Experiment no.1: Design and implement of a product cipher using Substitution and Transposition Cipher

Learning Objective: Student should be able to design and implement a product cipher using Substitution and Transposition Cipher.

Tools: C/C++/Java/Python or any computational software

Theory:

A substitution cipher is a method of encoding by which units of plaintext are replaced with ciphertext, according to a fixed system; the "units" may be single letters (the most common), pairs of letters, triplets of letters, mixtures of the above, and so forth. The receiver deciphers the text by performing the inverse substitution.

There are a number of different types of substitution cipher. If the cipher operates on single letters, it is termed a simple substitution cipher; a cipher that operates on larger groups of letters is termed polyalphabetic. A monoalphabetic cipher uses fixed substitution over the entire message, whereas a polyalphabetic cipher uses a number of substitutions at different positions in the message, where a unit from the plaintext is mapped to one of several possibilities in the ciphertext and vice versa.

The function for Additive/Shift/Generalized Caesar Cipher is given as follows:

- ☐ It can use any shift from 1 to 25, i.e., replace each letter by a letter a fixed distance away.
- \Box Ci=E(Pi)=(Pi+k) mod 26 and Pi=D(Ci)=(Ci-k) mod 26.

In Cryptography, a Caesar Cipher, also known as Caesar's Cipher, the Shift Cipher, Caesar's Code or Caesar Shift, is one of the simplest and most widely known encryption techniques. It is a type of substitution cipher in which each letter in the plaintext is replaced by a letter some fixed number of positions down the alphabet. For example, with a left shift of 3, A would be replaced by D, E would become H, and so on. The method is named after Julius Caesar, who used it in his private correspondence.

The function for Caesar Cipher is defined as follows:

- $Ci = E(Pi) = (Pi + 3) \mod 26$.
- Pi=D(Ci)=(Ci-3) mod 26.
- Example:
- Plain Text: ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ
- Cipher Text: DEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABC

Substitution ciphers can be compared with transposition ciphers. In a transposition cipher, the units of the plaintext are rearranged in a different and usually quite complex order, but the units themselves are left unchanged. By contrast, in a substitution cipher, the units of the plaintext are retained in the same sequence in the ciphertext, but the units themselves are altered.

A transposition cipher is a method of encryption by which the positions held by

units of plaintext (which are commonly characters or groups of characters) are shifted according to a regular system, so that the ciphertext constitutes a permutation of the plaintext. That is, the order of the units is changed (the plaintext is reordered). Mathematically a bijective function is used on the characters' positions to encrypt and an inverse function to decrypt.

Transposition Ciphers does not substitute one symbol for another, instead it changes the location of the symbols.

A symbol in the first position of the plaintext may appear in the tenth position of the ciphertext. A symbol in the eight position in the plaintext may appear in the first position of the ciphertext. A transposition cipher reorders (transposes) the symbols. Simple transposition ciphers, which were used in the past, are keyless.

There are two methods for permutation of characters. In the first method, the text is written into a table column by column and then transmitted row by row. In the second method, the text is written into a table row by row and then transmitted column by column.

Substitution Cipher:

Program-

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#include <iostream>
#include <string>
using namespace std;
string encrypt(const string &plain text, int key) {
  string cipher text = "";
  for (char ch : plain text) {
     if ('a' \leq ch && ch \leq 'z') {
       cipher text += char((ch - 'a' + key) % 26 + 'a');
     } else if ('A' <= ch && ch <= 'Z') {
       cipher text += char((ch - 'A' + key) % 26 + 'A');
     } else {
       cipher text += ch;
  return cipher text;
string decrypt(const string &cipher text, int key) {
  string plain text = "";
  for (char ch : cipher text) {
     if ('a' \leq ch && ch \leq 'z') {
        plain text += char((ch - 'a' - key + 26) % 26 + 'a');
     } else if ('A' <= ch && ch <= 'Z') {
       plain text += char((ch - 'A' - key + 26) \% 26 + 'A');
     } else {
       plain text += ch;
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}
return plain_text;
}

int main() {
    string plain_text;
    cout << "Enter the text to Encrypt: ";
    getline(cin, plain_text);
    int key = 3;

    string encrypted_text = encrypt(plain_text, key);
    cout << "Encrypted Text: " << encrypted_text << endl;

    string decrypted_text = decrypt(encrypted_text, key);
    cout << "Decrypted Text: " << decrypted_text << endl;

    return 0;
}

Output:

Enter the text to Encrypt: p q r
Encrypted Text: s t u
Decrypted Text: p q r
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Transposition Cipher:

Program-

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decrypted text[i * key + i] = cipher text[i * segment length + j];
  return string(decrypted text.begin(), decrypted text.end());
int main() {
  string plain text;
  cout << "Enter the text to Encrypt: ";
  getline(std::cin, plain text);
  int key;
  cout << "Enter the key for transposition: ";
  cin >> key;
  string encrypted text = encrypt(plain text, key);
  cout << "Encrypted Text: " << encrypted text << endl;
  string decrypted text = decrypt(encrypted text, key);
  cout << "Decrypted Text: " << decrypted text << endl;
  return 0;
Output:
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Enter the text to Encrypt: today is wednesday
Enter the key for transposition: 3
Encrypted Text: taiwndoyseead dsy
Decrypted Text: today is wednesday
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Applications:

- 1. Ciphers are most commonly used in secure online communications to prevent unauthorized access. They're also incorporated into many different network protocols such as 'Secure Sockets Layer', 'TLS', HTTPS, etc.
- 2. In daily life we see applications of cryptography in ATM services, emails, etc

Result and Discussion:

In vigenered substitution cipher it's possible to encrypt more than one character to a common character and is dependent on the keystream used. The keystream is used repeatedly until all the plaintext characters are encrypted. The same keystream is necessary in order to decrypt the ciphertext back to original plain text. In a keyed transposition cipher the keys used are actually mappers used to map each character in the plaintext to a specific index less than the length of the plaintext. Original plaintext is divided in chunks of length equal to the number of keys which are then encrypted using the keys. If the last chunk doesn't have length equal to the number of keys then we add some bogus characters to the last chunk until desired length is obtained and encrypt

the message.

<u>Learning Outcomes:</u> The student should have the ability to design & implement product cipher using Substitution and Transposition Cipher

LO1: To describe & understand about Substitution and Transposition cipher techniques

LO2: To implement Substitution and Transposition cipher techniques

<u>Course Outcomes:</u> Upon completion of the course students will be able to understand & implement Substitution and Transposition Cipher.

Conclusion:

In this experiment, we implemented a substitution cipher called 'Caesar Cipher' and a transposition cipher called 'Keyed Transposition cipher' both of which included the use of a number of keys for encryption instead of standard one key which enhances the security and makes it extremely difficult to decrypt the ciphertext without the knowledge of keys. The complexity of blind decryption increases with the increase in the number of keys used.

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