

1. State the Chinese Remainder Theorem.

Answer: Let m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r be positive integers, relatively prime in pairs, and let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r be any integers. Then there is a solution to the system

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1} \\x &\equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2} \\&\vdots \\x &\equiv a_r \pmod{m_r}.\end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, if x_0 is one such solution, then x is a solution if and only if $x = x_0 + km$ for some k , where $m = m_1 m_2 \cdots m_r$.

2. Determine $\varphi(99,000,000)$. You may want to know that

$$99,000,000 = 2^6 \times 3^2 \times 5^6 \times 11.$$

(Brownie points if you can do this without a calculator.)

Solution: We have

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(99,000,000) &= \varphi(2^6)\varphi(3^2)\varphi(5^6)\varphi(11) \\&= (2^6 - 2^5) \times (3^2 - 3) \times (5^6 - 5^5) \times (11 - 1) \\&= 2^5 \times (2 - 1) \times 3 \times (3 - 1) \times 5^5 \times (5 - 1) \times 10 \\&= 10^6 \times 3 \times 2 \times 4 \\&= 24 \times 10^6 \\&= 24,000,000.\end{aligned}$$