

Cryptography Homework #1 Fall 2018
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Due Monday, October 8

(1) Decrypt the following codes. In each case do not simply give your answer. You must say what methods you used to solve the problem.

(a) Substitution cipher

WBYAYAGHQTWBJNJUYHHYHUGVWBJPKRGHYHUWBYAYAGHQTWBJVYPAWA
YIWBJVYPAWVGPIJWFAWJGVFNYYWWJPKEICBYKBCYQQNJIPGVVJPJLWGEATJFPN
TTJFPEHQJAA,NTFAEIPJDJPJKGOJPTGVDGPFQBJFQWBFHLDFPWYFQOYUGP,CJFP
YAJFUFYHFHLWFRJGEPAWFHLVGPVPJLGDFA YHWPBJGQLJHWYDJ

(b) Affine cipher (mod 26)

IQTLKCFQMWTUICJRPUPWIQTLMLCJQTSBUJCFFIQTLBQJKPWOQPTLWJQGLTCO
GURGQDWOYOTUOWWTLWJQGLTFWTYOOTJQDWUPTUBQPQOLTLWIUJAIWCJW
QPTUHQPRYZTLWPCTQUPOIUYPROTUMCJWBUIJLQKILUOLCFFLCDWHUJPWTLW
HCTTFCPRBUJLQOIQRUICPRLQOUJZLCPTURUCFFILQMLKCSCMLQWDWCPRML
WJQOLCVYOTCPRFCOTQPGZWCMWCKUPGUYJOWFDWOCPRIQTLCCFFPCTQUPO

(2) (a) Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute $\gcd(245873646, 765384)$

(b) Find u, v such that $245873646u + 765384v$ equals the gcd from (a).

(3) Suppose that $a_1 \equiv b_1 \pmod{m}$, $a_2 \equiv b_2 \pmod{m}$. Prove that

$$a_1 + b_1 \equiv a_2 + b_2 \pmod{m}, \quad a_1 b_1 \equiv a_2 b_2 \pmod{m}$$

(4) Write a multiplication table for $(\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z})^*$

(5) Compute the following modular operations. Show intermediate steps as appropriate.

(a) $2846 * 7645 \pmod{353}$

(b) $367^7 \pmod{503}$

(c) $11^{507} \pmod{1237}$

(6) Find all solutions for x in the range $0, \dots, m-1$ for the following

(a) $4x \equiv 3 \pmod{13}$

(b) $x^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{13}$

(c) $x^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{13}$

(7) Compute the following numbers a compute $a^{-1} \pmod{p}$ two ways: using the extended Euclidean Algorithm and using Fermat's Little Theorem

(a) $9^{-1} \pmod{11}$

(b) $1001^{-1} \pmod{12347}$

(8) (a) Determine if 2 is a primitive root modulo 11.

(b) Determine if 2 is a primitive root modulo 23.

(c) Find all primitive roots modulo 11.

(9) Consider Vernam's cipher: $e(m) = k \oplus m$, $d(c) = k \oplus c$ (where k is the secret key).

(a) Explain why this cipher is vulnerable to a plaintext attack.

(b) If $c = 1011001001010110$ and $m = 0011101100010001$ use your attack method in (a) to find the secret key k .

(10) Bob and Alice use a multiplication cipher $c = km$ (where the secret key k is a large prime). Eve intercepts two ciphertexts: $c_1 = 12849217045006222$, $c_2 = 6485880443666222$ Use gcd to find the secret key k .