

# Practice Week 3

Encryptions

# How to Process Files

- We open a file for reading
- We open a file for writing
- We read the file line by line and process all the data
- Then we write the processed data to another file
- Alternatively, we print out the results

# Today: Some simple cryptography

- Cryptography has been around for more than 2000 years
- Computers have had a big impact on cryptography and vice versa
- Here: Use two simple codes and break them
  - Take a text
  - Convert the text to only upper letters and suppress punctuation marks
  - Use the substitution code on the result

# How to Process a String

- Task:
  - Given a string, remove all punctuation marks and white spaces and make the text upper only
  - Hint: instead of typing the alphabet, you can use `ascii_letters` and `digits`

# How to Process a String

- We can import directly from string

```
from string import ascii_letters, digits
```

- We use the standard pattern: Create a result array and add to it selectively

# How to Process a String

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def process(string):
    result = [ ]
    for letter in string:
        if letter in ascii_letters or letter in digits:
            result.append(letter.upper())
    return ' '.join(result)
```

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- digits is not zero and always true
- All letters are added to result



# How to Process a String

- This concatenates the letters and digits string and works

```
from string import ascii_letters, digits

def process(string):
    result = [ ]
    for letter in string:
        if letter in ascii_letters+digits:
            result.append(letter.upper())
    return ''.join(result)
```

# Substitution Cipher

- Replace every letter with another letter
- Classic use case for a dictionary
  - Generate a random dictionary that uses `random.shuffle` to shuffle a list
  - The upper letters are in `strings.ascii_uppercase`
  - Then create the translation dictionary

# Substitution Cipher

- To permute the list of letters:

```
let = list(ascii_uppercase)
random.shuffle(let)
```

# Substitution Cipher

- How to make a dictionary out of it?
  - Comprehension

```
substitution = { ascii_uppercase[i]:let[i] for i in  
range(len(let)) }
```

# Substitution Cipher

- How to make a dictionary out of it?
  - comprehension and zipping

```
substitution2 = { x[0]:x[1] for x in  
zip(list(ascii_uppercase), let) }
```

# Substitution Cipher

- How to make a dictionary out of it?
  - Comprehension and enumerate

```
substitution3 = { letter:let[i] for i, letter in  
enumerate(ascii_uppercase) }
```

# Substitution Cipher

- How to make a dictionary out of it?
  - Comprehension and using dict

```
substitution4 = dict(zip(ascii_uppercase, let))
```

# Substitution Cipher

- Using a key to generate the dictionary
  - Idea: take a string "LOYOLA COLLEGE"
  - Then A->L, B->O, C->Y, D->?
    - Skip O and L
  - D->A, E->E, F->G, and then?
  - H -> next free letter:

~~X~~B~~X~~D~~X~~F~~X~~H I J K~~X~~MN~~X~~PQRSTUVWX~~X~~Z

- H->B, I->D, J->F, K->I, L->J, M->K, N->M, ...



# Substitution Cipher

- How to solve this:
  - Make a list of possible choices by concatenating the list of letters in the key and all letters
  - ['L', 'O', 'Y', 'O', 'L', 'A', 'C', 'O', 'L', 'L', 'E', 'G', 'E', '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']
  - Assign the first letter to 'A'

# Substitution Cipher

- How to solve this:
  - Then remove this letter from the list:

```
[ele for ele in choices if ele != retval[letter]]
```

- ```
['O', 'Y', 'O', 'A', 'C', 'O',  
'E', 'G', 'E', 'A', 'B', 'C',  
'D', 'E', 'F', 'G', 'H', 'I',  
'J', 'K', 'M', 'N', 'O', 'P',  
'Q', 'R', 'S', 'T', 'U', 'V',  
'W', 'X', 'Y', 'Z']
```

# Substitution Cipher

- Complete code:

```
def make_dict(key):
    retval = { }
    choices = list(key)+list(ascii_uppercase)
    for letter in ascii_uppercase:
        print(choices)
        retval[letter] = choices[0]
        choices = [ele for ele in choices if ele !=
retval[letter]]
    return retval
```

# Substitution Cipher

- How to encode a whole book:
  - Write a function that takes a line and applies the dictionary to it
  - Write a function that opens the book for reading and an output-file for writing
    - Take all lines
    - Translate the lines
    - Print the translated line to the file

# Substitution Cipher

```
def translate(line, dictionary):  
    result = []  
    for letter in line:  
        if letter in digits:  
            result.append(letter)  
        else:  
            result.append(dictionary[letter])  
    return ''.join(result)
```

# Substitution Cipher

```
def encode(infile, key):  
    mydict = make_dict(key)  
    with open(infile) as infile, open('output.txt', 'w') as outfile:  
        for line in infile:  
            line = process(line)  
            new_line = translate(line, mydict)  
            print(new_line, file = outfile)
```

# Substitution Cipher

- How to decode?
  - Use the same procedure, but with the reversed dictionary

# Substitution Cipher

```
revdict = { mydict[letter]:letter for letter in mydict }
```



# Substitution Cipher

```
def decode(infile, outfile, key):
    mydict = make_dict(key)
    revdict = { mydict[letter]:letter for letter in mydict }
    with open(infile) as inputfile, open(outfile, 'w') as outputfile:
        for line in inputfile:
            line = line.strip()
            new_line = translate(line, revdict)
            print(new_line, file = outputfile)
```

# Substitution Cipher

- How to break a substitution cipher?
  - Just do a frequency analysis
    - Open the encoded file and use a dictionary to count the letters

# Substitution Cipher

```
def get_frequencies(filename):
    count = {letter:0 for letter in ascii_uppercase}
    with open(filename) as infile:
        for line in infile:
            for letter in line:
                if letter in count:
                    count[letter]+=1
    total = sum(list(count.values()))
    for letter in ascii_uppercase:
        print(letter, ' : ', count[letter]/total*100)
```

# Substitution Cipher

- The frequency of letters is reasonably constant over texts in the same language

| Letter | Count | Letter | Frequency |
|--------|-------|--------|-----------|
| E      | 21912 | E      | 12.02     |
| T      | 16587 | T      | 9.10      |
| A      | 14810 | A      | 8.12      |
| O      | 14003 | O      | 7.68      |
| I      | 13318 | I      | 7.31      |
| N      | 12666 | N      | 6.95      |
| S      | 11450 | S      | 6.28      |
| R      | 10977 | R      | 6.02      |
| H      | 10795 | H      | 5.92      |
| D      | 7874  | D      | 4.32      |
| L      | 7253  | L      | 3.98      |
| U      | 5246  | U      | 2.88      |
| C      | 4943  | C      | 2.71      |
| M      | 4761  | M      | 2.61      |
| F      | 4200  | F      | 2.30      |
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# Substitution Cipher

A : 1.3285085277595021  
B : 6.941140745989169  
C : 0.134116098992864  
D : 4.458727668404271  
E : 1.973784098385546  
F : 6.518548509539956  
G : 7.5408674528063155  
H : 1.3538134520977783  
I : 4.605496229566273  
J : 0.21509185687534796  
K : 5.159674072574523  
L : 1.9408876967457867  
M : 6.1415051368996405  
N : 8.522698517131435  
O : 12.725846449719116  
P : 2.3660104256288275  
Q : 9.671542082089173  
R : 1.0552153449061188  
S : 2.917657776203249  
T : 2.3584189483273446  
U : 6.807024646996306  
V : 0.751556252846804  
W : 2.495065539754036  
X : 0.11640265195607066  
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# Caesar Cipher

- A simple form of a substitution cipher
  - Each letter is moved to the letter  $x$  spots away
    - Example:  $x=5$
    - A→F, B→G, C→H, D→I, ...
      - When you reach 'Z', start with 'A' again:
    - U→Z, V→A, W→B, X→C, Y→D, Z→E

# Caesar Cipher

- We can use two built in functions that associate a letter with its encoding

```
>>> ord('य')
```

```
2351
```

```
>>> chr(2351)
```

```
'य'
```

# Caesar Cipher

- The encoding reflects the ordering of the alphabet.
- To get the letter 5 steps afterwards:

- 

```
>>> def trans(character):  
    return chr(ord(character)+5)
```

```
>>> trans('g')  
'l'
```

```
>>> trans('य')  
'ळ'
```

```
>>>
```



# Caesar Cipher

- The uppercase letters in the English alphabet are between `ord('A')` and `ord('Z')`, i.e. between 65 and 90
  - Implement the Caesar Cipher

# Caesar Cipher

```
def translate(letter, offset):  
    number = ord(letter)-65  
    new_number = number+offset  
    if new_number > 25:  
        new_number -=26  
    return chr(new_number+65)
```