

# Lecture Notes

Advanced Discrete Structures

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# Recap

- ADFGX Cipher
- Block Cipher
  - Modes of Operation
- Hill Cipher
- Inverting a Matrix (mod  $n$ )

# Hill Cipher Example

- Encryption:

- Multiple coded vector by matrix (mod 26)

Coded Vectors: (18,4,4), (18,15,14), (19,17,20), (13,23,23)

$$(18 \ 4 \ 4) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 22 & 17 \\ 8 & 2 & 11 \\ 23 & 5 & 19 \end{pmatrix} = (178 \ 424 \ 426) \equiv (22 \ 8 \ 10) \pmod{26}$$

$$(18 \ 15 \ 14) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 22 & 17 \\ 8 & 2 & 11 \\ 23 & 5 & 19 \end{pmatrix} = (496 \ 496 \ 737) \equiv (2 \ 2 \ 9) \pmod{26}$$

$$(19 \ 17 \ 20) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 22 & 17 \\ 8 & 2 & 11 \\ 23 & 5 & 19 \end{pmatrix} = (653 \ 552 \ 890) \equiv (3 \ 6 \ 6) \pmod{26}$$

$$(13 \ 23 \ 23) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 22 & 17 \\ 8 & 2 & 11 \\ 23 & 5 & 19 \end{pmatrix} = (752 \ 447 \ 911) \equiv (24 \ 5 \ 1) \pmod{26}$$

Encrypted Vectors: (22,8,10), (2,2,9), (3,6,6), (24,5,1)

Ciphertext: W I K C C J D G G Y F B

# Hill Cipher Example

Using the Gauss-Jordan elimination method:

$$\left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 3 & 22 & 17 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & 2 & 11 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 23 & 5 & 19 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right) \rightarrow \left( \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 11 & 9 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 5 & 2 & 19 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 10 & 5 & 6 \end{array} \right) \pmod{26}$$

which means that if

$$(a \quad b \quad c) \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 22 & 17 \\ 8 & 2 & 11 \\ 23 & 5 & 19 \end{pmatrix} \equiv (A \quad B \quad C) \pmod{26}$$

then

$$(a \quad b \quad c) \equiv (A \quad B \quad C) \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 9 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 19 \\ 10 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26}$$

# Hill Cipher Example

- Decryption:

- Multiply the encrypted vectors by the inverse matrix:

Encrypted Vectors: (22,8,10), (2,2,9), (3,6,6), (24,5,1)

$$(22 \ 8 \ 10) \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 9 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 19 \\ 10 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \equiv (18 \ 4 \ 4) \pmod{26}$$

$$(2 \ 2 \ 9) \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 9 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 19 \\ 10 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \equiv (18 \ 15 \ 14) \pmod{26}$$

$$(3 \ 6 \ 6) \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 9 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 19 \\ 10 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \equiv (19 \ 17 \ 20) \pmod{26}$$

$$(24 \ 5 \ 1) \begin{pmatrix} 11 & 9 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 19 \\ 10 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \equiv (13 \ 23 \ 23) \pmod{26}$$

Decrypted Vectors: (18,4,4), (18,15,14), (19,17,20), (13,23,23)

Plaintext: S E E S P O T R U N X X

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## **BLOCK CIPHERS**

# Hill Cipher Attacks

- **Ciphertext only:**
  - Changing one letter of the plaintext usually changes whole block
  - If block sizes are small ( $<4$ ), the little is changed and frequency analysis can be run on the whole blocks
- **Easy to break with:**
  - Known plaintext
  - Chosen plaintext
  - Chosen ciphertext

# Hill Cipher - Known Plaintext

Plaintext:     d   o   n   t   b   e   e   v   i   l  
                 3   14 13 19 1   4   4   21 8   11

Ciphertext:   B   J   E   Z   X   T   N   I   B   G  
                 1   9   4   25 23 19 13 8   1   6

Try various block sizes: For  $n = 2$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 14 \\ 13 & 19 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 9 \\ 4 & 25 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 14 \\ 13 & 19 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 18 \\ 13 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26}$$

so

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 18 \\ 13 & 11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 9 \\ 4 & 25 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 11 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26}$$



# Hill Cipher - Known Plaintext

- If the plaintext matrix does not have an inverse, try a different set of plaintext blocks
  - Recall that matrix  $M$  is invertible if
$$\det M \not\equiv 0 \pmod{26}.$$
- If none of the plaintext matrices are invertible, try a different block size.

# Hill Cipher – Chosen Plaintext

1. Try out different possibilities for  $n$  until you find the right one
2. Encrypt the following plaintext:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Block:  $\text{baaaa...a} = 10000...0$
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Block:  $\text{abaaa...a} = 01000...0$
  - $n^{\text{th}}$  Block:  $\text{aaaaa...b} = 00000...1$
3. Encryption matrix is the output

# Hill Cipher – Chosen Plaintext

For  $n = 2$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26}$$

Invert the encryption matrix to find the decryption matrix.

# Hill Cipher – Chosen Ciphertext

- Similar to chosen plaintext
  - Guess and check the key size
- Choose to decrypt the identity matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \beta \\ \gamma & \delta \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26}$$

- Result is the decryption matrix
  - Invert to find encryption matrix

# Confusion and Diffusion

- Claude Shannon: *Communication Theory of Secrecy Systems* (1949)
  - **Confusion:** Each letter of the cipher should depend on multiple parts of the key
  - **Diffusion:** Changing a letter of the plaintext should change multiple letters of the ciphertext
    - Diffusion causes error-propagation

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# **BINARY NUMBERS AND ASCII**

# Base Systems

Example: (Base 10)

$$2,345_{10} = \mathbf{2} \cdot 10^3 + \mathbf{3} \cdot 10^2 + \mathbf{4} \cdot 10^1 + \mathbf{5} \cdot 10^0$$

Example: (Base 2 or Binary)

$$\begin{aligned} 1,101_2 &= \mathbf{1} \cdot 2^3 + \mathbf{1} \cdot 2^2 + \mathbf{0} \cdot 2^1 + \mathbf{1} \cdot 2^0 \\ &= 8 + 4 + 1 = 13_{10} \end{aligned}$$

# Binary

- Binary number: a string of 0's and 1's
- Each 0 or 1 is called a **bit**
- A representation that takes 8 bits is called an **8-bit number** or a **byte**
- The largest number a byte can represent is

$$11111111_2 = 2^8 - 1 = 255$$



# ASCII

- American Standard Code for Information Interchange
- A standard way to represent common alphabet characters
- Each character is represented using 7 bits
  - Extra bit in the byte used for a parity check (to see if an error occurred in transmission)

# ASCII

Symbol	!	“	#	\$	%	&	‘
Decimal	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
Binary	0100001	0100010	0100011	0100100	0100101	0100110	0100111
(	)	*	+	,	-	.	/
40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47
0101000	0101001	0101010	0101011	0101100	0101101	0101110	0101111
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55
0110000	0110001	0110010	0110011	0110100	0110101	0110110	0110111
8	9	:	;	<	=	>	?
56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63
0111000	0111001	0111010	0111011	0111100	0111101	0111110	0111111
@	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
64	65	66	67	68	69	70	71
1000000	1000001	1000010	1000011	1000100	1000101	1000110	1000111

# ASCII

- Each message can be coded in binary:

**Message:** Yes !

**Binary:**

Y

e

s

!

1011001 1100101 1110011 1000001

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# **ONE-TIME PADS**

# One-Time Pad (1918)

- An “unbreakable” cryptosystem
- Developed by Gilbert Vernam and Joseph Mauborgne
- Reported that during the Cold War the “hot line” between Washington, D.C., and Moscow used one-time pads

# One-Time Pad

- Encryption:
  - Code the message in binary
  - Choose a binary key as long as the message
  - Ciphertext is XOR between message and key

p	q	p XOR q
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

# One-Time Pad

- Example (Encryption)

plaintext:      0101011100101110    (mod 2)

key: + 1110001110001110    (mod 2)

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ciphertext:      1011010010100000    (mod 2)

# One-Time Pad

- Example (Decryption)

ciphertext:    1011010010100000    (mod 2)

key: + 1110001110001110    (mod 2)

plaintext:    0101011100101110    (mod 2)



# One-Time Pad

- Example (Decryption)

ciphertext:    1011010010100000    (mod 2)

key: + 1110001110001110    (mod 2)

plaintext:    0101011100101110    (mod 2)

# One-Time Pad

## The Good:

- Brute force and frequency attacks *do not work*
- All that can be gained from the ciphertext is the message and key length
- Knowing part of the key doesn't give any information about the rest of the key

## The Bad:

- Knowing the key  $\iff$  Knowing the plaintext
- Key can only be used once (otherwise can attack with crib-dragging)

# Key Generation

- A “random” key is desirable over a phrase
  - Knowledge of part of a key gives no knowledge of the rest of the key
  - The seed for a random key may be small, but can generate a longer pseudo-random string

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# **PSEUDO-RANDOM BIT GENERATION**

# Hardware Random Number Generators

- Sampling from a natural process
  - may not be sufficiently random
  - may take too long/expensive to sample
  - observable to others
- Examples
  - Thermal noise
  - Radiation / Photoelectric effect
  - Quantum states

# Pseudo-Random Bit Generation

- For many purposes a computer algorithm can generate pseudo-random bits
  - Initial input called the **seed** and produces output bitstream

## Example:

- C library contains `rand ( )` function, which is a **linear congruential generator**
  - produces a sequence of numbers  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  such that
$$x_n \equiv ax_{n-1} + b \pmod{m}$$
from a seed  $x_0$  and parameters  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $m$ .

# Pseudo-Random Bit Generation

- *Any* polynomial congruence generator is insecure
  - Can be predicted even when parameters  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $m$  are unknown
- **One-way functions:** Easy to compute in one direction and hard to find the inverse
  - Digital Encryption Standard (DES)
  - Secure Hash Algorithm (SHA)
    - SSL is based on SHA

# Blum-Blum-Shub (BBS)

1. Generate two large primes:

$$p, q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$$

2. Let:

$$n = pq$$

3. Choose a large  $x$  relatively prime to  $n$ .

4. Set:  $x_0 \equiv x^2 \pmod{n}$

5. Let:  $x_j \equiv x_{j-1}^2 \pmod{n}$  for  $j = 1, 2, \dots$

6. Let  $b_j$  be the parity of the last bit of  $x_j$ .



# Blum-Blum-Shub (BBS)

Example:

Choose  $p, q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ :

$$p = 134095639079, \quad q = 3435316544843$$

$$n = pq = 460660967519384246719597$$

Choose  $x$  relatively prime to  $n$ :

$$x = 151984354862728938426826$$

# Blum-Blum-Shub (BBS)

$$\begin{aligned}x_0 &\equiv x^2 \pmod{n} \\ &\equiv 22489642930339275646808\mathbf{6} \pmod{n}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x_1 &\equiv x_0^2 \pmod{n} \\ &\equiv 27679975654943968856558\mathbf{2} \pmod{n}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x_2 &\equiv x_1^2 \pmod{n} \\ &\equiv 38997073528903949271984\mathbf{3} \pmod{n}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}x_3 &\equiv x_2^2 \pmod{n} \\ &\equiv 23954133886441150448589\mathbf{9} \pmod{n}\end{aligned}$$

# Blum-Blum-Shub (BBS)

$$b_0 = 6 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$b_1 = 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$b_2 = 3 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$b_3 = 9 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

$\vdots$

Or can take several bits ( $k \leq \log_2 \log_2 n$ ) from each  $x_i$ :

$$b_0 = 086 \rightarrow 000, \quad b_1 = 582 \rightarrow 100, \quad \dots$$