#### **ITCS 461 Computer and Communication Security**

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## Lab 1: Introduction to Cryptography

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Follow Lab 1 direction (Lab1 Explanatory slides.pdf) and answer the following questions.

### Part 1-1: Classical Symmetric Cryptography Encryption using Caesar Cipher

**Question 1:** See the default settings of Caesar Cipher.

What are the values of these settings?

1) Action: Encrypt

2) Key : **3** 

3) Character mapping :  $\underline{A \rightarrow D}$ 

4) Unknown symbols handling: **Ignore (leave unmodified)** 

5) Case sensitive : (Y/N) No

Question 2: Examine the ciphertext and answer the following questions.

1) What is the first sentence of plaintext?

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2) What is the first sentence of ciphertext?

# HVWDEOLVKHG LQ 2009, WKH IDFXOWB RI LQIRUPDWLRQ DQG FRPPXQLFDWLRQ WHFKQRORJB (LFW) LV RQH RI WKH QHZHVW IDFXOWLHV DW PDKLGRO XQLYHUVLWB.

- 3) Compare the above two answers. Are the characters mapped correctly ? (Y/N) Y
- 4) Copy ciphertext from the text output window then paste it to the text input window. Change Action to "**Decrypt**" then click "**Play**". Do you get the plaintext back ? (Y/N)  $\underline{Y}$

(If not, try until you get the correct plaintext back.)

Question 3: Clear all input text, then type "ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ", change Action to "Encrypt", change Key to 13 and click "Play".

- 1) What is the output ciphertext? **DEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZABC**
- 2) If key = 19, what will "K" map to ?  $\underline{\mathbf{D}}$
- 3) If key = 25, what will "A" map to ? T

### Part 1-2: Classical Symmetric Cryptography (cont.) Attack the Caesar Cipher using frequency analysis

**Question 4 :** Open "Frequency Analysis.cwm", "Play", then "Stop". Observe the output graph. Answer the following questions.

- 1) What letter has the highest frequency of occurrences ?  $\mathbf{E}$
- 2) What letter has the second highest frequency of occurrences? T
- 3) What letter has the lowest frequency of occurrences? Z
- 4) Letter "N" appears 7.22 %
- 5) Letter "Q" appears <u>0.81</u> %

#### **Question 5:** Answer the following questions.

- 1) What letter has the highest frequency of occurrences? E
- 2) What letter has the second highest frequency of occurrences ? N
- 3) What letter has the lowest frequency of occurrences ? X and Z
- 4) Letter "N" appears <u>8.93</u>%
- 5) Letter "P" appears <u>2.11</u> %
- 6) Letter "Q" appears 0.2 %
- 7) Letter "**Z**" appears <u>0.1</u> %

**Question 6:** Apply Caesar encryption with Key = 11 to this message. Then use the result ciphertext as an input to plot the letter frequency graph again. Observe the shifting in each bar.

- 1) Letter "E" appears 8.63 % and this should be the ciphertext of letter  $\underline{T}$ .
- 2) Letter "P" appears  $\overline{11.63}$  % and this should be the ciphertext of letter  $\overline{E}$ .

#### Question 7: Answer the following questions.

- 1) Is the attack successful? (Y/N) Y
- 2) What is a key used to encrypt the message ? 6
- 3) What are the first line of input and output of the "Caesar Analysis" block?

The 1st line of input block (ciphertext): <u>Uax Vn.J. ot Iusvazkx Yioktik otzkxtgzoutgr vxumxgs oy jkyomtkj zu hk g vxumxgs lux yzajktzy cnu cuarj roqk zu iutjaiz iusvazkx yioktik xkykgxin gtj zu hkiusk g iusvazkx yioktzoyz ux iusvazkx yioktik xkykgxinkxy.</u>

The 1st line of output block (plaintext): OUR PH.D. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO BE A PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO CONDUCT COMPUTER SCIENCE RESEARCH AND TO BECOME A COMPUTER SCIENTIST OR COMPUTER SCIENCE RESEARCHERS.

**Question 8:** Answer the following questions.

- 1) What key is found? 21
- 2) Is the attack successful ? (Y/N) **Y**
- 3) Why successful/Why not successful? Because the key matches the encrypt from the Caesar.

Question 9: Try to break (attack) the following Caesar cipher using "Caesar Analysis.cwm".

- 1) ciphertext = "hwt HtAA HtpHwtAA DC Iwt HtpHwDGt"
  - 1.1) Is the attack successful ? (Y/N)  $\underline{\mathbf{Y}}$
  - 1.2) What is the corresponding plaintext ? **SHE SELL SEASHELL ON THE SEASHORE**
  - 1.3) What is the key? **15**
- 2) ciphertext = "mKw QGMJ EwFLsDALQ. osCw MH LG JwsDALQ."
  - 2.1) Is the attack successful ? (Y/N)  $\underline{N}$
  - 2.2) What is the plaintext ? FDP JZFC XPYELWTEJ. HLVP FA EZ CPLWTEJ.
  - 2.3) What is the key ? <u>7</u>
- 3) If above cipher is failed to attack by Caesar Analysis, try attacking using brute force attack (try all possible keys).
  - 3.1) What is the plaintext ? **USE YOUR MENTALITY. WAKE UP TO REALITY.**
- 3.2) What is the key? **18**

### Part II: Modern Symmetric Cryptography Advanced Encryption Standard (AES)

**Question 10:** Observe the default settings. What are the default values for this encryption?

- 1) Cryptographic Algorithm? Advanced Encryption Standard
- 2) Action? Encrypt
- 3) Key size ? <u>128 bit</u>
- 4) Mode of operations ? Electronic Code Book (ECB)
- 5) Padding method? **Zeros**

#### **Question 11:**

- 1) Is the encrypted file successfully opened ? (Y/N) N
- 2) What do you think happening? Because the file is encrypted, the picture is changed to the cipher text.
- 3) What is a key of encryption? <u>OE AB ED 20 09 EF AC FF AA DC CA EC CE FE EE FA CE AA DE AE FE DE AE FC EC EC ED EE FA CF CE CE AD EC CE EA DE DE EC E1 98 8E DE EE FA DA EF AC EA DF AE EA EA CD CE EA CC AA DE EC EF CA CE FF AA DC CA EC DE EE AA DA DE EA BE DE CF AC</u>

(While playing, move mouse pointer over the arrow head of input to AES window.)

Question 12: Display picture 1.jpg and picture 1 decrypted.jpg together, and compare both images.

- 1) Can "picture\_1\_decrypted.jpg" be opened and displayed successfully ? (Y/N)  $\underline{Y}$
- 2) Are both images different ? (Y/N) N
- 3) If yes, specify what is the noticeable difference?

4) What do we need to change in the workspace in order to perform **AES** encryption with **OFB** mode of operations? <u>Changing Modes</u>