

## A Large Block Cipher Involving Key Dependent Permutation, Interlacing and Iteration

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**Abstract:** In this paper we have developed a block cipher, wherein the size of the key matrix is 384 bits and the size of the plain text is as large as we choose. The permutation, the interlacing and the iteration introduced in this analysis are found to cause diffusion and confusion efficiently. Hence, the strength of the cipher proves to be remarkable.

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### 1. Introduction

The classical Hill cipher [1, 2], is the first cipher, which has demonstrated the application of algebraic transformations in the area of cryptology. It is also the first block cipher developed in the literature of cryptography. Lester Hill's cipher proved to be unsecure against the known plain text attacks [3]. Though Hill introduced his algorithm in 1929, not much work was reported till the last decade. In the last ten years, several researchers have focused their attention on the classical Hill cipher and proposed many modifications [4-27] to make it stronger and resistant to various cryptanalytic attacks. Some were successful and some were not. One of the most significant aspects of Hill cipher is the ability of the cipher to dissipate the statistical characteristics of the plain text, and exhibit a very good diffusion property.

In this paper our objective is to offer a modification of Hill cipher by introducing a key dependent permutation, interlacing at binary bit level to the plain

text in an iterative manner. These additional operations that we introduced will not allow a direct relationship to be established between the plain text and the cipher text, as it can be done in the case of the classical Hill cipher. Since Hill cipher's primary operation is a modular matrix multiplication, the plain text is arranged in the form of a matrix of size  $n \times m$ , such that  $n$  is equivalent to the number of columns of the key matrix, and  $m$  can be as long as we choose. Thus, if we have a square matrix  $K$ , of size  $n \times n$ , and a plain text matrix of size  $n \times m$ , matrix multiplication can be accomplished. This also gives us the flexibility of taking the entire plain text as a single block. Thus, theoretically, there will be no limit on the size of the plain text block that can be encrypted as a single unit.

In this paper we have taken 128 ASCII characters as the set of plain text characters to be encrypted. The elements of the key matrix are also in the range from 0 to 127. We take mod 128, instead of mod 26, as it was done in the case of the classical Hill cipher.

In Section 2 of this paper, we introduce the development of the cipher. In Section 3 we present the algorithms for encryption and decryption. Then in Section 4 we illustrate the cipher with a couple of examples. Subsequently we discuss the crypt analysis and avalanche effect in Sections 5 and 6. Finally, we present the computations and conclusions in Section 7.

## 2. Development of the cipher

Consider a plain text. When using the ASCII code, we write the plain text in the form of a matrix  $P = [P_{ij}]$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , in a column wise manner (pad if needed).

Let  $K = [K_{ij}]$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, n$ , be the key matrix. The elements in the key matrix are between 1 and  $n^2$  in some permuted order.

Let  $C = [C_{ij}]$  represents the cipher text corresponding to the plain text  $P$ . As in Hill cipher, the relations for encryption and decryption can be written as

$$(1) \quad C = KP \pmod{128}$$

and

$$(2) \quad P = K^{-1} C \pmod{128}.$$

where  $K^{-1}$  is the modular arithmetic inverse of  $K$ .

Let us now introduce the process of permutation and interlacing. On writing each element of the matrix  $[P_{ij}]$  in terms of binary bits, we have

$$[P_{ij}] = [b_{il}^j], \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad j = 1, \dots, m, \quad l = 1, \dots, 7.$$

Thus, each column of  $[P_{ij}]$  is represented as a matrix of size  $n \times 7$ , and hence we have  $m$  such matrices. Let us now take  $7n$  numbers (ranging from 1 to  $7n$ ), in the order in which they appear in the key matrix and form a subkey.

We now focus our attention on the matrix corresponding to the first column of  $[P_{ij}]$  (the size of this matrix is  $n \times 7$ ). The elements of this are permuted by using the subkey (of size  $7n$ ) above mentioned. Then, the aforementioned procedure is applied for the matrices corresponding to all other columns of  $[P_{ij}]$ .

Thus we get a new matrix, which includes all the permuted matrices, of size  $n \times 7m$  and denoted by  $[e_{ij}]$ . This  $[e_{ij}]$  is divided into two equal halves, wherein each half contains  $7m/2$  columns, if  $m$  is an even number. Otherwise, it will be divided into two parts, wherein the left part contains  $(7m+1)/2$  columns and the right one is having  $(7m - 1)/2$  columns.

Then we place the first column of the right half next to the first column of the left half. The second column of the right half next to the second column of the left half, and so on, till we exhaust all the columns of the right half. This completes the process of interlacing.

The reverse processes of interlacing and permutation are denoted as decomposition and inverse permutation respectively. These two are utilized in decryption.

In this cipher, we adopt an iterative procedure, which consists of 16 rounds. The procedures of encryption and decryption are depicted in the diagram shown in Fig. 1.

### 3. Algorithms

The algorithms describing encryption, decryption, modular arithmetic inverse, permutation, interlace, inverse permutation and decomposition, are given below.

#### 3.1. Algorithm for encryption

1. read  $n, N, K, P$ ;
2.  $P^0 = P$ ;
3.  $P^1 = KP^0 \text{ mod } 128$ ;
4. for  $i=2$  to  $N$  {  
    Permute();  
    interlace();  
     $P^i = KP^{i-1} \text{ mod } 128$ ;  
}
5.  $C = P^N$ ;
6. write  $C$ ;

#### 3.2. Algorithm for decryption

1. read  $n, N, K, C$ ;
2. find modinverse ( $K$ );
3.  $P^N = C$ ;
4. for  $i=N$  to 2 {  
     $P^{i-1} = K^{-1}P^i \text{ mod } 128$ ;  
    decompose();  
    invpermute();  
}
5.  $P^0 = K^{-1}P^1 \text{ mod } 128$ ;
6.  $P = P^0$ ;
7. write  $P$ ;

### 3.3. Algorithm for modinverse

1. read  $n, K$ ;
2. find  $K_{ij}, \Delta$ ;  
/\*  $K_{ij}$  are the cofactors of the elements of  $K$ , and  $\Delta$  is the determinant of  $K$  \*/
3. find  $d$  such that  $(d\Delta) \bmod 128 = 1$ ;  
/\*  $d$  is the multiplicative inverse of  $\Delta$  \*/
4.  $K^{-1} = (K_{ij}d) \bmod 128$ ;

### 3.4. Algorithm for permute

1. convert  $P^i$  into binary bits;
2. construct  $[e_{ij}]$ ,  $i=1$  to  $n$ ,  $j=1$  to  $7m$ ;
3. generate subkey;
4. for  $l=0$  to  $(m-1)$ {  
     $k=1$ ;  
    for  $i=1$  to  $n$ {  
        for  $j=(7l+1)$  to  $(7l+7)$ {  
temp[subkey[k]]= $e_{ij}$   
         $k++$ ;  
        }  
    }  
     $k=1$ ;  
    for  $i=1$  to  $n$ {  
        for  $j=(7l+1)$  to  $(7l+7)$ {  
             $e_{ij} = \text{temp}[k]$ ;  
             $k++$ ;  
        }  
    }  
}

### 3.5. Algorithm for invpermute

1. convert  $P^i$  into binarybits;
2. construct  $[e_{ij}]$ ,  $i=1$  to  $8$ ,  $j=1$  to  $14$ ;
3. generate subkey;
4. for  $l=0$  to  $(m-1)$ {  
     $k=1$ ;  
    for  $i=1$  to  $n$ {  
        for  $j=(7l+1)$  to  $(7l+7)$ {  
temp[k]= $e_{ij}$   
         $k++$ ;  
        }  
    }  
     $k=1$ ;  
    for  $i=1$  to  $n$ {  
        for  $j=(7l+1)$  to  $(7l+7)$ {  
 $e_{ij} = \text{temp}[\text{subkey}[k]]$ ;

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k++;
    }
}
}

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### 3.6 Algorithm for interlace

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1. l=1;
2. convert P into binary bits;
3. for i=1 to n{
  for j=1 to 7{
    temp(l) = bij;
    temp(l+1) = dij;
    l=l+2;
  }
}
4. l=1;
5. for i=1 to n{
  for j=1 to 7{
    bij=temp(l);
    dij=temp(l+n*7);
    l=l+1 ;
  }
}

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### 3.7. Algorithm for decomposition

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1. l=1;
2. convert P into binary bits;
3. for i = 1 to n{
  for j=1 to 7{
    temp(l)=bij;
    temp(l+n*7)=dij;
  }
  l = l + 1 ;
}
4. l=1;
5. for i = 1 to n{
  for j = 1 to 7{
    bij = temp(l);
    dij = temp(l+1);
    l = l + 2 ;
  }
}
6. convert binary bits to decimal numbers.

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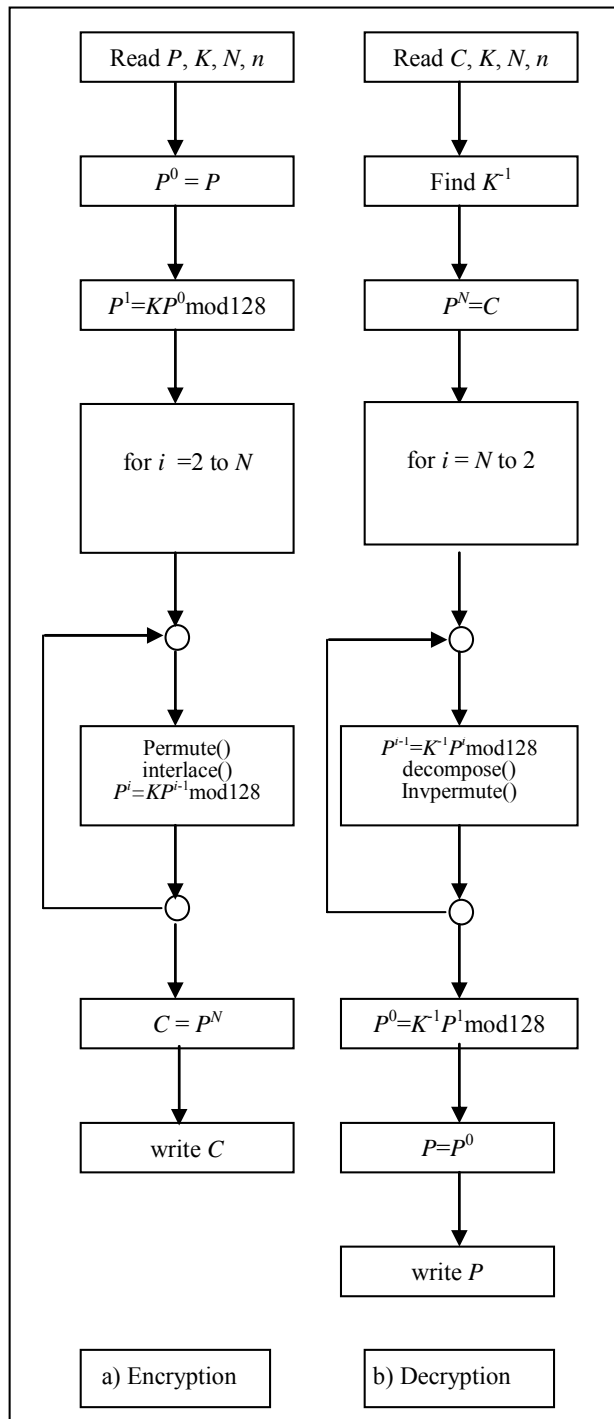


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of the cipher

In this analysis,  $N$  denotes the number of iterations and it is taken as 16.

#### 4. Illustration of the cipher

Let us consider the plain text given below:

(3) **“I am quite sure to assert that all the terrorists entered in to the jungle. Let us burn the forest without any lapse of time. Peace cannot be restored unless we do this immediately. Wish you best of luck”.**

Let us focus our attention on the first sixty four characters of the above plain text given by

(4) **“I am quite sure to assert that all the terrorists entered in to b”.**

By using ASCII code, these characters can be represented as a matrix of size  $8 \times 8$  and it assumes the form

$$(5) \quad P^0 = \begin{bmatrix} 73 & 32 & 97 & 109 & 32 & 113 & 117 & 105 \\ 116 & 101 & 32 & 115 & 117 & 114 & 101 & 32 \\ 116 & 111 & 32 & 97 & 115 & 115 & 101 & 114 \\ 116 & 32 & 116 & 104 & 97 & 116 & 32 & 97 \\ 108 & 108 & 32 & 116 & 104 & 101 & 32 & 116 \\ 101 & 114 & 114 & 111 & 114 & 105 & 115 & 116 \\ 115 & 32 & 101 & 110 & 116 & 101 & 114 & 101 \\ 100 & 32 & 105 & 110 & 32 & 116 & 111 & 32 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The key matrix  $K$  is given by

$$(6) \quad K = \begin{bmatrix} 53 & 62 & 24 & 33 & 49 & 18 & 17 & 43 \\ 45 & 12 & 63 & 29 & 60 & 35 & 58 & 11 \\ 8 & 41 & 46 & 30 & 48 & 32 & 5 & 51 \\ 47 & 9 & 38 & 42 & 2 & 59 & 27 & 61 \\ 57 & 20 & 6 & 31 & 16 & 26 & 22 & 25 \\ 56 & 37 & 13 & 52 & 3 & 54 & 15 & 21 \\ 36 & 40 & 44 & 10 & 19 & 39 & 55 & 4 \\ 14 & 1 & 23 & 50 & 34 & 0 & 7 & 28 \end{bmatrix}.$$

On using the key matrix  $K$  and the plain text  $P$ , we apply (1) and obtain the modified  $P$ , denoted by  $P^1$ , as

$$(7) \quad P^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 62 & 78 & 69 & 53 & 63 & 37 & 52 & 31 \\ 110 & 83 & 12 & 55 & 4 & 11 & 26 & 78 \\ 87 & 95 & 36 & 33 & 41 & 49 & 114 & 91 \\ 79 & 69 & 105 & 81 & 107 & 35 & 0 & 40 \\ 61 & 50 & 104 & 87 & 97 & 75 & 0 & 34 \\ 51 & 12 & 124 & 66 & 36 & 93 & 61 & 117 \\ 8 & 94 & 65 & 103 & 88 & 1 & 119 & 33 \\ 115 & 22 & 117 & 98 & 120 & 122 & 32 & 57 \end{bmatrix}.$$

By applying the process of permutation, described in Section 2, we get the transformed  $P^1$  as

$$(8) \quad P^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 59 & 71 & 123 & 37 & 57 & 33 & 12 & 24 \\ 119 & 112 & 20 & 127 & 21 & 97 & 40 & 44 \\ 29 & 62 & 116 & 68 & 31 & 101 & 102 & 92 \\ 63 & 67 & 112 & 30 & 88 & 120 & 88 & 80 \\ 66 & 36 & 88 & 58 & 31 & 25 & 50 & 71 \\ 102 & 21 & 72 & 49 & 12 & 91 & 66 & 90 \\ 15 & 31 & 48 & 114 & 50 & 35 & 21 & 47 \\ 114 & 117 & 46 & 9 & 96 & 42 & 19 & 122 \end{bmatrix}.$$

On applying the interlacing process (see Section 2) on  $P^1$ , we obtain

$$(9) \quad P^1 = \begin{bmatrix} 31 & 75 & 72 & 43 & 66 & 93 & 18 & 97 \\ 85 & 90 & 18 & 98 & 79 & 4 & 53 & 29 \\ 86 & 59 & 124 & 1 & 80 & 120 & 38 & 103 \\ 12 & 96 & 93 & 122 & 97 & 4 & 54 & 70 \\ 7 & 119 & 61 & 57 & 11 & 46 & 13 & 47 \\ 124 & 52 & 98 & 112 & 22 & 17 & 92 & 93 \\ 55 & 106 & 106 & 74 & 124 & 8 & 92 & 102 \\ 118 & 64 & 39 & 40 & 19 & 45 & 43 & 70 \end{bmatrix}.$$

After carrying out all the sixteen rounds, we get the cipher text in the form

$$(10) \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 110 & 15 & 113 & 48 & 54 & 62 & 44 & 82 \\ 58 & 83 & 32 & 47 & 113 & 25 & 101 & 73 \\ 76 & 60 & 98 & 34 & 80 & 27 & 97 & 48 \\ 73 & 107 & 109 & 27 & 106 & 68 & 90 & 74 \\ 9 & 54 & 4 & 52 & 26 & 87 & 64 & 107 \\ 121 & 15 & 126 & 14 & 23 & 108 & 54 & 2 \\ 94 & 26 & 109 & 81 & 117 & 64 & 85 & 29 \\ 84 & 94 & 115 & 69 & 35 & 121 & 117 & 115 \end{bmatrix}.$$

The modular arithmetic inverse of  $K$ , denoted by  $K^{-1}$ , is given by

$$(11) \quad K^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 27 & 40 & 53 & 3 & 117 & 48 & 25 & 2 \\ 41 & 60 & 17 & 92 & 5 & 21 & 106 & 81 \\ 57 & 39 & 116 & 118 & 18 & 0 & 37 & 116 \\ 94 & 97 & 52 & 27 & 94 & 102 & 104 & 19 \\ 63 & 123 & 117 & 0 & 98 & 9 & 97 & 32 \\ 61 & 50 & 54 & 60 & 101 & 12 & 69 & 56 \\ 64 & 41 & 57 & 22 & 73 & 75 & 49 & 122 \\ 71 & 61 & 17 & 32 & 42 & 88 & 81 & 113 \end{bmatrix}.$$



By applying  $K^{-1}$  on the cipher text  $C$ , from (2) we get

$$(12) \quad P^N = \begin{bmatrix} 100 & 126 & 123 & 26 & 13 & 10 & 38 & 94 \\ 24 & 22 & 54 & 51 & 116 & 93 & 102 & 44 \\ 50 & 36 & 84 & 84 & 114 & 99 & 108 & 16 \\ 113 & 70 & 2 & 99 & 106 & 90 & 90 & 58 \\ 125 & 75 & 28 & 38 & 29 & 22 & 107 & 22 \\ 29 & 25 & 106 & 55 & 47 & 101 & 13 & 12 \\ 6 & 42 & 73 & 60 & 63 & 57 & 27 & 49 \\ 100 & 8 & 81 & 19 & 27 & 1 & 16 & 65 \end{bmatrix}.$$

On applying the decomposition algorithm (see Sections 2 and 3), the transformed  $P^N$  assumes the form

$$(13) \quad P^N = \begin{bmatrix} 87 & 107 & 33 & 53 & 78 & 116 & 38 & 85 \\ 36 & 112 & 105 & 5 & 82 & 14 & 74 & 25 \\ 123 & 53 & 58 & 69 & 105 & 34 & 37 & 119 \\ 23 & 78 & 82 & 105 & 16 & 38 & 64 & 5 \\ 27 & 19 & 114 & 86 & 32 & 94 & 79 & 82 \\ 101 & 80 & 67 & 103 & 89 & 100 & 124 & 52 \\ 57 & 73 & 28 & 26 & 38 & 118 & 123 & 34 \\ 62 & 44 & 40 & 32 & 117 & 53 & 49 & 9 \end{bmatrix}.$$

We now apply the inverse permutation algorithm described in Section 3 on the  $P^N$  above obtained and get the new  $P^N$  as

$$(14) \quad P^N = \begin{bmatrix} 83 & 116 & 18 & 52 & 75 & 81 & 21 & 21 \\ 79 & 74 & 91 & 77 & 57 & 44 & 104 & 0 \\ 54 & 52 & 96 & 41 & 71 & 107 & 31 & 33 \\ 15 & 83 & 1 & 15 & 98 & 24 & 50 & 79 \\ 116 & 54 & 49 & 9 & 2 & 92 & 66 & 39 \\ 90 & 108 & 77 & 7 & 40 & 10 & 14 & 74 \\ 91 & 0 & 112 & 75 & 7 & 126 & 110 & 63 \\ 60 & 94 & 115 & 81 & 54 & 85 & 91 & 5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

After carrying out all the sixteen rounds, we get the deciphered text in the form

$$(15) \quad P = \begin{bmatrix} 73 & 32 & 97 & 109 & 32 & 113 & 117 & 105 \\ 116 & 101 & 32 & 115 & 117 & 114 & 101 & 32 \\ 116 & 111 & 32 & 97 & 115 & 115 & 101 & 114 \\ 116 & 32 & 116 & 104 & 97 & 116 & 32 & 97 \\ 108 & 108 & 32 & 116 & 104 & 101 & 32 & 116 \\ 101 & 114 & 114 & 111 & 114 & 105 & 115 & 116 \\ 115 & 32 & 101 & 110 & 116 & 101 & 114 & 101 \\ 100 & 32 & 105 & 110 & 32 & 116 & 111 & 32 \end{bmatrix}$$

that is the same as the plain text given in (5).

Let us now consider another example, wherein we have taken the complete plain text given by (3). This plain text is containing 207 characters. To represent this in the form of a matrix consisting of  $n$  rows and  $m$  columns, where  $n = 8$  and  $m$  is having an appropriate value, depending on the number of characters, we add one more character (\$ is added here) to the plain text. With this padding, the plain text is represented in the form of ASCII codes. For convenience of space, we present the transpose of the plaintext matrix as shown in (16):

73	32	97	109	32	113	117	105
116	101	32	115	117	114	101	32
116	111	32	97	115	115	101	114
116	32	116	104	97	116	32	97
108	108	32	116	104	101	32	116
101	114	114	111	114	105	115	116
115	32	101	110	116	101	114	101
100	32	105	110	32	116	111	32
116	104	101	32	106	117	110	103
108	101	46	32	32	76	101	116
32	117	115	32	98	117	114	110
32	116	104	101	32	102	111	114
101	115	116	32	119	105	116	104
111	117	116	32	97	110	121	32
108	97	112	115	101	32	111	102
32	116	105	109	101	46	32	32
80	101	97	99	101	32	99	97
110	110	111	116	32	98	101	32
114	101	115	116	111	114	101	100
32	117	110	108	101	115	115	32
119	101	32	100	111	32	116	104
105	115	32	105	109	109	101	100
105	97	116	101	108	121	46	32
32	87	105	115	104	32	121	111
117	32	98	101	115	116	32	111
102	32	108	117	99	107	46	36

(16)

Here we perform interlacing and permutation as described in Section 2. Then, on adopting the process of encryption, we get the cipher text in hexadecimal notation, as shown below:

(17) F45CE2BBB263629C83A3DF35B015BB4574DD1A8C45A5CFD0C93D  
6107DE4C2025E6D342505CD0206BC8FC8E55134C2F48DD61EC68739A4F0C  
60CA5886728398191B858BB5E47B241D3A4E76D4FC0CFEBCAA749F72B672  
D8EE12922F3276FD80FAFBB80ADA008D154E92C5942BAB7989A4C19CF0D  
FB37F761A6B9EB5DB2B4E89034162B3CF4A8410DD3A00435.

On using the process of decryption, we readily find that this cipher text can be brought into the form of the original plain text.

## 5. Cryptanalysis

Let us first consider the brute force attack. In the illustration of the cipher, we have taken an 8x8 matrix. Thus, the number of elements in the key matrix is 64. We take the numbers from 1 to 64 in a permuted order. There are 64! such permutations. One needs to check all these permutations to arrive at the correct key matrix. On the other hand, some researchers have estimated the key space of the Hill cipher [28, 29]. As per that, there will be 157, 248 possible invertible matrices for a 2x2 matrix for which a modular arithmetic (mod 26) exists. For a 3x3 matrix, the number is 1,634,038,189,056. A 4x4 matrix will have 12,303,585,972,327,392,870,400 possible invertible matrices. As we notice, the number grows by many orders with the increase in the order of the matrix. In our present cipher, we have taken the key matrix as 8x8 and a mod 128 is considered. With this, the exhaustive key space search will not be practical.

We now take the plain text attack. The Hill cipher exhibits vulnerability against the known plain text attack, as the cipher causes a direct relationship, such as  $X=KY \text{ mod } 128$ .

If we can find  $Y^{-1}$ , the modular arithmetic inverse for  $Y$ , we can find  $K$  by applying

$$XY^{-1} \text{ mod } 128 = KYY^{-1} \text{ mod } 128 = K.$$

But in the present cipher, the relationship between the plain text and cipher text is not as simple as the one in the classical Hill cipher. The key dependent permutation and the interlacing at each step of the iteration prevent such direct relationship from being established, making it difficult to break the cipher using the known plain text attack. In the same aspect we say that no special choice of the plain text or the cipher text will help the crypt analyst in breaking the cipher using the chosen plain text/chosen cipher text attack.

## 6. Avalanche effect

Avalanche effect is a necessary condition for all modern block ciphers. It demonstrates the diffusion property of the block cipher. We have tested our cipher for a large number of plain texts and verified the avalanche effect. We are illustrating one case as an example.

By applying the encryption algorithm to the plain text given in (4), and using the key matrix  $K$ , the corresponding cipher text can be obtained as

(18) 1101110000111111000101100000111010101001101000000101111100110  
0011110011000100100010100100111010111101101001101100010010110110000  
01000110100111100100011111111000011101011110001101011011011010001  
1010100101111011100111000101011011001111100101100101001011100010011  
0011100101100100110100000011011110000101100001101010100010010110101  
0010100011010101011110000001101011001011111011000110110000001011101  
01100000010101010011101010001111100111101011110011.

We now change the third character of the plaintext given in (4) from  $a$  to  $c$ . Then the modified plain text will be of the form

(19) **“I am quite sure to assert that all the terrorists entered in tob”.**

It may be noted that the plain texts given in (4) and (19) differ by exactly one bit. The cipher text corresponding to the plain text given in (19) is

(20) 1001110110001010010111110110111000101000100110100110100100001  
 1101000010010011011010011001110001101010110111010111101100010011101  
 1100000010100000010000000101000100000000100110000100010110000100101  
 1000001001100111000100111011101100110010110001001010100110000110010  
 001100010001111110010001010001111000000001101101010000110010111100  
 101111101011000100010001101101000111010101110100111011110111011001  
 011010011100001110001101100110100101010001100001001.

We readily notice that the cipher texts given in (18) and (20) differ by 224 bits which is substantial.

Let us now change the key matrix element  $K_{25}$  form from 60 to 62. With this change, the original key and the modified key differ by one bit. By applying the modified key, the cipher text corresponding to the plain text given in (4) is obtained as

(21) 00001101111111101110100000011110001110100001110100101100010100  
 1000110110001110011110011000101100100001101100010101011101000010110  
 1000000001001110101001110010101011011001111110010001111001101100010  
 0111000111101100011100101110100010011101001110110010100100010001001  
 111111101000111010111010111100011010110111000100101111110110111011  
 1001011001111101111101100110100101010101001010101000010110000111110  
 001100000001000011000111000001000101110100001010010.

The cipher texts given in (18) and (21) differ by 234 bits, which is also very significant.

## 7. Computations and conclusions

In this paper we have extended the analysis of the modified Hill cipher by considering a plain text of any size. In this analysis we have illustrated the cipher by considering two cases. In the first one, the plain text is an  $8 \times 8$  matrix and in the second one, it is of size  $8 \times 26$ .

The algorithms designed in this analysis are implemented in C language. As the key size and the plain text size are significantly large, and as the iteration together with the permutation and the interlacing are effectively leading to diffusion and confusion, the cipher is resistant to crypt analytic attacks.

In the case of a complete plain text, which is taken in the form of a single block, the time required for encryption is  $8.5 \times 10^{-3}$  s and the time required for decryption is  $13 \times 10^{-3}$  s. These results indicate that the algorithm is quite efficient and it can be applied in any context for transmission of information. This analysis can be extended to the case, where we take multiple key matrices so that the process is further strengthened.

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