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Cryptanalysis-The Study of how to analyze and break cryptosystems.
Kerchov's principle: Developed in 1800's when analyzing a cryptosystem one should assume the attacker, or "Eve" knows everything about the system except the key.

4 different attacks:

1. Cipher text only attack:
Ever has a copy of the cipher text but nothing else.
Goal: Determine the plain text or (even better) the key.
2. Known plain text attack:
Eve knows a cipher text along with the corresponding plain text.
Goal: Determine the key.
3. Chosen plain text attack:
Ever has access to the encryption machine and can enc any message she wants and see the output.
Goal: Recover the key.
4. Chosen cipher text attack:
Eve had access to the decryption machine and can decrypt any message she wants.
Goal: Recover the key.

Suppose: Ever wants to attack a Caesar cipher using each one of the attacks.

- Cypher text only attack:
Eve can use brute force (only 26 possible keys) or use frequency analysis (see what letters are most frequent and work backwards)
- Known plain text attack:
Now Eve can recover the key using just a single letter.
ex. Suppose Eve learns that corresponds to the plain text "d".

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{"T"} \rightarrow 19 \\
& \text{"d"} \rightarrow 3 \\
& E(3) = 3 + k \equiv 19 \pmod{26} \rightarrow k = 16 \pmod{26}
\end{aligned}$$

- Chosen plain text attack:
Eve can pick the letter "a" and encrypt it.
The result is $E(0) \equiv 0 + k \pmod{26}$ Eve recovers the key immediately.
- Chosen cipher text:
Eve can pick the letter "a" again and the result would be -key
 $D(0) \equiv 0 - k \pmod{26}$ She negates the result to recover k.
Note: $-2 = 24 \pmod{26}$. If $k = 2$ and Eve decrypts "a"
 $\equiv 0 - 2 \equiv -2 \pmod{26}$
 $k \equiv 24 \pmod{26}$
 $k \equiv -24 \pmod{26}$
 $\equiv 2 \pmod{26}$

All the rules of regular arithmetic carry over to modular arithmetic.

- Addition
- Subtraction
- Multiplication
- (Sometimes) Division*

*not allowed to have fractions in modular arithmetic

The only way to divide is to multiply by a different modulus that is the multiplicative inverse of the thing we want to divide.

Division (mod 26) is only by numbers that have a multiplicative inverse

Fact: The number $a \pmod{26}$ has a multiplicative inverse b ($ab \equiv 1 \pmod{26}$) if $\gcd(a, 26) = 1$.

Affine Cipher:

$$\text{key} : (\alpha, \beta)$$

$$E(x) = \alpha x + \beta \pmod{26}$$

EX. Pick the key $\alpha = 3$ $\beta = 7$. Encrypt the letter "f". "f" $\rightarrow 5$

$$E(5) = 3(5) + 7 \pmod{26}$$

$$\equiv 15 + 7 \equiv 22 \pmod{26} \equiv \text{"V"}$$

How can we recover the plain text? What is the decryption

$$y \equiv \alpha x + \beta \pmod{26}$$

Solve this for $x \pmod{26}$

$$y - \beta \equiv \alpha x \pmod{26}$$

$$\alpha^{-1}(y - \beta) \equiv x \pmod{26}$$

$$D(y) \equiv \alpha^{-1}(y - \beta) \pmod{26}$$

What if $\alpha = 3$ and $\beta = 7$?

What is $3^{-1}(\text{mod}26)$?

$$3^{-1} = 9(\text{mod}26)$$

$$D(y) \equiv 9(y - 7)(\text{mod}26)$$

$$\equiv 9y - 63(\text{mod}26)$$

$$\equiv 9y + 15(\text{mod}26)$$

Note: $-63 \equiv -11(\text{mod}26)$

()How did we know that $3^{-1} \equiv 9$?

$$3 * 9 \equiv 27 \equiv 1(\text{mod}26)$$

(Right now just use the multiplicative table on the website)

Example: Decrypt "V" -> 22

$$D(22) \equiv 9(22) + 15(\text{mod}26)$$

$$\equiv 16 + 15(\text{mod}26)$$

$$\equiv 31 \equiv 5(\text{mod}26) \rightarrow \text{"f"}$$

How many keys are there? How many choices are there for α, β ?

We need α to have a multiplicative inverse.

We need a α with $\text{gcd}(\alpha, 26) = 1$ so α can't be even or 13.

so α can be 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25 - 12 possibilities.

26 possibilities for β

$12 * 26 \equiv 312$ total possibilities ($\alpha = 1 \beta = 0$ is boring though).

Attack the Affine Cipher:

Cipher Text only attack:

Brute force all 312 possibilities or do a frequency analysis.

Known plain text attack:

Suppose "Eve" learns that "k" encrypts to "Y" and "h" encrypts to "F".

"k" -> 10 "h" -> 7

"Y" -> 24 "F" -> 5

$$\alpha(10) + \beta \equiv 24(\text{mod}26)$$

$$- \alpha(7) + \beta \equiv 5(\text{mod}26)$$

 $(9)\alpha(3) + 0 \equiv 19(9)(\text{mod}26)$

$$\alpha(3) * 9 \equiv 19 * 9$$

$\alpha \equiv 15$ Plug in α for β

$$\alpha(7) + \beta = 5(\text{mod}26)$$

$$\Rightarrow 15(7) + \beta = 5(\text{mod}26)$$

$$1 + \beta = 5(\text{mod}26)$$

$$\beta = 4$$

Key: (15, 4)

Chosen plain text attack:

Eve encrypts "a".

$$E(0) \equiv \alpha(0) + \beta \equiv \beta \pmod{26}$$

Now she encrypts "b".

$$E(1) \equiv \alpha + \beta \pmod{26} \text{ subtract } \beta \text{ to recover } \alpha.$$