

Day 05 - Ciphers Using Modular Arithmetic (cont.)

Affine cipher

A key is given by a pair of integers (a, b) where a relatively prime to 26 and $0 \leq b \leq 25$.

For each plaintext number x and ciphertext number y ,

- Encryption function $y = E(x) = ax + b \pmod{26}$
- Decryption function $x = D(y) = a^{-1}(y - b) \pmod{26}$

Example. Decrypt the ciphertext **E K T W Q M R V R V W Q M T F**, knowing that the plaintext starts with **G O** and it was encrypted with an affine cipher modulo 26.

We know: $G \rightarrow E$ we find (a, b) that were used
 $O \rightarrow K$ to encrypt this plaintext

$$\begin{array}{l} G = 6 \rightarrow 4 = E \\ O = 14 \rightarrow 10 = K \end{array} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} ax + b = y \pmod{26} \end{array} \right.$$

we solve the system
$$\begin{cases} 6a + b = 4 & (1) \text{ in mod } 26 \\ 14a + b = 10 & (2) \end{cases}$$

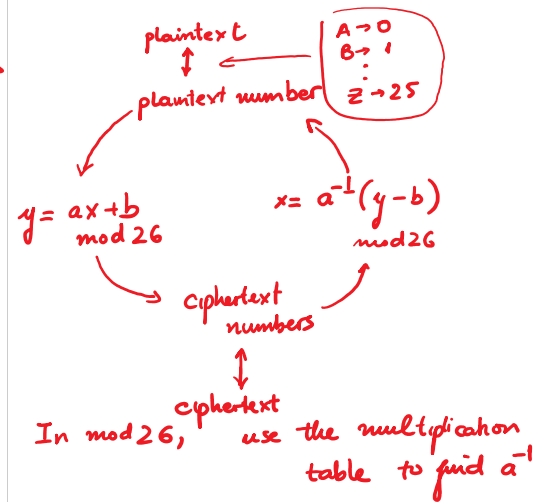
$$(2) - (1) : 8a = 6 \pmod{26}$$

So either $a = 4$ or $a = 17$ (soln is no longer unique)

$$\text{If } a = 4 \Rightarrow 6 \cdot 4 + b = 4 \\ b = 4 - 24 = -20 = 6 \pmod{26}$$

$$\text{If } a = 17 \Rightarrow 6 \cdot 17 + b = 4 \\ b = \dots 6$$

$(a, b) = (4, 6)$ or $(17, 6)$ a must be coprime to 26



Ans: Gone with the wind.

Modulo arithmetic on matrices

Definition 1. Let A, B be $m \times n$ matrices with integer entries. We say that A and B are **congruent modulo m** if

$$a_{i,j} \equiv b_{i,j} \pmod{m}$$

for all entries $a_{i,j}, b_{i,j}$. We write $A \equiv B \pmod{m}$.

Definition 2. Let m be a given modulus and let A be an $n \times n$ matrix with integer entries. A is said to be **invertible modulo m** if there exists an $n \times n$ matrix B such that

$$AB = I \pmod{m} \text{ and } BA = I \pmod{m}.$$

We write " $A^{-1} = B \pmod{m}$ " to denote B is the inverse of A modulo m .

Definition 3. The **determinant** of A modulo m is $\det(A)$ reduced mod m .

Theorem 1. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ is an integer entries then the determinant of A under modulo m is given by

$$\det(A) = ad - bc \pmod{m}.$$

A is invertible modulo m if and only if $\det(A)$ is relatively prime to m . In this case, the inverse is given by

$$A^{-1} = \det(A)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} \pmod{m}$$

Hill cipher

Definition 4. Hill cipher is a *block cipher* where *pairs of plaintext letters* are encrypted by the transformation

$$Y = AX \pmod{26}$$

where *A* is a 2×2 invertible matrix modulo 26.

Example. Use the Hill cipher with key matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 22 & 13 \\ 11 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ to encrypt the message "MISSING"

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{bmatrix} M \\ I \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 22 & 13 \\ 11 & 5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 12 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{26} = \begin{bmatrix} 22 \times 12 + 13 \times 8 \\ 11 \times 12 + 5 \times 8 \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} S \\ S \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 18 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} G \\ C \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} I \\ N \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ 13 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 23 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} H \\ X \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} G \\ K \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 6 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} C \\ M \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

use "K" to pad at the end

ciphertext: EQGC HXCM

Decryption is given by $X = A^{-1}Y \pmod{26}$.

Example. Decrypt the message **Z G W Q**, knowing it was encrypted using

Hill cipher modulo 26 with the key $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 9 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} Z \\ G \end{bmatrix} &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 25 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 25 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix} = \dots = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} A \\ L \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{bmatrix} W \\ Q \end{bmatrix} &\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 22 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 22 \\ 16 \end{bmatrix} = \dots = \begin{bmatrix} 18 \\ 14 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} S \\ O \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned} \left. \vphantom{\begin{bmatrix} Z \\ G \end{bmatrix}} \right\} \rightarrow \text{plaintext "ALSO"}$$

$$A^{-1} = \det(A)^{-1} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -7 \\ -9 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \det(A)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 19 \\ 17 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

(Note: $-7 \xrightarrow{+26} 19$ and $-9 \xrightarrow{+26} 17$)

$$\det(A) = 3 \times 10 - 9 \times 7 = -33 = 19 \pmod{26}$$

$$A^{-1} = 19^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 19 \\ 17 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = 11 \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 19 \\ 17 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 11 \times 10 & 11 \times 19 \\ 11 \times 17 & 11 \times 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 1 \\ 5 & 7 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{26}$$

Example. You have intercepted the ciphertext

D L H I V D L Z H I P N E U

which you know to be produced by a Hill cipher modulo 26 using a 2×2 matrix. Moreover, you strongly suspect that the first four letters of the message is the word **DEAR**. Decrypt the message.

$$\begin{array}{cc|cc|cc} \text{D} & \text{L} & \text{H} & \text{I} & \text{V} & \text{D} & \dots \\ 3 & 11 & 7 & 8 & 21 & 3 & \end{array} \quad \dots \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \leftrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{cc|cc} 3 & 4 & 0 & 17 \\ \text{D} & \text{E} & \text{A} & \text{R} \end{array} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 11 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 14 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix}$$

We want to find A^{-1} s.t. $A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 11 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{26}$

$$A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 17 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{26}$$

So we solve: $A^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 11 & 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 17 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 17 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 7 \\ 11 & 8 \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 4 & 17 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 18 & 7 \\ 11 & 23 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 21 \\ 25 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{26}$$

Now use $X = A^{-1} \cdot Y$ to decrypt.

Euclidean algorithm - Berlekamp version

The Euclidean algorithm is the process which yields the greatest common divisor d of two given integers A and B where $A > B$. The Berlekamp's algorithm is a slight modification of the Euclidean algorithm that can also give us the inverse of $B \bmod A$.

Algorithm:

1. Set $r_{-2} = A, r_{-1} = B, p_{-2} = 0, p_{-1} = 1, q_{-2} = 1, q_{-1} = 0$
2. For each $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ compute the following

$$r_{k-2} = a_k r_{k-1} + r_k$$

$$p_k = a_k p_{k-1} + p_{k-2}$$

$$q_k = a_k q_{k-1} + q_{k-2}$$

3. Stop at step n where $r_n = 0$

Then $r_{n-1} = \gcd(A, B)$. Furthermore, in the case $\gcd(A, B) = 1$ then

$$B \cdot (-1)^n p_{n-1} = 1 + A \cdot (-1)^n q_{n-1}$$

Example. find the inverse of 115 in modulo 12659,

k	r	a	p	q
-2	12659		0	1
-1	115		1	0
0				
1				
2				