



Key Entry: Hill



Description

The Hill cipher is a polygraphic substitution cipher based on linear algebra. This was the first polygraphic cipher in which it was practical to operate on groups of more than three letters (blocks) at once. The key is a quadratic matrix. Its dimension is the length of the group of letters.

Selected alphabet (26 characters)

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

Value of the first
alphabet character

1

Hill key matrix

- ☒ Alphabet characters
☐ Number values



Alphabet characters

E	H			
N	G			

Number values

05	08			
14	07			

Generate random key

Reset key

Multiplication variant

- ☐ (row vector) * (matrix)
☒ (matrix) * (column vector)

Size of matrix

- ☐ 1 x 1
☒ 2 x 2
☐ 3 x 3
☐ 4 x 4
☐ 5 x 5

Larger matrix

☐ Show details and single steps of the Hill cipher

Encrypt

Decrypt

Further Hill options

Text options

Cancel



CrypTool Unnamed2

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CrypTool Hill encryption of <Unnamed2>, key <DIM 2, KEY: EH NG, ALPHABET: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ, ALPHABET_OFFSET: 1 MULT...>

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CrypTool Details of Hill encryption of <Unnamed2>, key <DIM 2, KEY: EH NG, ALPHABET: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ, ALPHABET_OFF...>

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1. Encoding the alphabet characters to numbers
2. Encryption parameters and properties
3. Hill encryption
4. Hill decryption

This log file text shows all calculations done with the current Hill key matrix and the beginning characters of the used message.

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The actually selected alphabet and it's encoding to numbers as of Menu "Options / Textoptions" is:

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2. Encryption Parameters and Properties

This example describes the Hill encryption of the 2 first characters of the input plaintext. Only characters from the current alphabet are encrypted.

Here are the required parameter information for the selected Hill encryption:

- o For the Hill encryption and decryption the Hill matrix is multiplied by a column vector from right.
- o The selected Hill matrix is of dimension 2x2.
- o The plaintext consists of 0 characters. Thereof are 0 non-alphabet characters (non-alphabet characters are ignored.) In case the selected alphabet consists only of capital characters non capital characters are encrypted too but this is not true for the other direction. Below the Hill encryption and decryption is demonstrated on the example of the 2 first alphabet characters from the given plaintext.



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