



# Competitive Programming

From Problem 2 Solution in  $O(1)$

## Number Theory

## Chinese Modular Theorem

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# System of simultaneous congruences

- Find  $x$  that solves following system?
- $$\begin{cases} x \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ x \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ x \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \end{cases}$$
 Note: pairwise gcd = 1
- For each one, find all solutions and intersect!
- $x \in \{2, 5, 8, 11, 14, \dots, 71, \dots\}$  from first
- $x \in \{3, 7, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27, 31, \dots, 71, \dots\}$
- $x \in \{1, 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31, 36, \dots, 71, \dots\}$
- Intersect:  $x \in \{11, 71, \dots\} \Rightarrow x \equiv 11 \pmod{60}$

# System of simultaneous congruences

```
bool satisfySystem(int x, vector<int> &rem, vector<int> &mods) {
    for (int i = 0; i < (int)mods.size(); ++i) {
        if(x % mods[i] != rem[i]) // x = rem[i] (% mods[i])
            return false;
    }
    return true;
}

// Find x satisfies
// x = rem[0] (% mods[0])
// x = rem[1] (% mods[1])
// ....
// x = rem[n] (% mods[n])
int solveSystemOfCongruences(vector<int> &rem, vector<int> &mods) {
    for(int x = 0 ; ; ++x) {
        if(satisfySystem(x, rem, mods))
            return x;
    }
    return -1; // will never happens under some conditions
}
```

# Chinese remainder theorem

- For a System of simultaneous congruences of  
The theorem tell us solution exist in **2 cases**
- $$\begin{cases} x \equiv a_1 \pmod{n_1} \\ \dots \\ x \equiv a_k \pmod{n_k} \end{cases}$$
- 1)  $n_1, \dots, n_k$  are positive integers that are pairwise coprime ... or
- 2)  $a_i \equiv a_j \pmod{\gcd(n_i, n_j)}$  for all  $i$  and  $j$
- $x$  are then congruent modulo the **LCM** of  $n_i$

# Recall

- $a, b, c$  are pairwise coprimes IFF
  - $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a, c) = \gcd(b, c) = 1$
- The smallest number divisible by 3, 4, 5 is  $\text{lcm}(3, 4, 5)$  ....  $\text{lcm}(a, b) = a * b / \gcd(a, b)$
- if  $a$  and  $b$  are coprimes, then  $\text{lcm}(a, b) = a * b$
- Prime numbers are sure coprimes
- To convert  $a \% n$  to  $b \% n$ :  $[(a/a) * b] \pmod n$ 
  - We need to do so using mod inverse

# Chinese remainder theorem

- System:  $x \equiv A[i] \pmod{M[i]}$ 
  - $x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  (assuming pairwise coprimes)
  - $x \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$
  - $x \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$
- Step 1: For the **ith** equation, compute **product** of ALL modes, except the current equation
  - $X = 4*5 + 3*5 + 3*4$  [e.g. 1st  $3*4*5 / 3$ ]
  - Then when we take a mode, 2 terms cancels and 1 remain
  - Divide the remaining term & Multiply needed reminder
  - Then we end with needed reminder per a term

# Chinese remainder theorem

- $X = 4*5 + 3*5 + 3*4 \quad \text{mods } [3, 4, 5]$ 
  - $(4*5 + 0 + 0) \% 3$  [other 2 terms has 3, so = 0]
  - $(0 + 3*5 + 0) \% 4$
  - $(0 + 0 + 3*4) \% 5$
- $X = (20, 15, 12) \quad \text{vs} \quad (2, 3, 1)$
- Convert to  $(20/20 * 2, 15/15 * 3, 12/12 * 1)$
- $1/20 \% 3 = \underline{2} - 1/15 \% 4 = \underline{3} - 1/12 \% 5 = \underline{3}$
- $X = 20 * \underline{2} * 2 + 15 * \underline{3} * 3 + 12 * \underline{3} * 1 = \underline{251}$
- Intuition: min X divisible by 3, 4, 5? lcm (3, 4, 5)
- From theorem:  $251 \% 60 = 11$  (the min X)

# Chinese remainder theorem

```
// Given set of relative primes mod, solve the system of congruence using CRT
ll solveSystemOfCongruences_ch1(vector<ll> &rems, vector<ll> &mods) {
    ll prod = 1, x = 0;

    for(auto mod : mods)
        prod *= mod;

    for (int i = 0; i < (int)mods.size(); i++) {
        ll subProd = prod / mods[i];
        x += subProd * modInversek(subProd, mods[i]) * rems[i];
    }

    return x % prod;
}
```



# Chinese remainder theorem

- Previous method handles only when moduli are co-prime, but not the general **restricted** form  $a_i \equiv a_j \pmod{\gcd(n_i, n_j)}$  for all  $i$  and  $j$
- If we can solve **2 Congruence** equation and **merge** in 1, we can solve sequentially
  - $T = x \pmod N \Rightarrow T = N * k + x$
  - $T = y \pmod M \Rightarrow T = M * p + y$
  - $N * k + x = M * p + y \Rightarrow N * k - M * p = y - x$  LDE
  - New mod: use LCM of  $(N, M)$ . New rem:  $(T = N * k + x) \% M$
- Once merged, move to next equation

# Chinese remainder theorem

```
// If we can solve 2 cong equation and merge in 1, we can solve sequentially
//  $T = x \bmod N \Rightarrow T = N \cdot k + x$ 
//  $T = y \bmod M \Rightarrow T = M \cdot p + y$ 
//  $N \cdot k + x = M \cdot p + y \Rightarrow N \cdot k - M \cdot p = y - x \Rightarrow$  Linear Diophantine equation
ll solveSystemOfCongruences NOT_RELATIVES(vector<ll> &rems, vector<ll> &mods) {
    ll rem = rems[0], mod = mods[0];

    // solve with prev equ, get new congruence equ
    for (int i = 1; i < (int)rems.size(); i++) {
        ll x, y, found, a = mod, b = -mods[i], c = rems[i] - rem;
        ll g = ldioph(a, b, c, x, y, found);

        if(!found)
            return -1;

        rem += mod * x; // Evaluate previous congruence
        mod = mod / g * mods[i]; // merged mod: lcm modes so far
        rem = (rem%mod+mod)%mod; // merged rem
    }
    return rem;
}
```

# Chinese remainder theorem

- There are other ways to handle CRT
- Solve sequentially, and for each 2 equations, get GCD of moduli, and generate 4 equations and solve.....let  $D = \text{GCD}(N, M)$ 
  - $T \equiv (x \% D) \bmod D$
  - $T \equiv (x \% (N / D)) \bmod (N / D)$
  - $T \equiv (y \% D) \bmod D$
  - $T \equiv (y \% (M / D)) \bmod (M / D)$
- Variant of substitution method
- Garner Algorithm (Fast - coprimes only ?)

# CRT usage

- Compute  $F() \% C$  where  $C$  is not prime?
  - Assume we can solve  $F() \% p^a$
  - Factorize  $C$ : e.g.  $C = 12 = 2*2*3$
  - Divide to co-primes list: e.g.  $\{4, 3\}$
  - Now compute  $F() \% 4$  and  $F() \% 3$
  - But we need  $F() \% 12$ ? CRT can solve this system
- See [example](#), [fermat](#) and [euler](#)

# CRT usage

- Assume we solve  $F()$ , its result that fit in 32 bit. But you notice intermediate overflow
- Pick  $M = P_1 * p_2 \dots P_k \dots$  set of prime numbers
  - such that  $M$  needs  $> 32$  bit integer
  - The  $F() \% M = F()$
  - E.g.  $M = 257 * 263 * 269 * 271$
- Compute  $F() \% P_i$ : hence no overflow
- Use CRT to get the actual  $F()$

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# Problems

- SPOJ POWPOW, IPSC 2005 (Problem G – Gears In Action), LiveArchive (5879),