

Ex Solve each of the following sets of simultaneous congruence:

(a) $x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, $x \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$, $x \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$

(b) $x \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$, $x \equiv 14 \pmod{29}$, $x \equiv 15 \pmod{31}$

(c) $x \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$, $x \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$, $x \equiv 3 \pmod{17}$.

Solⁿ(a):

Given that,

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{5} \dots \dots \dots (ii)$$

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{7} \dots \dots \dots (iii)$$

Using quotient remainder theorem we get

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \approx x = 3a + 1 \dots \dots \dots (iv)$$

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{5} \approx x = 5a + 2 \dots \dots \dots (v)$$

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{7} \approx x = 7a + 3 \dots \dots \dots (vi)$$

from (iv) and (v) we get,

$$3a + 1 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

The inverse of $3 \pmod{5}$ is 2 so, $a \equiv 2 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow a = 5b + 2$

$$\text{Then } x = 3(5b + 2) + 1 = 15b + 7.$$

Now from eqn (iii).

$$15b + 7 \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$$

Since, $15 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$ and $7 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ then the eqn simplifies to

$$b \equiv 3 \pmod{7} \Rightarrow b = 7c + 3$$

$$\text{Then, } x = 15(7c + 3) + 7 = 105c + 52$$

$$x \equiv 52 \pmod{15} \Rightarrow 52 \quad (\text{Ans.})$$

Soln(b):

Given that, $x \equiv 5 \pmod{11} \dots \dots \dots (i)$

$x \equiv 14 \pmod{29} \dots \dots \dots (ii)$

$x \equiv 15 \pmod{31} \dots \dots \dots (iii)$

Combining the first two congruence,

$x = 11a + 5$. Substitute into the second congruence

$$11a + 5 \equiv 14 \pmod{29}$$

$$\Rightarrow 11a \equiv 9 \pmod{29}$$

The inverse of 11 modulo 29. This means we want $11x \equiv 1 \pmod{29}$

$$\therefore 11 \times 8 \equiv 1 \pmod{29}$$

So the inverse is 8. Multiply both sides: $a = 9 \times 8 = 72 \equiv 14 \pmod{29}$

$$a = 29b + 14$$

Substitute back: $x = 11(29b + 14) + 5 = 319b + 159$

$$\text{so } x \equiv 159 \pmod{319}$$

Combine with third congruence we have, $319b + 159 \equiv 15 \pmod{31}$

$$\therefore 319 \equiv 9 \pmod{31} \text{ and } 159 \equiv 4 \pmod{31}$$

$$\text{So, } 9b + 4 \equiv 15 \pmod{31} \Rightarrow 9b \equiv 11 \pmod{31}$$

Finding the inverse of 9 modulo 31:

$$9 \times 7 = 63 \equiv 1 \pmod{31}$$

So the inverse is 7. Multiply both sides:

$$b = 11 \times 7 = 77 \equiv 15 \pmod{31} \Rightarrow b = 31c + 15$$

Substitute back. $x = 319(31c + 15) + 159 = 9889c + 4944$

$$\therefore x \equiv 4944 \pmod{9889} \Rightarrow 4944$$

Soln(c) : Given

$$x \equiv 5 \pmod{6} \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

$$x \equiv 4 \pmod{11} \dots \dots \dots (ii)$$

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{17} \dots \dots \dots (iii)$$

Combining the first two congruences, we get.

$$6a + 5 \equiv 4 \pmod{11}.$$

Substituting into the second congruence we get.

$$6a + 5 \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$$

$$6a \equiv -1 \equiv 10 \pmod{11}$$

The inverse of 6 modulo 11 is 2, ~~since 6 modulo 11 is 2~~

since $6 \times 2 = 12 \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$:

$$a = 2 \times 10 = 20 \equiv 9 \pmod{11} \Rightarrow a = 11b + 9.$$

$$\text{Then } x = 6(11b + 9) + 5 = 66b + 59$$

Now using the third congruence

$$66b + 59 \equiv 3 \pmod{17}$$

$$\Rightarrow 66 \equiv 15 \pmod{17}, \quad 59 \equiv 8 \pmod{17}$$

$$\text{So, } 15b + 8 \equiv 3 \pmod{17} \Rightarrow 15b \equiv -5 \equiv 12 \pmod{17}$$

The inverse of 15 mod 17 is 8 so, $15 \times 8 = 120 \equiv 1 \pmod{17}$

$$b = 8 \times 12 = 96 \equiv 11 \pmod{17} \Rightarrow 17c + 11$$

$$\text{Then } x = 66(17c + 11) + 59$$

$$= 1122c + 785$$

$$\therefore x \equiv 785 \pmod{1122} \Rightarrow 785 \quad \underline{\text{(Ans.)}}$$