

**Question 1.**

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Decrypt the following cryptotexts:

- (a) The given ciphered text is encoded using Bacon's cipher.

From AAAAB AAAA AAABA ABBBA ABBAB AAABA ABAAA ABBBB AABBB AABAA BAAAB, we obtain BACONCIPHER.

- (b) The given ciphered text is an anagram. There are more possible ways how to decode the given text. For example LESTER SANDERS HILL orHANDLIST RESELLERS.

- (c) The given ciphered word is encoded using Four Square cipher.

We obtain ITWASINVENTEDBYFELIXDELASTELLE after decoding the given ciphered word using the Four Square decoding algorithm with keys being **four** and **square**.

**Question 2.**

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- (a)  $e_{7,19}(A) = (A \cdot 7 + 19) \bmod 26 = (0 \cdot 7 + 19) \bmod 26 = 19 \bmod 26 = 19 = T$   
 $e_{7,19}(F) = (F \cdot 7 + 19) \bmod 26 = (5 \cdot 7 + 19) \bmod 26 = 54 \bmod 26 = 2 = C$   
 $e_{7,19}(I) = (I \cdot 7 + 19) \bmod 26 = (8 \cdot 7 + 19) \bmod 26 = 75 \bmod 26 = 23 = X$   
 $e_{7,19}(N) = (N \cdot 7 + 19) \bmod 26 = (13 \cdot 7 + 19) \bmod 26 = 110 \bmod 26 = 6 = G$   
 $e_{7,19}(E) = (E \cdot 7 + 19) \bmod 26 = (4 \cdot 7 + 19) \bmod 26 = 47 \bmod 26 = 21 = V$   
Ciphertextxt = TCCXGV

- (b)  $7^{-1} \bmod 26 = 15$

$d_{7,19} = (15 \cdot (H - 19)) \bmod 26 = (15 \cdot (7 - 19)) \bmod 26 = 2 = C$   
 $d_{7,19} = (15 \cdot (T - 19)) \bmod 26 = (15 \cdot (19 - 19)) \bmod 26 = 0 = A$   
 $d_{7,19} = (15 \cdot (V - 19)) \bmod 26 = (15 \cdot (21 - 19)) \bmod 26 = 4 = E$   
 $d_{7,19} = (15 \cdot (P - 19)) \bmod 26 = (15 \cdot (15 - 19)) \bmod 26 = 18 = S$   
 $d_{7,19} = (15 \cdot (I - 19)) \bmod 26 = (15 \cdot (8 - 19)) \bmod 26 = 17 = R$   
Plaintext = CAESAR

**Question 3.**

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(3 points) What is the number of possible keys and the unicity distance of an affine cipher if the following modulus is used:

For a modulus of 26, the number of possible keys is

$$n = \varphi(26) \cdot 26 = 12 \cdot 26 = 312,$$

where  $\varphi$  is the Euler's totient function, as we can have  $\varphi(26)$  different values of  $a$  co-prime to 26 and 26 different values of  $b$ .

1. 30

$$n = \varphi(30) \cdot 30 = 8 \cdot 30 = 240$$

$$U = \frac{H_K}{D_L} = \lceil \frac{\log 240}{3.2} \rceil = \lceil 2.47 \rceil = 3$$

The number of possible keys is 240, the unicity distance is 3.

2. 31

$$n = \varphi(31) \cdot 31 = 30 \cdot 31 = 930$$

$$U = \frac{H_K}{D_L} = \lceil \frac{\log 930}{3.2} \rceil = \lceil 3.08 \rceil = 4$$

The number of possible keys is 930, the unicity distance is 4.

#### Question 4.

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- (a) i. Since the keyspace is basically the set of possible values of  $a$ , it always holds that  $|K| = n - 1$ , because  $0 \notin K$ . That implies that  $|K| < |M|$ , which means that this encryption function is not perfectly secure. It's also obvious that  $Pr[P = 0|C = 0] = 1$  (zero always gets encrypted as zero) and assuming that  $n > 1$ ,  $Pr[P = 0] \neq 1$ , therefore  $Pr[P = 0|C = 0] \neq Pr[P = 0]$ .
- ii. Since the keys (b) are uniformly distributed and  $|K| = n$ ,  $Pr[K = b] = \frac{1}{n}$ .  $Pr[C = c] = \frac{1}{n}$ , because  $c = x + b \pmod{n}$ ,  $x$  and  $b$  are independent and  $b$  is uniformly distributed:

$$\sum_{b \in \mathbb{Z}_n} Pr[X = c - b \pmod{n}] = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}_n} Pr[X = x] = 1.$$

$$Pr[C = c|P = x] = Pr[K \equiv c - x \pmod{n}] = \frac{1}{n}.$$

$$Pr[P = x|C = c] = \frac{Pr[P=x] \cdot \frac{1}{n}}{\frac{1}{n}} = Pr[P = x]$$

This means that it is a perfectly secure cryptosystem.

- iii. Here the key consists of  $a$  and  $b$  ( $k = (a, b)$ ), therefore  $|K| = n(n - 1)$  and assuming the keys are used with equal probability,  $Pr[K = k] = \frac{1}{n(n-1)}$ .

Since  $n$  is a prime and  $a, b < n$ , it holds for every  $a$  that  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$  and  $\gcd(b, n) = 1$ . This means that there are no two different keys (combinations of  $a, b$ ), that encrypt message  $x$  to the same  $c$ . Therefore:

$$Pr[C = c] = \sum_{i \in P} Pr[P = i] \cdot \sum_{k: e_k(i)=c} Pr[K = k] = 1 \cdot Pr[K = k] = \frac{1}{n(n-1)}$$

$$Pr[C = c|P = p] = \sum_{k: e_k(p)=c} Pr[K = k] = Pr[K = k|e_k(p) = c] = \frac{1}{n(n-1)}$$

$$Pr[C = c] = Pr[C = c|P = p] = \frac{1}{n(n-1)}, \text{ so this is also a perfectly secure cryptosystem.}$$

- (b) The smallest number of encryption functions must be  $|K| \geq n$  (and the encryption functions must be chosen uniformly), so there would be equal probability that any plaintext message  $p$  will be encrypted to any  $c$ , in other words, we need enough encryption functions so that any plaintext message  $p$  can get encrypted to any ciphertext message  $c$ . If we had less than  $n$  encryption functions, some of the ciphertext messages  $c$  would occur with higher probability.

#### Question 5.

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- (a) We have :

$$c_1 = w_1 \oplus w_2 \oplus w_3 \oplus k,$$

$$c_2 = w_2 \oplus w_3 \oplus k,$$

$$c_3 = w_3 \oplus k$$

Taking the XOR of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  we get  $c_1 \oplus c_2 = w_1 \oplus w_2 \oplus w_3 \oplus k \oplus w_2 \oplus w_3 \oplus k = w_1$ .

Also taking the XOR of  $c_2$  and  $c_3$  we get  $c_2 \oplus c_3 = w_2 \oplus w_3 \oplus k \oplus w_3 \oplus k = w_2$ .

Therefore Bob can recover the messages in the following way:

$$w_1 = c_1 \oplus c_2,$$

$$w_2 = c_2 \oplus c_3,$$

$$w_3 = c_3 \oplus k$$

- (b) Malicious Eve can discover the length  $n$  of the messages and of the key respectively. She can also recover the binary messages  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  using the above mentioned procedure.

Question 6.

UACVL GVVUN CVETM QUCCT RPMAO UWYJM UHFMH FPTGV RGKEV IQBPR NEUIR HBBVW YRGJB FOEEC  
 YEZKJ MEXNG CQTPJ QNRLO PHLFK ITAIL SQUEW ZXJMH PAJNP SSYVA ILDJM NOMIT RWXNU WZMGP  
 GMEFY VHCET SIGIS EEVPC RVUXH XNFPP RGYDE ILHFX TTKLG WILCP PPRPG CFEMO MCRHK SPEYB  
 NUBPT NIPMI XTIWP NKYTR WAEDM NHFPC KSXXB GTNVH DTBUA HYDEO XGGSB VFHZZ VWKGT AENYL  
 NKMOX HBSUY NHEMS NEPAT CYDVT GGDXX UFJZD WEHVX RFXMY WVKXD KIDBH ICLGE MDATC DKZET  
 XTBRF XZFWM EXRBN UBPPY YULIT NBLXY VZGKS BNDYH HVRJX PNBMC DHVHJ BSVRZ JEAEJ NRTBC  
 CLPAB XJKON GICYD ZIHXH XINMN HIMHM EGUOX OIVHG VHBFG LTRBY PLTLE DLPTN VKMIG GBHOT  
 YICKT HFEYN IGLGK IGGUB PTVGJ GIJUF BLSII GGGGO XHLSK LGDAL ITETT VVVVN WBBVM AXIUV  
 OGTSK MUKMQ GHTSC YPNCE TZEYJ JAYOI IFTNW WISOI UFUCB TGFZL ICXQI UULJW TZVLK LCKAD  
 ETNXX HLUVH BPTTR PEBPA ESBPC VVVTI GLZBL DRLCU IMOGH ZTWMP BSAIO AARFN GVTLA OXYOK  
 TWULB SICYG YMUWI LCPPP RZIUP HBCIG TGYXU NGZET NEHRX VAILI TDFSK SPXMH RFYIA DTNXX  
 YHJMW ATOCW ABSJW LLRXV BTNDF BZVVZ GKTAJ SYTSR RCETX ROUEI MIGQP EAOUJ IFRJB SWITW  
 ZVVVA HCVUS LPDJS QGAYT FLEHV SWMBK EBEZF KLGVR BMFUY WRVCG DHNFN SEFVA BSMHB NTTXE  
 XXTAJ CLTTZ WJTCE EBLLD MEPMA ZEPPI RKLGB RKUTM TAEIP XMRIU CDQLM VXPMS TCMLV XJTTU  
 RJNLS YMPME ELJAP NTFX MTNEY OTYEV UAUBB APKVI RAILW PLVSV GTXTM HVMAR FZKWI GGUBP  
 MNMVA AGIOY JERVJ XAWSU UCTFZ GKTAJ SYDTF JVAEP OSFOI WXJBS PATNS ETEUX TAEJC EWFYN  
 WFBTJ HHIKL VAEEO OADTR RFBNZ TSUOI KMQGO YHVMS IEKWI CHDFV CEROK GGTCI CPVVQ GGTLI  
 ONSEZ RVXRX SUMZF EEVBO GAMMP CLVKM YTPSU NTZGG MHTTI UDCFR VBNNE ECTYF XJXTJ EONTE  
 KLEXN MUSSD IDSPL IGGIN SETSF XBHOL

substring	distances of occurrences	distance
TAE	$\gcd(\{528, 638, 676, 803, 836\}) =$	1
IGG	$\gcd(\{22, 41, 561, 792\}) =$	1
AIL	$\gcd(\{22, 649, 924\}) =$	11
PPR	$\gcd(\{22, 550, 770\}) =$	22
KLG	$\gcd(\{352, 693, 759\}) =$	11
UBP	$\gcd(\{154, 297, 836\}) =$	11

This is KASISKI method:

GCD of found distances is 11, I'm going to try this length and compute corresponding indices of correspondence:

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# This is algorithm how I obtain 11 columns below
for column in range(0, 11):
    print( column )
    for i in range(len( cryptotext ) ):
        if i % 11 == column:
            print(cryptotext[i])
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- UVMMVHOXLLPLXESXLLMBXAXUBABPXXXKDBBTBNVBNXGBLGHGJGLWGTEWTUKV  
AGMALBLBZLHYBNAXEWVYKBHMAEZKRHUETULMGGWAPPABEZYHTLXGTTNPMGH
- AEAHIBENOSADNYENHCONTEXAVESANRIARNNNBRCGIUFEFGFUOIBTSYWGLAHE  
LOIASCEIRHSDEIRAUTEMNHEEEUISRLNBWHGISEOAEOTOTHDCISAPTEEUGO
- CTOFQBEGPQJJUVEFFPMUIOBHFNUTUFDTFUBDMZCINOGDBEUFXTBSCJIFJDB  
SZGOOIPITTFJFSOOTSFBBFBCBPTUTJJEVPUOUSSTOJOSVFIOUMSIEOSIL
- VMUPBVCCHUNMWHVPXPCBWMGYHYCYFXBCXBLYCJLCMXLLHYBBHEVCYASZWEF  
BBHAXCPGNDYMWBYUWLEUNLLPMCCNAYALMBYUYFNCHAUMVCNMMUUCNSN
- LQWTPWYQLEPNZCPPTPRPPNTDZLNYJMHDZPXHDEPYNOTPONPLLTMPYOLTTT  
PLZAYYPTEFIWLZTEEZPEZYSTTLPTDMTPOPVAPJCDOSEHDOSCPSPNDYTD

6. GUYGRYETFWOSMECRTRHTNHNETNHDDYIKFPYHHAADHIRTITITSSTAUNOIHZNT  
CDTROGRGHSAAALWSIIVDFHWETTDRAQLSNTKSRMETTIEWITHIEVEFCTCTEIE
7. VCJVNRZPKZSMGTRGKPKNKFVOVKEVZWCZWIVVVEBZIVBNYGVSKVXKCIUCVXR  
VRWFKYZYRKDTRVRMFVJVKRFZXMKELVYTYVVFNRFFWTFKRKERVZELZFFKDT
8. WGMREGKJIXYIPSYLGSYIPHXWMMTWVLEMYZRHEXIMHYVILGILWIMEIFXLSP  
VLMNTMIXXSTOXZRIRVSSLVVEWELIMXMEIGZMVZJXEYLRMKOQREVGRXLSS
9. UTUGUJJQTVTGIUDGCPPTCDGKOSGEKGTEUGJJNJIHGPKCGJGGVUQTFCQKHE  
VCPGWUUUVPNCVCGCJAQWGCAXJPGPVJPFVRTKVJGVJUNVFQWKGVVKGJVJEPF
10. NRHKIBMNAMARMGXEWFEFMRKTGGXNGHXEXXLKXBRKXVMVLMKKGDTVGZTUILLB  
TUBVUWPNAXXWBKEQBHGMVGBXTMBXXTMXUAXWAXKABXWABGIGGXBMBSXXLX
11. CPFEREERIHIWEIHIEYIWSBSTHEDVDMTRISPSTOHEHTITIIKANOHENBUCUP  
IISTLIHGIMOATTPSCABRDSTCARMPTEMAITIAATESTFENOCGTROYHNTNIB

Column	Index of correspondence
1	0.05708
2	0.06244
3	0.06316
4	0.06278
5	0.07574
6	0.06248
7	0.07118
8	0.06057
9	0.07515
10	0.07324
11	0.06823

Indices of correspondence are high, thus the key length is 11. All columns are encoded with Caesar cipher. We can use frequency analysis, where "E" most used letter in English and Vigenère table to decode. If "E" doesn't make sense, try other widely used letter.

Column	Most frequent letters	Corresponding row in Vigenère table
1	B,X,L	Y,T,H
2	E	A
3	F	B
4	Y, C	U,X
5	P	L
6	I, E, T	E,A,P
7	V	R
8	I	E
9	G	C
10	X	T
11	I, E, T	E,A,P

BABBAGES SUCCESSFUL CRYPTANALYSIS OF THE VIGENERE CIPHER WAS PROBABLY ... ACHI EVEDINEIGH TEENF IFTYF OURSO ONAFTERHIS SPATW ITHTH WAITE SBUTH ISDIS COVER YWENT COMPLETELY UNREC OGNIZ EDBEC AUSEH ENEVE RPUBL ISHED ITTHE DISCO VERYC AMETO LIGHT ONLYINTHET WENTI ETHCE NTURY WHENS CHOLA RSEXA MINED BABBA GESEX TENSI VENOT ESINT HEMEANTIME HISTE CHNIQ UEWAS INDEP ENDEN TLYDI SCOVE REDBY FRIED RICHW ILHEL MKASI SKIARETIRE DOFFI CERIN THEPR USSIA NARMY EVERS INCEW HENHE PUBLI SHEDH ISCRY PTANA LYTICBREAK THROU GHIND IEGEH EIMSC HRIFT ENUND DIEDE CHIFF RIRKU NSTSE CRETW RITIN GANDTHEART OFDEC IPHER INGTH ETECH NIQUEHASBE ENKNO WNAST HEKAS ISKIT ESTAN DBABB AGESCONTRI BUTIO NHASB EENLA RGELY IGNOR EDAND WHYDI DBABB AGEFA ILTOP UBLIC IZEHI SCRACKINGO FSUCH AVITA LCIPH ERHEC ERTAI NLYHA DAHAB ITOFN OTFIN ISHIN GPROJ ECTSA NDNOTPUBLI SHING HISDI SCOVE RIESW HICHM IGHTS UGGES TTHAT THISI SJUST ONEMO REEXA MPLEOFHISL ACKAD AISIC ALATT ITUDE HOWEV ERTHE REISA NALTE RNATI VEEXP LANAT IONHI SDISCOVERY OCCUR REDSO ONAFT ERTHE OUTBR EAKOF THECR IMEAN WARAN DONET HEORY ISTHA TITGAVETHE BRITISHACL EARAD VANTA GEOVE RTHEI RRUSS IANEN EMYIT ISQUI TEPOS SIBLE THATBRITIS HINTE LLIGE NCEDE MANDE DTHAT BABBA GEKEE PHISW ORKSE CRET HUSPR OVIDI NGTHEMWITH ANINE YEARH EADST ARTOV ERTHE RESTO FTHEW ORLDI FTHIS WASTH ECASE THENI TWOULD FITI NWITH THELO NGSTAN DING TRADI TIONO FHUSH INGUP CODEB REAKI NGACH IEVEM ENTSIN THEI NTERE STSOF NATIO NALSE CURIT YAPRA CTICE THATH ASCON TINUE DINTO THETW ENTIETHCEN TURYS IMONS INGHT HECOD EBOOK