

Let the UNCODED alphabet be assigned numerical values as follows.

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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Crack the following codes. Each code can be solved using linguistic methods (and this is how you should approach it), but there will also be a mathematical formula or rule that determines how you compute the UNCODED number into its ENCODED number. This will necessarily be a one-to-one and onto function from $\{1, \dots, 26\}$ to $\{1, \dots, 26\}$. If we let X =uncoded number, and Y =encoded number, then the RULE (for this problem set) will be of the form $Y=mX+b \pmod{26}$. The (mod 26) simply means that if we go higher than 26, we “wrap around”. So $27=1$, $28=2$, $29=3$...

For code#1 and code#2, the RULE/FORMULA is reasonably simple. For code#3, because the message is longer, it is actually easier to figure out using linguistic methods. (Note: the ____ means space and the commas are there to separate the numbers.) But, the formula for the rule is a little harder to figure out, so it’s optional (but if you do it you get extra credit). For code#4 (which is optional but if you do it you get extra credit), you don’t have the spaces to help you like you do in code#3, but you can still solve it using linguistic methods. And if you can figure out the formula, then even more extra credit points. GOOD LUCK!

Code #1

20-21-06-17-09-06-15 12-10-15-08

02-08-02-21-09-02 04-09-19-10-20-21-10-06

11-16-09-15 08-19-10-20-09-02-14

04-09-02-19-13-06-20 05-10-04-12-06-15-20

08-06-16-19-08-06 16-19-24-06-13-13

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Code #2

10-6-22-22-13

8-18-14-11-15-2 9-22-23

25-12-13-17-12-5-18

20-22-13-22-8-18-8

8-18-14-11-15-22 14-18-13-23-8

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11, __ 14, 25, 24, 05, __ 24, 03, __ 19, 11, 02, 02, 05, 18, __ 20, 03, 17, __ 23, 20, 03, 18, 02, __
25, 23, __ 19, 11, 26, 05, __ 07, 08, __ 03, 10, __ 11, 24, __ 25, 24, 10, 25, 24, 25, 02, 05, __ 24,
07, 19, 16, 05, 18, __ 03, 10, __ 08, 03, 25, 24, 02, 23, __ 11, __ 08, 14, 11, 24, 05, __ 24, 03, __
19, 11, 02, 02, 05, 18, __ 25, 02, 23, __ 23, 25, 06, 05, __ 25, 23, __ 19, 11, 26, 05, __ 07, 08, __
03, 10, __ 11, 24, __ 25, 24, 10, 25, 24, 25, 02, 05, __ 24, 07, 19, 16, 05, 18, __ 03, 10, __ 14,
25, 24, 05, 23, __ 11, __ 12, 03, 14, 07, 19, 05, __ 03, 10, __ 11, 24, __ 25, 24, 10, 25, 24, 25,
02, 05, __ 24, 07, 19, 16, 05, 18, __ 03, 10, __ 08, 14, 11, 24, 05, 23, __ 20, 01, 08, 05, 18, 23,
08, 11, 21, 05, __ 02, 20, 11, 02, __ 25, 23, __ 10, 03, 07, 18, __ 26, 25, 19, 05, 24, 23, 25, 03,
24, 11, 14, __ 15, 05, 03, 19, 05, 02, 18, 01, __ 23, 02, 07, 26, 25, 05, 23, __ 20, 01, 08, 05, 18,
12, 03, 14, 07, 19, 05, 23, __ 11, __ 20, 01, 08, 05, 18, 23, 08, 20, 05, 18, 05, __ 25, 23, __ 19,
11, 26, 05, __ 07, 08, __ 03, 10, __ 11, 24, __ 25, 24, 10, 25, 24, 25, 02, 05, __ 24, 07, 19, 16,
05, 18, __ 03, 10, __ 23, 08, 20, 05, 18, 05, 23, __ 11, __ 20, 01, 08, 05, 18, 21, 07, 16, 05, __
03, 10, __ 11, 24, __ 25, 24, 10, 25, 24, 25, 02, 05, __ 24, 07, 19, 16, 05, 18, __ 03, 10, __ 21,
07, 16, 05, 23, __ 17, 05, __ 26, 03, __ 24, 03, 02, __ 09, 24, 03, 17, __ 25, 10, __ 02, 20, 05, 23,
05, __ 11, 21, 02, 07, 11, 14, 14, 01, __ 05, 22, 25, 23, 02, __ 01, 05, 02, __ 17, 05, __ 07, 24,
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Code #4 (OPTIONAL):

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06, 26, 03, 16, 06, 26, 07, 25, 04, 18, 23, 02, 23, 19, 13, 05, 03, 18, 05, 06,
26, 05, 04, 03, 19, 05, 25, 07, 16, 06, 26, 07, 25, 10, 23, 23, 21, 07, 07, 16,
20, 07, 06, 05, 06, 26, 05, 18, 05, 03, 24, 05, 18, 06, 23, 04, 05, 18, 13, 25,
05, 06, 26, 05, 09, 03, 16, 24, 06, 23, 03, 24, 09, 07, 18, 05, 06, 26, 05, 25,
06, 18, 03, 16, 19, 05, 24, 18, 03, 01, 07, 16, 19, 25, 25, 13, 18, 04, 18, 07,
25, 05, 25, 03, 10, 23, 13, 16, 24, 12, 23, 18, 05, 08, 03, 09, 04, 02, 05, 06,
26, 05, 06, 23, 04, 23, 02, 23, 19, 07, 17, 03, 02, 07, 25, 02, 03, 16, 24, 25,
07, 16, 17, 26, 03, 04, 06, 05, 18, 05, 07, 19, 26, 06, 12, 23, 18, 05, 08, 03,
09, 04, 02, 05, 06, 26, 05, 09, 23, 10, 07, 13, 25, 25, 06, 18, 07, 04, 06, 26,
03, 06, 03, 16, 15, 23, 16, 05, 17, 03, 16, 17, 23, 16, 25, 06, 18, 13, 17, 06,
01, 07, 06, 26, 03, 25, 26, 05, 05, 06, 23, 12, 04, 03, 04, 05, 18, 03, 16, 24,
25, 17, 07, 25, 25, 23, 18, 25, 03, 16, 24, 07, 25, 03, 16, 07, 16, 17, 18, 05,
24, 07, 10, 02, 05, 25, 13, 18, 12, 03, 17, 05, 01, 07, 06, 26, 23, 16, 02, 15,
23, 16, 05, 25, 07, 24, 05,

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