

Supposing a number  $N$  is divided by another number " $x$ "; if the quotient obtained is " $Q$ " and the remainder obtained is " $R$ ",

then the number can be expressed as  $N=Qx+R$

For example, suppose 8 is divided by 3

In this case,  $N=8$ ,  $x=3$ .  $3 \times 2=6$ , which is 2 less than 8. hence  $Q=2$  and  $R=(8-6)=2$  Hence  $8=2 \times 3+2$

### Basic Remainder Theorem

Basic remainder theorem is based on product of individual remainders.

If  $R$  is the remainder of an expression  $(p \cdot q \cdot r)/X$ , and  $pR$ ,  $qR$  and  $rR$  are the remainders when  $p, q$  and  $r$  are respectively divided by  $X$ ,

then it can be said that  $((p_R \times q_R \times r_R))/X$ , will give the same remainder as given by  $(p \cdot q \cdot r)/X$

Let us understand this with the help of an example

**Find the remainder when  $(361 \cdot 363)$  is divided by 12.**

#### Steps

1) Take the product of individual remainders, i.e.  $361/12|R=1$  and  $363/12|R=3$

2) Find the remainder when you divide that product by the number  $(361 \cdot 363)/12|R= (1 \cdot 3)/12|R$ .  
answer= 3

This is Basic Remainder theorem put across in Numbers

**Find the remainder when  $10^6$  is divided by 7 i.e.  $(10^6/7)_R$ .**

#### Solution:

$$10^6=10^3 \times 10^3$$

$$\text{Thus } (10^6/7)_R = (10^3/7 \times 10^3/7)_R = ((6 \cdot 6)/7)_R = (36/7)_R = 1.$$

So the remainder is 1

#### Concept of negative remainder

The remainder obtained on division of a number  $N$  by a divisor  $X$  can be expressed in two ways as " $R$ " and " $X-R$ "

For example  $10/11$  remainder is  $+10$  itself. It can also be written as  $10-11=-1$  Similarly,  $32/10$  remainder is  $+2$  or  $-8$

Let us express the solution for questions 31 above, in another way- based on the concept of negative remainder Thus  $(10^6/7)R = (10^3/7 \times 10^3/7)R = ((-1 \times -1)/7)R = (1/7)R = 1$ .

Remainder when the product of some numbers is divided by the requisite number is the product of individual remainders of the numbers-

This is Basic Remainder Theorem put across in words

Let us see why this happens

If the numbers  $N_1, N_2, N_3$  give remainders of  $R_1, R_2, R_3$  with quotients  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3$  when divided by a common divisor  $D$

$$N_1 = DQ_1 + R_1 \quad N_2 = DQ_2 + R_2 \quad N_3 = DQ_3 + R_3$$

Multiplying  $= N_1 \times N_2 \times N_3$

$$= (DQ_1 + R_1) \times (DQ_2 + R_2) \times (DQ_3 + R_3) = D(\text{some number}) + (R_1 \times R_2 \times R_3) = \text{first part is divisible by } D,$$

hence you need to check for the individual remainders only

### ALL POSSIBLE TYPES OF QUESTION ON REMINDER:

1. **What is the remainder when the product  $1998 \times 1999 \times 2000$  is divided by 7?**

Answer: the remainders when 1998, 1999, and 2000 are divided by 7 are 3, 4, and 5 respectively. Hence the final remainder is the remainder when the product  $3 \times 4 \times 5 = 60$  is divided by 7.

Answer = 4

2. **What is the remainder when  $2^{2004}$  is divided by 7?**

$2^{2004}$  is again a product ( $2 \times 2 \times 2 \dots$  (2004 times)). Since 2 is a number less than 7 we try to convert the product into product of numbers higher than 7. Notice that  $8 = 2 \times 2 \times 2$ . Therefore we convert the product in the following manner-

$$2^{2004} = 8^{668} = 8 \times 8 \times 8 \dots (668 \text{ times}).$$

The remainder when 8 is divided by 7 is 1.

Hence the remainder when  $8^{668}$  is divided by 7 is the remainder obtained when the product  $1 \times 1 \times 1 \dots$  is divided by 7

Answer = 1

3. **What is the remainder when  $2^{2006}$  is divided by 7?**

This problem is like the previous one, except that 2006 is not an exact multiple of 3 so we cannot

convert it completely into the form  $8^x$ . We will write it in following manner-

$$2^{2006} = 8^{668} \times 4.$$

Now,  $8^{668}$  gives the remainder 1 when divided by 7 as we have seen in the previous problem. And 4 gives a remainder of 4 only when divided by 7. Hence the remainder when  $2^{2006}$  is divided by 7 is the remainder when the product  $1 \times 4$  is divided by 7.

Answer = 4

#### 4. What is the remainder when $25^{25}$ is divided by 9?

$$\text{Again } 25^{25} = (18 + 7)^{25} = (18 + 7)(18 + 7)\dots 25 \text{ times} = 18K + 7^{25}$$

Hence remainder when  $25^{25}$  is divided by 9 is the remainder when  $7^{25}$  is divided by 9.

$$\text{Now } 7^{25} = 7^3 \times 7^3 \times 7^3 \dots (8 \text{ times}) \times 7 = 343 \times 343 \times 343 \dots (8 \text{ times}) \times 7.$$

The remainder when 343 is divided by 9 is 1 and the remainder when 7 is divided by 9 is 7.

Hence the remainder when  $7^{25}$  is divided by 9 is the remainder we obtain when the product  $1 \times 1 \times 1 \dots (8 \text{ times}) \times 7$  is divided by 9. The remainder is 7 in this case. Hence the remainder when  $25^{25}$  is divided by 9 is 7.

#### Some Special Cases:

##### 2.1A When both the dividend and the divisor have a factor in common.

Let N be a number and Q and R be the quotient and the remainder when N is divided by the divisor D.

$$\text{Hence, } N = Q \times D + R.$$

Let  $N = k \times A$  and  $D = k \times B$  where k is the HCF of N and D and  $k > 1$ .

$$\text{Hence } kA = Q \times kB + R.$$

Let  $Q_1$  and  $R_1$  be the quotient and the remainder when A is divided by B.

$$\text{Hence } A = B \times Q_1 + R_1.$$

Putting the value of A in the previous equation and comparing we get-

$$k(B \times Q_1 + R_1) = Q \times kB + R \rightarrow R = kR_1.$$

Hence to find the remainder when both the dividend and the divisor have a factor in common,

- o Take out the common factor (i.e. divide the numbers by the common factor)
- o Divide the resulting dividend (A) by resulting divisor (B) and find the remainder ( $R_1$ ).
- o The real remainder R is this remainder  $R_1$  multiplied by the common factor (k).

**Examples****5. What the remainder when  $2^{96}$  is divided by 96?**

The common factor between  $2^{96}$  and 96 is  $32 = 2^5$ .

Removing 32 from the dividend and the divisor we get the numbers  $2^{91}$  and 3 respectively.

The remainder when  $2^{91}$  is divided by 3 is 2.

Hence the real remainder will be 2 multiplied by common factor 32.

Answer = 64

**2.1B THE CONCEPT OF NEGATIVE REMAINDER**

$$15 = 16 \times 0 + 15 \text{ or}$$

$$15 = 16 \times 1 - 1.$$

The remainder when 15 is divided by 16 is 15 the first case and -1 in the second case.

Hence, the remainder when 15 is divided by 16 is 15 or -1.

→ When a number  $N < D$  gives a remainder  $R (= N)$  when divided by  $D$ , it gives a negative remainder of  $R - D$ .

For example, when a number gives a remainder of -2 with 23, it means that the number gives a remainder of  $23 - 2 = 21$  with 23.

**EXAMPLE****6. Find the remainder when  $7^{52}$  is divided by 2402.**

$$\text{Answer: } 7^{52} = (7^4)^{13} = (2401)^{13} = (2402 - 1)^{13} = 2402K + (-1)^{13} = 2402K - 1.$$

Hence, the remainder when  $7^{52}$  is divided by 2402 is equal to -1 or  $2402 - 1 = 2401$ .

Answer: 2401.

**2.1C When dividend is of the form  $a^n + b^n$  or  $a^n - b^n$ :**

**Theorem 1:**  $a^n + b^n$  is divisible by  $a + b$  when  $n$  is **ODD**.

**Theorem 2:**  $a^n - b^n$  is divisible by  $a + b$  when  $n$  is **EVEN**.

**Theorem 3:**  $a^n - b^n$  is **ALWAYS** divisible by  $a - b$ .

**EXAMPLES**

7. What is the remainder when  $3^{444} + 4^{333}$  is divided by 5?

Answer:

The dividend is in the form  $a^x + b^y$ . We need to change it into the form  $a^n + b^n$ .

$$3^{444} + 4^{333} = (3^4)^{111} + (4^3)^{111}.$$

Now  $(3^4)^{111} + (4^3)^{111}$  will be divisible by  $3^4 + 4^3 = 81 + 64 = 145$ .

Since the number is divisible by 145 it will certainly be divisible by 5.

Hence, the remainder is 0.

8. What is the remainder when  $(5555)^{2222} + (2222)^{5555}$  is divided by 7?

Answer:

The remainders when 5555 and 2222 are divided by 7 are 4 and 3 respectively.

Hence, the problem reduces to finding the remainder when  $(4)^{2222} + (3)^{5555}$  is divided by 7.

$$\text{Now } (4)^{2222} + (3)^{5555} = (4^2)^{1111} + (3^5)^{1111} = (16)^{1111} + (243)^{1111}.$$

Now  $(16)^{1111} + (243)^{1111}$  is divisible by  $16 + 243$  or it is divisible by 259, which is a multiple of 7.

Hence the remainder when  $(5555)^{2222} + (2222)^{5555}$  is divided by 7 is zero.

9.  $20^{2004} + 16^{2004} - 3^{2004} - 1$  is divisible by:

(a) 317 (b) 323 (c) 253 (d) 91

$$\text{Solution: } 20^{2004} + 16^{2004} - 3^{2004} - 1 = (20^{2004} - 3^{2004}) + (16^{2004} - 1^{2004}).$$

Now  $20^{2004} - 3^{2004}$  is divisible by 17 (Theorem 3) and  $16^{2004} - 1^{2004}$  is divisible by 17 (Theorem 2).

Hence the complete expression is divisible by 17.

$$20^{2004} + 16^{2004} - 3^{2004} - 1 = (20^{2004} - 1^{2004}) + (16^{2004} - 3^{2004}).$$

Now  $20^{2004} - 1^{2004}$  is divisible by 19 (Theorem 3) and  $16^{2004} - 3^{2004}$  is divisible by 19 (Theorem 2).

Hence the complete expression is also divisible by 19.

Hence the complete expression is divisible by  $17 \times 19 = 323$ .

**2.1D When  $f(x) = a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3 + \dots$  is divided by  $x - a$**

The remainder when  $f(x) = a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3 + \dots$  is divided by  $x - a$  is  $f(a)$ .  
So, If  $f(a) = 0$ ,  $(x - a)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

**EXAMPLES**

10. What is the remainder when  $x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x + 3$  is divided by  $x + 1$ ?

Answer: The remainder when the expression is divided by  $(x - (-1))$  will be  $f(-1)$ .

$$\text{Remainder} = (-1)^3 + 2(-1)^2 + 5(-1) + 3 = -1$$

11. If  $2x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x + c$  is divisible by  $x - 1$ , find the value of  $c$ .

Since the expression is divisible by  $x - 1$ , the remainder  $f(1)$  should be equal to zero.

$$\text{Or } 2 - 3 + 4 + c = 0, \text{ or } c = -3.$$

**2.1E Fermat's Theorem**

If  $p$  is a prime number and  $N$  is prime to  $p$ , then  $N^p - N$  is divisible by  $p$ .

**EXAMPLE**

12. What is the remainder when  $n^7 - n$  is divided by 42?

Answer: Since 7 is prime,  $n^7 - n$  is divisible by 7.

$$n^7 - n = n(n^6 - 1) = n(n + 1)(n - 1)(n^4 + n^2 + 1)$$

Now  $(n - 1)(n)(n + 1)$  is divisible by  $3! = 6$

Hence  $n^7 - n$  is divisible by  $6 \times 7 = 42$ .

Hence the remainder is 0.

**2.1F Wilson's Theorem**

If  $p$  is a prime number,  $(p - 1)! + 1$  is divisible by  $p$ .

**EXAMPLE**

13. Find the remainder when  $16!$  is divided by 17.

$$16! = (16! + 1) - 1 = (16! + 1) + 16 - 17$$

Every term except 16 is divisible by 17 in the above expression. Hence the remainder = the remainder obtained when 16 is divided by 17 = 16

Answer = 16

**2.1G TO FIND THE NUMBER OF NUMBERS, THAT ARE LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO A CERTAIN NATURAL NUMBER N, AND THAT ARE DIVISIBLE BY A CERTAIN INTEGER**

To find the number of numbers, less than or equal to  $n$ , and that are divisible by a certain integer  $p$ , we divide  $n$  by  $p$ . The quotient of the division gives us the number of numbers divisible by  $p$  and less than or equal to  $n$ .

**EXAMPLE**

**14. How many numbers less than 400 are divisible by 12?**

Answer: Dividing 400 by 12, we get the quotient as 33. Hence the number of numbers that are below 400 and divisible by 12 is 33.

**15. How many numbers between 1 and 400, both included, are not divisible either by 3 or 5?**

Answer: We first find the numbers that are divisible by 3 or 5. Dividing 400 by 3 and 5, we get the quotients as 133 and 80 respectively. Among these numbers divisible by 3 and 5, there are also numbers which are divisible both by 3 and 5 i.e. divisible by  $3 \times 5 = 15$ . We have counted these numbers twice. Dividing 400 by 15, we get the quotient as 26.

Hence the number divisible by 3 or 5 =  $133 + 80 - 26 = 187$

Hence, the numbers not divisible by 3 or 5 are =  $400 - 187 = 213$ .

**16. How many numbers between 1 and 1200, both included, are not divisible by any of the numbers 2, 3 and 5?**

Answer: as in the previous example, we first find the number of numbers divisible by 2, 3, or 5. from set theory we have

$$n(A \cup B \cup C) = n(A) + n(B) + n(C) - n(A \text{ intersectn } B) - n(B \text{ intersectn } C) - n(A \text{ intersectn } C) + n(A \text{ intersectn } B \text{ intersectn } C)$$

$$n(2 \cup 3 \cup 5) = n(2) + n(3) + n(5) - n(6) - n(15) - n(10) + n(30)$$

$$\rightarrow n(2 \cup 3 \cup 5) = 600 + 400 + 240 - 200 - 80 - 120 + 40 = 880$$

Hence number of numbers not divisible by any of the numbers 2, 3, and 5

$$= 1200 - 880 = 320.$$