

Substitution Cipher

A → D

B → E

C → F

⋮

Z → C

Shift, Affine:

One-to-one functions

with domain & range

$$\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 25\}$$

$$\text{Shift } f_k(x) = (x+k) \% 26$$

$$\text{Affine } f_{a,b}(x) = (ax+b) \% 26$$

Another way to define a function is to explicitly list each output for each input!
(Can only do this if there aren't too many inputs)

Plain	Cipher
A	Q
B	R
C	C
D	Z
E	B
⋮	⋮

each letter
must appear
here exactly
once!!!

26

 25^x 24^x

⋮

⋮

⋮

26!

$$26! = 2 \cdot 10^{26}$$

Shift key size = 26

Affine " " = 312

Key size =

NOT FEASIBLE TO DO A
BRUTE FORCE SEARCH!!!

	Shift/Affine	Substitution
Pro	easy to implement	Large Keyspace
Con	Small Keyspace	harder to implement (probably need to carry a chart)

Hiding the fact that you've sent a message is steganography.

Substitution cipher was used as well, just in case!!!

Queen Elizabeth's Cipher Person: Francis Walsingham

Some words are really common (the, etc.)

CODE SYMBOLS for 20 common words.

The - Δ

26 letters +

20 symbols (harder)

3/4 null chars

Other Things to Make Harder

NULL ~~SPACE~~ CHAR (doesn't count)

BACKSPACE CHAR

How did Walsingham Break the Code? ③

① Frequency Analysis

- Calculate all letter frequencies
- 1st 5 or so probably map to the 1st 8 or so from regular English frequencies

② Common Di, Tri grams

- Try to match repeated di-tri grams in the ciphertext to common ones in English.
- Plug in ideas and see if "impossible" conditions are created, OR if a partial word forms.

③ Repeated Words

- match "mold" of word to dictionary.

X Y X X Z = daddy