

CHINESE REMAINDER THEOREM

The system of n Congruences

$x_i = a_i \pmod{m_i}$ $i=1, 2, 3, \dots, n$. Where $\text{GCD}(m_i, m_j) = 1$ if $i \neq j$ has unique solution modulo $(m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots, m_n)$

Problem:

$$x = 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$x = 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$x = 2 \pmod{7}$$

Here $a_1 = 2$ $a_2 = 3$ $a_3 = 2$
 $m_1 = 3$ $m_2 = 5$ $m_3 = 7$

Step 1:

$$\begin{aligned} m &= m_1 \times m_2 \times m_3 \\ &= 3 \times 5 \times 7 \\ &= 105 \end{aligned}$$

clearly $(m_1, m_2) = 1$ $(m_2, m_3) = 1$ $(m_3, m_1) = 1$

Step 2:

$$\frac{m}{m_1} = 7 \times 5 = 35$$

$$\frac{m}{m_2} = 3 \times 7 = 21$$

$$\frac{m}{m_3} = 3 \times 5 = 15$$

Step 3:

$$\frac{m}{m_1} x_1 = 1 \pmod{m_1}, \quad \frac{m}{m_2} x_2 = 1 \pmod{m_2}, \quad \frac{m}{m_3} x_3 = 1 \pmod{m_3}$$

$$35x_1 = 1 \pmod{3}, \quad 21x_2 = 1 \pmod{5}, \quad 15x_3 = 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$x_1 = 2$$

$$x_2 = 1$$

$$x_3 = 1$$

$$2x_1 \equiv 1, \quad x_2 \equiv 1, \quad x_3 \equiv 1$$

Required solution.

$$x \equiv \left(\frac{m_1}{m_1} x_1 a_1 + \frac{m_2}{m_2} x_2 a_2 + \frac{m_3}{m_3} x_3 a_3 \right) \pmod{m_1 m_2 m_3}$$

$$\equiv (35 \times 2 \times 2 + 21 \times 1 \times 3 + 15 \times 1 \times 2)$$

$$\equiv (140 + 63 + 30) \pmod{105}$$

$$\equiv 233 \pmod{105}$$

$$\equiv 23.$$

$$x \equiv 23$$