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Aim: To Implement Encryption and Decryption using Columnar Transposition Cipher.

Theory:

1. Transposition Cipher
2. Columnar Transposition Cipher/ Row Column Transposition Cipher.

Example:

Encryption and Decryption

1) Plaintext : "Attack Postponed until two am"

Keyword: 4312567

Ciphertext:



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▶ import math
key = '4312567'
def encryptMessage(msg):
    cipher = ""
    msg_len = len(msg)
    key_lst = sorted(list(key))
    col = len(key)
    row = int(math.ceil(msg_len / col))
    matrix = [msg[i:i + col] for i in range(0, len(msg), col)]

    for _ in range(col):
        curr_idx = key.index(key_lst[_])
        k_idx = 0
        for row_idx in range(row):
            if (row_idx * col + curr_idx) < msg_len:
                cipher += matrix[row_idx][curr_idx]
                k_idx += 1

    return cipher
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[26] def decryptMessage(cipher):
    msg = ""
    k_idx = 0
    msg_idx = 0
    msg_len = len(cipher)
    msg_lst = list(cipher)
    col = len(key)
    row = int(math.ceil(msg_len / col))
    key_lst = sorted(list(key))
    dec_cipher = []
    for _ in range(row):
        dec_cipher += ['_'] * col
    for _ in range(col):
        curr_idx = key.index(key_lst[k_idx])
        for j in range(row):
            if (j * col + curr_idx) < msg_len:
                dec_cipher[j][curr_idx] = msg_lst[msg_idx]
                msg_idx += 1
        k_idx += 1
    msg = ''.join(''.join(row) for row in dec_cipher)
    return msg.replace('_', '')
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▶ msg = "Attack Postponed until two am"
  print("Plain text:",msg)
  cipher = encryptMessage(msg)
  print("Encrypted Message: {}".format(cipher))
  decrypted_msg = decryptMessage(cipher)
  print("Decrypted Message: {}".format(decrypted_msg))
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⇒ Plain text: Attack Postponed until two am
Encrypted Message: ts tatuwtod APelmcpnokot nia
Decrypted Message: Attack Postponed until two am

Conclusion:

Thus transformation Cipher was implemented successfully.