

Historical cryptography

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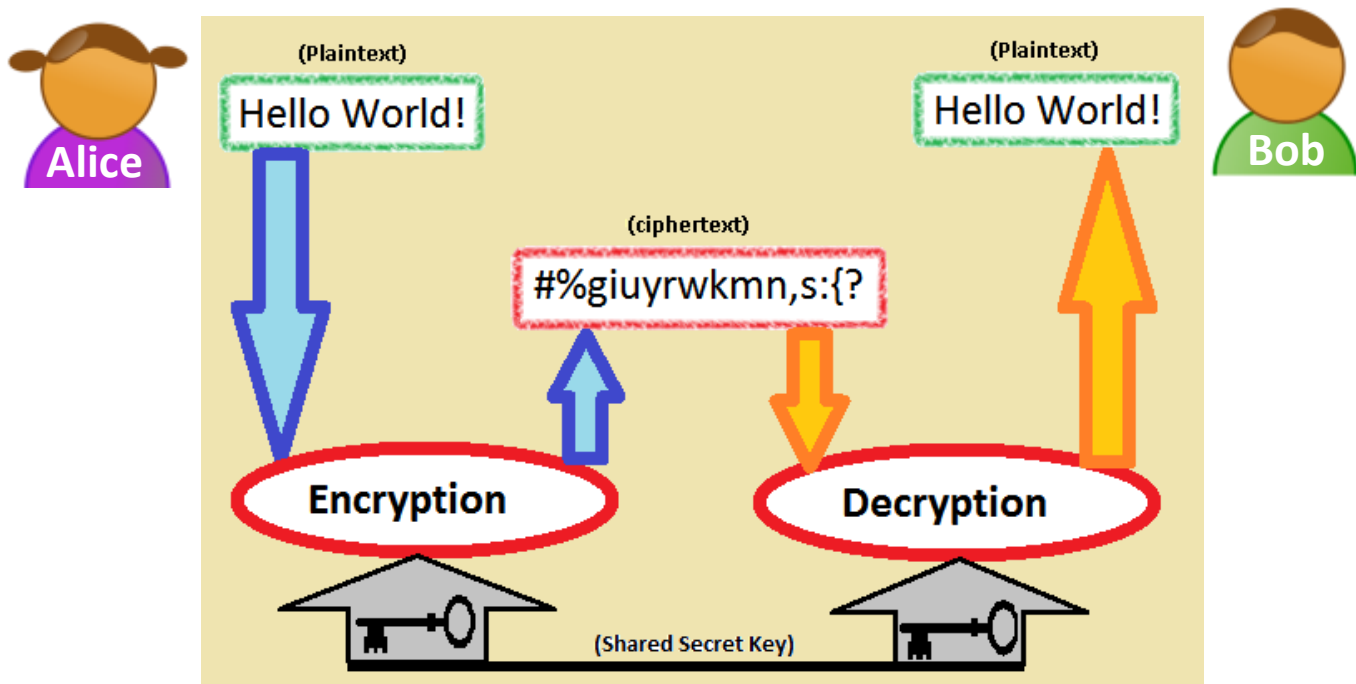
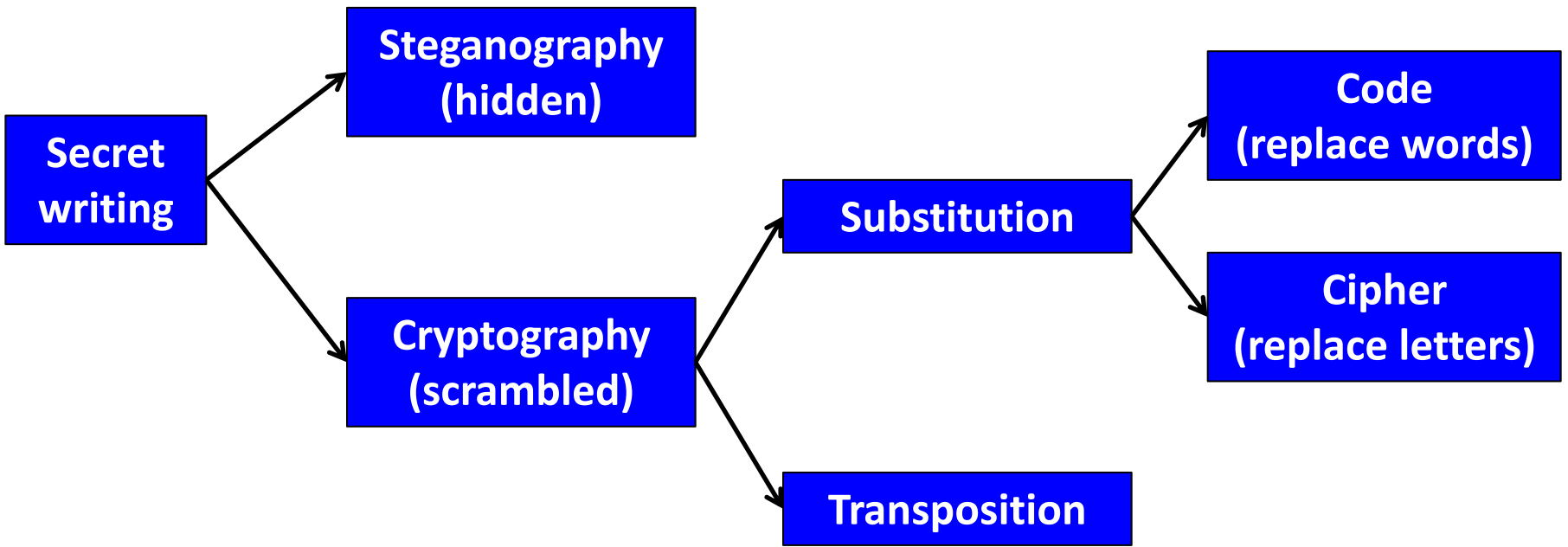
Charge Gerzab Lepulay.



Handwritten text in a cursive script, likely a form of cipher or code, possibly related to the telegrams shown in the adjacent image.

Overview

- Historical cryptography
 - Monoalphabetic substitution ciphers
 - Breaking them
 - Some improvements
 - The cipher of Mary Queen of Scots
 - Polyalphabetic substitution ciphers
 - Unbreakable encryption
 - WWI
 - Zimmerman telegram
 - WWII
 - Rise of the cipher machines
 - Engima



Monoalphabetic ciphers

- Monoalphabetic cipher
 - Use a fixed substitution over entire message
- Assigning substitutions
 - Option 1: Caesar shift cipher
 - Option 2: Completely random
 - 26! ways to assign \approx
400,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000
 - But hard to remember a completely random assignment
 - Option 3: Based on key phrase
 - Shared secret: "ugly black swan"

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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Breaking a monoalphabetic cipher



LIVITCSWPIYVEWHEVSRIQMXLEYVEOIEWHRXEXIPFEMVEWHKVSTYLXZIXLIKIIX
PIJVSZEYPERRGERIMWQLMGLMXQERIWGSPRIHMXQEREKIETXMJT PRGEVEKEITRE
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EGAEWHEPSWYSWIWIEVXLI SXLIVXLIRGEPIRQIVIIBGI IHMWYPFLEVHEWHYPSRR
FQMXLEPPXLI ECCIEVEWGISJKTVWMRLIHYS PHXLIQIMYLSJXLIMWRIGXQEROIV
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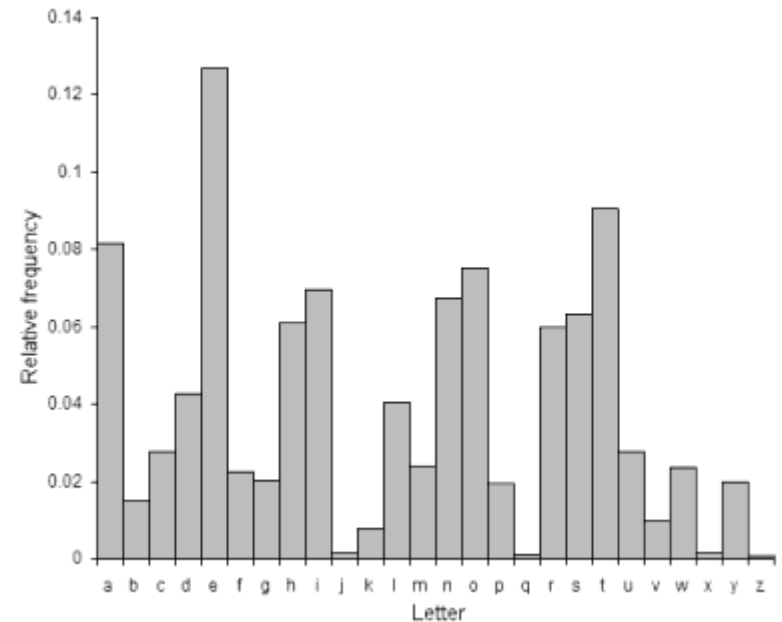


Eve counts up frequency of
single letters, letter pairs
(bigrams), letter triples
(trigrams)

Breaking a monoalphabetic cipher: step 1

LIVITCSWPIYVEWHEVSRIQMXLEYVEOIEWHRXEXIPFEMVEWHKVVSTYLXZIXLIKIIX
 PIJVSZEYPERRGERIMWQLMGLMXQERIWGPSRIHMXQEREKIETXMJTPRGEVEKEITRE
 WHEXXLEXXMZITWAWSQWXSWEEXTVEPMRXRSJGSTVRIEYVIEXCVMUIMWERGMIWXMJ
 MGCSSMWSJOMIQXLIVIQIVIXQSVSTWHKPEGARCSXRWIEVSWIIBXVIZMXFSJXLIK
 EGAEWHEPSWYSWIWIEVXLI SXLIVXLIRGEPIRQIVIIBGI IHMWYPFLEVHEWHYPSRR
 FQMXLEPPXLI ECCIEVEWGISJKTVWMRLIHYS PHXLIQIMYLSJXLIMWRIGXQEROIV
 FVIZEVAEKPIEWHXEAMWYEPXLMWYRMWXSGSWRMHIVEXMSWMGSTPHLEVHHPFKPEZ
 INTCMXIVJSVLMRSCMWSWVIRCIGXMWYMX

ciphertext	plaintext	
I	e	most common letter
XL	th	most common bigram
XLI	the	most common trigram
E	a	second most common letter

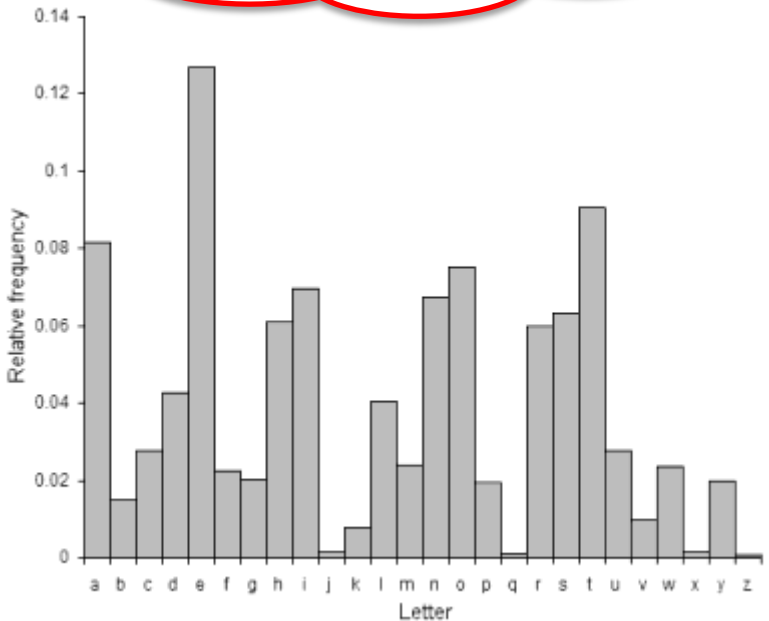


Breaking a monoalphabetic cipher: step 1

heVeTCSWPeYVaWHaVSRQmthaYVaOeaWHRtatePFaMVaWHKVSTYhtZetheKeet
 PeJVSZaYPaRRGaReMWQhMGhMtQaReWGPSReHMTQaRaKeaTtMJTPRGaVaKaeTRa
 WHatthattmZeTWAWSQWtSWatTVaPMRtRSJGSTVReaYVeatCVMUeMWaRGMewtMJ
 MGCSMWtSJOMeQtheVeQeVetQSVSTWHKPaGARCStRWeaVSWeeBtVeZMtFSJtheK
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 FQMthaPPtheaCCeaVaWGeSJKTVWMRheHYSPhtheQeMYhtSJtheMWRReGtQaROeV
 FVeZaVAaKPeaWhtaAMWYaPPthMWYRMWtSGSWRMHeVatMSWMGSTPHhaVHPFKPaZ
 eNTCMteVJSVhMRSCMWSWVerCeGtMWYMt

Eve now has a partially decoded message.

ciphertext	plaintext	
I	e	most common letter
XL	th	most common bigram
XLI	the	most common trigram
E	a	second most common letter



Breaking a monoalphabetic cipher: step 2

heVeTCSWPeYVaWHaVSReQMthaYVaOeaWH**Rtate**PFaMVaWHKVSTYhtZetheKeet
 PeJVSZaYPaRRGaReMWQhMGhMtQaReWGPSReHMTQaRaKeaTtMJTPRGaVaKaeTRa
 WH**atthattMZe**TWAWSQWtSWatTVaPMRtRSJGSTVReaYVeatCVMUeMWaRGMewtMJ
 MGCSMWtSJOMeQtheVeQeVetQSVSTWHKPaGARCStRWeaVSWeeBtVeZMtFSJtheK
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 eNTCMteVJSVhMRSCMMSWVerCeGtMWYMt

ciphertext	plaintext	cipher fragment	plaintext guess
V	r	heVe	here
R	s	Rtate	state
M	i	atthattMZe	atthattime
Z	m	atthattMZe	atthattime



Eve can now use language knowledge to make further guesses...

Breaking a monoalphabetic cipher

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hereTCSWPeYraWHarSseQithaYraOeaWHstatePFairaWHKrSTYhtmetheKeet  
PeJrSmaYPassGaseiWQhiGhitQaseWGPSseHitQasaKeaTtiJTPsGaraKaeTsa  
WHatthattimeTWAWSQWtSWatTraPistsSJGSTRseaYreatCriUeiWasGieWtiJ  
iGCSiWtSJOieQthereQeretQsrSTWHKPaGAsCStsWearSWeeBtremifSJtheK  
aGAaWHaPSWYSWeWeartheStherthesGaPesQereeBGeeHiWYPFharHaWHYPSss  
FQithaPPtheaCCearaWGeSJKTrWisheHYSPHtheQeiYhtSJtheiWseGtQasOer  
FremarAaKPeaWHtaAiWYaPPthiWYsiWtSGSWsiHeratiSWiGSTPHharHPFKPam  
eNTCiterJSrhisSCiWiSWresCeGtiWYit
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and so on...



Decoded monoalphabetic cipher

hereuponlegrandarosewithagraveandstatelyairandbroughtmethebeetlefromaglasscaseinwhichitwasencloseditwasabeautifulscarabaeusandatthattimeunknowntonaturalistsofcourseagreatprizeinascientificpointofviewthereweretworoundblackspotsnearoneextremityofthebackandalongoneneartheotherthescaleswereexceedinglyhardandglossywithalltheappearanceofburnishedgoldtheweightoftheinsectwasveryremarkableandtakingallthingsintoconsiderationicouldhardlyblamejupiterforhisopinionrespectingit

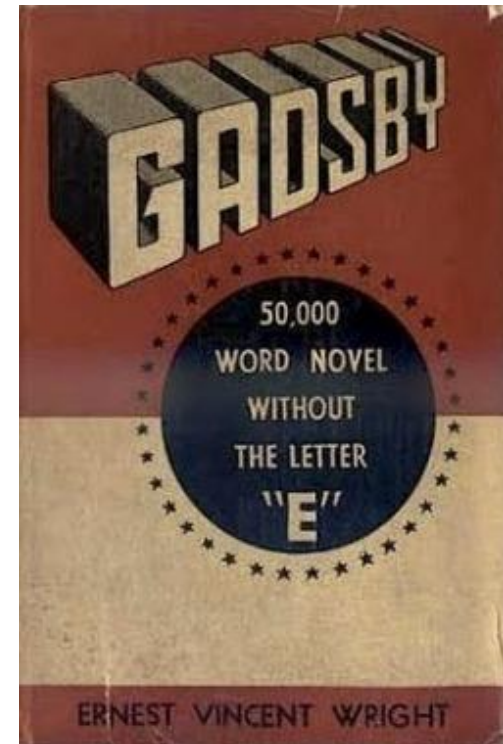
Hereupon Legrand arose, with a grave and stately air, and brought me the beetle from a glass case in which it was enclosed. It was a beautiful scarabaeus, and, at that time, unknown to naturalists—of course a great prize in a scientific point of view. There were two round black spots near one extremity of the back, and a long one near the other. The scales were exceedingly hard and glossy, with all the appearance of burnished gold. The weight of the insect was very remarkable, and, taking all things into consideration, I could hardly blame Jupiter for his opinion respecting it.

Or use some code from the Internet...

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c:\Dropbox\mtech\webosci\resources>simpsub2.exe
Name of sample ("learning") file: moby.txt
Name of cipher file: mono2.txt
Is the cipher formatted with spaces? (y/n): n
Reading sample file...
Analyzing sample file...
Reading cipher file...
Analyzing cipher file...
Initial closeness is 1.487429, PLEASE WAIT...
DONE! Func value=0.866612
Key is: abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz
       ekghijylmdapzws-cnvrxt-oqbfu
hereuponlegrandarosewithagraveandstatelyairandbroughtmethetheb
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glyhardandglossywithalltheappearanceofburnishedgoldtheweigh
toftheinsectwasveryremarkableandtakingallthingsintoconsider
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Shoring up monoalphabetic ciphers

- Improved resistance to frequency analysis:
 - Insert nulls, symbols that represent nothing
 - e.g. cipher alphabet 1-99, 73 numbers represent nulls
 - Mespall thangs on pirpus
 - Screws up frequency, humans can correct
 - Use code words
 - Need to exchange large dictionary of codes
 - Capture of codebook destroys security
 - Homophonic substitution
 - Multiple cipher symbols per plaintext symbol
 - Nomenclature
 - Small list of words/syllables
 - Cipher alphabet with homophones



Homophonic substitution

- Improved resistance to frequency analysis:
 - Homophonic substitution
 - Plaintext symbol, set of cipher symbols
 - Set size proportional to frequency in the language

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
09	48	13	01	14	10	06	23	32	15	04	26	22	18	00	38	94	29	11	17	08	34	60	28	21	02
12	81	41	03	16	31	25	39	70			37	27	58	05	95		35	19	20	61		89		52	
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Mary Queen of Scots

- **Babington Plot**

- Mary imprisoned for 18 years
- Gilbert Gifford double agent
"recruited" to communicate with Mary
- Detoured letters via Walsingham
- Anthony Babington and company
 - Rescue Mary
 - Assassinate Elizabeth
 - Wanted blessing of Mary



Mary Queen of Scots



Elizabeth I



Francis Walsingham

Mary's nomenclature

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	V	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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Character	Meaning	Character	Meaning	Character	Meaning
○	A	7	X	ff, r, u, d.	Nulles
‡	B	8	Y	σ	Dowbleth
\	C	9	Z	z	And
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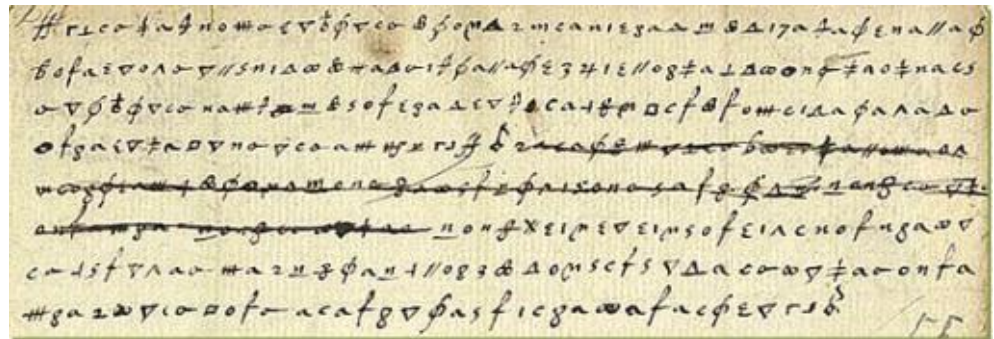
The plot

- Babington plot

- Gifford delivers message from Mary to Babington
- Babington replies with outline of plot

"Myself with ten gentlemen and a hundred of our followers will undertake the delivery of your royal person from the hands of your enemies. For the dispatch of the usurper, from the obedience of whom we are by the excommunication of her made free, there be six noble gentlemen, all my private friends, who for the zeal they bear to the Catholic cause and your Majesty's service will undertake that tragical execution"

- Mary replies endorsing plan
- Walsingham forges postscript to Mary's letter asking Babington to name names





Den viii february werde onthallt Maria
 Stuart Schots Coninginne's kerrende Romfch Catho-
 lyck hebbende gesocht veel onrust ten aen te siensten haer selo-
 mee ten te maekken van Engeland t' doodsck haer vander haet
 of te parlement welcomelyck wende verhoont, Anno 1587.
 C. M. CC. LXXIII. fol. XLIII. v. 20.

Polyalphabetic cipher

- Monoalphabetic cipher

- Single set of substitutions for all 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
U	G	L	Y	B	A	C	K	S	W	N	D	E	F	H	I	J	M	O	P	Q	R	T	V	X	Z

- Polyalphabetic cipher

- Multiple sets of substitutions
- Switch between them during encryption
- 1460s, Leon Alberti hits on idea of using 2+ sets

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

Polyalphabetic cipher

- 1586, Vigenère cipher
 - "Le Chiffre Indéchiffrable"
 - Letters Caesar shifted, change based on keyword

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



Blaise de Vigenère

Plaintext	attackatdawn
Key	LEMONLEMONLE
Ciphertext	LXFOPVEFRNHR

Breaking the Vigenère Cipher

- Vigenère cipher

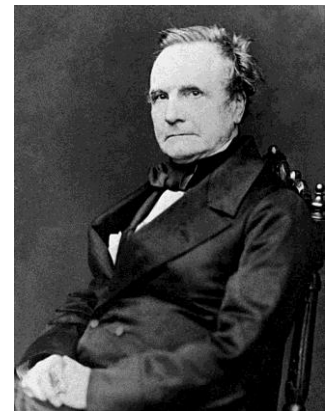
- Much better at hiding letter frequency info

- But key repeats:

- If you know length, an interwoven set of Caesar ciphers

Key:	ABCDABCDABCDABCDABCDABCDABCD
Plaintext:	CRYPTO ISSHORTFOR CRYPTO GRAPHY
Ciphertext:	CSASTP KVSIQUTGQU CSASTP IUAQJB

- Distance between repeats = 16
- Suggests key length if 16, 8, 4, 2, or 1
- Find additional repeats to narrow lengths
- Frequency analyze each interwoven set



Charles Babbage

WWI: Zimmermann Telegram

- 1915, U-boat sinks Lusitania
 - 128 US Civilians killed
 - Germany promises to surface first
- 1916, new Foreign Minister
 - Arthur Zimmermann
- 1917, unrestricted submarine warfare
 - Zimmermann hatches plan
 - Keep American busy at home
 - Persuade Mexico to invade US and invite Japan to attack as well



Arthur Zimmermann

CLASS OF SERVICE DELIVERED
Post Day Message <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Persons should note, on 2 o'clock of service the TELEGRAM WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS A DAY LETTER.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

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NEWSPAPER CARLTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Send the following telegram, subject to the terms
on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

via Galveston

JAN 29 1917

GERMAN LEGATION
MEXICO CITY

130	13042	13401	8501	115	3528	416	17214	8491	11310
18147	18222	21560	10247	11518	23677	13805	3494	14936	
98092	5905	11311	10392	10371	0302	21290	5161	39695	
23571	17504	11269	18276	18101	0317	0228	17894	4473	
23224	22200	19452	21589	87893	5509	13918	8958	12137	
1333	4725	4458	5905	17165	13851	4458	17149	14471	6705
13850	12224	8929	14991	7382	15857	67893	14218	36477	
5870	17553	67893	5870	5454	16102	15217	22801	17138	
21601	17388	7440	23638	18222	6719	14331	15021	23845	
3158	23552	22096	21604	4797	9497	22464	20855	4377	
23610	18140	22260	5905	13347	20420	39689	13732	20867	
6929	5275	18507	52262	1340	22049	13339	11265	22295	
10439	14814	4178	6992	8784	7832	7357	6926	52282	11267
21100	21272	9346	9559	22464	15874	18502	18500	15857	
2186	5376	7381	98092	16127	13486	9350	9220	76036	14219
5144	2831	17920	11347	17142	11264	7667	7762	15099	9110
10482	97556	3569	3670						

BEHNSTOFF.

Charge German Embassy.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

By *Wm A. Eckhoff*
Date *Oct 27, 1917*

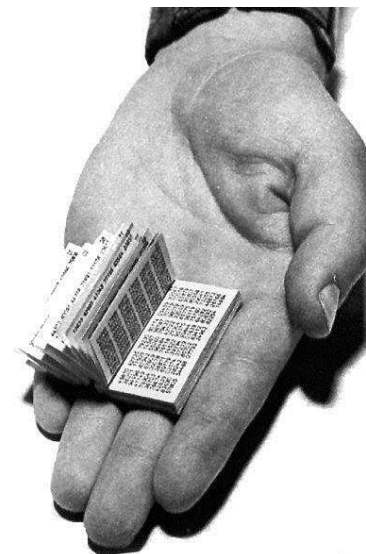
FROM 2nd from London # 5747.

"We intend to begin on the first of February unrestricted submarine warfare. We shall endeavor in spite of this to keep the United States of America neutral. In the event of this not succeeding, we make Mexico a proposal of alliance on the following basis: make war together, make peace together, generous financial support and an understanding on our part that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. The settlement in detail is left to you. You will inform the President of the above most secretly as soon as the outbreak of war with the United States of America is certain and add the suggestion that he should, on his own initiative, ~~write~~ ^{invite} Japan to immediate adherence and at the same time mediate between Japan and ourselves. Please call the President's attention to the fact that the ruthless employment of our submarines now offers the prospect of compelling England in a few months to make peace." Signed, ZIMMERMAN.

Unbreakable encryption

- 1882, One-time pad

- Use a key as long as the message
- Choose the key (truly) randomly
- Only use the key once and only once
- Provably secure




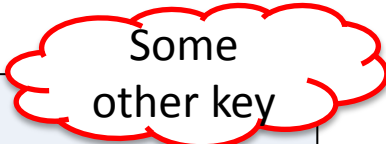
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	7 (H)	4 (E)	11 (L)	11 (L)	14 (O)	message
+	23 (X)	12 (M)	2 (C)	10 (K)	11 (L)	key
=	30	16	13	21	25	message + key
=	4 (E)	16 (Q)	13 (N)	21 (V)	25 (Z)	message + key (mod 26)
	E	Q	N	V	Z	ciphertext

	E	Q	N	V	Z	ciphertext
	4 (E)	16 (Q)	13 (N)	21 (V)	25 (Z)	ciphertext
-	23 (X)	12 (M)	2 (C)	10 (K)	11 (L)	key
=	-19	4	11	11	14	ciphertext - key
=	7 (H)	4 (E)	11 (L)	11 (L)	14 (O)	ciphertext - key (mod 26)
	H	E	L	L	O	message

Breaking one-time pads?

- Try all possible keys
 - 26^{length} = big
 - Generates all possible sequences

	E	Q	N	V	Z	ciphertext	
	4 (E)	16 (Q)	13 (N)	21 (V)	25 (Z)	ciphertext	
-	23 (X)	12 (M)	2 (C)	10 (K)	11 (L)	key	
=	-19	4	11	11	14	ciphertext - key	
=	7 (H)	4 (E)	11 (L)	11 (L)	14 (O)	ciphertext - key (mod 26)	
	H	E	L	L	O	message	

	E	Q	N	V	Z	ciphertext	
	4 (E)	16 (Q)	13 (N)	21 (V)	25 (Z)	ciphertext	
-	19 (T)	16 (Q)	20 (U)	17 (R)	8 (I)	possible key	
=	-15	0	-7	4	17	ciphertext-key	
=	11 (L)	0 (A)	19 (T)	4 (E)	17 (R)	ciphertext-key (mod 26)	
	L	A	T	E	R	possible message	

Unbreakable encryption

- Problems with one-time pads:
 - Must distribute pads securely
 - Must use truly random numbers
 - Not pseudo-random
 - Not random typing on a keyboard
 - Must never reuse the same key



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24765	93659	55146	09380	18882	67898	69598
25341	88038	31282	39057	21708	51305	66499
65096	02819	74377	27960	20471	53361	18687
19226	31329	55134	83869	26588	24850	81322
01334	80225	37061	13995	88627	07293	53021
90865	91712	80927	18799	71311	57151	71976
98890	61224	59636	08076	65747	36834	49525
95428	50476	06584	38300	37155	75549	11968
43041	83175	29737	88523	76769	29465	47144
77230	19601	57378	51440	48030	63857	15846
32548	48508	71999	22399	86499	22365	91365
57311	83798	06280	74855	58916	46616	07784
10464	00582	08702	30607	80017	50120	76361
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31617	14857	97505	25301	14258	36792	42161
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39585	92345	44974	09467	88114	50678	84634
44347	73204	49702	60171	56691	11969	32188
06460	37447	02998	93679	05391	96625	21874
85784	28585	57163	61054	85038	41729	76885
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09685	11575	35283	37365	15236	28014	82731
35772	51501	01308	09111	40637	41959	81825
69421	13874	28982	52087	95908	43908	06669
64308	31080	08437	64768	79907	58033	78288
39151	32450	44942	53264	04459	19196	33063
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91761	48988	10844	64704	86812	61530	69324
03174	79631	96669	88017	31989	32177	73058
94449	59824	50666	22217	36665	78788	88951
92675	67604	01497	28710	65502	37546	76036
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57646	07563	92053	84974	34262	59764	68318
65986	82656	13413	64402	77821	46528	50330
43525	90572	90036	01483	75550	94795	48699

"As a practical person, I've observed that one-time pads are theoretically unbreakable, but practically very weak. By contrast, conventional ciphers are theoretically breakable, but practically strong."

-Steve Bellovin

Mechanization of secret writing

- Pencil and paper

- Security limited by what humans can do quickly and accurately in the heat of battle

- Enter the machine



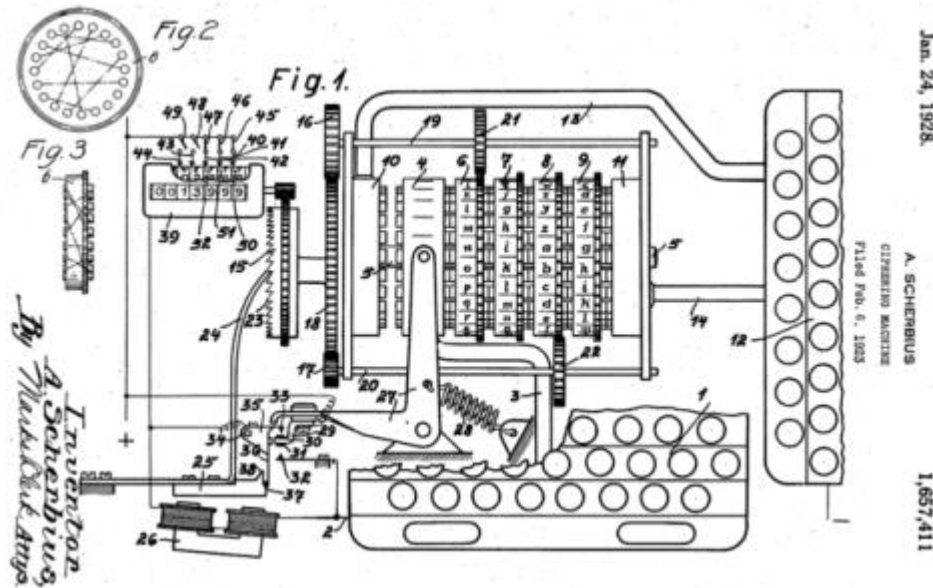
Thomas Jefferson's wheel cipher



Captain Midnight's Code-o-Graph

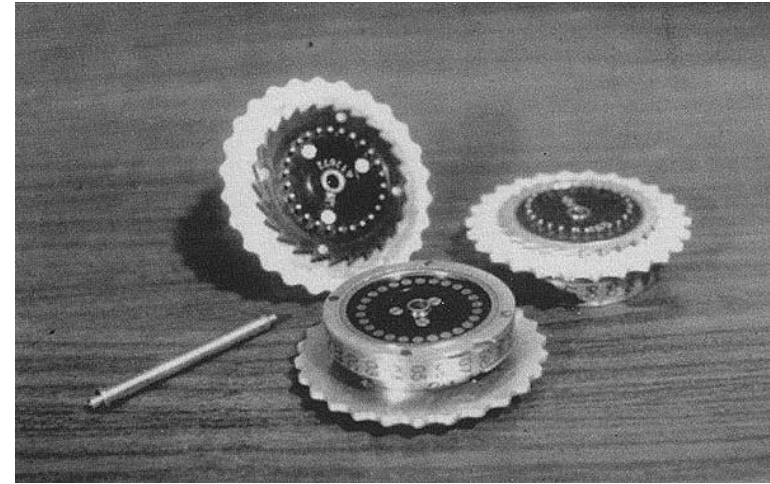
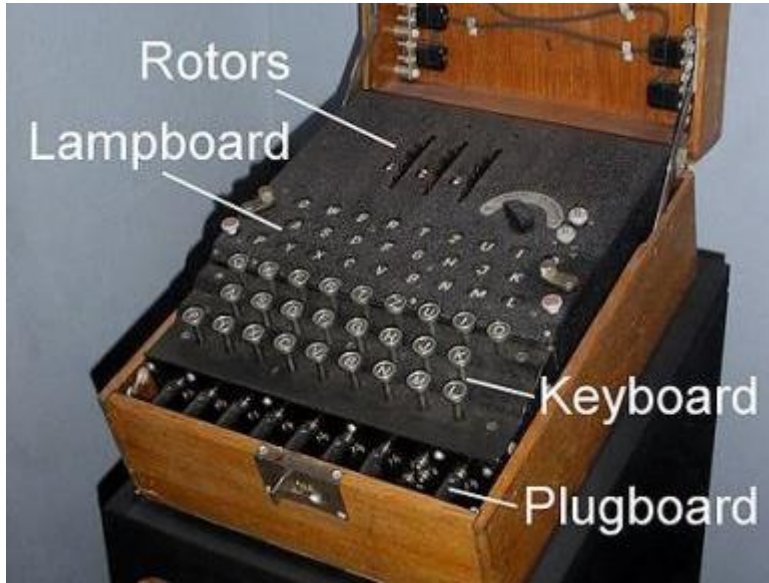
Enigma machine

- Enigma cipher machine
 - 1918, patented by German engineer Arthur Scherbius



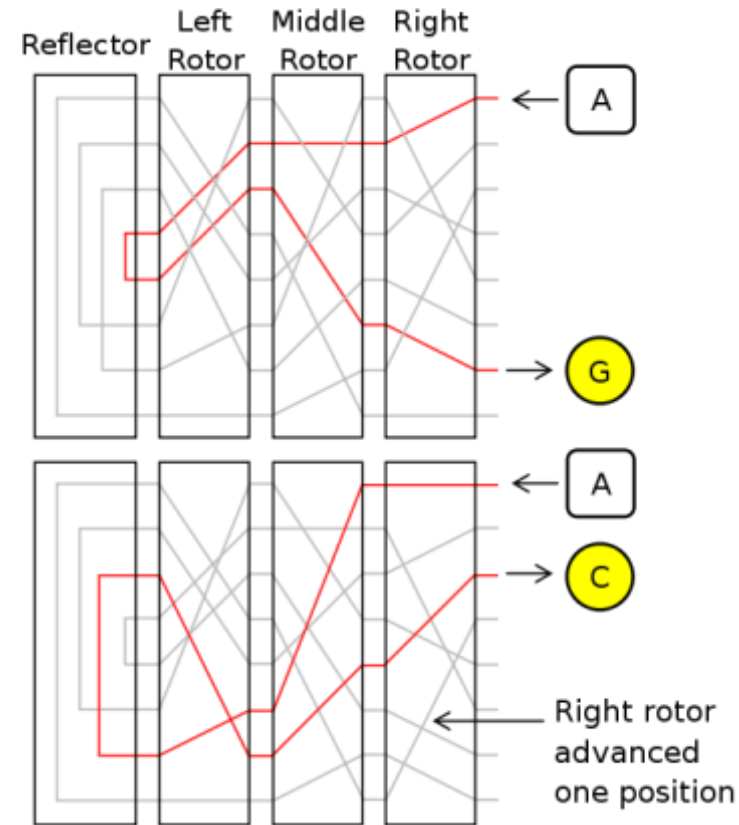
- A electrical/mechanical implementation of a polyalphabetic substitution cipher

ENIGMA



Enigma rotors

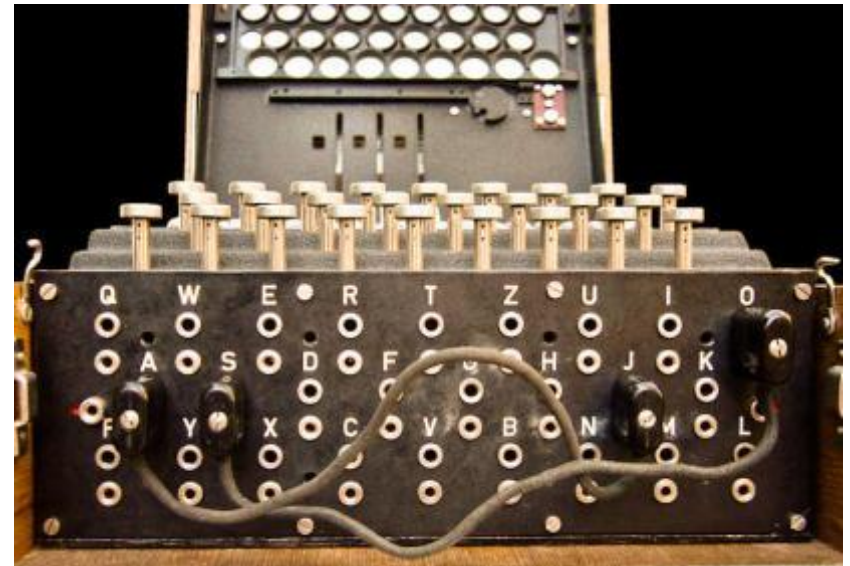
- Rotor (wheel, drum)
 - An monoalphabetic substitution cipher implemented via a complex wiring pattern
 - Set to one of 26 initial positions
 - Geared to rotate after each letter
- Rotor set
 - 3 rotors in $3!=6$ possible orders
 - Eventually set increased to 3 out of 5
 - Navy used even more
 - Possible keys:
 - $3! * 26^3 = 6 * 17,576 = 105,456$



Enigma plugboard

- **Plugboard**

- Operate inserts cables to swap letters
- Initially 6 cables
 - Swaps 6 pairs of letters
 - Leaves 14 letters unswapped
- Possible configurations:
 - 100,391,791,500



- **Total keys:**

- $17,576 * 6 * 100,391,791,500 \approx 10,000,000,000,000,000$

Enigma

- Enigma machine
 - Sales initially slow
 - 1923, Germans find out about failures of communication security in WWI
 - 1925, Scherbius starts mass production
 - German military eventually buys 30,000 Enigma machines
 - 1929, Scherbius dies in carriage accident



Arthur Scherbius

Cracking the Enigma

- **Step 1: Espionage**

- Disgruntled Schmidt meets with French secret agent
- Sells Enigma user manuals
 - Allows replica to be constructed
 - Also codebook and daily key scheme
- French just give intelligence to Poles

"It is assumed in judging the security of the cryptosystem that the enemy has at his disposition the machine."

-German memorandum



Hans-Thilo Schmidt

Cracking the Enigma

- Step 2: Poles identify weakness

- German's had day code specifying:

- Configuration of rotors
- Settings of rotors
- Settings of plugboard

- Unique key per message:

- Send 3 letters, encrypted with day key
- Letters specify new setting of rotors
- New rotors setting used for message payload
- Repeat the 3 initial letters twice



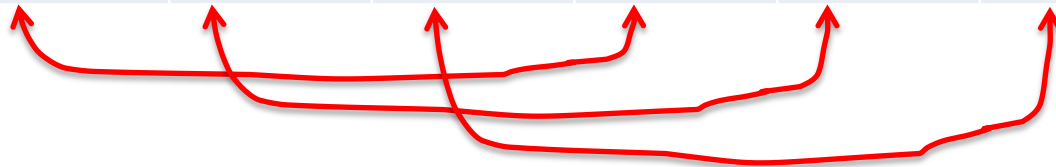
Marian Rejewski

Repetition is the enemy of security!

Cracking the Enigma

- Find patterns in first 6 letters
 - 1st-4th, 2rd-5th, 3rd-6th are ciphers of same letter

Message	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1	L	O	K	R	G	M
2	M	V	T	X	Z	E
3	J	K	T	M	P	E
4	D	V	Y	P	Z	X

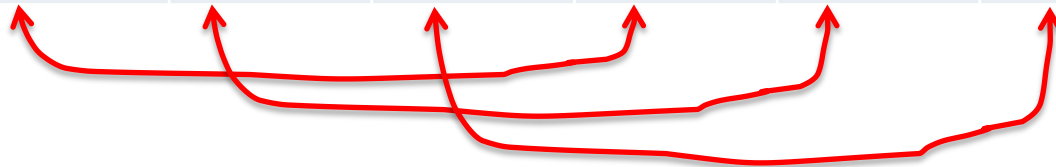


1 st	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
4 th				P						M		R	X													

Cracking the Enigma

- Given enough messages:
 - Fill in full table of relations between 3 pairs

Message	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
1	L	O	K	R	G	M
2	M	V	T	X	Z	E
3	J	K	T	M	P	E
4	D	V	Y	P	Z	X



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

Fingerprinting a day key

- Find chains

- Chains change each day depending on day key

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

A → F → W → A	3 links
B → Q → Z → K → V → E → L → R → I → B	9 links
C → H → G → O → Y → D → P → C	7 links
J → M → X → S → T → N → U → J	7 links

- Also for 2nd-5th and 3rd-6th letter pairs

- # of chains and length, independent of plugboard

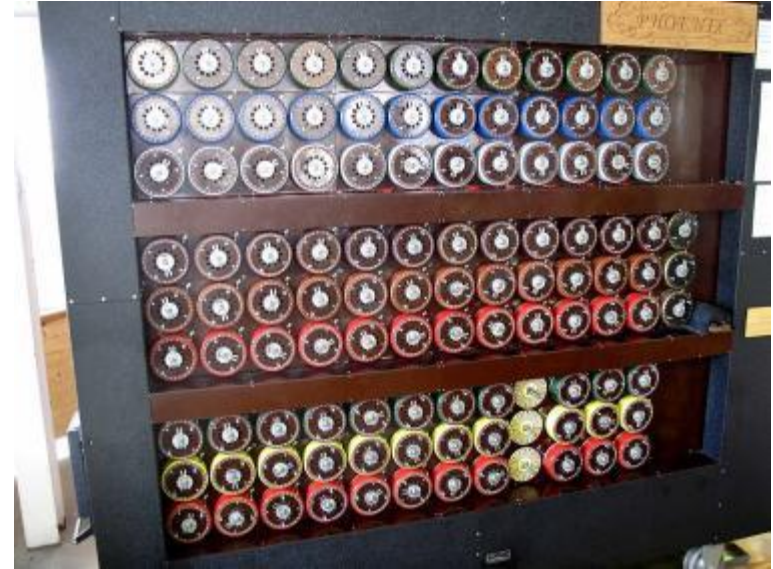
- Catalog 105,456 rotors settings using replica

WWII

- 1938, Germany increases Enigma security
 - Add two additional rotors, $C(5, 3) = 60$
 - 10 plugboard cables instead of 6
 - Poles couldn't build big enough "bombes"
 - Poles hand over research to British/French



US Navy bombe



Bletchley Park bombe

Bletchley Park

- **Government Code and Cypher School**
 - Height of WWII, 9000 people
 - Battled against improvements to Enigma
 - May 1, 1940 Germans stop repetition of msg key
 - Turing had already developed technique + machine to crack using "crib" instead of repetition of key



Alan Turing



Cribs

- Cribs

- Some plaintext you think is in the ciphertext
 - Ideally also the location
 - e.g. Germans usually broadcast weather at 6am
 - "wetter" somewhere at start of message
- German Navy had strongest crypto:
 - 3 rotors out of 8, reflector with 26 orientations
 - Avoided stereotypical messages
- Allies:
 - Mine area to generate traffic
 - Grid reference as crib
 - Also, stole code books



Type VII U-boat

Summary

- History of Cryptography
 - Substitution ciphers
 - Monoalphabetic
 - Polyalphabetic
 - One-time pads
 - Provably unbreakable
 - (if used carefully)
 - Cryptography in WWI and WWII
 - Zimmerman telegraph
 - Enigma

