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Experiment 7

Encrypt by using Hill cipher

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$$C = KP \pmod{26}$$

For example, we will illustrate the cipher with $n=2$. Consider the following key:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$$

To encrypt a plaintext, group the plaintext in pairs: "ma", for example. Convert each letter to its numerical equivalent, mod 26, and write it in a $n \times 1$ matrix as follows:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ stands for "ma"}$$

Now, multiply the encryption key by the plaintext and reduce mod 26 to get the ciphertext:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26} = \begin{pmatrix} 36 \\ 72 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 \\ 20 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ which corresponds to the ciphertext KU.}$$

Here is the encryption of "th":

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 19 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26} = \begin{pmatrix} 64 \\ 149 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 19 \end{pmatrix}, \text{ which corresponds to the ciphertext MT.}$$

Ciphertext: **KUMT**

Encrypt Hill Cipher:

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clc;
clear all;
close all;

k=[3 1;6 5];
p=input('enter plaintext: ','s');
p=lower(p);
lp=length(p);
z=mod(lp,2);
if z ~= 0;
    e=2-z;
    for i=1:e
        p(lp+i)='x';
    end
end
for i=1:2:lp
    s=double(p(i:i+1))-97;
    c(i:i+1)=mod(k*s,26);
end
c=char(c+65);
disp(['The ciphertext : ' c])
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enter plaintext: math

The ciphertext : KUMT