



1. No matter , if the key on the left of the cipher E is public and the right side only the private key, how about a single key K symbol which is replaced according to its corresponding location relative to E . $y = E_K(x)$ encrypts x into y and $x = D_K(y)$ decrypts y back to x . If the cipher E has asymmetric keys this works fine, and symmetric key ciphers by definition fits.

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