

## Chinese Remainder Theorem:-

Let  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k$  be positive integers such that  $\gcd(m_i, m_j) = 1$  for  $i \neq j$ .

(i.e;  $m_i + m_j$  are coprime for all  $i \neq j$ )

Then for any integers  $a_1, \dots, a_k$ , the system

$$\text{no. of solns} \equiv x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1}$$

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

$$\text{combined } x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1}, x \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2}$$

$$\text{extended to } x \equiv a_k \pmod{m_k}$$

has a solution.

Moreover, any two solutions of the system are congruent modulo  ~~$m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k$~~ .

Proof:- (Approach I via Mathematical induction)  
on no. of eqns in the system.

Let there are  $k=2$  eqns.

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

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

The eqn.  $x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1}$  has a soln  
since  $a_1 + km_1$  satisfies this eqn  
for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$x = a_1 + km_1$$

$x - a_1 = (a_1 + km_1) - a_1 = km_1$ , is divisible by  $m_1$ .

Now we need to show that there exist an integer  $k_1$  such that

$$a_1 + k_1 m_1 \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2}$$

(i.e; for some integer  $k_1$ ,  $a_1 + k_1 m_1$  is a solution for both equations).

Equivalent to showing that

$$k_1 m_1 \equiv (a_2 - a_1) \pmod{m_2}$$

has a solution for  $k_1$ ,

Since,  $\text{gcd}(m_1, m_2) = 1$

$\Rightarrow \exists$  integer  $p, q$  such that

$$m_1 p + m_2 q = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 p = 1 - m_2 q$$

$$\Rightarrow (a_2 - a_1)m_1 p = (a_2 - a_1) - (a_2 - a_1)m_2 q$$

$$\Rightarrow [(a_2 - a_1) p] m_1 \equiv (a_2 - a_1) \pmod{m_2}$$

Consider  $(a_2 - a_1) p = k_1$

Thus we proved

$$k_1 m \equiv (a_2 - a_1) \pmod{m_2}$$

i.e; we found a solution which satisfy both the equations simultaneously.

Now need to show that any two solns are congruent modulo  $m_1 m_2$ .

Let  $c_1 \neq c_2$  be two solns of the system.

$$\text{i.e;} \quad c_i \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i}, \quad i = \{1, 2\}.$$

$$(a_1, c_1) \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2}$$

provided we

know  $\Rightarrow$

$$c_2 \equiv c_1 \pmod{m_1}, \quad m_1 / m_2 = m \text{ and}$$

$$c_2 \equiv c_1 \pmod{m_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 | c_2 - c_1, \quad m_2 | c_2 - c_1$$

$$(a_1, c_1) \Rightarrow (m_1, m_2) | c_2 - c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 \equiv c_1 \pmod{m n}$$

Proof done for system of 2 eqns.



Now suppose the result is true for a system of  $k$  eqns or less.

Now we need to find a soln for  $k+1$  eqns

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

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

$$x \equiv a_{k+1} \pmod{m_{k+1}}$$

Considering the first  $k$  equations,  $\exists$  a solution

that is unique modulo  $m_1 m_2 m_3 \dots m_k$ , say  $a$ .

i.e., for  $k$  eqns, we've solution

$$x \equiv a \pmod{(m_1 m_2 \dots m_k)}$$

Now  $m = m_1 m_2 \dots m_k$  and  $m_{k+1}$  are relatively prime.

$$\text{i.e., } \gcd(m, m_{k+1}) = 1$$

the system

$$x \equiv a \pmod{(m_1 m_2 \dots m_k)}$$

$$x \equiv a_{k+1} \pmod{m_{k+1}}$$

has a solution that is unique modulo  $m_1 m_2 \dots m_k m_{k+1}$   
(by the case of 2 eqns)  $\underline{(m \cdot m_{k+1})}$ .

## Approach 2

Construction of a simultaneous soln of the system of  $k$ -congruences:—

Let  $m = m_1 m_2 \dots m_k$

Define  $M_j = \frac{m}{m_j}$  for  $1 \leq j \leq k$

Claim:  $1 \leq j \leq k, \gcd(m_j, M_j) = 1$

Proof: Let  $\gcd(m_j, M_j) \neq 1 \Rightarrow \exists p$  prime such that

$$p | m_j \text{ & } p | M_j \Rightarrow p | \underbrace{m_1 m_2 \dots m_j}_{\text{if a bar is over } m_j} m_{j+1} \dots m_k$$

In this,  $m_j$  is not included.

$\Rightarrow \exists m_i$  such that

i.e.  $p | m_i$  because  $p | m_j$  &  $p | m_i$

Contradiction to the fact that  $\gcd(m_i, m_j) = 1$

Now, we've for each  $1 \leq j \leq k,$

$$\gcd(m_j, M_j) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow M_j x_j + m_j y_j = 1, M \text{ for some integers}$$

Considering mod  $m_j$ , we'll get

$$M_j x_j \equiv 1 \pmod{m_j}$$

$\Rightarrow$  multiples of  $M_j$  plus some number  $a_1 M_1 x_1 + \dots + a_k M_k x_k$

Consider sum  $x = a_1 M_1 x_1 + \dots + a_k M_k x_k$

Claim:-  $x$  is a simultaneous soln of

the system of  $k$ -congruences.

If  $i \neq j$

$$\text{then } M_i = m_1 m_2 \dots m_j m_{j+1} \dots m_{i-1} m_{i+1} \dots m_k$$

(means in  $M_i$  we will have  $m_j$  term but not  $m_i$ )

so  $M_i x_i \equiv 0 \pmod{m_j}$

$$\Rightarrow M_i x_i \equiv 0 \pmod{m_j} \quad | M_i x_i \in \{0, m_j, 2m_j, \dots\}$$

$$\text{for all } i \neq j \quad M_i \equiv 0 \pmod{m_j}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_i x_i \equiv 0 \pmod{m_j}$$

$$\text{if } (i=j) \quad M_j x_j \equiv 1 \pmod{m_j}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_j M_j x_j \equiv a_j \pmod{m_j}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv a_j M_j x_j \equiv a_j \pmod{m_j}$$

for each  $1 \leq j \leq k$

$x = a_1 M_1 x_1 + \dots + a_k M_k x_k$  is a solution for the system of  $k$  congruences



We're claiming this sum as a simultaneous soln  
because, for instance, suppose you're considering  
1st eqn.  $x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1}$

then replacing  $x$  with  $a_1 M_1 x_1 + \dots + a_k M_k x_k$   
 $j \neq 1$  for that case  
 $M_j x_j \equiv 0 \pmod{m_1}$

and same thing for other eqns.

for understanding only

For uniqueness :- Let  $x$  and  $y$  both simultaneous solutions of the system of  $k$  congruences.

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv y \pmod{m_j} \quad \forall 1 \leq j \leq k.$$

Now,  $m = m_1 m_2 \dots m_k$  (prime factorization)

Let  $p^t \mid m$  but  $p^{t+1} \nmid m$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Also,  $(m_i, m_j) = 1 \quad \forall 1 \leq i < j \leq k$

$\Rightarrow p^t \mid m_j$  for only one  $\pmod{m_j}$

$\Rightarrow p^t \mid (x-y) \Rightarrow$  [By Fundamental theorem of arithmetic (which says that every integer greater than 1 can be represented uniquely as a product of prime no.)]

$$\Rightarrow m \mid (x-y)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv y \pmod{m}$$

Q-8 Determine the number of  $n$ -digit quaternary sequences in which there is never a (0,1,2,3) sequence in which there is never a 3 anywhere to the right of 0.

Soln: Let  $a_n$  denote the no. of such sequences of  $n$ -digits.

Now for  $(n+1)$ -digit sequences:

Case I: Sequences of length  $n$  that end in 3.

Total no. of such sequence will be  $3^n$ .  
for  $(n+1)$  length.

Case II: Sequences of length  $n$  that end in 0,1,2

No. of such seq. will be  $3a_n$   
because for last place we've only 3 choices.

i.e; 
$$a_{n+1} = 3a_n + 3^n$$

This is required recursive relation  
(Non-homogeneous)

Now,  $a_n^{(h)} = A \cdot 3^n$

$a_n^{(p)} = Bn \cdot 3^n$

$\Rightarrow B(n+1) \cdot 3^{n+1} = 3 \cdot Bn \cdot 3^n + 3^n$

$$\Rightarrow 3B(n+1) = 3Bn +$$

$$\Rightarrow B = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = A \cdot 3^n + \cancel{n} \cdot 3^{n-1}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad a_0 = 1 \Rightarrow 1 = A + 1 \Rightarrow A = 0$$

$$a_1 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a_n = 3^n + n \cdot 3^{n-1}, n \geq 0}$$

$$\boxed{A + AD = 1 + AD}$$

(we assumed  $A = 1$ )

$$A + AD = 1 + AD$$

$$A(1 + D) = 1 + AD$$