Lecture 1 – Introduction to cryptography

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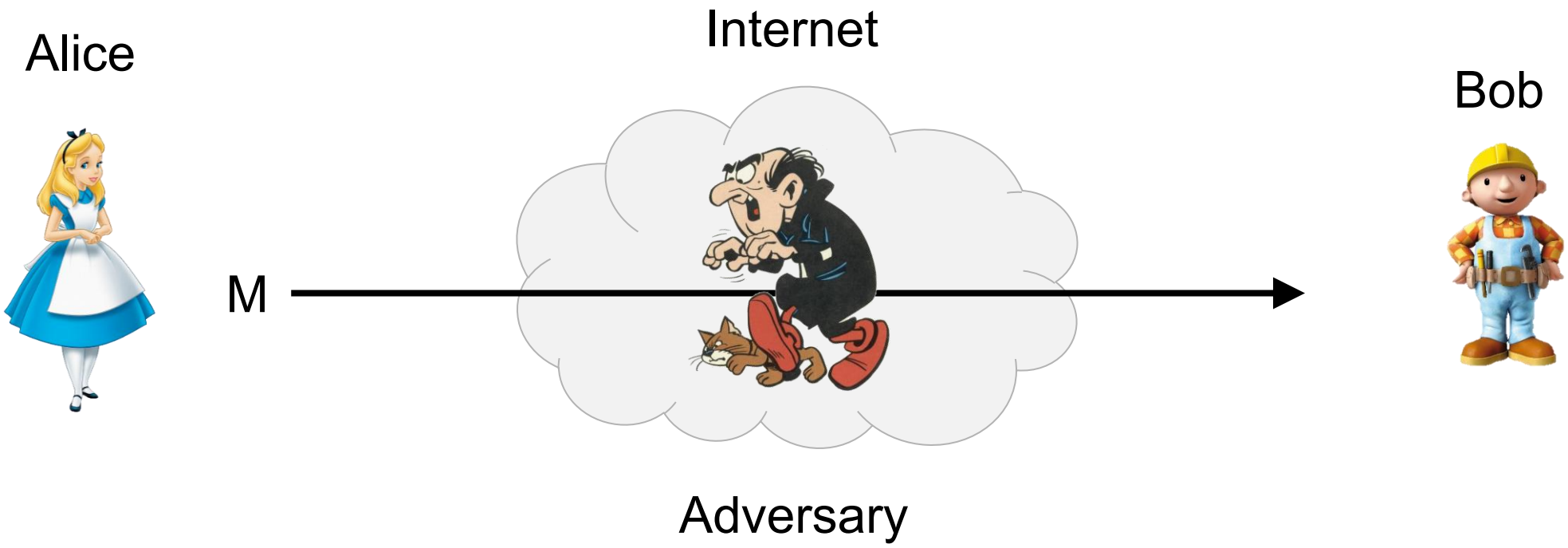
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Today's agenda

- What is cryptography?
- Some historical ciphers
- Recap: modular arithmetic
- Secure encryption: searching for a definition
- Recap: probability theory

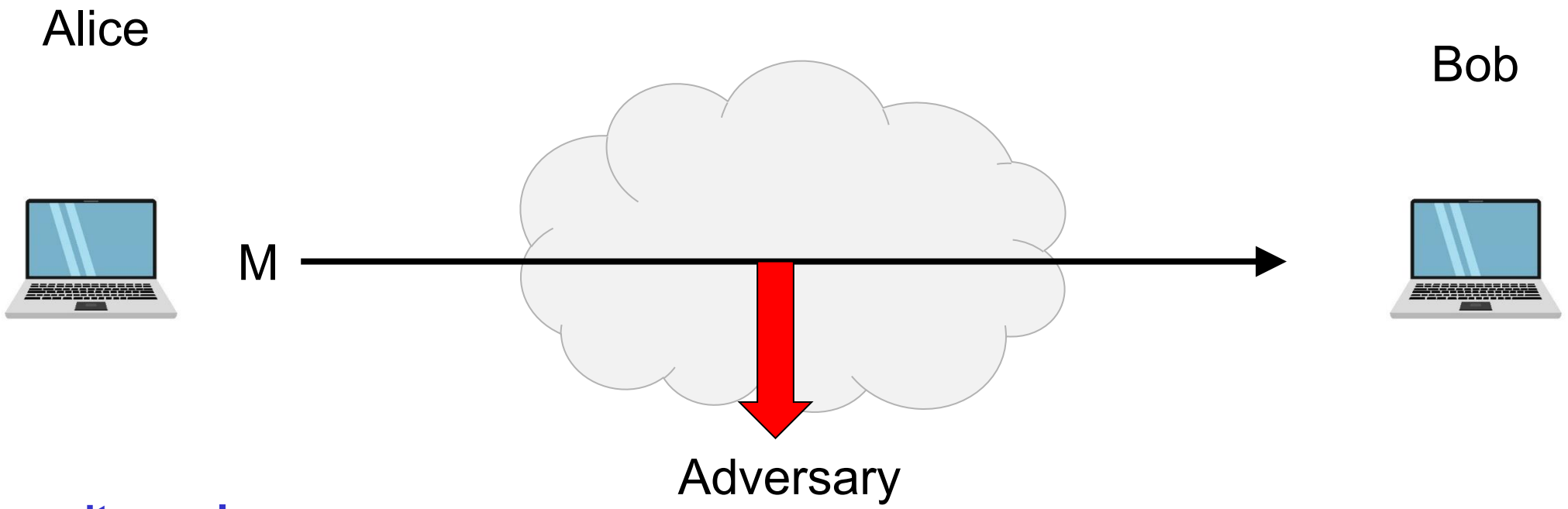
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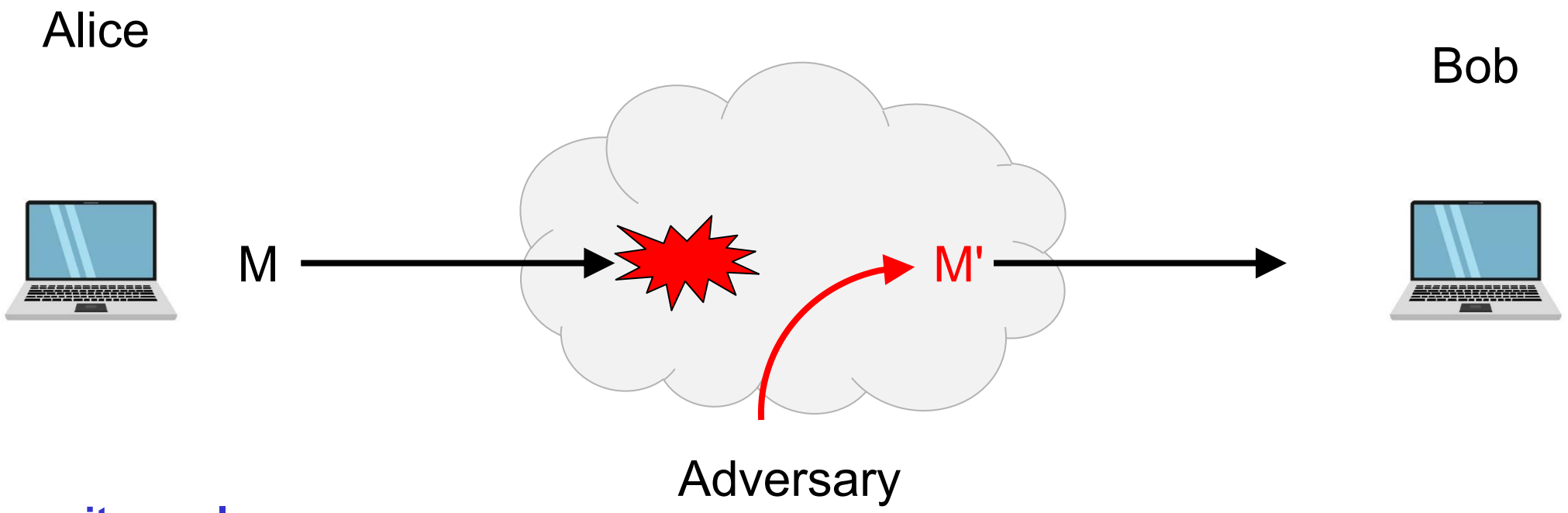
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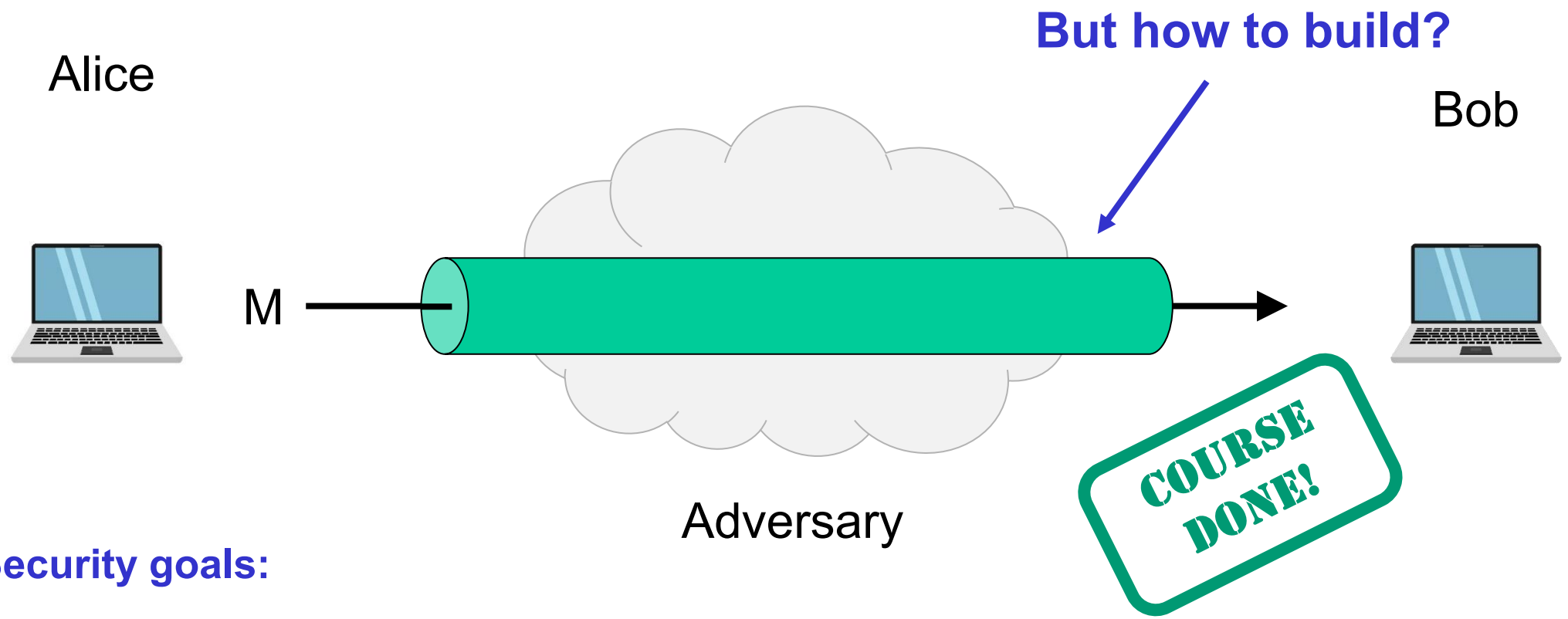
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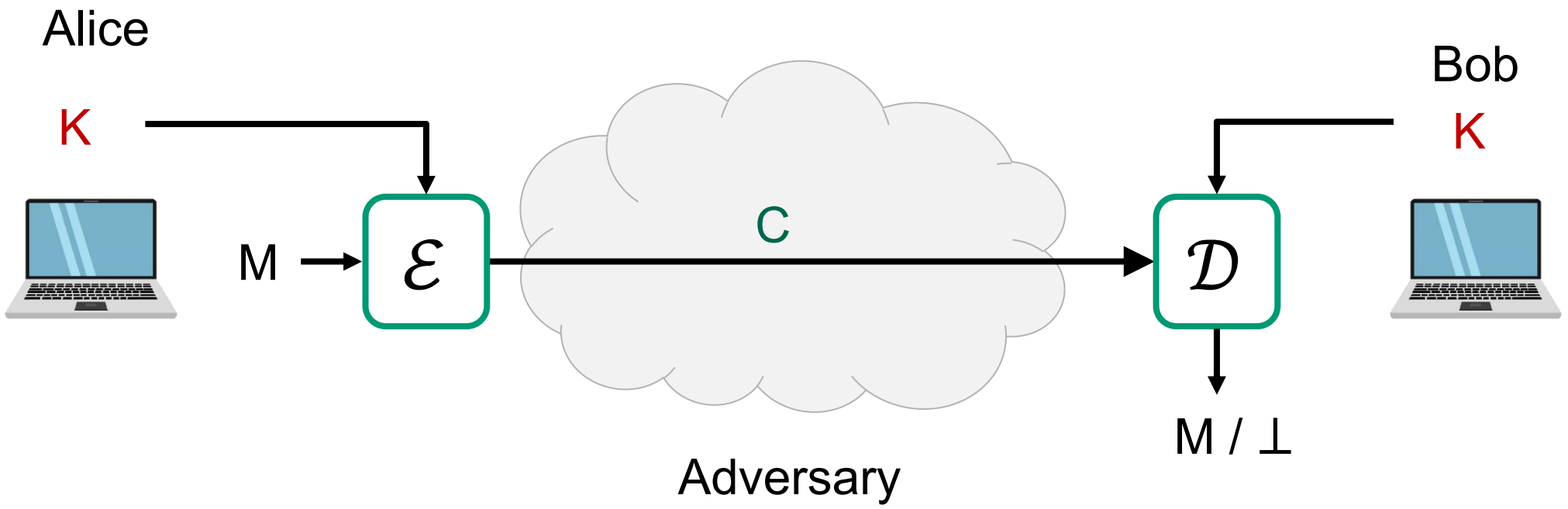
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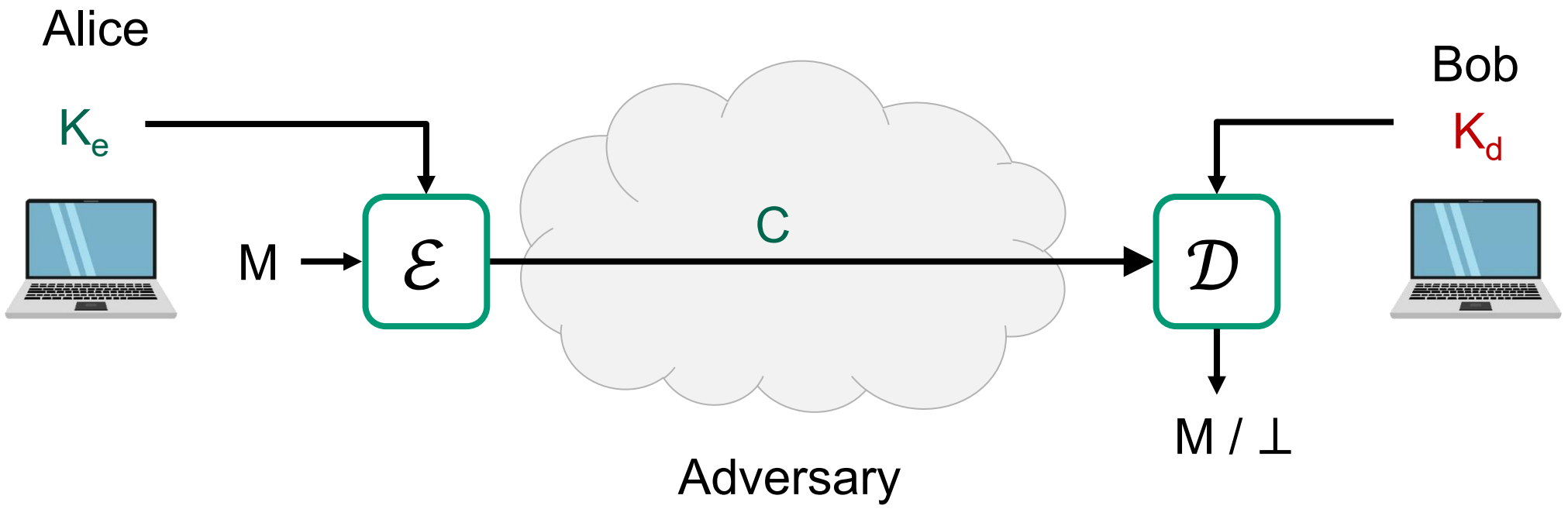


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Some notation

- $\in$ – "element in"
  - $3 \in \{1,2,3,4,5\}$
  - $7 \notin \{1,2,3,4,5\}$
- $\forall$ – "for all"
  - "$\forall X \in \{1,2,3\} : X^2 > 0$"
- $\exists$ – "there exists"
  - "$\exists X \in \{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$ such that $X > 3$"
- $\{0,1\}^n$ – set of all bitstrings of length n
  - $\{0,1\}^3 = \{000, 001, 010, 011, \dots, 111\}$
  - $011 \in \{0,1\}^3$
  - $11 \notin \{0,1\}^3$
- $\{0,1\}^*$ – set of all bitstrings of *finite* length
  - $1, 1001, 10, 10001101000001 \in \{0,1\}^*$
- 1^n or 0^n – string of n "ones" (or "zeros")
  - $1^5 = 11111$
  - $0^3 = 000$
- $F : \mathcal{X} \to \mathcal{Y}$ – function from set $\mathcal{X}$ to set $\mathcal{Y}$
  - $F : \{0,1\}^5 \to \{0,1\}^3$
  - $G : \{A, B, C, D\} \to \{0,1,2, \dots\}$
- $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$ – set of pairs (X, Y) with $X \in \mathcal{X}$ and $Y \in \mathcal{Y}$
  - $F : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y} \to \mathcal{Z}$

  (function taking t… and producing a s…

…**independent**, and **uniformly** distributed…

- $X \leftarrow 5$ – "assign value 5 t…
- $X \twoheadleftarrow \mathcal{X}$ – "assign X a *random* value from set $\mathcal{X}$"
  - $X \twoheadleftarrow \{0,1\}$ (a bit flip)
  - $X \twoheadleftarrow \{1,2,3,4,5,6\}$ (a dice throw)

Symmetric encryption – syntax

$\Pi = (\mathrm{Enc}, \mathrm{Dec})$

$\mathrm{Enc} : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{M} \to \mathcal{C}$

$\mathrm{Enc}(K, M) = \mathrm{Enc}_K(M) = C$

$\mathrm{Dec} : \mathcal{K} \times \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{M}$

$\mathrm{Dec}(K, C) = \mathrm{Dec}_K(C) = M$

Examples:

$\mathcal{K} = \{0,1\}^{128}$ $\mathcal{M} = \{0,1\}^*$ $\mathcal{C} = \{0,1\}^*$

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$\mathcal{K} = \{1, \dots, p\}$ $\mathcal{M} = \{A, B, \dots, Z\}$ $\mathcal{C} = \{0,1\}^*$

Correctness requirement:

$\forall K \in \mathcal{K}, \forall M \in \mathcal{M}$:

$$\mathrm{Dec}\big(K, \mathrm{Enc}(K, M)\big) = M$$

Possible privacy security goals:

- Hard to recover M from C
- Hard to recover K from C
- Hard to learn one bit of M from C
- Hard to learn parity of M from C
- …

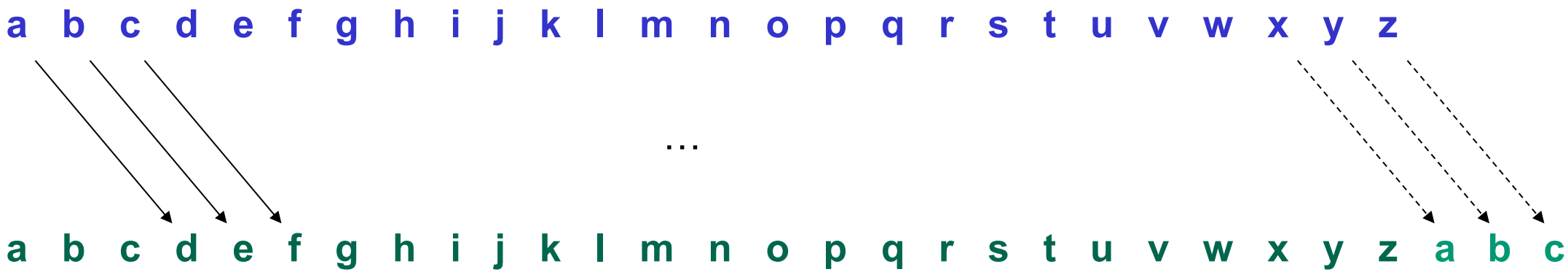


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K	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
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Historical encryption algorithms

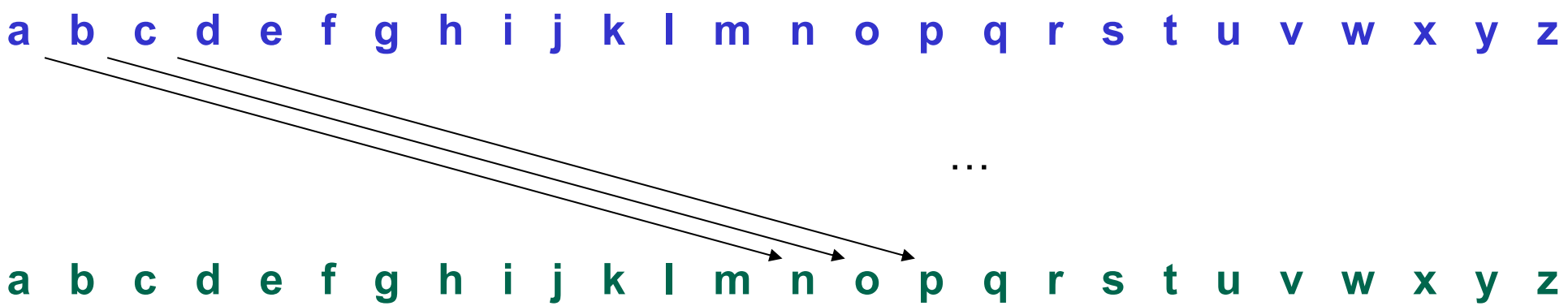
Ceasar cipher



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Ceasar cipher (ROT-13)




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ubirerq sbe na vafgnag yvxr n oyhrobggyr, naq qnegrq njnl ntnva
jvgu n pheivat syvtug. Vg jnf gur cbyvpr cngeby, fabbcvat vagb
crbcyr'f jvaqbjf
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Ceasar cipher

a ↔ 0

b ↔ 1

c ↔ 2

d ↔ 3

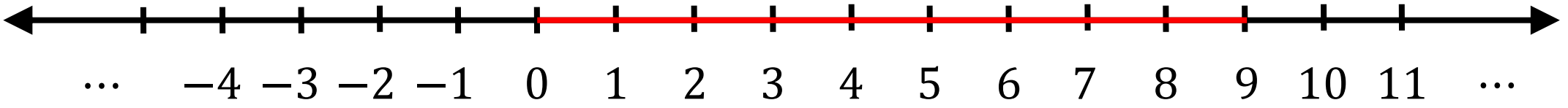
e ↔ 4

$$C \leftarrow M + 3 \pmod{26}$$

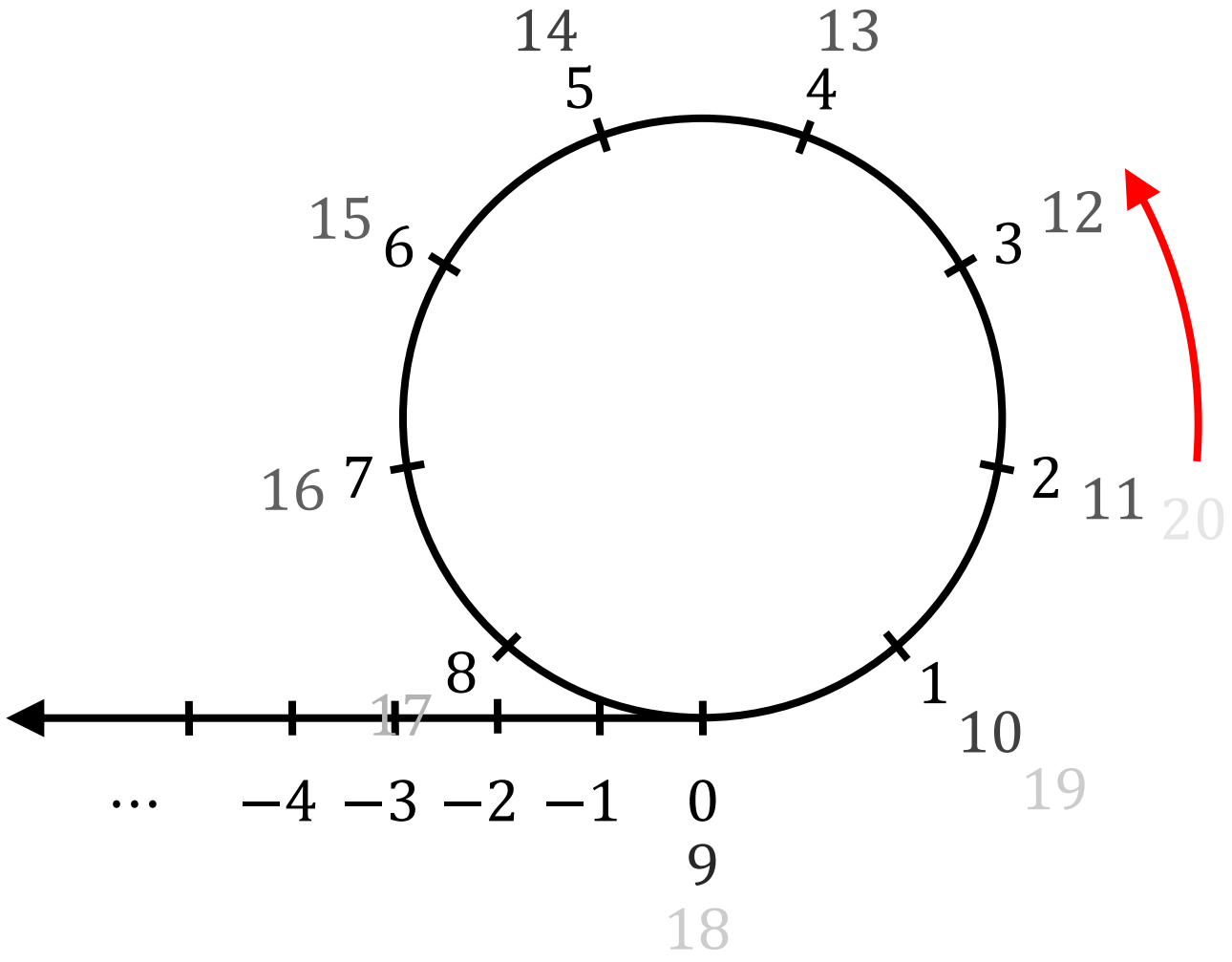
⋮

z ↔ 25

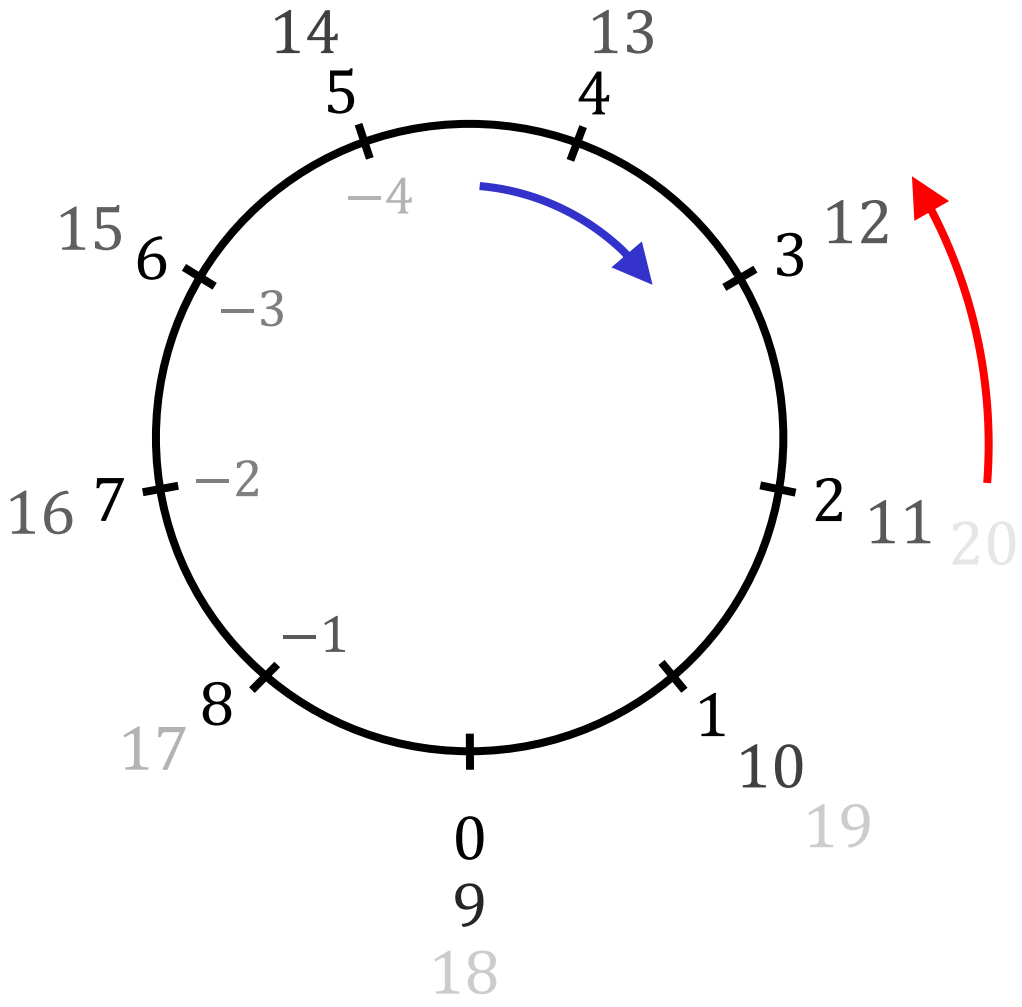
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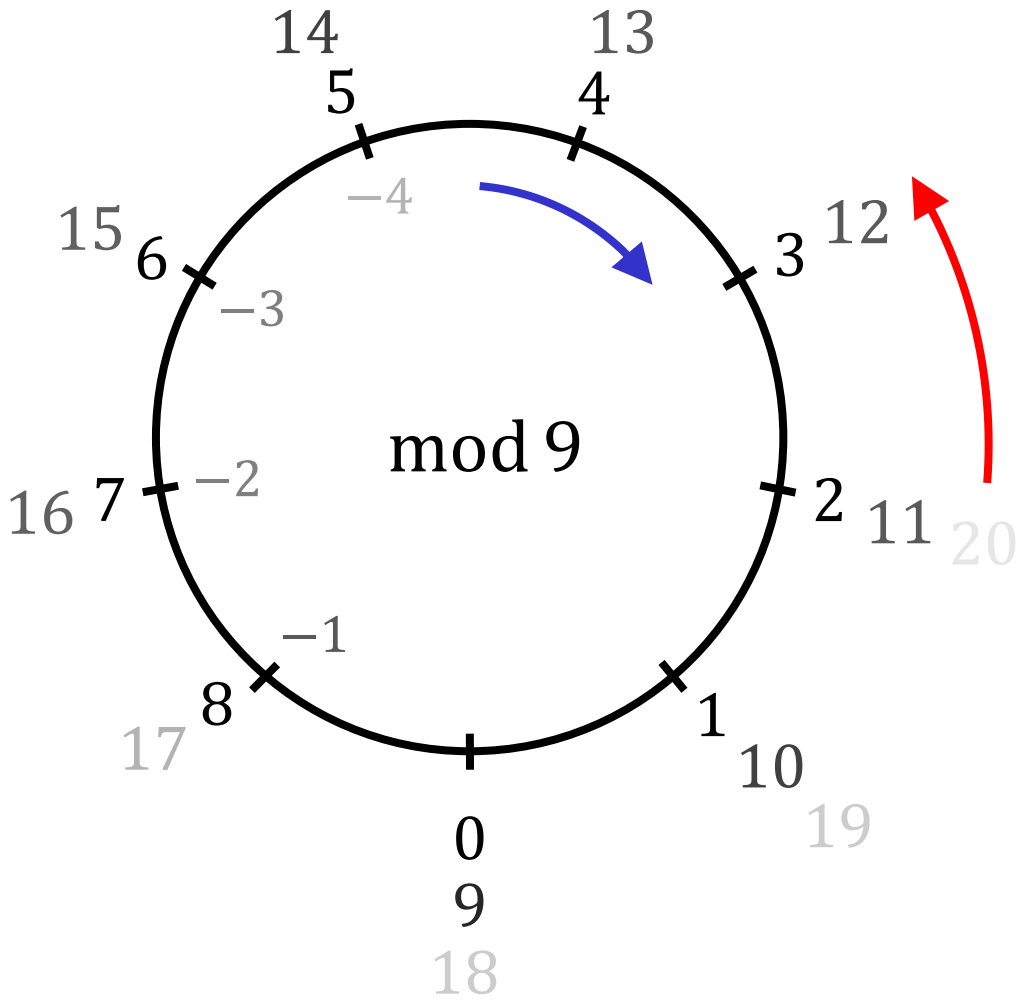
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$1 + 3 = 4$

$5 + 8 = 13 \equiv 4 \pmod 9$

$5 \cdot 4 = 20 \equiv 2 \pmod 9$

$2 - 5 = -3 \equiv 6 \pmod 9$

$2^{10} = 1024 \equiv 7 \pmod 9$

$158 = 9 \cdot m + r \equiv r \pmod 9$

$r < 9$

$m \to 9 \to 18 \to 27 \to 36 \to \cdots \to \mathbf{153} \to 162$

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ROT-13

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$$C \leftarrow M + 13 \pmod{26}$$

$$M \leftarrow C - 13 \pmod{26} = M + 13 - 13 \pmod{26}$$

$$\mathcal{K} = \{13\}$$

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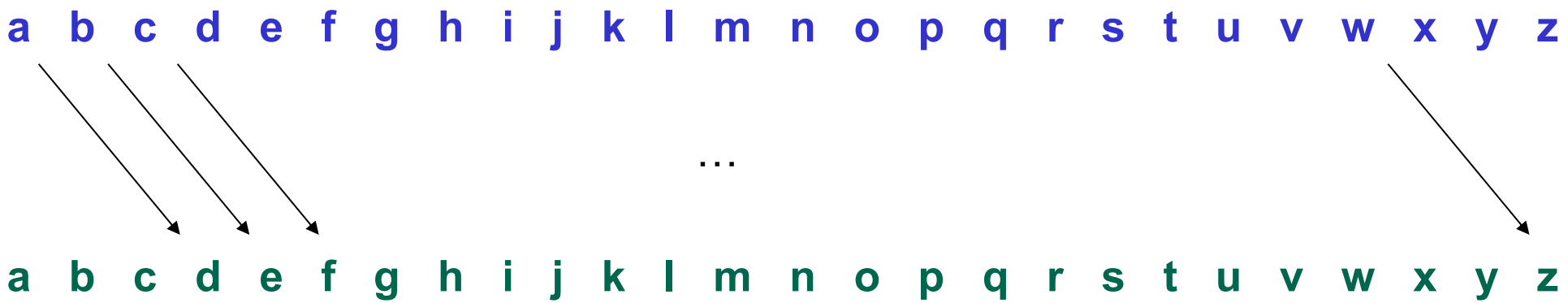
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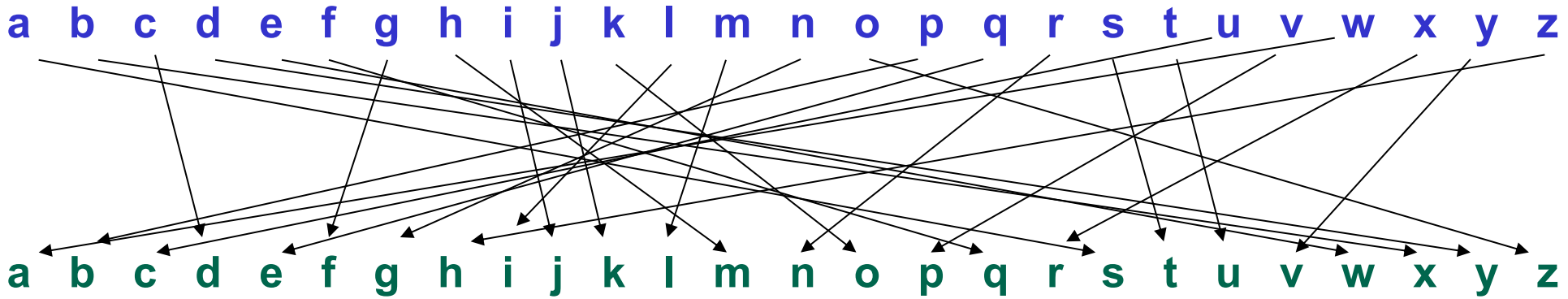
Conclusion: key space must be large enough!

K	M
0	va gur sne qvfgnapr n uryvpbcgre …
1	uz ftq rmd puefmzoq m tqxuoabfqd …
2	ty esp qlc otdelynp l spwtnzaepc …
3	sx dro pkb nscdkxmo k rovsmyzdob …
⋮	
12	jo uif gbs ejtubodf b ifmjdpqufs …
13	**in the far distance a helicopter …**
14	hm sgd ezq chrszmbd z gdkhbnosdq …
⋮	
25	wb hvs tof rwghobqs o vszwqcdhsf …

Substitution cipher



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$|\mathcal{K}| = 26! \approx 10^{26} \approx 2^{88}$

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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s x d y w q f m j k o i l g z b e n t u c p a r v h

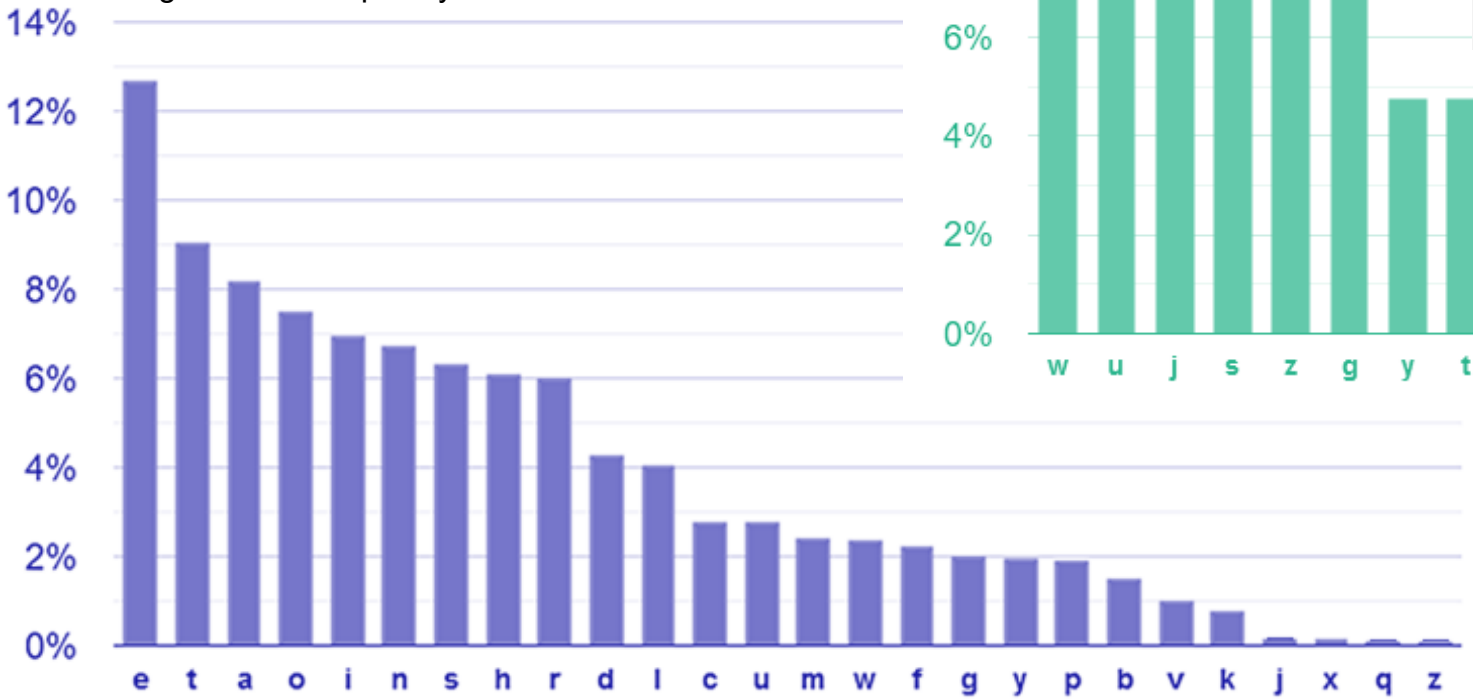
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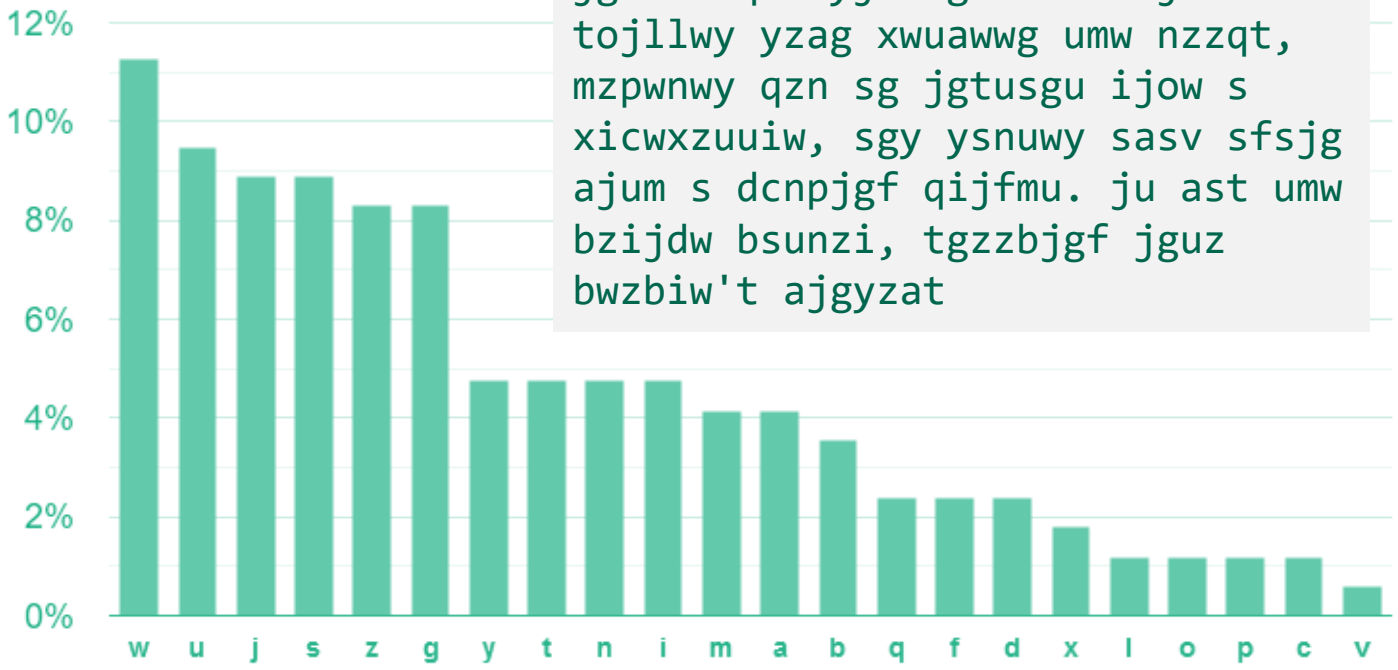
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Attacking the substitution cipher

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English letter frequency



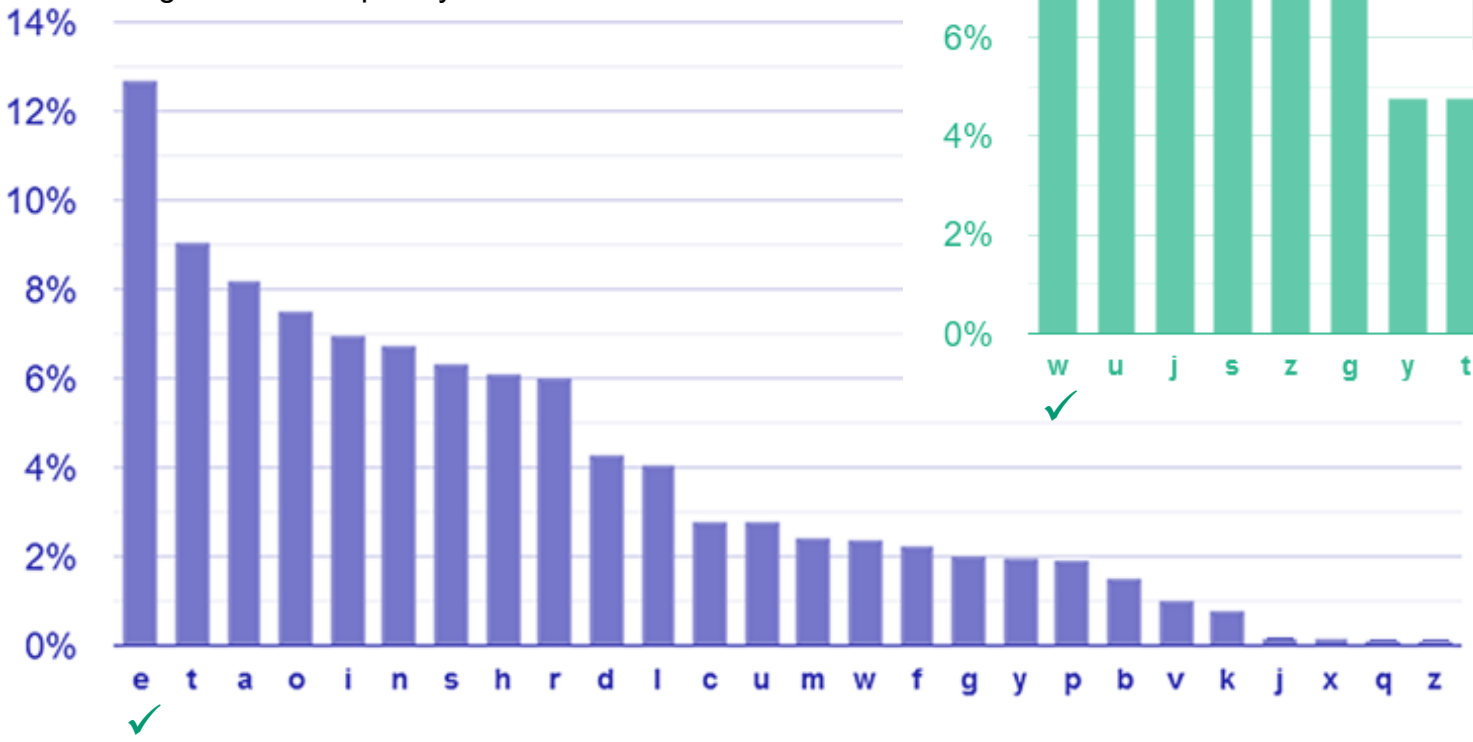


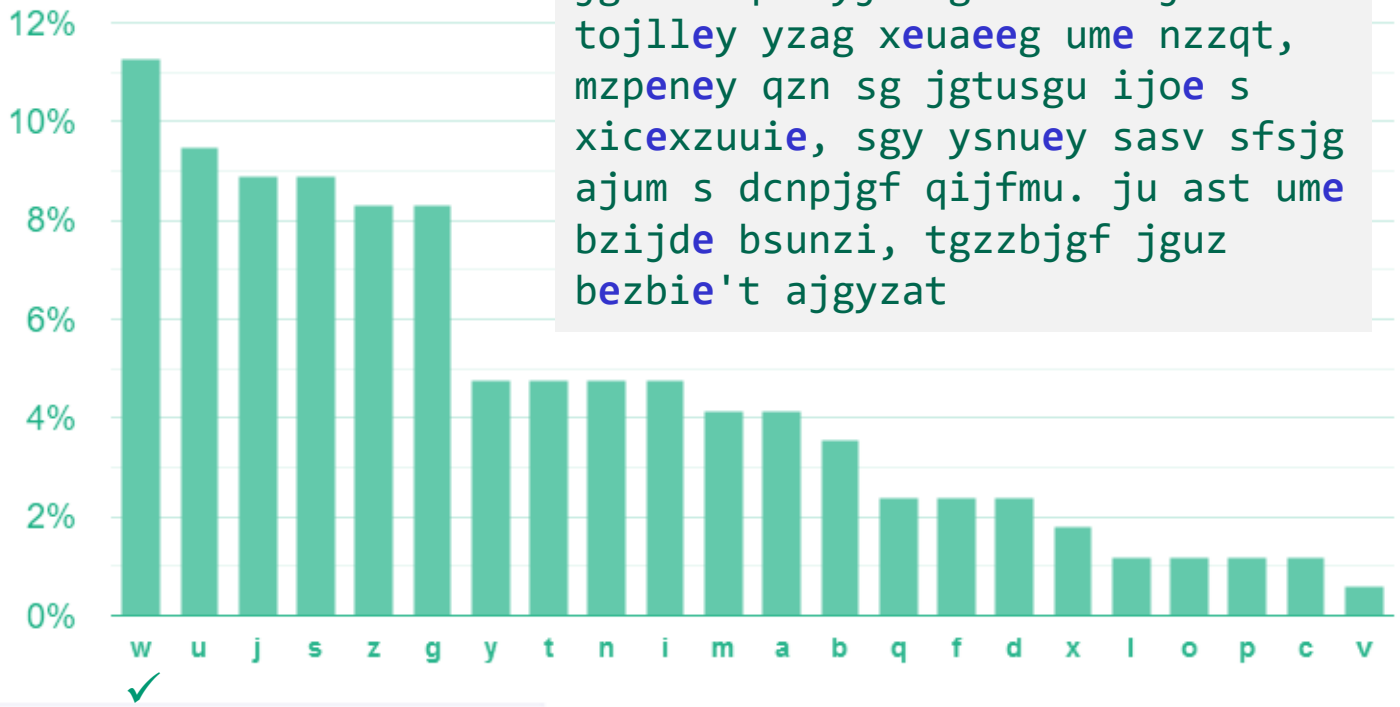

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mzpwnwy qzn sg jgtusgu ijow s
xicwxzuuiw, sgy ysnuwy sasv sfsjg
ajum s dcnpjgf qijfmu. ju ast umw
bzijdw bsunzi, tgzzbjgf jguz
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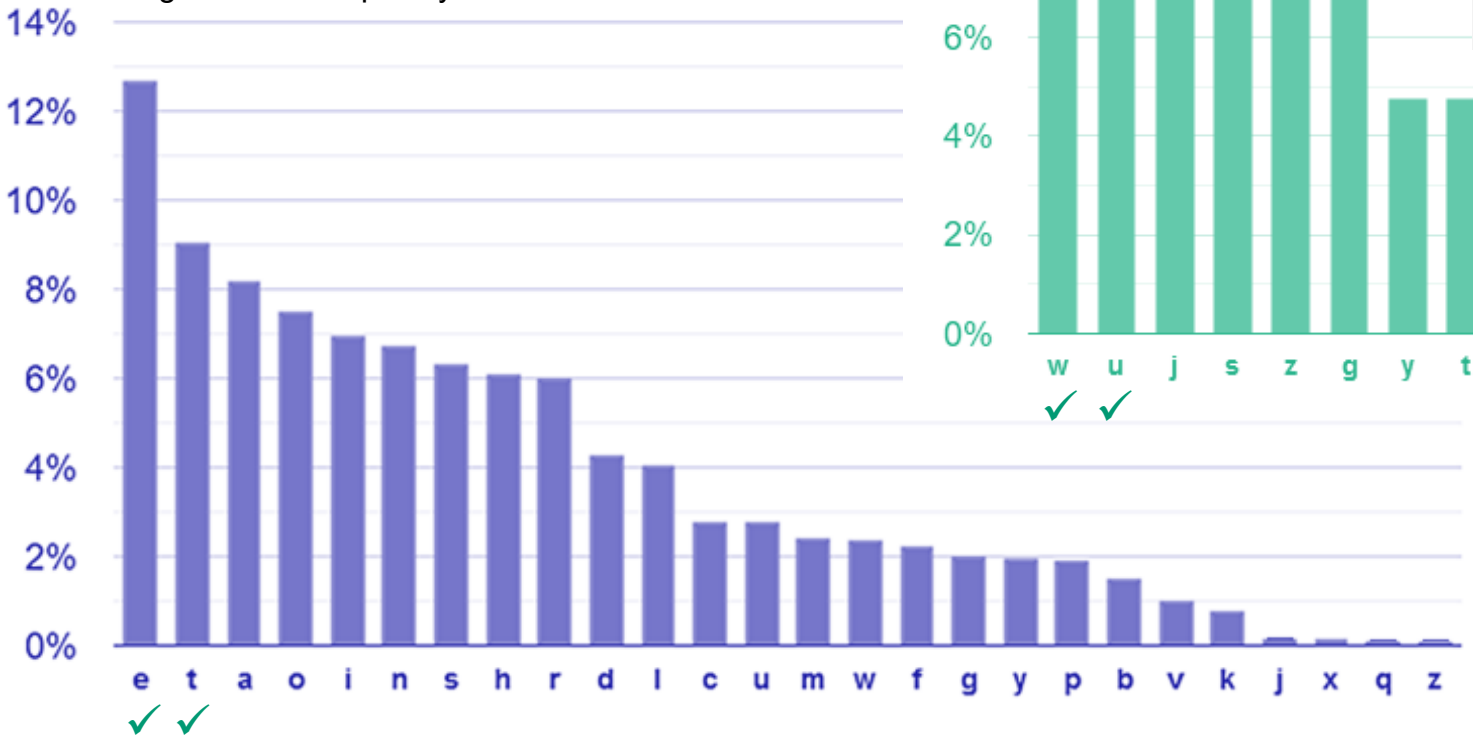


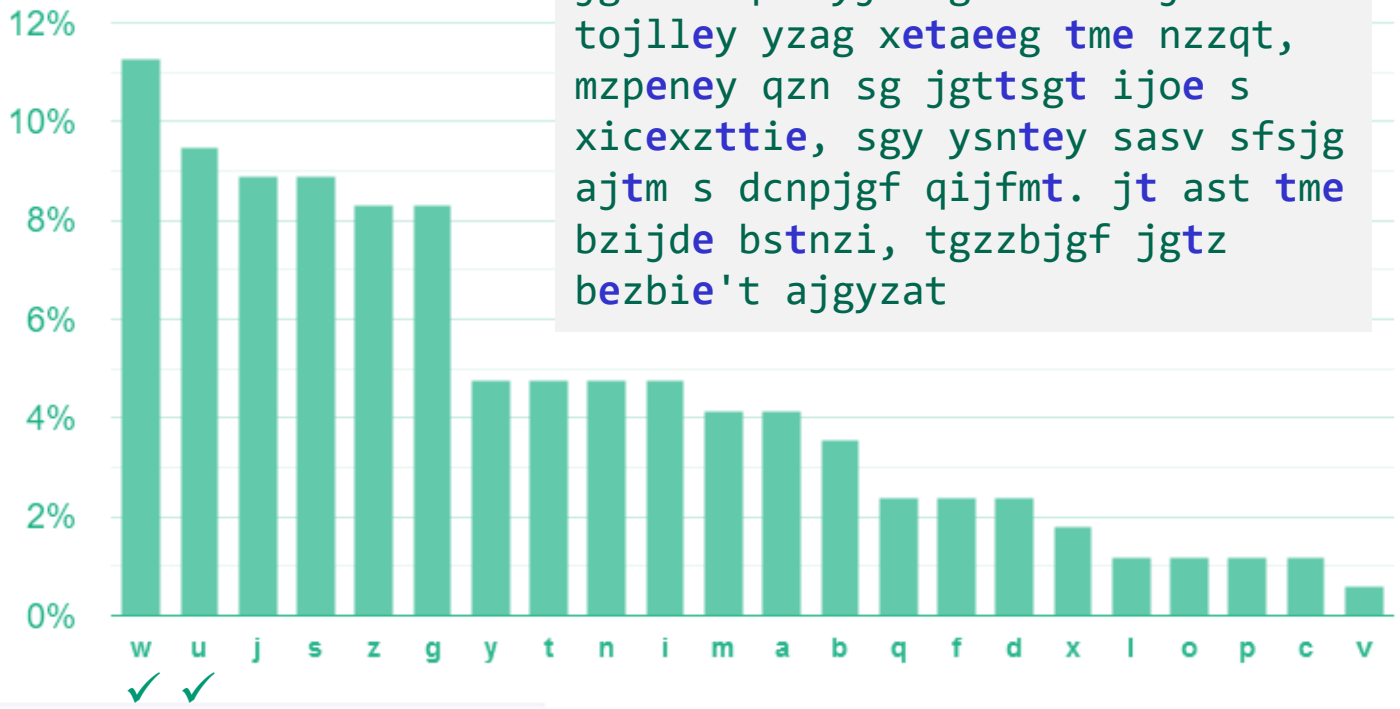

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tojlley yzag xeuaeeg ume nzzqt,
mzpeney qzn sg jgtusgu ijoe s
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ajum s dcnpjgf qijfmu. ju ast ume
bzijde bsunzi, tgzzbjgf jguz
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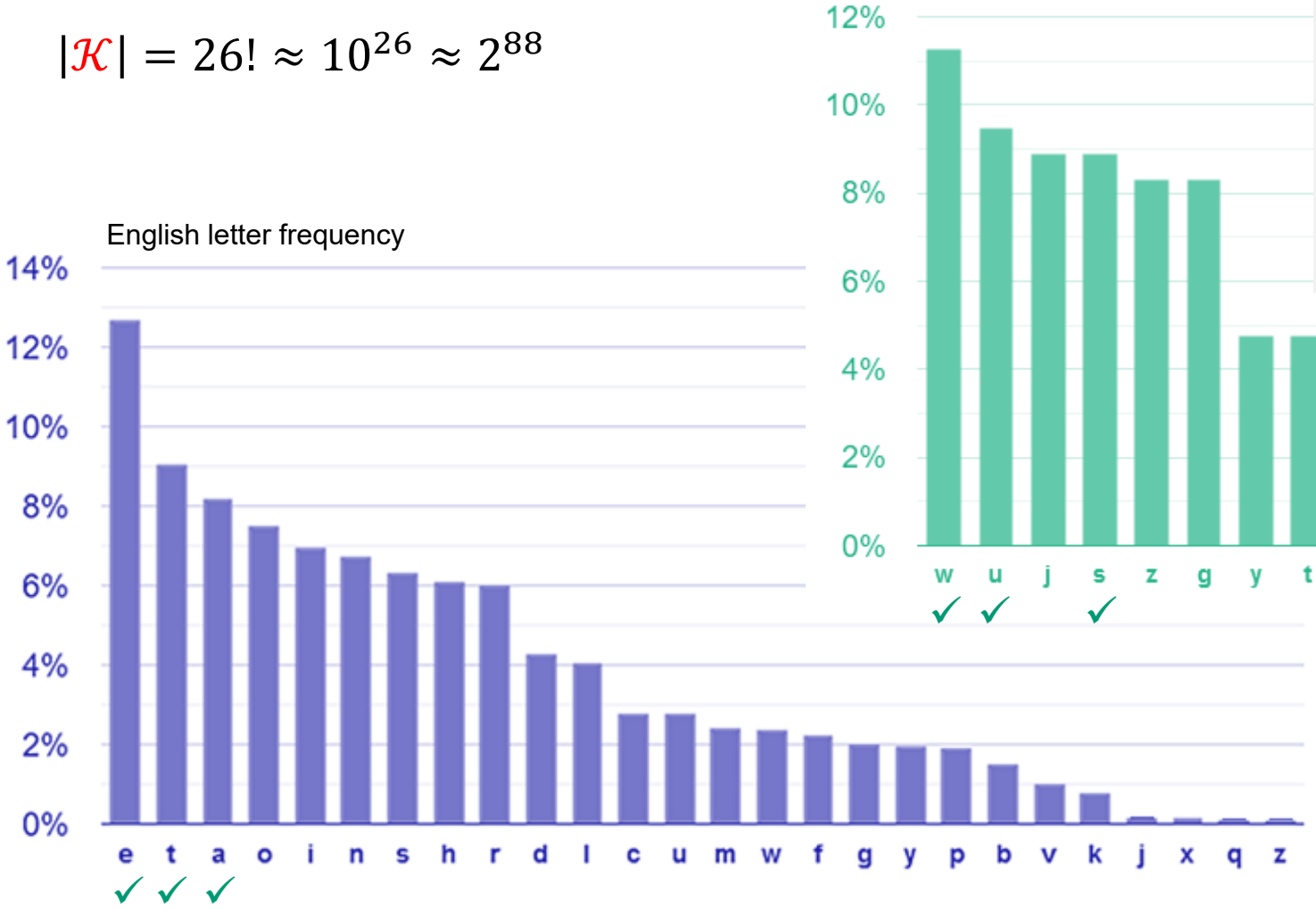


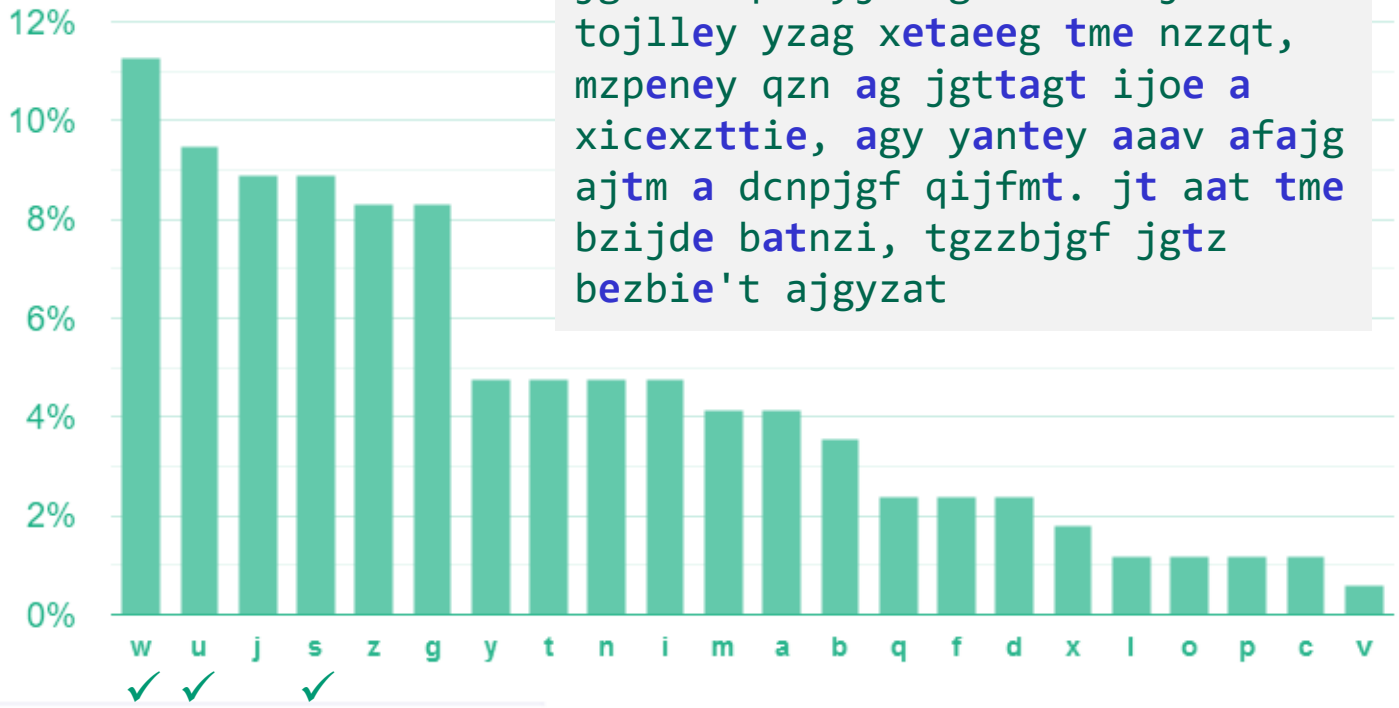

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mzpeney qzn sg jgttsgt ijoe s
xicexzttie, sgy ysntey sasv sfsjg
ajtm s dcnpjgf qijfmt. jt ast tme
bzijde bstnzi, tgzzbjgf jgtz
bezbie't ajgyzat
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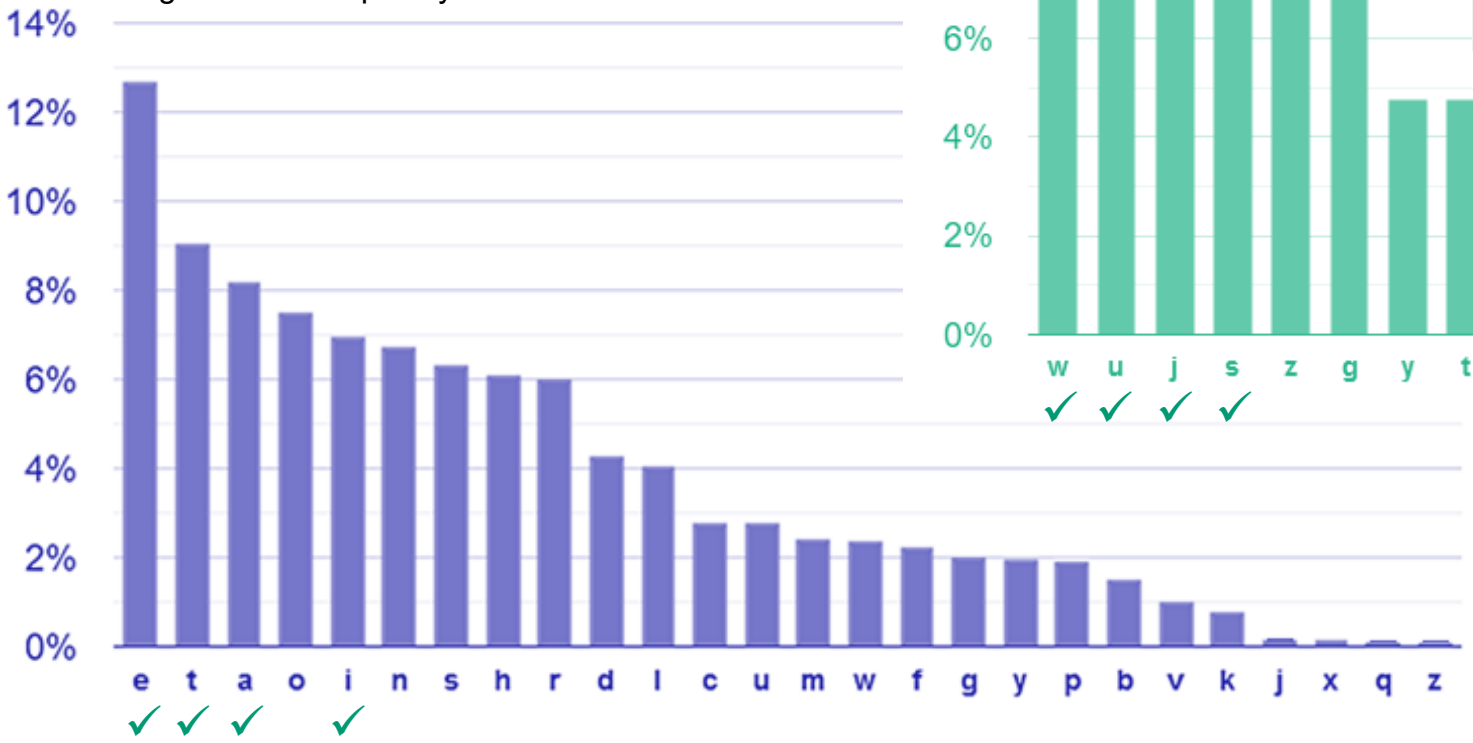


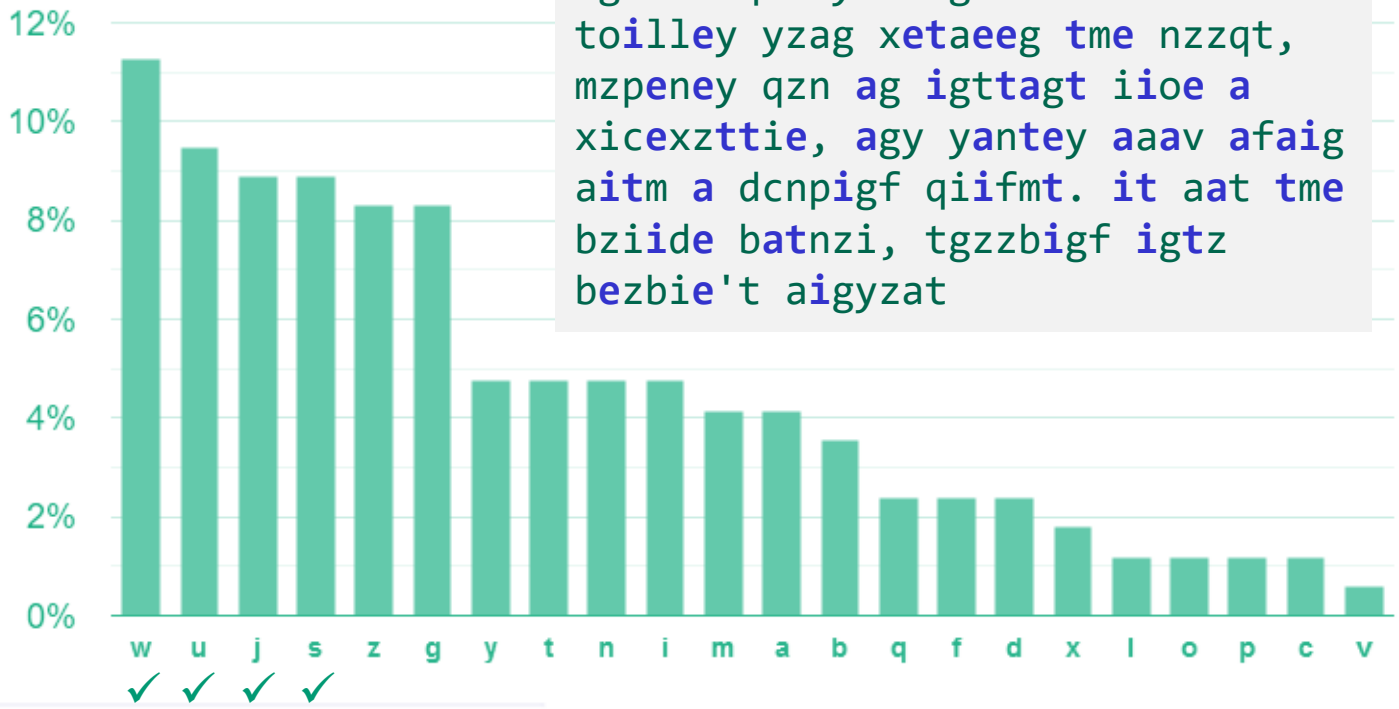


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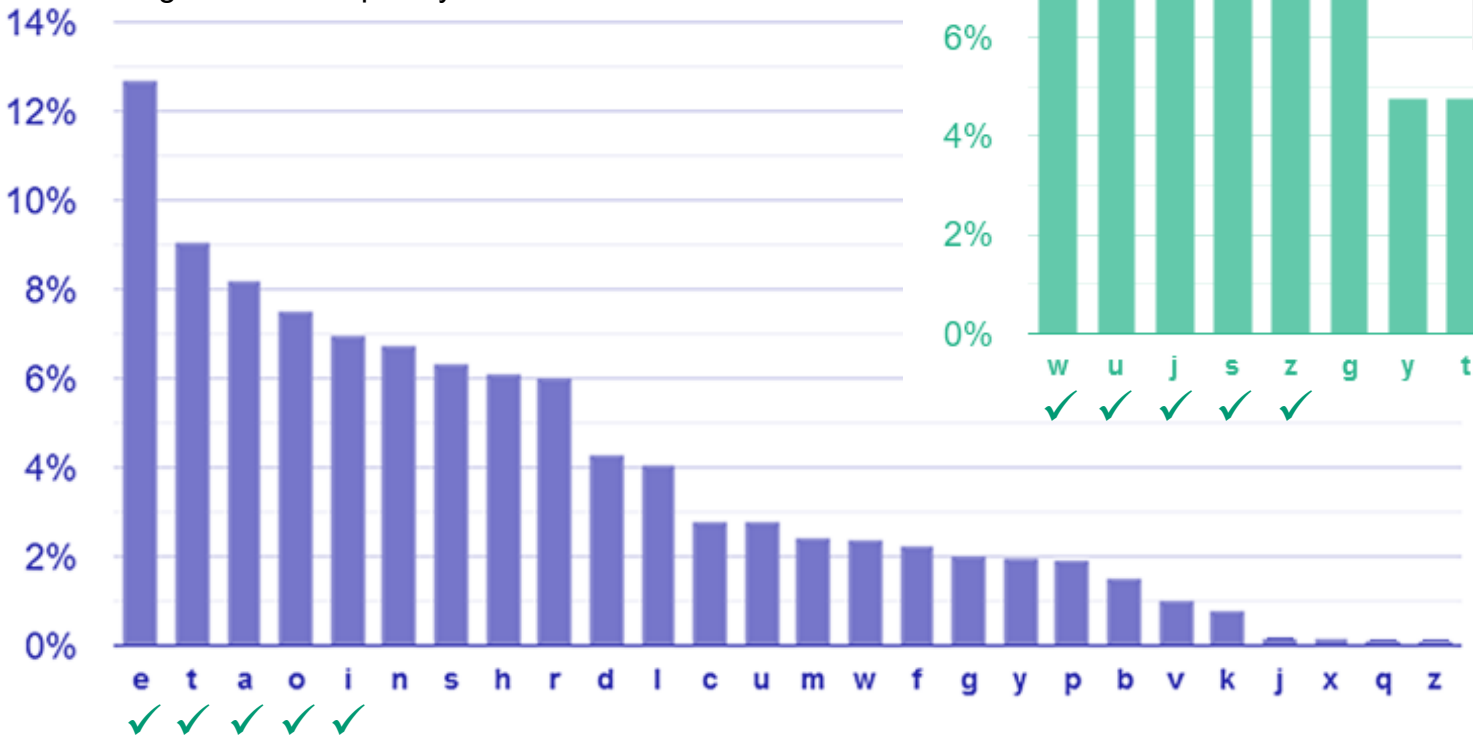


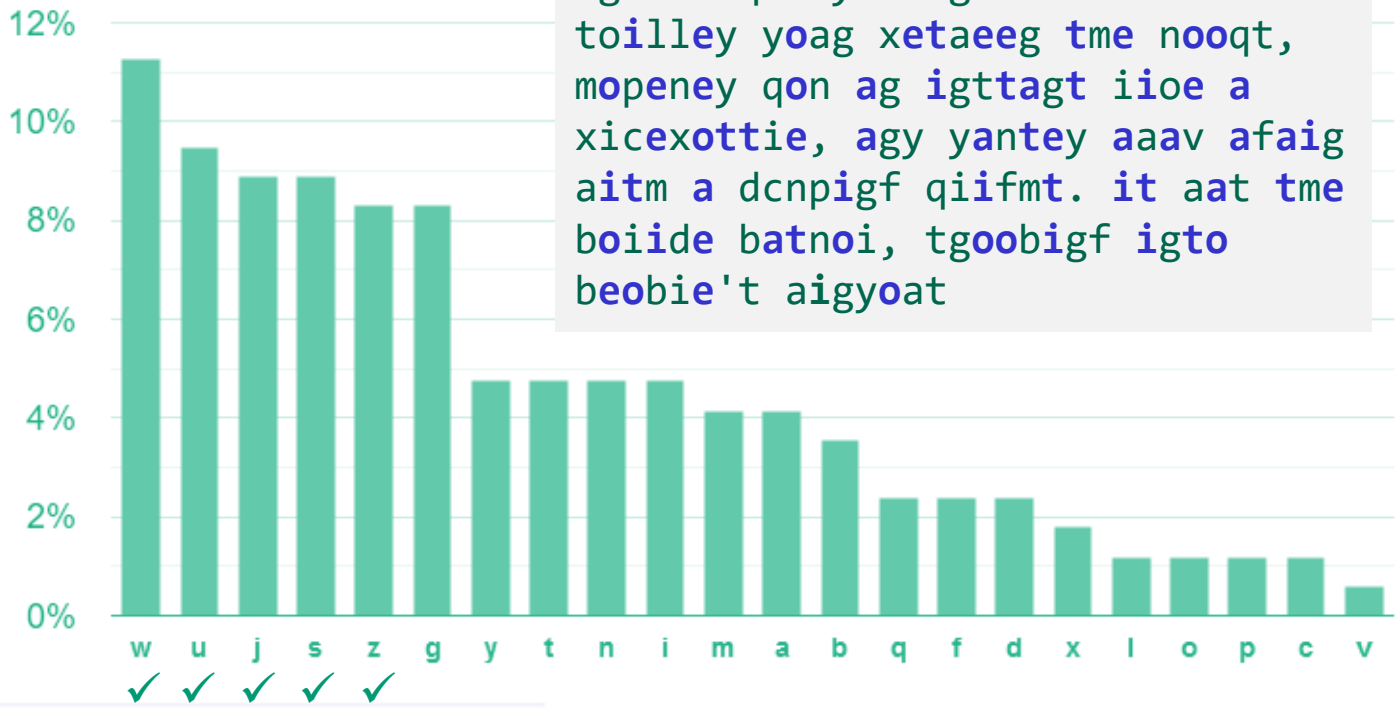

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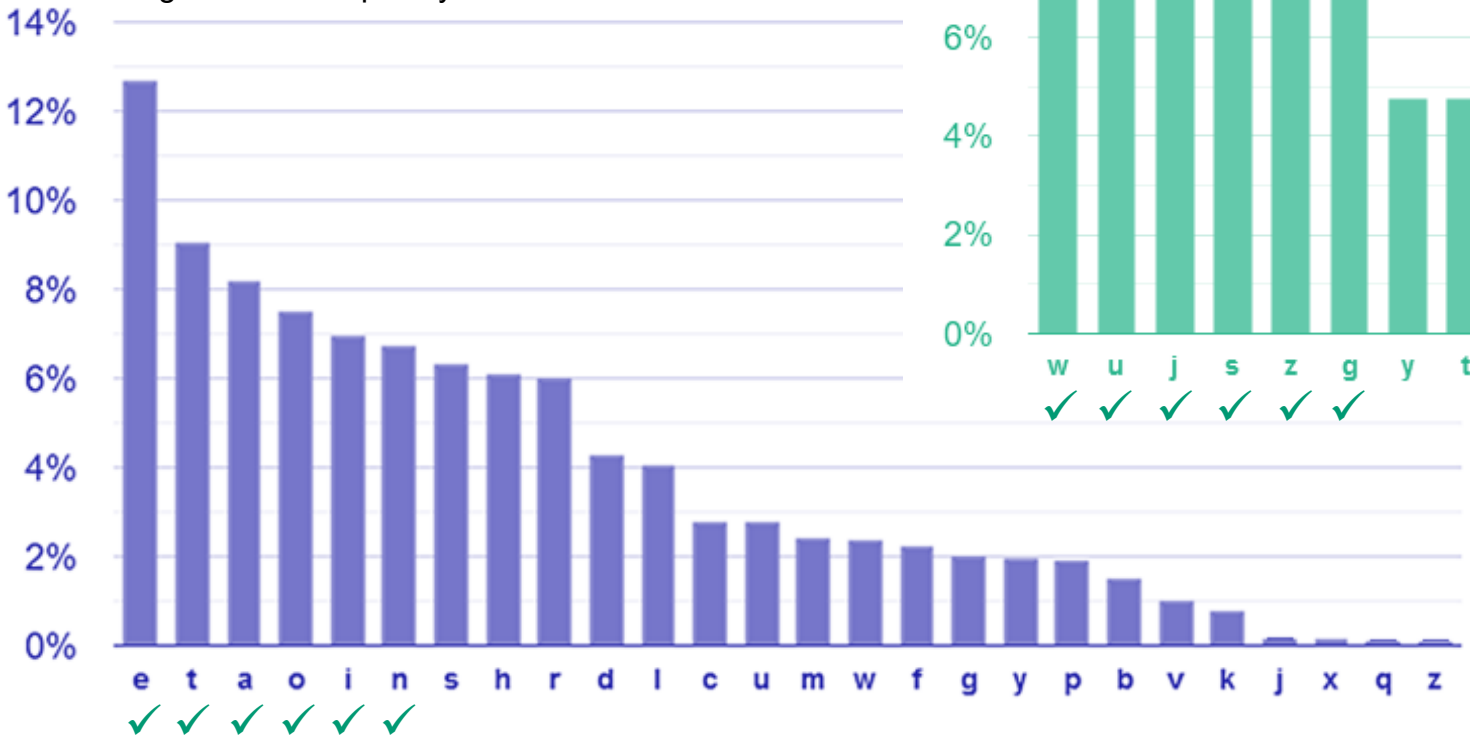


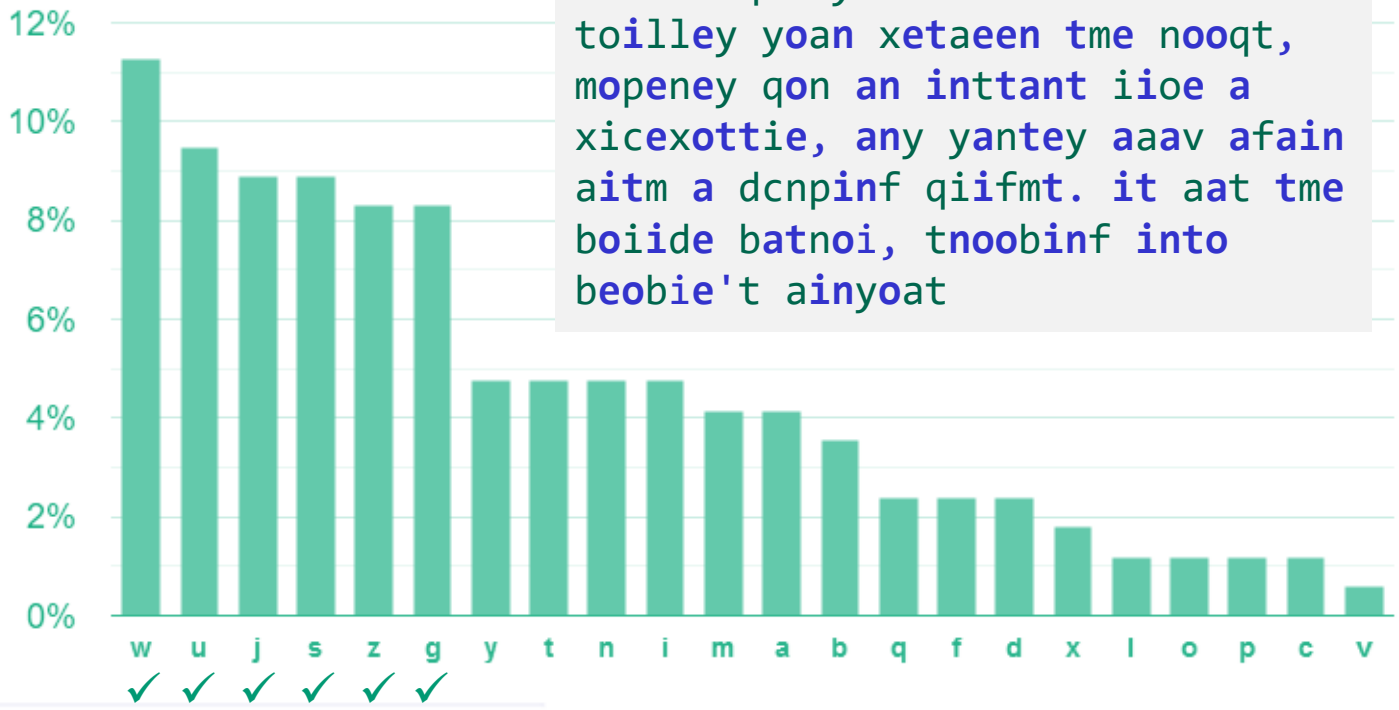

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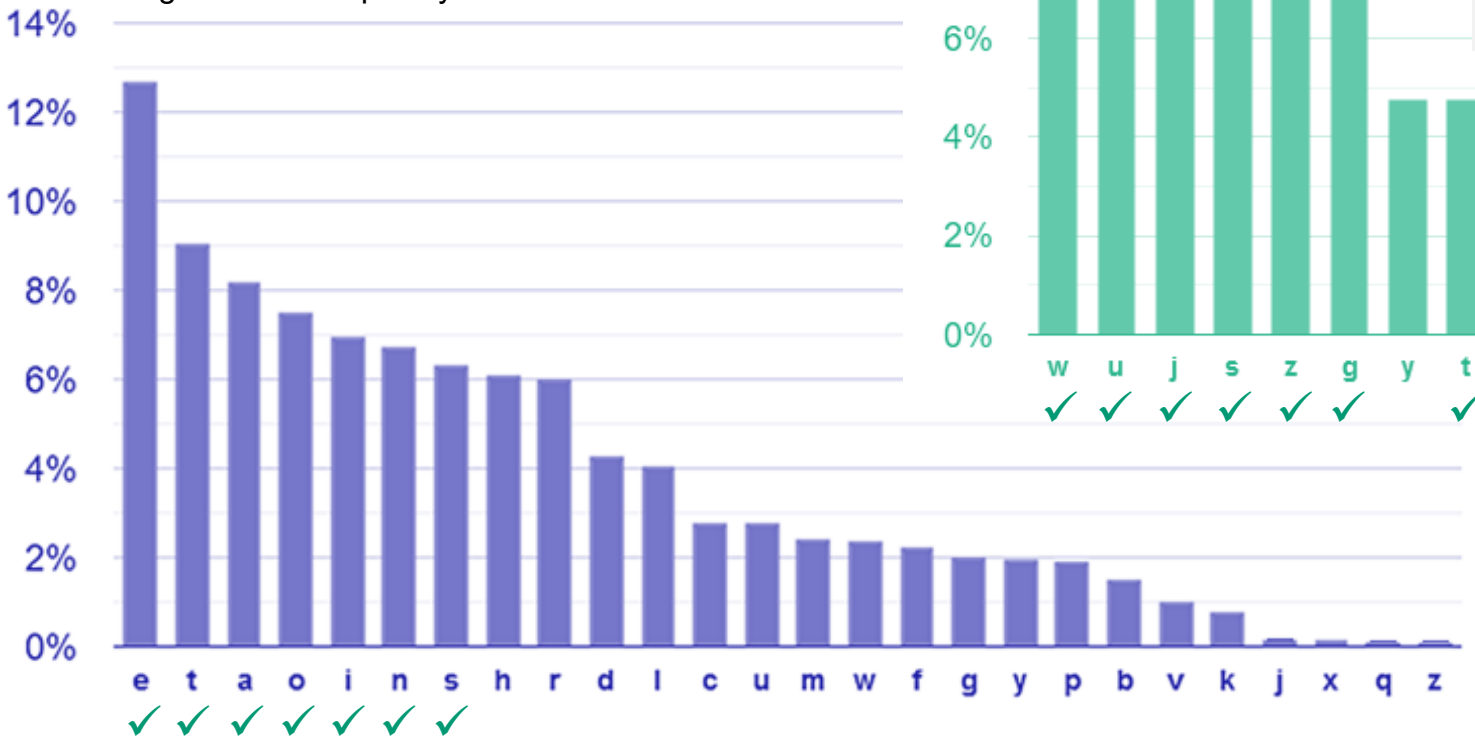


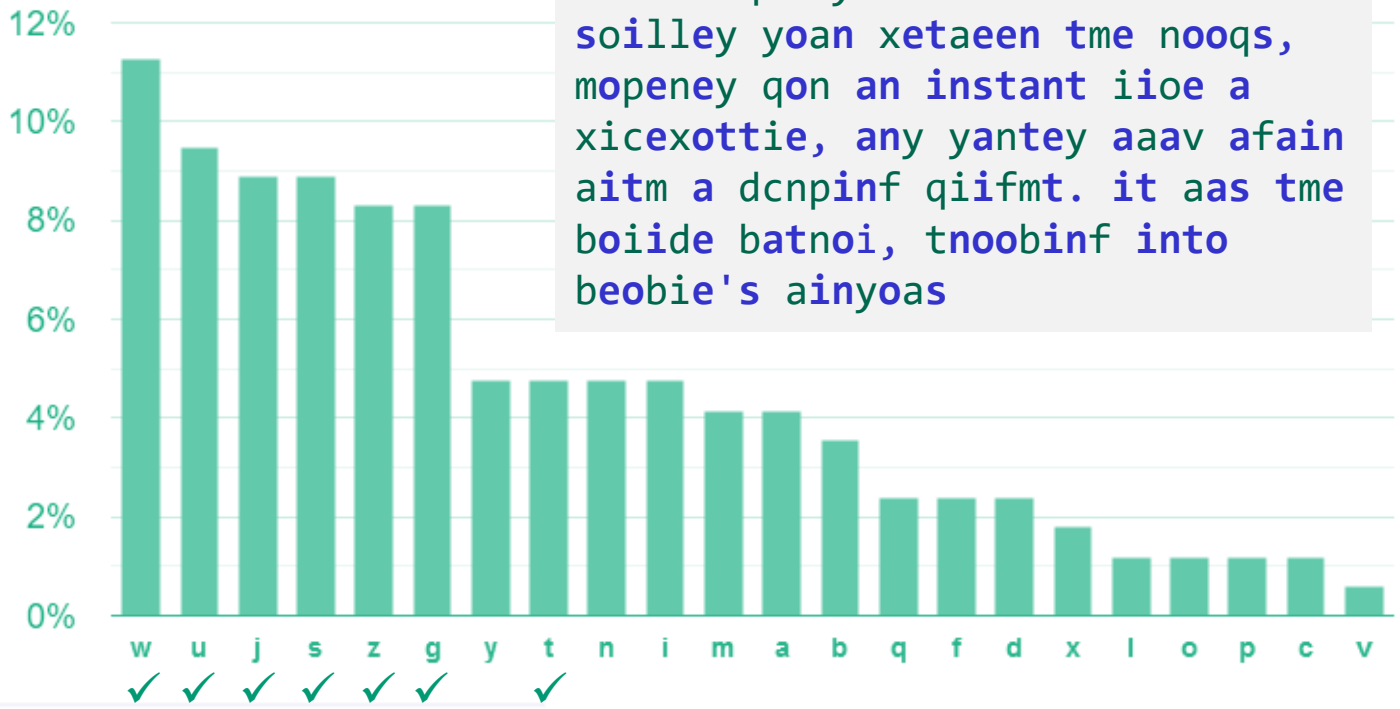

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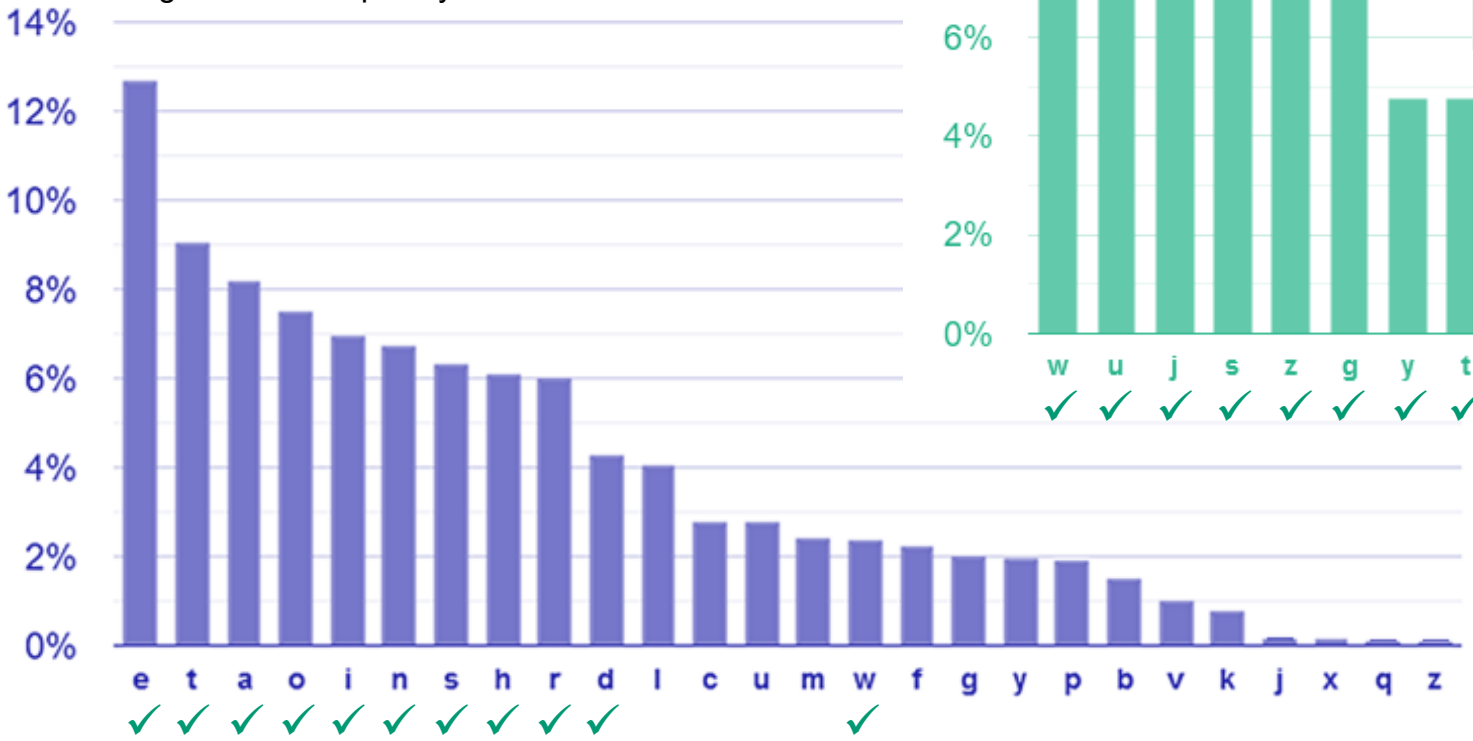


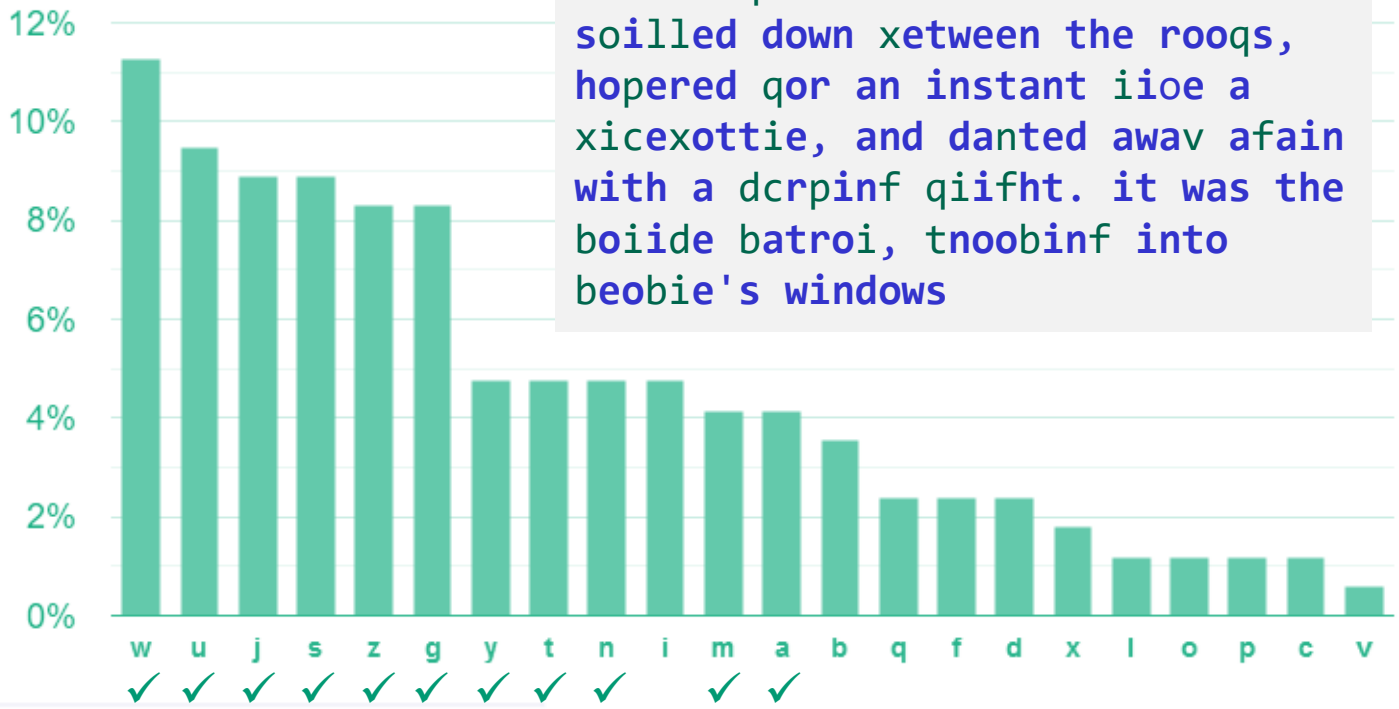

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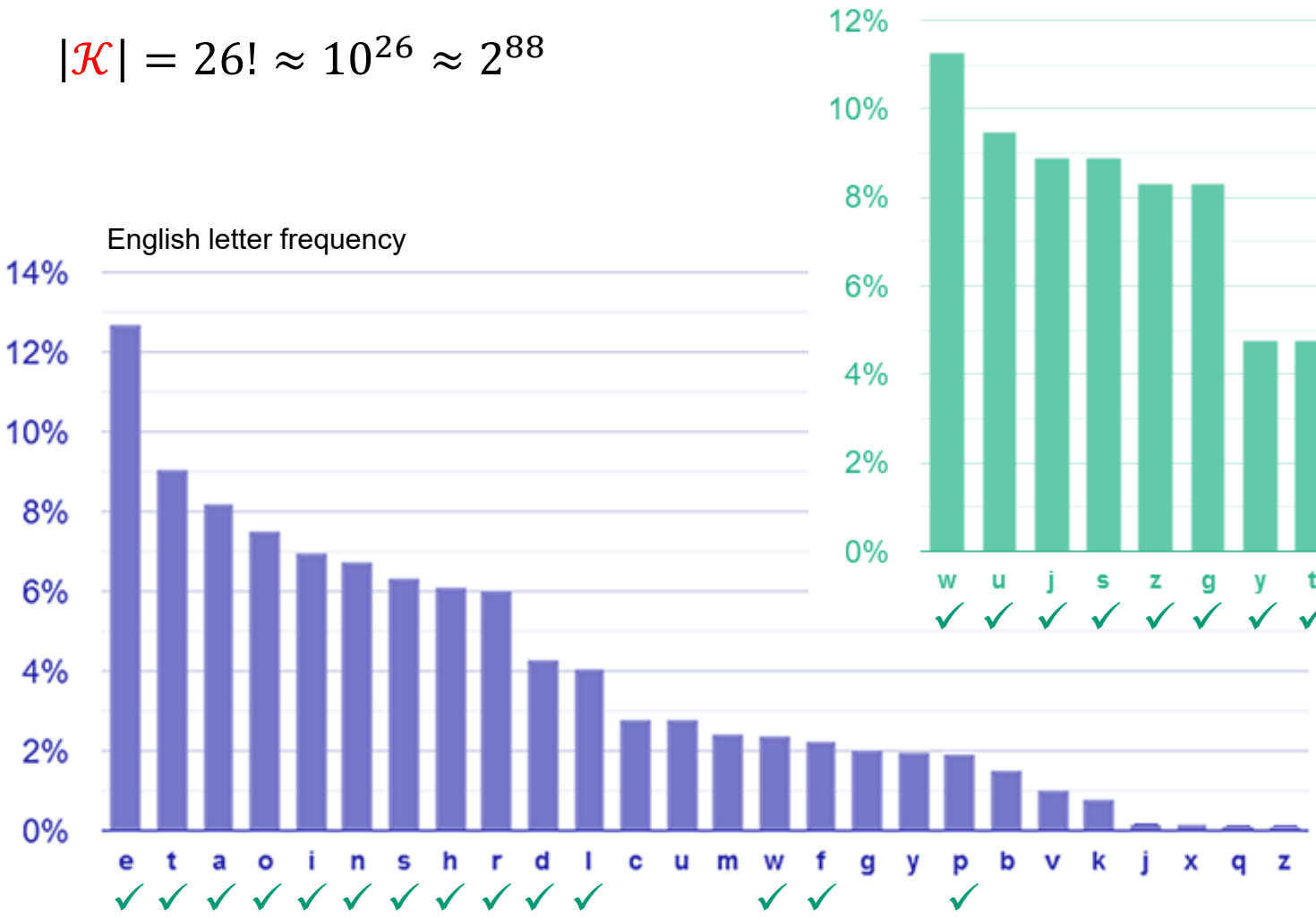


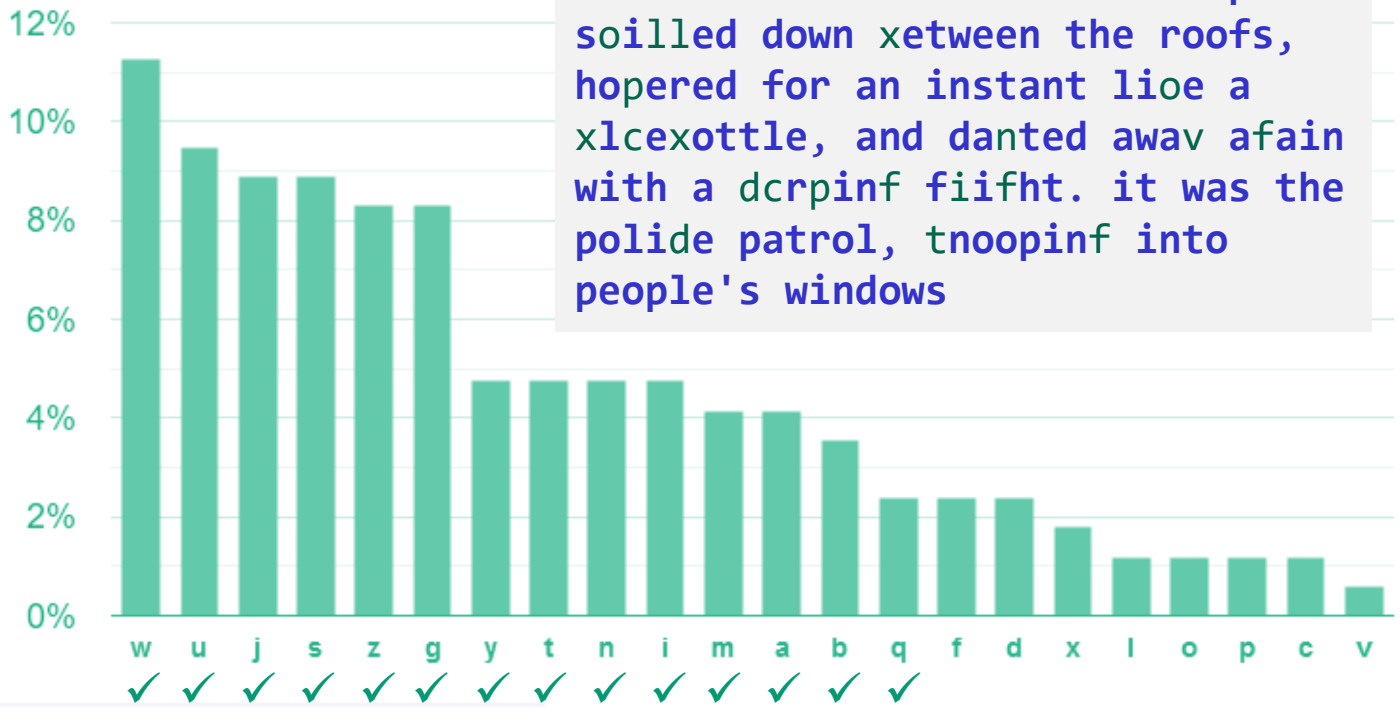


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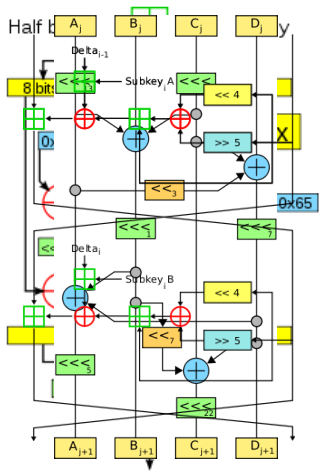



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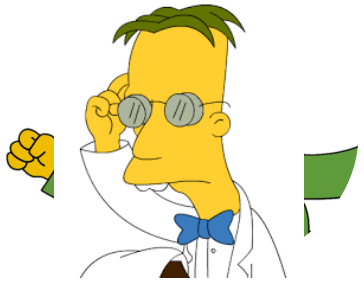
Conclusions

- Key space must be large enough
- Ciphertext should not reveal letter frequency of the message
- Is this enough?

Historical approach to crypto development







build → break → fix → break → fix → break → fix ... secure?

Modern approach

- Trying to make cryptography more a **science** than an **art**
- Focus on **formal definitions** of security (and insecurity)
- Clearly stated **assumptions**
- Analysis supported by mathematical **proofs**
- ... but old fashioned **cryptanalysis** continues to be very important!

The one-time-pad (OTP)

$\mathcal{K} = \{0,1\}^n$

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$\mathcal{C} = \{0,1\}^n$

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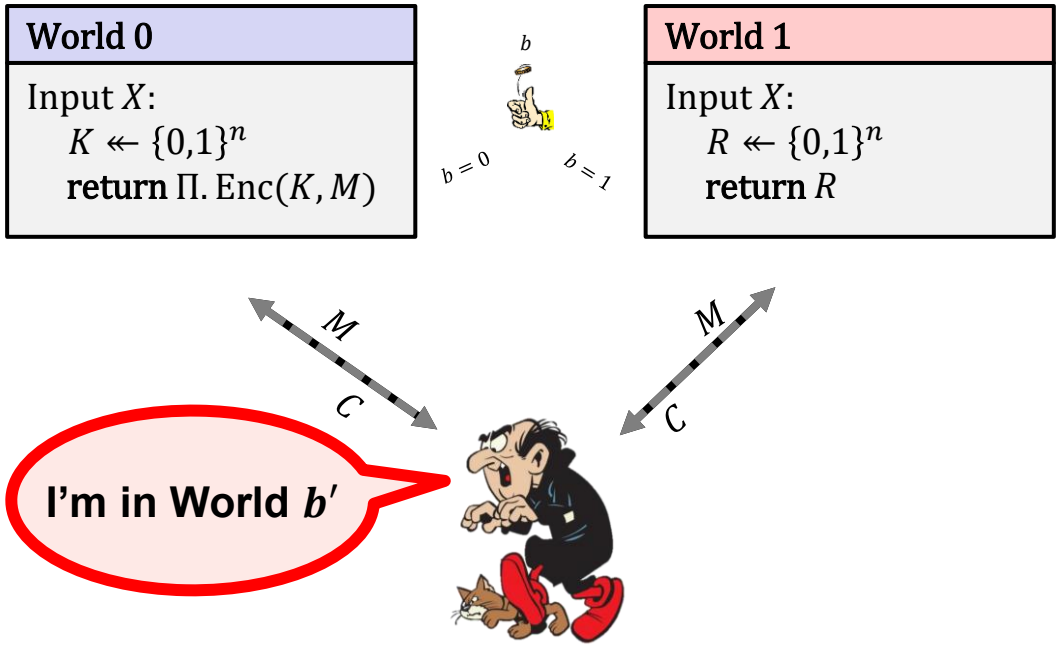
$$\mathcal{D}(K, C) = K \oplus C = \cancel{K} \oplus (\cancel{K} \oplus M)$$

$$\begin{array}{rll} & 0101100100 & M \\ \oplus & 1110001101 & K \\ \hline = & 1011101001 & C \end{array}$$

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Is the one-time pad secure?

Defining security: (one-time) perfect privacy



Definition: An encryption scheme Π has **(one-time) perfect privacy** if for any adversary A:

$$\Pr[b' = b] = \frac{1}{2}$$

The one-time-pad (OTP) – security

Theorem (Shannon 1949): The one-time pad has **one-time perfect privacy**

Proof:

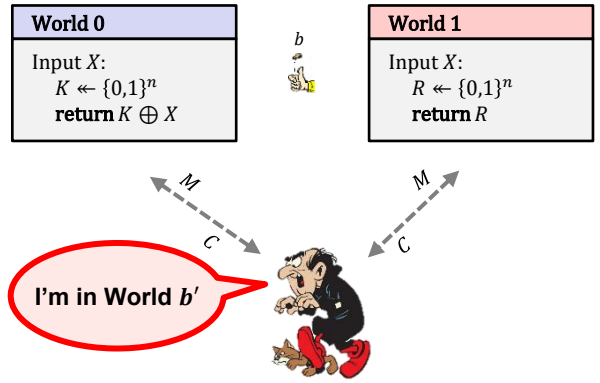
Need to show: $\Pr[b' = b] = 1/2$

Suppose A submits $\boldsymbol{M = 110}$ and receives $\boldsymbol{C = 101}$

$$\Pr[\, \boldsymbol{C = 101} \mid \boldsymbol{M = 110} \wedge b = 0\,] = 1/8$$

$$\Pr[\, \boldsymbol{C = 101} \mid \boldsymbol{M = 110} \wedge b = 1\,] = 1/8$$

	$(\boldsymbol{M = 110})$	
Prob.	$\boldsymbol{K}$	$\boldsymbol{C}$
1/8	000	110
1/8	001	111
1/8	010	100
1/8	011	101
1/8	100	010
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1/8	110	000
1/8	111	001



Probability that A sees $\boldsymbol{C = 101}$ is *independent* of which world it's in! $\Longrightarrow$ seeing $\boldsymbol{C}$ reveals no information about b

Same argument applies to any other choice of $\boldsymbol{M}$ and $\boldsymbol{C}$ $\Longrightarrow$ $\Pr[b' = b] = 1/2$

One-time pad – perfect?

- One-time pad has perfect privacy…for *one* message

M_1 M_2



- What happens if you use the same key for two messages?
  - $C_1 \oplus C_2 = (K \oplus M_1) \oplus (K \oplus M_2) = M_1 \oplus M_2$
  - If one part is known (say M_1) then: $M_2 = C_1 \oplus C_2 \oplus M_1$

- Key is as long as the message
  - New key must be securely communicated for each message
  - Sort of defeats the purpose of encryption
  - What happens if it's shorter?



$M_1 \oplus M_2$
$=$
$C_1 \oplus C_2$

Theorem: No encryption scheme can have perfect secrecy if $|\mathcal{K}| < |\mathcal{M}|$

- Nothing special about XOR: ROT-*K* also has one-time perfect privacy
  - Why doesn't this contradict what we saw earlier about ROT-*K*?

Wanted: security definition for symmetric encryption

- computational
  ~~One-time perfect~~ privacy:

$$\Pr_{K \in \mathcal{K}}[\mathrm{Enc}_K(M) = C] \approx \frac{1}{|\mathcal{C}|}$$

- *resource bounded*
  Security holds for *any* adversary ~~(no limit on resource usage)~~

- Very strict requirements:
  - ~~Key needs to be as long as the message~~ ✓
  - ~~Key can only be used for one message~~ ✓

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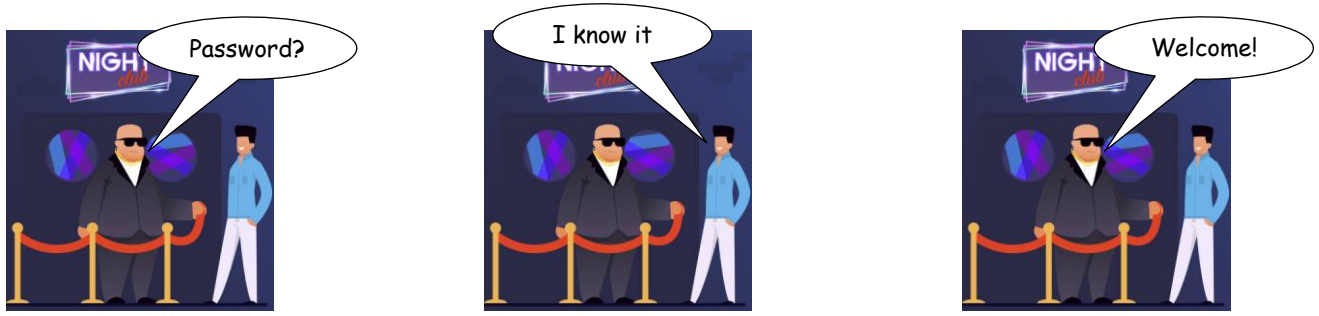
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Part II

Much more to cryptography

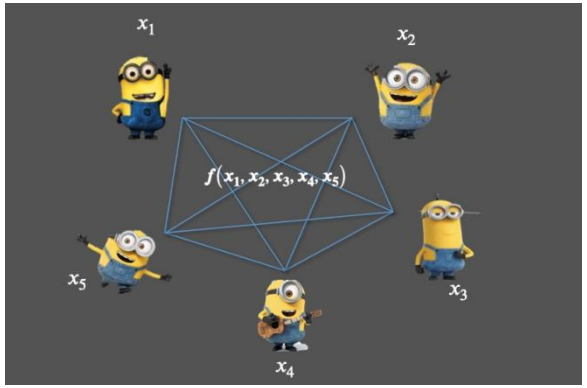
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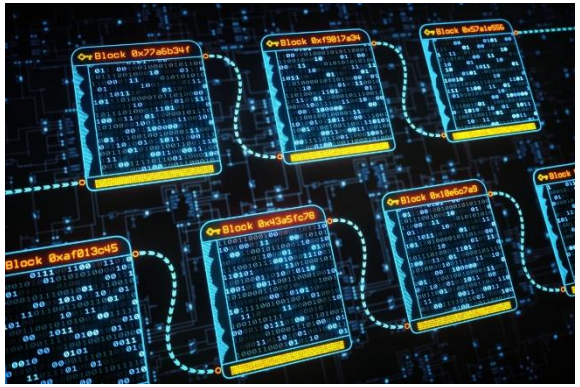
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$$\mathrm{Enc}_K(M_1 + M_2) = \mathrm{Enc}_K(M_1) + \mathrm{Enc}_K(M_2)$$

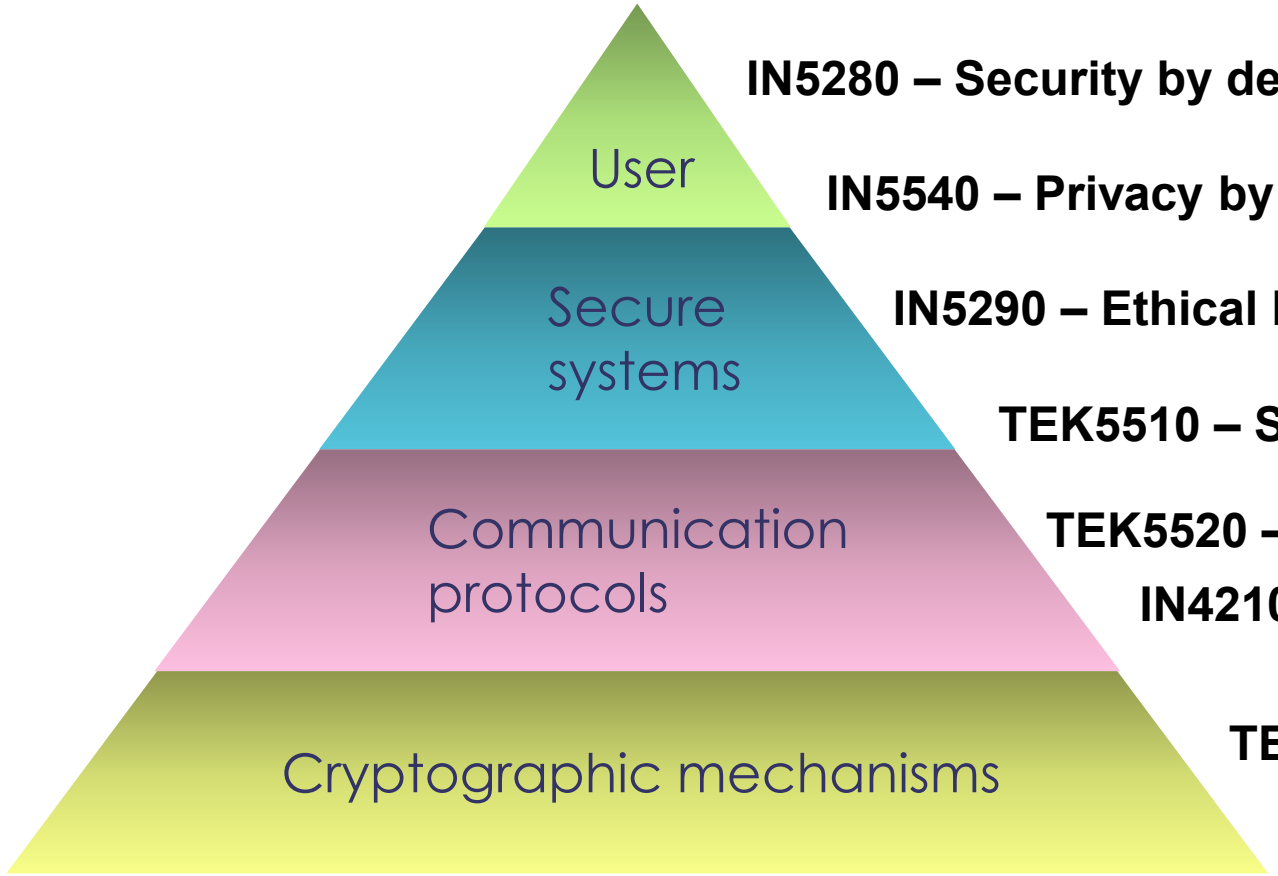
- Multi-party computation



- Blockchains



The security pyramid



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IN5540 – Privacy by design

IN5290 – Ethical hacking

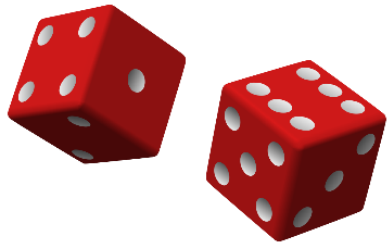
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Discrete probability

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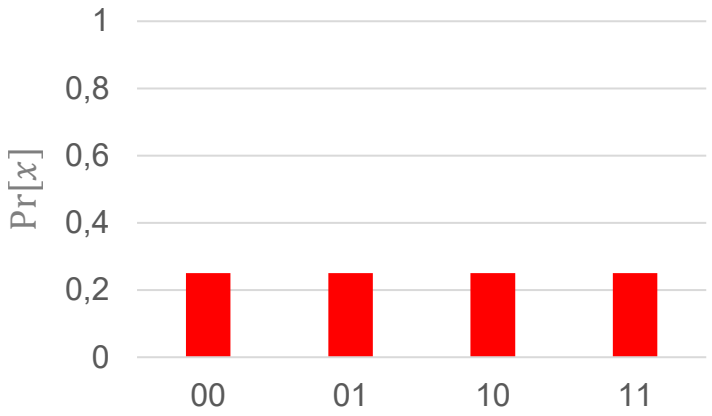
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Discrete probability

Definition: A **probability distribution** over a finite set $\mathcal{U}$ is a function $\Pr : \mathcal{U} \to [0,1]$ such that

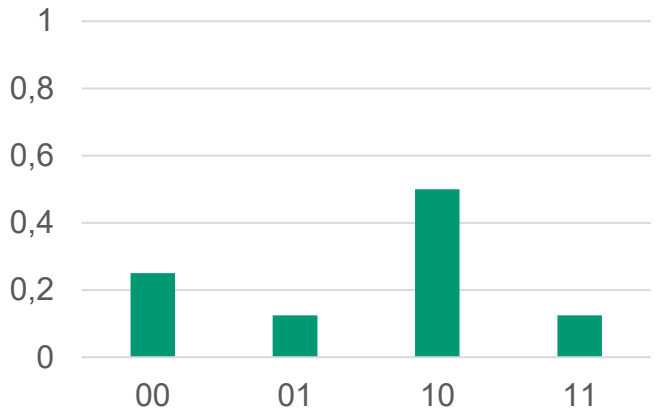
$$\sum_{x \in \mathcal{U}} \Pr[x] = 1$$

$$\mathcal{U} = \{0,1\}^2 = \{00, 01, 10, 11\}$$

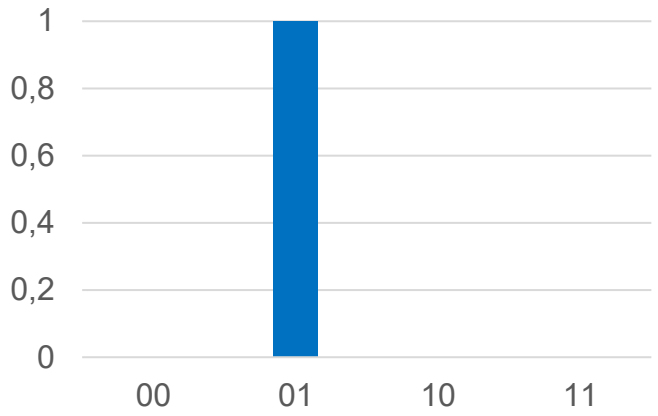


$\Pr[00] = 1/4$
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Uniform distribution



$\Pr[00] = 1/4$
$\Pr[01] = 1/8$
$\Pr[10] = 1/2$
$\Pr[11] = 1/8$

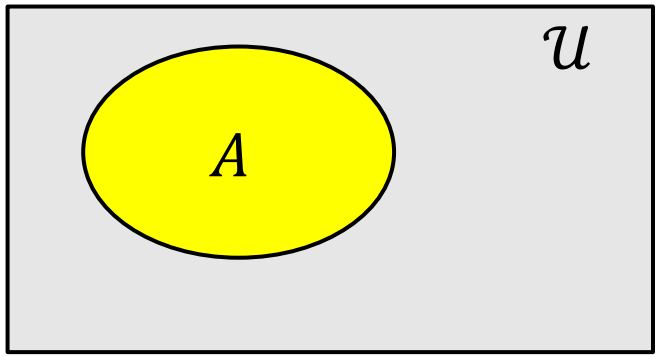


$\Pr[00] = 0$
$\Pr[01] = 1$
$\Pr[10] = 0$
$\Pr[11] = 0$

Point distribution

Discrete probability

- A subset $A \subseteq \mathcal{U}$ is called an **event** and $\Pr[A] = \sum_{x \in A} \Pr[x]$



- The **complement** of A is $\mathcal{U} \setminus A$ and denoted $\bar{A}$
  - Fact: $\Pr[\bar{A}] = 1 - \Pr[A]$

- **Example**: $\mathcal{U} = \{0,1\}^8$

$$A = \{x \in \mathcal{U} \mid x = 11\text{xx xxxx}\} \subset \mathcal{U}$$

With the uniform distribution over $\mathcal{U}$, what is $\Pr[A]$?

- **Answer:** $\Pr[A] = \Pr[1100\ 0000] + \Pr[1100\ 0001] + \cdots + \Pr[1111\ 1111]$

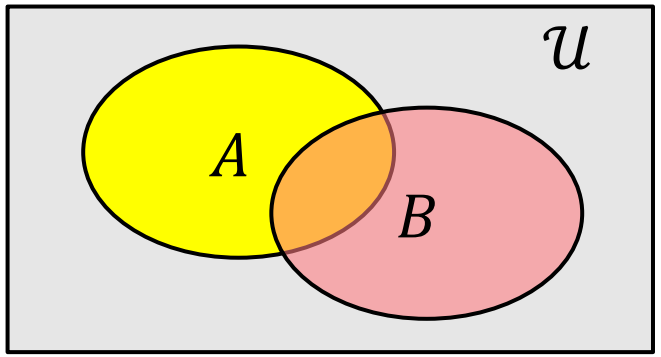
$$= (1/2^8 + 1/2^8 + \cdots + 1/2^8) = 2^6 \cdot 1/2^8$$

$$= 1/2^2 = 1/4$$

Union bound

- **Union bound:** For events A and B in $\mathcal{U}$:

$$\Pr[A \cup B] \leq \Pr[A] + \Pr[B]$$



- **Example**: Suppose we have $N = 200$ computers, where each one fails with probability 0.001. Give an upper bound on the probability that *at least one* server fails today.

- **Answer:** Let A_i be the event that server i fails. Then *at least one server fails* = $A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \cdots \cup A_{200}$

$$\Pr[A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \cdots \cup A_{200}] \leq \Pr[A_1] + \Pr[A_2] + \cdots + \Pr[A_{200}]$$

$$= 0.001 + 0.001 + \cdots + 0.001 = 200 \cdot 0.001 = 0.2$$

Independence

- Events A and B are **independent** if $\Pr[A \cap B] = \Pr[A] \cdot \Pr[B]$

- **Example:** Suppose we flip two fair coins.

  - A_1 : first coin is heads
  - A_2 : second coin is heads
  - A_3 : the coins are different

  - $\Pr[A_1] = \Pr[A_2] = \Pr[A_3] = 1/2$
  - $\Pr[A_1 \cap A_2] = 1/4$
  - $\Pr[A_1 \cap A_3] = 1/4$
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Law of total probability

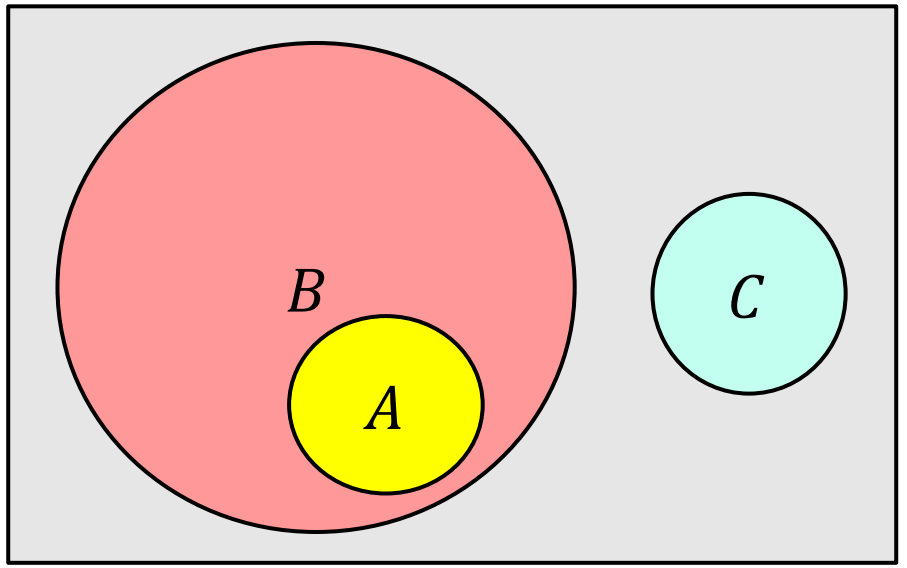
- **Conditional probability**

$$\Pr[X \mid Y] \overset{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\Pr[X \cap Y]}{\Pr[Y]}$$

assuming $\Pr[Y] > 0$

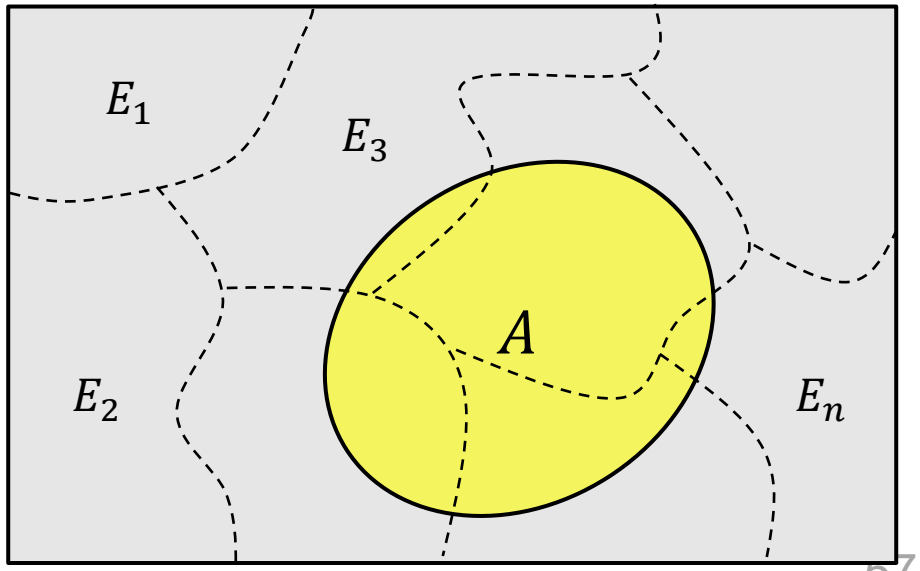
$$\Pr[A \mid B] > \Pr[A]$$

$$\Pr[A \mid C] = 0$$



- **Law of total probability**

$$\Pr[A] = \begin{aligned} &\Pr[A \mid E_1] \cdot \Pr[E_1] && \leq \Pr[E_1] \\ &+ \Pr[A \mid E_2] \cdot \Pr[E_2] && \leq \Pr[E_2] \\ &\vdots \\ &+ \Pr[A \mid E_n] \cdot \Pr[E_n] && \leq \Pr[E_n] \end{aligned}$$

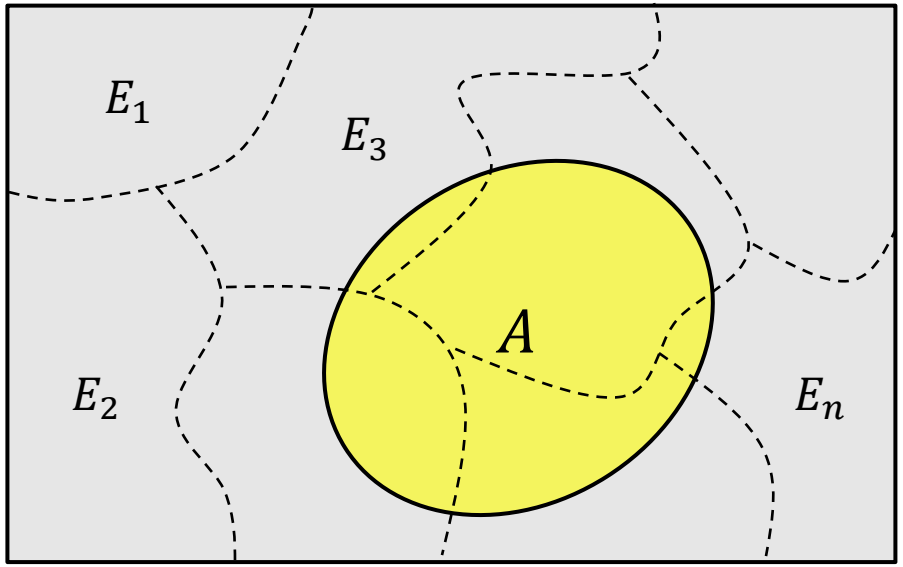


Law of total probability

See full problem here: https://nitter.poast.org/littmath/status/1827447490683003234

- **Example**

  You have 10,000 coins. 9999 of them are fair; one is rigged so that it always lands on heads. You choose a coin at random and flip it 10 times. What is the probability that it comes up heads every time?



- **Answer**

  Let R be the event that the coin is rigged. Let F be event that it is fair. Let H_{10} be the event that it comes up heads 10 times.

  - $\Pr[R] = 1/10{,}000$
  - $\Pr[F] = 1 - \Pr[R] = 1 - 1/10{,}000 = 9999/10{,}000$

  - $\Pr[H_{10}] = \Pr[H_{10} \mid R] \cdot \Pr[R] + \Pr[H_{10} \mid F] \cdot \Pr[F]$

$$= \ 1 \cdot 1/10{,}000 \quad + \quad \frac{1}{2^{10}} \cdot 9999/10{,}000 \ \approx \ 0.00108$$

$$\frac{1}{2^{10}} \approx 0.00098$$

Randomized algorithms

- Deterministic algorithm:

$$y \leftarrow A(x)$$

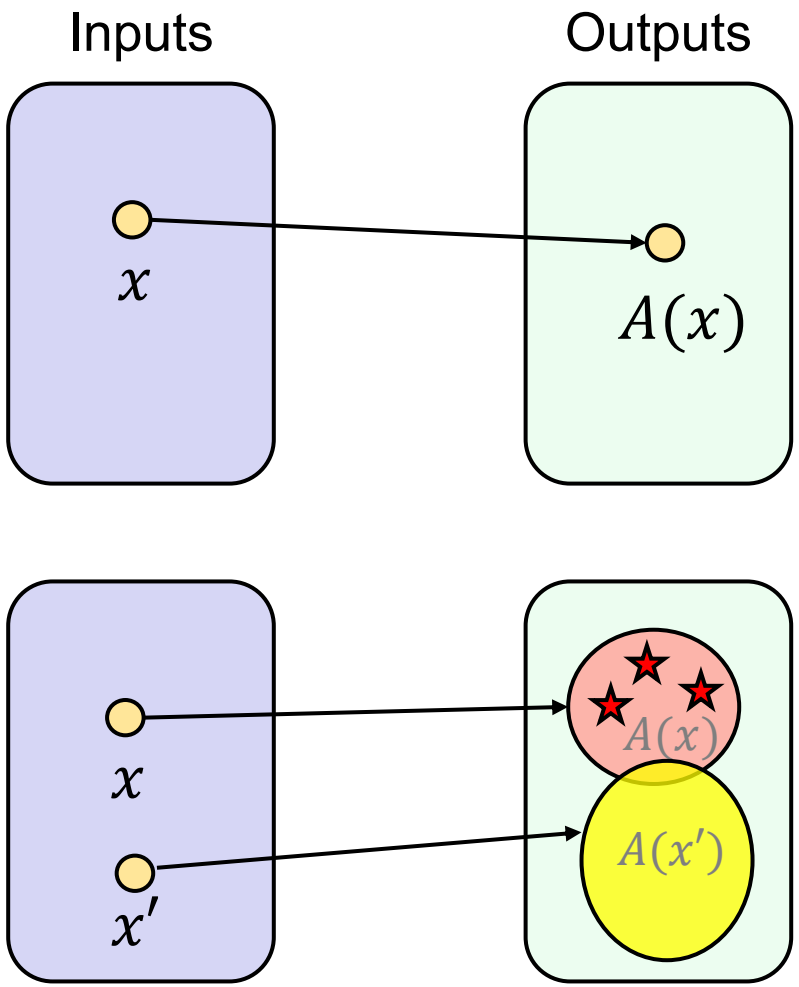
- Randomized algorithm:

$$y \twoheadleftarrow A(x)$$ $A(x)$ is a random variable!

$$y \leftarrow A(x;r)$$ where $r \twoheadleftarrow \{0,1\}^n$

- **Example:**

$$C \twoheadleftarrow \mathrm{OTP}(M) \qquad C \leftarrow \mathrm{OTP}(M;K)$$



Next week

- Block ciphers
- Pseudorandom functions (PRF) and pseudorandom permutations (PRP)
- AES