

Applied Cryptography Unit 1

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Which security goal is NOT directly addressed by cryptography?

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☐ Authentication

The total of all possible key combinations is known as the:

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☒ Keyspace

KP

The Playfair cipher uses what size of matrix for its key?

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☐ 4×4

KP

☒ 5×5

One-time pad requires:

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☒ Key equal to message length

☐ Using the same key multiple times

KP

What is the major drawback of perfect secrecy systems like the One-Time Pad?

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☐ Key distribution and management

The principle that prevents a sender from denying they sent a message is called:

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☒ Non-repudiation

KP

A "passive" attack on a system is one that:

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☒ Attempts to learn or make use of information

KP

What is an attack that tries every possible key called?

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☒ Brute-force attack

KP

In a brute-force attack, what percentage of keys must be tried on average to succeed?

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☒ 50%

☐ 80%

KP

The Vigenère cipher is an example of what type of cipher? 10/27

☒ Polyalphabetic substitution cipher KP

Rail Fence Cipher is a type of: 11/27

☒ Transposition cipher KP

A cipher that works by rearranging symbols, not replacing them, is a: 12/27

☒ Transposition cipher KP

What is the primary difference between a "Known Plaintext" and a "Chosen Plaintext" attack? 13/27

☒ The cryptanalyst selects plaintext to be encrypted. KP

Perfect secrecy means: 14/27

☐ $P[M=m|C=c]=P[M=m]$ for all m,c

Using Caesar cipher, what is the ciphertext for the letter 'C' (P=2) with a key of 5? 15/27

☒ H (P=7) KP

How would the plaintext "BALLOON" be correctly converted into digrams for the Playfair cipher according to the rules shown? 16/27

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☒ BA-LX-LO-ON

What is the main advantage of a simple substitution cipher with a random mapping over a Caesar cipher? 17/27

☒ The keyspace is much larger, making it more resistant to brute-force attacks.

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In the intercepted message "EQZP", which was decrypted by trying all possible Caesar shifts, "SEND" was found at shift 12. What does this process demonstrate?

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☒ A brute-force attack on a small keyspace

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In the Vigenère cipher example for "CYBERSECURITY", the key is "BEST". How is the key applied to the full plaintext?

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☒ It is repeated until it matches the length of the plaintext.

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Using the Caesar cipher, if you intercept the message "EHJL" and know it was encrypted with a shift key of 3, what is the plaintext?

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☒ BEGI

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What is $7 + 11$ in Z15?

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☒ 3

KP

An attacker uses letter frequency analysis on a simple substitution ciphertext, knowing the message was written in English. What is this type of cryptanalytic attack called?

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☒ This is a cryptanalytic attack relying on plaintext characteristics.

KP

In the Hill cipher, what is the correct formula for Encryption scheme?

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☒ $C = M \cdot P \bmod 26$

KP

If the plaintext "CIPHERS" is encrypted using a Rail Fence cipher with 3 rails, what is the resulting ciphertext?

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☒ CESIPRH

 CPHRIES

KP

What is the ciphertext if you encrypt the word "ACT" using a Columnar Transposition cipher with the keyword "BUG"?

25/27

 ATC

KP

Attacker floods the server with continuous requests, making the server to crash. Which triad is violated in this scenario?

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 Availability

KP

For a cryptosystem to be perfectly secret, what must be true about the key used for encryption?

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 The key must be as long as the message

KP

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