

## Game on numbers

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.

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

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) $312 \leq x \leq 329$ |

- (1)  $124 \leq x \leq 132, 248 \leq 2x \leq 264, 372 \leq 3x \leq 396$

$\therefore d = 2 \Rightarrow 130 \leq x \leq 132 \Rightarrow x = 132, y = 264$  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

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

$$x = 219, 2x = 438, 3x = 657$$

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

$$x = 327, 2x = 654, 3x = 981$$