

Classical cryptography

Exercise 1.1:

- a) $7503 \bmod 81 = 51$
- b) $-7503 \bmod 81 = 30$
- c) $81 \bmod 7503 = 81$
- d) $-81 \bmod 7503 = 7422$

Lemma: Give $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, $b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$, we have:

- i) $(a + bm) \bmod m = a \bmod m$,
- ii) $ab \bmod m = (a \bmod m)(b \bmod m) \bmod m$.

We will use this lemma many times in these exercises.

Proof

i) We suppose that

$$(1) \quad (a + bm) \bmod m = t,$$

so that $m > t \geq 0$.

$$(1) \Rightarrow (a + bm) \equiv t \pmod{m}.$$

$$\Rightarrow m \text{ divides } [(a + bm) - t].$$

Notice that m divides bm , hence m divides $(a - t)$.

$$\Rightarrow a \equiv t \pmod{m},$$

additionally, $m > t \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow t = a \bmod m$$

Finally, we attain

$$(a + bm) \bmod m = t = a \bmod m \quad \blacksquare$$

ii) We suppose that

$$a \bmod m = c, \quad b \bmod m = d$$

$$\Rightarrow a \equiv c \pmod{m}, \quad b \equiv d \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow m \text{ divides } (a-c), \quad m \text{ divides } (b-d)$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists p, q \in \mathbb{Z} : (a-c) = pm, \quad (b-d) = qm$$

$$\Rightarrow a = pm + c, \quad b = qm + d$$

$$\Rightarrow ab \bmod m = (pm + c)(qm + d) \bmod m$$

$$= [(pq + pd + cq)m + cd] \bmod m$$

$$= cd \bmod m \text{ (use (i))}$$

$$= (a \bmod m)(b \bmod m) \bmod m \quad \blacksquare$$

Exercise 1.2:

We have

$$a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists c \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad m > c > 0 : a \equiv c \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow m \text{ divides } (a-c)$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists b \in \mathbb{Z} : (a-c) = bm$$

$$\Rightarrow a = bm + c$$

$$\Rightarrow -a = -bm - c$$

$$\Rightarrow (-a) \bmod m = (-c) \bmod m = m - c \text{ (because } m - c > 0)$$

Finally, we attain

$$(-a) \bmod m = m - c = m - (a \bmod m) \quad \blacksquare$$

Exercise 1.3:

Prove that $(a \bmod m) = (b \bmod m)$ if and only if $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose that $a \bmod m = r$, $b \bmod m = s$

that means $a = pm + r$, $b = qm + s$, where $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &\equiv b \pmod{m} \\
 \Rightarrow (a - b) &\vdots m \\
 \Rightarrow [(pm + r) - (qm + s)] &\vdots m \\
 \Rightarrow [(p-q)m + (r - s)] &\vdots m \\
 \Rightarrow (r - s) &\vdots m
 \end{aligned}$$

together with $m > r \geq 0, m > s \geq 0$, we have

$$m > r - s > -m$$

Hence $r - s = 0$

It means $a \bmod m = b \bmod m$ ■

(\Rightarrow) Prove that : $(a \bmod m = b \bmod m) \Rightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{m}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a \bmod m &= b \bmod m \\
 \Rightarrow b - a &= km \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z}) \\
 \Rightarrow (b - a) &\vdots m \\
 \Rightarrow a &\equiv b \pmod{m} \quad \blacksquare
 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 1.4:

We suppose that

$$a \bmod m = c, \text{ where } m > c \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists b \in \mathbb{Z} : a = bm + c$$

$$\Rightarrow a - bm = c$$

Since $m > c \geq 0$, we have

$$(1) \quad m > a - bm \geq 0$$

Let both sides of (1) are divided by m ($m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$), we have

$$a/m \geq b > (a/m) - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \lfloor a/m \rfloor$$

Finally, we attain

$$a \bmod m = c = a - bm = a - \lfloor a/m \rfloor \cdot m \quad \blacksquare$$

Exercise 1.5:

Decrypt the ciphertext which encrypted by using a Shift Cipher below:

BEEAKFYDJXUQYHYJIQRYHTYJQFBQDUYJIIKFUHCQD

The root text is:

LOOK UP IN THE AIR IT'S A BIRD IT'S A PLANE IT'S SUPERMAN

The key $k = 16$.

Exercise 1.6:

In the Shift Cipher over \mathbb{Z}_{26} , we have:

$$e_k(x) = (x + K) \bmod 26$$

$$d_k(y) = (y - K) \bmod 26$$

The key K is said to be an involutory key if

$$e_k(x) = d_k(x),$$

so that

$$(x + K) \bmod 26 = (x - K) \bmod 26$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + K) \equiv (x - K) \pmod{26}$$

$$\Rightarrow 26 \text{ divides } [x + K - (x - K)]$$

$$\Rightarrow 26 \text{ divides } 2K$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists b \in \mathbb{Z} : 2K = b \cdot 26$$

$$\Rightarrow K = b \cdot 13$$

Since $0 \leq K \leq 25$, we accept $b = 0$ and/or $b = 1$, then $K = 0$ and/or $K = 13$.

Therefore,

all the involutory keys in the Shift Cipher over \mathbb{Z}_{26} are 0 and 13 ■

Exercise 1.7:

Determine number of keys in an Affine Cipher over Z_m :

For $m = 30$:

$$30 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(30) = (2 - 1) \cdot (3 - 1) \cdot (5 - 1) = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Number of keys} = \Phi(30) \cdot 30 = 240$$

For $m = 100$:

$$100 = 2^2 \cdot 5^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(100) = (4 - 2) \cdot (25 - 5) = 80$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Number of keys} = \Phi(100) \cdot 100 = 8000$$

For $m = 1225$:

$$1225 = 5^2 \cdot 7^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \Phi(1225) = (25 - 5) \cdot (49 - 7) = 820$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Number of keys} = \Phi(1225) \cdot 1225 = 1004500$$

Exercise 1.8:

All the invertible elements in Z_{28} are:

$$1^{-1} = 1$$

$$3^{-1} = 19$$

$$5^{-1} = 17$$

$$9^{-1} = 25$$

$$11^{-1} = 23$$

$$13^{-1} = 13$$

$$15^{-1} = 15$$

$$27^{-1} = 27$$

All the invertible elements in Z_{33} are:

$$1^{-1} = 1$$

$$2^{-1} = 17$$

$$4^{-1} = 25$$

$$5^{-1} = 20$$

$$7^{-1} = 19$$

$$8^{-1} = 29$$

$$10^{-1} = 10$$

$$13^{-1} = 28$$

$$14^{-1} = 26$$

$$16^{-1} = 23$$

$$32^{-1} = 32$$

All the invertible elements in Z_{35} are:

$$1^{-1} = 1$$

$$2^{-1} = 18$$

$$3^{-1} = 12$$

$$4^{-1} = 9$$

$$6^{-1} = 6$$

$$8^{-1} = 22$$

$$11^{-1} = 16$$

$$13^{-1} = 27$$

$$19^{-1} = 24$$

$$23^{-1} = 32$$

$$26^{-1} = 31$$

$$29^{-1} = 29$$

$$34^{-1} = 34$$

Exercise 1.9:

For $1 \leq a \leq 28$, determine $a^{-1} \bmod 29$ by trial and error.

$$\begin{aligned} 1^{-1} &= 1 \\ 2^{-1} &= 15 \\ 3^{-1} &= 10 \\ 4^{-1} &= 22 \\ 5^{-1} &= 6 \\ 7^{-1} &= 25 \\ 8^{-1} &= 11 \\ 9^{-1} &= 13 \\ 12^{-1} &= 17 \\ 14^{-1} &= 27 \\ 16^{-1} &= 20 \\ 18^{-1} &= 21 \\ 19^{-1} &= 26 \\ 23^{-1} &= 24 \\ 28^{-1} &= 28 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 1.10:

Suppose that $K = (5, 21)$ is a key in an Affine Cipher over \mathbb{Z}_{29}

a)

We have $5^{-1} \bmod 29 = 6$, so the decryption function is

$$d_K(y) = 6(y - 21) \bmod 29 \blacksquare$$

b)

For all element x of \mathbb{Z}_{29} , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} d_K(e_K(x)) &= 6([(5x + 21) \bmod 29] - 21) \bmod 29 \\ &= 6([(5x + 21 - \lfloor (5x+21)/29 \rfloor \cdot 29) - 21) \bmod 29 \text{ (use exercise 1.4)} \\ &= 6(5x - \lfloor (5x+21)/29 \rfloor \cdot 29) \bmod 29 \\ &= (6 \cdot 5x - 6 \cdot \lfloor (5x+21)/29 \rfloor \cdot 29) \bmod 29 \\ &= 6 \cdot 5x \bmod 29 \text{ (use lemma (i))} \\ &= (6 \cdot 5 \bmod 29)(x \bmod 29) \bmod 29 \text{ (use lemma (ii))} \\ &= x \bmod 29 \text{ (because } 6 \cdot 5 \bmod 29 = 1) \\ &= x \blacksquare \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 1.11:

a)

Suppose that $K = (a, b)$ is a key in an Affine Cipher over \mathbb{Z}_n .

First, we must show that if K is an involutory key,

then $a^{-1} \bmod n = a$ and $b(a + 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$.

Since K is an involutory key,

for all x of \mathbb{Z}_n , we have

$$\begin{aligned} e_K(x) &= d_K(x), \\ \Rightarrow (ax+b) \bmod n &= a^{-1}(x-b) \bmod n \\ \Rightarrow (ax+b) &\equiv a^{-1}(x-b) \pmod{n} \\ \Rightarrow n \text{ divides } ax+b - a^{-1}(x-b) \\ \Rightarrow n \text{ divides } (a - a^{-1})x + (1+a^{-1})b \end{aligned}$$

Because the equality above satisfies all x of \mathbb{Z}_n ,

it must satisfy $x = n$. Replace x by n in the equality, we have

$$(1) \quad n \text{ divides } (a - a^{-1})n + (1+a^{-1})b,$$

then n divides $(1+a^{-1})b$, this means

$$(2) \quad (1+a^{-1})b \equiv 0 \pmod{n}.$$

Therefore, together with (1), we attain

$$(3) \quad n \text{ divides } (a - a^{-1})x.$$

Now we choose the value for x that is not divided by n , from (3) we have

$$n \text{ divides } (a - a^{-1}),$$

this means $a \equiv a^{-1} \pmod{n}$. Additionally, we got $n-1 \geq a \geq 0$, so

$$a^{-1} \bmod n = a \blacksquare$$

Actually, we also got $n-1 \geq a^{-1} \geq 0$, so $a = a^{-1} \bmod n = a^{-1}$.

Hence we can replace a^{-1} by a in the equality (2) to have the following:

$$(1+a)b \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \blacksquare$$

Second, we show that if $a^{-1} \bmod n = a$ and $b(a+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$

then K is an involutory key.

Because $a = a^{-1} \bmod n = a^{-1}$, we have:

$$e_K(x) = (ax+b) \bmod n,$$

$$\text{and } d_K(x) = a^{-1}(x-b) \bmod n = (ax - ab) \bmod n$$

We do something with $d_K(x)$:

$$\begin{aligned} d_K(x) &= (ax - ab) \bmod n \\ &= (ax - b(a+1) + b) \bmod n \end{aligned}$$

Now we use lemma (i) together with the suppose $b(a+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ to attain

$$d_K(x) = (ax + b) \bmod n = e_K(x),$$

this means K is an involutory key \blacksquare

b)

We suppose $K = (a, b)$ is an involutory key in \mathbb{Z}_{15} .

The result from 1.11a applies, we have the following conditions:

$$(4) \quad a = a^{-1} \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_{15}, \text{ and}$$

$$(5) \quad b(a+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{15}.$$

From (4), the acceptable values of a are 1, 4, 11 and 14.

Then, when $a = 1$, from (5), we have $b = 0$;

when $a = 4$, $b \in \{0, 3, 6, 9, 12\}$;

when $a = 11$, we have $b \in \{0, 5, 10\}$;

when $a = 14$, we have $b \in \mathbb{Z}_{15}$.

We listed all keys of \mathbb{Z}_{15} above \blacksquare

c)

Suppose that $L = (e, f)$ is an involutory key in \mathbb{Z}_n , where $n = pq$, p, q are distinct odd primes. We will find the properties of L .

The result from 1.11a applies, we have the following:

$$(6) \quad e^{-1} = e$$

$$(7) \quad f(e+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$$

From (6), we have

$$e \cdot e \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow (e+1)(e-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$$

Because $n = pq$ where p, q are distinct odd primes, there exist two elements r, s of \mathbb{Z}_n , $0 < r < q$, $0 < s < p$, that are satisfying the following:

$$(8) \quad e+1 = rp \text{ and } e-1 = sq, \text{ or}$$

$$(9) \quad e+1 = sq \text{ and } e-1 = rp, \text{ or}$$

$$(10) \quad e+1 = pq \text{ (we know } e < pq), \text{ or}$$

$$(11) \quad e-1 = 0$$

• From (8),

notice that to solve the equations (8) (variable e) in \mathbb{Z}_n is more complex than to

solve it in \mathbb{N} , so we will solve it in \mathbb{N} , then transform the result to be the one in \mathbb{Z}_n . Now we have to find the solution of this

$$e' + 1 = r'p \text{ and } e' - 1 = s'q, \text{ where } e', r', s' \in \mathbb{N}$$

Using subtraction, we have

$$r'p - s'q = 2.$$

Since p, q are distinct odd primes, there exists a unique pair (u, v) , where $u, v \in \mathbb{N}$, $u < q$, $v < p$, satisfying this: $up + vq = 1$, so that

$$r'p - s'q = 1 + up + vq$$

It follows that

$$(13) \quad (r' - u)p + (-s' - v)q = 1 = up + vq$$

Since the pair (u, v) is unique, together with (13), we have

$$r' - u' = u \text{ and } -s' - v = v.$$

It follows that

$$r' = 2u \text{ and } s' = -2v$$

Therefore we have

$$e' + 1 = 2up \text{ and } e' - 1 = -2vq \\ \Rightarrow e' = up - vq.$$

Now, as we have e' , we have $e = e' \bmod n = (up - vq) \bmod n$, so

$$\begin{aligned} e + 1 &= [(up - vq) \bmod n] + 1 \text{ (notice that we are calculate in } \mathbb{Z}_n) \\ &= (up - vq + 1) \bmod n \\ &= (up - vq + up + vq) \bmod n \\ &= 2up \bmod n \\ &= 2up \bmod pq \\ &= 2up + mpq, \text{ where } m \in \mathbb{N}: 2up + mpq \in \mathbb{Z}_n \\ &= (2u + mq)p \end{aligned}$$

Because $(2u + mq)p \in \mathbb{Z}_n$, we have $0 < 2u + mq < q$

(of course we notice $2u + mq \neq 0$ and $2u + mq \neq q$),

so we suppose $r = 2u + mq$, we have this:

$$e = rp, \text{ where } 0 < r < q,$$

together with (7), we have

$$frp \equiv 0 \pmod{pq}.$$

Because $0 < r < q$, so that q divides f , which means we have

$$f \in \{0, q, 2q, \dots, (p-1)q\}$$

Hence we have $[(p-1) - 0 + 1] = p$ keys.

• From (9), we do similarly to which we did for (8), we have

$$e + 1 = sq, \text{ where } s = 2v + tp, t \in \mathbb{N}: (2v + tp)q \in \mathbb{Z}_n, 0 < s < p,$$

and $f \in \{0, p, 2p, \dots, (q-1)p\}$

Hence we have $[(q-1) - 0 + 1] = q$ keys.

• From (10), explicitly we have $f \in \mathbb{Z}_n$, so there are n keys in this case

• From (11), clearly we have $f = 0$, so there is only 1 key in this case

• Finally, the number of the involutory keys in \mathbb{Z}_n is

$$p + q + n + 1$$