

# COS 433/Math 473: Cryptography

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Concise Oxford English Dictionary: “*the art of writing or solving codes*”

Merriam-Webster: “*the enciphering and deciphering of messages in secret code or cipher*”

Wikipedia: “*the practice and study of techniques for secure communication in the presence of third parties called adversaries*”

None of these capture the true breadth of the field

# My Definition

Cryptography is about using secrets  
to solve interesting tasks

(still doesn't capture everything)

# A Long & Rich History

Dates back almost 4000 years

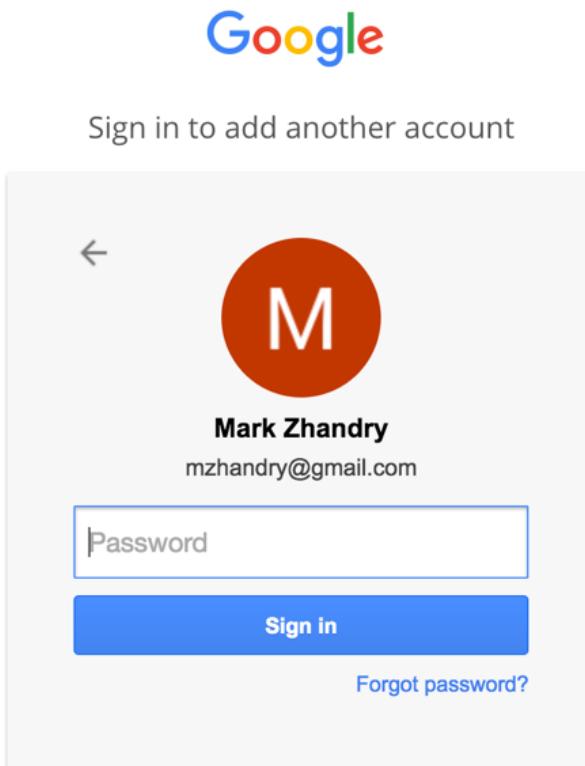
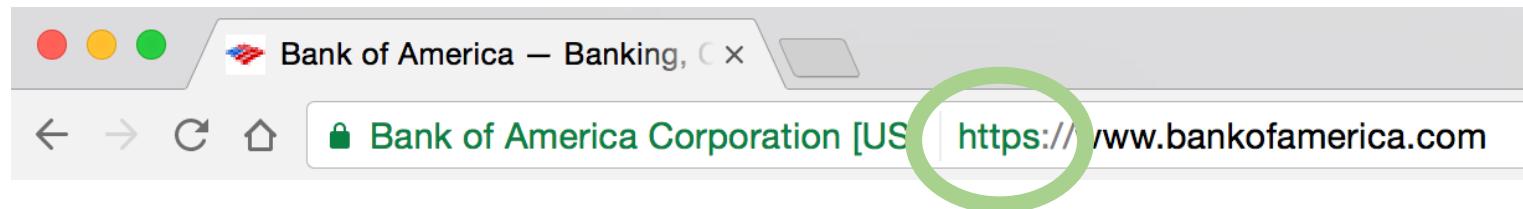
Important historical consequences

- 1587 – Babington Plot
- WWI – Zimmermann Telegram
- WWII – Enigma

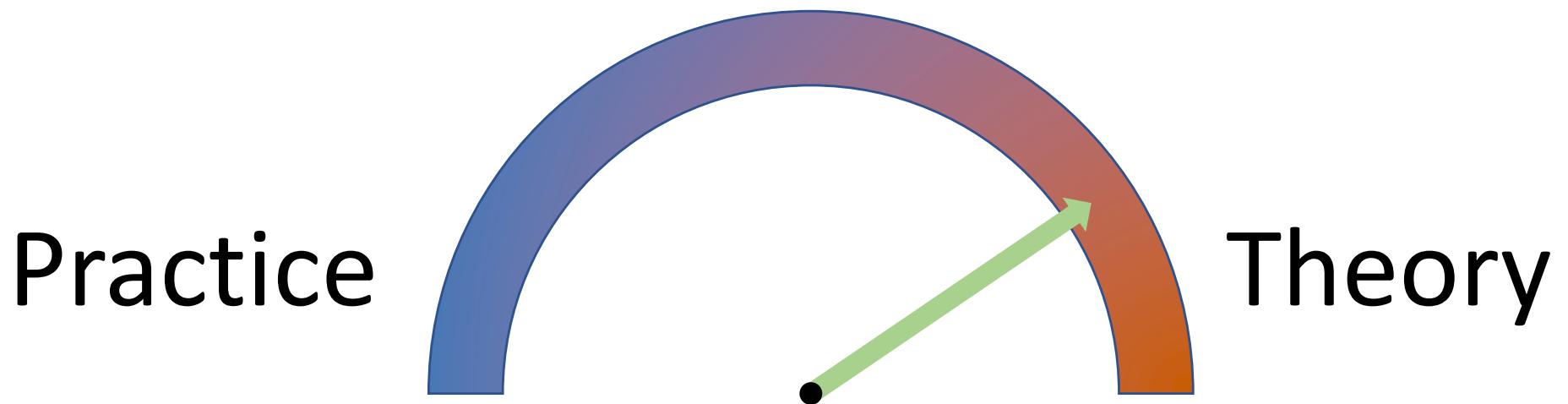
Intimately tied to development of modern computer

- First program written for Atlas supercomputer
- First magnetic core memories, high-speed tape drives, all-transistor computers, desktop-sized computers, remote workstations all built based on NSA orders

# Cryptography Is Everywhere



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Inherent to the study of crypto

- Working knowledge of fundamentals is crucial
- Cannot discern security by experimentation
- Proofs, reductions, probability are necessary

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What you should expect to learn:

- Foundations and principles of modern cryptography
- Core building blocks
- Applications

Bonus:

- Debunking some Hollywood crypto  
email me scenes from movies/shows!
- Better understanding of crypto news

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What you will **not** learn:

- Hacking
- Implementing crypto
- How to design secure **systems**
- Viruses, worms, buffer overflows, etc

# Administrivia

# Course Information

Instructor: Mark Zhandry

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Anunay Kulshrestha

Lectures: TuTh 11:00-12:20pm, Zoom

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Office Hours: please fill out HW0 poll

# Canvas

Main channel of communication

- Course announcements
- Submit assignments

Ed Discussion:

- Discuss homework problems with other students
- Ask content questions to instructors, other students
- Find project teams ( $\leq 4$  people)

# Prerequisites

- Ability to read and write mathematical proofs
- Familiarity with algorithms, analyzing running time, proving correctness, O notation
- Basic probability (random variables, expectation)

## Helpful:

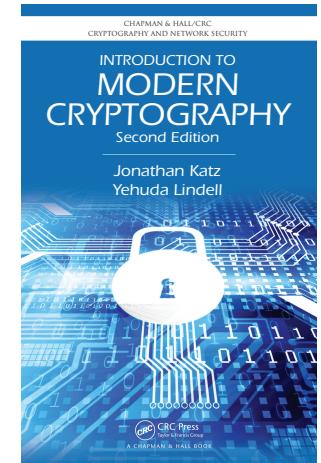
- Familiarity with NP-Completeness, reductions
- Basic number theory (modular arithmetic, etc)

# Reading

No required text

But highly recommend:

Introduction to Modern Cryptography  
by Katz, Lindell



For each lecture, page numbers for 2<sup>nd</sup> edition will be posted on course website

# Grading

## 40% Homeworks

- ~1 every two weeks (6 total)
- **1 dropped homework**
- **2 late days per assignment**
- Only typed solutions, submission instructions TBA
- Collaboration encouraged, but write up own solutions

## 30% Projects

- More details soon

## 30% Take-home Final

- Individual

# Classroom Policies

**Please stop me if you have any questions**  
(Preferably by “raising hand”)

**Lectures/slides will be recorded and made available**  
• I don’t take attendance

Feel free to call me “Mark”, “Professor”, “Hey You”, etc,  
though “Mark” is preferred

# Approximate Course Outline

Week 1: Pre-modern crypto ( $\leq \sim 1950s$ )

Weeks 2-6: Foundations of modern cryptography

- Crypto theory
- Symmetric key cryptography

Weeks 7-12: Public key cryptography

- Number theory

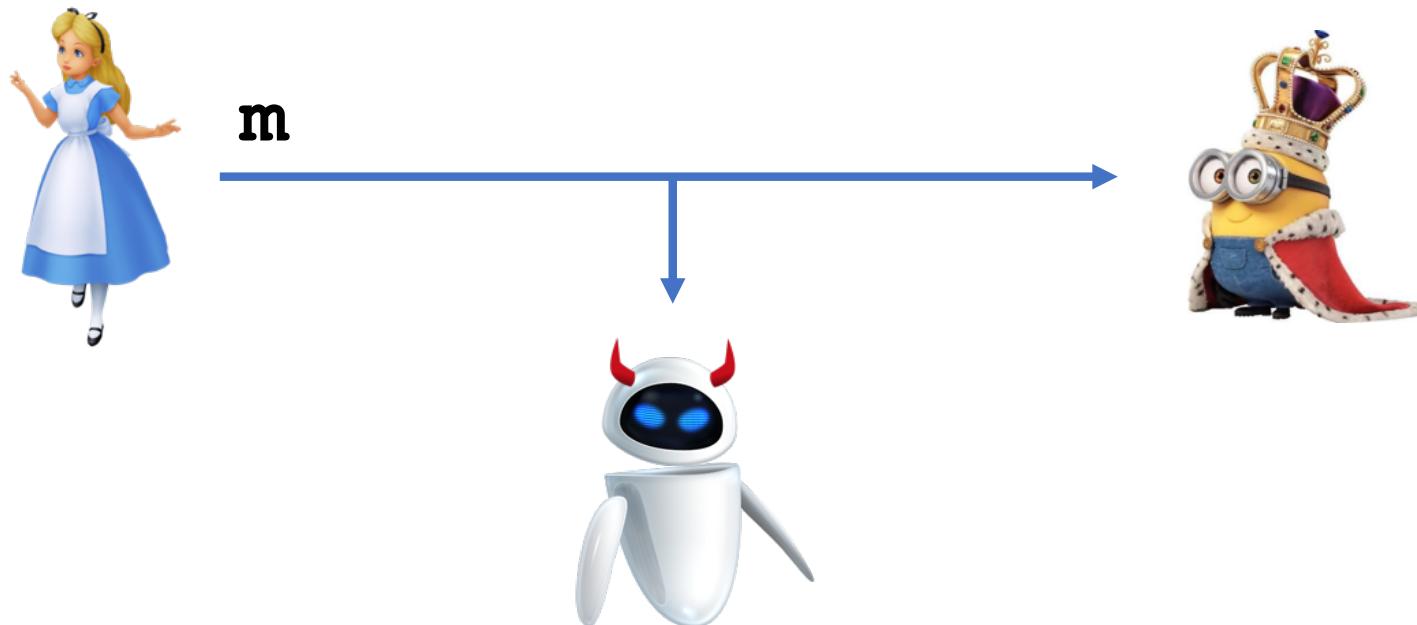
Today

“Pre-modern” Crypto Part I:  
Pencil & Paper Ciphers

# Pre-modern Cryptography

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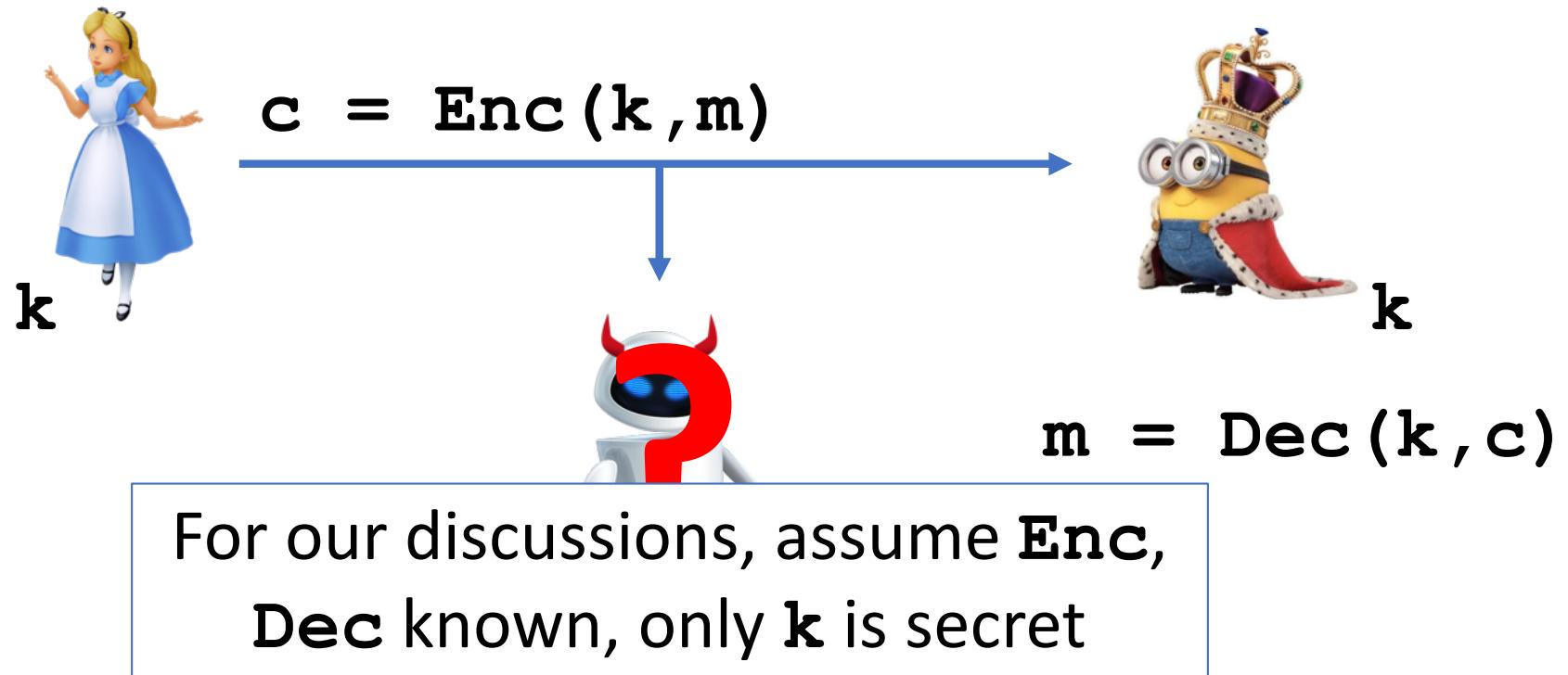
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# Ancient Crypto

1900 BC, Egypt



1500 BC, Mesopotamia



# 50 B.C. – Caesar Cipher

Used by Julius Caesar

Alphabet shift by 3

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

Example:

plaintext: super secret message

ciphertext: VXSHU VHFUHW PHVVDJH

Caesar not a true cipher: what's the secret key?

# Generalization: Shift Ciphers

Shift by fixed, secret increment ( $k = 0, \dots, 25$ )

Some examples:

- Shift by 1: Augustus Caesar; Jewish mezuzah
- Shift by 3: Caesar Cipher
- Shift by 13: ROT13

Sometimes also called “Caesar ciphers”

# Security of Shift Ciphers?

Problem: only 26 possibilities for key

“Brute force” attack:

- Try all 26 possible shifts
- For each shift, see if something sensible comes out

# Example Brute Force Attack

Ciphertext: **HJETG HTRGTI BTHHPVT**

Key	Plaintext
0	HJETG HTRGTI BTHHPVT
1	IKFUH IUSHUJ CUIIQWU
2	JLGVI JVTIVK DVJJRXV
3	KMHWJ KWUJWL EWKKSYW
4	LNIXK LXVKXM FXLLTZX
5	MOJYL MYWLYN GYMMUAY
6	NPKZM NZXMZO HZNNVBZ
7	OQLAN OAYNAP IAOOWCA
8	PRMBO PBZOBQ JBPPXDB
9	QSNCP QCAPCR KCQQYEC
10	RTODO RDBODS LDRRZFD
11	SUPER SECRET MESSAGE
12	TVQFS TFDSFU NFTTBHF

Key	Plaintext
13	UWRGT UGETGV OGUCIG
14	VXSHU VHFUHW PHVVDJH
15	WYTIV WIGVIX QIWWEKI
16	XZUJW XJHWJY RJXXFLJ
17	YAVKX YKIXKZ SKYYGMK
18	ZBWLY ZLJYLA TLZZHNL
10	ACXMZ AMKZMB UMAAIOM
20	BDYNA BNLANC VNBBJPN
21	CEZOB COMBOD WOCCKQO
22	DFAPC DPNCPPE XPDDLKP
23	EGBQD EQODQF YQEEMSQ
24	FHCRE FRPERG ZRFFNTR
25	GIDSF GSQFSH ASGGOUS

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To avoid brute force attacks, need large key space

- On modern hardware, typically need  $\#(\text{keys}) \geq 2^{80}$   
(Usually choose at least  $2^{128}, 2^{256}$ )

# Generalization: Substitution Ciphers

Apply fixed permutation to plaintext letters

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
F	M	S	G	Y	U	J	B	T	P	Z	K	E	W	L	Q	H	V	A	X	R	D	N	C	I	O

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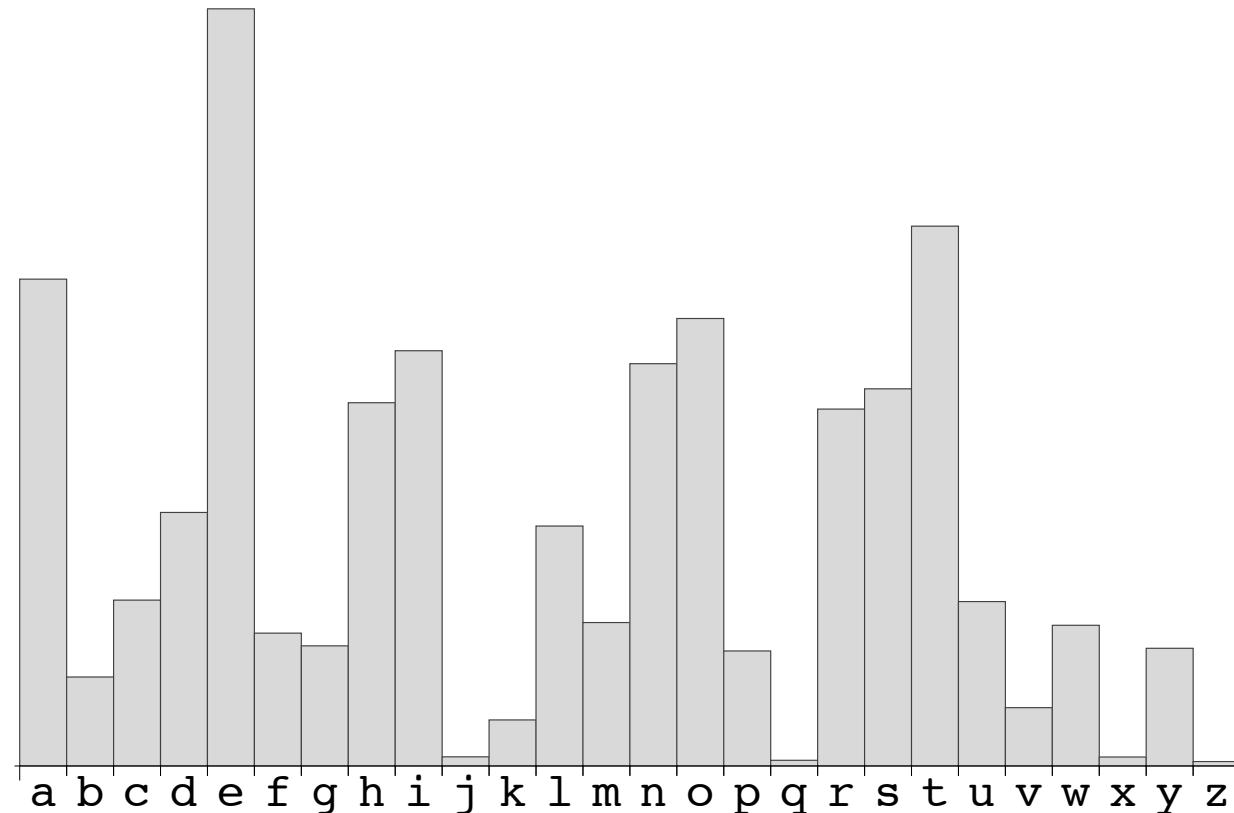
ciphertext: **ARQYV AYSVYX EYAAFJY**

Number of possible keys?

$26! \approx 2^{88}$  → brute force attack expensive

# 800's A.D. – First Cryptanalysis

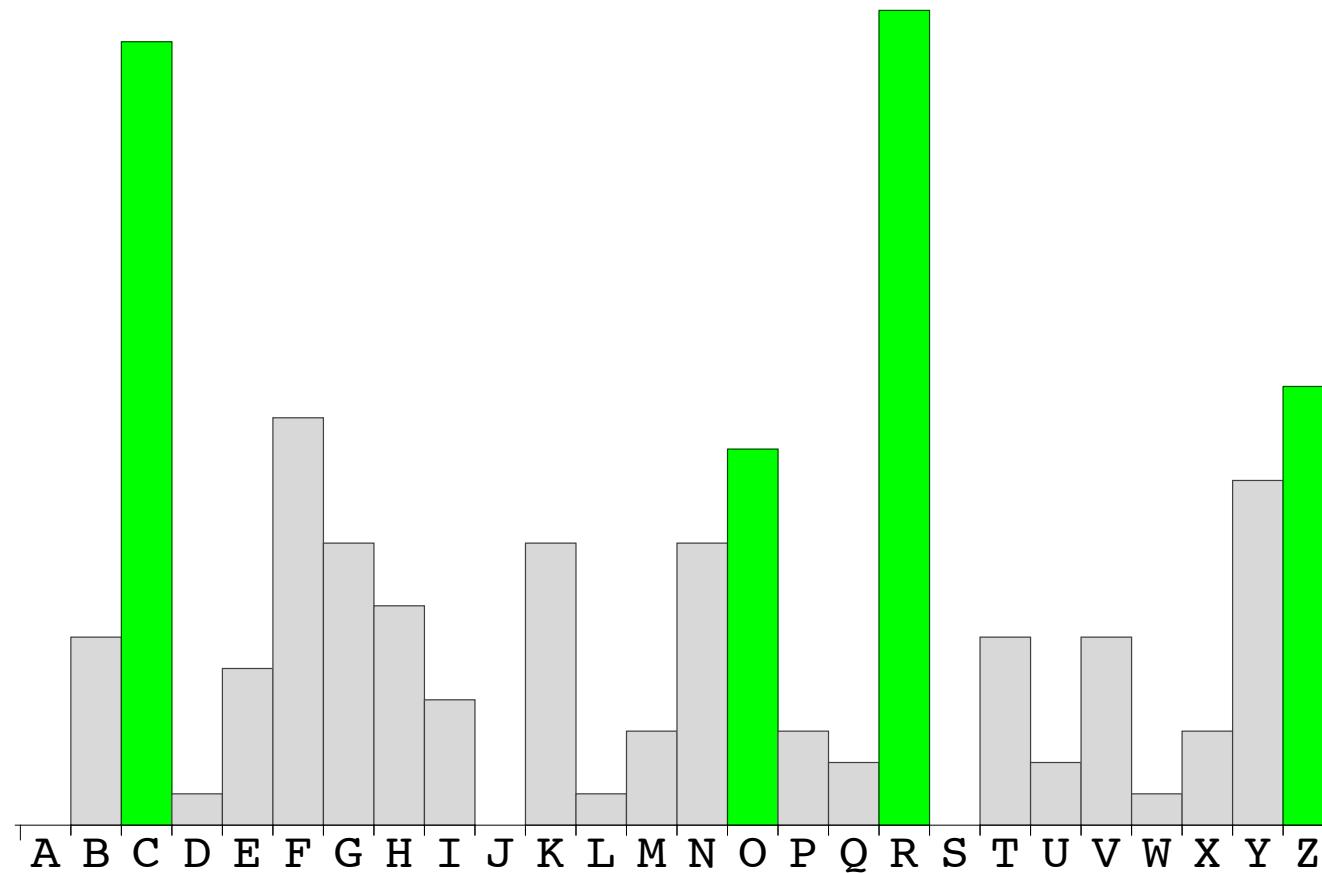
Al-Kindi – Frequency Analysis: some characters are more common than others



# Example

BOFC HNR Z NHMNCYCHCYOF KYIVRG CO RFKOB  
NRFNYCYPR BZCZ, RPRF CVOHXV CVRE ZGR  
GRNYTYRFC CO Z MGHCR WOGKR ZCCZKU.  
YFBRRB, ME KOHFCYFX TRCCRGN ZFB KODIZGYFX  
CO CEIYKZT CRQC, EOH KZF GRKOPRG CVR  
ITZYFCRQC ZN LRTT ZN CVR URE

# Example



Reasonable conjecture:  
 $e \rightarrow R$ ,  $t \rightarrow C$ ,  $a \rightarrow z$ ,  $o \rightarrow o$

# Example

BoFt HNe a NHMNTYtHtYoF KYIVeG to eFKoBe  
NeFNYtYPE Bata ePeF tVoHXV tVeE aGe  
GeNYTYeFt to a MGHte WoGKe attaKU.  
YFBeeB, ME KoHFTYFX TetteGN aFB KoDIAGYFX  
to tEIYKaT teQt, EoH KaF GeKoPeG tVe  
ITaYFteQt aN LeTT aN tVe UeE

# Maybe “data”?

# Maybe “attack”?

Probably “the”

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
z				R											o				C						

# Example

doFt HNe a NHMNtYtHtYoF cYIheG to eFcode  
NeFNYtYPE data, ePeF thoHXh theE aGe  
GeNYTYeFt to a MGHte WoGce attack.  
YFdeed, ME coHFtYFX TetteGN aFd coDIAaGYFX  
to tEIYcaT teQt, EoH caF GecoPeG the  
ITaYFteQt aN LeTT aN the keE

## “as”?

## “and”?

## “are”?

## “encode”?

# Example

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don't use a substitution cipher to encode sensitive data, even though they are resistant to a brute force attack. indeed, merely counting letters and comparing to typical text, you can recover the plaintext as LetT as the key.

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
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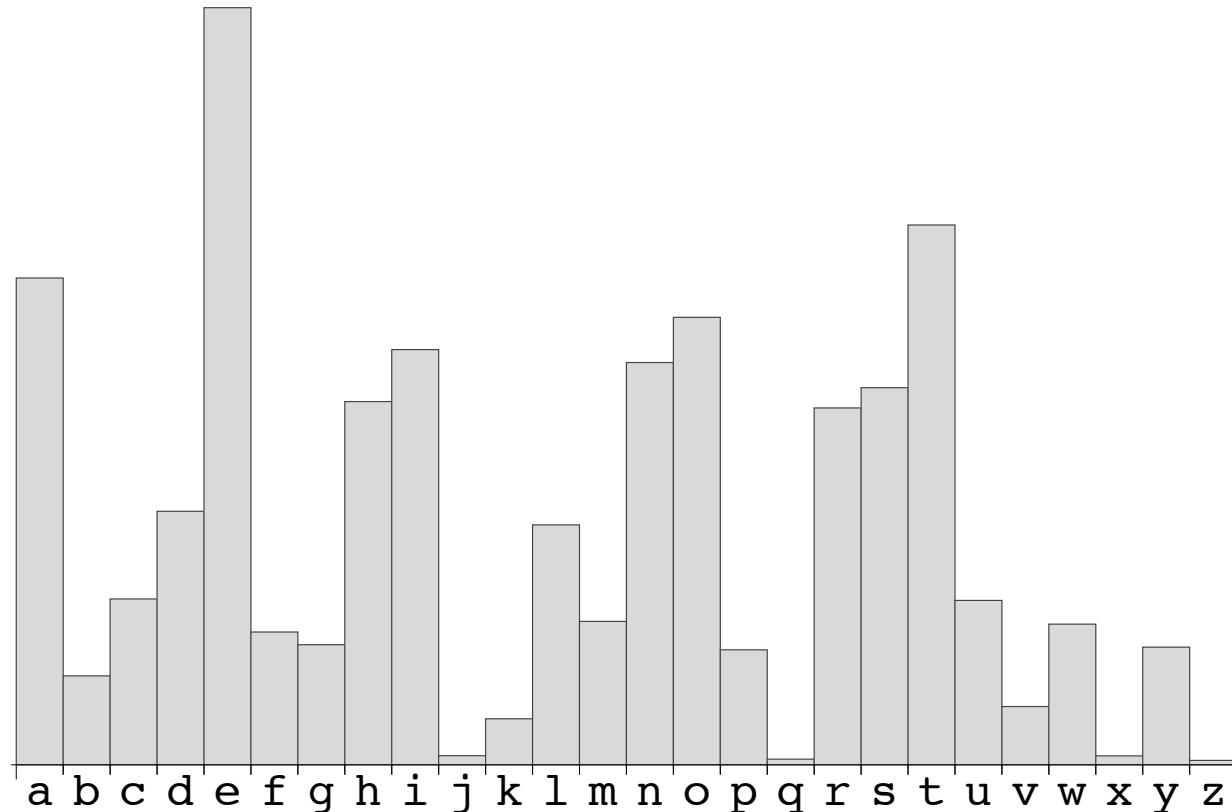
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Z	M	K	B	R	W	X	V	Y		U	T	D	F	O	I		G	N	C	H	P	L	Q	E	

# Problem with Substitution

Differing letter frequencies reveal a lot



# Substitution Cipher Variants

# Polybius Square

	1	2	3	4	5
1	a	b	c	d	e
2	f	g	h	ij	k
3	l	m	n	o	p
4	q	r	s	t	u
5	v	w	x	y	z

plaintext: s u p e r   s e c r e t   m e s s a g e

ciphertext: 4345351542 431513421544 32154343112215

Problem?

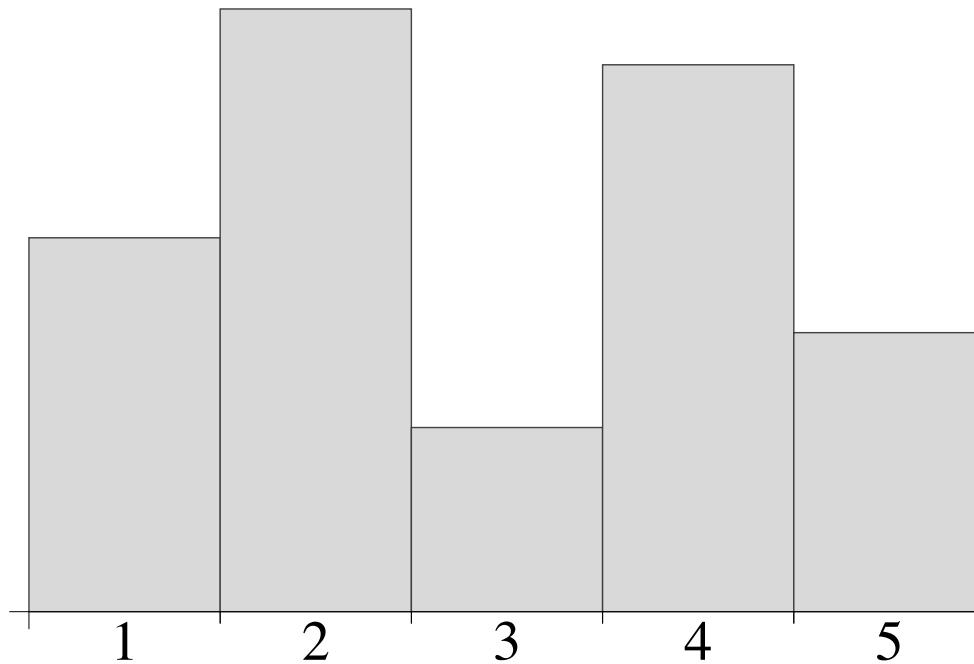
# Keyed Polybius Square

	1	2	3	4	5
1	y	n	r	b	f
2	d	l	w	o	g
3	s	p	a	t	k
4	h	v	ij	x	c
5	q	u	z	e	m

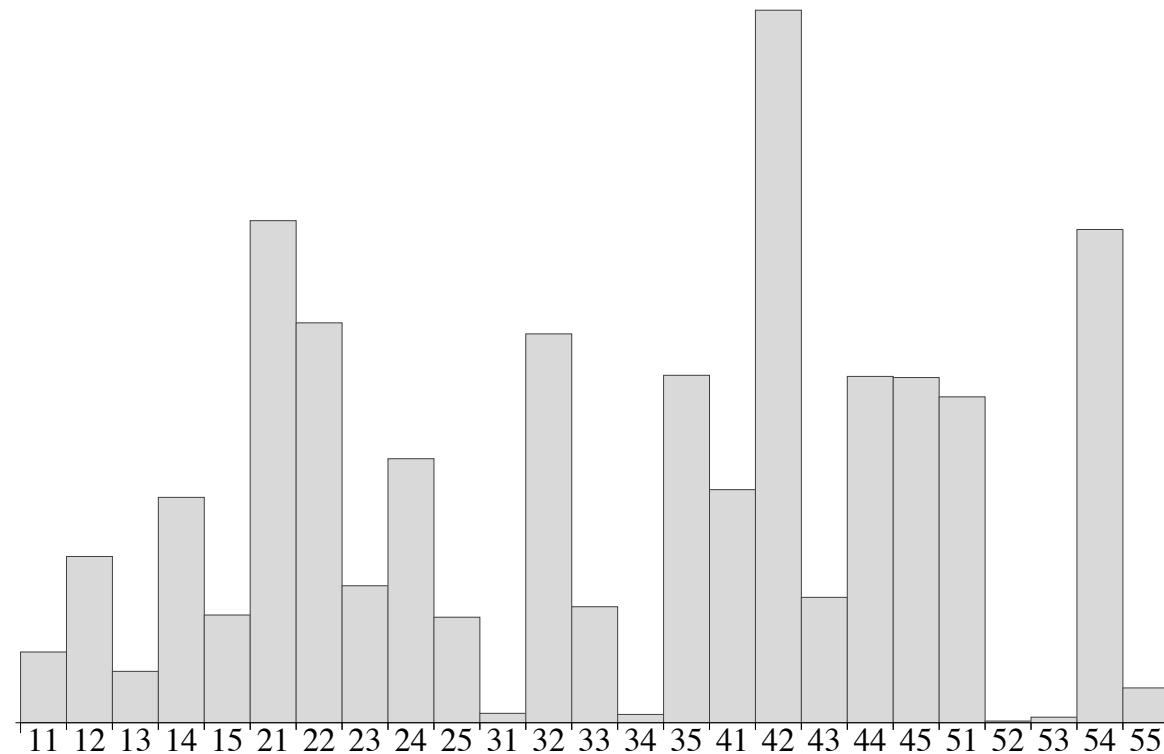
plaintext: s u p e r   s e c r e t   m e s s a g e

ciphertext: 3152325413 315445135434 55543131332554

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# General Alphabets

Ptxt and ctxt symbols need not be the same

- ctxt symbols can be letters, (tuples of) numbers, etc.
- ptxt symbols can also numbers, bits, bytes

In general, changing ctxt alphabet doesn't affect security of cipher

- Keyed Polybius = Un-keyed Polybius + Substitution

Other reasons to change ciphertext alphabet?

# Pigpen Cipher

A	B	C	J	K	L
D	E	F	M	N	O
G	H	I	P	Q	R

The diagram shows two sets of characters enclosed in crossed-out boxes. The first set contains 'S' and 'U' above 'T' and 'V'. The second set contains 'W' and 'Y' above 'X' and 'Z'.

➤ M A R K S > T H E S P O T >

# Polygraphic Substitution

Frequency analysis requires seeing many copies of the same character/group of characters

Idea: encode **d= 2,3,4**, etc characters at a time

- New alphabet size: **26<sup>d</sup>**
- Symbol frequency decreases:
  - Most common digram: “th”, 3.9%  
trigram: “the”, 3.5%  
quadrigram: “that”, 0.8%
  - Require much larger ciphertext to perform frequency analysis

# Polygraphic Substitution

Example: Playfair cipher

- Invented by Sir Charles Wheatstone in 1854
- Used by British until WWII

Y	N	R	B	F
D	L	W	O	G
S	P	A	T	K
H	V	IJ	X	C
Q	U	Z	E	M

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TH → xs

- To encode, choose opposite corners of rectangle
- Additional rules for repeats, digrams in same row, etc

# Polygraphic Substitution

## Limitations:

- For small  $d$ , frequency analysis still possible given enough ciphertext material
- For large  $d$ , need  $> 26^d$  bits to write down general substitutions
  - Impractical to use arbitrary permutations for large  $d$
  - Some tricks (like Playfair) possible to reduce key size while minimizing risk of frequency analysis

# Homophonic Substitution

# Ciphertexts use a larger alphabet

# Common letters have multiple encodings

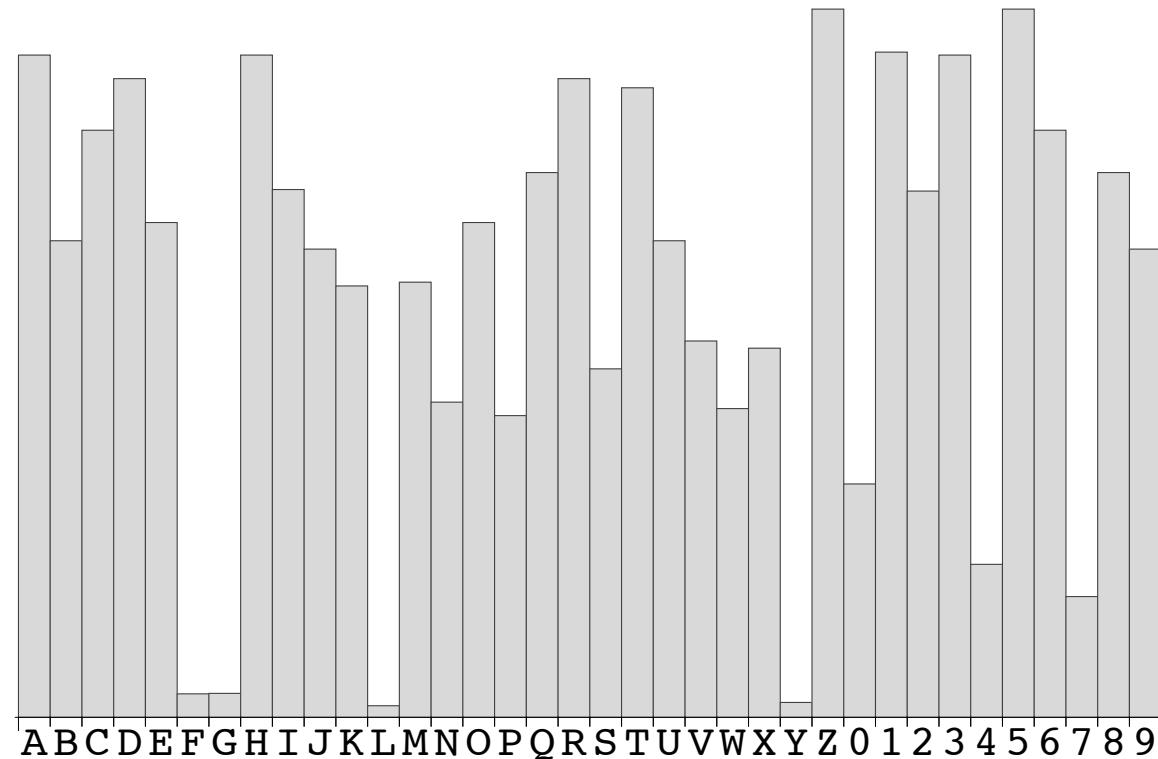
To encrypt, choose encoding at random

plaintext: **super secret message**

ciphertext: EKPH9 O3MJ3Z VAOEDNH

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	0	M	1	A	S	N	U	Q	G	7	T	V	I	6	P	Y	9	E	Z	K	4	X	F	W	L
R				H			B	8				2	C			J	O	5							

# Homophonic Substitution



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
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# Homophonic Substitution

In principle, by using sufficiently large ciphertext alphabet, character frequencies can be made  $\approx$ uniform  
     $\Rightarrow$  Thwarts vanilla frequency analysis

However, still possible to cryptanalyze

- Frequency analysis on tuples of letters will still be non-uniform

# Homophonic Substitution

Example: “Grand Chiffre” (Great Cipher)

N	O	D	Q	R	S	T	V	X	Y	Z	&
811	117	219	407	511	355	340	141	205	518	279	
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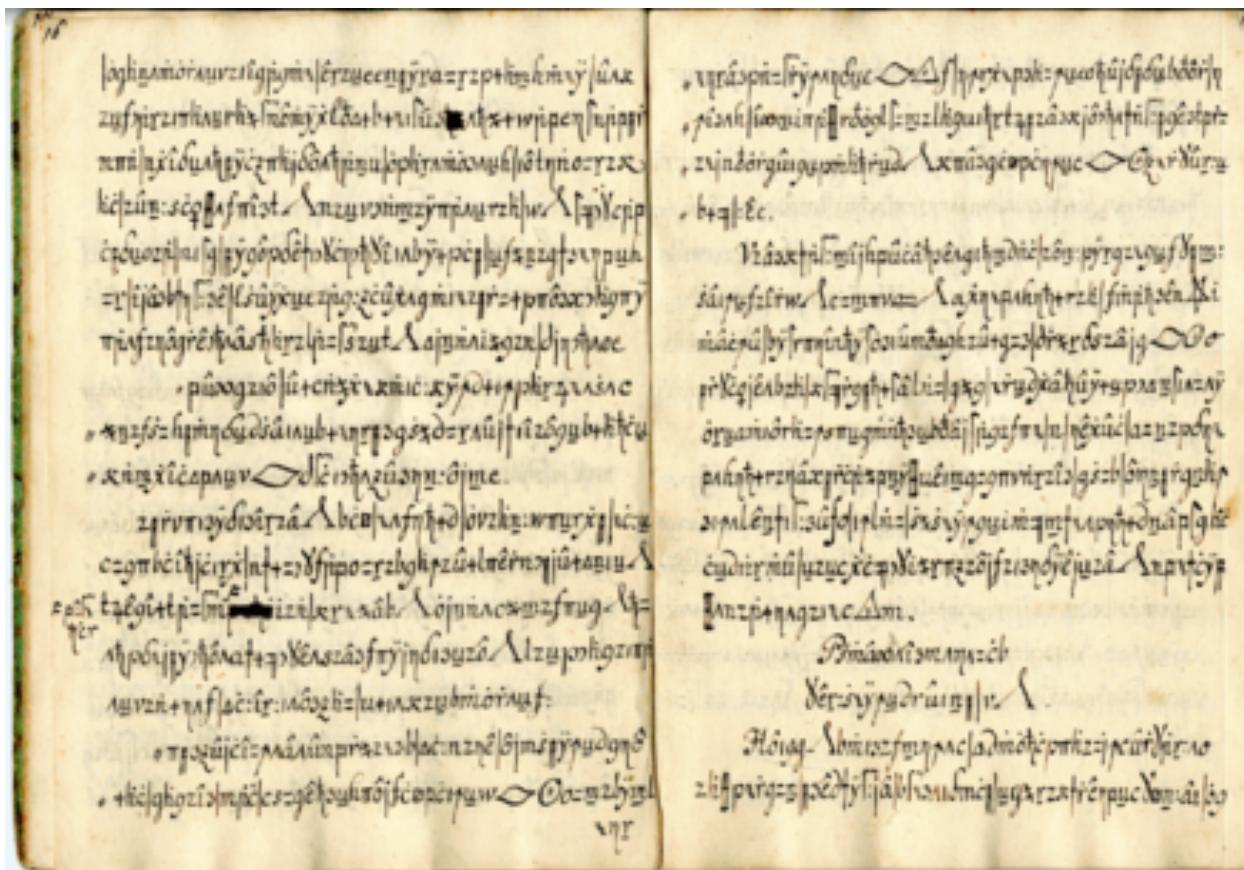
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Example: “Grand Chiffre” (Great Cipher)

- Developed in 1600's, used by Louis XIV
- Remained unbroken for 200 years
- Combination of polygraphic and homophonic
- 1890's - finally cracked by Étienne Bazerries
  - Guessed that “124-22-125-46-345” stood for “les ennemis”
  - From there, things unraveled

# Homophonic Substitution

## Example: Copiale cipher



# Homophonic Substitution

Example: Copiale cipher

- 105-page encrypted book written in 1730's
- Secret society of German ophthalmologists
  - Believed to be Freemasons whose rites had been banned by the pope
- Not broken until 2011 with help of computers

# Polyalphabetic Substitution

Use a different substitution for each position

Example: Vigenère cipher

- Sequence of shift ciphers defined by keyword

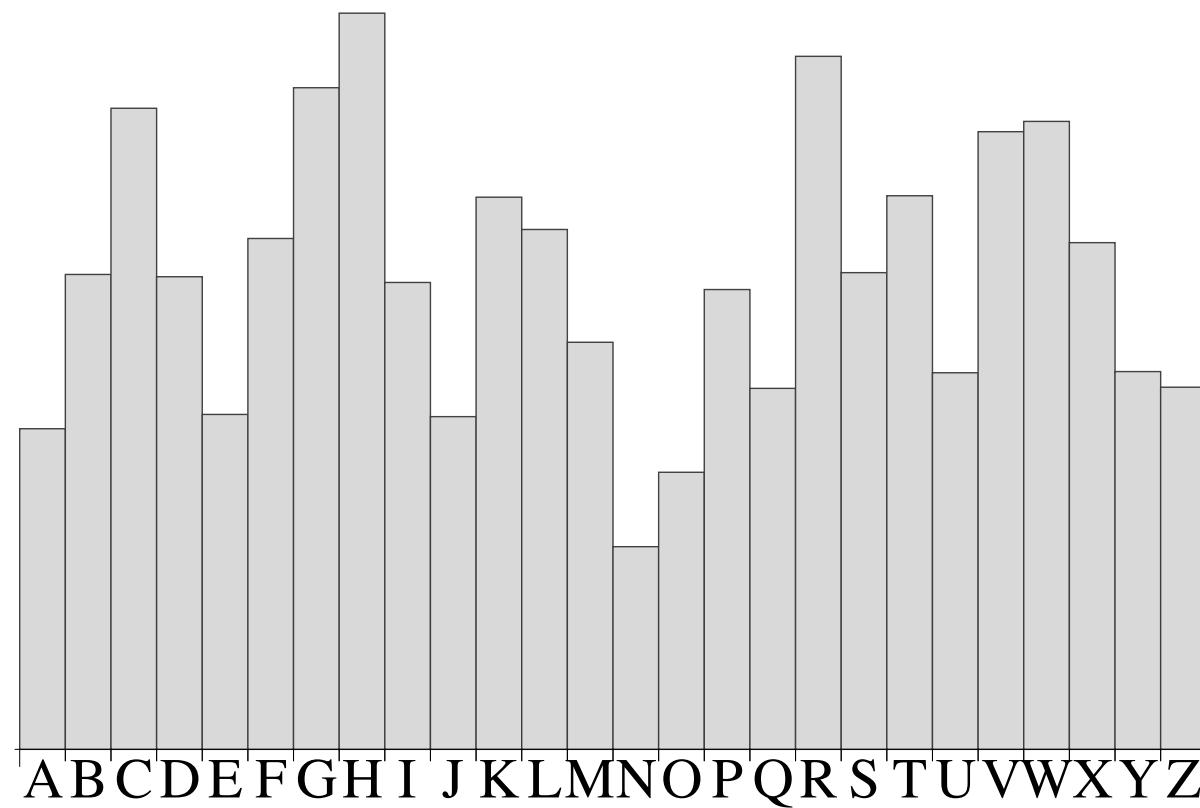
keyword: **crypt** **ocrypt** **ocrypto**

plaintext: **super** **secret** **message**

ciphertext: **ULNTK** **GGTPTM** **AGJQPZS**

# Polyalphabetic Substitution

Vanilla frequency analysis gives average of several substitution ciphers



# Cryptanalysis of Vigenère

Suppose we know keyword length

- Group letters into **n** buckets, each bucket encrypted using the same shift
- Perform frequency analysis on each bucket

Suppose we don't know keyword length

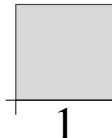
- Brute force: try several lengths until we get the right one
- Improvement: superposition

# Superposition

Compare shifts of ciphertext, looking for shifts containing many matches

Example: shift by 1

CTYCGST<sup>T</sup>XCVOPRQBTBATYCLOURAPGBGIAPGQCEAPGG  
CTYCGST<sup>T</sup>XCVOPRQBTBATYCLOURAPGBGIAPGQCEAPGG



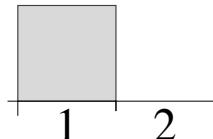
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Example: shift by 2

CTYCGSTTYCVOPRQBTBATYCLOURAPGBGIAPGQCEAPGG

CTYCGSTTYCVOPRQBTBATYCLOURAPGBGIAPGQCEAPGG

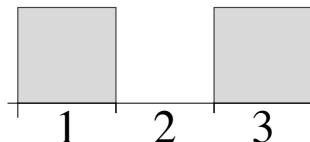


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Example: shift by 3

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CTYCGSTTYCVOPRQBTBATYCLOURAPGBGIAPGQCEAPGG

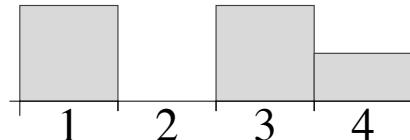


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Example: shift by 4

CTYCGSTTYCVOPRQBTBATYCLOURAPGBGIAPGQCEAPGG  
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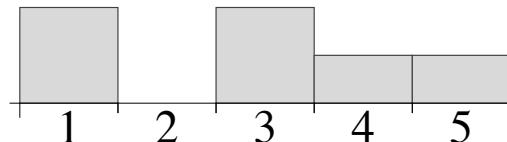


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Example: shift by 5

CTYCGSTTYCVOPRQBTBATYCLOURAPGBGIAPGQCEAPGG  
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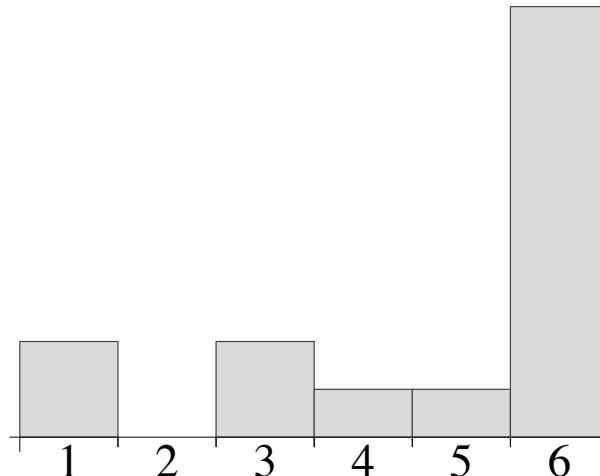


# Superposition

Compare shifts of ciphertext, looking for shifts containing many matches

Example: shift by 6

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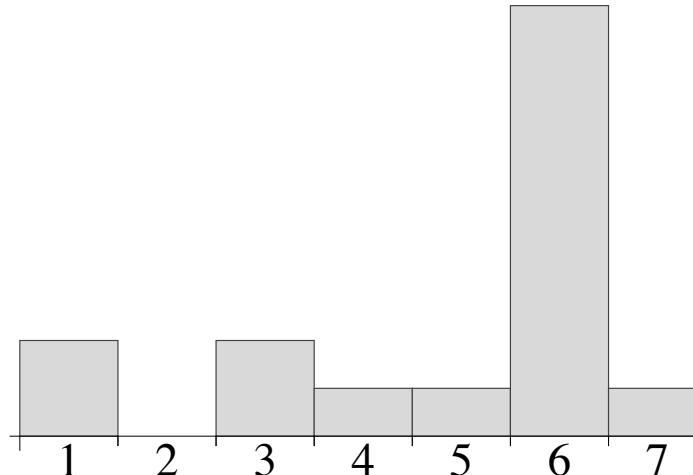


# Superposition

Compare shifts of ciphertext, looking for shifts containing many matches

Example: shift by 7

CTYCGSTTYCVOPRQBTBATYCLOURAPGBGIAPGQCEAPGG  
CTYCGSTTYCVOPRQBTBATYCLOURAPGBGIAPGQCEAPGG



# Superposition

Why does it work?

For shifts that are multiples of key size:

- Both bottom and top ciphertexts encrypted with same key
- **#(ctxt matches) = #(ptxt matches)**  
 $\approx |\text{ptxt}| * \text{col. prob. for English}$   
 $\approx |\text{ptxt}| * 0.065$

# Superposition

Why does it work?

For shifts that are NOT multiples of key size:

- Both bottom and top ciphertexts encrypted with “independent” shifts
- Probability of a match at any position is  **$1/26 \approx 0.038$**
- **$\#(\text{ctxt matches}) \approx |\text{ptxt}| * 0.038$**

# The One-Time Pad

Vigenère on steroids

- Every character gets independent substitution
- Only use key to encrypt one message,  
key length  $\geq$  message length

keyword:	agule	melpqw	gnspemr
plaintext:	super	secret	message
ciphertext:	SAIPV	EINGUP	SRKHESR

No substitution used more than once, so frequency analysis is impossible

# The One-Time Pad

1882: described by Frank Miller for the telegraph

- Words and phrases first converted to 5-digit numbers using a codebook
- Key = sequence of “shift-numbers” to be added to resulting digits

1919: Patent for Vernam cipher

- Map characters to 5-bit strings using Baudot code
- Bitwise XOR with key = random bit string

# Limitations of One-time Pad

Need extremely large random keys and secure way to transmit them!

5-UCO British OTP system (WWII)

- Key tape for single unit cost £5,000 a year (~\$300k in 2020 dollars)

German GEE (WWII)

- Key's not truly random, cryptanalyzed by US Army

Russian diplomatic OTP (WWII, Cold War)

- Tapes occasionally re-used, successful cryptanalysis by US and UK intelligence

# Cryptanalysis of OTP

Try to encrypt two messages, security will fail

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Enc}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{m}_0) - \text{Enc}(\mathbf{k}, \mathbf{m}_1) \\ = (\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{m}_0) - (\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{m}_1) \\ = \mathbf{m}_0 - \mathbf{m}_1\end{aligned}$$

Enough redundancy in English text to usually recover messages from difference

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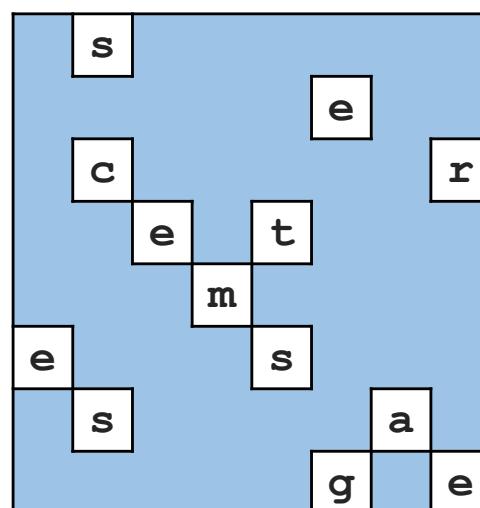
Shuffle plaintext characters

Greek Scytal (600's B.C.)



<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Skytale.png>

Grille (1500's A.D.)



a	s	h	o	e	v	q	k
g	i	p	c	e	e	f	j
e	c	n	i	d	z	w	r
g	i	e	b	t	e	b	o
k	c	d	m	i	z	d	p
e	b	i	d	s	h	e	r
n	s	d	u	r	e	a	v
h	k	e	g	u	g	a	e

# Aside: Steganography

Hiding the fact that a message is even being sent

Many examples

- Invisible ink
- Microdots
- Blinking Morse-code
- Images in low-order color bits
- Delays in network packets
- Differing typefaces

# Holiwudd Criptoe!



Do you know what a Vigenère cipher is? It's a form of encryption that allows a person to hide messages inside regular texts.

# Column Transposition

key: **crypto**

ptxt: **supersecremessage**

Encryption:

Sort by first row

c	r	y	p	t	o
s	u	p	e	r	s
e	c	r	e	t	m
e	s	s	a	g	e

c	o	p	r	t	y
s	s	e	u	r	p
e	m	e	c	t	r
e	e	a	s	g	s

ctxt: **SEESMEEEAAUCSRTGPRS** (read off columns)

Cryptanalysis:

- Guess key length, reconstruct table
- Look for anagrams in the rows

# Double Column Transposition

key: **graphy**

ctxt0: **SEESMEEEaucsrtGPRS**

Encryption:

Sort by first row

g	r	a	p	h	y	
s	e	e	s	m	e	
e	e	a	u	c	s	
r	t	g	p	r	s	

→

a	g	h	p	r	y	
e	s	m	s	e	e	
a	e	c	u	e	s	
g	r	r	p	t	s	

ctxt: **EAGSERMCRSUPEETESS**

Example: Germany, WWI

- French were able to decrypt after seeing several messages of the same length

# Bifid Cipher

Polybius square + Transposition + Inverse Polybius

	1	2	3	4	5
1	y	n	r	b	f
2	d	l	w	o	g
3	s	p	a	t	k
4	h	v	ij	x	c
5	q	u	z	e	m

plaintext: super secret message

Polybius: 35351 354153 5533325  
12243 145344 5411354

Transpose: 353513541535533325122431453445411354

Inv.Polybius:k k r e f k z a g n o s c t c h r e

# Bifid Cipher

Polybius square + Transposition + Inverse Polybius

Invented in 1901 by Felix Delastelle

Each ctxt character depends on two ptxt characters

- Still possible to break using frequency analysis

# Next Time

“Pre-modern” Crypto Part II:  
Enter technology

# Reminders

By Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup>:

- HW0: Fill out OH poll

Homework 1, Project 1 to be released soon

Start looking for project teams ( $\leq 4$ )

Send me Hollywood Crypto examples!