

Lecture 10

Definition 1: A *mono-alphabetic cipher* uses the same substitution across the entire message.

Definition 2: In a *poly-alphabetic cipher*, the substitution may change throughout the message.

Key Phrase Cipher

- Also called the Vigenère cipher.
- Consists of using several Caesar ciphers in sequence with different shift values. These shift values are determined by a key phrase.

For example, suppose we choose the key phrase "HAM". The sender repeats it until it matches the length of the plaintext.

Each letter is encoded by finding the intersection in the grid between the plaintext letter and keyword letter.

Example 1:

To encode the plaintext "student" we would:

H A M H A M H
S T U D E N T
Z T G K E Z A

encode
→

←
decode

a	H	A	M
b	i	b	n
c	j	c	o
d	k	d	p
e	l	e	q
f	m	f	r
g	n	g	s
h	o	h	t
i	p	i	u
j	q	j	v
k	r	k	w
l	s	l	x
m	t	m	y
n	u	n	z
o	v	o	a
p	w	p	b
q	x	q	c
r	y	r	d
s	z	s	e
t	a	t	f
u	b	u	g
v	c	v	h
w	d	w	i
x	e	x	j
y	f	y	k
z	g	z	l

Now to decode the ciphertext "JEZAEDLD" we would:

H A M H A M H A
J E Z A E D L D
C E N T E R E D

Activity:

a	P	I	N	E	A	P	P	L	E
b	q	j	o	f	b	q	q	m	f
c	r	k	p	g	c	r	r	n	g
d	s	l	q	h	d	s	s	o	h
e	t	m	r	i	e	t	t	p	i
f	u	n	s	j	f	u	u	q	j
g	v	o	t	k	g	v	v	r	k
h	w	p	u	l	h	w	w	s	l
i	x	q	v	m	i	x	x	t	m
j	y	r	w	n	j	y	y	u	n
k	z	s	x	o	k	z	z	v	o
l	a	t	y	p	l	a	a	w	p
m	b	u	z	q	m	b	b	x	q
n	c	v	a	r	n	c	c	y	r
o	d	w	b	s	o	d	d	z	s
p	e	x	c	t	p	e	e	a	t
q	f	y	d	u	q	f	f	b	u
r	g	z	e	v	r	g	g	c	v
s	h	a	f	w	s	h	h	d	w
t	i	b	g	x	t	i	i	e	x
u	j	c	h	y	u	j	j	f	y
v	k	d	i	z	v	k	k	g	z
w	l	e	j	a	w	l	l	h	a
x	m	f	k	b	x	m	m	i	b
y	n	g	l	c	y	n	n	j	c
z	o	h	m	d	z	o	o	k	d

a	P	E	P	P	E	R	O	N	I
b	q	f	q	q	f	s	p	o	j
c	r	g	r	r	g	t	q	p	k
d	s	h	s	s	h	u	r	q	l
e	t	i	t	t	i	v	s	r	m
f	u	j	u	u	j	w	t	s	n
g	v	k	v	v	k	x	u	t	o
h	w	l	w	w	l	y	v	u	p
i	x	m	x	x	m	z	w	v	q
j	y	n	y	y	n	a	x	w	r
k	z	o	z	z	o	b	y	x	s
l	a	p	a	a	p	c	z	y	t
m	b	q	b	b	q	d	a	z	u
n	c	r	c	c	r	e	b	a	v
o	d	s	d	d	s	f	c	b	w
p	e	t	e	e	t	g	d	c	x
q	f	u	f	f	u	h	e	d	y
r	g	v	g	g	v	i	f	e	z
s	h	w	h	h	w	j	g	f	a
t	i	x	i	i	x	k	h	g	b
u	j	y	j	j	y	l	i	h	c
v	k	z	k	k	z	m	j	i	d
w	l	a	l	l	a	n	k	j	e
x	m	b	m	m	b	o	l	k	f
y	n	c	n	n	c	p	m	l	g
z	o	d	o	o	d	q	n	m	h

Using the key phrase "PINEAPPLE" decrypt the ciphertext:

PINEAPPLE P I N E
 WIJEIXPY TXHME
HAWAIIAN PIZZA

Using the key phrase "PEPPERONI" decrypt the ciphertext:

PEPPERONI PEPPERONI PE
 RLXRE XCFBN PTSIV DQQHL
CHICAGO STYLE DREPOISH

a	B	E	E	F
b	c	f	f	g
c	d	g	g	h
d	e	h	h	i
e	f	i	i	j
f	g	j	j	k
g	h	k	k	l
h	i	l	l	m
i	j	m	m	n
j	k	n	n	o
k	l	o	o	p
l	m	p	p	q
m	n	q	q	r
n	o	r	r	s
o	p	s	s	t
p	q	t	t	u
q	r	u	u	v
r	s	v	v	w
s	t	w	w	x
t	u	x	x	y
u	v	y	y	z
v	w	z	z	a
w	x	a	a	b
x	y	b	b	c
y	z	c	c	d
z	a	d	d	e

a	M	U	S	H	R	O	O	M
b	n	v	t	i	s	p	p	n
c	o	w	u	j	t	q	q	o
d	p	x	v	k	u	r	r	p
e	q	y	w	l	v	s	s	q
f	r	z	x	m	w	t	t	r
g	s	a	y	n	x	u	u	s
h	t	b	z	o	y	v	v	t
i	u	c	a	p	z	w	w	u
j	v	d	b	q	a	x	x	v
k	w	e	c	r	b	y	y	w
l	x	f	d	s	c	z	z	x
m	y	g	e	t	d	a	a	y
n	z	h	f	u	e	b	b	z
o	a	i	g	v	f	c	c	a
p	b	j	h	w	g	d	d	b
q	c	k	i	x	h	e	e	c
r	d	l	j	y	i	f	f	d
s	e	m	k	z	j	g	g	e
t	f	n	l	a	k	h	h	f
u	g	o	m	b	l	i	i	g
v	h	p	n	c	m	j	j	h
w	i	q	o	d	n	k	k	i
x	j	r	p	e	o	l	l	j
y	k	s	q	f	p	m	m	k
z	l	t	r	g	q	n	n	l

Using the key phrase "BEEF" decrypt the ciphertext:

BEEFBEEFBEE
 NIEY MSZJSW
 MEAT LOVERS

Using the key phrase "MUSHROOM" decrypt the ciphertext:

MUSHROOMMUSH
 BUFHXCDAGFGZ
 PANAGOPoulos

Hill Ciphers

- plaintext is split into blocks of length n
- We only do Hill ciphers for $n=2$, i.e. 2-letter blocks.
- If # of letters in plaintext is not a multiple of 2, pad it out with an x at the end.

Ex: pizza \leftarrow plaintext

split into blocks of length 2 as follows:

pi zz ax

- Given a, b, c, d in mod 26, a block of length 2 given by "xy" in plaintext is encoded by the

Encoding Function

$$\begin{cases} E(x) \equiv a \cdot x + by \pmod{26} \\ E(y) \equiv c \cdot x + d \cdot y \pmod{26} \end{cases}$$

can write it as a system of two congruences

$$\begin{pmatrix} E(x) \\ E(y) \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26}$$

To find the inverse, i.e. the decoding function we need

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det A} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

to exist.

So we need $\det A = (ad - bc)$ to have an inverse modulo 26.

If $\det A = (ad - bc) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{26}$ and $\det A$ is relatively prime to 26, then

$$d \equiv (ad - bc)^{-1}$$

exists mod 26, so

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \equiv d \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26}$$

and the Decoding function is

$$\begin{pmatrix} D(x) \\ D(y) \end{pmatrix} \equiv d \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26}$$

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} D(x) &\equiv d \cdot d \cdot x - d \cdot b \cdot y \pmod{26} \\ D(y) &\equiv -d \cdot c \cdot x + d \cdot a \cdot y \pmod{26} \end{aligned}$$

Ex 2: Given the Hill cipher with $a=2, b=1, c=1, d=1$

so $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \equiv d \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26}$

where $d \equiv (ad - bc)^{-1} \equiv (2 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 1)^{-1} \equiv 1^{-1} \equiv 1$

Ex 2:

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(a) Encode the plaintext pizza:

Split this into blocks of length 2,

$\boxed{p\ i}$ $\boxed{z\ z}$ $\boxed{a\ x}$

$$E(x) \equiv 2x + y \pmod{26}$$

$$E(y) \equiv x + y \pmod{26}$$

$$E(p) \equiv E(15) \equiv 2 \cdot 15 + 1 \cdot 8 \equiv 38 \equiv 12 \equiv M$$

$$E(i) \equiv E(8) \equiv 1 \cdot 15 + 1 \cdot 8 \equiv 23 \equiv X$$

$$E(z) \equiv E(25) \equiv 2 \cdot (-1) + 1 \cdot (-1) \equiv -3 \equiv 23 \equiv X$$

$$E(z) \equiv E(25) \equiv 1 \cdot (-1) + 1 \cdot (-1) \equiv -2 \equiv 24 \equiv Y$$

$$E(a) \equiv E(0) \equiv 2 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 23 \equiv 23 \equiv X$$

$$E(x) \equiv E(23) \equiv 1 \cdot 0 + 1 \cdot 23 \equiv 23 \equiv X$$

So the ciphertext is

$\boxed{M\ X\ X\ Y\ X\ X}$

Ex 2:

(b) Decode the ciphertext I B J Q

Split into blocks of length 2:

I B J Q

$$D(x) \equiv x - y \pmod{26}$$

$$D(y) \equiv -x + 2y \pmod{26}$$

$$D(I) \equiv D(8) \equiv 8 - 1 \equiv 7 \equiv H \pmod{26}$$

$$D(B) \equiv D(1) \equiv -8 + 2 \equiv -6 \equiv 20 \equiv U \pmod{26}$$

$$D(J) \equiv D(9) \equiv 9 - 10 \equiv -1 \equiv 25 \equiv Z \pmod{26}$$

$$D(Q) \equiv D(16) \equiv -9 + 32 \equiv 23 \equiv X \pmod{26}$$

The plaintext is H U T X

Activity:

Decrypt the ciphertext message "ii wo ez md mt uh of sp" which was encrypted using the Hill cipher with the encoding function:

$$E(x) \equiv 1 \cdot x + 2 \cdot y \pmod{26}$$

$$E(y) \equiv 1 \cdot x + 3 \cdot y \pmod{26}$$

where the corresponding decoding function is:

$$D(x) \equiv 3 \cdot x - 2 \cdot y \pmod{26}$$

$$D(y) \equiv -1 \cdot x + 1 \cdot y \pmod{26}$$

Split ciphertext into blocks of length 2

