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Report on Substitution Ciphers.

Cipher

→ A process of writing a secret pattern of a particular set of letters or symbols used to represent other letter symbols.

Types

1. Caesar Cipher

→ A classical substitution cipher that shifts each letter of plaintext by a fixed number of positions in the alphabet.
eg. Shift of 3 A becomes 'D' etc.

2. Hill Cipher

→ A polygraphic substitution cipher based on linear algebra. Uses matrix multiplication to encode blocks of text. A key matrix is chosen, plaintext is converted into vectors.

3. Playfair Cipher

→ encrypts pairs of letters using a 5x5 grid of letters derived from a keyword. It replaces each pair of letters with letters from different corners of the grid.

4. Monoalphabetic Cipher

→ it is substitution cipher where each letter of the plaintext is replaced by a fixed unique letter of the ciphertext alphabet.

eg. A might become M

5. Poly alphabetic cipher

→ Uses multiple substitution alphabets to encode a message making it a harder to break monoalphabetic cipher. This ensures and enhances security by obscuring letter frequency patterns.