

Exercises Classical Cryptography 3a

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Problem 1: Simple columnar transpositions

- (a) Decrypt the completely filled

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| AOANS | BUYTE | NBIEB | ELNDA | REVBL | DDEAL |
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Hints:

1. Grq'w eh diudlg li brx grq'w uhfrjqlvh wkh vwduw ri wkh whaw.
2. Wkh eorfn kdv ilyh urzv dqq vla froxpqv.

- (b) Decrypt the incompletely filled

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| DMAIN | TATLR | EITVE | SBJSS | HEDKA | ANMIN | BEL |
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Hints:

1. Grq'w eh diudlg li wkh vwduw ri wkh whaw lv vwudqjh.
2. Brx vkrxog wub irxu froxpqv.
3. Wkh iluvw froxpq lv rqh orqjhu wkdq wkh rwkhuv.

- (c) Decrypt the completely filled

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| PTIEO | OGTBI | NEYRA | SICEY | AYTRR | DOISA | FKFRL |
| NGVWE | GITO | APIHO | EILCT | RLIOO | EDIEH | DNNIR |
| TNPNE | NMEIS | HTONR | UFITR | EIOGN | RLDLG | WGES |

Hint: Wkh eorfn kdv rqob d ihz froxpqv.

- (d) Decrypt the incompletely filled

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| FMGEO | DFKOY | AAOYL | HIOIE | ITUOY | EFTBN | UOLAN |
| RNTNH | LIOAM | HODDU | WTGKD | HLAON | ULOAN | IOSOE |
| TSIIT | VGMON | TUFNT | NGOON | FYEIA | TESSY | TITOW |

Hints:

1. Brx vkrxog xvh vla froxpqv.
2. Wkh iluvw wkuhh froxpqv duh orqjhu wkdq wkh odvw wkuhh.

Problem 2: Keyword columnar transpositions

- (a) Use the crib **PEACH BASKET** to decrypt

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| IDHTE | NCLEX | MECEH | ACLHX | AHPAO | OAROA |
| NTABF | HDEFB | SSAKT | POATL | IUESR | OSBRL |

Hints:

1. Wkh srwlrlqv ri wkh A'v duh yhub xvhib.
2. Wkh nhbzrug ohqjwk lv vla.

(b) Use the crib **[AT CHRISTMAS]** to decrypt

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| RSRDI | HILGS | LDRGL | GBHTS | WLOTA |
| SIDAD | SGGTA | NDNHD | ORSET | ROIEH |
| ATUJT | GIREB | EENAA | OTRYU | LHATC |
| MEJDD | NHORD | HHIYD | JMAAE | ADSRT |
| TKYNI | IWEEN | CTGEI | DOTCH | EOEAI |
| MUYME | NEEAA | IITLO | FEBEE | GKH |

Hints:

1. Brx qhhg wr xvh vla froxpqv.
2. Wkh froxpq ohqjwkv duh voooov.

Problem 3: **Kappa test**

- (a) Implement the kappa test.
- (b) Apply the kappa test to the exercises in Prac 4.6.

The following two problems from The Mathematics of Secrets book are optional.

Problem 4: Vowels versus consonants

- (a) Write a little script to calculate the variance in the number of vowels with respect to the number of expected vowels as described in TMoS, paragraph 3.6.
- (b) Check the calculations from the text (the hardcover first edition has errata).

Problem 5: Anagramming

- (a) Complete the partial solution of TMoS, table 3.4, page 104.
- (b) Complete the partial solution of TMoS, table 3.6, page 106.