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Crypto stuff, day 2

```
> with(StringTools):
```

quick review from previous class.

Last time, we did a simple "substitution cipher". That is, we chose an **Alphabet** in which our plain text message was to be written, and for each letter a **Cryptabet** which contains a distinct character for each enciphered letter.

```
> Alphabet := "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz";
   Cryptabet := "THEQUICKBROWNFXJMPSVLAZYDG";
      Alphabet := "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz"
      Cryptabet := "THEQUICKBROWNFXJMPSVLAZYDG" (1.1)
```

Note that here, the encryption key and the encrypted character set are really the same thing. Encryption is just the simple process of replacing one character by the corresponding one.

```
> plaintext := "This text is in a plain brown wrapper":
> crypttext := CharacterMap(Alphabet, Cryptabet, LowerCase(plaintext))
;
      crypttext := "VKBS VUYV BS BF T JWTBF HPXZF ZPTJJUP" (1.2)
```

Decryption is the reverse (although we converted everything to lower case):

```
> CharacterMap(Cryptabet, Alphabet, crypttext);
      "this text is in a plain brown wrapper" (1.3)
```

Using frequency analysis and some thought, this is easily decrypted. Here is a [table of character frequency in English](#)

```
> freq := CharacterFrequencies(crypttext);
freq := " " = 7, "B" = 4, "F" = 3, "H" = 1, "J" = 3, "K" = 1, "P" = 3, "S" = 2, "T" = 3, "U" = 2, "V" = 3, "W" = 1, "X" = 1, "Y" = 1, "Z" = 2 (1)
```

I want to sort most frequent to least

```
> sort([freq]);
[" " = 7, "B" = 4, "F" = 3, "H" = 1, "J" = 3, "K" = 1, "P" = 3, "S" = 2, "T" = 3, "U" = 2, "V" = 3, "W" = 1, "X" = 1, "Y" = 1, "Z" = 2] (2)
```

```
> freq[5];
      "J" = 3 (3)
```

```
> rhs(freq[5])
      3 (4)
```

sort allows me to give a comparison function to use.

```
> comp := (a, b) -> rhs(a) > rhs(b);
      comp := (a, b) ↦ rhs(b) < rhs(a) (5)
```

```
> comp(freq[5], freq[6])
      1 < 3 (6)
```

```
> evalb(%)
      true (7)
```

So let's fix comp

```
> comp:=(a,b)->evalb(rhs(a)>rhs(b));  
                                comp := (a, b) → evalb(rhs(b) < rhs(a))
```

 (8)

```
> comp(freq[5],freq[6]);  
                                true
```

 (9)

```
> sort([freq],comp);  
[" " = 7, "B" = 4, "V" = 3, "T" = 3, "P" = 3, "J" = 3, "F" = 3, "Z" = 2, "U" = 2, "S" = 2, "Y" = 1,  
 "X" = 1, "W" = 1, "K" = 1, "H" = 1]
```

 (10)

```
> sort([freq],(a,b)->evalb(rhs(a)<rhs(b)));  
["Y" = 1, "X" = 1, "W" = 1, "K" = 1, "H" = 1, "Z" = 2, "U" = 2, "S" = 2, "V" = 3, "T" = 3, "P"  
 = 3, "J" = 3, "F" = 3, "B" = 4, " " = 7]
```

 (11)

on to caesar cipher.

Recall, the Caesar cipher just converts each letter to a number, and shifts by a fixed amount.

We could use the ASC/iI codes for our letters, but some are non-printing...

```
> convert(Alphabet,bytes); # ascii for lowercase letters  
[97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116,  
 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122]
```

 (12)

```
> convert(97,binary);  
                                1100001
```

 (13)

Instead, we look up which position in the Alphabet, and convert each letter to numbers, so we can do arithmetic.

```
> SearchText("c",Alphabet);  
                                3
```

 (14)

SearchText gives 0 if the letter is not found.

```
> SearchText("C",Alphabet);  
                                0
```

 (15)

It actually is more general, looking for text strings:

```
> SearchText("mama", "Hey mama, whats up?");  
                                5
```

 (16)

```
> SearchText("mambo", "Hey mama, whats up?");  
                                0
```

 (17)

Idea: For each character in message, look it up in the Alphabet, say what letter.

```
> StringToList:=proc(s)  
  global Alphabet;  
  local charlist, numlist;  
  charlist:=Explode(s);  
  numlist:=map(c->SearchText(c,Alphabet), charlist);  
  return(numlist);  
end:
```

```
> StringToList("Hello, I must be going");  
      [0, 5, 12, 12, 15, 0, 0, 0, 0, 13, 21, 19, 20, 0, 2, 5, 0, 7, 15, 9, 14, 7] (18)
```

```
> allPrint:=Select(IsPrintable,convert([seq(i,i=1..127)],bytes));  
allPrint := (19)  
  " !"#$$%()' * + , - . / 0123456789: <=> ?@ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]  
  ^ _ `abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz{|}~"
```

```
> Alphabet:=allPrint;  
Alphabet := (20)  
  " !"#$$%()' * + , - . / 0123456789: <=> ?@ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ[\]  
  ^ _ `abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz{|}~"
```

```
> StringToList("Hello, I must be going");  
      [41, 70, 77, 77, 80, 13, 1, 42, 1, 78, 86, 84, 85, 1, 67, 70, 1, 72, 80, 74, 79, 72] (21)
```

```
> ListToString:=proc(L)  
  global Alphabet;  
  Implode( map(n->Alphabet[n],L));  
end;  
> ListToString([41,70,77,77,80,13,1,42]);  
      "Hello, I" (22)
```

```
> 29 mod 26;  
      3 (23)
```

```
> modp(29,26);  
      3 (24)
```

```
> Caesar:=proc(msg::string,shift::integer)  
  global Alphabet;  
  local Alen:=length(Alphabet);  
  local mlist, shifted;  
  mlist:=StringToList(msg);  
  shifted:=map(n->modp(n+shift,Alen),mlist);  
end;
```

```
Caesar := proc(msg::string, shift::integer) (25)  
  local Alen, mlist, shifted;  
  global Alphabet;  
  Alen := length(Alphabet);  
  mlist := StringToList(msg);  
  shifted := map(n->modp(n + shift, Alen), mlist)  
end proc
```

```
> Caesar("Veni, Vidi, Vici", 3);  
      [58, 73, 82, 77, 16, 4, 58, 77, 72, 77, 16, 4, 58, 77, 71, 77] (26)
```

```
> Caesar:=proc(msg::string,shift::integer)  
  global Alphabet;
```

```

    local Alen:=length(Alphabet);
    local mlist, shifted;
    mlist:=StringToList(msg);
    shifted:=map(n->modp(n+shift,Alen),mlist);
    return(ListToString(shifted));
end:
> Caesar("Veni, Vidi, Vici", 3);
    Yhql/#Ylgl/#Ylfl" (27)

```

```

> Caesar(%, -3);
    "Veni, Vidi, Vici" (28)

```

```

> Caesar:=proc(msg::string, shift::integer)
    global Alphabet;
    local Alen:=length(Alphabet);
    local shifted;
    shifted:=map(n->modp(n+shift,Alen), StringToList(msg));
    return(ListToString(shifted));
end:
> Caesar("stuff", 15);
    "#$%uu" (29)

```

```

> Caesar(%, -15);
    "stuff" (30)

```

```

> # this breaks, see problem #30
> Alphabet := "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxy";
Caesar("stuff", 15);
    "hjuu" (31)

```

```

> Caesar(%, -15);
    "stuff" (32)

```

```

> Caesar("Veni, Vidi, Vici", 3);
    "chqlccclglccclfl" (33)

```

```

> Caesar(%, -3);
Error, (in ListToString) invalid range for string subscript

```

For homework #3,0 you can fix this.

Maple has a Caesar built in, with 13 char rotation

```

> Encode("This might offend you.", rot13);
    "Guvf zvtug bssraq lbh." (34)

```

```

> Encode(%, rot13);
    "This might offend you." (35)

```

Talked about Vignere, will be elsewhere. I'll put a link here when elsewhere exists. Or read the text.