

Programming Languages

Practicals 1-2. Caesar Cipher

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1. Go to our course homepage and download `CaesarCipher.zip`.
2. The main task is to define the functions below:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{encode} &:: \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{String} \rightarrow \text{String} \quad , \\ \text{crack} &:: \text{String} \rightarrow \text{Int} \quad , \\ \text{decode} &:: \text{String} \rightarrow \text{String} \quad , \end{aligned}$$

such that *encode* *k xs* enciphers *xs* using the key *k*, *crack ys* takes a ciphered string and tries to recover the key, and *decode xs* decipheres the input string (using *crack*).

3. Many auxiliary functions are currently given as “undefined”. You may need to define your own auxiliary functions too.
4. This practical is adapted from a chapter in Hutton [Hut07]. For many fascinating stories about cryptography, see Singh [Sin00].

References

- [Hut07] Graham Hutton. *Programming in Haskell*. Cambridge University Press, 2007.
- [Sin00] Simon Singh. *The Code Book: The Science of Secrecy from Ancient Egypt to Quantum Cryptography*. Anchor, 2000.