

● Announcements:

- Please use pencil on quizzes if possible

● Questions?

● Today:

- Congruences
- Chinese Remainder Theorem
- Modular Exponents

Hill Cipher implementation

● Encryption

- Easy to do in MATLAB.
- Or find/write a matrix library for language X.

● Decryption

- Uses matrix inverse.
- How do we determine if a matrix is invertible mod 26?

How to break via known plaintext?

- Good work on last session's quiz.

Idea:

Assume you know the matrix size, n .

Then grab n sets of n plaintext chars \leftrightarrow ciphertext

This gives n^2 equations and n^2 unknowns.

Then solve using basic linear algebra, but mod n .

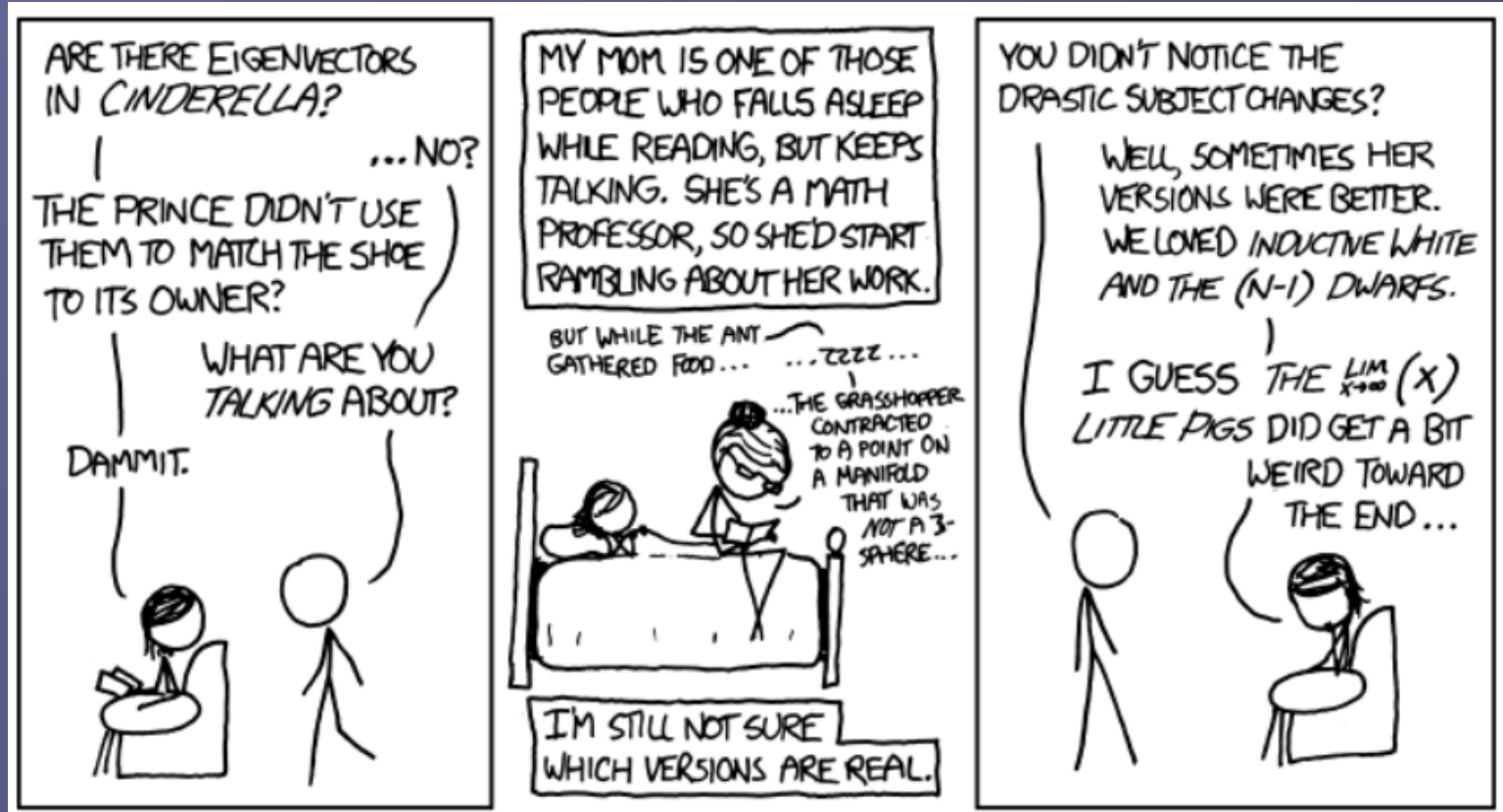
Caveat: sometimes it doesn't give a unique solution, so you need to choose a different set of plaintext.

Hmm. This could make a nice exam problem...

Substitution ciphers

- Each letter in the alphabet is always replaced by another one.
 - Which ciphers have we seen are substitution ciphers?
 - Which aren't and why?
- Breaking ciphertext only uses linguistic structure. Frequencies of:
 - Single letters
 - Digrams (2-letter combinations)
 - Trigrams
 - Where do T&W get their rules like “80% of letters preceding *n* are vowels”? (p. 26)
 - See http://keithbriggs.info/documents/english_latin.pdf
- Lots of trial and error when done by hand.
- Could automate with a dictionary.

Fairy Tales



[HTTP://XKCD.COM/872/](http://xkcd.com/872/)

Goldilocks' discovery of Newton's method of approximation required surprisingly few changes.

Basics 4: Congruence

● Def: $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ iff $(a-b) = nk$ for some int k

● Properties

Consider $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}, n \neq 0$

$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ if $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $a = b + nk$

$a \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ iff $n \mid a$

$a \equiv a \pmod{n}$

$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ iff $b \equiv a \pmod{n}$

$a \equiv b, b \equiv c \pmod{n} \Rightarrow a \equiv c \pmod{n}$

If $a \equiv b, c \equiv d \pmod{n}$, then

$(a + c) \equiv (b + d) \pmod{n}$

$(a - c) \equiv (b - d) \pmod{n}$

$ac \equiv bd \pmod{n}$

If $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ and $ab \equiv ac \pmod{n}$, then

$b \equiv c \pmod{n}$

● You can easily solve congruences $ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$ if $\gcd(a, n) = 1$.

- For small numbers, do by hand
- For larger numbers, compute a^{-1} using Euclid

Solving $ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$ when $\gcd(a, n) \neq 1$

- Let $\gcd(a, n) = d$
- If d doesn't divide b then no solution
- Else divide everything by d and solve $(a/d)x \equiv (b/d) \pmod{(n/d)}$

← Example: $2x \equiv 7 \pmod{10}$

Example:

$$3x \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$$

- Get solution x_0
- Multiple solutions:
 $x_0, x_0 + n/d, x_0 + 2n/d, \dots, x_0 + (d-1)n/d$
- Always write solution with the **original** modulus
- This is an easy program to code once you have Euclid...

- How could we write $x \equiv 16 \pmod{35}$ as a *system* of congruences with smaller moduli?

Chinese Remainder Theorem

- **Equivalence** between a single congruence mod a **composite number** and a system of congruences mod its factors
- Two-factor form
 - Given $\gcd(m,n)=1$. For integers a and b , there exists *exactly 1* solution (mod mn) to the system:

$$x \equiv a \pmod{m}$$

$$x \equiv b \pmod{n}$$

CRT Equivalences let us use systems of congruences to solve problems

- Solve the system:

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$$

$$x \equiv 5 \pmod{15}$$

- How many solutions?
 - Find them.

$$x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{35}$$

Chinese Remainder Theorem

● n-factor form

- Let m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k be integers such that $\gcd(m_i, m_j) = 1$ when $i \neq j$. For integers a_1, \dots, a_k , there exists *exactly 1* solution (mod $m_1 m_2 \dots m_k$) to the system:

$$x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1}$$

$$x \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2}$$

...

$$x \equiv a_k \pmod{m_k}$$

Modular Exponentiation

- Compute last digit of 3^{2000}

- Compute $3^{2000} \pmod{19}$

Idea:

- Get the powers of 3 by repeatedly squaring 3, BUT taking mod at each step.

Modular Exponentiation

(All congruences are mod 19)

● Compute 3^{2000}
(mod 19)

● Technique:

- Repeatedly square 3, but take mod *at each step*.
- Then multiply the terms you need to get the desired power.

● Book's
powermod()

$$3^2 \equiv 9$$

$$3^4 = 9^2 \equiv 81 \equiv 5$$

$$3^8 = 5^2 \equiv 25 \equiv 6$$

$$3^{16} = 6^2 \equiv 36 \equiv 17 \text{ (or } -2)$$

$$3^{32} = 17^2 \equiv 289 \equiv 4$$

$$3^{64} = 4^2 \equiv 16$$

$$3^{128} \equiv 16^2 \equiv 256 \equiv 9$$

$$3^{256} \equiv 5$$

$$3^{512} \equiv 6$$

$$3^{1024} \equiv 17$$

$$3^{2000} \equiv (3^{1024})(3^{512})(3^{256})(3^{128})(3^{64})(3^{16})$$

$$3^{2000} \equiv (17)(6)(5)(9)(16)(17)$$

$$3^{2000} \equiv (1248480)$$

$$3^{2000} \equiv 9 \pmod{19}$$

Modular Exponentiation

- Compute 3^{2000}
(mod 152)

$$3^2 \equiv 9$$

$$3^4 = 9^2 \equiv 81$$

$$3^8 = 81^2 \equiv 6561 \equiv 25$$

$$3^{16} = 25^2 \equiv 625 \equiv 17$$

$$3^{32} = 17^2 \equiv 289 \equiv 137$$

$$3^{64} = 137^2 \equiv 18769 \equiv 73$$

$$3^{128} \equiv 9$$

$$3^{256} \equiv 81$$

$$3^{512} \equiv 25$$

$$3^{1024} \equiv 17$$

$$3^{2000} \equiv (3^{1024})(3^{512})(3^{256})(3^{128})(3^{64})(3^{16})$$

$$3^{2000} \equiv (17)(25)(81)(9)(73)(17)$$

$$3^{2000} \equiv (384492875)$$

$$3^{2000} \equiv 9 \pmod{152}$$