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# Implementing Substitution and Transposition Ciphers

**Aim:** To study and implement the Substitution and Transposition Ciphers

## Theory:

**Substitution Cipher:**

The Substitution Cipher is one of the simplest and oldest methods of encrypting messages. It falls under the category of symmetric key encryption, meaning the same key is used for both encryption and decryption. In a Substitution Cipher, each letter in the plaintext (original message) is replaced by another letter or symbol to create the ciphertext (encrypted message). This method is called substitution because each letter is substituted with another according to a predetermined rule.

## Caesar Cipher:

One of the most famous examples of a Substitution Cipher is the Caesar Cipher, named after Julius Caesar, who is believed to have used this method to protect his confidential correspondence. The Caesar Cipher involves shifting each letter in the plaintext by a fixed number of positions in the alphabet.

For example, with a shift of 3, the letter 'A' is substituted with 'D', 'B' with 'E', 'C' with 'F', and so on. This process wraps around the alphabet, so 'X' becomes 'A', 'Y' becomes 'B', and 'Z' becomes 'C'. The shift value is often referred to as the key, and it determines the mapping from plaintext to ciphertext.

## Encryption Process:

To encrypt a message using the Caesar Cipher, follow these steps:

Choose a shift value (key) for the cipher.

Take the plaintext message and, for each letter:

1. Determine its position in the alphabet.
2. Shift the position by the key value.
3. Map the new position back to a letter in the alphabet.
4. Replace the original letter with the mapped letter to obtain the ciphertext.

For example, with a shift of 3, the plaintext "HELLO" would become "KHOOR" in ciphertext.

Decryption Process:

To decrypt a message encrypted with the Caesar Cipher, the recipient needs to know the shift value (key) that was used. The decryption process is the reverse of the encryption process:

Obtain the ciphertext message. For each letter:

1. Determine its position in the alphabet.
2. Shift the position back by the key value (subtract the key).
3. Map the new position back to a letter in the alphabet.
4. Replace the original letter with the mapped letter to obtain the plaintext. Using the same shift of 3, the ciphertext "KHOOR" would be decrypted as "HELLO".

## Transposition Cipher:

The Transposition Cipher is another type of encryption method that operates by rearranging the characters or blocks of characters in the plaintext to form the ciphertext. Unlike the Substitution Cipher, which substitutes each letter with another, the Transposition Cipher preserves the original letters but changes their order. One of the well-known examples of a Transposition Cipher is the Railfence Cipher.

## Railfence Cipher:

The Railfence Cipher is a basic form of a Transposition Cipher that rearranges the letters of the plaintext by writing them in a zigzag pattern along a set number of "rails." The rails are imaginary horizontal lines on which the plaintext characters are placed.

## Encryption Process:

To encrypt a message using the Railfence Cipher, follow these steps:

1. Choose the number of rails (often referred to as the key) for the cipher.
2. Write the plaintext message diagonally along the rails from top to bottom and left to right.
3. Once the last rail is reached, reverse the direction and continue writing diagonally upwards until the first rail is reached again.
4. Read the characters in the zigzag pattern from left to right and from top to bottom to obtain the ciphertext

## Decryption Process:

To decrypt a message encrypted with the Railfence Cipher, the recipient needs to know the number of rails (key) used during encryption. The decryption process is the reverse of the encryption process:

1. Write the ciphertext diagonally along the rails, just as it was done during encryption.
2. Read the characters from left to right and from top to bottom to obtain the plaintext.

**Code: Python code for implementing Caesar Cipher**

**# A python program to illustrate Caesar Cipher Technique**

**def encrypt(text, s):**

**result = ""**

**for i in range(len(text)):**

**char = text[i]**

**if char.isupper():**

**result += chr((ord(char) + s - 65) % 26 + 65)**

**else:**

**result += chr((ord(char) + s - 97) % 26 + 97)**

**return result**

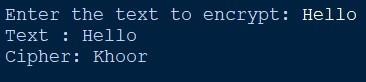
**text = input("Enter the text to encrypt: ")**

**s = 3**

**print("Text: " + text)**

**print("Cipher: " + encrypt(text, s))**

OUTPUT



**Code: Python code for implementing Railfence Cipher**

**# Python code for implementing Railfence Cipher**

**string = input("Enter a string: ")**

**def RailFence(txt):**

**result = ""**

**for i in range(len(string)):**

**if i % 2 == 0:**

**result += string[i]**

**for i in range(len(string)):**

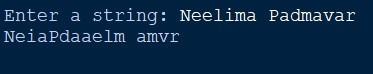
**if i % 2 != 0:**

**result += string[i]**

**return result**

**print(RailFence(string))**

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RSA

Encryption and Decryption

**Aim:** To study and implement the RSA Encryption and Decryption

## Theory:

**RSA (Rivest-Shamir-Adleman) Algorithm:**

RSA is a widely used asymmetric encryption algorithm that provides secure communication over untrusted networks. It is based on the mathematical problem of factoring large prime numbers, which is computationally difficult and forms the foundation of RSA's security.

## Key Generation:

The RSA algorithm involves the generation of a public-private key pair. The key generation process consists of the following steps:

1. Select two distinct prime numbers, p and q.
2. Compute the modulus, N, by multiplying p and q: N = p \* q.
3. Calculate Euler's function, φ(N), where φ(N) = (p - 1) \* (q - 1).
4. Choose an integer, e, such that 1 < e <φ(N) and e is coprime with φ(N). This means that e and φ(N) should have no common factors other than 1.
5. Find the modular multiplicative inverse of e modulo φ(N), denoted as d. In other words, d is an integer such that (d \* e) % φ(N) = 1.
6. The public key consists of the modulus, N, and the public exponent, e. The private key consists of the modulus, N, and the private exponent, d.

## Encryption Process:

To encrypt a message using RSA encryption, follow these steps:

1. Obtain the recipient's public key, which includes the modulus, N, and the public exponent, e.
2. Represent the plaintext message as an integer, M, where 0 ≤ M < N.
3. Compute the ciphertext, C, using the encryption formula: C = Me mod N. Decryption Process:

To decrypt a message encrypted with RSA encryption, the recipient uses their private key. Follow these steps:

1. Obtain the recipient's private key, which includes modulus, N, and the private exponent, d.
2. Receive the ciphertext, C.
3. Compute the plaintext, M, using the decryption formula: M = Cd mod N.

## Security Considerations:

RSA encryption relies on the difficulty of factoring large prime numbers. The security of RSA is based on the assumption that factoring large numbers is computationally infeasible within a reasonable time frame. Breaking RSA encryption requires factoring the modulus, N, into its constituent prime factors, which becomes exponentially more difficult as N grows larger.

To ensure the security of RSA, it is essential to use sufficiently large prime numbers for key generation and to protect the private key from unauthorized access.

## Code: Python code for implementing RSA Algorithm

**# Python code for implementing RSA Algorithm**

**from Crypto.PublicKey import RSA**

**from Crypto.Cipher import PKCS1\_OAEP**

**import binascii**

**keyPair = RSA.generate(1024)**

**pubKey = keyPair.publickey()**

**print(f"Public key: (n={hex(pubKey.n)}, e={hex(pubKey.e)})")**

**pubKeyPEM = pubKey.exportKey()**

**print(pubKeyPEM.decode('ascii'))**

**print(f"Private key: (n={hex(pubKey.n)}, d={hex(keyPair.d)})")**

**privKeyPEM = keyPair.exportKey()**

**print(privKeyPEM.decode('ascii'))**

**# encryption**

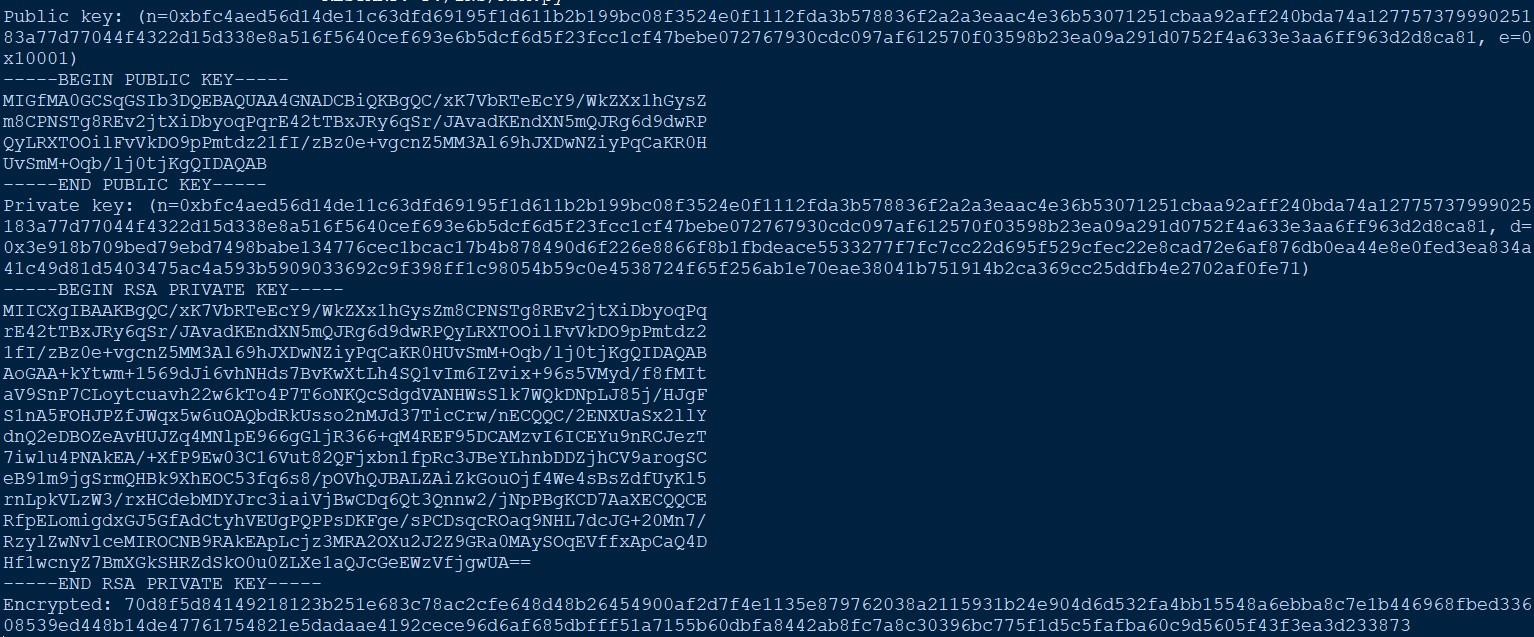
**msg = b'I smile Academy'**

**encryptor = PKCS1\_OAEP.new(pubKey)**

**encrypted = encryptor.encrypt(msg)**

**print("Encrypted:", binascii.hexlify(encrypted))**

OUTPUT



# Message Authentication Codes (MAC)

**Aim:** To study and implement the Message Authentication Code for ensuring the message intergrity and authenticity

## Theory:

**Message Authentication Code (MAC):**

MAC is a technique used to ensure the integrity and authenticity of messages exchanged between two parties. It involves the use of a secret key and a cryptographic hash function to generate a tag or code that can be appended to the message. The receiver can verify the integrity and authenticity of the message by recomputing the MAC using the same key and hash function and comparing it with the received MAC.

MAC can be implement using various algorithms, we consider MD5 and SHA1

## MD5 Algorithm:

MD5 (Message Digest Algorithm 5) is a widely used cryptographic hash function. Although it has been widely used historically, it is now considered to have vulnerabilities and is not recommended for security-critical applications. Nonetheless, it serves as an educational example for understanding MAC and cryptographic hash functions.

## MAC Generation Process:

To generate a MAC using the MD5 algorithm, follow these steps:

1. Both the sender and receiver must agree on a secret key, K, which is known only to them.
2. Concatenate the message, M, and the secret key, K: ConcatenatedData = M || K (|| denotes concatenation).
3. Apply the MD5 algorithm to the ConcatenatedData to obtain the MAC: MAC = MD5(ConcatenatedData).
4. MAC Verification Process:

To verify the integrity and authenticity of a received message using the MAC, follow these steps:

1. Receive the message, M, and the MAC, MAC.
2. Concatenate the received message, M, with the secret key, K: ConcatenatedData = M || K.
3. Apply the MD5 algorithm to the ConcatenatedData to compute the recalculated MAC: RecalculatedMAC = MD5(ConcatenatedData).
4. Compare the RecalculatedMAC with the received MAC. If they match, the message is considered authentic and intact.

## Security Considerations:

MD5 is no longer considered secure for cryptographic purposes due to vulnerabilities that have been discovered. It is susceptible to collision attacks, where two different inputs produce the same hash value. Therefore, it is recommended to use stronger hash functions, such as SHA-256 or SHA-3, for MAC generation in real-world applications.

Additionally, the security of MAC relies on the confidentiality and integrity of the secret key. If an attacker gains access to the secret key, they can generate valid MACs and forge messages.

## SHA1 (Secure Hash Algorithm):

SHA is a family of cryptographic hash functions designed by the National Security Agency (NSA) in the United States. It provides secure one-way hashing and is widely used for various security applications. Examples include SHA-256 and SHA-3, which are stronger and more secure than MD5 or SHA-1.

## MAC Generation Process:

To generate a MAC using the SHA algorithm, such as SHA-256, follow these steps:

1. Both the sender and receiver must agree on a secret key, K, which is known only to them.
2. Concatenate the message, M, and the secret key, K: ConcatenatedData = M || K (|| denotes concatenation).
3. Apply the SHA algorithm (e.g., SHA-256) to the ConcatenatedData to obtain the MAC: MAC = SHA-256(ConcatenatedData).
4. MAC Verification Process:

To verify the integrity and authenticity of a received message using the MAC, follow these steps:

1. Receive the message, M, and the MAC, MAC.
2. Concatenate the received message, M, with the secret key, K: ConcatenatedData = M || K.
3. Apply the SHA algorithm (e.g., SHA-256) to the ConcatenatedData to compute the recalculated MAC: RecalculatedMAC = SHA-256(ConcatenatedData).
4. Compare the RecalculatedMAC with the received MAC. If they match, the message is considered authentic and intact.

## Security Considerations:

The security of MAC relies on the confidentiality and integrity of the secret key. If an attacker gains access to the secret key, they can generate valid MACs and forge messages. Therefore, it is crucial to employ strong key management practices to protect the secret key.

Additionally, the security of the MAC depends on the security of the underlying hash function. Strong hash functions like SHA-256 are designed to resist collision attacks and other cryptographic vulnerabilities.

## Code: Python code for implementing MD5 Algorithm

# Python code for implementing MD5 Algorithm

import hashlib

result = hashlib.md5(b'Ismile')

result1 = hashlib.md5(b'Esmile')

# printing the equivalent byte value.

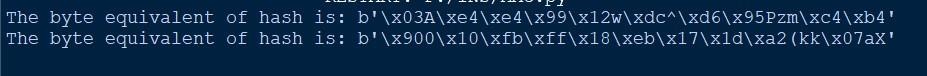
print("The byte equivalent of hash is: ", end="")

print(result.digest())

print("The byte equivalent of hash is: ", end="")

print(result1.digest())

OUTPUT



**Code: Python code for implementing SHA Algorithm**

# Digital Signatures

**Aim:** To study and implement the Digital Signature algorithm

## Theory:

**Digital Signature:**

Digital signatures provide a means of ensuring message integrity and authenticity in secure communication. A digital signature is a cryptographic technique that uses asymmetric encryption algorithms, such as RSA (Rivest-Shamir-Adleman), to bind the identity of the signer with the content of a message. It allows the recipient to verify the integrity of the message and authenticate the signer's identity.

## RSA Algorithm:

RSA (Rivest-Shamir-Adleman) is an asymmetric encryption algorithm widely used for secure communication. It is based on the mathematical problem of factoring large prime numbers, which is computationally difficult. RSA consists of a key pair: a public key for encryption and a private key for decryption and digital signing.

## Digital Signature Generation Process:

To generate a digital signature using RSA, follow these steps:

1. The signer generates a key pair: a private key (d) and a public key (e, N).
2. The signer computes the hash value of the message using a cryptographic hash function, such as SHA-256, to ensure data integrity.
3. The signer applies a mathematical function to the hash value using their private key (d) to generate the digital signature.

## Digital Signature Verification Process:

To verify the authenticity and integrity of a received message using a digital signature, follow these steps:

1. The recipient obtains the signer's public key (e, N).
2. The recipient computes the hash value of the received message using the same cryptographic hash function.
3. The recipient applies a mathematical function to the received digital signature using the signer's public key (e, N).
4. The recipient compares the computed signature with the received digital signature. If they match, the message is considered authentic and intact.

## Security Considerations:

The security of digital signatures relies on the following considerations:

1. Key Management: The private key used for generating the digital signature must be kept confidential and securely stored. Unauthorized access to the private key could compromise the security of the digital signature.
2. Hash Function Security: The choice of a secure cryptographic hash function is critical for ensuring the integrity of the message and preventing hash function vulnerabilities.
3. Key Length: The security of RSA is directly related to the key length used. Longer key lengths offer higher security against brute-force attacks.
4. Certificate Authorities: In real-world scenarios, digital signatures are often used with X.509 certificates issued by trusted certificate authorities (CAs). CAs validate the identity of the signer and bind it to the public key, providing a trusted mechanism for digital signature verification.

Digital signatures, based on asymmetric encryption algorithms like RSA, provide a powerful mechanism for ensuring message integrity and authenticity in secure communication.

Understanding the principles of digital signatures, including the key generation process and verification steps, is crucial for undergraduate students studying practical cryptography. Additionally, awareness of key management, hash function security, and the role of trusted certificate authorities enhances the understanding of real-world digital signature implementations.

## Code: Python code for implementing SHA Algorithm

**# Python code for implementing SHA Algorithm**

**from Crypto.Signature import pkcs1\_15**

**from Crypto.Hash import SHA256**

**from Crypto.PublicKey import RSA**

**from Crypto import Random**

**def generate\_signature(private\_key, message):**

**key = RSA.importKey(private\_key)**

**hashed\_message = SHA256.new(message.encode('utf-8'))**

**signer = pkcs1\_15.new(key)**

**signature = signer.sign(hashed\_message)**

**return signature**

**def verify\_signature(public\_key, message, signature):**

**key = RSA.importKey(public\_key)**

**hashed\_message = SHA256.new(message.encode('utf-8'))**

**verifier = pkcs1\_15.new(key)**

**return verifier.verify(hashed\_message, signature)**

**# Generate RSA key pair**

**random\_generator = Random.new().read**

**key\_pair = RSA.generate(2048, random\_generator)**

**# Export public and private keys**

**public\_key = key\_pair.publickey().export\_key()**

**private\_key = key\_pair.export\_key()**

**# Message to be signed**

**message = "Hello, World!"**

**# Generate signature**

**signature = generate\_signature(private\_key, message)**

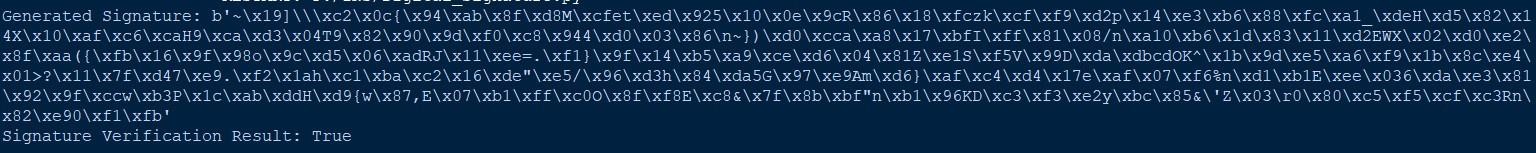
**print("Generated Signature:", signature)**

**# Verify signature**

**is\_valid = verify\_signature(public\_key, message, signature)**

**print("Signature Verification Result:", is\_valid)**

OUTPUT



# Key Exchange using Diffe-Hellman

**Aim:** To study and implement the Diffe-Hellman key exchange algorithm for secure exchange of keys between two entities.

## Theory:

**Key Exchange:**

Key exchange is a fundamental concept in cryptography that allows two parties to securely establish a shared secret key over an insecure communication channel. The shared key can then be used for symmetric encryption to ensure confidentiality, integrity, and authenticity of the communication.

One widely used key exchange algorithm is the Diffie-Hellman algorithm.

## Key Exchange Techniques:

Key exchange techniques enable secure key establishment between two parties. There are two main types of key exchange techniques:

1. Symmetric Key Exchange
2. Asymmetric Key Exchange

## Symmetric Key Exchange:

In symmetric key exchange, both parties share a pre-established secret key. This key is typically distributed using a secure out-of-band method. Once the secret key is shared, it can be used for secure communication. However, this approach requires prior key sharing and becomes impractical for scenarios where a large number of participants need to securely communicate

## Asymmetric Key Exchange:

Asymmetric key exchange, also known as public key exchange, overcomes the limitations of symmetric key exchange by using asymmetric encryption algorithms. It allows two parties who have never communicated before to establish a shared secret key without any prior key sharing.

Asymmetric key exchange is based on the concept of public and private key pairs, where the public key is widely known and the private key is kept secret.

## Diffie-Hellman Algorithm:

The Diffie-Hellman algorithm is a widely used asymmetric key exchange algorithm. It enables two parties to securely establish a shared secret key over an insecure communication channel.

## High-level working explanation of the Diffie-Hellman algorithm:

* 1. Select a large prime number, p, and a primitive root modulo p, g. These values are publicly known.
  2. Each party, Alice and Bob, generates a private key, a and b, respectively.
  3. Both Alice and Bob calculate their public keys:
  4. Alice: A = gamod p
  5. Bob: B = gb mod p
  6. Alice and Bob exchange their public keys over the insecure channel.

## Key Generation:

1. Alice calculates the shared secret key using Bob's public key:
2. Secret Key: K = Ba mod p
3. Bob calculates the shared secret key using Alice's public key:
4. Secret Key: K = Ab mod p

## Key Agreement:

Both Alice and Bob have calculated the same shared secret key, K, independently.

They can now use K as the shared secret key for symmetric encryption algorithms to ensure secure communication.

## Security Considerations:

The security of the Diffie-Hellman algorithm relies on the following considerations:

1. Large Prime Numbers: The security of the algorithm is based on the difficulty of the discrete logarithm problem. Using large prime numbers ensures the security of the shared secret key.
2. Public Key Distribution: The public keys exchanged during the key exchange process should be authenticated to prevent man-in-the-middle attacks. Techniques like digital signatures or certificate authorities can be used for authentication.
3. Key Length: Longer key lengths provide stronger security against brute-force attacks. It is important to use an appropriate key length for the prime number to ensure the desired security level.

## Conclusion:

Key exchange techniques play a crucial role in establishing secure communication channels between parties. The Diffie-Hellman algorithm, as an example of asymmetric key exchange, allows two parties to securely establish a shared secret key over an insecure channel. Understanding the principles of key exchange, including the Diffie-Hellman algorithm and its security considerations, is essential for undergraduate students studying practical cryptography..

## Code: Python code for implementing Diffie-Hellman Algorithm

**# Python code for implementing Diffie-Hellman Algorithm**

**from random import randint**

**if \_\_name\_\_ == '\_\_main\_\_':**

**P = 23**

**G = 9**

**print('The Value of P is : %d' % (P))**

**print('The Value of G is : %d' % (G))**

**a = 4**

**print('Secret Number for Alice is : %d' % (a))**

**x = int(pow(G, a, P))**

**# print('Alice sends x = %d to Bob' % (x))**

**b = 6**

**print('Secret Number for Bob is : %d' % (b))**

**y = int(pow(G, b, P))**

**# print('Bob sends y = %d to Alice' % (y))**

**ka = int(pow(y, a, P))**

**kb = int(pow(x, b, P))**

**print('Secret key for Alice is : %d' % (ka))**

**print('Secret key for Bob is : %d' % (kb))**

OUTPUT

