

Practical5

Aim: Implement Hill cipher encryption-decryption.

Theory:

The Hill cipher is a **symmetric key substitution cipher** that encrypts blocks of plaintext using linear transformations based on matrix multiplication.

- **Block Cipher:** Operates on n -length blocks of text instead of single characters.
- **Key:** A square matrix (size $n \times n$) of numbers modulo 26.
- **Encryption:** Uses matrix multiplication of the plaintext vector with the key matrix.
- **Decryption:** Requires the inverse of the key matrix modulo 26.

Encryption Process

1. **Key Matrix Setup:**
 - Choose an $n \times n$ matrix with integers modulo 26 ($A=0, B=1, \dots, Z=25$).
Ensure the matrix is invertible modulo 26 (i.e., its determinant has a modular inverse mod 26).
2. **Plaintext Preparation:**
 - Convert each letter to a number ($A=0$ to $Z=25$).
 - Group plaintext into blocks of size n . If needed, pad with filler characters.
3. **Matrix Multiplication:**
 - Multiply each block as a column vector by the key matrix.
 - Take modulo 26 of the result.
4. **Conversion to Ciphertext:**
 - Convert resulting numeric values back to letters.

Decryption Process

1. **Inverse Key Matrix:**
 - Compute inverse of the key matrix modulo 26. This requires modular arithmetic and matrix operations.
2. **Ciphertext Processing:**
 - Convert ciphertext into number blocks.

3. **DecryptBlocks:** o Multiply each block by the inverse key matrix modulo 26.
4. **Convert to Plaintext:**
 - Map numeric results back to letters.

Code:

```
import numpy as np
from sympy import Matrix
from numpy.linalg import LinAlgError

def letter_to_num(letter):
    return ord(letter.upper()) - ord('A')

def num_to_letter(num):
    return chr((num % 26) + ord('A'))

def text_to_nums(text):
    return [letter_to_num(c) for c in text if c.isalpha()]

def nums_to_text(nums):
    return ''.join([num_to_letter(n) for n in nums])

def pad_text(text, block_size):
    pad_len = block_size - len(text) % block_size
    return text + 'X' * pad_len if pad_len != block_size else text

def decrypt(text, key):
    size = key.shape[0]
    text = pad_text(text.upper().replace(" ", ""), size)
    nums = text_to_nums(text)
    cipher_nums = []
```

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for i in range(0, len(nums), size): block=np.array(nums[i:i+size])
enc_block=np.dot(key,block)%26 cipher_nums.extend(enc_block)
returnnums_to_text(cipher_nums)

def decrypt(cipher, key): size=key.shape[0] try:
sym_key=Matrix(key.tolist()) inv_key=np.array(sym_key.inv_mod(26)).astype(int)
except (ValueError, LinAlgError):
return"Keymatrixisnotinvertiblemod 26!"

nums=text_to_nums(cipher)

plain_nums = []

for i in range(0, len(nums), size): block=np.array(nums[i:i+size])
dec_block=np.dot(inv_key,block)%26 plain_nums.extend(dec_block)
returnnums_to_text(plain_nums)

if name__=="main":
key_3x3=np.array([[6,24, 1],
[13,16, 10],
[20,17, 15]])

message="ACT"

cipher=encrypt(message,key_3x3) print("Encrypted:", cipher)

decrypted=decrypt(cipher,key_3x3) print("Decrypted:", decrypted)
```


Output:

```
D:\College\Information And Network Security>python -u "d:\College\Information
And Network Security\prac5.py"
Encrypted: POH
Decrypted: ACT
```

Cryptanalysis of Hill Cipher:

1. The Hill cipher is vulnerable to a *known-plaintext attack*.
 - If $n \times n$ key size is used, acquiring n^2 plaintext–ciphertext character pairs can compromise the key.
2. The attack method involves linear algebra over modular arithmetic.
 - Construct matrices of plaintext blocks and ciphertext blocks.
 - Solve for the key using matrix inversion and multiplication modulo 26.
3. Key Recovery Equation: $K = C \cdot P^{-1} \pmod{26}$ Where:
 - K = Key matrix C = Ciphertext matrix
 - P^{-1} = Inverse of plaintext matrix modulo 26
4. The cipher lacks resistance to statistical analysis.
 - Because it's deterministic, patterns in ciphertext closely reflect patterns in plaintext blocks.
5. Poor key matrix choice can create vulnerabilities.
 - A non-invertible key matrix $\pmod{26}$ breaks the cipher's reversibility. ○ If $\text{determinant of key} \equiv 0 \pmod{26}$ or has no modular inverse \rightarrow cipher becomes unusable.
6. Hill cipher doesn't provide diffusion and confusion.
 - Changes in input don't ripple far; output changes are localized within the block.
7. Attack feasibility increases with block size and plaintext volume.
 - Larger blocks need more plaintext–ciphertext pairs but make statistical recovery easier if data is available.
8. No padding standard makes plaintext recovery even easier.
 - Attackers can guess padding schemes or infer probable text structure.

Tool:



HILL CIPHER
Cryptography · Poly-Alphabetic Cipher · Hill Cipher

HILL DECODER

★ HILL CIPHERTEXT
POH

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☒ I KNOW THE NxN MATRIX NUMBERS/VALUES

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☐ CUSTOM ALPHANUMERIC ALPHABET

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ0123456789

▶ DECRYPT

See also: [Affine Cipher](#)

HILL ENCODER

★ HILL PLAINTEXT
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