
CRYPTOGRAPHY & NETWORK SECURITY

SYMMETRIC ENCRYPTION

Transposition Techniques -

Rail fence method

Columnar method

TRANSPOSITION TECHNIQUES

- Performing some sort of permutation on the plaintext letters.
- Changing the arrangement of letters.
- eg:- NAME \longrightarrow MEAN
- Security is less.
- Can be easily recognised.
- Multiple transpositions can be done to make it more secure.

RAIL FENCE METHOD

- Plaintext is written as a sequence of diagonals.
- Then read off as a sequence of rows.
- eg:- Let P = GIVESOMEMONEY

- Then write it like this ;

G V S M M N Y
I E O E O E

- Now corresponding cipher = GVSMMNYIEOEOE

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- Or we can increase key (no. of rows) ;

G E M O Y
I S E N
V O M E

- Now corresponding cipher = GEMOYISENVOME

COLUMNAR METHOD

- Plaintext is written as a rectangle, row by row.
- Then read it column by column.
- eg:- Let P = GIVEHIMMONEY

- Then write it like this ;

G	I	V
E	H	I
M	M	O
N	E	Y

- Now corresponding cipher = GEMNIHMEVIOY

COLUMNAR METHOD

- eg:- Let P = GIVEHIMMONEY
- Then write it like this ;

G	I	V
E	H	I
M	M	O
N	E	Y

- Now corresponding cipher = GEMNIHMEVIOY
- Or we can change the key (order of matrix).

- Then

G	I	V	E
H	I	M	M
O	N	E	Y

- Then corresponding cipher is GHOIINVMEEMY



THANK YOU

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