



Pg. 64 Stallings

3. Hill Cipher

This encryption algorithm takes *m* successive plaintext letters and substitutes for them *m* ciphertext letters. The substitution is determined by *m* linear equations in which each character is assigned a numerical value ($a = 0, b = 1, c = 2, \dots$).

For $m = 3$, the system can be described as:

$$\begin{aligned} c_1 &= (k_{11}p_1 + k_{12}p_2 + k_{13}p_3) \bmod 26 \\ c_2 &= (k_{21}p_1 + k_{22}p_2 + k_{23}p_3) \bmod 26 \\ c_3 &= (k_{31}p_1 + k_{32}p_2 + k_{33}p_3) \bmod 26 \end{aligned}$$

This can be expressed in terms of row vectors and matrices:⁸

$$(c_1, c_2, c_3) = (p_1, p_2, p_3) \begin{pmatrix} k_{11} & k_{12} & k_{13} \\ k_{21} & k_{22} & k_{23} \\ k_{31} & k_{32} & k_{33} \end{pmatrix} \bmod 26$$

or

$$C = PK \bmod 26$$

where *C* and *P* are row vectors of length 3 representing the plaintext and ciphertext, and *K* is a 3×3 matrix representing the encryption key. Operations are performed mod 26. For example, consider the plaintext "polymeronomy" and use the encryption key

$$K = \begin{pmatrix} 17 & 17 & 5 \\ 21 & 18 & 21 \\ 2 & 2 & 19 \end{pmatrix}$$

ENCRYPTION 3

The first three letters of the plaintext are represented by the vector (15 0 24).

Then $(15 \ 0 \ 24)K = (303 \ 303 \ 531) \bmod 26 = (17 \ 17 \ 11) = RRL$.

Continuing in this fashion, the ciphertext for the entire plaintext is RRLMWBKASPDH

DECRYPTION 3

Decryption requires using the inverse of the matrix *K*.

We can compute $\det K = 23$, and therefore,

$(\det K) \bmod 26$ needs to be calculated

$$\text{Here } (\det K \times n) \bmod 26 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } K^{-1} &= \frac{1}{(\det K)} \times (K^{adj}) \\ &= (\det K)^{-1} \times (K^{adj}) \end{aligned}$$



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Calculate the determinant of the matrix.

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \det(M) &= 1(0 \cdot 24) - 2(0 \cdot 20) \\ &\quad + 3(0 \cdot 5) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Transpose the original matrix.

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the determinant of each of the 2×2 minor matrices

$$M^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 4 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} &= -24 & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{vmatrix} &= -18 & \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} &= 5 \\ \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 6 \end{vmatrix} &= -20 & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 6 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} &= -15 & \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 6 \\ 5 & 0 \end{vmatrix} &= -4 \\ \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 5 \\ 5 & 6 \end{vmatrix} &= -5 & \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 3 & 0 \end{vmatrix} &= -4 & \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 \end{vmatrix} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Create the matrix of cofactors.

$$Adj(M) = \begin{bmatrix} -24 & -18 & 5 \\ -20 & -15 & -4 \\ -5 & -4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} + & - & + \\ - & + & - \\ + & - & + \end{matrix}$$

$$Adj(M) = \begin{bmatrix} -24 & 18 & 5 \\ 20 & -15 & -4 \\ -5 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Divide each term of the adjugate matrix by the determinant

$$Adj(M) = \begin{bmatrix} -24 & 18 & 5 \\ 20 & -15 & -4 \\ -5 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \det(M) = 1$$

$$M^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(M)} \times Adj(M)$$

$$M^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} -24 & 18 & 5 \\ 20 & -15 & -4 \\ -5 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$