

Math 116 Spring 2022

Homework 1

Due Friday, April 8th

You should familiarize yourself with Sage before starting to do the homework. For example, you can type `help(ShiftCryptosystem)` to get the Sage documentation about `ShiftCryptosystem`.

Here is some sample code using `ShiftCryptosystem`:

```
shift_system = ShiftCryptosystem(AlphabeticStrings())
message = "The shift cryptosystem generalizes the Caesar cipher"
plaintext = shift_system.encoding(message)
print("plaintext:", plaintext)
key = 7
encode = shift_system(key)
ciphertext = encode(plaintext)
print("ciphertext:", ciphertext)
decode = shift_system(shift_system.inverse_key(key))
print("Decoding ciphertext gives plaintext?", plaintext == decode(ciphertext))
```

You can try pasting this into Sage and executing it. You should get the output:

```
plaintext: THESHIFTCRYPTOSYSTEMGENERALIZESTHECAESARCIPHER
ciphertext: AOLZOPMAJYFWAVZFZALTNLULYHSPGLZAOLJHLZHYJPWOLY
Decoding ciphertext gives plaintext? True
```

Problem 1. (Shift Cipher, modified 1.1, with Sage)

- Use `ShiftCryptosystem` to shift
“A page of history is worth a volume of logic”
forward by 11 letters.
- Use `ShiftCryptosystem` to shift 7 letters backwards to decrypt

AOLYLHYLUVZLJYLAZILAALYAOHUAOLZLJYLAZAOHALCLYFIVKFNBLZZLZ

Problem 2. (Simple substitution cipher, modified 1.3, with Sage)

- Use `SubstitutionCryptosystem` with key `SCJAXUFBQKTPRWEZHVLIQYDNMO` to encrypt “The gold is hidden in the garden”.
- Use `SubstitutionCryptosystem` with the same key to decrypt

IBXLX JVXIZ SLLDE VAQLL DEVAU QLB

Problem 3. (Divisibility) Remark 1.9 says: “One way to compute quotients and remainders is by long division. You can speed up the process using a simple calculator. The first step is to divide a by b on your calculator, which will give a real number. Throw away the part after the decimal point to get the quotient $q = \lfloor a/b \rfloor$. Then the remainder r can be computed as $r = a - b \cdot q$.”

“If you need just the remainder, you can instead take the decimal part (also sometimes called the fractional part) of a/b and multiply it by b .”

- (a) 1.7(d). Using a simple calculator and the method described in Remark 1.9, compute the quotient and remainder resulting from 1498387487 divided by 76348.
- (b) 1.8(d). Using a simple calculator and the method described in Remark 1.9, compute the remainder resulting from 1498387487 divided by 76348.

Problem 4. (Greatest Common Divisors 1.9(a) and 1.10(a), by hand) Use the extended Euclidean algorithm by hand to compute $\gcd(291, 252)$ and to find integers u and v so that $291u + 252v = \gcd(291, 252)$. Check your answer in Sage with `xgcd`.

Problem 5. (1.11) Let a and b be positive integers.

- (a) Suppose that there are integers u and v satisfying $au + bv = 1$. Prove that $\gcd(a, b) = 1$.
- (b) Suppose that there are integers u and v satisfying $au + bv = 6$. Is it necessarily true that $\gcd(a, b) = 6$? If not, give a specific counterexample, and describe all of the possible values of $\gcd(a, b)$?
- (c) Suppose that (u_1, v_1) and (u_2, v_2) are two solutions in integers to the equation $au + bv = 1$. Prove that a divides $v_2 - v_1$ and that b divides $u_2 - u_1$.
- (d) Let $g = \gcd(a, b)$ and let (u_0, v_0) be a solution in integers to $au + bv = g$. Prove that every other solution has the form $u = u_0 + kb/g$ and $v = v_0 - ka/g$ for some integer k . (This is the second part of Theorem 1.11.)

Problem 6. (Modular Arithmetic, by hand)

- (a) 1.17(a). Find the integer n between 0 and 762 such that $347 + 513 \equiv n \pmod{763}$.
- (b) 1.17(c). Find the integer n between 0 and 352 such that $153 \cdot 287 \equiv n \pmod{353}$.
- (c) 1.17(h). Find the integer n between 0 and 96 such that $23^3 \cdot 19^5 \cdot 11^5 \equiv n \pmod{97}$.

Problem 7. (Modular Arithmetic 1.18, by hand) Find all values of x between 0 and $m - 1$ that are solutions of the following congruences.

- (a) $x + 17 \equiv 23 \pmod{37}$
- (b) $x + 42 \equiv 19 \pmod{51}$
- (c) $x^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$
- (d) $x^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{13}$
- (e) $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$
- (f) $x^3 - x^2 + 2x - 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$
- (g) $x \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ and $x \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$ (Find all solutions with $0 \leq x < 35$.)

Problem 8. (Modular Arithmetic 1.22, by hand) Let m be an integer.

- (a) Suppose that m is odd. What integer between 1 and $m - 1$ is the inverse of 2 mod m ?
- (b) Suppose that $m \equiv 1 \pmod{b}$. What integer between 1 and $m - 1$ is the inverse of b mod m ?