Exercise sheet 1, 16 November 2017

There are several nice tools online for cryptanalysis of classical systems, e.g.
http://www.braingle.com/brainteasers/codes/index.php
http://www.cryptool-online.org
http://axion.physics.ubc.ca/cbw.html
Once upon a time I helped to make https://www.mysterytwisterc3.org/en/old-mystery-twister-games/ where you can find many more examples. Note, they need flashplayer.
See below for some frequency distribution.

1. The following text was encrypted using the Caesar cipher. Find the plaintext.

   ```
   aopza leapz huleh twslv muvyt hsale azvao lbzbh skpza ypiba pvuzv
   mjohy hjaly zmvyl unspz oalea zovbs kovsk
   ```

2. The following text was encrypted using the Caesar cipher. Find the plaintext.

   ```
   drovo ddoba nyocx ydkzz okbyp doxex voccs xaekb dobae kbkxd sxoae
   oloma ekbdj ybaek cskbd spsms kvaeo cdsyx c
   ```

3. The following text was encrypted using the Viginère cipher. Find the plaintext.

   ```
   evtdw dlgsz fepll xdwpk tevlg scjgs zfevs jecdp sszkp yqcjd etcyl
   boosn cmaew zykzc ypgsy hvpyc yprzp gyzhs ljpev pvsj
   ```

4. The following text was encrypted using the Vigenère cipher. Find the plaintext.

   ```
   xnuju dkrvr shdmr vjbkl ehlwx ofued yhgik siskk ddgxa btrsi fyxmn
   kxczm jwkvd fhdww ewtxl snsih elsua rnlih ualvv uiepl wqtrg dafch
   fdgey mhoiv nslwi hyhjn aloar bqeka jucha ellaf jwwee gohtr bmgfl
   ozuho xdahk hgslj edchi sgxhs kwtrk eelkx gekgb hyhpb gnaoe ghoxg
   nhyww ejwys zytrv wywgk trkld skhmt tqlsi idrea jurqx nnwng vvjbk
   lehlw xofkq pjwxt mlece fxpzw ngtdc bwuka gdgev oehyw gafkl cjlii
   gfywg ktrka jokup nkhkg zwxof uedyh gtzwq bzwho xldsg opifl alkdg
   ejwwf idcgw vebrg xfxwn sewpn vmoir oayim ehvfd mhdal fusej tqhkk
   tufap gkktm kwhjv vprwd atkxc czsju vgqyu gjhid htafw gleht alqhz
   rccah dsiww emfeh jrutz wlzrl ctwpp oihge lsebv gxnlz agrpt swiqs
   eftif ldstl ehwjp sowqu lldsl qxtkl dsdvt lnwoo ihpll wnsuw wejww
   fvdcu etaff isixx afvqi tqhag fihut kpwkx iigfy wgktr axpvv fxpzw
   ncghg alwoc evxny dazvw iejke hzvie jearr vxmhd agleh talqh zrcca
   hdsid rihza fkkpt ghafr wtsgf hoijt ryjki gvdfd wphvu hikla fdhsp
   ```

```
gduui dehau wafqd adhdo shiiu uedyh gukwo tzatd kmxgk liula kbfyt
rlzas ewxrw eagjd veoza fvdha hghmr oehst ahzfr ihzaf lvtss fqash
goxkq pjwxt mlece vptva btvut nlhkg zwxof kebkk tmwko oxhlh wjaol
qxtxj kakkt pdseb khmta kiogs tdlgk bvrus wnafr oeokk epzox tawow
ewweu alvvu ieplw buyxc wnafj d
```

5. The following text was encrypted using the Playfair cipher with keyword MATHEMATICS. Decrypt the message.

   ```
   gc lz po nt au tc ad uh st
   ```

6. The Hill cipher is a secret-key system based on matrices. It takes a message in the English alphabet (26 characters), translates the characters into numbers as given below, and then encrypts the message by encrypting n numbers at a time as follows:
   Let the secret key M be an $n \times n$ matrix over $\mathbb{Z}/26\mathbb{Z}$ which is invertible and let the plaintext a be the vector $(a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n) \in (\mathbb{Z}/26\mathbb{Z})^n$. The corresponding ciphertext is $c^T = Ma^T$. To decrypt compute $a^T = M^{-1}c^T$.

   (a) Let
   $$M = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$
   Encrypt the text `CRY PTO`

   (b) Let M be a 2×2 matrix. You know that $(1,3)^T$ was encrypted as $(-9,-2)^T$ and that $(7,2)^T$ was encrypted as $(-2,9)^T$. Find the secret key M.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

Probability distributions of 1-grams in English, from Henk van Tilborg "Fundamentals of cryptology", page 5. Boldfacing of values larger than 0.06 by me. Note the probabilities of e and the triple r,s, and t.

a	**0.0804**	b	0.0154	c	0.0306	d	0.0399
e	**0.1251**	f	0.0230	g	0.0196	h	0.0549
i	**0.0726**	j	0.0016	k	0.0067	l	0.0414
m	0.0253	n	**0.0709**	o	**0.0760**	p	0.0200
q	0.0011	r	**0.0612**	s	**0.0654**	t	**0.0925**
u	0.0271	v	0.0099	w	0.0192	x	0.0019
y	0.0173	z	0.0009				