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Cybersecurity Fundamentals

Frequency Analysis

Useful Links

- Caesar Cipher
 - <https://cryptii.com/pipes/caesar-cipher>
- Vigenere Cipher:
 - CSFG: <https://cryptii.com/pipes/vigenere-cipher>
 - Decode: <https://www.dcode.fr/vigenere-cipher>
- Frequency counter:
 - <http://users.bestweb.net/~quenell/s2003/ma139/js/count.html>
- Letter frequency:
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Letter_frequency
- Letter frequency
 - https://studio.code.org/s/frequency_analysis/lessons/1/levels/1

PART I:

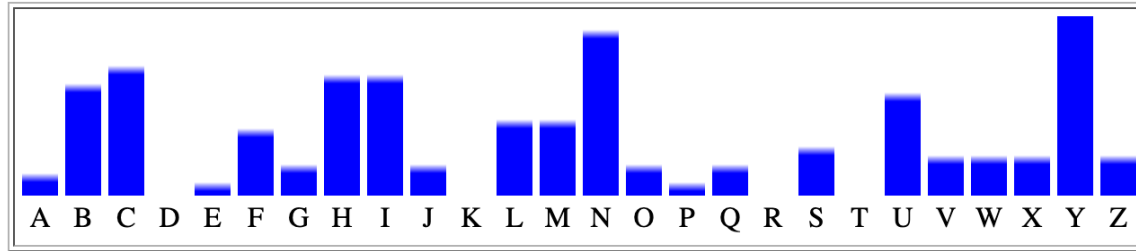
Caesar Cipher

Caesar Cipher—Example 1

C HYYX MUS HINBCHA BYLY, IH NBY ZCLMN BYUX, VYWUOMY
HINBCHA WUH MBIQ VYNNYL NBUH GS BCMNILS QBYNBYL
NBUN JLYXCWNCIH QUM PYLCZCYX IL ZUFMCZCYX VS NBY
LYMOFN. IH NBY MYWIHX VLUHWB IZ NBY KOYMNCIH, C QCFF
IHFS LYGULE, NBUN OHFYMM C LUH NBLIOAB NBUN JULN IZ GS
CHBYLCNUHWY QBCFY C QUM MNCFF U VUVS, C BUPY HIN
WIGY CHNI CN SYN. VON C XI HIN UN UFF WIGJFUCH IZ
BUPCHA VYYH EYJN ION IZ NBCM JLIJYLNS; UHX CZ UHSVIXS
YFMY MBIOFX VY CH NBY JLYMYHN YHDISGYHN IZ CN, BY CM
BYULNCFS QYFWIGY NI EYYJ CN.

Caesar 1—Analysis

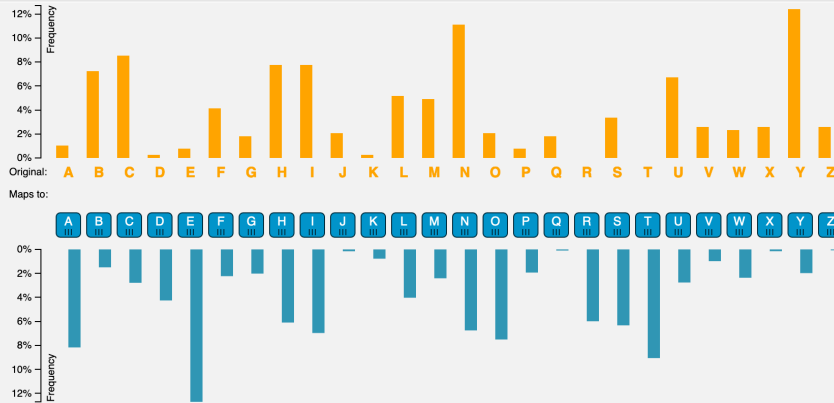
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- A B C D **E** F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
- U V W X **Y** Z A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T
- Encrypt shift right 20
- Decrypt shift left 20
- I NEED SAY NOTHING HERE, ON THE FIRST HEAD, BECAUSE NOTHING CAN SHOW BETTER THAN MY HISTORY WHETHER THAT PREDICTION WAS VERIFIED OR FALSIFIED BY THE RESULT. ON THE SECOND BRANCH OF THE QUESTION, I WILL ONLY REMARK, THAT UNLESS I RAN THROUGH THAT PART OF MY INHERITANCE WHILE I WAS STILL A BABY, I HAVE NOT COME INTO IT YET. BUT I DO NOT AT ALL COMPLAIN OF HAVING BEEN KEPT OUT OF THIS PROPERTY; AND IF ANYBODY ELSE SHOULD BE IN THE PRESENT ENJOYMENT OF IT, HE IS HEARTILY WELCOME TO KEEP IT.

Caesar 1—Analysis (cont.)

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 HINBCHA WUH MBIQ VYNNYL NBUH GS BCMNILS QBYNBYL NBUN
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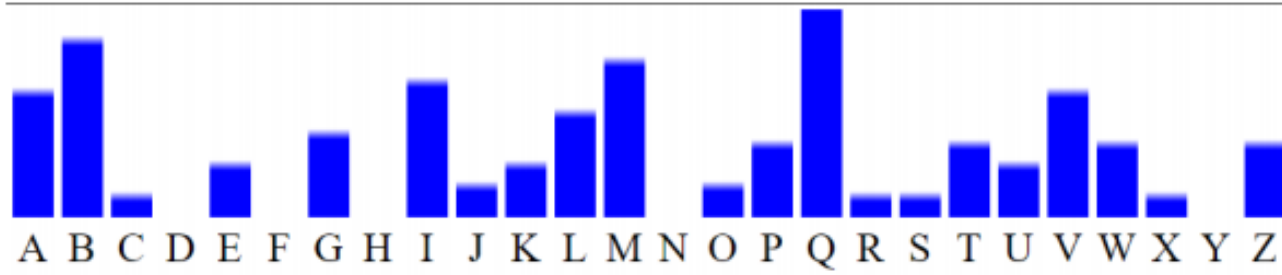


Caesar Cipher-Example 2

UG OIQB EIA ZMKWZLML. BPM KPQX QV UG
ABCLMVB QL JZWILKIAB UG QLMVBQBG BW
AMVAWZA QV BPM PITTEIG. QB EIA TQSM
JMQVO QV RIQT.

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- 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
- 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 H
- Encrypt shift right 8
- Decrypt shift left 8
- **MY GAIT WAS RECORDED. THE CHIP IN MY STUDENT ID BROADCAST MY IDENTITY TO SENSORS IN THE HALLWAY. IT WAS LIKE BEING IN JAIL.**

PART II:

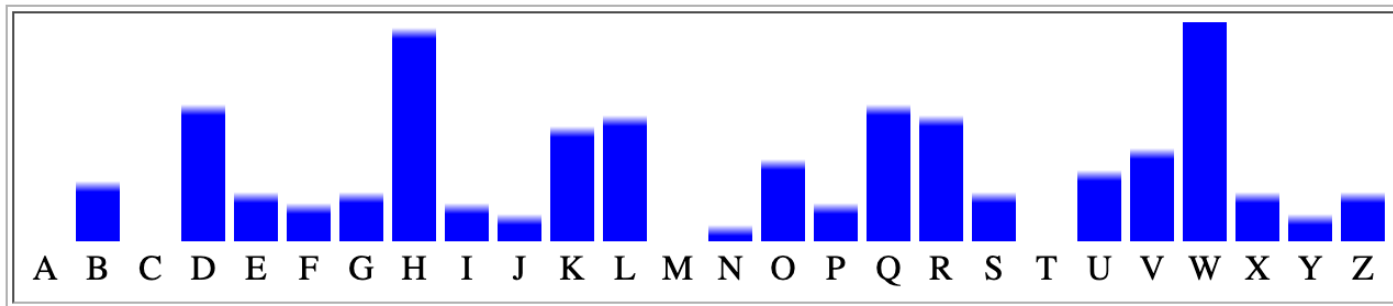
Vigenere Cipher

Vigenere Cipher—Example 1

- LUHLGZDFQVWOLUJOHYHVQAKLIPUZWOHHGIHJDBVLQVWOLUJJDUVORDELWAHYWODUPFKPVARYBDKLW
OHYWODASYHKLJWPRUZHVCHYLMMLGVUMDSVPIPHKEFWOHYHZXSWSVQAKLVLFVQKEYDUFORMWOHXXLV
ALVQPZPOSRUOFULPHURWODAXUOLVZLYDUWOUVXNKAKHWWDYWVITBPQOHLADUFLZOLSHPZHYZWP
OSDIDIBPKHYLQVWJRTHPQARPWFHAEBWPGVQVWHWHOSFVPWOHLURMKHYPQNELHUNLSARBWVIAKPV
WUVSLUABHQKLM DUBIRKBLOZH ZKVXSGIHPQAKLSYHZHUWLQQRFP LQARMLAKLLZKLDYWPOFZLOJRT HARR
HLSPW
- I guess that the key is **two characters** and take every second character to create **two Caesar cipher problems**.
 - **Group 1:**
LHGDQWLJHHQKIUWHGHDVQWLJDVREWHWDPKVRBKWHWDSHLWRZVHLLGUDVIHEWHHXWQKVFQEDFRWHXVL
QZOROUPUWDXOVLDWUXKKWDWIBQHLD FZLHZVWODDBKYQWRHQRWHEWGQWOFPOLRKYQEHN SRWIKVUSUB
QLDBRBOHKXGHQKSHHWQRPQRLKLDWOZORHRHSW
 - **Group 2:**
ULZFOUOYVALPZOHIJBLVOUJUODLAYOUFPAYDLOYOAYKJPUHCYMLVMSPPKFOYZSVALLVKYUOMOXLAV
PPSUFLHROAULZYOUVNAHWYVTPOYAULOSPHZPSIIPHLVJTPAPFABPVVHHSVWHUMHPNLULABVAPWVLAH
KMUIKLZZVSIPALYZULQFLAMALZLYPFLJTARLP

Vignere 1—Analysis (Group 1)

- LHGDQWLJHHQKIUWHGHVQWLJDVREWHWDPKVRBKWHWDSHLWRZVHLLGUDVIHE
WHHXWQKVFQEDFRWHXVLQZOROUWDXOVLWUXKKWDWIBQHLDZFZLHZVWODDB
KYQWRHRQRWHEWGQWQWOFPOLRKYQEHNSRWIKVUSUBQLDBRBOHKXGHQKSHHWQRP
QRLKLDWOZORHRHSW
- The **FIRST** letter of the key is “**D**”, or a shift to the right **3**
- (i.e. **E->H** for encrypting)
 - 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
 - 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 C

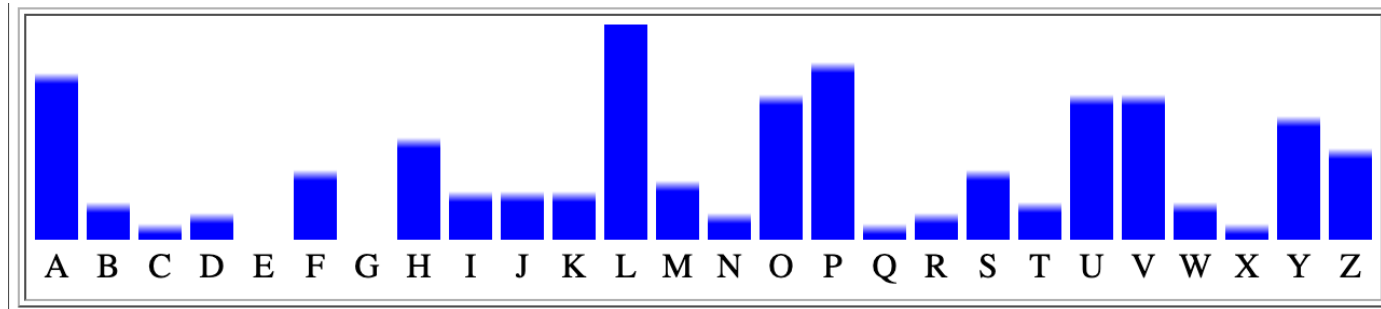


Vignere 1—Analysis (Group 2)

- ULZFOUOYVALPZOHIJBLVOUJUODLAYOUFPAYDLOYOAYKJPUHCYMLVMSPPKF
OYZSVALLVKYUOMOXLAVPPSUFLHROAULZYUOVNAHWYVTPOYAULOSPHZPSIIP
HLVJTPAPFABPVVHHSVWHUMHPNLULABVAPWVLAHKMUIKLZZVSIPALYZULQFL
AMALZLYPFLJTARLP

- The SECOND letter of the key is “H”, or a shift to the right 7
- (i.e. E->L for encrypting)

- 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
- 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



Vigener 1—Decryption

The screenshot displays a web-based decryption tool interface. It is divided into three main sections: Ciphertext, Vigenère cipher, and Plaintext.

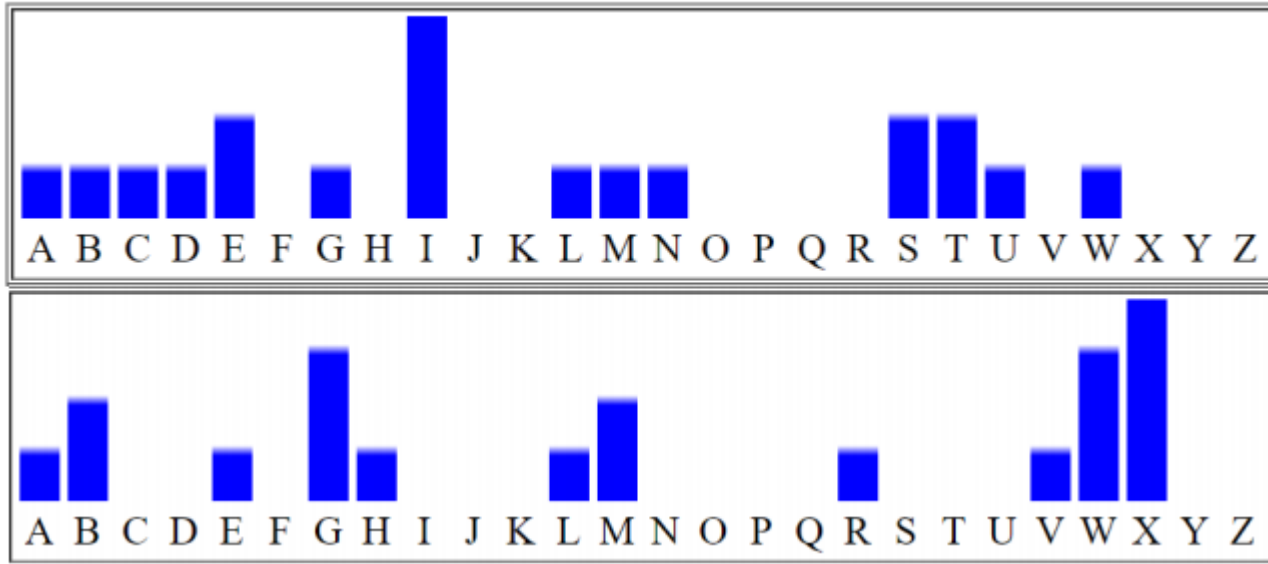
- Ciphertext:** Contains the encrypted text: LUHLGZDFQVWOLUJOHYHVQAKLIPUZWOHHGIHJDBVLQVWOLUJJDUVORDELWAHYWODUPFKPVARYBDKLWOHYWODASYHKLJWPRUZHVCYLLGVUMDSVIPHKFEWOHYHZXSWSVQAKLVLFVQKEYDUFORMWOHXXLVALVQPZPOSRUOFULPHURWODAXUOLVZLYDUWOUVXNKAKHWDYWVITBPQOHLADUFLZOLSHPZHVZWPOSDIDIBPKHYLQVWJRTHPQARPFHAEWPGVQVWHWHOSFVPWOHLURMKHYPNELHUNLSARBWVIAKPVWUVSLUABHQKLMDBIRKBLOZHVKVXSGIHPQAKLSYHZHUWLQQRFLQARMLAKLLZKLDYWPWFZL OJRTHARRHLSPW
- Vigenère cipher:** The 'DECODE' button is highlighted with a red box. The 'VARIANT' is set to 'Standard Vigenère cipher'. The 'KEY' field contains 'DH', which is also highlighted with a red box. The 'KEY MODE' is set to 'Repeat'. The 'ALPHABET' is set to 'abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz'. The 'CASE STRATEGY' is set to 'Maintain case'. The 'FOREIGN CHARS' are set to 'Include Ignore'. A status bar at the bottom indicates '→ Decoded 388 chars'.
- Plaintext:** Contains the decoded text: INEEDSAYNOTHINGHEREONTHEFIRSTHEADBECAUSENOTHINGCANSHOWBETTERTHANMYHISTORYWHETHERTHATPREDICTIONWASVERIFIEDORFALSIFIEDBYTHERESULTONTHESECONDBRANCHOFTHEQUESTIONIWILLONLYREMARKTHATUNLESSIRANTHROUGHTHATPARTOFMYINHERITANCEWHILEIWASSTILLABABIHAVENOTCOMEINTOITYETBUTIDONOTATALLCOMPLAINOFHAVINGBEENKEPTOUTOFTHISPROPERTYANDIFANYBODYELSESHOULDBEINTHEPRESENTENJOYMENTOFITHEISHEARTILYWELCOMETOKEEPIT

Vigenere Cipher—Example 2

- IM WBLE BX SXEG TAAM I WIW NHT LUVCXEW IG MR DXSBGG.
- I guess that the key is **two characters** and take every second character to create **two Caesar cipher problems**.
- **IMWBLEBXSXEGTAAMIWIWNHTLUVCXEWIGMRDXSBGG.**
 - Group 1: **IWL BSETAIINTUCEIMDSG**
 - Group 2: **MBEXXGAMWWHLVXWGRXBG**

Vignere 2—Analysis

- FREQUENCY ANALYSIS.
- FIRST PROBLEM – I IS MOST COMMON, FOLLOWED BY E, S, AND T.
- SECOND PROBLEM – X IS MOST COMMON FOLLOWED BY G AND W.



Vignere 2—Analysis (cont.)

- IM WBLE BX SXEG TAAM I WIW NHT LUVCXEW IG MR DXSBGG.
- The **FIRST** letter of the key is “**A**” or a shift of **0**:
 - (i.e. **E**->**E** for encrypting,
 - 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
 - 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
- The **SECOND** letter of the key is “**T**”, or a shift to the right **19**:
 - (i.e. **E**->**X** for encrypting)
 - ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
 - TUVWXYZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPS
- IT WILL BE SEEN THAT I DID NOT SUCCEED IN MY DESIGN.
From “Erewhon” by Samuel Butler (1872).