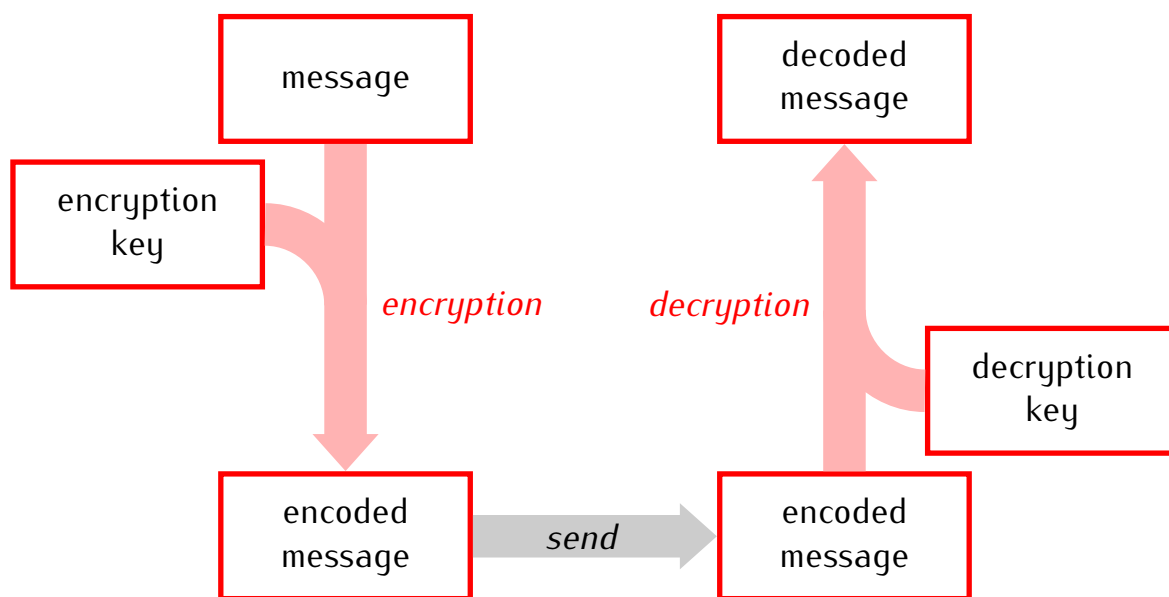


Ciphers.

Cipher is an algorithm for encrypting and decrypting data to conceal its meaning.

Basic working scheme of ciphers

Substitution cipher: Replace each letter of the alphabet by some other letter.

Example.

encrypt
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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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decrypt

encryption/decryption key

message: TOP SECRET

Hill cipher: Use matrix multiplication

Example.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

encryption key decryption key
invertible matrix matrix inverse

message: TOP SECRET

Encryption:

1) Replace letters by numbers:

_	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

2) Since the key is a 3×3 matrix split the number sequence numbers in vectors with 3 entries each.

3) Multiply each vector by the encryption matrix A .

4) Write the new vectors as a sequence of numbers.

Decryption.

31 35 46 24 19 43 23 21 41 48 44 72

1) Split the sequence of numbers into vectors and multiply each vector by A^{-1}

2) Write the new vectors as a sequence of numbers.

3) Replace numbers by letters:

_	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26