

IV054 Coding, Cryptography and Cryptographic Protocols  
 2016 - Exercises IV.

1. Decrypt the following ciphertexts:

- (a) RCVRZRTKRJVJK
- (b) DH AJ AH DG AJ DI DH
- (c) XKKNA SHNLV SWOXW SATGO SHZWS E  
 (Hint: English alphabet extended with the exclamation mark was used.)
- (d) 000 111 000 0000 0 0100 0110 11 0 011 00 1 0000 0000 111 11 0 011 111 010 101
- (e) LPTEI JRFDB OESVO AMJBC TVUSG ZAGRG WDPWT GZQDQ XVZNT AS  
 (Hint: See exercise 5 of the first set of exercises.)

2. Consider the Affine system in which decryption of a cryptotext  $C$  is done as follows:

$$d(C) = 19(C - 5) \pmod{26}$$

Encrypt the plaintext *message*.

3. Consider two Hill cryptosystems described with matrices  $G$  and  $H$ .

- (a) Consider another Hill cryptosystem with matrix  $M$ , constructed from  $G$  and  $H$ , such that

$$e_M(m) = e_H(e_G(m)) \text{ and } d_M(c) = d_G(d_H(c)).$$

Determine  $M$  and  $M^{-1}$  in terms of  $G$  and  $H$ .

- (b) Prove that if both  $H$  and  $G$  set up valid Hill cryptosystem, the cryptosystem from (a) is also valid.
4. Suppose someone wants to send 7 messages using the one-time pad cryptosystem, but only three keys  $\{k_1, k_2, k_3\}$  are available. To solve this, four new keys are created from these three keys as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} k_4 &= k_1 \oplus k_2, \\ k_5 &= k_1 \oplus k_3, \\ k_6 &= k_2 \oplus k_3, \\ k_7 &= k_1 \oplus k_2 \oplus k_3. \end{aligned}$$

You managed to intercept all the cryptotexts  $c_i = w_i \oplus k_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 7$ , but you know only three plaintexts  $w_4, w_5, w_7$ . Find the remaining plaintexts.

- 5. Consider the Affine cryptosystem with modulus  $n = 3$ . Prove that such cryptosystem is perfectly secure, if every valid pair of keys  $(a, b)$  has the same probability of being chosen.
- 6. Consider the binary one-time pad cryptosystem with plaintexts, ciphertexts and keys of length 5. You have obtained the following information:  
 Plaintexts  $m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4, m_5$  have their first bit 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, respectively. The corresponding cryptotexts are  $c_1 = 11110, c_2 = 11100, c_3 = 10110, c_4 = 00111, c_5 = 00111$ . You know that each of plaintexts was encrypted using a different cyclic shift of the same key  $k$ . You also know that the second bit of  $m_5$  is 0. Determine  $m_5$  and  $k$ .

