

## CS 450: TOPICS: Cryptography PROGRAMMING PROJECT 1 -- AFFINE CIPHER

Write a program in any programming language of your choice that deciphers any string cipher text made up of the 26 lowercase letters {a, b, c, ..., x, y, z} given that the text has been encrypted using an affine cipher. Your program should do a brute force search, trying all possible keys. It should output the encryption key  $k = (a, b)$  and the corresponding plain text. Your program should stop when an “understandable” plaintext message is decrypted. Please submit your code and 2 runs of your program deciphering 2 different cipher texts. One of them can be the example below. The other can be from the Exercise we did in class.

A complete sample run is provided in the attached txt file. An excerpt of it is here:

Decrypting the cipher text:

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'vwduwljudeehghyhubwklqjlfroxgilqgsohdvhuhwxuqdgbeoxhsulqwviruydxowdqq  
dodupghvljqedvhgrqzklfkedqnbrxghflghrqldpvhwvlqjxsvdihkrxvhfr'
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Encryption key: a = 1 b = 1

Decryption equation:  $x = 1 * (y - 1)$

Plaintext:

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uvctvkitcddgfgxgtavjkipikeqwnfhkpfrrngcugtgvwtppadnwgrtkpvuhqtxcwnvcpcfc  
nctofgukipdcugfqpyjkejdcpmawfgekfgqpkcougvvkiwruchgjwugeq
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Hit enter to continue search or 'S' key to stop:

Encryption key: a = 3 b = 1

Decryption equation:  $x = 9 * (y - 1)$

Plaintext:

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yhsphmupsbbctczcpahdmfumkoqntlmftxncsycpchgpfsfabnqcxpmfhylopzsqnhsfts  
nspwtcymufbsyctofidmkdbsfaoqtckmtcofmswychhmfuqxyslcdogycko
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Hit enter to continue search or 'S' key to stop:

Encryption key: a = 5 b = 1

Decryption equation:  $x = 21 * (y - 1)$

Plaintext:

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ezqjzcmjqlwbwpwjazhcdmcgyunbrcdbtnwqewjwzujdqdalnuwtjcdzeryjppqunzqdbq  
nqjibwecmdlqewbydkhcgqlqdsayubwgcbwydcqiewzzcdmuteqrwhyuewgy
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Hit enter to continue search or 'S' key to stop:

Encryption key: a = 7 b = 1

Decryption equation:  $x = 15 * (y - 1)$

Plaintext:

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odezduqzettmxmhmzadfurquignxburxvnmeomzmdszreratnsmvzurdobgzhesnderxe  
nezcxmouqrteomxgrwfuifteryagsxmioxmgruecomddurqsvoebmfgsomig
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Hit enter to continue search or 'S' key to stop:

Encryption key: a = 9 b = 1

Decryption equation:  $x = 3 * (y - 1)$

Plaintext:

ilgfleyfgjjspsrfsalbetyemwonpvetpnzsgisfsloftgtajnoszfetlivwfrgonlgtpg  
ngfqpsieytjgisgwptubembjgkawkopsmeqswteggisllletyozigvsbwoismw

Hit enter to continue search or 'S' key to stop:

Encryption key:  $a = 11$   $b = 1$

Decryption equation:  $x = 19 * (y - 1)$

Plaintext:

qjmxjiwxmffkrkvkxajpizwiyscnrdizrlnmqkxkjcxxmzafncklxizjqdsxvmcnjmrz  
nmxgrkqiwzfmqkrszopiypfmzuasckyrkrszimggkjjizwclqmdkpscqkys

Hit enter to continue search or 'S' key to stop:

Encryption key:  $a = 15$   $b = 1$

Decryption equation:  $x = 7 * (y - 1)$

Plaintext:

krodrsedovvqqfqqdarlsbesciynjxsbjpnqokqdqrydbobavnyqpdbrkxidfoynrobjo  
nodujqksebvkqjibmlsclvobgaiyjqcsjqibsoukqrrsbeypkoxqliykqci

Hit enter to continue search or 'S' key to stop:

Encryption key:  $a = 17$   $b = 1$

Decryption equation:  $x = 23 * (y - 1)$

Plaintext:

spuvpwcuvrrilijivapzwhcwoemnlfwlbniusivipmvhuharnmibvwhpsfevjumnpuhlu  
nuvkliswchrusilehgzwozruhqaemliowliehwuksippwhcmbsufizemsioe

Hit enter to continue search or 'S' key to stop:

Encryption key:  $a = 19$   $b = 1$

Decryption equation:  $x = 11 * (y - 1)$

Plaintext:

mxwbxgkbwhhodotobaxvgjkgsuindzgjdfnowmoboxibjwjahniofbgjxmzubtwinxwjdw  
nwbydomgkjhwmodujevgsvhwjcauidosgdoujgwymoxxgjkiwmwzovuimosu

Hit enter to continue search or 'S' key to stop:

Encryption key:  $a = 21$   $b = 1$

Decryption equation:  $x = 5 * (y - 1)$

Plaintext:

wbkrbyorkppezelerabtyxoyucgnzjyxzhnekwerebgrxkxapngehryxbwjcrkgnbkxzk  
nkrszewyoxpkwezcxqtyutpkxiacgzeuyzeczxykswebbyxoghwkjetcgweuc

Hit enter to continue search or 'S' key to stop:

Encryption key:  $a = 23$   $b = 1$

Decryption equation:  $x = 17 * (y - 1)$

Plaintext:

ctiltoglizzyhybylatxovgoqmknhpovhdnyicylytklvivaznkydlovtcpmlbikntivhi  
nilehycogvzicyhmvsoqxziwamkhyqohymvoiecyttovgkdcipyxmkyqm

Hit enter to continue search or 'S' key to stop:

Encryption key:  $a = 25$   $b = 1$

Decryption equation:  $x = 25 * (y - 1)$

Plaintext:

gfyhfqshyxxuvuduhafrqlsqwkenvtqlvjnuyguhufehlylaxneujhqlfgtkhdyenfylvy  
nyhmvugqslxyguvklcrqwrxyloakevuwwqvkqlqymguffqlsejgyturkeguwk

Hit enter to continue search or 'S' key to stop:

Encryption key:  $a = 1$   $b = 2$

Decryption equation:  $x = 1 * (y - 2)$

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Hit enter to continue search or 'S' key to stop:

Encryption key:  $a = 25$   $b = 2$

Decryption equation:  $x = 25 * (y - 2)$

Plaintext:

hgzigrtizyyvwvevibgsrmtrxlfourmwkovzhvivgfmzmbyofvkirmghuliezfogzwmz  
ozinwvhrthmyzhvwlmdsrxxsympblfwvxrwwlmrznhvvggrmtfkhzuvs1fhvxl

Hit enter to continue search or 'S' key to stop:

Encryption key:  $a = 1$   $b = 3$

Decryption equation:  $x = 1 * (y - 3)$

Plaintext:

startigrabbedeverythingicouldfindpleasereturnanyblueprintsforvaultanda  
larmdesignbasedonwhichbankyoudecideoniamsettingupsafehouseco

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The plain text message below was encrypted with  $a = 1$  and  $b = 3$

startigrabbedeverythingicouldfindpleasereturnanyblueprintsforvaultanda  
larmdesignbasedonwhichbankyoudecideoniamsettingupsafehouseco