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Vigenere Cipher

Battista Alberti - Italian, he designed
Trevi Fountain

Key - 2 substitution alphabets

HELLO
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sub1 sub2 sub1 sub2 sub1

~1586 Vigenere

Plaintext: $P_0 P_1 P_2 \dots P_{n-1}$ (length n)
Keyword: $k_0 k_1 k_2 \dots k_{m-1}$ (length m)

$$C_i = (P_i + \underline{k_{i \% m}}) \bmod 26$$

$$P_i = (C_i - \underline{k_{i \% m}} + 26) \% 26 \quad \text{for code}$$

Secure until early 1800s.

Paradigm Shift

Tools to Break Vigenere

- { 1) Kasiski Test (discovered by Charles Babbage also)
2) Index of Coincidence
GOAL IS TO IDENTIFY THE KEYWORD LENGTH

3) Mutual Index of Coincidence

	i		j
Plain	THE	THE	THE
	$k_2 k_3 k_3 \dots$	$k_3 k_4 k_5$	$k_2 k_3 k_4$
	MQA		MQA

if repeated plaintext AND happens to line up cyclically, then you'll see repeated ciphertext
if repeated, there's a good chance plain is same + we've found a cycle length.

Let m = keyword length, then $m \mid (j - i)$

" $a \mid b$ " - " b is divisible by a "

"There exists an integer c such that $b = ac$."

for all pairs of repeats (3 or more letters)

Call these differences in index

$d_1, d_2, d_3 \dots \rightarrow m \mid d_1, m \mid d_2, \dots \rightarrow 18$

$m \mid 80, m \mid 96, m \mid 200 \Rightarrow m \mid \gcd(80, 96, 200)$

Index of Coincidence

Bag:	20	Snickers
	10	Twix
	50	Skittles
	20	Herskys

If you select 2 candies from the bag, what is the probability both are the same type?

$$p(2Sn) + p(2Tw) + p(2Sk) + p(2He)$$

$$\frac{20}{100} \times \frac{19}{99} + \frac{10 \times 9}{100 \times 99} + \frac{50 \times 49}{100 \times 99} + \frac{20 \times 19}{100 \times 99}$$

Sample Space: # ways to choose 2 items out of 100 $\rightarrow \binom{100}{2}$

$$\frac{\binom{20}{2} + \binom{10}{2} + \binom{50}{2} + \binom{20}{2}}{\binom{100}{2}}$$

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^k f_i (f_i - 1)}{n(n-1)}, \quad \sum_{i=1}^k f_i = n$$

k = # of types of object
 f_i = # of copies of object i
 n = total # of objects

$$\frac{2 \times 20 \times 19 + 90 + 50 \times 49}{100 \times 99}$$

$$= \frac{4 \times 19 + 9 + 5 \times 49}{990}$$

$$= \frac{76 + 9 + 245}{990}$$

$$= \frac{330}{990}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 85 \\ 245 \\ \hline 330 \end{array}$$

Index of Coincidence
is invariant
under any
substitution

$$IC(\text{english text}) \sim .0676$$

$$IC(\text{random letters}) \sim \frac{1}{26} < .04$$

Try $m = 2, 3, 4, \dots$

$C_0 C_1 C_2 C_3 \dots$

PUT LETTERS IN m bins:

bin 0: $C_0, C_m, C_{2m}, \dots$

bin 1: $C_1, C_{m+1}, C_{2m+1}, \dots$

bin $m-1$: $C_{m-1}, C_{2m-1}, C_{3m-1}, \dots$

If m is correct $IC(b_0), IC(b_1), \dots \sim .07$
but if m is wrong most will be lower

Once you get keyword length,
try shifting bins to "look like"
English. Plus those in + see if you
make out any words

$k_2 k_3 \quad k_7 k_9$ correct...

4 Do some guesswork to fill in letters
that you might have guessed wrong

MUTUAL INDEX OF COINCIDENCE

Given multisets A and B , what's the
probability 1 randomly selected item from A
equals 1 randomly selected item from B ?

$A = 10a, 20b, 40c \quad 70$

Shift
-1 $\leftarrow B = 50a, 15b, 25c \quad 90$
 $B' = 15b, 25c, 50a$

$$\frac{10}{70} \times \frac{50}{90} + \frac{20}{70} \times \frac{15}{90} + \frac{40}{70} \times \frac{25}{90}$$

$$\text{MIC}(A, B') = \frac{10 \times 15 + 20 \times 25 + 40 \times 50}{70 \times 90}$$

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int res = 0; ans = 0;
for (int i = 0; i < 26; i++)
    int tmp = computeMIC(english, f);
    if (tmp > ans) {
        ans = tmp;
        res = i;
    }
    f = cyclicLeftShift(f);
}
// Value of res is most-likely
// shift char for this bin.

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Compute 2 or 3 highest MICs
 and try all 2^m or 3^m combos
 looking for words ~~for~~ from a dictionary
 OR a few common words