

LAB 4

Frequency analysis

EXPERIMENT 4.1. Try out the following command: `LetterCounts["Hello World"]`

- (a) What does it do?
- (b) Add the option `IgnoreCase -> True`. How does that change things?
- (c) Find a long piece of text online. Use the following command to save its data: `a = Normal[Sort[LetterCounts[your_text, IgnoreCase->True]]]`
- (d) Repeat with two more so you also have variables `b` and `c` corresponding to two other pieces of text.
- (e) Display all three using the command `TableForm[Transpose[{a,b,c}]]`. What do you notice?

PROBLEM 4.2. Use what you learned above to crack the following substitution cipher:

wx kop xzr grpx qs xwnrp, wx kop xzr kqvpix qs xwnrp, wx kop xzr oar qs kwptqn, wx kop xzr oar qs sqqbwpzmrpp, wx kop xzr ryqcz qs grbwrs, wx kop xzr ryqcz qs wmcvrtbwxf, wx kop xzr propqm qs bwazx, wx kop xzr propqm qs tovimrpp, wx kop xzr pyvwma qs zqyr, wx kop xzr kwmxrsv qs trpyowv, kr zot rlrsvfxzwma grsqvr dp, kr zot mqxzwma grsqvr dp, kr krvr obb aqwma twvrcx xq zrolrm, kr krvr obb aqwma twvrcx xzr qxzrv kof--wm pzqvix, xzr yrwwqt kop pq sov bwir xzr yvrprmx yrwwqt, xzox pqnr qs wxp mqwpwrpx odxzqvxwrxp wmpwxrxt qm wxp grwma vrcrlrt, sqv aqqt qv sqv rlwb, wm xzr pdyrvboxwlr travrr qs cqnyovwpqm qmbf.

PROBLEM 4.3. Use what you learned above to crack the following substitution cipher:

gbsbm vzsrg mmqmd czijl bgyjz savzg mdgbs sqlsm xgbst jiicl sjgzg
 mmqmd jgzmw dcdqi mmhsq mvgmt sycky mcqzo yscqm xwszg pmvdg yfxcy
 ncdq dmfcy sncyh ckisb mvzsk fcdfn scdzj gwczc kmvlg bjygf fscyz
 miqzr vcggj zbzrv cyjzb ncqsm xkyjp hcdqb cqxmw ywjdg mwzzs gjdgb
 sxymd gmxcz jescd qoymo mygjm dwbjp bnmys myisz zsucp gifxc jisqg
 moisc zsgbs sfsgb smdif osyzm dxmyw bmngb sbmvz swczj dcdfw cfzos
 pjciw czcyg bvyqs dgcdq gbcgw czmdi fkspc vzsrg bcoos dsqgm ksgbs
 mdsbs ijtsq jdbsb cqijt sqjdj gxmyc kmvlg byssf scyzs tsyzj dpsbs
 bcqnm tsqmv gmxiim dqmdk spcvz sjgnc qsbjn dsytm vzcdq jyyjg ckisb
 swczc kmvlg bjygf czwsi igcii qcyhb cjysq cdqds tsyrv jgscg sczsw
 jgbbj nzsix gbsgb jdlgb cvgzs qgmwm yyfbj nnmzg wczgb sxcpq gbcgo
 smois ciwcf zvzsq gmczh bjnwbc gbsw czimm hndlz mwmyy jsqck mvgsb
 wmyhs qjdim pciyc qjmwb jpbbs ciwcf zvzsq gmgsi ibjzx yjsdq zwczc
 imgnm ysjdg syszg jdlgb cdgbs foymk ckifg bmvlb gjgwc zgmmn mzgmx
 bjzxy jsdqz wmyhs qjdcq tsyjg zjdl

PROBLEM 4.4. Use what you learned above to crack the following substitution cipher:

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| AQJCP | KLLSL | QQVLJ | VPKFR | SMJDO | KBLKH | ?SQRV | HQM MO |
| KDJKE | ?J'EK | AQFYO | KIJHF | YKCI. | JMQRL | AH'DV | HQM MO |
| KDDQA | QMJDO | QHPJZ | JYKRF | ODJD! | SQRVH | QM,JX | RID,A |
| QDOJH | FI.DO | PEQUO | KIBLK | HI,DO | PYQBI | OKWPB | LKHI, |
| FQCAQ | H'IFQ | DBLKH | I.SQR | VHQML | DOPS' | CPIYO | PEPCI |
| .IYOP | EPCID | CSJHF | DQYQH | DCQLD | OPJCM | QCLAI | .J'EH |
| QDKIY | OPEPC | .JDCS | DQIOQ | MDOPI | YOPEP | CIOQM | ,BKDO |
| PDJY, | DOPJC | KDDPE | BIDQ | YQHDC | QLDOJ | HFICP | KLLSK |
| CP.IQ | ,MOPH | JIKS, | KO,YQ | EPOPC | P,MOP | HJIKS | DOKDS |
| QRKHA | SQRCF | JCLZC | JPHAM | KIHQD | OJHFB | PCIQH | KL,SQ |
| RVHQ | DOKDJ | 'EDPL | LJHFD | OPDCR | DO.JD | 'IDOP | IYOPE |
| PCIDO | KDBRD | SQRMO | PCPSQ | RKCP. | SQRMP | CPKIY | OPEPC |
| ,SQRQ | KABLK | HI,KH | ARO,L | QQVMO | PCPDO | KDFQD | SQR.J |
| XRIDA | JAMOK | DJAQU | PID.J | DQQVS | QRCBL | KHKHA | JDRCH |
| PAJDQ | HJDIP | LZ.LQ | QVMOK | DJAJA | ,DQDO | JIYJD | SMJDO |
| KZPMA | CREIQ | ZFKIK | HAKYQ | RBLPQ | ZURLL | PDI.O | E?SQR |
| VHQMM | OKD,S | QRVHQ | MMOKD | JHQDJ | YPA?H | QUQAS | BKHJY |
| IMOPH | DOJHF | IFQKY | YQCAJ | HFDQB | LKH.P | WPHJZ | DOPBL |
| KHJIO | QCCJZ | SJHF. | JZDQE | QCCQM | JDPLL | DOPBC | PIIDO |
| KDLJV | PKFKH | FUKHF | PC,MJ | LLFPD | IOQD, | QCKDC | RYVLQ |
| KAQZI | QLAJP | CIMJL | LUPUL | QMHRB | ,HQUQ | ASBKH | JYI,U |
| PYKRI | PJD'I | KLL,B | KCDQZ | DOPBL | KH.UR | DMOPH | JIKSD |
| OKDQH | P,LJD | DLPQL | AEKSQ | CMJLL | AJP,M | PLLDQ | PHPWP |
| CSQHP | LQIPI | DOPJC | EJHAI! | | | | |