System of Cryptographic Protection of Information Based On Deterministic Chaos

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Abstract: In this paper we present a software system for cryptographic information protection based on deterministic chaos. The program system functionality includes encryption and decryption of text and graphic information on the basis of a random number generator, which is played by the Lorentz attractor. The use of an attractor in this program system guarantees randomness and absolute randomness when issuing numbers, limited only by the initial parameters. It is also necessary to transfer encryption parameters, excluding the possibility of its interception, because Encryption parameters are used in the program as decryption keys. After the process of text encryption, the program performs a frequency analysis of the input and output files. Accordingly, the frequency of a certain group of letters, which is vulnerable to frequency analysis, must be clearly expressed in the input file. In the output file, the frequency should be stable and uniform, thereby proving the effectiveness of encryption.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In recent decades, there has been great interest in the possibility of using deterministic chaos for data encryption. At a conceptual level between chaotic systems and cryptographic systems, there is a kind of interconnection. The known properties of chaotic systems (exponential divergence of trajectories, mixing) can be useful in the development of new encryption schemes [1].

As is known, the reason for the appearance of chaos is instability (sensitivity) with respect to initial conditions and parameters: a small change in the initial condition with time leads to arbitrarily large changes in the dynamics of the system.

The chaotic behavior observed in time arises not because of external noise sources (they are not in the Lorentz equations), not because of an infinite number of degrees of freedom (there are only 3 degrees of freedom in the Lorentz system) and not because of the uncertainty associated with quantum mechanics (The systems considered are purely classical).

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The main reason for the irregularity is determined by the property of nonlinear systems to exponentially rapidly build up initially close trajectories in a limited region of the phase space (for example, three-dimensional in the Lorentz system) [2].

Thus, it becomes almost impossible to predict the long-term behavior of such systems, since real conditions can be set only with finite accuracy, and errors increase exponentially.

II. METHODOLOGY

We present a program for cryptographic information protection based on deterministic chaos. The program's functionality includes encryption (decryption) of text and graphic information on the basis of a random number generator, in which the Lorentz attractor appears. The use of an attractor guarantees randomness and absolute randomness when issuing numbers, limited only by the initial parameters. It is also necessary to transfer encryption parameters, excluding the possibility of its interception, because Encryption parameters and are decryption keys. After the text is encrypted, the program performs a frequency analysis of the input and output files. Accordingly, the frequency of a certain group of letters, vulnerable to frequency analysis, must be clearly expressed in the input file. In the output file, the frequency should be stable and uniform, thereby proving the effectiveness of encryption.

The Lorentz attractor is a compact invariant set L in the three-dimensional phase space of a smooth flow that has a certain complex topological structure and is asymptotically stable, it is Lyapunov stable, and all trajectories from some neighborhood L tend to L at $t \to \infty$ [3,4].

The Lorenz attractor was found in the numerical experiments of Lorentz, who investigated the behavior of trajectories of a nonlinear system (1).

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = \sigma(y - x) \\ \dot{y} = x(r - z) - y \\ \dot{z} = xy - bz \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

With the following values of the parameters: σ = 10, r = 28, b = 8/3.

Consider changes in the behavior of the solution of the Lorentz system for various values of the parameter r:

− r <1 - the origin is the attractor, there are no other stable points.

− 1 <r <13,927 - the trajectories are spirally approaching (this corresponds to the presence of damped oscillations) to two points whose position is determined by the formulas:

$$\begin{cases} x = \pm\sqrt{b(r-1)} \\ y = \pm\sqrt{b(r-1)} \\ z = r-1 \end{cases}$$

These points determine the state of the steady-state convection mode when a structure is formed in the layer from the rotating fluid shafts.

− r≈13,927 - if the trajectory leaves the origin, then, after making a complete revolution around one of the stable points, it will return back to the starting point - two homoclinic loops arise. The concept of a homoclinic trajectory means that it leaves and comes to the same equilibrium position.

− r> 13,927 - depending on the direction, the trajectory comes to one of two stable points. Homoclinic loops degenerate into unstable limit cycles, and a family of complexly arranged trajectories that is not an attractor, but rather a repulsive trajectory from itself, also appears.

− r≈24,06 - trajectories now don't lead to stable points, but asymptotically approach unstable limit cycles - the Lorentz attractor itself arises. However, both stable points are preserved up to r≈24.74.

In the program, crypto-conversion is implemented as a combination of random number generation using dynamic chaos (keys) and using the Vernam method for text encryption.

Vernam's cipher is a system of symmetric encryption, is one of the simplest cryptosystems and the only encryption system for which absolute cryptographic stability has been proved [5].

To obtain ciphertext, the plaintext is combined by an exclusive-OR operation with the key. In this case, the key must have three critically important properties:

− have a randomly uniform distribution: $P_k(k) = 1/2^N$, k – key, N - The number of binary characters in the key;

− match in size with the given plain text;

− apply only once.

When encrypting the plain text, each character is represented in binary form. The encryption key is also represented in binary form. Encryption of the source text is carried out by modulo 2 addition of binary plaintext characters with binary symbols of the key Y = P□K. Decryption consists in adding modulo 2 characters of ciphertext with a key (Figure 1).
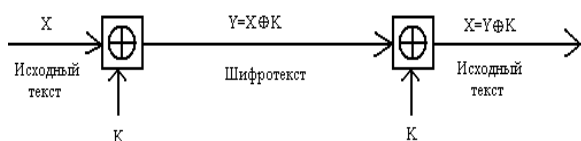
Fig. 1. Scheme of the Vernam encryption system.

Without knowledge of the key, such a message cannot be analyzed. Even if it were possible to go through all the keys, the result would be all possible messages of a given length, plus a huge number of meaningless decipherings (a messy combination of letters). But even among the meaningful decipherings, there would be no way to choose what was sought. When a random sequence (key) is combined with non-random (open text), the result of this (ciphertext) is completely random and, therefore, devoid of those statistical features that could be used to analyze the cipher.

In practice, you can physically transfer media with a long, truly random key once, and then forward messages as necessary. This is the basis for the idea of cryptographic codes: the cryptographer, through a diplomatic mail or in person, is provided with a notebook, each page of which contains keys. The same pad is also on the receiving side. The pages used are destroyed.

In addition, if there are two independent channels, in each of which the probability of interception is low but different from zero, the Vernam cipher is also useful: one channel can send an encrypted message, the other is a key. In order to decrypt the message, the interceptor should listen to both channels.

Vernam's code can be used if there is a one-way protected channel: the key is transmitted to one side under the protection of the channel, messages to the other side are protected by a key.

The main problem is the transfer of the encryption key. The symmetric Vernam encryption method is used. In our case, the encryption key is the encryption parameters (the initial values of the Lorenz attractor).

You can use a variety of encryption methods to hide the parameters. Then, through a special closed communication channel, transfer this key to the receiving party. This method is used quite often, and its implementation is quite simple. But this method requires strict control over the closed communication channel, the secrecy of the fact of the transfer of the key, ensuring the integrity of the data.

It was decided to use a different approach to this problem. The general principle is that encryption parameter are transmitted along with the ciphertext, but the very fact that the parameters are transmitted in this way is hidden, i. The element of steganography is used.

So, the program encrypts text from the input file and writes ciphertext to the output file. Then the encryption parameters are written in a certain order to the program created an alternative stream of the same output file.

The software product was created in the Delphi 7.0 integrated development environment. For each operation (encryption / decryption) a separate tab is highlighted. There is also a tab for a visual presentation of the algorithm of the program. It is possible to view the Lorenz attractor in two-dimensional space with given initial parameters.

After starting the program, the user will see the first tab "File Encryption". To start encryption, you must select an input text file for encryption. The choice of the output file (the file where ciphertext with encryption parameters will be recorded) is made similarly. After selecting the files and filling in the parameters (X, Y, Z, Sigma, Beta, and R), you must click the Encrypt button. When the operation is successfully completed, the ciphertext is written to the output file, and an alternative stream is created in the file itself, in which encryption

parameters are stored. Also in the current tab, there will be a histogram (graph) of the distribution of symbols in the source and output files (Figure 2).
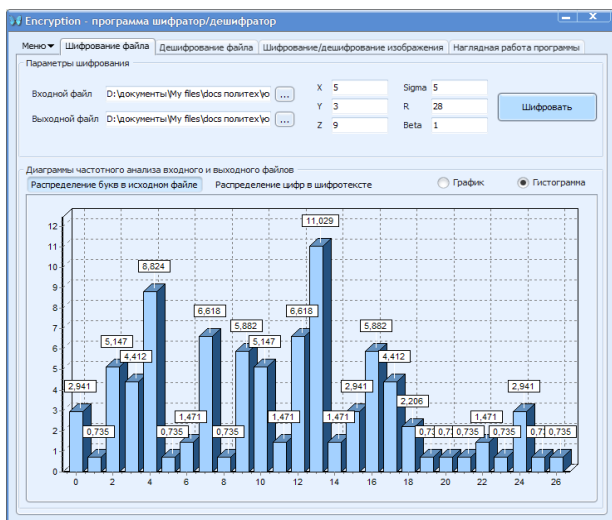

Fig. 2. The interface of the program.

The resulting ciphertext can be decrypted on the tab "Decrypting the file." In this case, the input file is the file with ciphertext obtained earlier, and as an output file, you need to select an empty text file. The parameters are filled in as follows: if the input file has an identical alternative stream, the program scans it and determines the contents as encryption parameters. If the thread is empty or not, the program simply continues to work, however, this means that the integrity of the ciphertext has been violated and without ciphertext parameters, it cannot be decrypted.

After receiving the parameters, the "Decrypt" button is pressed. If the ciphertext is successfully decrypted, the source text appears in the lower right field (Figure 3).
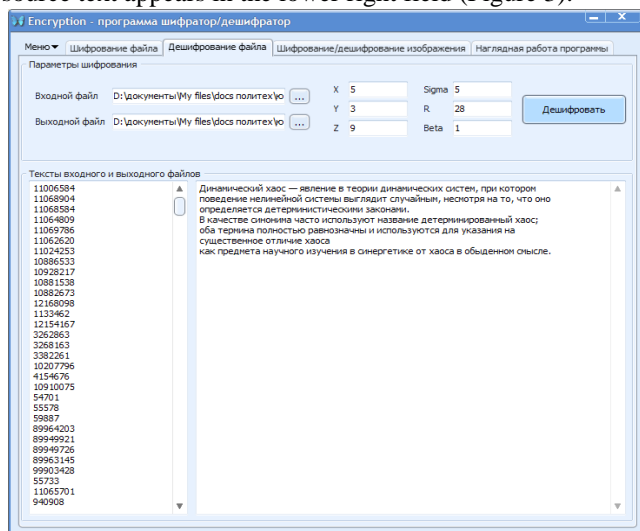

Fig. 3. The tab «Decrypting the file».

Decryption of the image occurs in the same way, except that you need to select the encrypted file (Figure 4). If there is a file in the file, the program considers the parameters and inserts them into the appropriate fields.
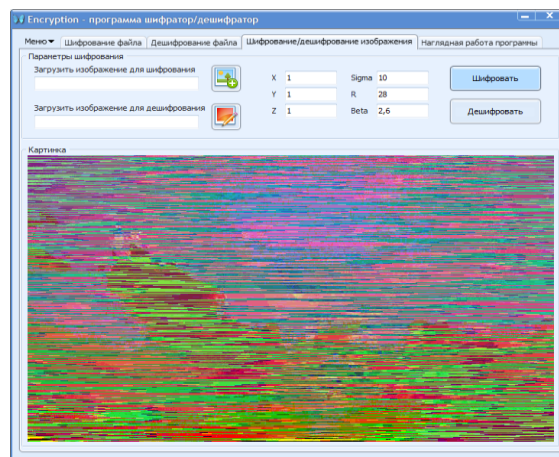

Fig. 4. Image Encryption Tab.

On the «Visible work of the program» tab, you can manually type the text that you want to encrypt, you also need to fill in the encryption settings fields and click on the «Encrypt» button. After that intermediate data will appear in the corresponding fields, which were calculated during encoding, and the ciphertext itself will appear in the ciphertext field. When you click on the «Decryp» button, using the same parameters, the program decrypts the text (Figure 5).
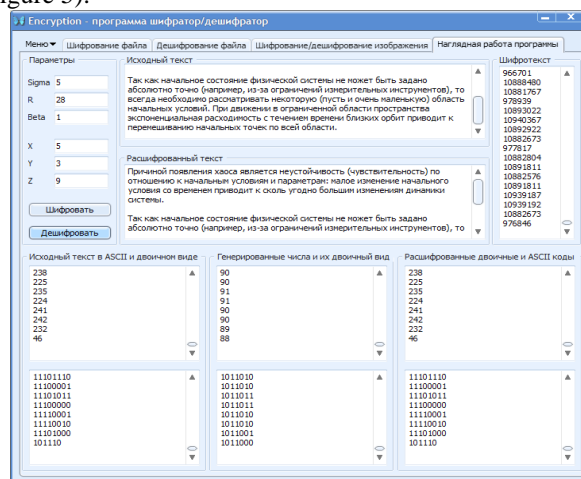

Fig. 5. The program work tab.

III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Thus, the use of the Lorenz attractor to generate random sequences in combination with Vernam's encryption method yields sufficiently crypto-resistant ciphertext that cannot be deciphered by standard methods. The peculiarity of the program is not only in the use of deterministic chaos but also in the fact that for decryption it is not necessary to transfer any key or a set of keys of a certain length. It is only necessary to transfer the initial parameters of the attractor.

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