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Example: Find some x satisfying $x^{12002} \equiv 9 \pmod{7000}$.

First question: Is x relatively prime to 7000?

Consider what it means that $x^{12002} \equiv 9 \pmod{7000}$:

This is equivalent to

$$x^{12002} - 9 = 7000k \quad \text{for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad \text{i.e. } 9 = x^{12002} - 7000k.$$

So since 9 is an integer combination of x and 7000, we must have $\gcd(x, 7000) \mid 9$. But $\gcd(7000, 9) = 1$, so the only possibility is $\gcd(x, 7000) = 1$.

Yes, x relatively prime to 7000! So we can use $x^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$...

We just saw

$$\phi(7000) = (2^3 - 2^2)(5^3 - 5^2)(7 - 1) = \boxed{2400}.$$

So since

$$12002 = 5(2400) + 2, \quad \text{we have } x^{12002} = (x^{2400})^5 x^2.$$

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At least 2 sol's: $x = 3$ and $x = -3 \equiv_{7000} 6997$. (There may be more.)

