

HILLCIPHER:

ENCRYPTION AND DECRYPTION

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"HILL CIPHER: ENCRYPTION AND DECRYPTION"

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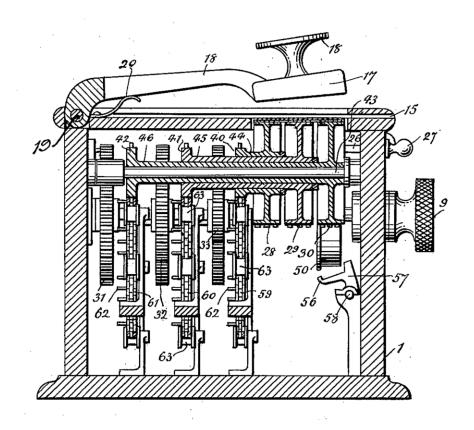
We wish them all the best in their endeavors.

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INTRODUCTION

- In this project, we have worked on a simple encryption and decryption system using the Hill Cipher. The Hill Cipher is a method of turning normal text into secret code using basic math with matrices. It takes a group of letters, changes them using a key (a matrix), and gives us a coded message. To get the original message back, we use the inverse of the same key.
- We chose to do this project in **C programming** because C is fast, easy to use for math operations, and helps us understand how encryption works at a basic level.



OVERVIEW OF THE PROJECT

This project implements the **Hill Cipher** algorithm for secure encryption and decryption of text messages using **C programming**.

The Hill Cipher is a **classical encryption technique** that uses **matrix multiplication** to encode messages.

Our code:

- Generates a random 2x2 key matrix
- Encrypts the message using the key
- Decrypts it back using the **inverse matrix**
- We used C for better understanding of how encryption works at the basic level.



KEY GENERATION

The function generateRandomKey() creates a random 2x2 matrix.

It checks that:

- The determinant is non-zero
- The inverse modulo 26 exists
- This ensures the matrix can be used for both encryption and decryption.
- The valid matrix is then displayed as the encryption key.

ENCRYPTION PROCESS

"encrypt()" takes the key and message as input.

It:

- Converts every 2 letters into a vector
- Multiplies the vector with the key matrix
- Applies modulo 26 to keep characters within 'a' to 'z'
- The result is printed as the encrypted text.
- If the message has an odd number of characters, the last one is ignored.



DECRYPTION PROCESS

decrypt() uses the inverse of the key matrix.

It:

- Multiplies each pair of encrypted characters with the inverse key
- Applies modulo 26 to get back the original letters
- The original message is printed as output.
- The inverse is calculated using inverseMatrix() with modular arithmetic.



RESULT: SAMPLE RESULT

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Generated Key Matrix:

| 20 23 |

| 9 2 |

Enter a message (uppercase or lowercase):

Encrypted text: qyenqp

Enter the encrypted text: qyenqp

Decrypted text: amrita
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program executed successfully!

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