

So, last week I was compiling a list of math movies which I hope to show next semester. At the top of that list was the little seen film Enigma. Enigma is based on the true story of the English Mathematician Alan Turing who cracked the German's supposedly unbreakable code. His success is often credited as a significant turning point in WWII, but not, unfortunately, with inspiring a popular film. I've looked and looked, but no one seems to have a DVD copy of the movie. In desperation, I emailed the producers of the film and asked whether they knew where I might get a copy. All I can say is that whatever the reason might be that the movie wasn't a blockbuster, it wasn't because the producers lacked a wicked sense of humor. Here is their reply:

Idqss skkrqap vkc duo lkeqo oaqplm

Vkc ik skap pqeoi kao jhqdom idqplm

Qv fkh'co skkpqap mckhay

Uoco'i m bsmno qd qi vkhay

Duqi Pcoor iqdo, thid nuonr hayoc iqplm

Many mathematicians specialize in the sub-discipline known as coding theory which studies codes and how to efficiently break them. Unfortunately, I am not one of them. Can you help me decode their message? If you are the first to do so, I can't promise that you will be hailed as one of the saviors of the free world. I can, however, promise that your free lunch at the deli will taste just as delicious as if you had.