

Ques: Choose a number, eg 35  
factors of 35, other than itself are: 1, 5, 7.

$$D_1 = \{ a \mid 1 \leq a < 35 \text{ s.t. } \gcd(a, 35) = 1 \}$$

$$D_1 = \{ 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 \}$$

\*  $|D|$  is cardinality of set D i.e. no. of elements in D.

$$D_2 = \{ a \mid 1 \leq a < 35 \text{ s.t. } \gcd(a, 35) = 7 \}$$

$$D_2 = \{ 7, 14, 21, 28 \}$$

$$|D_1| = 6 \quad |D_2| = 4$$

How to find  $|D|$ ?

Euler function:  $\phi(n)$ . Let  $n = p_1^{e_1} \times p_2^{e_2} \times \dots \times p_k^{e_k}$ , n written as product of primes

Find  $\phi(n)$

$$\phi(n) = p_1^{e_1-1} \times p_2^{e_2-1} \times \dots \times p_k^{e_k-1}$$

↳ no. of all numbers below n and has  $\gcd = 1$  with n.

eg: let  $n = 5^3 \times 7^2 \times 13$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(n) &= (5-1) \cdot 5^{3-1} \times (7-1) \cdot 7^{2-1} \times (13-1) \cdot 13^{1-1} \\ &= 4 \times 5^2 \times 6 \times 7 \times 12 \times 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\phi(n) = 50400$$

What does  $\phi(n) = 50400$  mean?

No. of positive integers below n, s.t. each has gcd with n = 1 is: 50400

Creates a set  $D = \{ a \mid 1 \leq a < n \text{ and } \gcd(a, n) = 1 \}$

and so the cardinality,  $|D| = \phi(n) = 50400$

eg:  $n = 302$ . Find  $\phi(n)$ .

$$n = 2 \times 151$$

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(n) &= 1 \times 2^0 \times 150 \times 151^0 \\ &= 150.\end{aligned}$$

Meaning, if  $D = \{ a \mid 1 \leq a < 302 \text{ and } \gcd(a, 302) = 1 \}$ ,  
then  $|D| = 150$

eg: let  $n = 75$ . Find  $F = \{ a \mid 1 \leq a < n \text{ and } \gcd(a, n) = 5 \}$ . Find  $|F|$

$$\text{Answer: } |F| = \phi\left(\frac{n}{5}\right)$$

$$= \phi\left(\frac{75}{5}\right) = \phi(15)$$

$$15 = 3 \times 5$$

$$\phi(15) = 2 \times 4 = 8$$

Hence  $|F| = 8$ . There are exactly 8 numbers below 75 where  $\gcd(a, 75) = 5$

Check:  $F = \{ 5, 10, 20, 35, 40, 55, 65, 70 \}$

number of elements = 8.

General result:

let  $n \in N^*$ .

Take  $F = \{a \mid 1 \leq a < n \mid \gcd(a, n) = k\}$  recall if  $\gcd(a, n) = k$  then  $k \mid a$  and  $k \mid n$ .  
Then  $|F| = \phi\left(\frac{n}{k}\right)$   $\frac{n}{k}$  will always be an integer.

\* By convention:  $\phi(1) = 1$ .

Suppose  $n = 8$

Factors of  $n$  are:

$$1 \quad \phi(1) = 1$$

$$2 \quad \phi(2) = 1$$

$$4 \quad \phi(4) = 2$$

$$8 \quad \phi(8) = 4$$

$$\text{Adding } \phi(1) + \phi(2) + \phi(4) + \phi(8) = 8$$

Big result:  $\sum_{d \mid n} \phi(d) = n$

i.e if  $d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots, d_k$  are all factors of  $n$   
then  $\phi(d_1) + \phi(d_2) + \dots + \phi(d_k) = n$ .

Eg:  $n = 34$ .

Factors of 34 :

$$1 = d_1$$

$$2 = d_2$$

$$17 = d_3$$

$$34 = d_4$$

$$\text{now, } \phi(1) + \phi(2) + \phi(17) + \phi(34) = 34.$$
  
$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$$
  
$$1 \quad 1 \quad 16 \quad 16$$

$$\text{observe } \phi(17) = \phi(34)$$

True:  $\phi(n) = \phi(2n)$

given that  $n$  is odd (i.e  $n \bmod 2 = 1$ )

can conclude with examples:  $\phi(30) = \phi(15)$

$$\phi(50) = \phi(25)$$

but

$$\phi(8) \neq \phi(4)$$

\* also, if  $n = 2^k$

$$\text{and } \phi(n) = 2^{k-1} \quad \text{also } \phi(n) = 2 \times \phi(2^{k-1}) \\ = 2 \times 2^{k-2} \\ = 2^{k-1}$$

Euler - Fermat Result:

let  $n, a \in N^*$ , and  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ .

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

$$\text{i.e. } a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

$$\text{i.e. } n \mid a^{\phi(n)} - 1, \quad a^{\phi(n)} = q_n + 1 \text{ for some } q \in \mathbb{Z}$$

(all equivalent statements (goes both ways))

$$\text{let } n = 15 = 3 \times 5$$

$$\phi(n) = 8$$

now  $\gcd(7, 15) = 1 \rightarrow 7 \text{ valid for } a$

$\gcd(101, 15) = 1 \rightarrow 101 \text{ valid for } a$

$\gcd(77, 15) = 1 \rightarrow 77 \text{ valid for } a$

$$\text{so } 7^8 \pmod{15} = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 15 \mid (7^8 - 1)$$

$$101^8 \pmod{15} = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 15 \mid (101^8 - 1)$$

$$77^8 \pmod{15} = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 15 \mid (77^8 - 1)$$

Homework questions:

[1] Let  $n = 84$

i. Find all factors of 84.

$$\text{ans: } 1 \quad 84$$

$$2 \quad 42$$

$$3 \quad 28$$

$$4 \quad 21$$

$$6 \quad 14$$

$$7 \quad 12$$

ii. Say  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k$  are all factors of  $n$ . Find  $\phi(d_i)$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq k$ .

$$\text{ans: } d_1 = 1 \quad d_2 = 2 \quad d_3 = 3 \quad d_4 = 4 = 2^2$$

$$\phi(1) = 1. \quad \phi(2) = 1 \quad \phi(3) = 2 \quad \phi(2^2) = 2$$

$$d_5 = 6 = 3 \times 2 \quad d_6 = 7 \quad d_7 = 12 = 2^2 \times 3 \quad d_8 = 14 = 7 \times 2$$

$$\phi(3 \times 2) = 2 \quad \phi(7) = 6 \quad \phi(d_7) = 4 \quad \phi(14) = 6$$

$$d_9 = 21 = 7 \times 3 \quad d_{10} = 28 = 2^2 \times 7 \quad d_{11} = 42 = 2 \times 21 \quad d_{12} = 84$$

$$\phi(21) = 12 \quad \phi(28) = 12 \quad \phi(42) = \phi(21) = 12 \quad \phi(d_{12}) = 24$$

iii. Find  $\phi(d_1) + \phi(d_2) + \dots + \phi(d_k)$

$$\text{ans: } 1 + 1 + 2 + 2 + 2 + 6 + 4 + 6 + 12 + 12 + 12 + 24$$

$$= 84 = n$$

iv. Let  $F = \{a \mid 1 \leq a < 88 \mid \gcd(a, 88) = 1\}$ . Find  $|F|$ .

$$\text{ans: } n = 88, k = 11.$$

$$\text{Then } |F| = \phi\left(\frac{n}{k}\right) = \phi\left(\frac{88}{11}\right) = \phi(8) = 4.$$

[2] i. Find  $17^{41} \pmod{41}$ . Justify your answer. (note that  $\phi(41) = 40$ .) So  $17^{40} = 1$  in planet  $\mathbb{Z}_{41}$ . Multiply both sides with 17, we get  $17^{41} = 17$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{41}$ .

ii. Give me some meaning to (i).

$$\text{ans: } 17^{41} = 17 \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_{41}$$

This also means that

$$17^{41} \equiv 17 \pmod{41}$$

and also

$41 \mid 17^{41} - 17$  : i.e 41 is a factor of  $17^{41} - 17$

or even

$$17^{41} = q_{41} + 17 \text{ for some } q \in \mathbb{Z}$$

iii. Assume that  $\gcd(a, 15) = 1$ . Convince me that  $a^{27} \pmod{15} = a^3 \pmod{15}$

ans: assume  $n = 15$ .

then  $\phi(n) = 8$

By Euler-Fermat Result,  $a^8 \pmod{15} = 1$ , for any  $a \in \mathbb{N}^*$

$$\text{now, } a^{27} = a^{8+8+8+3} \\ = a^8 \cdot a^8 \cdot a^8 \cdot a^3$$

$$a^{27} \pmod{15} = a^8 a^8 a^8 a^3 \pmod{15}$$

Recall  $xy \pmod{n} = x \pmod{n} \cdot y \pmod{n}$

$$\text{Hence } a^{27} \pmod{15} = a^8 \pmod{15} \cdot a^8 \pmod{15} \cdot a^8 \pmod{15} \cdot a^3 \pmod{15} \\ = 1 \times 1 \times 1 \times a^3 \pmod{15} \\ \therefore a^{27} \pmod{15} = a^3 \pmod{15}$$

iv. Convince me that  $2^{165} \pmod{15} = 2$ . (note that  $\phi(15) = 8$   
and  $165 = 8 \times 20 + 5$  and  $\gcd(2, 15) = 1$ )

ans: let  $a = 2$  and  $n = 15$ ,

$\gcd(2, 15) = 1$ . and  $\phi(15) = 8$

so by Euler-Fermat result,  $2^8 \equiv 1 \pmod{15}$

$$\text{now, } 2^{165} = 2^{8 \times 20} 2^5 \pmod{15} \\ 2^{165} \pmod{15} = 2^{8 \times 20} \pmod{15} \cdot 2^5 \pmod{15} \\ = 1 \times 2^5 \pmod{15} \\ = 2.$$

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\* gcd of non-positive integers & such as  
 $\gcd(-30, 2)$ .

it is understood;  $\gcd(\text{positive}, \text{positive})$   
 $\Rightarrow$  you are working in planet  $\mathbb{N}$

$\gcd(2, 8)$  over  $\mathbb{N}$  is 2.

$\gcd(2, 8)$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$  is 2 and -2

Definition:  $a, b$  in set A.

$d = \gcd(a, b)$  if

[1]  $d | a$  and  $d | b$

[2] if  $m | a$  and  $m | b$ , then  $m | d$ .

e.g.  $\gcd(2, 4)$  over  $\mathbb{Z}$  is 2 or -2.

Suppose  $d = 2$ , then  $-2 | 2$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$  i.e.  $-2 \times -1 = 2$   
and also  $-2 | 4$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$

Similarly, it is understood that prime numbers are over  $\mathbb{N}$ .

e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, ...

prime numbers can also be over  $\mathbb{Z}$

$\therefore \dots, -11, -7, -5, -3, -2, 2, 3, 5, \dots$