

The Chinese Remainder Theorem

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Definition

What is the Chinese remainder theorem?

The Chinese remainder theorem is a result about congruence in number theory and its generalizations in abstract algebra.

The basic form is about a number n that divided by some divisors and leaves remainders

Example

Example: Here we have a look at a basic example.

What is the lowest number n that divided by 3 leaves a remainder of 2, divided by 5 leaves a remainder of 3 , and divided by 7 leaves a remainder of 2

Solution:

Firstly, we need to find a number that can be divided by 5 and 7 and also divided by 3 leaves a remainder of 1 that number is 70

Secondly, we need to find a number that can be divided by 3 and 7 and also divided by 5 leaves a remainder of 1 that number is 21

Thirdly, we need to find a number that can be divided by 3 and 5 and also divided by 7 leaves a remainder of 1 that number is 15

And the number we find is divided by 3 leaves a remainder 2

then $70 \times 2 = 140$

It is also divided by 5 leaves a remainder 3 then we have

$21 \times 3 = 63$

Then it is divided by 7 leaves a remainder 2 then we have

$15 \times 2 = 30$

Then $140+63+30=233$ because 63 and 30 are all divided by 3 then 233 and 140 have the same remainder divided by 3.

The same thing happened with 233 and 63 divided by 5 and 233 and 30 divided by 7. Then 233 is the number satisfied the question.

And the lowest common multiple of 3,5,7 are 105 so $233 - 105 \times 2 = 23$ is the answer we need to find.

Principle of the Chinese Remainder Theorem

We suppose that for $n \geq 2$, we have $m_1, m_2, m_3, \dots, < m_n$ which are coprime to each other.

We suppose $M = m_1 \times m_2 \times m_3 \times \dots \times m_n$

Then we have

$$M = m_1 \times M_1 = m_2 \times M_2 = m_3 \times M_3 = \dots = m_n \times M_n$$

For the following congruences:

$$x \equiv c_1 \pmod{m_1}$$

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

...

$$x \equiv c_n \pmod{m_n}$$

The congruence $x \equiv M_1 a_1 c_1 + M_2 a_2 c_2 + \dots + M_n a_n c_n$ have unique positive integer solution. (a_i satisfy $M_i a_i \equiv 1 \pmod{m_i}$, $i=1,2,\dots,n$)

The Chinese remainder theorem in polynomial

We suppose that $m_1(x), m_2(x), \dots, m_n(x)$ are coprime to each other, then we can have polynomials $a_1(x), a_2(x), \dots, a_n(x)$

Then there must exist an polynomial, which satisfy:

$$f(x) \equiv a_1(x) \pmod{m_1(x)}$$

$$f(x) \equiv a_2(x) \pmod{m_2(x)}$$

...

$$f(x) \equiv a_n(x) \pmod{m_n(x)}$$

When the degree of $f(x)$ is not higher than $m(x)$

$$(m(x) = m_1(x)m_2(x)\dots m_n(x))$$

There is only one $f(x)$

When $m_i(x) = X - B_i \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$, $i=1,2,\dots,n$,

$$m_i(x) = m_i(b_i) \pmod{(x - b_i)}$$

Then

$$f(x) = a_1(x) \pmod{m_1(x - b_1)}$$

$$f(x) = a_2(x) \pmod{m_2(x - b_2)}$$

...

$$f(x) = a_n(x) \pmod{m_n(x - b_n)}$$

the degree of $f(x)$ is not higher than n there is only one $f(x)$

$$f(x) = a_i \pmod{(x - b_i)} \text{ is same as } f(b_i) = a_i (i=1,2,\dots,n)$$

Then we can have if there are $b_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$ and every b_i is different, and any $a_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$ there exist only one $f(x)$ the degree is lower than n to let $f(b_i) = a_i (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$

If we can find the polynomial $M_i(x)$ $i=1,2,\dots, n$ to let

$$M_i(x) = 1 \pmod{x - b_i} \quad M_i(x) = 0 \pmod{x - b_j}, \quad M_i(x) = 0 \pmod{x - b_j} \quad i \neq j$$

Then we can find $f(x) = a_1 M_1(x) + a_2 M_2(x) + \dots + a_n M_n(x)$

$$= \sum_n^{j=1} a_j \prod_n^{i=1} \frac{x - b_i}{b_j - b_i} \quad (i \neq j)$$

This is the Lagrange interpolation polynomial

Example

Calculate $0^2 + 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + (n-1)^2$

Proof: We suppose the polynomial

$f(n) = 0^2 + 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + (n-1)^2$; n states for the number of terms.

Then we have $f(0)=0, f(1)=0, f(2)=1, f(3)=5$

Then we can have $f(n)=0 * M_1(n) + 0 * M_2(n) + 1 * M_3(n) + 5 * M_4(n)$

$$M_4(n)=1 \times \frac{(n-0)(n-1)(n-3)}{(2-0)(2-1)(2-3)} + 5 * \frac{(n-0)(n-1)(n-2)}{(3-0)(3-1)(3-2)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6}(n(n-1)(2n-1))$$

Example

If the $f(x)$ have the remainder of each $x^2 + 1, x^2 + 2$ with $4x + 4, 4x + 8$

What is the remainder of $f(x)$ divided by $(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 2)$

Solution: $f(x) = 4x + 4 \pmod{x^2 + 1}$

$f(x) = 4x + 8 \pmod{x^2 + 2}$

And because $x^2 + 1$ and $x^2 + 2$ are relatively prime

$$(-1)x^2 + 1 + x^2 + 2 = 1$$

Then we can get $f(x) = (4x + 4)(x^2 + 2) + (4x + 8)(-1)(x^2 + 1) \pmod{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 2)}$

Then the answer is $4x - 4x^2$

Example

If $f(x) \equiv 4 \pmod{x-1}$, $f(x) \equiv 8 \pmod{x-2}$, $f(x) \equiv 16 \pmod{x-3}$

What is remainder of $f(x)$ divided by $(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)$?

Solution: Let $f(x) = p(x)(x-1)(x-2)(x-3) + r(x)$

Degree of $r(x)$ is lower than 3

We can have this from the problem

$$r(1) = f(1) = 4$$

$$r(2) = f(2) = 8$$

$$r(3) = f(3) = 16$$

Then we can get the $r(x) =$

$$4 \times \frac{4(x-2)(x-3)}{(1-2)(1-3)} + 8 \times \frac{(x-1)(x-3)}{(2-1)(2-3)} + 16 \times \frac{(x-1)(x-2)}{(3-1)(3-2)} = 2x^2 - 2x + 4$$

Secret sharing using Chinese Remainder Theorem

A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n are n relatively prime numbers

If there is integer y that have the remainder of B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n divided by A_1, \dots, A_n .

Then we need to find what Y is.

Let $M = A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$

X_1 are all the integers that can be divided by A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n

Y_1 are all the integers that can be divided by $A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$ and leaves remainder of B_1 divided by A_1 .

X_2 are all the integers that can be divided by $A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$

Y_2 are all the integers that can be divided by $A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n$ and leaves a remainder B_2 divided by A_2

X_i are all the integers that can be divided by

$A_1, A_2, A_i - 1, A_i + 1, \dots, A_n$

Y_i are all the integers that can be divided by

$A_1, A_2, A_i - 1, A_i + 1, A_n$ and leaves a remainder of B_i divided

by A_i

$$X_1 = A_2 \times A_3 \times \dots \times A_n \times m = \frac{M \times m}{A_1}$$

$$X_2 = A_1 \times A_3 \times \dots \times A_n \times m = \frac{M \times m}{A_2}$$

m are any integers

$$X_n = A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n - 1 \times M = \frac{M \times m}{A_n}$$

If F_i satisfied both X_i and Y_i , and F_i is the smallest positive integer in Y_i

$$Y_1 = F_1 + A - 1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n \times M = F_1 + M \times m$$

...

$$Y_n = F_n + A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n \times m = F_n + M \times m$$

$$\text{Then } Y = Y_1 + Y_2 + Y_3 + \dots + Y_n = F_1 + F_2 + \dots + F_n + M \times m$$

Let the Y be the cleartext and B_1, \dots, B_n be the ciphertext.

A_1, \dots, A_n and N be the key.

The steps are like these:

First choose A_1, \dots, A_n to be the key

Then to calculate product of these numbers M

Third calculate the F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n

Then $Y = Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_n = F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + \dots + F_n + M \times m$

We can have $m = \frac{Y - (F_1 + F_2 + \dots + F_n)}{M}$

At last let Y divided by A_1, \dots, A_n to get the remainders B_1, \dots, B_n to be the ciphertext.

Deciphering

We know the ciphertext $B_1 \dots B_N$ and the key $A_1 \dots A_n$ and N and calculate the $F_1 \dots F_N$

We can get Y by the

$$Y = Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots Y_n = F_1 + F_2 \dots + F_N + M \times m$$

Cleartext $X = 200$ key = 5, 7, 11 ciphertext = 1, 6

$$F_1 = 231, F_2 = 55, F_3 = 175$$

$m = 2001 - (231 + 55 + 175)(5 \times 7 \times 11) = 4$ be the other secret key.

Decipher:

$$Y = y_1 + ..y_n = F_1 + f_2 + ..F_n + M \times m =$$

$$221 + 175 + 55 + 5 \times 7 \times 11 \times 4 = 2001$$

Thank you

Thanks for listening!!!