

# MATH 314 Fall 2019 - Class Notes

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Summary: Today's class covered the Hill cipher

## Hill Cipher

**m-block size**

**k**- $m \times m$  matrix  $\text{mod} 26$

**(k has to have an inverse)**

$E(\vec{v}) = \vec{v}k$

$D(\vec{c}) = \vec{c}k$

**Inverse of a  $2 \times 2$  ( $\text{mod} 26$ )**

if  $k = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26}$

Then  $k^{-1} = (ad - bc)^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{pmatrix} \pmod{26}$

Determinant has to be a mod 26 value that is odd and not 13

$\text{Gcd}(\det(k), 26) = 1$ , 1 being the greatest factor they have in common.

This is true for any hill cipher matrix k.

Find the inverse of

$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 3 & 10 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(k) = 4 \times 10 - 1 \times 3 = 37 = 11 \pmod{26}$$

$$K^{-1} = (11)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & -1 \\ -3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & 19 \times \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 25 \\ 23 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{26} \\ & \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 19 \times 10 & 19 \times 25 \\ 19 \times 23 & 19 \times 4 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{26} \\ & = \\ & \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 7 \\ 21 & 24 \end{bmatrix} \in \text{Inverse} \end{aligned}$$

## Chosen Plaintext attack

Suppose  $m=2$

**Pick the plaintext "ba" <1,0>**

$E(\langle 1,0 \rangle = \langle 1,0 \rangle \begin{matrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{matrix} = \langle a,b \rangle$  or  $\langle 1,0 \rangle$  ( Find the first row of k)

Encrypt "a,b"-  $E(\langle 0,1 \rangle) = \langle 0,1 \rangle \begin{matrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{matrix}$

Known plaintext attack

Find the key using linear algebra

Alice sends the ciphertext LIPVPI to Bob

11,19,15,21,15,8

Eve learns this corresponds to "linear"

11,19,15,21,15,8

Block size m=2

$\langle 11,8 \rangle k = \langle 11,19 \rangle$

$\langle 13,4 \rangle k = \langle 15,21 \rangle$

$\langle 0,17 \rangle k = \langle 15,8 \rangle \pmod{26}$

**Matrix equation**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 11 & 8 \\ 13 & 4 \end{bmatrix} k = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 19 \\ 15 & 21 \end{bmatrix}$$

Invert the first matrix (find the inverse to get k by itself)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 11 & 8 \\ 13 & 4 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} = (44 - 104)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -8 \\ -13 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

**(Even so not invertible)**

**Try again!**

**1st and 3rd equation**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 11 & 8 \\ 0 & 17 \end{bmatrix} k \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 18 \\ 15 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Invert this**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 11 & 8 \\ 0 & 17 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \equiv (11 * 17 - 8(0))^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 17 & -8 \\ 0 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \equiv 5^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 17 & -8 \\ 0 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\equiv 21 \times \begin{bmatrix} 17 & 18 \\ 0 & 11 \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 19 & 14 \\ 0 & 23 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Multiply both sides of equations on left!**

$$\begin{bmatrix} 19 & 14 \\ 0 & 23 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 8 \\ 0 & 17 \end{bmatrix} k \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 19 & 14 \\ 0 & 23 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 19 \\ 15 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

*Identity*

$$K \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 19 & 14 \\ 0 & 17 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 19 \\ 15 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\equiv \begin{bmatrix} 19(11) + 14(15) & 19(19) + 14(8) \\ 23(15) & 23(8) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 + 2 & 23 + 8 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\equiv \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = k$$

**Key matrix has to be invertible**