

Fall 2021 CIS 3362 Week One Assignment Assigned: 8/23/2021 Due: 8/27/2021 (via Webcourses)

For questions 1 -3 decode each message. The techniques used to encrypt the messages are given in parentheses right before the cipher text. In your write-up, explain the process you used to decrypt and include any code you might have used as an aid. Please do not use websites that automatically solve ciphers as most of your grade will be based on your description of the decryption process and original code you include in your write up.

1) (shift) hspytyczxpozldespczxl doz  
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So, I just wrote a brute force python script to just print out all 26 possible decrypted texts and just look to see which one is correct. I mean, why not right?

2) (shift)  
yvmuqhuqbbsqkjyekiiisxeebmybbdejweedbyduqdtmumybbqbbxqluqrujjuhunfuhyudsu  
IF WE ARE ALL CAUTIOUS SCHOOL WILL NOT GO ONLINE AND WE WILL ALL HAVE A BETTER  
REXPERIENCE

This is the same as question one, just try everything and see what sticks.

3) (affine)  
fxgksxfxcayclxivoawgviwofxfxobfxiaxcnfgbreovirofcpirewcbgvxobsixoafgtiollrcidfgfxiygdifglvcbfgkforrlgaactcrcfcia  
though this cipher is more math than the shift only are relatively minor changes  
have to be applied to the code to print out all possibilities  
 $c = 5, b = 12$

I wrote a python script for this one too and it took way longer than I expected, mostly because I am an idiot. This script is also a brute force but I added logic to check if there were valid words in the text the algorithm has worked on. This narrows it down so I don't have to scroll through 312 possible key combo decryptions. It took me a long time to write the code for this because I was having issues reading from the text file with a list of common words. Now it works and I'm glad I added the logic so I can reuse this code later, even if it did take like 5 times as long.

4) Using the affine cipher with the encryption keys  $a = 15$  and  $b = 6$ , encrypt the following  
plaintext: tying for sixteenth with cornell university in us news and world  
report publication most innovative schools category uc fis florida's  
top ranked school for innovation  
fcwtsdibqwnfootfhwyfkhkibtopputwjjobqwfwtuqttoyqgtzyibpzboxibfq  
xuvpwkgfwiteiqfwttijgfwjoqkhiipqkgfosibcukdwqdpibwzgqfixbgtao  
zqkhiipdibwttijgfwit

Again, a python script, I mean, it's so easy to just make the computer do this math (I don't enjoy doing math by hand). All I did was take in the text and keys at the command line and just run the encryption algorithm.

#### Files to Submit

Please submit a .pdf, .doc or .docx file with your write up describing how you broke each cipher (1-3). If you write any programs, you may either include the text of the program in the write up or attach those programs as separate .java, .c or .py files.