

Question 1:

Definition of Vigenere Poly-Alphabetic Cipher Construction.

This cipher does not allow corresponding characters in the plaintext and ciphertext to be the same. This would mean $c = m + k$, $k \neq 0$, as that would result in $c = m$.

Fix l as the message length where $l > 0$. Fix i as the current position within the plaintext, key or ciphertext

Fix the alphabets $\{A, B, \dots, Z\}$ corresponding to integers $\{0, 1, \dots, 25\}$

Gen: Choose a key from $K = \{1, \dots, 25\}^t$ of message length t where $t > 0$, according to uniform distribution

Enc: Given a key $k \in \{1, \dots, 25\}^t$ and a message $m \in \{0, 1, \dots, 25\}^l$, the encryption algorithm will produce a ciphertext $c := (k_{i \bmod t} + m_i) \bmod 26$

Dec: Given a key $k \in \{1, \dots, 25\}^t$ and a ciphertext $c \in \{0, 1, \dots, 25\}^l$, the decryption algorithm will produce the message $m := (c_i - k_{i \bmod t}) \bmod 26$

Correctness of the construction would mean that $Dec_k(Enc_k(m)) = m$ where m is the plaintext message to be encrypted.

Question 2:

Correctness of the cipher would be $Dec_k(Enc_k(m)) = m$

$Dec_k((k_{i \bmod t} + m_i) \bmod 26) = ((k_{i \bmod t} + m_i) \bmod 26 - k_{i \bmod t}) \bmod 26 = m_i$ (modulo subtraction)

Question 3:

Define a game where the adversary chooses to send 2 messages, m_0 and m_1 to a system which will randomly encrypt either of the message m_b , using the above vigenere cipher, and show the adversary back the ciphertext of the selected message c_b . Where b is either 0 or 1 corresponding to either message 0 or message 1 was sent.

The adversary can choose to let the message contain only a single letter, and for both the messages, choose different letters to send. For example, $m_0 = \{B\}^l$ and $m_1 = \{C\}^l$, where l is an arbitrary length of the message to be sent. When sent to the system, if the ciphertext received back, c_b contains the letter B, this would mean that m_1 was selected since the letter B would not appear in the ciphertext if m_0 was encrypted. This would be the same if the letter C would be to appear, indicating that m_0 was encrypted instead.

Thus the adversary is able to predict which message was chosen for encryption and hence win the game with a probability higher than 0.5, indicating that this is higher than just random chance.

Question 4:

$$Pr[C = 5] = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6} \text{ (X=0 \& K=5, X=5 \& K=0, X=1 \& K=4, X=4 \& K=1, X=2 \& K=3, X=3 \& K=2)}$$

$$Pr[X = x] = Pr[K = k] = \frac{1}{6} \text{ (values are chosen uniformly and independently)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad & Pr[X = 1, K = 2 \mid C = 5] \\ &= \frac{Pr[X=1, K=2] \cap Pr[C=5]}{Pr[C=5]} = 0 \text{ (knowing } C = 5, X=1 \text{ and } K=2 \text{ will result in } C = 1+2 = 3 \\ &\text{therefore not possible)} \\ & Pr[X = 1 \mid C = 5, K = 2] \\ &= \frac{Pr[X=1] \cap Pr[C=5, K=2]}{Pr[C=5, K=2]} = 0 \text{ (knowing } C=5 \text{ and } K=2, X \text{ cannot be 1 therefore not possible)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \quad & Pr[K = 3 \mid X = 2] \\ &= \frac{Pr[K=3, X=2]}{Pr[X=2]} \text{ (Conditional Probability)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{36}}{\frac{6}{36}} = \frac{1}{6} \text{ (Joint Probability)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3. \quad & Pr[X = 0] = Pr[X = 1] = Pr[X = 2] = Pr[X = 3] = Pr[X = 4] = Pr[X = 5] = \frac{1}{6} \\ & Pr[X = 0 \mid C = 5] \\ &= \frac{Pr[X=0, C=5]}{Pr[C=5]} \text{ (Conditional Probability)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{36}}{\frac{6}{36}} = \frac{1}{6} \\ & Pr[X = 1 \mid C = 5] = \frac{Pr[X=1, C=5]}{Pr[C=5]} = \frac{1}{6} \text{ (same as above)} \\ & Pr[X = 2 \mid C = 5] = \frac{Pr[X=2, C=5]}{Pr[C=5]} = \frac{1}{6} \text{ (same as above)} \\ & Pr[X = 3 \mid C = 5] = \frac{Pr[X=3, C=5]}{Pr[C=5]} = \frac{1}{6} \text{ (same as above)} \\ & Pr[X = 4 \mid C = 5] = \frac{Pr[X=4, C=5]}{Pr[C=5]} = \frac{1}{6} \text{ (same as above)} \\ & Pr[X = 5 \mid C = 5] = \frac{Pr[X=5, C=5]}{Pr[C=5]} = \frac{1}{6} \text{ (same as above)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4. \quad & Pr[C = 1] = \frac{2}{36} = \frac{1}{18} \text{ (X=0 \& K=1, X=1 \& K=0)} \\ & Pr[X = 0 \mid C = 1] \\ &= \frac{Pr[X=0, C=1]}{Pr[C=1]} \text{ (Conditional Probability)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{36}}{\frac{2}{36}} = \frac{1}{2} \\ & Pr[X = 1 \mid C = 1] = \frac{Pr[X=1, C=1]}{Pr[C=1]} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ (same as above)} \\ & Pr[X = 2 \mid C = 1] = \frac{Pr[X=2, C=1]}{Pr[C=1]} = 0 \text{ (Pr[X = 2 \cap C = 1] does not exist)} \\ & Pr[X = 3 \mid C = 1] = \frac{Pr[X=3, C=1]}{Pr[C=1]} = 0 \text{ (Pr[X = 3 \cap C = 1] does not exist)} \\ & Pr[X = 4 \mid C = 1] = \frac{Pr[X=4, C=1]}{Pr[C=1]} = 0 \text{ (Pr[X = 4 \cap C = 1] does not exist)} \\ & Pr[X = 5 \mid C = 1] = \frac{Pr[X=5, C=1]}{Pr[C=1]} = 0 \text{ (Pr[X = 5 \cap C = 1] does not exist)} \end{aligned}$$

Question 5:

$$Pr[M = m | C = c] = Pr[M = m' | C = c]$$

Assuming that the scheme is perfectly secret

$$\text{LHS: } Pr[M = m | C = c] = Pr[M = m] \text{ (Definition 2.3)}$$

$$\text{RHS: } Pr[M = m' | C = c] = Pr[M = m'] \text{ (Definition 2.3)}$$

$$\text{so } Pr[M = m] = Pr[M = m']$$

This will not hold true for every distribution on the message space M . Only a message space with a uniform distribution would be able to prove $Pr[M = m | C = c] = Pr[M = m' | C = c]$ as every message is equally likely to be chosen. However, any non-uniform message space would refute this as the probability of choosing m would be different from the probability of choosing m' .

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