

IT-Security Cryptography and Secure Communications

Exercise: Classical Encryption Techniques

Lecturer: Prof. Dr. Michael Eichberg

Version: 2023-10-19

Playfair Cipher

Decrypt the ciphertext: XGAWMGAZ. The password is MONARCHY (as used in the slides.)

Solution

w(i/j)nXnerX => winner

Vigenère Cipher

Let's assume that you got one plaintext / ciphertext pair.

P: secret

C: HSFGSW

1. Can you recover the key?

Solution

The key is: PODPOD.

2. What type of attack were you able to perform?

Solution

A plaintext attack.

Rail-fence Cipher

Encrypt the message: "i love crypto" with the key/depth 3.

Solution

```
P = I L O V E C R Y P T O
    1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2 3 1 2

C = I V R T L E Y O O C P
```

Row Transposition Cipher

You received the following message:

YSFRITTUNCOSPJU

Additionally, you were able to extract the key except of one value: 4153.

1. How many possible decryptions are possible?

Solution

5: 24153, 42153, 41253, 41523, 41532

2. Can you decrypt the text?

Solution

We have five columns (len of key) and therefore three rows.

Split up in 5 segments of three letter. YSF RIT TUN COS PJU

Write them down in a table:

```
y r t c p   => looks like "crypt"
s i u o j
f t n s u
```

P = crypto is just fun (space added for readability.)

3. What is the key?

Solution

K = 42153

Steganography

Uncover the text hidden in the spam message.

Solution

Success