

Euler's totient function $\phi(n)$ is defined to be the number of positive integers that are less than n and relatively prime to n .

For a prime number p : $\phi(p) = p - 1$

For $n = pq$ (p and q are two prime numbers)

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(n) &= \phi(pq) = pq - [(q-1) + (p-1) + 1] \\ &= pq - (p+q) + 1 = (p-1) \times (q-1) \\ &= \phi(p) \times \phi(q)\end{aligned}$$

Euler's Theorem

For every a and n that are relatively prime, then $a^{\phi(n)} \bmod n = 1 \bmod n$.

Proof: Let R be the set of all integers that are less than n and relatively prime to n ,

$$R = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{\phi(n)}\}$$

Now multiply each element by a , and then modulo n ,

we get $S = \{ax_1 \bmod n, ax_2 \bmod n, \dots, ax_{\phi(n)} \bmod n\}$

Then $R = S$ for two reasons:

1. Since a is relatively prime to n and x_i is relatively prime to n , ax_i must also be relatively prime to n . Thus all the members of S are integers less than n and they are relatively prime to n .
2. All the members of S are distinct. If $ax_i \bmod n = ax_j \bmod n$, then $x_i = x_j$ (contradiction to that all the elements in R are distinct.)

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Since $R = S$,

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} (ax_i \bmod n) = \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} x_i$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{\phi(n)} \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} x_i = \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} x_i \quad (\text{less than } n)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^{\phi(n)} \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} x_i) \bmod n = (\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} x_i) \bmod n$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{\phi(n)} \bmod n = 1 \bmod n \quad (\text{Lemma 1})$$

