

Useful substitutions

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12

n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

Exercise Encrypt the plaintext string *THE WEATHER IS BAD*, by using the the shift cipher with key $k = 11$.

Exercise By using the Caesar cipher encrypt the message *STOP TALKING IN THE CLASS*.

Exercise The following ciphertext string has been obtained by using the shift cipher with key $k = 7$: *HYTF PZ JXTPUN*. Find the plaintext string.

Exercise Which of the following ordered pairs of numbers are the keys for the affine cipher. $(2, 9)$, $(3, 11)$, $(17, 17)$, $(7, 0)$, $(13, 2)$ modulo 26?

Exercise Find the inverses of the following: 2 modulo 9, 11 modulo 45, 35 modulo 64, 21 modulo 29, 10 modulo 13.

Exercise For which of the following the inverses exist ? 19 modulo 26, 10 modulo 66, 71 modulo 99, 12 modulo 84.

Exercise An encryption rule e_K for the affine cipher is given by the formula, $e_K(x) = 5x + 1$. Find the key K and the decryption rule d_K . Find all those letters that are invariant under e_K . A decryption rule d_K for the affine cipher is given by the formula $d_K(y) = 9y + 20$, find the key K and the encryption rule e_K . Use this key to encrypt *THE IDEA IS WONDERFUL*. Find all those letters that remain invariant under e_K

Exercise Encrypt the plain text string *A TOWERING PERSONALITY WINS*, by using the following.

(a) The affine cipher with key $(3, 7)$.

(b) The affine cipher with decryption rule $d_K(y) = 15y + 20$.

(c) The permutation cipher with key $\pi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$.

(d) The Vigenere cipher with key $k = (4\ 6\ 9\ 3)$.

Exercise The following ciphertext string has been obtained by using the shift cipher, *UCGO QMRH MW IZMP*. Find a key such that by using it you get a sensible plaintext string. Find such a plaintext string.

Exercise If the encryption rule e_K for an affine cipher is such that $e_K(B) = N$ and $e_K(E) = S$. Find the encryption rule. Use this encryption rule to find the ciphertext string for the plaintext string *KING SAUD UNIVERSITY*.

Exercise Find the number of keys for the following affine ciphers.

- (a) modulo 26,
- (b) modulo 30,
- (c) modulo 81,
- (d) modulo 97.

Exercise The message WEZBFTBBNJ THNBT ADZQE TGTyr BZAJN ANOOZATWGNABOVG FNWZV A was enciphered by using an affine cipher transformation. If you know that the most common letters in the plain text are A, E, N and S, find the plaintext message.

Exercise If $m = p^2q$, where p, q are two distinct prime numbers, find the number of keys in the affine cipher modulo m .

Exercise Find all the non-singular 2×2 -matrices modulo 2.

Exercise Find the number of non-singular matrices, in each of the following cases.

- (a) 3×3 -matrices modulo 54.
- (b) 4×4 -matrices modulo 26.
- (c) 5×5 -matrices modulo 72.
- (d) 2×2 -matrices modulo 3 having determinant one.

Exercise Consider the permutations

$$\pi = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d & e & f & g & h & i & j & k & l & m & n & o & p & q & r & s & t & u & v & w & x & y & z \\ z & y & x & w & v & u & t & s & r & q & o & n & m & l & p & k & j & i & h & g & f & e & d & c & b & a \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\eta = \begin{pmatrix} a & b & c & d & e & f & g & h & i & j & k & l & m & n & o & p & q & r & s & t & u & v & w & x & y & z \\ b & c & d & e & a & j & h & i & g & k & l & m & o & p & q & r & s & t & n & f & z & y & x & w & v & u \end{pmatrix}.$$

- (a) Find $\pi^{-1}, \eta^{-1}, \pi^2, \pi\eta, \eta\pi, \eta^{-1}\pi^{-1}$.
- (b) Consider the plaintext string FRIDAYS ARE HOLIDAYS. Find its ciphertext strings by using each of the following encryption rules in the substitution cipher: $e_\pi, e_{\pi^{-1}}, e_{\pi^{-1}\eta}, e_{\eta^3}$.
- (c) Consider the ciphertext string HAZLUTJKL YGZ CZMM WRJLZK. It has been obtained by applying one of the following keys: $\pi, \eta, \pi\eta, \eta^2$ in the substitution cipher. Find the key by applying which you get a meaningful plaintext string.

Exercise Consider a cryptosystem $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$ with $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{C}$. For any key $K \in \mathcal{K}$, prove that the encryption rule e_K and the decryption rule d_K both are one-to-one and onto functions. If for some keys $K, K' \in \mathcal{K}$ the composite function $e_K \circ e_{K'} = e_L$ for some $L \in \mathcal{K}$, then the key L is called the **product** KK' of the keys K and K' . Prove the following.

- (a) Consider the affine cipher $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$ with $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{C} = Z_m$ for some positive integer m . For any two keys K, K' in \mathcal{K} prove that there exists product $KK' \in \mathcal{K}$. Prove that this composition makes \mathcal{K} a group. Find a subgroup of \mathcal{K} of order m .
- (b) Let $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$ be the substitution cipher. Prove that \mathcal{K} is a group of order $26!$ under the operation of finding products of keys.

Exercise Find determinant of each of the following matrix. Which of these matrices are non-singular? Find inverse of each of that matrix which is non-singular.

- (a) $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ modulo 10.
- (b) $\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 6 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ modulo 25.

(c) $\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ modulo 13,

(d) $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ modulo 26.

(e) $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^2$ modulo 13.

Exercise Encrypt the plaintext string *WAR STARTED* by using the key $K = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ in the Hill cipher. Find the decryption rule (decrypting key) d_K . Use it to decrypt the ciphertext string *VEDUKQXLJGTF*. Find all the digraphs P_1P_2 that remain invariant under e_K .

Exercise Encrypt the plaintext string *HARD WORK ALWAYS HELPS US* by using each of the following keys.

(a) $K = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ in the Hill cipher

(b) $K = (4, 2, 0, 3)$ in the Vigenere cipher.

(c) Permutation $\pi = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 3 & 4 & 6 & 7 & 5 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ in a permutation cipher of length 7.

Exercise For $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ find $B^{-1}A$ over Z_{26} . Use the key $K = B^{-1}A$ in the Hill cipher to encrypt the plaintext string *MONEY DOES NOT HELP*.

Exercise Find, if possible, the key K in the Hill cipher with length $m = 2$ that gives the ciphertext string *UPDL* from the plaintext string *GO ON*.

Exercise Does there exist a key K of length m in the Hill cipher in the following cases?

(a) $m = 2$, that transforms the plaintext string *GO ON* to the ciphertext string *UN LB*.

(b) $m = 2$, that transforms the plaintext string *GO ON* to the ciphertext string *SS QN*.

Exercise Find the key K of length $m = 3$ in the Hill cipher that gives the ciphertext string *OJQR XCOKT* from the plaintext string *OVER GROWN*. Find K^{-1} . Use the encrypting key d_K to decrypt the ciphertext string.

EAEBOWLRNOWL.

Exercise Show that the product cipher obtained by enciphering with a Hill cipher of length m followed by using a Hill cipher of length n , is Hill cipher of length $\text{l.c.m.}(m, n)$.

Exercise If you know that a permutation cipher with length $m = 5$ was used to obtain the ciphertext string *LAYLA COAIS NNOMM INEAM BIAAR NGACL EXGUA*, find the plaintext string.

Exercise Define a stream cipher? Explain how a Vigenere cipher of length m can be thought of as a synchronous stream cipher of periodicty m .

Exercise Consider the stream cipher $(\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{C}, \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{E}, \mathcal{D})$ with $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{C} = \mathcal{K} = \mathcal{L} = Z_{26}$ and \mathcal{F} the key stream generator consisting of the functions f_i with $z_1 = f_1(k_1) = k_1$, for $i \geq 2$, $z_i = f_i(k_1, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}) = k_1 + x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{i-1}$. Further, for any $z \in \mathcal{L}$ the encryption rule is given by $e_z(x) = x + z \pmod{26}$. Answer the following.

- (a) For the seed $k = 5$, and the plain text TODAY IS A PICNIC DAY, generate the key stream.
- (b) Encipher the plaintext string WAR IS LOOMING ON THE HORIZON by using seed $k = 3$.
- (c) The ciphertext string IWKNOMQIQH has been obtained by using the seed $k = 2$. Decipher it.
- (d) Is this stream cipher synchronous?
- (e) If the ciphertext string written in numerals is $y_1y_2y_3y_4y_5y_6$ and it is known that the seed is $k = 6$, find the plaintext string and the key stream.

Exercise Consider the stream cipher with $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{C} = \mathcal{K} = \mathcal{L} = Z_{26}$. Further, the key stream generator \mathcal{F} consists of the functions f_i given as follows. $f_1(k_1) = k_1$, and for $i \geq 2$, $f_i(k_1, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}) = ik_1 \pmod{26}$. For any $z \in \mathcal{L}$, the encryption rule is given by $e_z(x) = x + z \pmod{26}$.

- (a) Prove that this cipher is synchronous and periodic.
- (b) By using the seed $k = 9$, encrypt the plaintext string THIS CIPHER IS SURELY USEFUL.

Exercise Solve the system of congruences

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv 4 \pmod{11} \\ x &\equiv 3 \pmod{9} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise Solve the following system of congruences.

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv 2 \pmod{6} \\ x &\equiv 0 \pmod{5} \\ x &\equiv -3 \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise Solve the system of congruences

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv 5 \pmod{2} \\ x &\equiv -5 \pmod{11} \\ x &\equiv 13 \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise Find $x \in Z_{2002}$ satisfying the following system of congruences :

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv 10 \pmod{14} \\ x &\equiv 9 \pmod{11} \\ x &\equiv 12 \pmod{13} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise Show that the system of congruences

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1} \\ x &\equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2} \end{aligned}$$

where m_1, m_2 are positive integers, has a solution iff $\gcd(m_1, m_2) \mid (a_1 - a_2)$.

Exercise Find the general solution of the system of congruences

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ x &\equiv 7 \pmod{6} \end{aligned}$$

Find if possible, its solution in Z_{12} .

Exercise Find primitive elements in each of the following: $Z_{13}^*, Z_{17}^*, Z_{29}^*$.

Exercise Let A and B be two $n \times n$ matrices over a field F . Prove that there exists a non-singular $n \times n$ matrix K such that $AK = B$ iff A and B have same column spaces iff A^T and B^T are row equivalent iff A^T and B^T can be reduced to same matrix in reduced row echelon

form.

Exercise Find the (minimum) number of binary digits one needs for each of the following integers for their expression in binary digits. 49, 77, 100, 175, 2505.

Exercise Write each of the following integers in binary digits 31, 29, 50. By using square and multiply rule find the following: $15^{31} \pmod{41}$, $17^{29} \pmod{23}$, $4^{50} \pmod{25}$.

Exercise Find all the keys $K = (a, n)$ in the RSA-public key cryposystem given by $n = 77$. Given the key $(7, 77)$ encipher the plaintext message CHEER UP.

Exercise Given n and $\Phi(n)$ find prime numbers p, q such that $n = pq$ in each of the following cases.

(a) $n = 291, \Phi(n) = 192$.

(b) $n = 7663, \Phi(n) = 7488$.

(c) $n = 1381, \Phi(n) = 1264$.

In each case find the number of pairs (a, b) of elements of $Z_{\Phi(n)}$ such that $ab \equiv 1 \pmod{\Phi(n)}$.

Exercise Consider the modulus exponentiation cipher with modulus prime $p = 29$

(a) Encipher the plaintext string LOTS HAVE NOTHING by using key $k = 7$.

(b) Decipher the cipher string 23 03 27 10 05 12 by using the key $k = 11$.

(c) Find all the keys.

(d) Find all those keys k for which the encryption rule and the decryption rules are the same.

(e) If the base number is $r = 5$, two individuals have keys $k_1 = 9, k_2 = 11$ respectively, find the common key.

Exercise Find the largest length m of the block of letters of a plaintext string for the modulus exponentiation cipher, if modulus primes p are given as (i) $p = 29$, (ii) $p = 101$, (iii) $p = 1019$, (iv) $p = 2459$ (v) $p = 3779$. For each of these exponential ciphers find the number of keys.

Exercise Consider the modulus exponentiation cipher with modulus prime $p = 2591$. Decrypt the ciphertext string

2093 1372 0460 1797.

Exercise Consider the modulus exponentiation cipher with modulus prime $p = 101$ with base $a = 7$. If two individuals have respective keys $k_1 = 27$ and $k_2 = 31$, find their common key k .

Exercise List all pairs of primes (p, q) with $q < p < 200$ and $p = 2q + 1$.

Exercise For $n = 2881$, find $\Phi(2881)$. If the ciphertext message produced by the RSA cipher with key $(a, n) = (5, 2881)$ is 0504 1874 0347 0515 2088 2356 0736 0468, what is the plain text message.

Exercise Consider an RSA cipher with modulus $n = 53 \cdot 71$.

(a) Suppose a member A of the RSA cipher has selected the key $(11, 53 \cdot 71)$. If B sends him the message NOW, what is the ciphertext message received by A.

(b) Find the deciphering key for A. If A has received the ciphertext message 0737 1627, find the plaintext message that was sent to A.

Exercise In an RSA cipher with modulus n , suppose an opponent finds a plaintext whose numerical equivalent is not relatively prime to n . Explain how can he use this fact to brake the cipher.

Exercise Harold and Audrey have as their RSA keys $(3, 23 \cdot 47)$ and $(7, 47 \cdot 59)$ respectively.

(a) What is the signed ciphertext message sent by Harold to Audrey, when the plaintext message is WELCOME AUDREY.

(b) What is the signed ciphertext message sent by Audrey to Harold, when the plaintext message is THANK YOU.

Exercise If in an RSA cipher the enciphering key (e, n) is so chosen that $2^e > n$, if a ciphertext $C \neq 1$ is intercepted, explain why the interceptor cannot get the plaintext block P by simply finding the e -th root of C .

Exercise Let $n = pq$ where p, q are two distinct odd primes. Let $m = \text{l.c.m.}(p-1, q-1)$.

(a) Is $m = \Phi(n)$?

(b) Can you design a public key system similar to RSA system by using m instead of $\Phi(n)$? Explain.

Exercise For each of the following recurrence relations answer the following.

(a) $z_{i+3} = z_{i+1} + z_i$.

(b) For the initial values $z_0 = 0, z_1 = 1, z_2 = 1$, generate the sequence $\{z_i\}$ and find its periodicity. Use it to encipher the plaintext message GOOD MORNING

(c) Do same thing if the initial values are $z_0 = 1, z_1 = 0, z_2 = 1$.

(d) Show that the characteristic polynomial $x^3 + x + 1$ is irreducible over Z_2 .

(e) $z_{i+4} = z_{i+3} + z_i$. Generate the sequence $\{z_i\}$ with initial values $z_0 = 0, z_1 = 0, z_2 = 0, z_3 = 1$. Check that its period is 15.

(f) $z_{i+5} = z_{i+1} + z_i$. By choosing any set of initial values generate a sequence and verify that its period is a factor of 21.

Exercise Compute each of the following Jacobi symbol. $(\frac{2}{115}), (\frac{400}{975}), (\frac{39}{49}), (\frac{39}{13})$.

Exercise Solve $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{253}$.

Exercise Solve $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{291}$.

Given a positive integers b , a positive integer n is called a **pseudo prime** to base b , if $b^n \equiv b \pmod{n}$

Exercise Show that 91 is a pseudo prime to base 3.

Exercise Show that 368 is a pseudo prime to bases 17 and 19.

Exercise Let $n = 391, a = 15, b = 47$ be such that $ab \equiv 1 \pmod{\Phi(n)}$. We are not supposed to know $\Phi(n)$. By using Las Vegas test and by using number $\omega = 5$, see if you can find two prime numbers p, q such that $n = pq$.