

Chinese Remainder Theorem

The Chinese Remainder Theorem

The Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT) is used to solve a set of different congruent equations with one variable but different moduli which are relatively prime as shown below:

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

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

...

$$X \equiv a_n \pmod{m_n}$$

CRT states that the above equations have a unique solution if the moduli are relatively prime.

$$X = (a_1 M_1 M_1^{-1} + a_2 M_2 M_2^{-1} + \dots + a_n M_n M_n^{-1}) \pmod{M}$$



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Example 1: Solve the following equations using CRT

$$X \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$X \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$X \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$$

Solution:

$$X = (a_1 M_1 M_1^{-1} + a_2 M_2 M_2^{-1} + a_3 M_3 M_3^{-1}) \pmod{M}$$



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$X \equiv a_3 \pmod{m_3}$	$X \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$

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Given		To Find		
$a_1 = 2$	$m_1 = 3$	M_1	M_1^{-1}	M
$a_2 = 3$	$m_2 = 5$	M_2	M_2^{-1}	
$a_3 = 2$	$m_3 = 7$	M_3	M_3^{-1}	



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$a_3 = 2$	$m_3 = 7$	M_3	M_3^{-1}



$M=105$

Solution:

$$M = m_1 \times m_2 \times m_3$$

$$M = 3 \times 5 \times 7$$

$$M = 105$$



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$a_1 = 2$	$m_1 = 3$	$M_1 =$	M_1^{-1}	$M=105$
$a_2 = 3$	$m_2 = 5$	$M_2 =$	M_2^{-1}	
$a_3 = 2$	$m_3 = 7$	$M_3 =$	M_3^{-1}	

$$M_1 = \frac{M}{m_1}$$

$$M_1 = \frac{105}{3}$$

$$M_1 = 35$$

$$M_2 = \frac{M}{m_2}$$

$$M_2 = \frac{105}{5}$$

$$M_2 = 21$$

$$M_3 = \frac{M}{m_3}$$

$$M_3 = \frac{105}{7}$$

$$M_3 = 15$$



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$a_1 = 2$	$m_1 = 3$	$M_1 = 35$	M_1^{-1}
$a_2 = 3$	$m_2 = 5$	$M_2 = 21$	M_2^{-1}
$a_3 = 2$	$m_3 = 7$	$M_3 = 15$	M_3^{-1}

$M=105$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_1 \times M_1^{-1} &= 1 \pmod{m_1} \\
 35 \times M_1^{-1} &= 1 \pmod{3} \\
 35 \times 2 &= 1 \pmod{3} \\
 M_1^{-1} &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_2 \times M_2^{-1} &= 1 \pmod{m_2} \\
 21 \times M_2^{-1} &= 1 \pmod{5} \\
 21 \times 1 &= 1 \pmod{5} \\
 M_2^{-1} &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_3 \times M_3^{-1} &= 1 \pmod{m_3} \\
 15 \times M_3^{-1} &= 1 \pmod{7} \\
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$a_2 = 3$	$m_2 = 5$	$M_2 = 21$	$M_2^{-1} = 1$	
$a_3 = 2$	$m_3 = 7$	$M_3 = 15$	$M_3^{-1} = 1$	

$$X = (a_1 M_1 M_1^{-1} + a_2 M_2 M_2^{-1} + a_3 M_3 M_3^{-1}) \pmod{M}$$

$$= (2 \times 35 \times 2 + 3 \times 21 \times 1 + 2 \times 15 \times 1) \pmod{105}$$

$$= 233 \pmod{105}$$

$$X = 23$$



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Example 1: Solve the following equations using CRT:

$$4X \equiv 5 \pmod{9}$$

$$2X \equiv 6 \pmod{20}$$



35 when divided by 3,
the remainder is 2

35×2 when divided by
3, the remainder is 1

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Rewrite the question as follows:

$$4X \equiv 5 \pmod{9}$$

Multiply by 4^{-1} on both sides

$$4^{-1} \times 4X \equiv 4^{-1} \times 5 \pmod{9}$$

$$X \equiv 4^{-1} \pmod{9} \times 5 \pmod{9}$$

$$X \equiv 7 \times 5 \pmod{9}$$

$$2X \equiv 6 \pmod{20}$$



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$$7 \times 4 \pmod{9} = 1 \\ \text{remainder}$$

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$$X \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$$

$$2X \equiv 6 \pmod{20}$$



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$$X \equiv 7 \times 5 \pmod{9}$$

$$X \equiv 35 \pmod{9}$$

35/9 gives remainder 8

$$X \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$$

$$2X \equiv 6 \pmod{20}$$



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$$X \equiv 35 \pmod{9}$$

$$X \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$$

$$2X \equiv 6 \pmod{20}$$

$$2X \equiv 2 \times 3 \pmod{20}$$

$$X \equiv 3 \pmod{20}$$



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

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

$$X \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$$

$$X \equiv 3 \pmod{20}$$

Solution:

$$X = (a_1 M_1 M_1^{-1} + a_2 M_2 M_2^{-1}) \pmod{M}$$

Given		To Find		
$a_1 = 8$	$m_1 = 9$	M_1	M_1^{-1}	M
$a_2 = 3$	$m_2 = 20$	M_2	M_2^{-1}	



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$a_1 = 8$	$m_1 = 9$	M_1	M_1^{-1}
$a_2 = 3$	$m_2 = 20$	M_2	M_2^{-1}

M=180

Solution:

$$M = m_1 \times m_2$$

$$M = 9 \times 20$$

$$M = 180$$



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Given		To Find		
$a_1 = 8$	$m_1 = 9$	M_1	M_1^{-1}	$M=180$
$a_2 = 3$	$m_2 = 20$	M_2	M_2^{-1}	

$$M_1 = \frac{M}{m_1}$$

$$M_1 = \frac{180}{9}$$

$$M_1 = 20$$

$$M_2 = \frac{M}{m_2}$$

$$M_2 = \frac{180}{20}$$

$$M_2 = 9$$



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Given		To Find		
$a_1 = 8$	$m_1 = 9$	$M_1 = 20$	M_1^{-1}	$M=180$
$a_2 = 3$	$m_2 = 20$	$M_2 = 9$	M_2^{-1}	

$$M_1 \times M_1^{-1} = 1 \pmod{m_1}$$

$$20 \times M_1^{-1} = 1 \pmod{9}$$

$$20 \times 5 = 1 \pmod{9}$$

$$M_1^{-1} = 5$$

$$M_2 \times M_2^{-1} = 1 \pmod{m_2}$$

$$9 \times M_2^{-1} = 1 \pmod{20}$$

$$9 \times 9 = 1 \pmod{20}$$

$$M_2^{-1} = 9$$



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$$X \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$$

$$X \equiv 3 \pmod{20}$$

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$a_1 = 8$	$m_1 = 9$	$M_1 = 20$	$M_1^{-1} = 5$	$M=180$
$a_2 = 3$	$m_2 = 20$	$M_2 = 9$	$M_2^{-1} = 9$	

Solution:

$$X = (a_1 M_1 M_1^{-1} + a_2 M_2 M_2^{-1}) \pmod{M}$$

$$= (8 \times 20 \times 5 + 3 \times 9 \times 9) \pmod{180}$$

$$= (800 + 243) \pmod{180}$$

$$= 1043 \pmod{180}$$

$$X = 143$$

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In equation 2, we need to replace $2x = 6 \pmod{20}$ by $x = 3 \pmod{10}$ for getting correct answer. (please note that 6 cannot be directly divided by 2. there will be change in mod part as well)