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Given:

C = "SONAFQCHMWPTVEVY"

= 18 14 13 0 5 16 2 7 12 22 15 19 21 4 21 24

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

$$(m_1, m_2) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} K_1 & K_2 \\ K_3 & K_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} m_1 \\ m_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

7 4 10 7  
HE → KH

TH → XW

19 7 23 22

7 4 23 22  
HE → XW

TH → KH

19 7 10 7

OR

$$\begin{pmatrix} K_1 & K_2 \\ K_3 & K_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 19 \\ 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 23 \\ 7 & 22 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} K_1 & K_2 \\ K_3 & K_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 23 \\ 7 & 22 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 19 \\ 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} K_1 & K_2 \\ K_3 & K_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 19 \\ 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 23 & 10 \\ 22 & 7 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} K_1 & K_2 \\ K_3 & K_4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 23 & 10 \\ 22 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 19 \\ 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix}^{-1}$$

$$\det = 7 \cdot 7 - 4 \cdot 19 = 25 \mod 26 = 25^{-1} \in (\mathbb{Z}/26\mathbb{Z})^*$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 19 \\ 4 & 7 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = 25 \begin{pmatrix} 7 & -19 \\ -4 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 175 & -475 \\ -100 & 175 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 19 & 19 \\ 4 & 19 \end{pmatrix} \mod 26$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} K_1 & K_2 \\ K_3 & K_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 23 \\ 7 & 22 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 19 & 19 \\ 4 & 19 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 282 & 627 \\ 221 & 551 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 22 & 3 \\ 13 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \mod 26$$

$$\det = 110 - 39 = 71 = 19 \mod 26 = 19^{-1} \in (\mathbb{Z}/26\mathbb{Z})^*$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 22 & 3 \\ 13 & 5 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = 19 \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ -13 & 22 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 55 & -33 \\ -943 & 242 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 13 \\ 13 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \mod 26$$

Test decrypt:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 13 \\ 13 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 18 & 13 & 5 & 2 \\ 14 & 0 & 16 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 320 & 39 & 319 & 139 \\ 346 & 169 & 193 & 82 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 13 & 7 & 9 \\ 8 & 13 & 11 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

8 8 13 13 7 11 9 4  
I I N N H L J E

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$$\begin{pmatrix} K_1 & K_2 \\ K_3 & K_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 23 & 10 \\ 22 & 7 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 19 & 19 \\ 4 & 19 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 477 & 627 \\ 446 & 551 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \mod 26$$

$$\det = 45 - 12 = 33 = 7 \mod 26 = 7^{-1} \in (\mathbb{Z}/26\mathbb{Z})^*$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 9 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}^{-1} = 7 \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 \\ -4 & 9 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 75 & -45 \\ -60 & 135 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 23 & 7 \\ 18 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \mod 26$$

Test Decrypt:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 23 & 7 \\ 18 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 18 & 13 & 5 & 2 \\ 14 & 0 & 16 & 7 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 512 & 299 & 227 & 95 \\ 394 & 234 & 170 & 71 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 18 & 13 & 19 & 17 \\ 4 & 0 & 14 & 19 \end{pmatrix} \mod 26$$

18 4 13 0 19 14 17 19

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$$\begin{pmatrix} 23 & 7 \\ 18 & 5 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 18 & 13 & 5 & 2 & 12 & 15 & 21 & 21 \\ 14 & 6 & 16 & 7 & 22 & 13 & 4 & 24 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \overset{512}{\cancel{512}} & 299 & 227 & 95 & 430 & 478 & 511 & 651 \\ \overset{394}{\cancel{394}} & 234 & 170 & 71 & 326 & 365 & 398 & 498 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 18 & 13 & 19 & 17 & 14 & 10 & 17 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 14 & 19 & 14 & 1 & 8 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

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 18 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 19 | 14 | 17 | 19 | 14 | 14 | 10 | 1 | 17 | 8 | 1 | 4

"SENATOR TOOK BRIBE"

③ a) Given:

Matrix  $A \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{N}$

Prove:  $\exists A^{-1}$  iff  $\ker(A)$  is trivial iff  $\gcd(\det(A), N) = 1$

Proof:

Suppose  $A$  is invertible:

$$AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I, I \in M_2(0, 1)$$

Then we have determinants:

$$\det(AA^{-1}) = \det(A)\det(A^{-1}) = \det(I) = 1$$

So for  $A$  to be invertible,  $\det(A)\det(A^{-1}) = 1$ .

In  $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ , a number ~~is invertible~~ multiplied by its inverse gives 1. So we conclude that  $\det(A)$  ~~must~~ <sup>should</sup> be invertible, with its inverse being  $\det(A^{-1})$ .

For a number  $x$  to be invertible in  $\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$ , it must obey:

$$\gcd(x, N) = 1$$

Therefore, matrix  $A$  can be invertible iff  $\gcd(\det(A), N) = 1$

A kernel ~~for~~ of  $A$  is such vector that

$$A \ker(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

In other terms:

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

We have the system:

$$\begin{cases} ax + by = 0 \pmod{N} \\ cx + dy = 0 \pmod{N} \end{cases}$$

Solved for  $y$ , we have:

$$\begin{cases} ax = -by \pmod{N} \\ cx + dy = 0 \pmod{N} \end{cases}$$

$$c \frac{-by}{a} + dy = 0 \quad | \cdot a$$

$$-cb y + a d y = 0$$

$$(ad - cb)y = 0$$

From the previous proof we have  $\gcd(\det(A), N) = 1$ ,

In this case,  $\gcd(ad - cb, N) = 1$ , so  $ad - cb \neq 0$ . This means that  $y$  should be  $0 \pmod{N}$ .

Substituting for  $y$ , we have

$$x = \frac{-b \cdot 0 \pmod{N}}{a}, \text{ which makes}$$

which makes  $x$  also  $0 \pmod{N}$ .

since  $x = y = 0 \pmod{N}$ , the kernel is trivial

We conclude that  $\gcd(\det(A), N) = 1$  makes the kernel be necessary trivial if  $A$  is to be invertible

Combining the two proofs, we have:

$$\exists A^{-1} \text{ iff } \ker(A) \text{ is trivial iff } \gcd(\det(A), N) = 1$$



③ b)  $\mathbb{Z}$   
Formula:  $(N^2 - 1)(N^2 - N)$

Proof:

(T1) A matrix is invertible iff the columns are linearly independent.

For the first column, we have  $N \cdot N = N^2$  choices. Since the column must be different than the zero vector, we must exclude it by subtracting 1 from the possible choices, i.e. the first column can be constructed in  $N^2 - 1$  ways.

For the second column, from (T1) we must have it not being a multiple of the first one. There are  $N-1$  ~~ways~~ <sup>scalars</sup> to multiply the first column by ( $N$ , excluding 0 to omit the ~~the~~ zero vector). So, for the second column we have:

$$N^2 - 1 - (N - 1) = N^2 - 1 - N + 1 = N^2 - N$$

The number of invertible matrices in  $M_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$  is therefore  $(N^2 - 1)(N^2 - N)$

$\Downarrow$  Invertible elements in  $M_K(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$  (follows from formula above):

$$\prod_{i=0}^{K-1} (N^K - N^i)$$