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SUBJECT:-CRYPTOGRAPHY

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**Aim:** To understand the concept of Transposition Ciphers by implementing the Columnar Transposition Cipher for both encryption and decryption, and to analyze how transposition differs from substitution in terms of security and attack methods.

CODE:

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4  def encrypt(plain_text, keyword):
5      columns = [""] * len(keyword)
6      for i, char in enumerate(plain_text):
7          columns[i % len(keyword)] += char
8      sorted_keyword = sorted((char, i) for i, char in enumerate(keyword))
9      cipher_text = "".join(columns[i] for char, i in sorted_keyword)
10     return cipher_text
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12
13  def decrypt(cipher_text, keyword):
14      num_full_rows = len(cipher_text) // len(keyword)
15      num_short_cols = len(cipher_text) % len(keyword)
16
17      col_lengths = [
18          num_full_rows + (1 if i < num_short_cols else 0) for i in range(len(keyword))
19      ]
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21      sorted_keyword = sorted((char, i) for i, char in enumerate(keyword))
22
23      columns = [""] * len(keyword)
24
25      index = 0
26      for char, i in sorted_keyword:
27          columns[i] = cipher_text[index : index + col_lengths[i]]
28          index += col_lengths[i]
29
30      plain_text = ""
31      for row in range(num_full_rows + (1 if num_short_cols > 0 else 0)):
32          for col in range(len(keyword)):
33              if row < len(columns[col]):
34                  plain_text += columns[col][row]
35
36      return plain_text
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38 if __name__ == "__main__":
39     text = "HELLOTRANSPPOSITIONCIPHER"
40     keyword = "KEYWORD"
41
42     print(f"Keyword: {keyword}")
43     encrypted = encrypt(text, keyword)
44     print("Encrypted:", encrypted)
45
46     decrypted = decrypt(encrypted, keyword)
47     print("Decrypted:", decrypted)
48     keywords = ["KEY", "WORD", "LONGERKEY"]
49     for kw in keywords:
50         print(f"\nKeyword: {kw}")
51         encrypted = encrypt(text, kw)
52         print("Encrypted:", encrypted)
53
54         decrypted = decrypt(encrypted, kw)
55         print("Decrypted:", decrypted)
56     text_with_padding = "HELLOTRANSPPOSITIONCIPHE"
57     keyword = "PADDING"
58     print(f"\nKeyword: {keyword} with padding")
59     encrypted = encrypt(text_with_padding, keyword)
60     print("Encrypted:", encrypted)
61
62     decrypted = decrypt(encrypted, keyword)
63     print("Decrypted:", decrypted)
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## OUTPUT:

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[Running] python -u "c:\Users\Hp\OneDrive\Desktop\SEM_05\Cryptography\Practicals_source_code\practical6_1.py"
Keyword: KEYWORD
Encrypted: RIPENIEHATHOOCTSILPNLSOR
Decrypted: HELLOTRANSPPOSITIONCIPHER

Keyword: KEY
Encrypted: EOAPIOIEHLRSSICHLTNOTNPR
Decrypted: HELLOTRANSPPOSITIONCIPHER

Keyword: WORD
Encrypted: LAOIIRETSINHLRPTCEHONSOP
Decrypted: HELLOTRANSPPOSITIONCIPHER

Keyword: LONGERKEY
Encrypted: OIEAOLSHRIHSCLOPEPITRNN
Decrypted: HELLOTRANSPPOSITIONCIPHER

Keyword: PADDING with padding
Encrypted: ENIELSOLPNRIPOOCTSIHATH
Decrypted: HELLOTRANSPPOSITIONCIPHE

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