Cryptography

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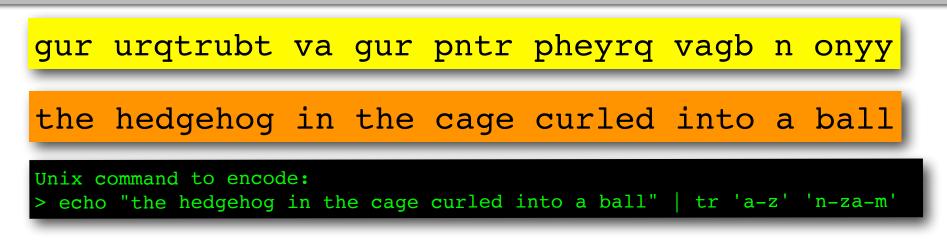
Many slides used from Chris Brew's *Codes and Code Breaking* course at OSU, and much material taken from Simon Singh's The Code Book: <u>http://www.simonsingh.net/The_Code_Book.html</u>



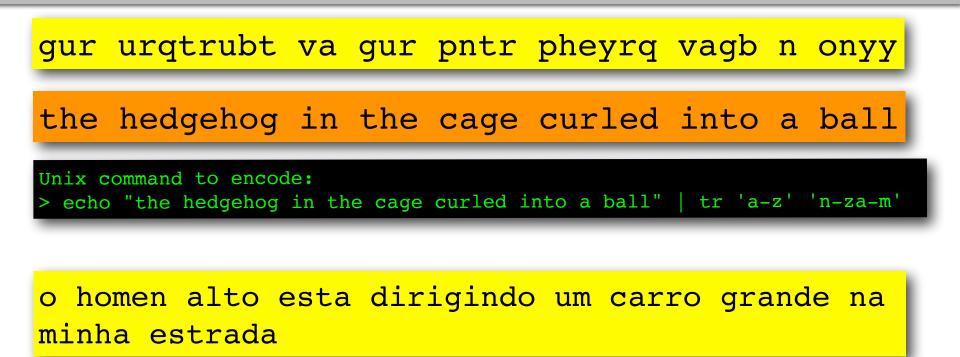


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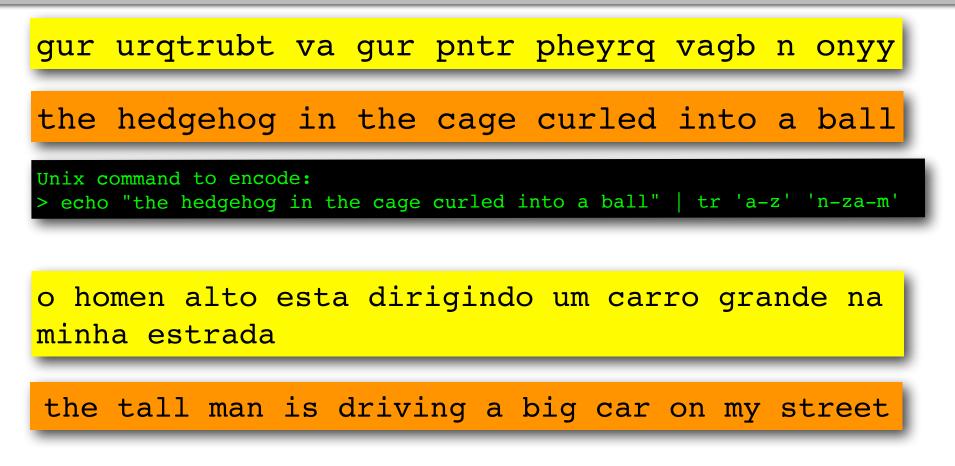




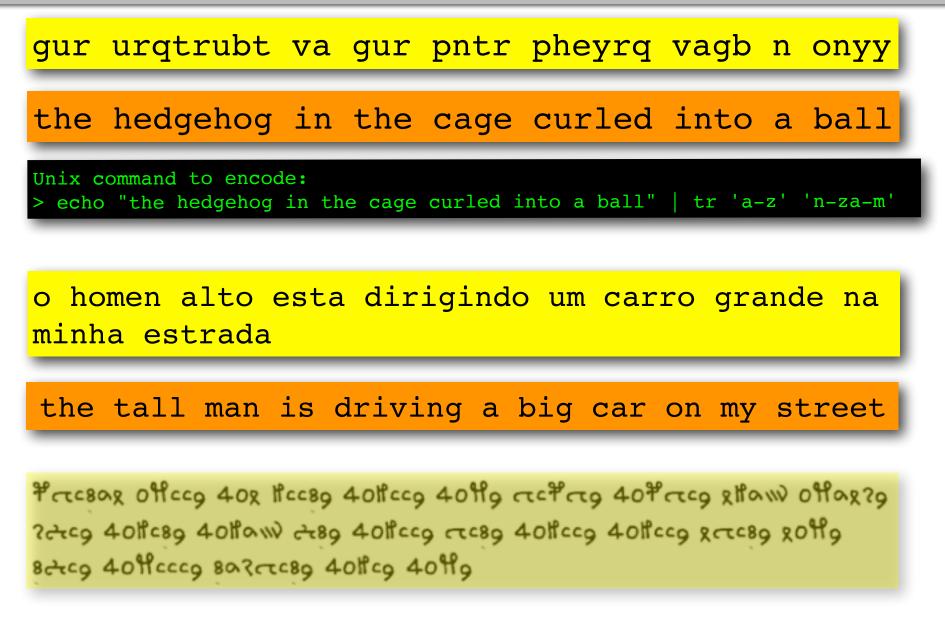




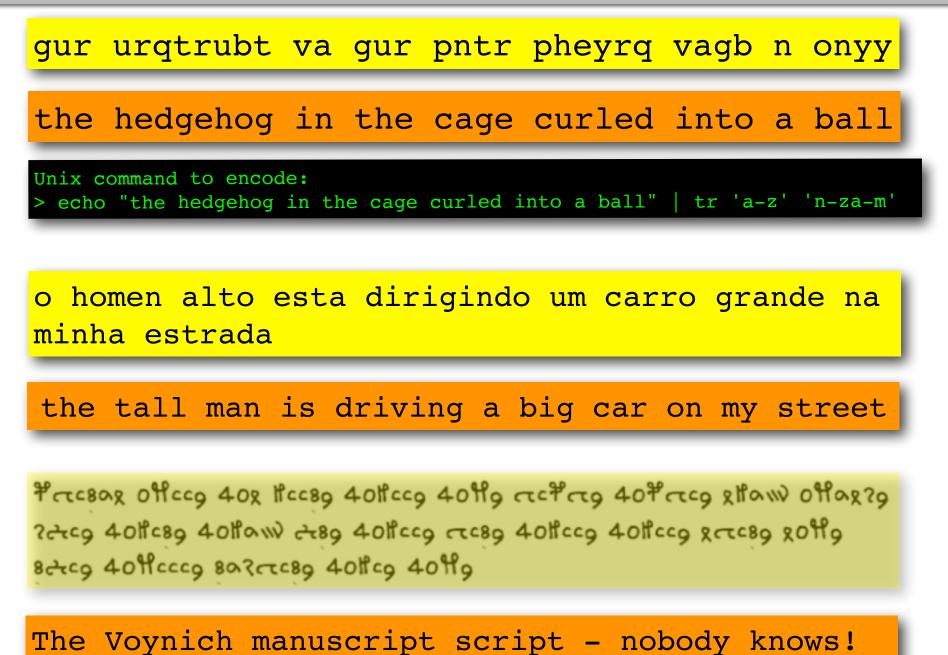










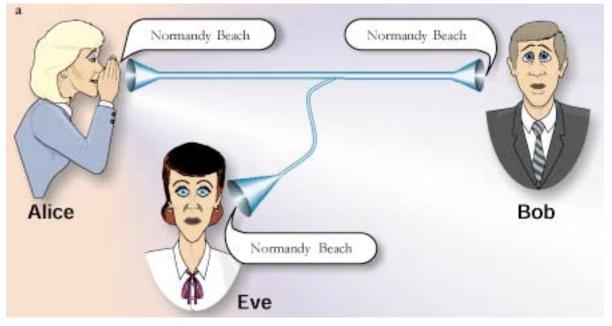




- If you want to get a message to someone, what can you do to prevent eavesdropping?
- This problem, the solutions to it, and the ways of breaking through the solutions have shaped history.
- They have also helped us crack forgotten writing systems such as Egyptian hieroglyphics and Linear B.
- The sophistication of codes and code-breaking has evolved greatly over the last several thousand years.
- We'll start simple and get a glimpse of how things work today.



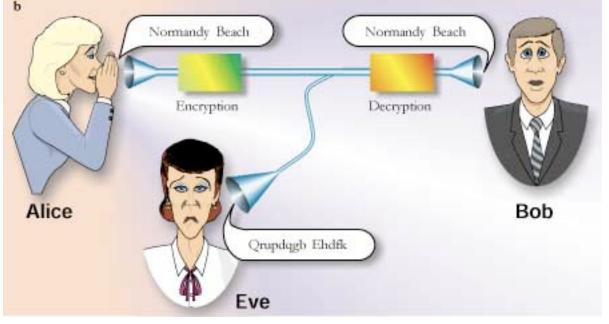
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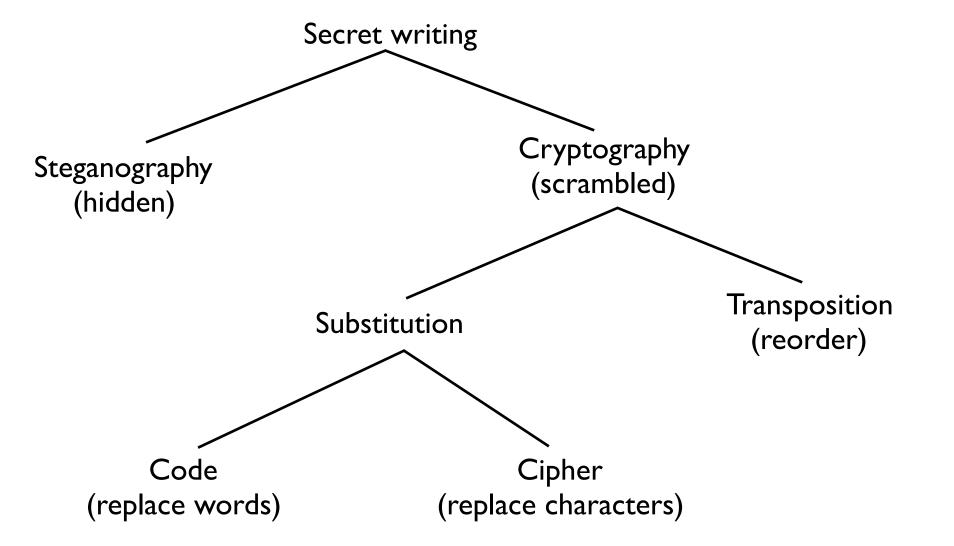
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- Eavesdropping was avoiding early on by simply hiding the message.
 - put the message in a false heel
 - Histaiaeus (494 BC): shave messenger's head, write the message, let the hair grow and then the messenger could travel unhindered
 - invisible ink
- Steganography is derived from steganos "covered" and graphein "to write"
- Provides some security, but if the message is detected, the contents are immediately known to the interceptors.
- Modern steganography is very advanced, with messages being embedded in text, images, and video.

Image steganography examples





This avatar contains the message "Boss said that we should blow up the bridge at midnight." encrypted with mozaiq using "växjö" as password.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Steganography



According to the FBI, this image contains a map of the Burlington, Vermont airport. http://www.wired.com/dangerroom/2010/06/alleged-spies-hid-secret-messages-on-public-websites/



- Encrypted messages can be seen by others, but their contents are hidden because the text itself has been transformed by some algorithm. The recipient must know how to reverse that algorithm.
- Ways of encrypting messages:
 - **transposition**: reordering the letters
 - substitution: replace words or letters with other words, letters, or symbols



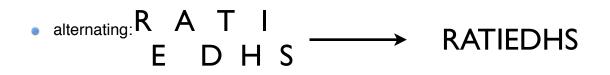
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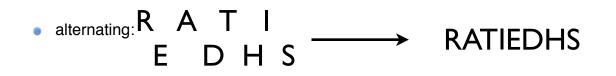


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- With transposition, all the original characters of the underlying message are still available -- with enough time the message can be decoded easily.
- Substitution involves replacing the letters or words systematically:
 - **code**: replace words
 - **cipher**: replace letters
- The cipher of Mary Queen of Scots used both a cipher and coded words, and provides a dramatic example of the importance of using a strong encryption method.



A simple substitution cipher with codes for frequent words

send life receave bearer I pray you Mte your name myne $\int \int J = \int I = H = SS$

From: http://www.simonsingh.com/The_Black_Chamber/maryqueen.html



- Mary was imprisoned by Queen Elizabeth in 1567. After 18 years, she was contacted by Anthony Babington, who was plotting to free her and assassinate Queen Elizabeth.
- Their correspondence was encrypted using the cipher shown previously, and it was delivered by Gilbert Gifford.
- Unbeknownst to Mary and Babington, Gifford was a double agent, working for Sir Francis Walsingham, Principal Secretary to Queen Elizabeth and also her spymaster.

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• Caeser shift ciphers: just shift the alphabet

•	e.g., shift-3: a	b	С	d	е	• • • •	W	Χ	У	Z
	D	Ε	F	G	Η		Z	Α	В	С

- **plain text**: the original message
- **cipher text**: the encoded message

read this UHDG QKLV



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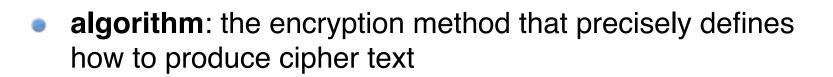
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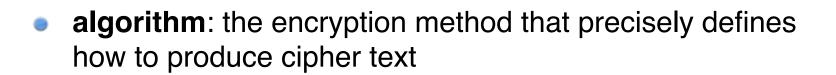
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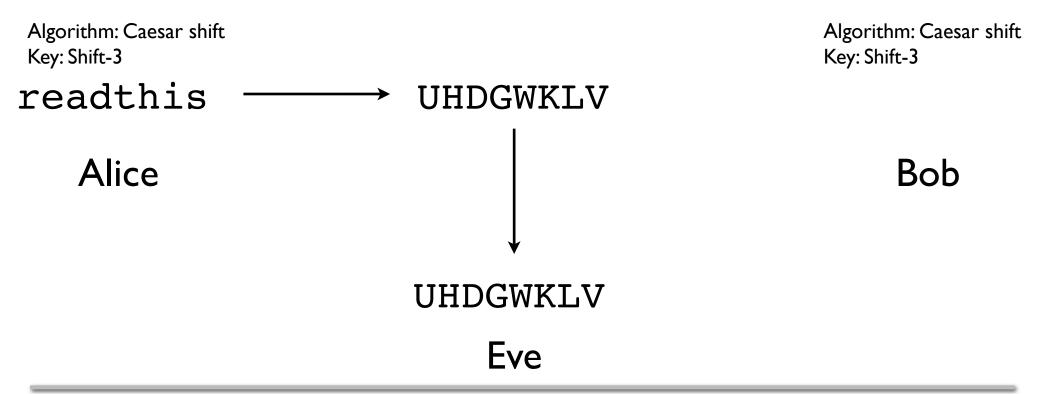
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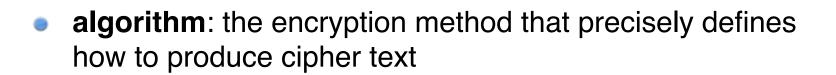


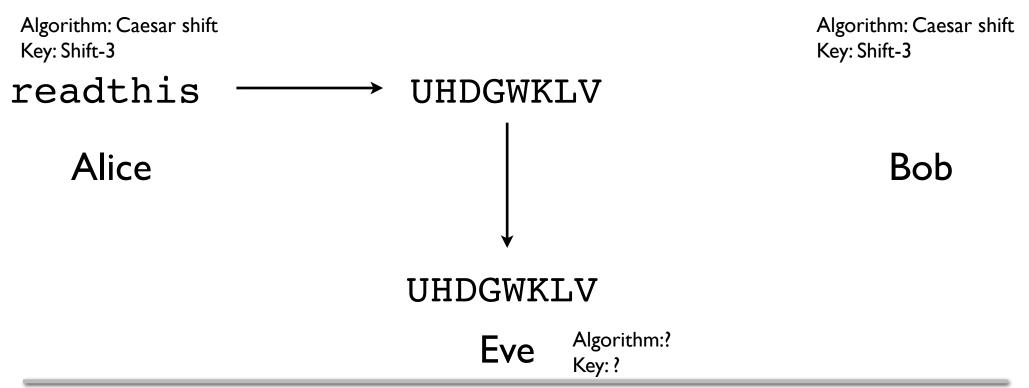


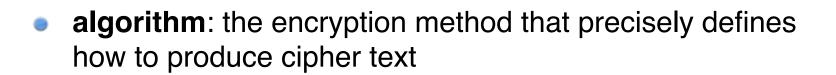


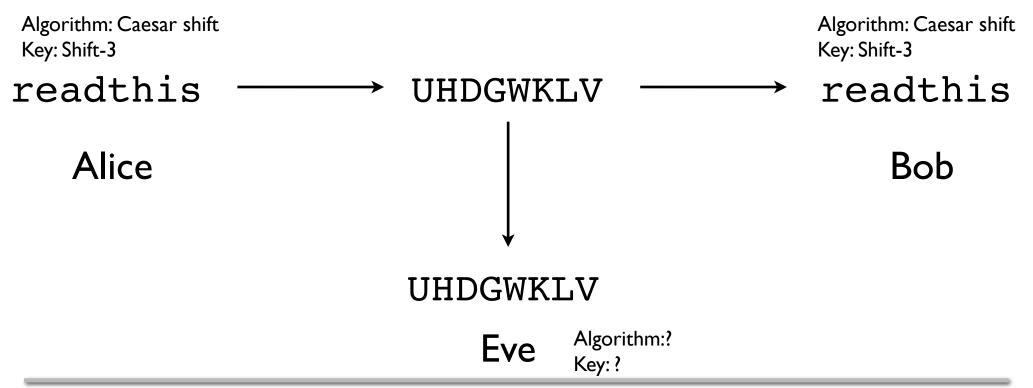














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- Caesar shift maintains the order of the original alphabet, thereby limiting the number of keys and leaving messages open to brute-force attacks.
- General substitution: any letter can substitute for any letter.

Plain alphabet: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz Cipher alphabet: JLPAWIQBCTRZYDSKEGFXHUONVM

> This allows 400,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
> keys. A brute force attack checking one per per second would take roughly a billion times the lifetime of the universe to decipher a message.

Plain text: et tu, brute? Cipher text: WX XH, LGHXW?



- General substitution allows many more keys: but how can you easily remember the key in order to transmit it to the receiver?
- By using keywords or key phrases, it becomes easy to remember the key while still keeping a large number of possible keys. How to do it:
 - Choose a phrase, like JULIUS CAESAR
 - Remove spaces and duplicate letters: JULISCAER
 - Use this as the beginning of the cipher alphabet, and use the rest of the letters in order, starting where the key phrase ends.



• With key phrase JULIUS CAESAR:

Plain alphabet: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
Cipher alphabet: JULISCAERTVWXYZBDFGHKMNOPQ

Advantages:

- key phrase is easily committed to memory: no need to write it down on paper that could be intercepted
- not as many keys as general case, but still too many for brute force
- What is the major problem with this encryption method?

Many following slides from Chris Brew (OSU)





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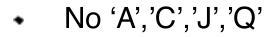
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- What are we assuming?



• Make a table of the characters used



'B', 'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I', 'K', 'L', 'M', 'N', 'O', 'P', 'R', 'S', 'T', 'U', 'V', 'W', 'X', 'Y', 'Z'





'W', 'X', 'Y', 'Z'

What to expect.



Make the same table for known English text

 Same number of characters from lead sport article in Sunday's Columbus Dispatch In a city synonymous with hope against all odds, the Ohio State men's basketball team stared down another sticky situation in the Alamodome to defeat Memphis and advance to the NCAA Final Four. Madness is on the march -- to Atlanta.

"Three years ago, we had a vision for this program. It just became reality," OSU coach Thad Matta said as chants of O-H-I-O filled the arena after the Buckeyes' 92-76 win against Memphis. OSU now heads to Saturday's national semifinals.

The reality dídn't come easy.

The No. 1 Buckeyes seldom take the simple route to success, as proved in the past two games when they needed late and big comebacks against Xavier and Tennessee.

Yesterday's win against the second-seeded Tigers in the South Regional final was no different, despite the 16-point margin of victory.

Ohio State (34-3) needed its four freshmen to play like seniors, and needed one of those kids, 7-foot center Greg Oden, to help wipe away a five-point deficit with 12:39 to play.





No 'Q', 'Z'







- No 'Q', 'Z'
- Why not?

Known English



- No 'Q', 'Z'
- Why not?
- Would this be same for other texts?



- Make a table of the characters used
- Keep track of frequencies
- We'll return to this in a second...



• How did you do it?





Word spotting



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- Start with short, common words



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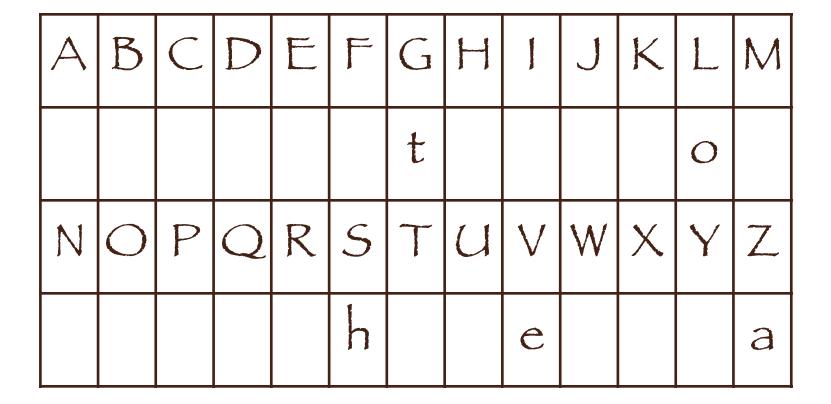


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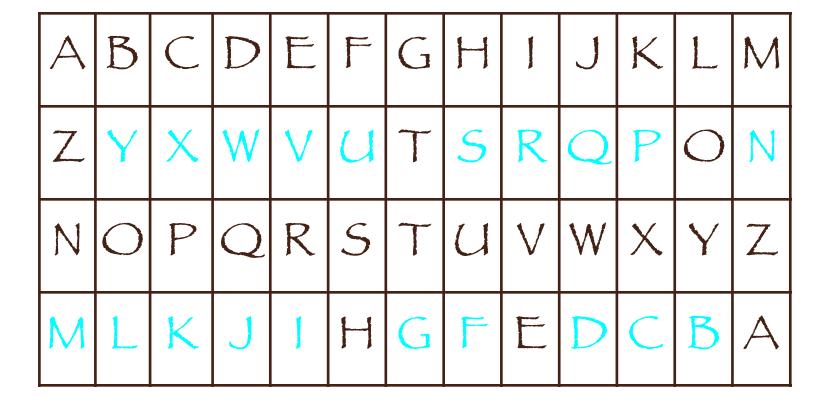


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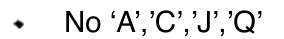


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- Why do we know this is the answer?



- It looks like English
- The encoding we found makes sense







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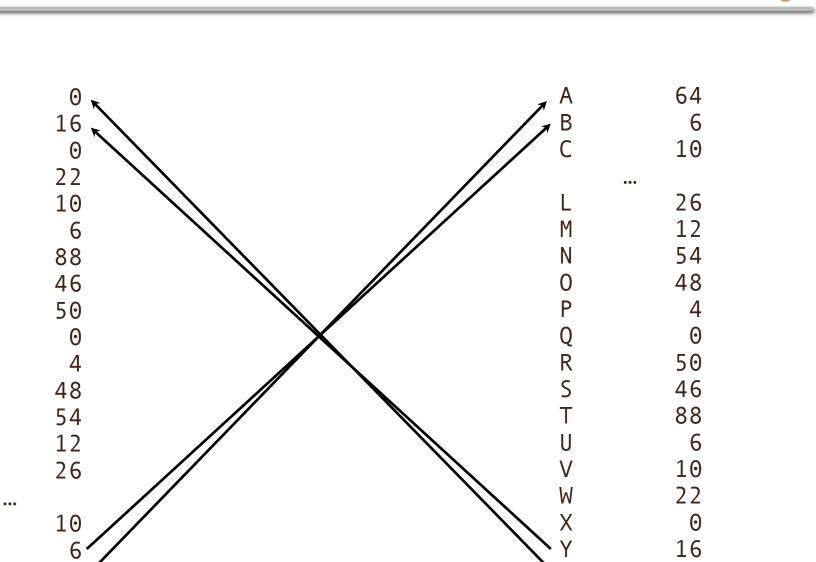
- Not the reversed alphabet, but similar.
- Use word spotting as just shown.
- See the last page of these slides for the answer.

"E QYSBJ ZYT KFMZGI AO QMO YH BEHI HYV OYSVU," UMEJ UFI. "QI AMO BERI VYSGFBO, LST MT BIMUT QI MVI HVII HVYA MZPEITO. OYS BERI EZ LITTIV UTOBI TFMZ QI JY, LST TFYSGF OYS YHTIZ IMVZ AYVI TFMZ OYS ZIIJ, OYS MVI RIVO BECIBO TY BYUI MBB OYS FMRI. OYS CZYQ TFI XVYRIVL, 'BYUU MZJ GMEZ MVI LVYTFIVU TQMEZ.' ET YHTIZ FMXXIZU TFMT XIYXBI QFY MVI QIMBTFO YZI JMO MVI LIGGEZG TFIEV LVIMJ TFI ZIPT. YSV QMO EU UMHIV. TFYSGF M XIMUMZT'U BEHI EU ZYT M HMT YZI, ET EU M BYZG YZI. QI UFMBB ZIRIV GVYQ VEKF, LST QI UFMBB MBQMOU FMRI IZYSGF TY IMT."



- Not just present/absent but count
- We know which letters will probably be common
- By counting the frequency of each character in the cipher text, we can compare the relative frequency of cipher text characters to the frequency of plain text characters (using existing unencrypted text).
- A table of frequencies for all characters is a frequency distribution.

Frequencies



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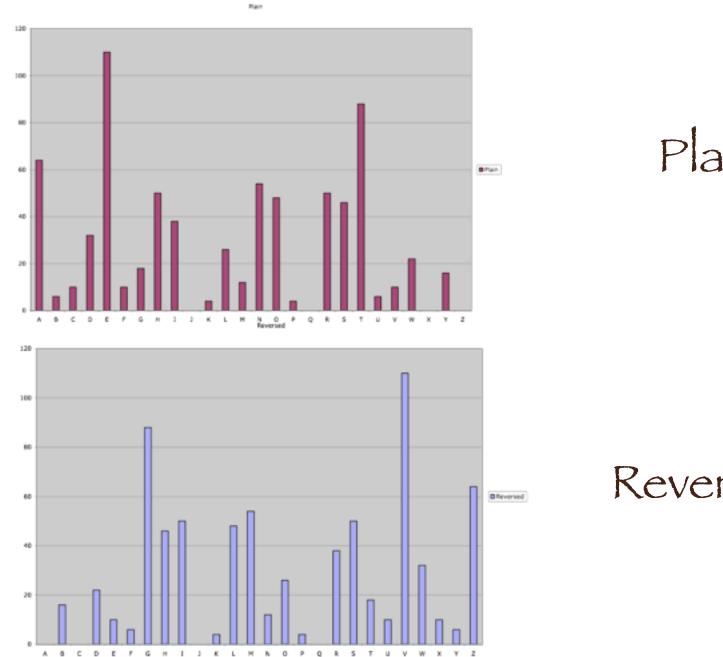
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Histogram of frequencies



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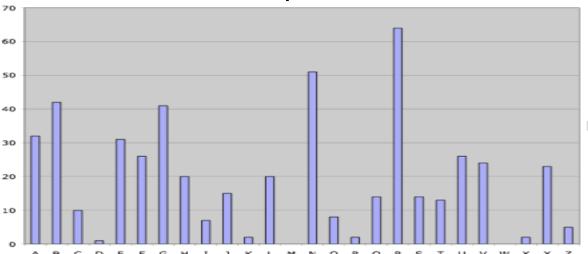
Reversed





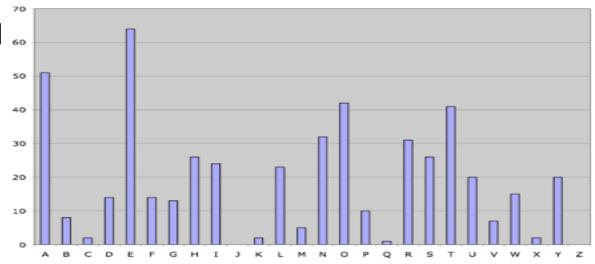
 The frequency pattern for the " reversed alphabet exactly mirrors that of the plain text

- A Caesar shift will just show a shift in such frequency.

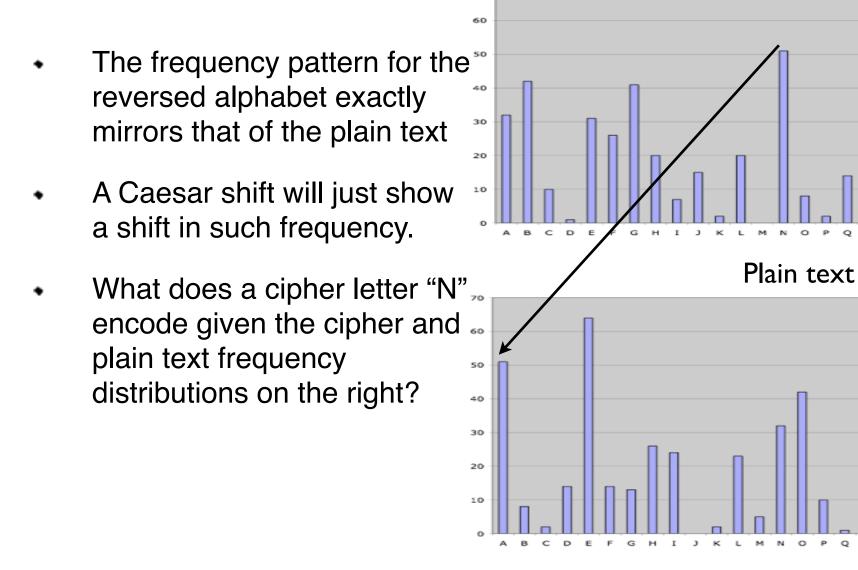


Cipher text

Plain text



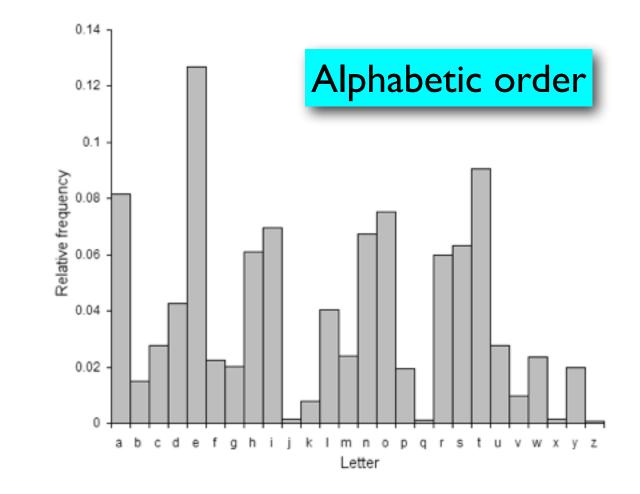




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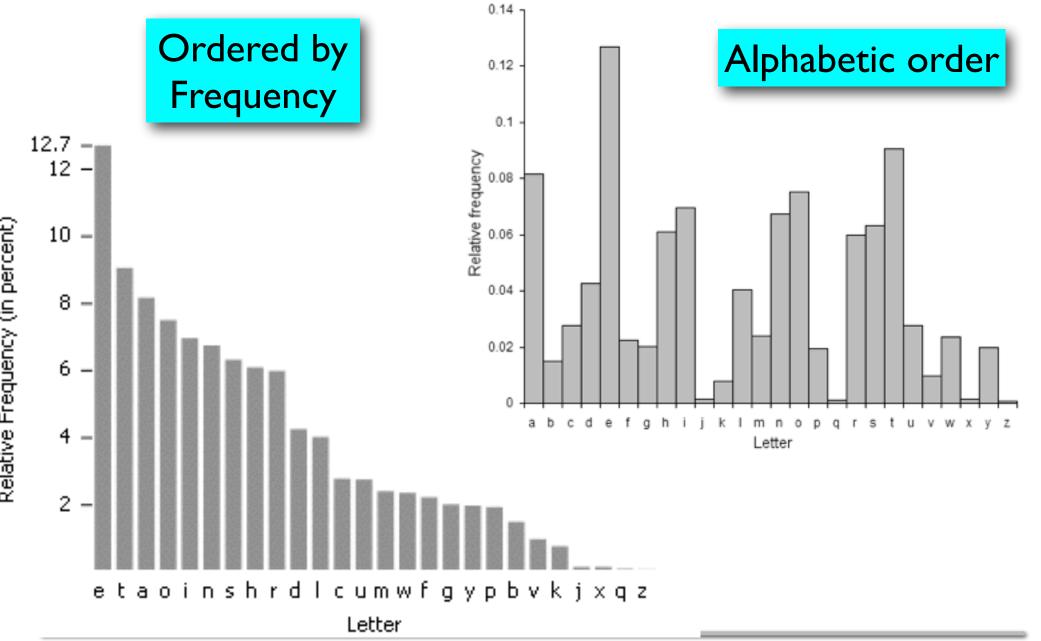
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Relative frequency of English characters (from wikipedia)







- Each time a letter appears in the plaintext it will map to the same letter in the ciphertext.
- Technically, this makes the ciphers we have considered so far monoalphabetic.
 - The problem with a monoalphabetic cipher is that it is easy to decode with word spotting and frequency analysis because each character has only one way to be encoded.
- Let's have a look at polyalphabetic ciphers, which provide an extra level of protection.



- The Vigenere square, published in 1586 by Blaise de Vigenere, allows all 25 Caesar shift keys to be used for the same encryption.
- The important thing is that each plain text character will be encoded in multiple ways.
- The encoding is determined by the Vignere square plus a keyphrase, such as KING or WHITE.

KLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ GHI MNOP 0 0 P P 0 ORST P 0 R s 0 P 0 RSTUVW OP 0 0 S тиv ORSTUVW тиуw S S тиvwx в D D в G D D в D G G D D G к G м KLMN YZAB JKLMNOP С DE G н ZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQ ZZABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQR

- The square defines mappings from plain text characters (column headings) to cipher text (in the square) using a key phrase letter (row headings).
- For example, if the key phrase is WHITE, the highlighted rows will be used for encryption.
- To encode a 'd' with a
 W, we look down the 'd' column to the W row.



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ZABC

MNOPQRSTUVW

LMNOPQRSTUVWX

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O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E

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O P O R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D E

ΖAΒ

NOPORSTUVWXYZABCDEF

TUVWXYZABCDEFGH

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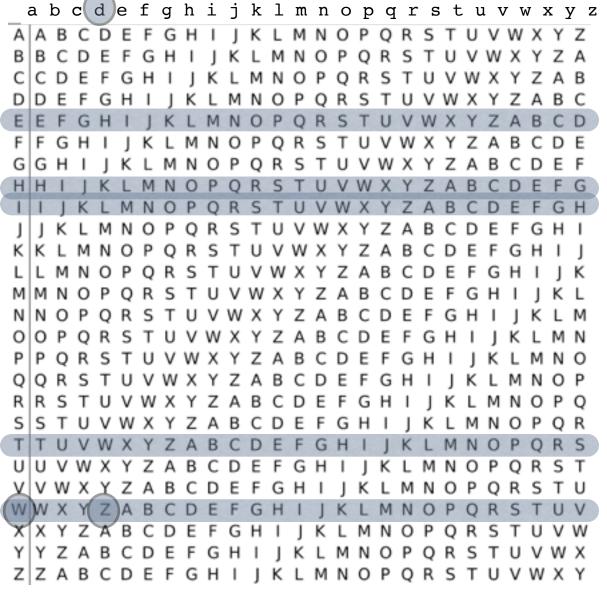
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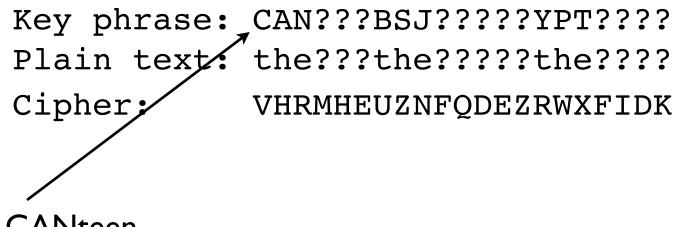


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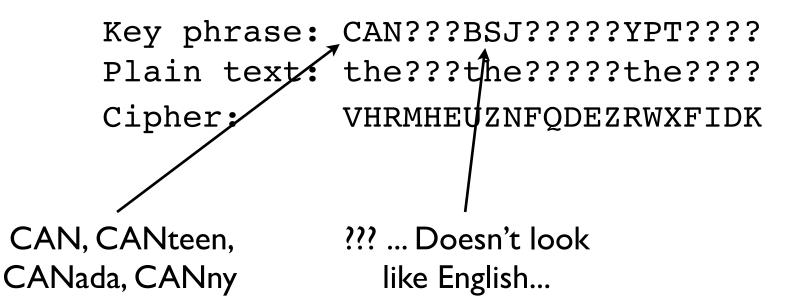
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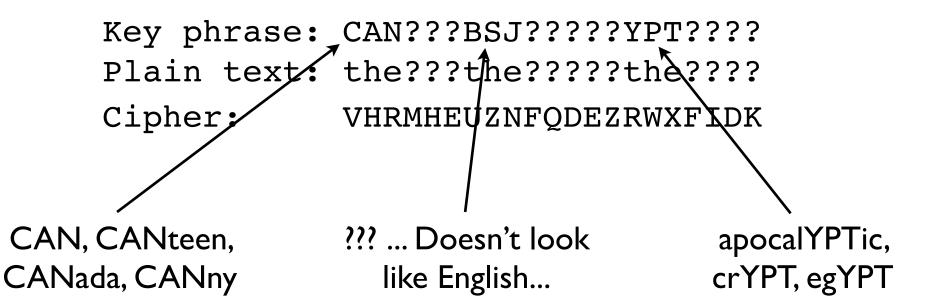


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Plain text: themeetingisatthedock
Cipher: VHRMHEUZNFQDEZRWXFIDK

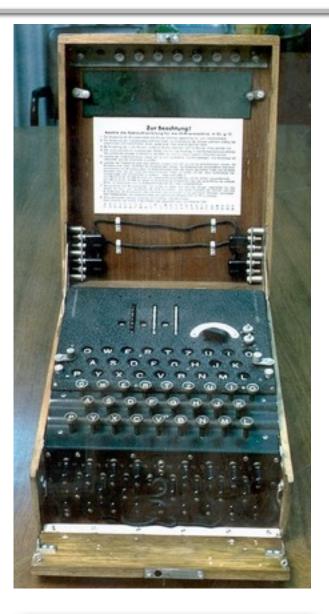
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Confederate Cipher Disk

Enigma Machine



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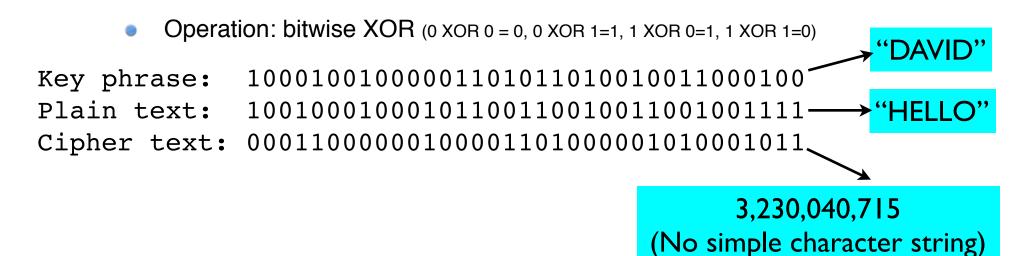


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Key phrase: 100010010000011010100100100100100
Plain text: 1001000100101100110010011001001111
Cipher text: 000110000010000110100000101010001011



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- Encrypted messages have actual content underlying them, so educated guesses about the keys and the content could often be exploited:
 - frequency
 - repetition
 - many words are more common and will be repeated
 - many messages will start with the same pattern, e.g., a date or location
 - meaning: both keys and message have semantic patterns



- During WWII, the American military used Navajos as radio operators who could speak in a code (i.e., the Navajo language) to transmit messages.
- A message in English would be given to a Navajo radio operator, who would speak a Navajo translation into the radio. Another Navajo radio operator would hear it on the other side, and translate it back into English easily.
- Code talkers had been used in WWI, so Hitler had sent anthropologists to study native American languages before the outbreak of WWII, but could not cover all the languages and dialects that existed: the Navajo was one of the tribes that had not been studied.



- Code talkers were amazingly effective for several reasons.
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- Many writing systems have been developed over the ages, and some were forgotten.
 - Ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs

- Linear B \ \ H \ F □ ⊕ \ \
- And mysterious manuscripts have come to light, such as the Voynich manuscript.
 - unknown script, unknown language
 - fake or real?

Egyptian hieroglyphs



- It was originally thought that the hieroglyphic writing system was completely logographic: each character represents a concept.
- In 1652, the Jesuit scholar Athanasius Kircher published a dictionary of hieroglyphs based on the logographic assumption. This assumption persisted for another century and a half.
- in 1799, the Rosetta stone was discovered: it contained a single text in three different writing systems: Greek, demotic, and hieroglyphic. This is known as a **parallel text**, which is important in current machine translation techniques.
- The fact that the Greek portion could be read easily was the key: it provided the "plain text" for discovering the hieroglyphic system (the "cipher text")

Hieroglyphic

Demotic

Greek





 In 1814, Thomas Young focused on the cartouche: a set of hieroglyphs surround by a loop. The Rosetta stone had the cartouche of Pharaoh Ptolemy, who was mentioned in the Greek text several times.

- Young determined a number of sound correspondences correctly for hieroglyphs found in cartouches. Unfortunately, he didn't follow this through because of the Kircher's argument that hieroglyphs were logographic.
- Jean-Francois Champollion took the next step in 1822, and applied Young's approach to other cartouches.



- Deciphered the cartouche of Cleopatra using another bilingual text.
- Based on his ideas about the sound values of glyphs, he decoded his first "mystery" cartouche (no bilingual) text: *alksentrs*, i.e., Alexandros (Alexander the Great)
- He then got his first hieroglyphs from before the Graeco-Roman period, and "deciphered" the cartouche of Ramses.
- To do this, he made an educated guess that the Coptic language was the language of ancient Egyptian writing.



- Thought the

 could be the sun, which was "ra" in Coptic, so ra-?-s-s.
- Observed that vowels were often left out, and only one Pharaonic name fit: Ramses, so mas "m".
- Egyptian scribes had used the rebus principle: long words are broken into their phonetic components, which are then represented as logographs:
 - E.g., "belief" can be rewritten as "bee-leaf", and then as
- Egyptian hieroglyphs is a mixture of such logographs and phonetic symbols.



- The fact that the sun 'ra' connection was established made the underlying language of ancient hieroglyphics known: Coptic. As we know from our previous discussion of decryption, knowing the language the cipher text is written in is a huge clue to deciphering it!
- After this breakthrough, Champollion went on to break the rest of the system and published his work in 1824: for the first time in 14 centuries, it was possible to read the history of the pharaohs as written by their scribes.



- Slides from Kevin Knight, full talk available at: <u>http://www.isi.edu/natural-language/people/voynich.pdf</u>
- Note that VMS means "Voynich Manuscript".

what is it?

- Medieval illustrated manuscript
- Approx. 235 pages on vellum material
- Color drawings of plants, nymphs, stars, etc.
- Approx. 38,000 words written in an unknown script
- Undeciphered!!! Meaning is unknown
- Currently owned by Yale University

Apparent sections of Vms

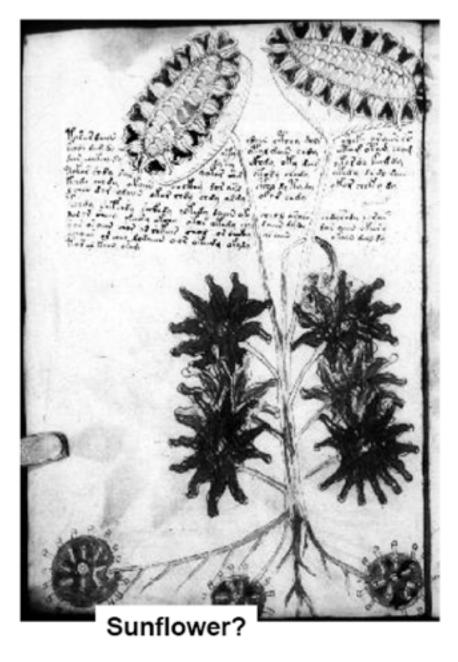
- Herbal (11,938 words)
- Astrological (2594 words)
- Biological (6915 words)
- Cosmological (679 words)
- Pharmacological (5111 words)
- Pure Text (10,682 words)

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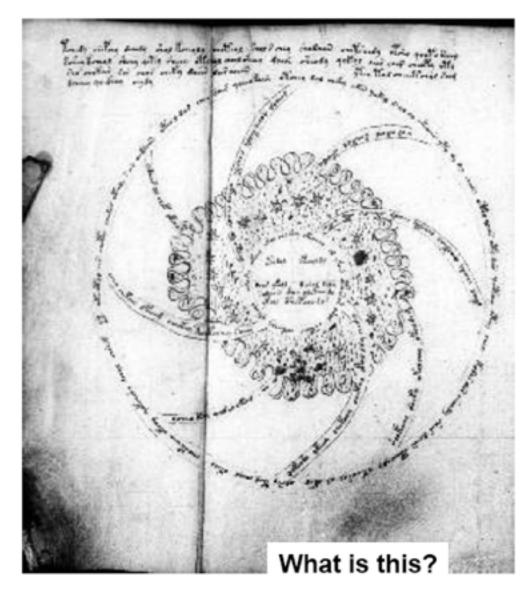
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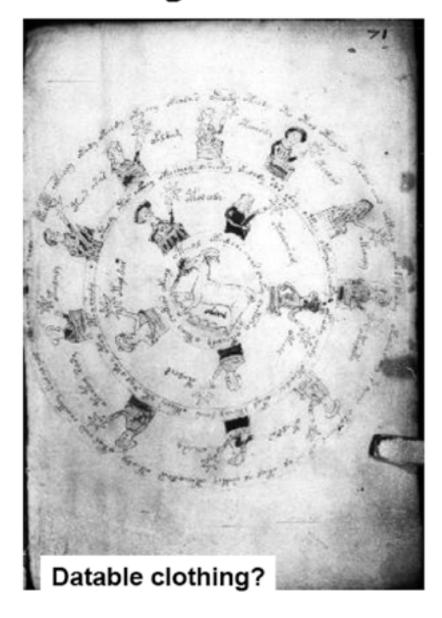
- Strange vs ridiculous vs possible
- Many stems grafted onto roots
- Sunflower? Would date VMS as post-1492
- Dana Scott: 21 identifications (5 with confidence)

The Pictures: Astrological



The Pictures: Astrological





The Pictures: Biological



Small nudes in baths

Interconnecting tubes of liquids

The Pictures: pharmacological Run (ania) medicine jar? -12 tore to the offer cast of cural

The Text

- Approx. 38,000 words, unknown script
- Writing style similar to 15th century Florentine "humanist" hand
- Between 23 and 40 distinct characters
- No corrections, likely to have been copied
- Writing was done after illustrations

Transcription

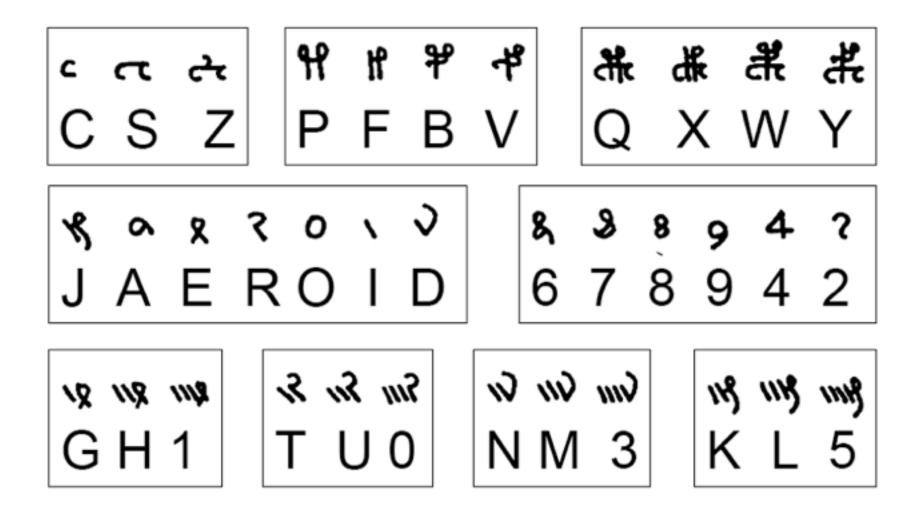
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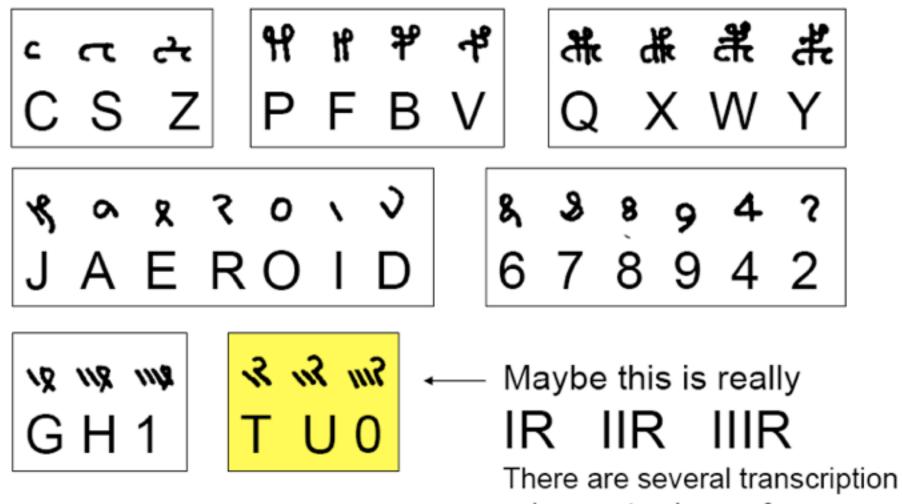
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Alphabet: currier/D'Imperio Transcription



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schemes to choose from.

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63k running characters

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Word Length Distributions

Voynich

English

Length	Distribution	Length	Distribution
1	0.02	1	0.03
2	0.10	2	0.15
3	0.22	3	0.16
4	0.23	4	0.15
5	0.21	5	0.11
6	0.12	6	0.09
7	0.05	7	0.11
8	0.01	8	0.08
9	0.003	9	0.05
10	0.001	10	0.03
11	0.0001	11	0.01
12	0.00007	12	0.006
13	0.00002	13	0.002
35	0.00002		

Counts on vocabulary, not running text

Features of the Text

115 (out of 8116) words appear doubled at least once

... 4011cc89 4011cc89 ...

8 words appear tripled at least once

... 4018689 4018689 4018689 ...

... ያዐጉ ያዐጉ ያዐጉ ...

... አርጋያ ትርጋያ ትርጋያ ...

... ottaw ottaw ottaw ...

... OR OR OR ...

... gHaw gHaw gHaw ...

... 80,00 80,00 80,00 ...

... 4011cc89 4011cc89 4011cc89 ...

Kevin Knight Some Experiments I Did

- Is VMS a phonetic writing system for some known language?
- Is VMS a sort of substitution cipher?

 It's been proposed that VMS is written in a form of vowel-less Ukranian ...



- Writing systems can be seen as substitution ciphers for spoken languages.
 - Speech=plaintext: D IY S AY F ER M EH N T IH Z
 - Writing=ciphertext: decipherment is ...
- So, we'd like to find the most probable sequence of sounds p (for plaintext) for a given writing sample c (ciphertext)
 - This means we want to find argmax_p P(plc)



$$P(p|c) = \frac{P(c|p) \times P(p)}{P(c)} \propto P(c|p) \times P(p)$$

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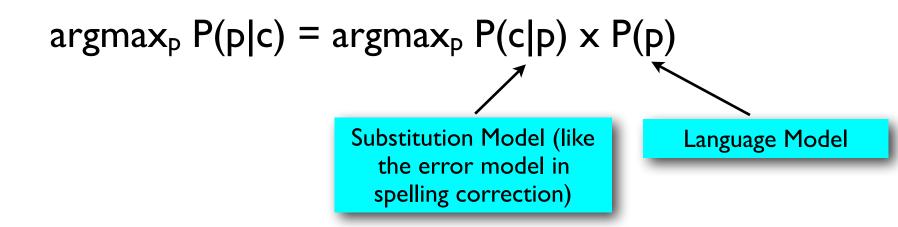
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Substitution Model (like the error model in spelling correction)



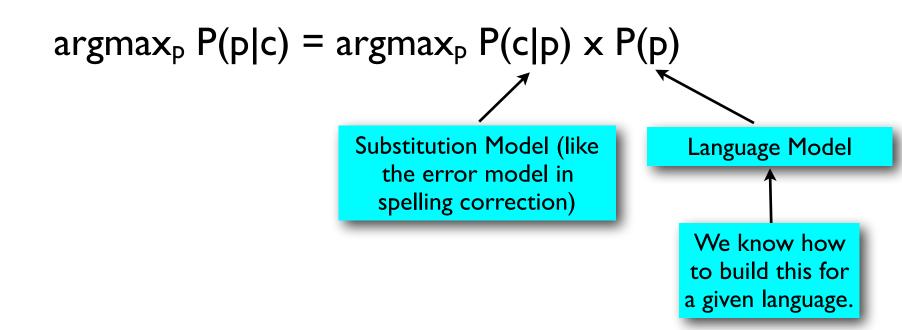
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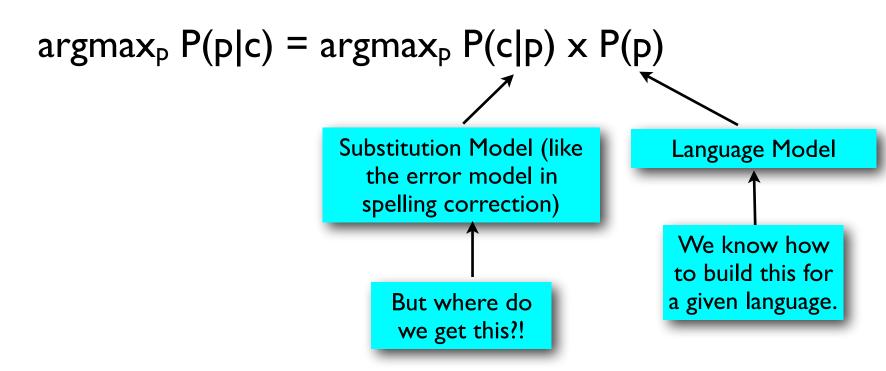
• So, we can solve:





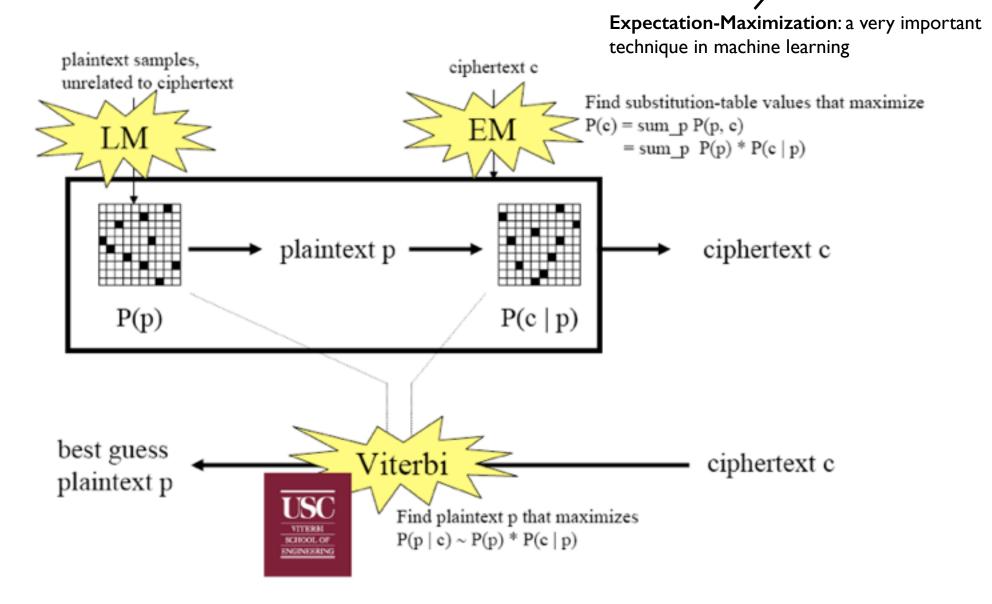
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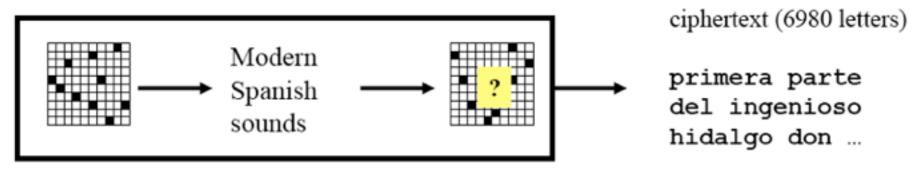


Automatic Decipherment Using EM

[Knight, Nair, Rathod, yamada, 2006]



Phonetic Decipherment



(Don Quixote)

Decoder maximize $P(p) * P(c | p)^3$ 805 errors / 6980 Smooth P(p) with lambdas 684 Use per-symbol lambdas 621 Final Trigram P(p) 492 (7%) \uparrow Automatic decipherment pronounces 93% of written letters correctly

Unknown source Language

Suppose source language is unknown?

ceze ceg qy ataf uqyt qa dwg q y zapu ... VAS92 9FAE AR APAM ZOE ZOR9 QOR92 9 FOR ...

- Decode against all spoken languages:
 - Pre-collect phonetic models for 300 languages
 - Decipher against each
 - See which decoding run yields highest probability

UN Declaration of Human Rights

300+ words in many of world's languages, UTF-8 encoding

No one shall be arbitrarily deprived of his property Niemand se eiendom sal arbitrêr afgeneem word nie Asnjeri nuk duhet të privohet arbitrarisht nga pasuria e tij لا يجرز تجريد أحد من ملكه تحسفا

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Unknown source Language

Input:

cevzren cnegr qry vatravbfb uvqnytb qba dhvwbgr qr yn znapun ...

Languages with best Prob after deciphering?

Probability

Unknown source Language

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• Top 5 languages with best Prob after deciphering:

 -5.29120
 spanish

 -5.43346
 galician

 -5.44087
 portuguese

 -5.48023
 kurdish

 -5.49751
 romanian

- Best-path decoding assuming plaintext is Spanish: primera parte del ingenioso hidalgo don guijote de la mancha ...
- Simultaneous decipherment and language ID

Voynich manuscript

• Input:

VAS92 9FAE AR APAM ZOE ZOR9 QOR92 9 FOR ZOE89 ...

Languages with best Prob after deciphering?

Voynich manuscript

Input:

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Top 10 languages with best Prob after deciphering:

-1.03444	romanian	-1.03546	occitan
-1.03490	zhuang	-1.03568	croatian
-1.03494	polish	-1.03575	chinese
-1.03498	kurdish	-1.03587	albanian
-1.03516	siswati	-1.03594	lingala

Best-path decoding assuming plaintext is Latin:

quiss squm is ONUM pom quss hates s qum hatis ...



- Frequency analysis of characters and words provides evidence that it is a real text. (Though, actually, there are ways of mimicking even this.)
- But, even if it isn't a hoax, we don't know the language in which the Voynich manuscript is written, which makes it much harder to get anywhere with decoding it.
- Modern computational linguistics techniques that can be used for deciphering might allow us to detect what the source *language* actually is (though not necessarily the source *text*).



• Reverse the alphabet and then shift:

Plain alphabet: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz Cipher alphabet: MLKJIHGFEDCBAZYXWVUTSRQPON

• Here's the unix command:

- tr 'MLKJIHGFEDCBAZYXWVUTSRQPON' 'a-z'
 - And the decoded text (from Tolstoy):

i would not change my way of life for yours," said she. "we may live roughly, but at least we are free from anxiety. you live in better style than we do, but though you often earn more than you need, you are very likely to lose all you have. you know the proverb, 'loss and gain are brothers twain.' it often happens that people who are wealthy one day are begging their bread the next. our way is safer. though a peasant's life is not a fat one, it is a long one. we shall never grow rich, but we shall always have enough to eat.