

# Homework 3 in Advanced Methods of Cryptography

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**Exercise 9.** The handling of long keys for Vernam ciphers is difficult. Therefore, autokey systems are proposed. For a given keyword  $k = (k_0, \dots, k_{n-1})$  and message  $m = (m_0, \dots, m_{l-1})$  the following two autokey systems are given.

$$c_i = \begin{cases} m_i + k_i \pmod{26} & 0 \leq i \leq n-1 \\ m_i + c_{i-n} \pmod{26} & n \leq i \leq l-1 \end{cases}$$

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- (a) Describe a ciphertext-only attack on  $\mathbf{c} = (c_0, \dots, c_{l-1})$ .
- (b) Decrypt the cryptogram  $\mathbf{c} = \text{DLGVTYOACOUVCEZA}$ .
- (c) Assume the keylength to be known. Describe a ciphertext-only attack on  $\hat{\mathbf{c}} = (\hat{c}_0, \dots, \hat{c}_{l-1})$ .
- (d) Decrypt the cryptogram  $\hat{\mathbf{c}} = \text{QEXYIRVESIUXXXKQVFLHKG}$  using keylength 2.

**Exercise 10.** Find the key for the following Vigenère-ciphertext and explain your approach.

**Hint:** You should subtract 1 from the estimator of the keylength you obtained from this ciphertext.

ISYUZPNEVO	IQIKHWPGHG	IHCERNPNFC	HEBHATWSGO	GCUMWKPQAW
RSCTAPMINH	IZJXBXYBHB	WPLXLEPWMB	DCMHZXNCMP	TWCXTBLXBB
SPYWKDFFWW	QPNHSMAYVH	XECGQPDYPV	TCYFMKPLRG	TYMXGGPDX
QIEBXWGZQG	SKTXXBRPSX	HBLXTAXYIM	OCOPXFNDOK	SAJXHW CZNW
FTLGUIIEIF	CGCIPWSTYT	BSEIWONTQH	IAOOGPJCX	BBJMHIAXSB
ABPXBOIPJN	FEZMXWHEII	ZPNYUSUZLX	HWPQHFAOJE	OXYFRGJNWB
BREFROCOQB	HWZOMQDXGX	BILMXFXPMH	TBPLXVDFMX	VDWXXJTYNL
WCEBXWGNIG	GTBOXBRPMM	VTDYXJTYNL	VPGYMSGCCY	WTOBTJTEIK
HJCYWVPGYW	SHELHMTOGX	MTECPWAWHH	HPENXAEENH	SMAINBSEBX
AIZGXHWPSA	OKPJKSHPHM	SSWCMHAPVN	HWZLKCGEIF	OCJNASNHCE
ZHPYFZTDMM	SGCCUZTEBT	BQLLHEJPMA	SGPUYHTCJX	FWLJLGDXYB
BIPFESREGT	MQPZHICOQA	WRSQBZACYW	IRPGTDWLHM	OHXNHHPWH
ABZHIZPNYL	CBPCGHTWFX	QIXIKSRLFF	ADCYECVTWT	ZPYXYOGWYL
GTIWBHPMFX	HWLHFMDHHP	VXNBPWAWJX	FRPCOSXYNA	SRTLVIDBNT
BRPMBRTEUB	ZLTNAOLPHH	HWTHZADCYM	VPYUGCGOCG	OGJMNQRPML
WDYIYJTCSG	OIFLTZRLLOL	SHLHWSUQYV	HHQLHABJCG	TPYWRWLLMG

CIPXYCGEBX	RDNCEWI JUG	RWFGTBXESH	TBJXBGEZMB	HXZHFMI PHW
SGYYLGDQBX	OGEQTGTGYG	GDNIGGETWB	CJDULHDXUD	SBPNASYPMM
CUXSVCBAUG	WDYMBKPDYL	DTNCTZAJZI	JIIDTEMPWI	SNASHPCLDT
YNFCHEIYAN	ECFSPYXGSK	PLPOHDIAOE	ASTGLSYGTT	PXBBVLHWQP
CYLGYAMVT	XNAWHAYVIA	TUKWIJIYQW	LLTQIPLZFT	HQBHWXSZFD
HNAOCOCGOC	JGTBWZIWWS	PLBJTOZKCB	TNHBTZZFME	CCGQXAUEGD
FLVSHZZIZT	LMNFTEIMVD	DYPVDSUOSR	SYKWSYWOC	LZYSRECHBU
ZLMVTQUBHW	QEOCOMTUP	NCHIHOIZWC	PYWVPCXEMQ	PUMHWPNCJ
MFXCUPRIZP	THBBVEBXP	EOKSDCNASX	YNXBHTNRCU	EBXUGLNBTX
NUMWDYNAIH	OYKWKLVESI	SYKSXDMHAT	EBBBVTHMVT	FHLSAQCLVP
YXLSAQMTQG	TZBQXYAECK	PIYOQCOMSL	SCVVVSI XGS	TLXQIWSMCI
SYASPCNHTW	TGPVDSULVP	OZKSFFYGH	NWTGXZHMCI	PMMHWPJTZI
CSYFXPHWGW	TJTBSRILGP	XYKTXYEWI	JIIYATCYFOC	TGTFGTYSWP
CFROCOQTGW	LJIMIZZBBS	THFMLTZXOS	TMICHTNBCC	YIMICNIGUT
YCTZLTNAAN	ZQGCQDYKJX	YAFMELLMWP	WCMUZLWCB	PMMWRAYMGH
SYECHEHHCE	AIKHJYCMM	QJKCRFLBBV	EBHGTZZMVT	XILHPRLXSP
MFXYXTHISC	LZPENXFLM	TFTXUKYPMF	RZPCAXOCOV	XOJECYIALH
BAPWYGHXY	EMQWUVYPYX	LOVLWBIDN	HOCLMMCCTM	AWCRXXUGPY
BBHAYTYXYA	HTWTMBBIPF	EWVPHVSBJQ	BTHBHOISY	TFIHULBDEU
EWIEFXHYW	MIGXPWISM	NDTCMMWITI	GAPOYYFTBO	XBILFEIHTI
GHDEBXOCNC	XBIAIIIAL	GCITIGKWTW	AFTRUKRTOU	EZQWUVYRLN
LOHHCMQWPM	BBSTMZIXDY	GCIEBTHHSY	POHPPXFHPL	BCJDOICCEB
BGEZCGHPYX	BATYNBCEB	XAPENXFPEU	EZUZLGCQPN	MSGCYTG DYN
AOCEBTHXEB	TDEPHLXJDN	GCLEIUSGPG	XAQPLXREWO	MCISCLKPDN
ASRLNLBPXY	POHXS YOKZO	KWIPJXHPYX	IZPJGTHTTU	ECCPZXRWTG
TBSSYTHIPH	WSSXYPVTCY	OSGTQXBILV	HIIEBXVDFM	XWIHULSKPH
PWISXBTUTW	NZIJNAOITW	HIAOJKSKPH	MVXXZKCBQI	ECLTHZATEB
KCJRBMVTDN	KSTEMHIGQL	BSCOMAWEWU	LHTOCGHWTM	FOCYKTDCM
XJTCUEMTLL	LRJCCGULSC	VVBJAXBTCU	EHTXJXFPXY	GHPYXVPCU
VHTCNAFDFA	AHWPCGGICO	FSCEUEWIJI	YHWPZBSCOC	GHTXYKOCNY
AOSTVEIHSN	HQDYZXGHTN	XLEPLBSCNY	WGLX BQPWU	KOSTWTZPWN
XFPECHBUZL	MVTHIKGTTA	KSLOURPNOU	RADCYFCDOS	FCGPKCFXEU
UZTXIKSGPA	TFSWYLG DQN	ASUPYEWCRI	YCISYKGXDO	YTTCYWANDY
ETIZOLSXYN	XAEPLTHTWU	GUJLAXHDXS	PWUPUMZTYA	MVXPPXBDQZ
XFTOBXFEPL	LCCLFOWD WY	GQTXSISIDI	YQDFLLSLPL	XAPOYMCUPY
EHWPWAOCRY	BBBJXBGEZM	BHXZHB BDEI	GZNYZZTNN	XRQFN BZAFM
XRISYFTDCJ	EII ZBKTGY	KWHECEZGPN	TWCPXLIUQC	VWTYNKSVLL
WHDCYLHPTH	FSUCIFWBLX	XBDDWKIEPF	HTBLFMFTLN	BBVEBXFPMV
BHHEBXADYE	XMDCYOSCEB	XRDRQASCMS	TQRTXXBIZL	MVGZOZVPQZ
XQITIGHWPS	VOBPCGANHU	RPJEGRRXDY	TGTRLXKJAI	GATQIKKWL N
WWHPULSXDF	BYTLFVCWZF	TBSLNE SCRN	ASKPHIZJEI	PVDHULBDHV
XQDXCGUDWX	TBSNIGGTBO	XBIWSLCBPQ	AOIAYXJXDB	XJTYJEIIZV
XUPYNHSMAY	KWTYWXHPY	YTTNNLCUXS	BZAEYFDTCI	GSCTAAHGPN
NFCTHZVDXY	FIRSCGHDIC	VOIPXYFDXI	GSDQGRV PFH	MGPMINHIZQ
GWULHVWTON	AOIEBXQPEU	OCXOYWANAL	XGTYXWHPC	SSSSCFK WPH
BBWTMYFXRB	MOIXSOWD WY	GQTSYBBUWC	VHTOULZXR B	MKDFHWIEZH
FMWLHWKXEB	AWHEYXWEB	XTJCSHTPOY	FCCTHLHPYN	EMEZMLSHDY
WATTEGLXS	LSAQHHZDYA	XFBJIKWVTH	TZHZOEGTPG	XRPEIGQTEI
MOZPCMGUWC	ZVIQLHABJV	HRNLHWOBZL	XHWLHYWTYX	BGWXUESKZF
XBRPABBCFL	MIGPXMVGT F	ESSPPXFNQC	USGZZFMUCU	FSXEIHYUCI
FANHUBGINI	THEZWDSILJ	XBZCYSDAY	GSSTNZFPDJ	XRISYICDCV
XOHEVRHWP N	AFDLNTBSOY	EWQPLTHTWS	VII ZHXCUSC	LSNPMYFDXN
ASHZWDSITV	EIHSCUIGYC	LVJOXXFLSC	ESXAYGHWPX	TACLVESPEL
UMTOATFTWF	XBEZY			

For the recommended computer assisted evaluation the above ciphertext is also available in the web.

**Exercise 11.** The plaintext hidden in the following ciphertext is part of a famous English play:

KPJDLCSG PVHQKWRK KCKRBKPJ DLCWILKR BGSKORKO VCVCNVEW OVQDLCIL YFIRRIGB  
 IVSXQKRB DLCSVCXX PKRAOWYX HMXIKKRG XLGCXGWI NVEWCQYX CNKVRC

- (a) Determine the index of coincidence  $I_C$ . What can you derive from it<sup>1</sup>?

**Exercise 12.**

Let  $X, Y$  be random variables with support  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, \dots, x_m\}$  and  $\mathcal{Y} = \{y_1, \dots, y_d\}$ . Assume that  $X, Y$  are distributed by  $P(X = x_i) = p_i$  and  $P(Y = y_j) = q_j$ .

Let  $(X, Y)$  be the corresponding two-dimensional random variable with distribution  $P(X = x_i, Y = y_j) = p_{ij}$ .

Prove the following statements from Theorem 4.3:

- (a)  $0 \leq H(X)$  with equality if and only if  $P(X = x_i) = 1$  for some  $i$ .
- (b)  $H(X) \leq \log m$  with equality if and only if  $P(X = x_i) = \frac{1}{m}$  for all  $i$ .
- (c)  $H(X | Y) \leq H(X)$  with equality if and only if  $X$  and  $Y$  are stochastically independent (conditioning reduces entropy).
- (d)  $H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y | X)$  (chainrule of entropies).
- (e)  $H(X, Y) \leq H(X) + H(Y)$  with equality iff  $X$  and  $Y$  are stochastically independent.

**Hint** (a):  $\ln z \leq z - 1$  for all  $z > 0$  with equality if and only if  $z = 1$ .

**Hint** (b),(c): If  $f$  is a convex function, the Jensen inequality  $f(E(X)) \leq E(f(X))$  holds.

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<sup>1</sup> $I_C \approx 0.0385$ : polyalphabetic and uniformly distributed;  $I_C \approx 0.0668$ : monoalphabetic and English