE THOUGHTS EXCHANGE GIFTS GO OFTEN TO HIS HOUSERIF YOU DEAL WITH ANOTHER YOU DONT TRUST BUT WISH FOR
HIS GOODWILL BE FAIR IN SPEECH BUT FALSE IN THOUGHT AND GIVE HIM LIE FOR LIEREVEN WITH ONE YOU ILLTRUST AND DOUBT WHAT HE MEANS TO DO FALSE WORDS WITH FAIR SMILES MAY
GET YOU THE GIFT YOU DESIRERTO A FALSE FRIEND THE FOOTPATH WINDS THOUGH HIS HOUSE BE ON THE HIGHWAY TO A SURE FRIEND THERE IS A SHORT CUT THOUGH HE LIVE A LONG WAY
OFFRHOTTER THAN FIRE AMONG FALSE HEARTS BURNS FRIENDSHIP FOR FIVE DAYS BUT SUDDENLY SLACKENS WHEN THE SIXTH DAWNS FEEBLE THEIR FRIENDSHIP THENRTHE GENEROUS AND BOLD
HAVE THE BEST LIVES ARE SELDOM BESET BY CARES BUT THE BASE MAN SEES BOGIES EVERYWHERE AND THE MISER PINES FOR PRESENTSRTHE YOUNG FIR THAT FALLS AND ROTTS HAVING
NEITHER NEEDLES NOR BARK SO IS THE FATE OF THE FRIENDLESS MAN WHY SHOULD HE LIVE LONGRLITTLE A SANDGRAIN LITTLE A DEW DROP LITTLE THE MINDS OF MEN ALL MEN ARE NOT
EQUAL IN WISDOM THE HALFWISE ARE EVERYWHERERIT IS BEST FOR MAN TO BE MIDDLEWISE NOT OVER CUNNING AND CLEVER THE FAIREST LIFE IS LED BY THOSE WHO ARE DEFT AT ALL THEY
DO IT IS BEST FOR MAN TO BE MIDDLEWISE NOT OVER CUNNING AND CLEVER NO MAN IS ABLE TO KNOW HIS FUTURE SO LET HIM SLEEP IN PEACERIT IS BEST FOR MAN TO BE MIDDLEWISE NOT
OVER CUNNING AND CLEVER THE LEARNED MAN WHOSE LORE IS DEEP IS SELDOM HAPPY AT HEARTRBRAND KINDLES BRAND TILL THEY BURN OUT FLAME IS QUICKENED BY FLAME ONE MAN FROM
ANOTHER IS KNOWN BY HIS SPEECH THE SIMPLETON BY HIS SILENCE EARLY SHALL HE RISE WHO HAS DESIGNS ON ANOTHERS LAND OR LIFE HIS PREY ESCAPES THE PRONE WOLF THE SLEEPER
IS SELDOM VICTORIOUSREARLY SHALL HE RISE WHO RULES FEW SERVANTS AND SET TO WORK AT ONCE MUCH IS LOST BY THE LATE SLEEPER WEALTH IS WON BY THE SWIFTRA MAN SHOULD KNOW
HOW MANY LOGS AND STRIPS OF BARK FROM THE BIRCH TO STOCK IN AUTUMN THAT HE MAY HAVE ENOUGH WOOD FOR HIS WINTER FIRESRWASHED AND FED ONE MAY FARE TO THE THING THOUGH
ONES CLOTHES BE THE WORSE FOR WEAR NONE NEED BE ASHAMED OF HIS SHOES OR HOSE NOR OF THE HORSE HE OWNS ALTHOUGH NO THOROUGHBRERDRAS THE EAGLE WHO COMES TO THE OCEAN
SHORE SNIFFS AND HANGS HER HEAD DUMFOUNDED IS HE WHO FINDS AT THE THING NO SUPPORTERS TO PLEAD HIS CASERIT IS SAFE TO TELL A SECRET TO ONE RISKY TO TELL IT TO TWO TO
TELL IT TO THREE IS THOUGHTLESS FOLLY EVERYONE ELSE WILL KNOWROFTEN WORDS UTTERED TO ANOTHER HAVE REAPED AN ILL HARVEST TWO BEAT ONE THE TONGUE IS HEADS BANE POCKETS
OF FUR HIDE FISTSRMODERATE AT COUNCIL SHOULD A MAN BE NOT BRUTAL AND OVER BEARING AMONG THE BOLD THE BULLY WILL FIND OTHERS AS BOLD AS HERTHESE THINGS ARE THOUGHT THE
BEST FIRE THE SIGHT OF THE SUN GOOD HEALTH WITH THE GIFT TO KEEP IT AND A LIFE THAT AVOIDS VICERNOT ALL SICK MEN ARE UTTERLY WRETCHED SOME ARE BLESSED WITH SONS SOME
WITH FRIENDS SOME WITH RICHES SOME WITH WORTHY WORKSRTHE HALT CAN MANAGE A HORSE THE HANDLESS A FLOCK THE DEAF BE A DOUGHTY FIGHTER TO BE BLIND IS BETTER THAN TO BURN
ON A PYRE THERE IS NOTHING THE DEAD CAN DORIT IS ALWAYS BETTER TO BE ALIVE THE LIVING CAN KEEP A COW FIRE I SAW WARMING A WEALTHY MAN WITH A COLD CORPSE AT HIS DOORRA
SON IS A BLESSING THOUGH BORN LATE TO A FATHER NO LONGER ALIVE STONES WOULD SELDOM STAND BY THE HIGHWAY IF SONS DID NOT SET THEM THERERHE WELCOMES THE NIGHT WHO HAS
ENOUGH PROVISIONS SHORT ARE THE SAILS OF A SHIP DANGEROUS THE DARK IN AUTUMN THE WIND MAY VEER WITHIN FIVE DAYS AND MANY TIMES IN A MONTHRTHE HALF WIT DOES NOT KNOW
THAT GOLD MAKES APES OF MANY MEN ONE IS RICH ONE IS POOR THERE IS NO BLAME IN THATRCATTLE DIE KINDRED DIE EVERY MAN IS MORTAL BUT THE GOOD NAME NEVER DIES OF ONE WHO
HAS DONE WELLRCATTLE DIE KINDRED DIE EVERY MAN IS MORTAL BUT I KNOW ONE THING THAT NEVER DIES THE GLORY OF THE GREAT DEADRFIELDS AND FLOCKS HAD FITJUNGS SONS WHO NOW
CARRY BEGGING BOWLS WEALTH MAY VANISH IN THE WINK OF AN EYE GOLD IS THE FALSEST OF FRIENDSRIN THE FOOL WHO ACQUIRES CATTLE AND LANDS OR WINS A WOMANS LOVE HIS WISDOM
WANES WITH HIS WAXING PRIDE HE SINKS FROM SENSE TO CONCEITRNOW IS ANSWERED WHAT YOU ASK OF THE RUNES GRAVEN BY THE GODS MADE BY THE ALL FATHER SENT BY THE POWERFUL
SAGE LT IS BEST FOR MAN TO REMAIN SILENTRFOR THESE THINGS GIVE THANKS AT NIGHTFALL THE DAY GONE A GUTTERED TORCH A SWORD TESTED THE TROTH OF A MAID ICE CROSSED ALE
DRUNKRHEW WOOD IN WINDTIME IN FINE WEATHER SAIL TELL IN THE NIGHTTIME TALES TO HOUSEGIRLS FOR TOO MANY EYES ARE OPEN BY DAY FROM A SHIP EXPECT SPEED FROM A SHIELD
COVER KEENNESS FROM A SWORD BUT A KISS FROM A GIRLDRINK ALE BY THE HEARTH OVER ICE GLIDE BUY A STAINED SWORD BUY A STARVING MARE TO FATTEN AT HOME AND FATTEN THE
WATCHDOGRTRUST NOT AN ACRE EARLY SOWN NOR PRAISE A SON TOO SOON WEATHER RULES THE ACRE WIT THE SON BOTH ARE EXPOSED TO PERILRA SNAPPING BOW A BURNING FLAME A GRINNING
WOLF A GRUNTING BOAR A RAUCOUS CROW A ROOTLESS TREE A BREAKING WAVE A BOILING KETTLE A FLYING ARROW AN EBBING TIDE A COILED ADDER THE ICE OF A NIGHT A BRIDES BED TALK
A BROAD SWORD A BEARS PLAY A PRINCE S CHILDREN A WITCH S WELCOME THE WIT OF A SLAVE A SICK CALF A CORPSE STILL FRESH A BROTHERS KILLER ENCOUNTERED UPON THE HIGHWAY A
HOUSE HALFBURNED A RACING STALLION WHO HAS WRENCHED A LEG ARE NEVER SAFE LET NO MAN TRUST THEMNO MAN SHOULD TRUST A MAIDENS WORDS NOR WHAT A WOMAN SPEAKS SPUN ON A
WHEEL WERE WOMENS HEARTS IN THEIR BREASTS WAS IMPLANTED CAPRICERTO LOVE A WOMAN WHOSE WAYS ARE FALSE IS LIKE SLEDDING OVER SLIPPERY ICE WITH UNSHOD HORSES OUT OF
CONTROL BADLY TRAINED TWYEAROLDS OR DRIFTING RUDDERLESS ON A ROUGH SEA OR CATCHING A REINDEER WITH A CRIPPLED HAND ON A THAWING HILLSIDE THINK NOT TO DO ITRNAKED I
MAY SPEAK NOW FOR I KNOW BOTH MEN ARE TRUEACHERNICK TOO FASTEST WE SPEAK WHEN FALSEST WE THINK MANY A MAID IS DEFEATEDRCAI ANTI V SHALL HE SPEAK AND GETTS BRTNG MAN

3. Ciphertext #2

Having a first look at the 2nd ciphertext, we notice that all characters are shuffled randomly. In addition, the frequency analysis of the second ciphertext had a lot of characters which frequencies were in common with other characters.

For example:

```
$ python cipher_frequency.py | sort -r
0.058 :0
0.049 :Q
0.043 :2
0.042 :E
0.03 :F
0.039 :S
0.039 :O
0.039 :C
0.038 :A
0.035 :M
0.035 :G
0.032 :U
0.031 :J
0.029 :P
0.028 :W
0.028 :#
0.026 :6
0.025 :I
0.024 :V
0.024 :K
0.022 :T
0.022 :H
0.022 :D
0.022 :4
0.019 :5
0.019 :3
0.018 :7
0.017 :_
0.016 :Y
0.016 :B
0.016 :9
0.016 :8
0.016 :1
0.015 :X
0.014 :L
0.013 :N
0.012 :R
0.011 :Z
```


I searched for decoders on Github, but unfortunately most of them weren't for polyalphabetic ciphertext. Nevertheless, I found an implementation for the Vigenere Cipher, and I adjusted it to run for multiple characters and numbers.

https://github.com/lydia-ath/Cryptography/tree/main/vinegere_cryptanalysis

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the GitHub repository page for 'lydia-ath / Cryptography'. The repository is public. The navigation bar includes links for Code, Issues, Pull requests, Actions, Projects, Security, and Insights. The current view is the 'main' branch, specifically the 'vinegere_cryptanalysis' directory. A commit by 'GeorgChris' is shown, dated 'on Mar 7, 2022'. Below the commit information, a list of files and folders is displayed, each with a file icon and a 'last year' timestamp.

File/Folder	Last Modified
..	
__pycache__	last year
ciphertext.txt	last year
decipher.py	last year
declarations.py	last year
freq_analysis.py	last year
index_of_coincidence.py	last year
kasiski_method.py	last year
text_preparation.py	last year

```

1  # Defaults
2  SEQ_LEN = 7
3
4  # Maximum size of the key has to be up to 8
5  MAX_KEY_LENGTH = 18
6
7  EN_INDEX_OF_COINCIDENCE = 0.065
8  # Map with letters corresponding indexes
9  # The letters are the keys and the values are the frequencies
10 # These numbers are the standard frequencies of the letters of the english alphabet
11 EN_FREQ = {'0':0.00001, '1':0.00001, '2':0.00001, '3':0.00001, '4':0.00001, '5':0.00001, '6':0.00001, '7':0.00001, '8':0.00001,
12 '9':0.00001, 'A': 0.08167, 'B': 0.01492, 'C': 0.02782, 'D': 0.04253, 'E': 0.12702, 'F': 0.02228, 'G': 0.02015, 'H': 0.06094,
13 'I': 0.06966, 'J': 0.00153, 'K': 0.00772, 'L': 0.04025, 'M': 0.02406, 'N': 0.06749, 'O': 0.07507, 'P': 0.01929, 'Q': 0.00095,
14 'R': 0.05987, 'S': 0.06327, 'T': 0.09056, 'U': 0.02758, 'V': 0.00978, 'W': 0.02360, 'X': 0.00150, 'Y': 0.01974, 'Z': 0.00074,
15 ' ': 0.12000, '#': 0.00010}
16

```

I changed the declarations and I included the rest of the numbers and characters in the table.

And then I adjust the `index_of_coincidence.py` file and `freq_analysis.py` file to run under this “new” alphabet.

```

1  import text_preparation
2
3  from declarations import EN_FREQ
4  import string
5
6  #This function counts how many times appears each letter of the alphabet in the ciphertext
7  def getLetterCounts(text):
8      #ciphertext
9      text_upper = text.upper()
10     #letter counter
11     letter_counts_array = {}
12     alphabet = "0123456789ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ#"
13     for index, letter in enumerate(alphabet):
14         letter_counts_array[letter] = text_upper.count(letter)
15
16     return letter_counts_array
17
18 #This function calculates the frequency of each character found in the ciphertext
19 def letterFrequencies(text):
20     letter_counts = getLetterCounts(text)
21
22     #for each key=letter and value=count compute the frequency of each letter
23     frequencies = {letter: count/len(text) for letter, count in letter_counts.items()}
24
25     return frequencies
26
27 #Makes right shift of the ciphertext
28 def shift(text, amount):
29
30     letters = "0123456789ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ#"
31     shifted = ''
32     for letter in text:
33         shifted += letters[(letters.index(letter)-amount) % len(letters)]
34     return shifted
35
36 # Correlation function
37 def correlation(text, lf):
38     return sum([(lf[letter]*EN_FREQ[letter]) for letter in text])
39
40 # This function calculates each letter of the ciphertext's key
41 def find_letter_key(text, lf):
42

```

```

import text_preparation
import freq_analysis as freq

import string
from sys import maxsize
from declarations import EN_INDEX_OF_COINCIDENCE

# Index of coincidence method
def index_of_coincidence(letter_counts):
    alphabet = "0123456789ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ_#"
    numerator = sum([letter_counts[l]*(letter_counts[l]-1) for l in alphabet])
    text_size = sum(occurrences for occurrences in letter_counts.values())
    denominator = text_size*(text_size-1)
    return numerator/denominator

# this method attempts to find the length of the key
def find_key_length(cyphertext, max_key_len):
    min_diff = maxsize
    key_len = 0
    for candidate_length in range(1, max_key_len + 1):
        groups, last_group = text_preparation.get_blocks(text=cyphertext, size=candidate_length)
        columns, last_column = text_preparation.get_columns(groups, last_group)
        ics = [index_of_coincidence(letter_counts=freq.getLetterCounts(text=column)) for column in columns]
        delta_bar_ic = sum(ics) / len(ics)
        if EN_INDEX_OF_COINCIDENCE-delta_bar_ic < min_diff:
            min_diff = EN_INDEX_OF_COINCIDENCE-delta_bar_ic
            key_len = candidate_length

    #print results
    print('The length of the key is : ' + str(candidate_length) + '\n')
    print('Index of Coincidence by column: '+str(ics))
    print('Index of Coincidence delta bar: '+str(delta_bar_ic)+'\n')

    return key_len

```

After the execution of this programme we had the key of this Vigenere cipher.

Chosen key length: 12

Restored key: OC1QE2SG4UY2

Then, I wrote a script to shift characters, using the key.

```
import string
import random

vals = {'0': 0, '1': 1, '2': 2, '3': 3, '4': 4, '5': 5, '6': 6, '7': 7, '8': 8, '9': 9, 'A': 10, 'B': 11, 'C': 12, 'D': 13, 'E': 14, 'F': 15, 'G': 16}
nums = {0: '0', 1: '1', 2: '2', 3: '3', 4: '4', 5: '5', 6: '6', 7: '7', 8: '8', 9: '9', 10: 'A', 11: 'B', 12: 'C', 13: 'D', 14: 'E', 15: 'F', 16: 'G'}

def letterToVal(letter):
    letter = letter.upper()
    return vals[letter]

def valToLetter(val):
    return nums[val]

def getKeyLetter(c):
    return valToLetter((min(c, key=lambda k: c[k])))

def decrypt(c, k):
    output = ''
    keyIndex = 0
    for x in c:
        output = output + valToLetter((letterToVal(x) - letterToVal(k[keyIndex]))%38)
        if keyIndex == len(k)-1:
            keyIndex = 0
        else:
            keyIndex = keyIndex+1
    return output

key = input("Enter the key: ")
with open("cipher2.txt", "r") as f:
    ciphertext = f.read()
    ciphertext = ciphertext.replace("\t", "")
    plaintext = decrypt(ciphertext, key)
    plaintext = plaintext.replace("_", " ")
    plaintext = plaintext.replace("#", "\n")

with open("decipher2.txt", "w") as f:
    f.write(plaintext)
```

So the script reads the Ciphertext No. 2, and the user is prompted to enter the key for decryption. The decrypted plaintext is then written to a file. The decryption process involves subtracting the value of each letter in the key from the value of each letter in the ciphertext, modulo 38 (the number of valid characters). The result is then mapped back to the corresponding letter using a dictionary named `nums`. The character '_' in the ciphertext is replaced with a space character and the character '#' replaced with a new line, in the resulting plaintext.

Finally, I had the plaintext of the second ciphertext:

0123456789ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
HOW HAPPY I AM THAT I AM GONE MY DEAR FRIEND WHAT A THING IS THE HEART OF MAN TO LEAVE YOU FROM WHOM I HAVE BEEN INSEPARABLE WHOM I LOVE SO DEARLY AND YET TO FEEL HAPPY I KNOW YOU WILL FORGIVE ME HAVE NOT OTHER ATTACHMENTS BEEN SPECIALLY APPOINTED BY FATE TO TORTURE A HEAD LIKE MINE POOR LEONORA AND YET I WAS NOT TO BLAME WAS IT MY FAULT THAT WHILST THE PECULIAR CHARMS OF HER SISTER AFFORDED ME AN AGREEABLE ENTERTAINMENT A PASSION FOR ME WAS ENGENDERED IN HER FEEBLE HEART AND YET AM I WHOLLY BLAMELESS DID I NOT ENCOURAGE HER EMOTIONS DID I NOT FEEL CHARMED AT THOSE TRULY GENUINE EXPRESSIONS OF NATURE WHICH THOUGH BUT LITTLE MIRTHFUL IN REALITY SO OFTEN AMUSED US DID I NOT BUT OH WHAT IS MAN THAT HE DARES SO TO ACCUSE HIMSELF MY DEAR FRIEND I PROMISE YOU I WILL IMPROVE I WILL NO LONGER AS HAS EVER BEEN MY HABIT CONTINUE TO RUMINATE ON EVERY PETTY VEXATION WHICH FORTUNE MAY DISPENSE I WILL ENJOY THE PRESENT AND THE PAST SHALL BE FOR ME THE PAST NO DOUBT YOU ARE RIGHT MY BEST OF FRIENDS THERE WOULD BE FAR LESS SUFFERING AMONGST MANKIND IF MEN AND GOD KNOWS WHY THEY ARE SO FASHIONED DID NOT EMPLOY THEIR IMAGINATIONS SO ASSIDUOUSLY IN RECALLING THE MEMORY OF PAST SORROW INSTEAD OF BEARING THEIR PRESENT LOT WITH EQUANIMITY BE KIND ENOUGH TO INFORM MY MOTHER THAT I SHALL ATTEND TO HER BUSINESS TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY AND SHALL GIVE HER THE EARLIEST INFORMATION ABOUT IT I HAVE SEEN MY AUNT AND FIND THAT SHE IS VERY FAR FROM BEING THE DISAGREEABLE PERSON OUR FRIENDS ALLEGE HER TO BE SHE IS A LIVELY CHEERFUL WOMAN WITH THE BEST OF HEARTS I EXPLAINED TO HER MY MOTHERS WRONGS WITH REGARD TO THAT PART OF HER PORTION WHICH HAS BEEN WITHHELD FROM HER SHE TOLD ME THE MOTIVES AND REASONS OF HER OWN CONDUCT AND THE TERMS ON WHICH SHE IS WILLING TO GIVE UP THE WHOLE AND TO DO MORE THAN WE HAVE ASKED IN SHORT I CANNOT WRITE FURTHER UPON THIS SUBJECT AT PRESENT ONLY ASSURE MY MOTHER THAT ALL WILL GO ON WELL AND I HAVE AGAIN OBSERVED MY DEAR FRIEND IN THIS TRIFLING AFFAIR THAT MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND NEGLECT OCCASION MORE MISCHIEF IN THE WORLD THAN EVEN MALICE AND WICKEDNESS AT ALL EVENTS THE TWO LATTER ARE OF LESS FREQUENT OCCURRENCE IN OTHER RESPECTS I AM VERY WELL OFF HERE SOLITUDE IN THIS TERRESTRIAL PARADISE IS A GENIAL BALM TO MY MIND AND THE YOUNG SPRING CHEERS WITH ITS BOUNTIFUL PROMISES MY OFTENTIMES MISGIVING HEART EVERY TREE EVERY BUSH IS FULL OF FLOWERS AND ONE MIGHT WISH HIMSELF TRANSFORMED INTO A BUTTERFLY TO FLOAT ABOUT IN THIS OCEAN OF PERFUME AND FIND HIS WHOLE EXISTENCE IN IT THE TOWN ITSELF IS DISAGREEABLE BUT THEN ALL AROUND YOU FIND AN INEXPRESSIBLE BEAUTY OF NATURE THIS INDUCED THE LATE COUNT M TO LAY OUT A GARDEN ON ONE OF THE SLOPING HILLS WHICH HERE INTERSECT EACH OTHER WITH THE MOST CHARMING VARIETY AND FORM THE MOST LOVELY VALLEYS THE GARDEN IS SIMPLE AND IT IS EASY TO PERCEIVE EVEN UPON YOUR FIRST ENTRANCE THAT THE PLAN WAS NOT DESIGNED BY A SCIENTIFIC GARDENER BUT BY A MAN WHO WISHED TO GIVE HIMSELF UP HERE TO THE ENJOYMENT OF HIS OWN SENSITIVE HEART MANY A TEAR HAVE I ALREADY SHED TO THE MEMORY OF ITS DEPARTED MASTER IN A SUMMER HOUSE WHICH IS NOW REDUCED TO RUINS BUT WAS HIS FAVOURITE RESORT AND NOW IS MINE I SHALL SOON BE MASTER OF THE PLACE THE GARDENER HAS BECOME ATTACHED TO ME WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS AND HE WILL LOSE NOTHING THEREBY MAY 10 A WONDERFUL SERENITY HAS TAKEN POSSESSION OF MY ENTIRE SOUL LIKE THESE SWEET MORNINGS OF SPRING WHICH I ENJOY WITH MY WHOLE HEART I AM ALONE AND FEEL THE CHARM OF EXISTENCE IN THIS SPOT WHICH WAS CREATED FOR THE BLISS OF SOULS LIKE MINE I AM SO HAPPY MY DEAR FRIEND SO ABSORBED IN THE EXQUISITE SENSE OF MERE TRANQUIL EXISTENCE THAT I NEGLECT MY TALENTS I SHOULD BE INCAPABLE OF DRAWING A SINGLE STROKE AT THE PRESENT MOMENT AND YET I FEEL THAT I NEVER WAS A GREATER ARTIST THAN NOW WHEN WHILE THE LOVELY VALLEY TEEMS WITH VAPOUR AROUND ME AND THE MERIDIAN SUN STRIKES THE UPPER SURFACE OF THE IMPENETRABLE FOLIAGE OF MY TREES AND BUT A FEW STRAY GLEAMS STEAL INTO THE INNER SANCTUARY I THROW MYSELF DOWN AMONG THE TALL GRASS BY THE TRICKLING STREAM AND AS I LIE CLOSE TO THE EARTH A THOUSAND UNKNOWN PLANTS ARE NOTICED BY ME WHEN I HEAR THE BUZZ OF THE LITTLE WORLD AMONG THE STALKS AND GROW FAMILIAR WITH THE COUNTLESS INDESCRIBABLE FORMS OF THE INSECTS AND FLIES THEN I FEEL THE PRESENCE OF THE ALMIGHTY WHO FORMED US IN HIS OWN IMAGE AND THE BREATH OF THAT UNIVERSAL LOVE WHICH BEARS AND SUSTAINS US AS IT FLOATS AROUND US IN AN ETERNITY OF BLISS AND THEN MY FRIEND WHEN DARKNESS OVERSPREADS MY EYES AND HEAVEN AND EARTH SEEM TO DWELL IN MY SOUL AND ABSORB ITS POWER LIKE THE FORM OF A BELOVED MISTRESS THEN I OFTEN THINK WITH LONGING OH WOULD I COULD DESCRIBE THESE CONCEPTIONS COULD IMPRESS UPON PAPER ALL THAT IS LIVING SO FULL AND WARM WITHIN ME THAT IT MIGHT BE THE MIRROR OF MY SOUL AS MY SOUL IS THE MIRROR OF THE INFINITE GOD O MY FRIEND BUT IT IS TOO MUCH FOR MY STRENGTH I SINK UNDER THE WEIGHT OF THE SPLENDOR OF THESE VISIONS MAY 12 I KNOW NOT WHETHER SOME DECEITFUL SPIRITS HAUNT THIS SPOT OR WHETHER IT BE THE WARM CELESTIAL FANCY IN MY OWN HEART WHICH MAKES EVERYTHING AROUND ME SEEM LIKE PARADISE IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE IS A FOUNTAIN A FOUNTAIN TO WHICH I AM BOUND BY A CHARM LIKE MELUSINA AND HER SISTERS DESCENDING A GENTLE SLOPE YOU COME TO AN ARCH WHERE SOME TWENTY STEPS LOWER DOWN WATER OF THE CLEAREST CRYSTAL GUSHES FROM THE MARBLE ROCK THE NARROW WALL WHICH ENCLOSES IT ABOVE THE TALL TREES WHICH ENCIRCLE THE SPOT AND THE COOLNESS OF THE PLACE ITSELF EVERYTHING IMPARTS A PLEASANT BUT SUBLIME IMPRESSION NOT A DAY PASSES ON WHICH I DO NOT SPEND AN HOUR THERE THE YOUNG MAIDENS COME FROM THE TOWN TO FETCH WATER INNOCENT AND NECESSARY EMPLOYMENT AND FORMERLY THE OCCUPATION OF THE DAUGHTERS OF KINGS AS I TAKE MY REST THERE THE IDEA OF THE OLD PATRIARCHAL LIFE IS AWAKENED AROUND ME I SEE THEM OUR OLD ANCESTORS HOW THEY FORMED THEIR FRIENDSHIPS AND CONTRACTED ALLIANCES