

Report

1) Found every possible C letter word given an alphabet, ex: aa ab ac...52, 53, 54, 55. For every word, I found its subset sum encryption given the table T and compared it against the encrypted password, if it matched I printed the decrypted word. To find the word, I treated the 5 byte password as a number and added 1 to it, like a C-base adder. The complexity for this solution is $O(N \cdot 2^N)$, where N is the number of subsets. It is $O(N \cdot 2^N)$ because there are 2^N subsets and to check each subset we have to sum N elements.

4-char : < 1s.

5-char: 40s.

6-char:31 mins.

2) Computed all possible $\text{floor}(C/2)$ and $C - \text{floor}(C/2)$ letter words concurrently, put them in two arrays. Merge them, use the encrypted merged pass as a key and the actual word as the value of a table with $O(X \log X)$ lookup speed. The complexity of the algorithm for this solution is $O(N \cdot 2^{(C - \text{floor}(N/2))})$, where N is the number of subsets. The exponent is reduced to $C - \text{floor}(N/2)$, because the possible passwords lengths are split, and the greatest split is $C - \text{floor}(N/2)$.

5-char:

6-char:

8-char:

10-char:

3) I generated unique tables by creating a linearly independent matrix of the form:

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00001
00010
00100
01000
10000
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For the appropriate C, and then shuffled the rows so they are not always the same. Other tables enable the possibility of a carry happening with the sum and that causes the same sum to be possible with different passwords.