

CECS 564
Computer Project #1
Binary Vigenere Crypto System

The purpose of this project is to give students some experience with Vigenere crypto algorithm of binary data. You are to implement in matlab, C, C++, C#, python, java, or any language of your choice functions to encrypt, decrypt, and attack the following crypto:

$$Y_i = (X_i + K_{i \% m}) \% 256$$

$$X_i = (Y_i - K_{i \% m}) \% 256$$

Where $\{X_i ; i = 0 : N-1\}$ is the input plain N ASCII bytes , $\{K_i ; i = 0 : m-1\}$ is the keyword of length m of lower case characters, and $\{Y_i ; i = 0 : N-1\}$ is the output cipher N bytes.

To test your routines you need to encrypt a *.txt* file and decrypt the resulting file. Exchange the encrypted files with your lab partner, and then run your attack routine to find out your partner's secret keyword and decrypt his/her encrypted file.

Your report should include answers to the following questions:

1. What is the typical probability distribution of the 256 ASCII characters in *.txt* data?
2. What is the effect of Vigenere encryption on the data statistics of *.txt* data such as mode, mean, median, standard deviation and entropy?
3. What is the effect of cascading 2 Vigenere crypto systems on the security of the system?

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