

Chapter 3

18. What is the maximum # of characters that will be changed if one character is changed in plaintext?

a. Additive: i th ciphertext C_i only depends on the i th plaintext.

→ only 1 character

b. Multiplicative: Same as additive, but using multiplication.

→ only 1 character

c. Affine: Combination of additive and multiplicative.

→ only 1 character

d. Vignere: i th Ciphertext C_i depends on i th plaintext P_i and i th key K_i .
 K_i remains constant.

→ only 1 character

e. Auto-key: It is a Vignere cipher when $K_i = P_{i-1}$. Therefore, C_i and C_{i+1} are different, as they are given by $P_i + P_{i-1} \pmod{26}$ and $P_{i+1} + P_i \pmod{26}$.

→ 1 if the last character is changed, 2 otherwise

f. One-time pad: It is a Vignere cipher with a key length equal to the plaintext length.

→ Only 1 character

19. What is the maximum # of characters that will be changed if one character is changed in plaintext?

a. Single transposition: it is a Transpositional cipher.

→ only 1 character

b. Double transposition: it is also a transpositional cipher.

→ only 1 character

27. a. Eve is launching a chosen-plaintext attack.

b. Length of "abcdefghij" is 10. Divisors of 10 are: 1, 2, 5, 10.

✓ As breaking with key = 1 or 10 would be trivial, the permutation key length is 2 or 5.

29. Use brute-force attack. plaintext "ab" is known to cipher into "GL", and affine cipher is used.

$a(00) \rightarrow G(06), b(01) \rightarrow L(11)$.

$$\text{Thus, } \begin{cases} 0 \cdot k_1 + k_2 \equiv 06 \pmod{26} \\ 1 \cdot k_1 + k_2 \equiv 11 \pmod{26} \end{cases} \Rightarrow k_2 = 6, k_1 = 5.$$

To compute plaintext,

$$P_i = \left(\frac{C_i - 6}{5} \right) \pmod{26} = (21(C + 20)) \pmod{26}$$

X P A L A S X Y F G F U K P X U S O G E U T K C D G F X A N M G N V S
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31. Assume punctuations are added, making \mathbb{Z}_{29} space.

a. Each entry can contain 29 letters. $29 \times 29 \times 29 \times 29 = \boxed{707281}$ matrices.

b. Hill cipher requires invertible matrix to decode. Thus:

$$(29^2 - 1)(29^2 - 29) = 840 \cdot 812 = \boxed{682080} \text{ key matrices.}$$

39. Suppose the plaintext is an identity matrix for a Hill cipher.

For arbitrary matrix A , $A \cdot I = I \cdot A = A$.

Thus, from a Hill cipher, $C = P \cdot K$, the identity $P = I$ gives:

$$C = I \cdot K = K,$$

the ciphertext "is" the key.

Hence, suppose Eve gains access to Alice's device and launches a chosen-plaintext attack with identity input, Eve can trivially retrieve Alice's key.