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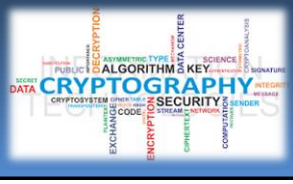

Cryptography and Network Security

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Chapter 2

Classical Encryption Techniques

"I am fairly familiar with all the forms of secret writings, and am myself the author of a trifling monograph upon the subject, in which I analyze one hundred and sixty separate ciphers," said Holmes.

—The Adventure of the Dancing Men,
Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

MONOALPHABETIC SUBSTITUTION CIPHERS

- ATBASH CIPHER
- PIGPEN CIPHER
- CAESAR SHIFT CIPHER
- AFFINE CIPHER
- MIXED ALPHABET CIPHER
- OTHER EXAMPLES
- FREQUENCY ANALYSIS: BREAKING THE CODE
- HOMOPHONIC SUBSTITUTION

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- VIGENÈRE CIPHER
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- AUTOKEY CIPHER
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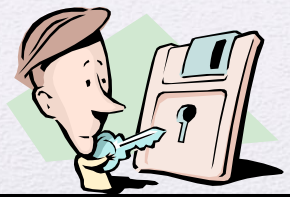
SIMPLE TRANSPOSITION CIPHERS

- RAIL FENCE CIPHER
- ROUTE CIPHER
- COLUMNAR TRANSPOSITION CIPHER
- MYSZKOWSKI TRANSPOSITION CIPHER
- PERMUTATION CIPHER
- ANAGRAMMING: JUMBLING WORDS
- COMBINING MONOALPHABETIC AND SIMPLE TRANSPOSITION CIPHERS

Symmetric Encryption

- Also referred to as conventional encryption or single-key encryption
- Was the only type of encryption in use prior to the development of public-key encryption in the 1970s
- Remains by far the most widely used of the two types of encryption



Basic Terminology

- Plaintext
  - The original message
- Ciphertext
  - The coded message
- Enciphering or encryption
  - Process of converting from plaintext to ciphertext
- Deciphering or decryption
  - Restoring the plaintext from the ciphertext
- Cryptography
  - Study of encryption
- Cryptographic system or cipher
  - Schemes used for encryption
- Cryptanalysis
  - Techniques used for deciphering a message without any knowledge of the enciphering details
- Cryptology
  - Areas of cryptography and cryptanalysis together

Simplified Model of Symmetric Encryption

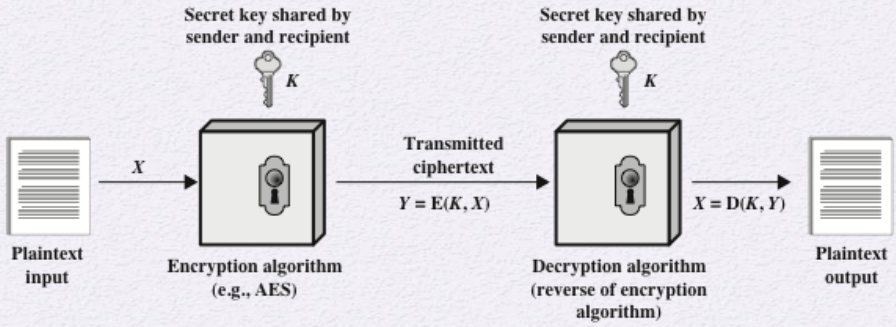


Figure 2.1 Simplified Model of Symmetric Encryption

Model of Symmetric Cryptosystem

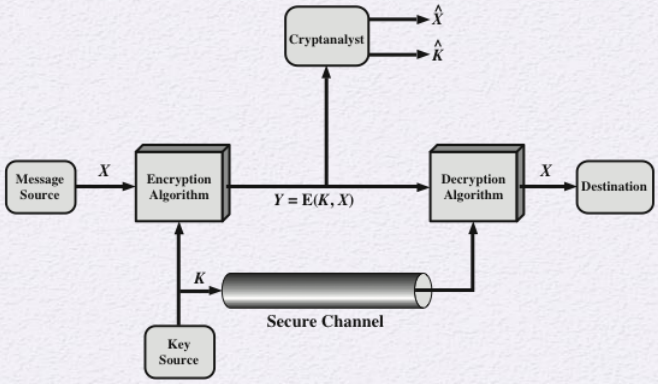


Figure 2.2 Model of Symmetric Cryptosystem

Cryptographic Systems

- Characterized along three independent dimensions:

The type of operations used for transforming plaintext to ciphertext	The number of keys used	The way in which the plaintext is processed
Substitution	Symmetric, single-key, secret-key, conventional encryption	Block cipher
Transposition	Asymmetric, two-key, or public-key encryption	Stream cipher

Cryptanalysis and Brute-Force Attack

Cryptanalysis

- Attack relies on the nature of the algorithm plus some knowledge of the general characteristics of the plaintext
- Attack exploits the characteristics of the algorithm to attempt to deduce a specific plaintext or to deduce the key being used

Brute-force attack

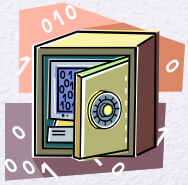
- Attacker tries every possible key on a piece of ciphertext until an intelligible translation into plaintext is obtained
- On average, half of all possible keys must be tried to achieve success

Type of Attack	Known to Cryptanalyst
Ciphertext Only	• Encryption algorithm • Ciphertext
Known Plaintext	• Encryption algorithm • Ciphertext • One or more plaintext-ciphertext pairs formed with the secret key
Chosen Plaintext	• Encryption algorithm • Ciphertext • Plaintext message chosen by cryptanalyst, together with its corresponding ciphertext generated with the secret key
Chosen Ciphertext	• Encryption algorithm • Ciphertext • Ciphertext chosen by cryptanalyst, together with its corresponding decrypted plaintext generated with the secret key
Chosen Text	• Encryption algorithm • Ciphertext • Plaintext message chosen by cryptanalyst, together with its corresponding ciphertext generated with the secret key • Ciphertext chosen by cryptanalyst, together with its corresponding decrypted plaintext generated with the secret key

Table 2.1
Types of Attacks on Encrypted Messages

Encryption Scheme Security

- Unconditionally secure
  - No matter how much time an opponent has, it is impossible for him or her to decrypt the ciphertext simply because the required information is not there
- Computationally secure
  - The cost of breaking the cipher exceeds the value of the encrypted information
  - The time required to break the cipher exceeds the useful lifetime of the information



Brute-Force Attack

Involves trying every possible key until an intelligible translation of the ciphertext into plaintext is obtained

On average, half of all possible keys must be tried to achieve success

To supplement the brute-force approach, some degree of knowledge about the expected plaintext is needed, and some means of automatically distinguishing plaintext from garble is also needed

Substitution Technique

- Is one in which the letters of plaintext are replaced by other letters or by numbers or symbols
- If the plaintext is viewed as a sequence of bits, then substitution involves replacing plaintext bit patterns with ciphertext bit patterns

Caesar Cipher

- Simplest and earliest known use of a substitution cipher
- Used by Julius Caesar
- Involves replacing each letter of the alphabet with the letter standing three places further down the alphabet
- Alphabet is wrapped around so that the letter following Z is A

  plain: meet me after the toga party

  cipher: PHHW PH DIWHU WKH WRJD SDUWB

Caesar Cipher Algorithm

- Can define transformation as:

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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
D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C
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- Mathematically give each letter a number

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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
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
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- Algorithm can be expressed as:

$$c = E(3, p) = (p + 3) \bmod (26)$$

- A shift may be of any amount, so that the general Caesar algorithm is:

$$C = E(k, p) = (p + k) \bmod 26$$

- Where k takes on a value in the range 1 to 25; the decryption algorithm is simply:

$$p = D(k, C) = (C - k) \bmod 26$$

Brute-Force Cryptanalysis of Caesar Cipher

(This chart can be found on page 35 in the textbook)

KEY	PHHW PH DIWHU WKH WRJD SDUWB
1	oggv og chvgt vjg vqic rctva
2	nffu nf bgufs uif uphb qbsuz
3	meet me after the toga party
4	ldds ld zesdq sgd snfz ozqsx
5	kccr kc ydrcp rfc rmey nyprw
6	jbbq jb xcqbo qeb qldx mxoqv
7	iaap ia wbpan pda pkcw lwnpu
8	hzzo hz vaozm ocz ojbv kvmot
9	gyyn gy uznyl nby niau julns
10	fxxm fx tymxk max mhzt itkmr
11	ewwl ew sxlwj lzw lgys hsjlq
12	dvvk dv rwkvi kyv kfxr grikp
13	cuuj cu qvjuh jxu jewq fqhjo
14	btti bt puitg iwt idvp epgin
15	assh as othsf hvs hcuo dofhm
16	zrrg zr nsgre gur gbtn cnegl
17	yqqf yq mrfqd ftq fasm bmdfk
18	xppe xp lqepc esp ezrl alcej
19	wood wo kpdob dro dyqk zkbdi
20	vnnc vn jocna cqn cxpj yjach
21	ummb um inbmz bpm bwoi xizbg
22	tlla tl hmaly aol avnh whyaf
23	skkz sk glzkx znk zumg vgxze
24	rjjy rj fkyjw ymj ytlf ufwyd
25	qiix qi ejxiv xli xske tevxc

Figure 2.3 Brute-Force Cryptanalysis of Caesar Cipher

Sample of Compressed Text

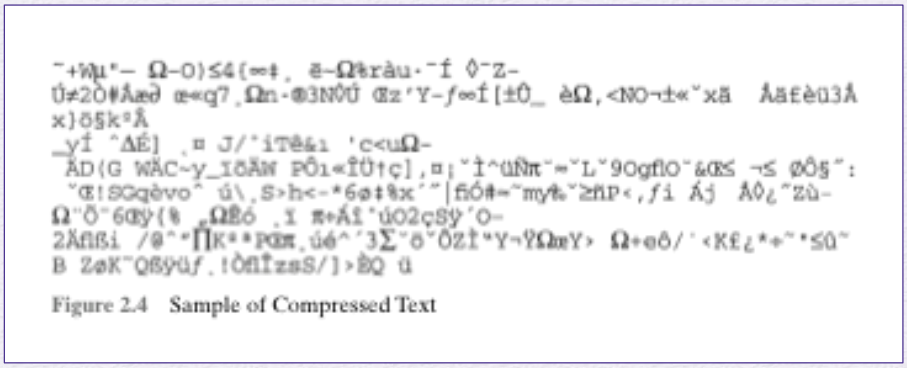


Figure 2.4 Sample of Compressed Text

Monoalphabetic Cipher

- Permutation
  - Of a finite set of elements S is an ordered sequence of all the elements of S , with each element appearing exactly once
- If the "cipher" line can be any permutation of the 26 alphabetic characters, then there are 26! or greater than 4×10^{26} possible keys
  - This is 10 orders of magnitude greater than the key space for DES
  - Approach is referred to as a *monoalphabetic substitution cipher* because a single cipher alphabet is used per message

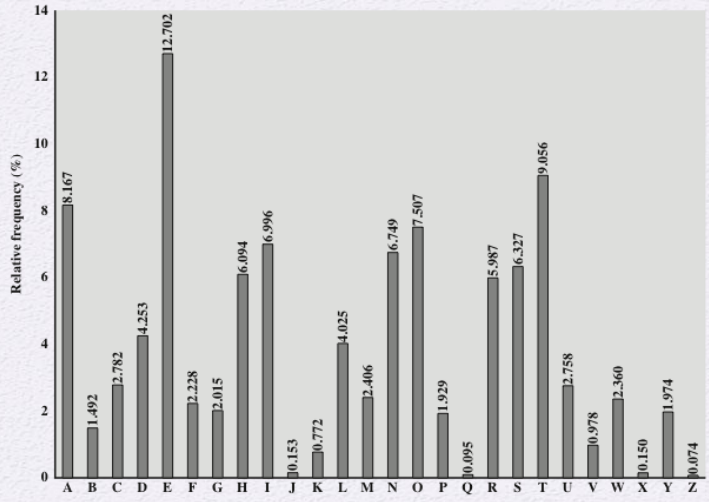
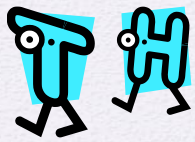
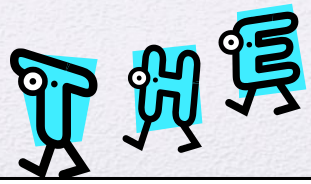


Figure 2.5 Relative Frequency of Letters in English Text

Monoalphabetic Ciphers

- Easy to break because they reflect the frequency data of the original alphabet
- Countermeasure is to provide multiple substitutes (homophones) for a single letter
- Digram
  - Two-letter combination
  - Most common is *th*
- Trigram
  - Three-letter combination
  - Most frequent is *the*





Playfair Cipher

- Best-known multiple-letter encryption cipher
- Treats digrams in the plaintext as single units and translates these units into ciphertext digrams
- Based on the use of a 5 x 5 matrix of letters constructed using a keyword
- Invented by British scientist Sir Charles Wheatstone in 1854
- Used as the standard field system by the British Army in World War I and the U.S. Army and other Allied forces during World War II

Playfair Key Matrix

Fill in letters of keyword (***minus duplicates***) from left to right and from top to bottom, then fill in the remainder of the matrix with the remaining letters in alphabetic order

- **Using the keyword MONARCHY:**

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

We must now split the plaintext up into digraphs (that is pairs of letters). On each digraph we perform the following encryption steps:

- If the digraph consists of **the same letter** twice (or there is only one letter left by itself at the end of the plaintext) then insert the letter "X" between the same letters (or at the end), and then continue with the rest of the steps.
- If the two letters appear on **the same row** in the square, then replace each letter by the letter immediately to the right of it in the square (cycling round to the left hand side if necessary).
- If the two letters appear in **the same column** in the square, then replace each letter by the letter immediately below it in the square (cycling round to the top of the square if necessary).
- Otherwise, **form the rectangle** for which the two plaintext letters are two opposit corners. Then replace each plaintext letter with the letter that forms the other corner of the rectangle that lies on the same row as that plaintext letter (being careful to maintain the order)

ex	P	L	A	Y	F	Rule 2: Same Row	XM
	I	R	E	X	M		
	B	C	D	G	H		
	K	N	O	Q	S		
h 10 encryption	T	U	V	W	Z		

es	P	L	A	Y	F	Rule 4: Rectangle	MO
	I	R	E	X	M		
	B	C	D	G	H		
	K	N	O	Q	S		
11 encryption	T	U	V	W	Z		

tu	P	L	A	Y	F	Rule 2: Same Row	UV
	I	R	E	X	M		
	B	C	D	G	H		
	K	N	O	Q	S		
12 encryption	T	U	V	W	Z		

mp	P	L	A	Y	F	Rule 4: Rectangle	IF
	I	R	E	X	M		
	B	C	D	G	H		
	K	N	O	Q	S		
13 encryption	T	U	V	W	Z		

hi	P	L	A	Y	F	Rule 4: Rectangle	BM
	I	R	E	X	M		
	B	C	D	G	H		
	K	N	O	Q	S		
1 encryption	T	U	V	W	Z		

de	P	L	A	Y	F	Rule 3: Same Column	OD
	I	R	E	X	M		
	B	C	D	G	H		
	K	N	O	Q	S		
2 encryption	T	U	V	W	Z		

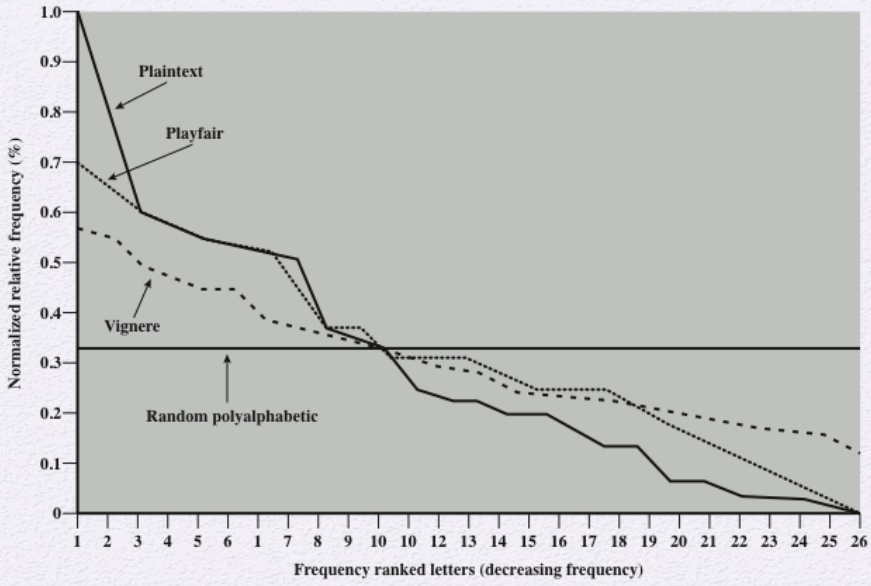


Figure 2.6 Relative Frequency of Occurrence of Letters

Hill Cipher

- Developed by the mathematician Lester Hill in 1929
- Strength is that it completely hides single-letter frequencies
  - The use of a larger matrix hides more frequency information
  - A 3 x 3 Hill cipher hides not only single-letter but also two-letter frequency information
- Strong against a ciphertext-only attack but easily broken with a known plaintext attack

Hill Cipher (Cont.)

The Hill Cipher uses an area of mathematics called **Linear Algebra**, and in particular requires the user to have an elementary understanding of **matrices**. It also make use of **Modulo Arithmetic** (like the **Affine Cipher**). Because of this, the cipher has a significantly more mathematical nature than some of the others. However, it is this nature that allows it to act (relatively) easily on larger blocks of letters.

In the examples given, we shall walk through all the steps to use this cipher to act on digraphs and trigraphs. It can be extended further, but this then requires a much deeper knowledge of the background mathematics. Some important concepts are used throughout: **Matrix Multiplication**; **Modular Inverses**; **Determinants of Matrices**; **Matrix Adjugates** (for finding inverses).

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Hill Cipher (Cont.)

Encryption

To encrypt a message using the Hill Cipher we must first turn our keyword into a key matrix (a 2 x 2 matrix for working with **digraphs**, a 3 x 3 matrix for working with **trigraphs**, etc). We also turn the plaintext into digraphs (or trigraphs) and each of these into a column vector. We then perform matrix multiplication modulo the length of the alphabet (i.e. 26) on each vector. These vectors are then converted back into letters to produce the cipher text.

With the keyword in a matrix, we need to convert this into a key matrix. We do this by converting each letter into a number by its position in the alphabet (starting at 0). So, A = 0, B = 1, C= 2, D = 3, etc

To perform matrix multiplication we "combine" the top row of the key matrix with the column vector to get the top element of the resulting column vector. We then "combine" the bottom row of the key matrix with the column vector to get the bottom element of the resulting column vector. The way we "combine" the four numbers to get a single number is that we multiply the first element of the key matrix row by the top element of the column vector, and multiply the second element of the key matrix row by the bottom element of the column vector. We then add together these two answers

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax+by \\ cx+dy \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b & c \\ d & e & f \\ g & h & i \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} ax+by+cz \\ dx+ey+fz \\ gx+hy+iz \end{pmatrix}$$

Decryption (Homework???)

Polyalphabetic Ciphers

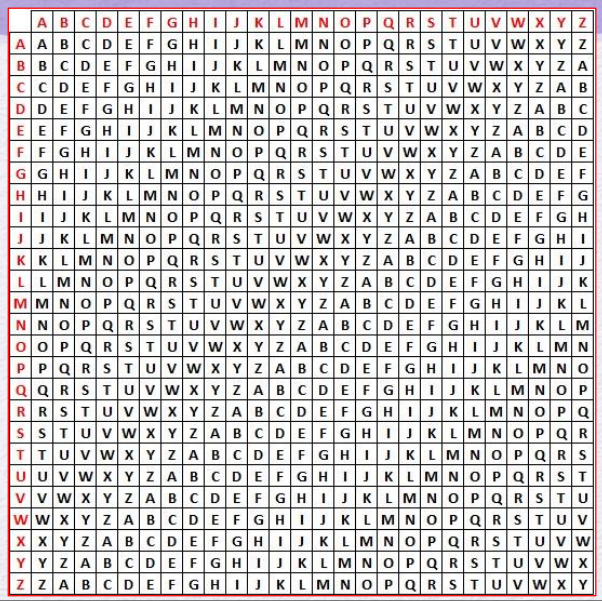
- Polyalphabetic substitution cipher
  - Improves on the simple monoalphabetic technique by using different monoalphabetic substitutions as one proceeds through the plaintext message

All these techniques have the following features in common:

- A set of related monoalphabetic substitution rules is used
- A key determines which particular rule is chosen for a given transformation

Vigenère Cipher

- Best known and one of the simplest polyalphabetic substitution ciphers
- In this scheme the set of related monoalphabetic substitution rules consists of the 26 Caesar ciphers with shifts of 0 through 25
- Each cipher is denoted by a key letter which is the ciphertext letter that substitutes for the plaintext letter a



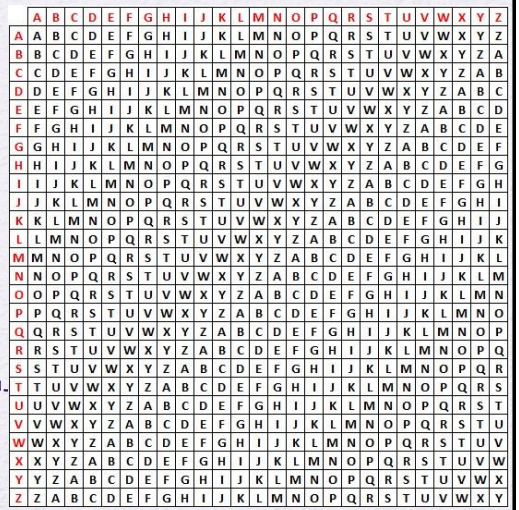
Example of Vigenère Cipher

To encrypt a message, a key is needed that is as long as the message

- Usually, the key is a repeating keyword
- For example, if the keyword is ***deceptive***, the message "**we are discovered save yourself**" is encrypted as:

key: deceptivedeceptivedeceptive
plaintext: wearediscoveredsaveyourself
ciphertext: ZICVTWQNGRZGVTWAVZHCQYGLMG

Decryption (Homework???)



Vigenère Autokey System

- A keyword is concatenated with the plaintext itself to provide a running key
- Example:

  key: deceptivewearediscoveredsav

  plaintext: wearediscoveredsaveyourself

  ciphertext: ZICVTWQNGKZEIIGASXSTSLVVWLA
- Even this scheme is vulnerable to cryptanalysis
  - Because the key and the plaintext share the same frequency distribution of letters, a statistical technique can be applied

Vernam Cipher

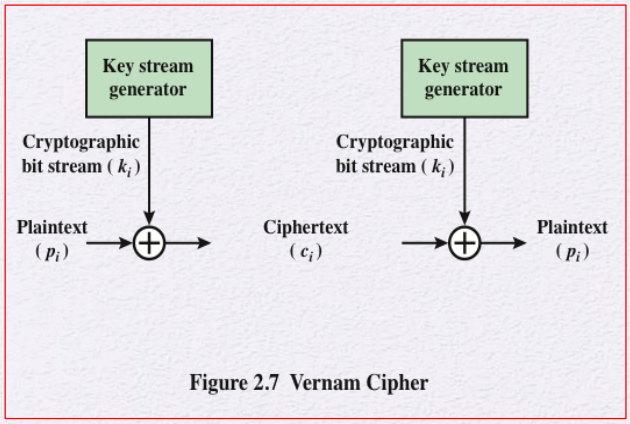


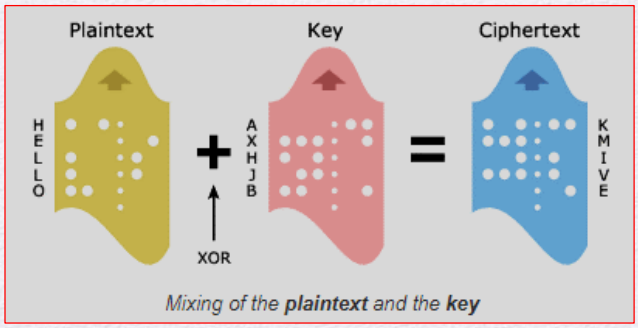
Figure 2.7 Vernam Cipher

plaintext + key = ciphertext ⇒ ciphertext + key = plaintext

In mathematics, the XOR operation is known as **modulo-2 addition**. In our case, the individual bits of the **plaintext** are XOR-ed with the individual bits of the **key**. The resulting bit will only be '1' if the two input bits are different. If they are equal (both 1 or both 0), the result will be '0'.

A 00011
B 11001
G 11010

G 11010
B 11001
A 00011



One-Time Pad

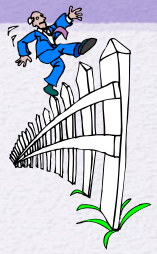
- Improvement to Vernam cipher proposed by an Army Signal Corp officer, Joseph Mauborgne
- Use a random key that is as long as the message so that the key need not be repeated
- Key is used to encrypt and decrypt a single message and then is discarded
- Each new message requires a new key of the same length as the new message
- Scheme is unbreakable
  - Produces random output that bears no statistical relationship to the plaintext
  - Because the ciphertext contains no information whatsoever about the plaintext, there is simply no way to break the code

Difficulties

- The one-time pad offers complete security but, in practice, has two fundamental difficulties:
  - There is the practical problem of making large quantities of random keys
    - Any heavily used system might require millions of random characters on a regular basis
  - Mammoth key distribution problem
    - For every message to be sent, a key of equal length is needed by both sender and receiver
- Because of these difficulties, the one-time pad is of limited utility
  - Useful primarily for low-bandwidth channels requiring very high security
- The one-time pad is the only cryptosystem that exhibits *perfect secrecy* (see Appendix F)

Rail Fence Cipher

Simplest transposition cipher



- Plaintext is written down as a sequence of diagonals and then read off as a sequence of rows
- To encipher the message "meet me after the toga party" with a rail fence of **depth** 2, we would write:

  m e m a t r h t g p r y
  e t e f e t e o a a t

  Encrypted message is:
  MEMATRHTGPRYETEFETEOAAT

Decryption???
Homework

For the plaintext we used above, "**defend the east wall**", with a key of 3, we get the encryption process shown below.

D				N			E				T				L		
	E		E		D		H		E		S		W		L		X	
		F				T				A				A				X

Row Transposition Cipher

- ***Is a more complex transposition***
- Write the message in a rectangle, row by row, and read the message off, column by column, but permute the order of the columns
  - The order of the columns then becomes the key to the algorithm

  Key: 4 3 1 2 5 6 7
  Plaintext: a t t a c k p
  o s t p o n e
  d u n t i l t
  w o a m x y z
  Ciphertext: TTNAAPTMTSUOAODWCOIXKNLYPETZ

As an example, let's encrypt the *message "The tomato is a plant in the nightshade family"* using the keyword tomato. We get the grid given below.

T	O	M	A	T	O
5	3	2	1	6	4
T	H	E	T	O	M
A	T	O	I	S	A
P	L	A	N	T	I
N	T	H	E	N	I
G	H	T	S	H	A
D	E	F	A	M	I
L	Y	X	X	X	X

Rotor Machines

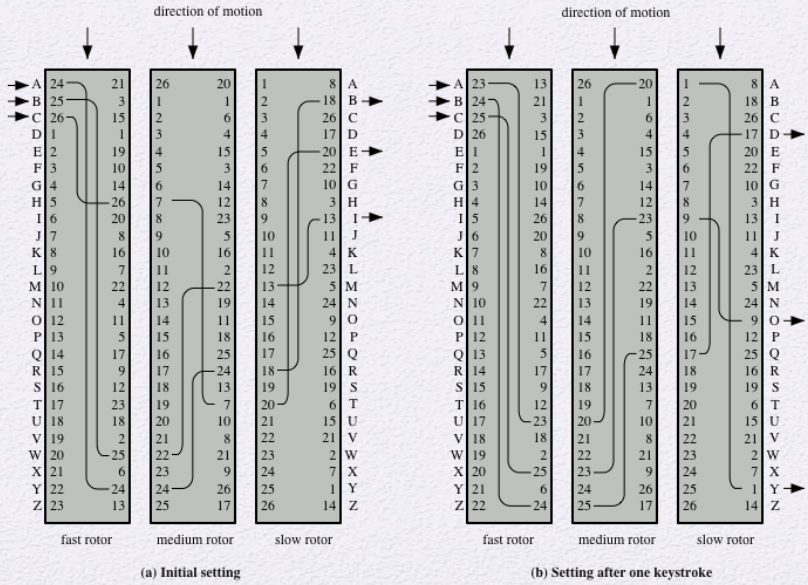


Figure 2.8 Three-Rotor Machine With Wiring Represented by Numbered Contacts

Steganography

3rd March

Dear George,

Greetings to all at Oxford. Many thanks for your letter and for the Summer examination package. All Entry Forms and Fees Forms should be ready for final despatch to the Syndicate by Friday 20th or at the very latest, I'm told, by the 21st. Admin has improved here, though there's room for improvement still; just give us all two or three more years and we'll really show you! Please don't let these wretched 16+ proposals destroy your basic O and A pattern. Certainly this sort of change, if implemented immediately, would bring chaos.

Sincerely yours,

Figure 2.9 A Puzzle for Inspector Morse
(from *The Silent World of Nicholas Quinn*, by Colin Dexter)

Other Steganography Techniques

- Character marking
  - Selected letters of printed or typewritten text are over-written in pencil
  - The marks are ordinarily not visible unless the paper is held at an angle to bright light
- Invisible ink
  - A number of substances can be used for writing but leave no visible trace until heat or some chemical is applied to the paper
- Pin punctures
  - Small pin punctures on selected letters are ordinarily not visible unless the paper is held up in front of a light
- Typewriter correction ribbon
  - Used between lines typed with a black ribbon, the results of typing with the correction tape are visible only under a strong light

Summary

- Symmetric Cipher Model
  - Cryptography
  - Cryptanalysis and Brute-Force Attack
- Transposition techniques
- Rotor machines

- Substitution techniques
  - Caesar cipher
  - Monoalphabetic ciphers
  - Playfair cipher
  - Hill cipher
  - Polyalphabetic ciphers
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