

1. Break this ciphertext that was enciphered using Vigenere with a two letter keyword (the keyword will not necessarily be a real dictionary word):

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given that “bananas” appears in it.

2. Find q, r with $0 \leq r < a$, so that $b = a \cdot q + r$ with:

(a) $a = 585329, b = 3313918$

(b) $a = 515629, b = -914610$.

(c) $a = 125092, b = 50295$.

3. Find the inverse of 12 (mod 38) (that is, find c such that $12c \equiv 1 \pmod{38}$) or explain why it does not exist.
4. Break the message:

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knowing it was encoded with an affine cipher and contains the word “silly”.

5. Use the vigenere applet at

<http://math.ucsd.edu/~crypto/java/EARLYCIPHERS/Vigenere.html>.

Choose a random ciphertext and try to break it. Write down the keyword.

6. Prove that if $d|a$ and $d|b$ then $d|a + b$ and $d|a - b$.
7. Prove that if $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$ then $a+c \equiv b+d \pmod{m}$, $a-c \equiv b-d \pmod{m}$ and $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$.