

# Hill Cipher 9/12/25

Matrices

Plain text: HOME  
7, 14, 12, 4

$$\text{key} \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \\ \end{pmatrix}$$

Ciphertext

2x2

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \\ \end{pmatrix}$$

Ciphertext

35  
28

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \times 7 + 7 \times 14 \\ 5 \times 7 + 2 \times 14 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 119 \\ 63 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} P \\ L \end{matrix}$$

$n \times n$        $n \times 1$

$$\text{key}[i][j] * \text{word}[j][0]$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \times 12 + 7 \times 4 \\ 5 \times 12 + 2 \times 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 + 2 \\ 8 + 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix}$$

with key  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  Plaintext: HOME  $\rightarrow$  Ciphertext  
PLMQ

What makes a valid key?

$$\text{gcd}(\text{Determinant}(\text{KEY}), 26) = 1$$

$$\det \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix} = ad - bc$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 3 \times 2 - 5 \times 7 \\ & = 6 - 35 \\ & = -29 \\ & \equiv -3 \\ & \equiv 23 \pmod{26} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Inverse } \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \text{ is } \left[ (ad-bc)^{-1} \text{ mod } 26 \right] \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \text{ is } (23^{-1} \text{ mod } 26) \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -7 \\ -5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

104  
-85

$$= 17 \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -7 \\ -5 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 34 & -119 \\ -85 & 51 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 11 \\ 19 & 25 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Proof } \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 11 \\ 19 & 25 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 5 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 8 \\ 19 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 11 \\ 25 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \times 8 + 7 \times 19 \\ 5 \times 8 + 2 \times 19 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 \times 11 + 7 \times 25 \\ 5 \times 11 + 2 \times 25 \end{pmatrix}$$

25 ≡ -1

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 24 + 133 \\ 40 + 38 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 33 - 7 \\ 55 - 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 8 & 11 \\ 19 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 \times 15 + 11 \times 11 \\ 19 \times 15 - 1 \times 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 120 + 121 \\ 285 - 11 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 241 \\ 274 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\equiv \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} H \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 157 & 26 \\ 78 & 53 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ mod } 26$$

1) Cryptanalysis with H.11

2) Derive 3x3 inverse

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 14 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7a + 14b \\ 7c + 14d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 15 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 12a + 4b \\ 12c + 4d \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 12 \\ 16 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$12 \quad 7a + 14b \equiv 15 \pmod{26}$$

$$7 \quad 12a + 4b \equiv 12 \pmod{26}$$

$$84a + 168b \equiv 180 \pmod{26}$$

$$- 84a + 28b \equiv 84 \pmod{26}$$

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$$140b \equiv 96 \pmod{26}$$

$$10b \equiv 18 \pmod{26}$$

$$\hookrightarrow 10b = 18 + 26c, c \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$5b = 9 + 13c$$

$$8(5b) \equiv (9)8 \pmod{13}$$

$$40b \equiv 72 \pmod{13}$$

$$b \equiv 7 \pmod{13}$$

$$b \equiv 7 \pmod{26} \longrightarrow a = 3$$

$$b \equiv 20 \pmod{26} \longrightarrow a = 3$$

$$7a + 14b \equiv 15 \pmod{26}$$

$$7a + 14(20) \equiv 15 \pmod{26}$$

$$7a + 280 \equiv 15 \pmod{26}$$

$$7a + 20 \equiv 15 \pmod{26}$$

$$15(7a) \equiv (-5)^{15} \pmod{26}$$

$$a \equiv -75 \pmod{26} \equiv 3$$

Repeat

Process

for

C and D

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 & \vdots & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -2 & \vdots & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 7 & \vdots & -4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 & \vdots & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -2 & \vdots & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 7 & \vdots & -4 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow R_2 - R_1 \\ \rightarrow R_3 - 4 \times R_1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 & \vdots & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -2 & \vdots & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & \vdots & -21 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow 5R_3 + R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 & \vdots & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -2 & \vdots & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \vdots & -3 & 15 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow 15R_3$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & \vdots & 22 & -1 & 21 \\ 0 & 5 & 0 & \vdots & -7 & 5 & -6 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \vdots & -3 & 15 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{l} \rightarrow R_1 - 7R_3 \\ \rightarrow 2R_3 + R_2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 0 & \vdots & 22 & -1 & 21 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \vdots & 9 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \vdots & -3 & 15 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow 21R_2$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & -5 & -4 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 9 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -3 & 15 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad R1 - 3R2$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 21 & 22 & 9 \\ 9 & 1 & 4 \\ 23 & 15 & 23 \end{pmatrix}$$

Proof Correct

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 7 \\ 1 & 8 & 5 \\ 4 & 11 & 9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} -5 & -4 & 9 \\ 9 & 1 & 4 \\ -3 & 15 & -3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1(-5)+3(9)+7(-3) & 1(-4)+3(1)+7(\overset{15}{-3}) & 1(9)+3(4)+7(-3) \\ 1(-5)+8(9)+5(-3) & 1(-4)+8(1)+5(15) & 1(9)+8(4)+5(-3) \\ 4(-5)+11(9)+9(-3) & 4(-4)+11(1)+9(15) & 4(9)+11(4)+9(-3) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 104 & 0 \\ 52 & 79 & 26 \\ 52 & 130 & 53 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26} \checkmark$$

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