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# Algorithm Name: Mod-X Cipher

## 1. Introduction

This is a simple symmetric encryption algorithm that combines modular arithmetic and bitwise XOR operations to provide basic confidentiality. It uses a single numeric key  $K$  shared between the sender and receiver to perform both encryption and decryption which makes it a symmetric algorithm. This algorithm operates on the ASCII values of characters.

## 2. Notations

P: Plaintext (original message)  
C: Ciphertext (encrypted message)  
K: Secret key (a positive integer,  $0 \leq K \leq 255$ )  
P[i]: i-th character of plaintext  
C[i]: i-th character of ciphertext  
ord(x): ASCII value of character x  
chr(x): Character corresponding to ASCII value x

## 3. Encryption Algorithm

### Input:

A string P (plaintext)  
An integer key K

### Output:

A string C (ciphertext)

### Procedure:

1. Initialize empty string  $C \leftarrow ""$
2. For each character P[i] in P:
  - a.  $val \leftarrow (\text{ord}(P[i]) + K) \bmod 256$
  - b.  $val \leftarrow val \text{ XOR } K$
  - c.  $C \leftarrow C + \text{chr}(val)$
3. Return C

## 4. Decryption Algorithm

### Input:

A string C (ciphertext)  
An integer key K

### Output:

A string P (recovered plaintext)

**Procedure:**

1. Initialize empty string  $P \leftarrow ""$
2. For each character  $C[i]$  in C:
  - a.  $val \leftarrow \text{ord}(C[i]) \text{ XOR } K$
  - b.  $val \leftarrow (val - K + 256) \bmod 256$
  - c.  $P \leftarrow P + \text{chr}(val)$
3. Return P

## 5. Flowchart

### 5.1 Encryption

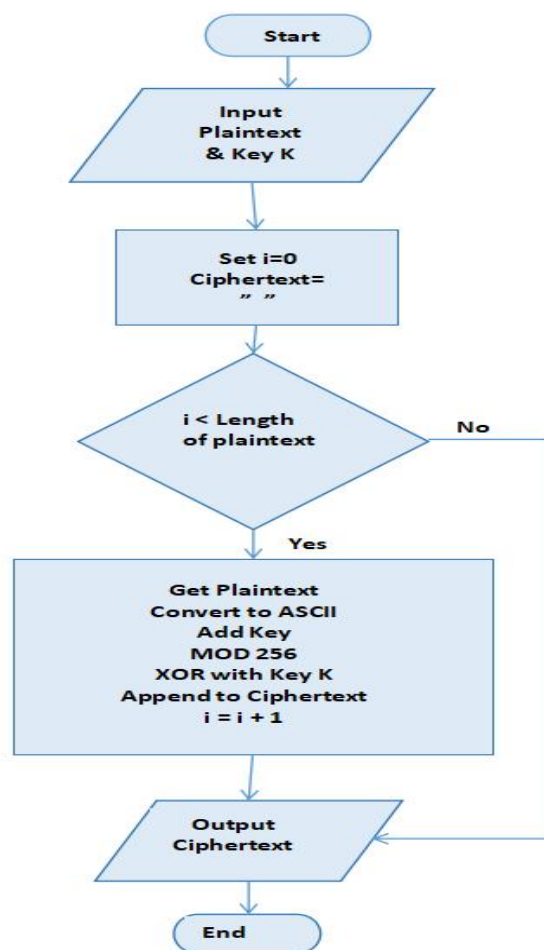


Figure 5.1: Encryption Algorithm Flowchart

## 5.2 Decryption

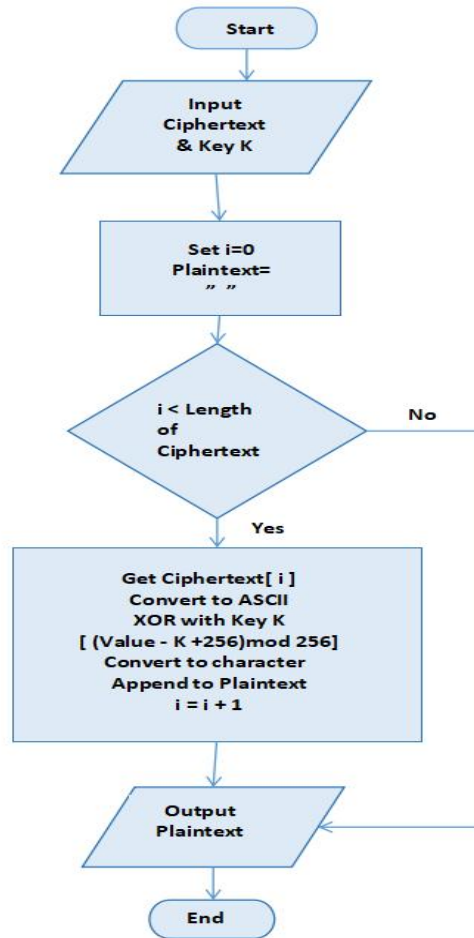


Figure 5.2: Decryption Algorithm Flowchart

## 6. Example Test Case

Input:  
Plaintext: "HELLO"  
Key: K = 23

Encryption (step-by-step for 'H'):  
 $\text{ord}('H') = 72$   
 $(72 + 23) \bmod 256 = 95$   
 $95 \text{ XOR } 23 = 72$   
 $\text{chr}(72) = 'H'$

Final Output:  
Encrypted text: "HKttq"  
Decrypted text: "HELLO"

## **6. Conclusion**

The Mod-X Cipher is symmetric, the same key is used for both encryption and decryption. It ensures reversibility by applying XOR and modular arithmetic. It can encrypt all standard ASCII characters (0–255).