

CS553 Cryptography

BitBees

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Part A

The Affine cipher is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} enc_{a,b} : Z_m &\rightarrow Z_m \\ x &\rightarrow ax + b \in Z_m \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} dec_{a,b} : Z_m &\rightarrow Z_m \\ y &\rightarrow a^{-1} \cdot (y - b) \in Z_m \end{aligned}$$

Given, $K (= (a, b))$ is called involutory if $enc_{a,b}(x) = dec_{a,b}(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} &\implies enc_{a,b}(x) = dec_{a,b}(x) \\ &\implies (a.x + b) \pmod{m} = a^{-1} \cdot (x - b) \pmod{m} \\ &\implies a.x \pmod{m} + b \pmod{m} = a^{-1}.x \pmod{m} - a^{-1}.b \pmod{m} \\ &\implies a.x \pmod{m} - a^{-1}.x \pmod{m} + b \pmod{m} + a^{-1}.b \pmod{m} = 0 \pmod{m} \\ &\implies (a - a^{-1}).x \pmod{m} + (b + a^{-1}.b) \pmod{m} = 0 \pmod{m} \end{aligned}$$

Which is only possible if:

$$\begin{aligned} &\implies a - a^{-1} = 0 \pmod{m} \\ &\implies a = a^{-1} \pmod{m} \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

(Because $\gcd(a, m) = 1$, $a \pmod{m} = a$)

And : $\implies b + a^{-1}.b = 0 \pmod{m}$

$$\implies b.(a^{-1} + 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{m} \tag{2}$$

From 1:

$$\implies b.(a + 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{m} \tag{3}$$

Part B

In order to find the possible involutory keys in Z_{15} , simply run the python file **q4b.py**. They come out to be:

(1, 0)
(4, 0)
(11, 0)
(14, 0)
(14, 1)
(14, 2)
(4, 3)
(14, 3)
(14, 4)
(11, 5)
(14, 5)
(4, 6)
(14, 6)
(14, 7)
(14, 8)
(4, 9)
(14, 9)
(11, 10)
(14, 10)
(14, 11)
(4, 12)
(14, 12)
(14, 13)
(14, 14)

Total number of keys are 24.

Part C

Since we know that the condition $\gcd(a, m) = 1$ must be satisfied. To calculate all valid a we can take help of Euler Totient function

$$\Phi(n) = |\{1 \leq a < n | (a, n) = 1\}|$$

And

$$\Phi(p) = p - 1$$

for prime numbers, we can factorize our given m to its prime factors.

$$\Phi(mn) = \Phi(m)\Phi(n)$$

Similarly there are total m possible values for b since $b \in \{0, \dots, m-1\}$
So therefore, the number of possible keys for Affine Cipher can be written as

$$N(m) = m \cdot \Phi(m)$$

$$N(30) = 30 \cdot \Phi(30)$$

$$N(30) = 30 \cdot 8$$

$$N(30) = 240$$

$$N(100) = 100 \cdot \Phi(100)$$

$$N(100) = 100 \cdot 40$$

$$N(100) = 4000$$

$$N(1225) = 1225 \cdot \Phi(1225)$$

$$N(1225) = 1225 \cdot 840$$

$$N(1225) = 1029000$$