

Euler ϕ function

$\phi(n)$ = # integers from 1 to n relatively prime with n .

$$\phi(p) = p-1, \quad p \in \text{Prime}$$

$$\phi(p^k) = p^k - p^{k-1}, \quad p \in \text{Prime}$$

$$= p^{k-1}(p-1)$$

$$= p^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) = p^k \left(\frac{p-1}{p}\right)$$

What about $\phi(mn)$, where $\text{gcd}(m, n) = 1$?
 $\phi(5 \times 7)$?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	mn = total
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	- m = mults of n .
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	- n = mults of m
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	+ 1 = 1 mult n, m .
29	30	31	32	33	34	35	

$$\text{for } m=5, n=7, \quad \phi(mn) = mn - m - n + 1 \\ = (m-1)(n-1)$$

In this example $\phi(mn) = \phi(m) \cdot \phi(n)$.

Will this be true in general?

Try this exercise again but for arbitrary m, n w/ $\gcd(m, n) = 1$.

$\phi(n)$ columns not crossed off

1	2	3	4	...	1
$n+1$	$n+2$	$n+3$	$n+4$...	2
$2n+1$	$2n+2$	$2n+3$	$2n+4$...	3
...					X
...					X
$(m-1)n+1$...				m

along top
now we
cross off
 $n - \phi(n)$ items

if $\gcd(i, n) \neq 1$, then $\gcd(n+i, n) \neq 1$
 $\gcd(jn+i, n) \neq 1$

~~Count cross offs~~

Count remaining values not crossed off!
 $\phi(n)$ columns, each column has m items

$\phi(n) \times m$ items NOT crossed off

Consider an arbitrary column i . It has value $i, n+i, 2n+i, \dots, (m-1)n+i$.

$[\gcd(n, i) = 1]$. The only way we'll cross something off is if it shares a common factor with m .

Claim: All m values in the column are inequivalent mod m .

Goal: Prove from the list

$\{i, n+i, 2n+i, \dots, (m-1)n+i\}$ each value is a ~~2~~ different mod value mod m .

Pf by contradiction - Assume 2 ^{diff} #s in the set are ~~equal~~ equivalent mod m =

$$xn+i \equiv yn+i \pmod{m}, \quad x \neq y, \quad 0 \leq x, y \leq m-1$$

$$xn \equiv yn \pmod{m}$$

$$xn - yn \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$$

$$n(x-y) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid n(x-y).$$

Then if $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ and $a \mid bc$, then $a \mid c$.

Since $\gcd(m, n) = 1$, $m \mid (x-y)$ but this contradicts the fact that $1 \leq |x-y| \leq m-1$.

But no values in range $\{1, m-1\}$ are divisible by m .

Our assumption was wrong. All values are inequivalent mod m .

Since these are all possible values mod m , exactly $\phi(m)$ of them do NOT share a common factor with m .

So, from the $\phi(n)$ columns, we'll still have exactly $\phi(m)$ values each.

$$\text{Total \# of uncrossed values} = \phi(n)\phi(m)$$

Formula $\phi(n)$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(n) &= \phi(p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} p_3^{a_3} \dots) \\ &= \phi(p_1^{a_1}) \phi(p_2^{a_2}) \phi(p_3^{a_3}) \dots \\ &= (p_1^{a_1} - p_1^{a_1-1}) (p_2^{a_2} - p_2^{a_2-1}) \dots \\ &= \boxed{p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} p_3^{a_3} \dots} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) \dots \\ &= n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_k}\right)\end{aligned}$$

for each prime that divides evenly into n .

$$\phi(120) = 120 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{4}{5} = 8 \times 4 = 32$$

$$\begin{aligned}&\Downarrow \\ &2, 3, 5 \\ &120 = 2^3 \times 3 \times 5 \\ &= (2^3 - 2^2)(3-1)(5-1) \\ &= 4 \times 2 \times 4 = 32\end{aligned}$$

Euler's Thm

Fermat's: if $\gcd(a, p) = 1$, $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

Euler asks: What is p isn't prime

if $\gcd(a, n) = 1$, what can we say about

$a^k \pmod{n}$? Can we get a formula for some k s.t. $a^k \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ (cycle len)

if $\gcd(a, n) = 1$, then $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

Define a reduced residue set mod n to be any $\phi(n)$ values s.t. each value is incongruent mod n and none of the values share a common factor with n .

RRS mod 15 = $\{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14\}$

another RRS mod 15 = $\{6, 12, 19, 37, 38, -4, 43, 59\}$

Start with the set of remainders mod n relatively prime with n , call this set S $n=15$

$S = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14\}$

Create set T by multiplying each item by a $a=4$

$T = \{4, 8, 16, 28, 32, 44, 52, 56\}$

T is ALSO a RRS mod n .

① no values are equiv mod n

② no values share common factor n

② If I start with values that don't share a common factor w/n and multiply it by something (a) that doesn't share a common factor w/n, the product won't either.

$$S = a_1, a_2, a_3 \dots a_{\phi(n)}$$

$$T = a a_1, a a_2, a a_3 \dots a a_{\phi(n)}$$

Assume the opposite, that 2 values in T are equiv mod n

$$a a_i \equiv a a_j \pmod{n} \quad i \neq j$$

$$a a_i - a a_j \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$$

$$a(a_i - a_j) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow n \mid a(a_i - a_j), \quad \text{since } \gcd(a, n) = 1 \Rightarrow n \mid (a_i - a_j)$$

↳ Contradicts the fact that $a_i \not\equiv a_j \pmod{n}$.

This proves no 2 values in T are equivalent mod n \Rightarrow T is a RAS mod n.

Euler says okay multiply all elements in S and T mod n

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} a \cdot a_i \equiv \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} a_i \pmod{n}$$

↑ ↑
T S

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} a - a_i \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$$

$$a \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} a_i - \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} a_i \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$$

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} a_i \right) (a - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow n \mid \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} a_i \right) (a - 1)$$

Since $\gcd(n, \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} a_i) = 1 \Rightarrow n \mid (a - 1)$

$$a^{\phi(n)} - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$$
$$a \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$