

# EE 418 - Assignment 2

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## Note:

- This homework contains both computation questions (marked as **[Com]**) which are required to do by hand calculations and programming questions (marked as **[Pro]**) which are required to write Python/MATLAB codes. Zero points will be awarded if **[Com]** questions are solved via Python/MATLAB scripts and if **[Pro]** questions are solved by hand calculations.
- Show the computation steps and/or justify your answers in all the **[Com]** questions. Failure to show any intermediate computation steps in **[Com]** questions will result zero points.
- You can use and modify the Python functions provided in the file section of the EE 418 canvas page when answering the **[Pro]** questions.
- You can discuss with others but you need to write your own computation steps, justifications and/or Python/MATLAB codes.
- **Your answers to this homework must be submitted through canvas as a single zip file containing the following:** *i)* hand written and scanned or word or pdf answers to all the computational and discussion questions as single pdf file. *ii)* Python/MATLAB codes for programming questions as in filename.py or filename.m respectively.
- Name of your submission zip file should follow the following format. “**#\_\$\_EE418\_HW2.zip**”, where “**#**” and “**\$**” should be replaced with your first name and last name, respectively.

1. **[Pro]** (Affine Cipher Decryption) Please answer the following questions.
  - (a) (10 pts) Please write a Python/MATLAB function for affine cipher decryption. This function should take the ciphertext ( $Y$ ) and key value pair  $(a, b)$  as inputs and output plaintext ( $x$ ).
  - (b) (5 pts) Use your function developed in part (a) to decrypt the provided cipher text file "*sampleACAD.txt*". Use the key value pair,  $(a, b) = (9, -17)$ .
    - i) Write the decrypted text to a file name "*#\_\$\_affine\_output.txt*", where " $\#$ " and " $\$$ " should be replaced with your first name and last name, respectively.
    - ii) Print the 30<sup>th</sup> to 39<sup>th</sup> ciphertext characters in the file "*sampleACAD.txt*" and their corresponding plaintext.
2. **[Com]** (Extended Euclidean Algorithm, 5 pts  $\times$  2 = 10 pts)
  - (a) Using the **extended Euclidean algorithm**, compute integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $754x + 233y = 1$ . Show all the steps in your calculations.
  - (b) Find  $754^{-1} \pmod{233}$  and  $233^{-1} \pmod{754}$

3. **[Com]** (Hill and Affine Ciphers, 5 pts  $\times$  2 = 10 pts) This is an example of cascading encryption scheme with two consecutive Hill cipher encryptions followed by an affine cipher encryption.

Consider the following cryptosystem with a smaller set of 11 English letters, i.e.,  $a$  through  $k$ , which map to 0 through 10, respectively. The cryptosystem consists of hill ciphers with keys  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  that are both  $2 \times 2$  matrices, and an affine cipher with key  $K_3$ . Suppose that  $K_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $K_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $K_3 = (7, 2)$ . For example, if the plaintext is  $x = (5, 8)$ , then the encryption process is: First plaintext  $x$  is encrypted using Hill cipher with key  $K_1$ , then the resulting ciphertext is encrypted again using Hill cipher with key  $K_2$ , and finally, the ciphertext obtained from 2nd Hill cipher is encrypted using an Affine cipher with key  $K_3$  to obtain the ciphertext  $y$  of plaintext  $x$ . This process is also shown in the following equations.

$$\text{First Hill Cipher: } (5, 8) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{11} = (5, 1) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Second Hill Cipher: } (5, 1) \cdot \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{11} = (0, 5) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Affine Cipher: } (7 \cdot 0 + 2, 7 \cdot 5 + 2) \pmod{11} = (2, 4) \quad (3)$$

In general, the plaintext is  $x = (x_1, x_2)$ , and the ciphertext is  $y = (y_1, y_2)$ . Next, you will combine the above three ciphers with the given keys into one single cipher.

- (a) Please write down encryption rule (i.e, Find a matrix  $K$  and a scalar  $b$  such that  $xK + b\mathbf{1}_{1 \times 2} = y$ ). Simplify your answer and express the numbers in  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$  if possible.
- (b) Please write down decryption rule (i.e, Find a matrix  $\bar{K}$  and a vector  $\bar{b}$  such that  $y\bar{K} + \bar{b} = x$ ). Simplify your answer and express the numbers in  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$  if possible.

4. **[Com]** (Cryptanalysis,  $2.5\text{pts} \times 4 = 10\text{ pts}$ ) We use “X”, “Y”, and “Z” to denote Sender, Reciever, and Eavesdropper, respectively. “X” is sending a message to “Y” using one of the following cryptosystems. The plaintext of the message consists of the letter  $a$  repeated a few hundred times. “Z” knows what cryptosystem is being used, but not the key, and intercepts only the ciphertext. For systems (a), (b), (c) and (d), state how “Z” will recognize that the plaintext is one repeated letter and decide whether or not “Z” can deduce the letter and key. (Note: for system (c), the solution very much depends on the fact that the repeated letter is  $a$ , rather than  $b$ ,  $c, \dots$ )

- (a) Shift cipher
- (b) Affine cipher
- (c) Hill cipher (with a  $2 \times 2$  matrix)
- (d) Vigenère cipher

5. **[Com]** (Stream Cipher, 10 pts) Given the plaintext and corresponding ciphertext generated using stream cipher

$$\text{Plain} = [1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1] \quad (4)$$

$$\text{Cipher} = [1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0] \quad (5)$$

Find the 5-stage linear recurrence used to generate the key stream.

6. **[Pro]** (Stream Cipher,  $5\text{pts} \times 2 = 10\text{ pts}$ ) The following sequences in part (a) and part (b) were generated by a linear feedback shift register (stream cipher). Find the coefficients of the recurrences that generate each of these sequences.

- (a) 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0,  
 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1,  
 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0,  
 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1,  
 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0,  
 1, 0, 0, 0, 0

- (b) 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0,  
 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0,  
 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1,  
 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0,  
 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1,  
 1, 1, 1, 1, 1

7. **[Pro]** (Substitution Cipher Cryptanalysis, 10 pts) You are given the following ciphertext generated based on the substitution cipher:

BCDCEFG BCHFIJEB KECBBCU LCGGCH JH  
MNCINCE INC OCUB CFBL PJHCL KJGQRQCB  
MCEC OTCGQHV FBBCI ATAAGCB INFI  
RJTGU INECFICH INC BLBICP.

You are given the following plaintext/ciphertext relationship table:

Ciphertext	Plaintext
A	b
F	a
L	y
T	u
O	f
Q	i
U	d
J	o

Using your linguistic skills (which may include the knowledge of frequencies of occurrence of letters) and command of the English language, decode the sentence correctly. (Hint, this is about the recent senate inquiry about the fiscal policies of the us federal reserve.)

**Note: please provide brief steps.**

8. **[Com]** (Vigenère Cipher Cryptanalysis, 10 pts) Suppose we have a language with only three letter  $a, b, c$ , and they occur with probabilities  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{1}{6}$ . A message was encrypted using the Vigenère Cipher (shift of mod 3 instead of 26).

ABCBABBAACBA

You are given that the possible key length is either 1, 2 or 3. Find the most likely key length, and the most probable encryption key.

9. **[Pro]** (Vigenère Cipher Cryptanalysis,  $5\text{pts} \times 3 = 15\text{pts}$ ) The following ciphertexts in part (a) and part (b) are encrypted using the Vigenère cipher. Use correlation analysis to decrypt each of them, separately.
- (a) KTSVFVMHMHCHJUBFDYLMGRWZXNHMVDSVNUBJOJULFZNAQILXSXOJYOROEJTD  
XWCNERALABFMLVJFFSEFVXLUJQBORDKMLFBVGYNXLSNJQDWARDXQHAMBHRHUP  
GTXYVVUYXEXHAQJVMLJEZFBVQPBYPQMPBCUJHBUDSKQFOTVTFGKYXNPDWXJ  
QYVOWLJDUJNJHBUUFUPFOFUTCLWKFJWMKDMOLYNZSQBVBJJHWEEQHLLWTWTO  
RYZXXDYZXOVFPMIHXBMEHSSHZRZKXORYWAPSTZNURNUEFVYPWTRZAQBIWPLB  
QXLLVUNARFVNJWHFZCBUYVOBVYVWJVMTNOWFJLVVYVVFVGFZRDXAXIRQTNT  
VHBAJRZZOBFZSCJHXAQJVXBMEHSPWUZZRPQNUCPPDTXTWNUCJPFANUKTBPI  
WXDJTXYANSODPWFAUSRDDGSN
- (b) KSQRAUHSQGGBFDDQSOIXMRWCSYFWAAPPOSELGYQGZWZGLDCXVFZZIHLCAxil  
VRTEWGSJPFLWWCWUXAJOWNEFKGHTMUOVLHIUVBYQGLLRETIEDWETEFVHSQV  
SUREAEKZIXQEEVBRFLWWCHQVKVTETIWHFETXZLGPBEJHHPMRVLEFMPKAOEU  
SFACHTMUOHSQPSDGZRRSAICQEFKCQZELBFPEKGKSYFMLSSETIEHRPOIFAfP  
ETWJHEAXZLCAURAVBDAJEHBVURVYSBGMJLGETELAVPKWZVIWPHWJZLDILOS  
NMYKLGHMTUOWXBIDAVPYXGAVPEIHHLFLFMGU

(c) GGAMGHUMEDWXUFFAOQLYYSALSHUMEDDXPDVUMAKREIKLAZFEMJQHKKBYKQKY  
SHVRQFATXMMSFBAHZBXHXHQCGOLERXXTOPPYFBMFRPNVFPZULZWTFQBIYQTH  
LRTVCAVSKFTWKZFLJGKNXNUVFALYLFRSIXVUHOVJWHVLGOLOHSXTPQFVMQGH  
VNRQRKTQLXEVGPRCLZBKXWGZEFWFHLVPREVJRQRNWJPHAVDZBSESFPGPVZMT  
QPVERTHFBHEACKNSFEBXSUEOLWAAZWEEJFPHSSHWMIJJFJYKIYECCILZPEBS  
GAWARZATXXXJFVBMZUWJGWCKALSMMYERMPGOHFWTRDVQNYNQMBIPMKRZZQLN  
RIJBPYFBMTKGCMUPJMELSGKQUTZFAJQHGIILZNNYMCUQRHKQQUPDKQJLHWGJ  
WHGPVUATXNVXOMYLTQGYEIKLALCQGYLDWDUAOQZTEAJXFILQGYLTUXZLATXR  
IILQZHZWYIRJKVXBQLTJRTVCAHZTQCHKPUHCQVMCIBQKYMLYMRCIYFATKT  
YVJQULOULYSGALSJYKIYSVTXCOFMWFTIKKTAVUGHVTCPVUNOKDTIQDEHWTBH  
GDOMYLEUMDVPDPVUNRKTQIJBCLUMGITPRBETLFATHHQC GOLBTXXIJOBNTFF  
GWKKRZSUDJXWGYEPAULMFDYRZHZWHSAPFBZOHRTJVBEZHFUQIEEYLFBTW  
OXPTBYSPPFVXKQBAOQFFXWGJNAPOTQPNCAIHUOXIGDOMHALDBEISUZULTQLT  
JIJBCYLEXSXBGQUVKEYTVQTBNRPZZRSSGOAJYKIYSHAPGLTEHKXTPFACVXOJ  
WDNSVUNOTWIUWIYFJAGXXGWZGLKBKTFAGJFPUBNWIBCQULTMMNGHVERILEMP  
RDYKOLPZZNRIGDRYMMVYSGKWNAPAG