

Game on numbers

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Let x, y and z be three 3-digit numbers such that $x : y : z = 1 : 2 : 3$. If 1, 2, ..., 7, 8, 9 appear exactly once on all digits of x, y and z , find all possible numbers.

Let $x = 100a + 10b + c, y = 100d + 10e + f, z = 100g + 10h + i$.

Note that c, f, i cannot be 5, otherwise, the digits 5 are repeated.

$$\because z = 3x \leq 999 \Rightarrow 101 \leq x \leq 333 \Rightarrow a = 1, 2 \text{ or } 3$$

We shall divide x into 7 intervals and find the possible solution from each interval:

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| (1) $101 \leq x \leq 133$ | (1) $124 \leq x \leq 132$ |
| (2) $134 \leq x \leq 166$ | (2) $134 \leq x \leq 164$ |
| (3) $167 \leq x \leq 199$ | (3) $167 \leq x \leq 198$ |
| (4) $200 \leq x \leq 233$ | (4) $213 \leq x \leq 231$ |
| (5) $234 \leq x \leq 266$ | (5) $234 \leq x \leq 264$ |
| (6) $267 \leq x \leq 299$ | (6) $267 \leq x \leq 298$ |
| (7) $300 \leq x \leq 333$ | (7) $312 \leq x \leq 329$ |

But all digits must be different and cannot be 0, $\Rightarrow c, f, i$ cannot be 5.

- (1) $124 \leq x \leq 132, 248 \leq 2x \leq 264, 372 \leq 3x \leq 396$
 $\because d = 2 \Rightarrow 130 \leq x \leq 132 \Rightarrow x = 132, y = 264$ the digit "2" is repeated, no solution
- (2) $134 \leq x \leq 164, 268 \leq 2x \leq 328, 402 \leq 3x \leq 492$
 $g = 4 \Rightarrow 136 \leq x \leq 163, 268 \leq 2x \leq 326, 423 \leq 3x \leq 489$
 $141 \leq x \leq 163, 282 \leq 2x \leq 326, 423 \leq 3x \leq 489$
 $g = 4 \Rightarrow 152 \leq x \leq 163, 304 \leq 2x \leq 326, 456 \leq 3x \leq 489$
 $a = 1, e \neq 0, 1, g = 4$ and $d = 3 \Rightarrow 152 \leq x \leq 162, 2x = 326, 456 \leq 3x \leq 489$
 $\Rightarrow x = 163, 2x = 326$, the digit "3" is repeated, no solution
- (3) $167 \leq x \leq 198, 334 \leq 2x \leq 396, 501 \leq 3x \leq 594$
 $h \neq 0, 1, i \neq 3$ and $e \neq 3 \Rightarrow 167 \leq x \leq 198, 342 \leq 2x \leq 396, 524 \leq 3x \leq 594$
 $c \neq 5 \Rightarrow 176 \leq x \leq 198, 352 \leq 2x \leq 396, 528 \leq 3x \leq 594$
 $e \neq 5 \Rightarrow 176 \leq x \leq 198, 362 \leq 2x \leq 396, 528 \leq 3x \leq 594$
 $181 \leq x \leq 198, 362 \leq 2x \leq 396, 542 \leq 3x \leq 594$
 $c \neq 1 \Rightarrow 182 \leq x \leq 198, 364 \leq 2x \leq 396, 546 \leq 3x \leq 594$
 If $b = 8, 182 \leq x \leq 189, 364 \leq 2x \leq 378, 546 \leq 3x \leq 567$
 $f \neq 8$ and $e \neq f \Rightarrow 182 \leq x \leq 189, 364 \leq 2x \leq 376, 546 \leq 3x \leq 567$
 $c \neq 8 \Rightarrow 182 \leq x \leq 187, 364 \leq 2x \leq 374, 546 \leq 3x \leq 561$
 $i \neq 1, h \neq 5 \Rightarrow 182 \leq x \leq 187, 364 \leq 2x \leq 374, 546 \leq 3x \leq 549$
 $182 \leq x \leq 183, 364 \leq 2x \leq 366, 546 \leq 3x \leq 549$
 when $x = 182, 2x = 364, 3x = 546$, the digits "4", "6" are repeated
 when $x = 183, 2x = 366$, the digit "6" is repeated, no solution
- If $b = 9, 192 \leq x \leq 198, 384 \leq 2x \leq 396, 576 \leq 3x \leq 594$
 $e \neq 9 \Rightarrow 192 \leq x \leq 198, 384 \leq 2x \leq 386, 576 \leq 3x \leq 587$
 $192 \leq x \leq 193, 384 \leq 2x \leq 386, 576 \leq 3x \leq 579$
 $i \neq 9 \Rightarrow x = 192, 2x = 384, 3x = 576$, accepted

- (4) $213 \leq x \leq 231, 426 \leq 2x \leq 462, 639 \leq 3x \leq 693$
 $d \neq 2, f \neq 2, 6 \Rightarrow 213 \leq x \leq 231, 438 \leq 2x \leq 458, 639 \leq 3x \leq 693$
 $219 \leq x \leq 229, 438 \leq 2x \leq 458, 657 \leq 3x \leq 687$
 $b \neq 2 \Rightarrow x = 219, 2x = 438, 3x = 657$ accepted
- (5) $234 \leq x \leq 264, 468 \leq 2x \leq 528, 702 \leq 3x \leq 792$
 $e \neq 2, h \neq 0, i \neq 2 \Rightarrow 234 \leq x \leq 264, 468 \leq 2x \leq 518, 714 \leq 3x \leq 789$
 $238 \leq x \leq 259, 476 \leq 2x \leq 518, 714 \leq 3x \leq 777$
 $e \neq 7, h \neq 7, i \neq 7, f \neq 2, 4 \Rightarrow 238 \leq x \leq 259, 486 \leq 2x \leq 518, 714 \leq 3x \leq 768$
 $243 \leq x \leq 256, 486 \leq 2x \leq 512, 729 \leq 3x \leq 768$
 $f \neq 2, h \neq 2 \Rightarrow 243 \leq x \leq 256, 486 \leq 2x \leq 498, 738 \leq 3x \leq 768$
 $246 \leq x \leq 249, 486 \leq 2x \leq 498, 738 \leq 3x \leq 768$
 $b = 4 = d$, contradiction, no solution
- (6) $267 \leq x \leq 298, 534 \leq 2x \leq 596, 801 \leq 3x \leq 894$
 $c \neq 8, h \neq 0 \Rightarrow 267 \leq x \leq 297, 534 \leq 2x \leq 596, 813 \leq 3x \leq 894$
 $271 \leq x \leq 297, 542 \leq 2x \leq 594, 813 \leq 3x \leq 891$
 $f \neq 2, 4 \Rightarrow 271 \leq x \leq 297, 546 \leq 2x \leq 594, 813 \leq 3x \leq 891$
 $273 \leq x \leq 297, 546 \leq 2x \leq 594, 819 \leq 3x \leq 891$
 If $x = 270 + c, 273 \leq x \leq 279, 546 \leq 2x \leq 558, 819 \leq 3x \leq 837$
 $e \neq 5, i \neq 7 \Rightarrow 273 \leq x \leq 279, 546 \leq 2x \leq 546, 819 \leq 3x \leq 834$
 $x = 273, 2x = 546, 3x = 819$, accepted
 If $x = 280 + c, 281 \leq x \leq 289, 562 \leq 2x \leq 578, 843 \leq 3x \leq 867$, the digit "8" is repeated
 If $x = 290 + c, 291 \leq x \leq 297, 582 \leq 2x \leq 594, 873 \leq 3x \leq 891$
 $e \neq 8, 9, i \neq 9$ no solution
- (7) $312 \leq x \leq 329, 624 \leq 2x \leq 658, 936 \leq 3x \leq 987$
 $h \neq 3 \Rightarrow 312 \leq x \leq 329, 624 \leq 2x \leq 658, 942 \leq 3x \leq 987$
 $314 \leq x \leq 329, 628 \leq 2x \leq 658, 942 \leq 3x \leq 987$
 If $x = 310 + c, 314 \leq x \leq 318, 628 \leq 2x \leq 636, 942 \leq 3x \leq 954$
 $e \neq 3 \Rightarrow 314 \leq x \leq 314, 628 \leq 2x \leq 628, 942 \leq 3x \leq 942$, the digits "2", "4" are repeated
 If $x = 320 + c, 321 \leq x \leq 329, 642 \leq 2x \leq 658, 963 \leq 3x \leq 987$
 $f \neq 2, 4, 6, h \neq 6, i \neq 2, 5 \Rightarrow 321 \leq x \leq 329, 648 \leq 2x \leq 658, 978 \leq 3x \leq 987$
 $326 \leq x \leq 329, 652 \leq 2x \leq 658, 978 \leq 3x \leq 987$
 $c \neq 6, 9, f \neq 2 \Rightarrow 327 \leq x \leq 328, 654 \leq 2x \leq 656, 981 \leq 3x \leq 984$
 when $x = 327, 2x = 654, 3x = 981$, accepted
 when $x = 328, 2x = 656$, the digit "6" is repeated

Conclusion

$$x = 192, 2x = 384, 3x = 576$$

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$$x = 273, 2x = 546, 3x = 819$$

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