

1. The key letter is 's' and the key word is 'impulse'. The name of the book is 'The Annotated Anne of Green Gables'. I found the relative frequency of each english letter in literature, say it's a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{26} . Let b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{26} be the relative frequency in the ciphertext corresponding to the english alphabet. Find the permutations of b's that have larger value of $L = a_1c_1, a_2c_2, \dots, a_{26}c_{26}$ where c_i 's is a permutation of b_i 's. Decode the ciphertext by the 5 permutations that have the largest value of L and see which one looks more like english.

2. (a) Solve the linear equation $c = mA + b$. Since A is invertable, $m = (c - b)A^{-1}$
- (b) Let $\mathbf{m} = \mathbf{0}$, then $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{b}$. Then let \mathbf{m}_i be the plaintext with the i th entry 1 and the rest all 0's. Get the corresponding ciphertext \mathbf{c}_i and $\mathbf{c}_i - \mathbf{b}$ is the i th row of \mathbf{A}
- (c) Select any 3 ciphertext c_1, c_2, c_3 where $c_i \neq c, c_1 + c_2 - c_3 = c$. (there are many choices to do this and it's easy) Obtain the corresponding plaintexts m_1, m_2, m_3 and we have

$$m_1A + b = c_1 \tag{1}$$

$$m_2A + b = c_2 \tag{2}$$

$$m_3A + b = c_3 \tag{3}$$

$$(1) + (2) - (3) \text{ we have} \tag{4}$$

$$(m_1 + m_2 - m_3)A + b = (c_1 + c_2 - c_3) \tag{5}$$

$$\tag{6}$$

Since the encryption is a one-to-one map, $m_1 + m_2 - m_3$ is the corresponding plaintext for c .

3. (a) (Omitting the modulo notation) Denote the original permutation S_i^0 . For the first byte, $i = 1$, $j = 2$, $S[2] = S^0[1] = 2$, $S[1] = S^0[2]$, $t = S^0[2] + S^0[1]$. For the second byte, $i = 2$, $j = S[2] + 2 = 4$, $S[2] = S[4]$, $S[4] = S[2]$ so $t = S[2] + S[4] = S^0[4] + S^0[1]$. Since S_i^0 's is a permutation from 0 to 255, $S^0[2] \neq S^0[4]$, the first byte and the second are definitely different.
- (b) In the keystream Generator, i and j remain the same and thus the keystream has a repeating period at least 256 bytes as $i + 256 \equiv i \pmod{256}$. XOR the first 256-byte plaintext and ciphertext gives the 256 byte keystream. The entire keystream is repeating pattern of these 256-byte keystream. We can XOR the ciphertext and the entire keystream to recover the whole plaintext.