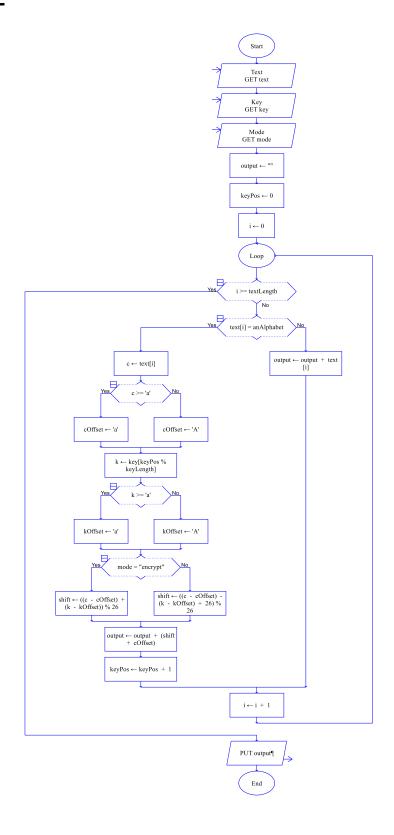
## The Vigenère Cipher

The Vigenère Cipher is a popular encryption method that uses a series of Caesar ciphers, based on the keyword's letters. This is known as "polyalphabetic substitution" — cycling through the letters of the key and replacing the characters of the input based on a "lookup" from the *Vigenère Table*. If the character is part of the alphabet, lowercase or uppercase, the lookup value is appended. Otherwise, the same character from the plaintext is appended to the encrypted cipher. It continues repeating these steps until it parses the entire input.

To decrypt the input, subtract the value of the key's character from the cipher's character, using this offset value as the original character. Parsing the entire input with this process will produce the decrypted cipher.

| A | B | C | D | E | F | G | H | I | J | K | L | M | N | O | P | Q | R | S | T | U | V | W | X | Y | Z AABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ B B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A C C 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 DDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABC E 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 D F 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 E GGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEF H H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G IIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGH I I 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 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 J LLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJK M M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L O O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N PPQRSTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKL Q Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P  $R \ R \ S \ T \ U \ V \ W \ X \ Y \ Z \ A \ B \ C \ D \ E \ F \ G \ H \ I \ J \ K \ L \ M \ N \ O \ P \ Q$ TTUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRS UUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRST VVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTU WWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUV XXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVW YYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWX Z Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y

## **Flowchart**



## <u>Pseudocode – Encrypt:</u>

```
encrypted = ''
plain = // SOME PLAINTEXT
key = // SOME KEY
keyPos = 0
for i in range(len(input)):
    if plain[i] is an alphabet:
         if plain[i] is lowercase:
              pOffset = 'a'
         else:
              pOffset = 'A'
         if key[keyPos] is lowercase:
              kOffset = 'a'
         else:
              kOffset = 'A'
         p = plain[i] - pOffset
         k = key[keyPos % len(key)] - kOffset
         encrypted += ((p + k) \% 26 + p0ffset)
         keyPos += 1
    else:
         encrypted += plain[i]
print(encrypted)
```

## <u>Pseudocode – Decrypt:</u>

```
plain = "
encrypted = // SOME ENCRYPTED
key = // SOME KEY
for i in range(len(encrypted)):
    if encrypted[i] is an alphabet:
         if encrypted[i] is lowercase:
              eOffset = 'a'
         else:
              eOffset = 'A'
         if key[keyPos] is lowercase:
              kOffset = 'a'
         else:
              kOffset = 'A'
         e = encrypted[i] - eOffset
         k = key[keyPos % len(key)] - kOffset
         plain += ((e - k + 26) \% 26 + e0ffset)
         keyPos += 1
    else:
         plain += encrypted[i]
print(plain)
```