

Prime Numbers

Definition : -----

An integer $p > 1$ is a prime number if and only if its only divisors are ± 1 and $\pm p$, and we define P the set of all primes.

Property :

any integer $a > 1$, it exist p repectively in P , for which $p|a$

Proof :

any integer $a > 1$, we take the set of divisor of a $D = \{d|a, 1 < d \leq a\}$ the set is not empty it contains a . because D is bounded and include in \mathbb{Z} , the minimum of D exist, and we take $d = \min D$, d cant be divisible by anything else rather then $\pm d$ and ± 1 because if it is suppose that it exist $c < d$ for which $c|d$ that will implie that $c|a$ which contradict the fact that d is the minimum of D , so d is divisible just by $\pm d$ and ± 1 , hence d is prime.

Property :

any integer $a > 1$, a can be writen as $a = p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_t$ with $p_t \leq \dots \leq p_1$

Proof :

any integer $a > 1$, if a is prime we are done, if not we use the previous property, it exist p_1 in P and $m_1 > 1$, with $a = m_1 \times p_1$, that give us $m_1 < a$ and p_1 , if m_1 is prime we are done if not we do the same thing, it exist p_2 in P and $m_2 > 1$, with $m_1 = m_2 \times p_2$, that give us $m_2 < m_1 < a$ and $p_2 \leq p_1$, if we continue like this we have two scenarios stoping at m_k that is prime or have the following result

$m_{k-1} = m_k \times p_k$ with $1 < m_k < \dots < m_2 < m_1 < a$ and $p_k \leq \dots \leq p_2 \leq p_1$

this sequence can't continue for ever beacuse its bounded and decrementing, meaning that it exist t for which m_t is the limit of this sequence, and second the limit must be prime because $m_t > 1$ and it will have no other divider becaus if it has we still need to go to $t + 1$ which contradict the fact that t is the limit hence we will have

$m_t = p_t$ with $1 < m_t < \dots < m_2 < m_1 < a$ and $p_t \leq \dots \leq p_2 \leq p_1$ after a rearengement of the multiplication we donne until we got m_t

a can be expressed as $a = p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_t$ with $p_t \leq \dots \leq p_2 \leq p_1$

Property :

any integer $a > 1$, a can be uniquely written as $a = p_1^{\alpha_{p_1}} \times p_2^{\alpha_{p_2}} \times \dots \times p_t^{\alpha_{p_t}}$ with $p_t < \dots < p_1$

Proof :

any integer $a > 1$, can be written as $a = p_1^{(0)} \times p_2^{(0)} \times \dots \times p_n^{(0)}$ with $p_n \leq \dots \leq p_1$, let have the

set of all prime that divid a , $K_1 = \{p \in P, p|a\}$, the set is not empty because a is decomposition of primes, and the set is bounded so maximum exist, we take $p_1 = \max K_1$ we do $p_1|a$, it will give us $b_1 = p_1|a$ with $\alpha_{p_1} = 1$, if there is no p_1 we take the next step if not, we continue until we eliminate all p_1 we get $b_{k_1} = p_1^{(1)} \times \dots \times p_{n-k_1}^{(1)}$ and $\alpha_{p_1} = k_1$, after this we get $K_2 = K_1 - \{p_1\}$ the set of prime divid a that doesnt contain p_1 , and $K_2 \subset K_1$, the set is also bounded so we take $p_2 = \max K_2$ we can notice here that $p_2 < p_1$, and we will repeat the same process untill we have $K_{t+1} = \emptyset = K_1 - \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_t\}$, with $p_t < \dots < p_1$ and $K_{t+1} \subset \dots \subset K_2 \subset K_1$, first we are shure that K_{t+1} is empty because every k we take p_k from K_k the set is finit so we will eventually have an empty set, and second we alwas take $\max K_k$ so $\max K_{k+1} < \max K_k$, so that will give the set $\{(p_1, \alpha_{p_1}), (p_2, \alpha_{p_2}), \dots, (p_t, \alpha_{p_t})\}$, that conatin the accurence of each p_k so we can form a using the set in the following form $a = p_1^{\alpha_{p_1}} \times p_2^{\alpha_{p_2}} \times \dots \times p_t^{\alpha_{p_t}}$ with $p_t < \dots < p_1$.

Next to prove the unicity, let assum that a can be written in two diffrnt ways

$a = p_1^{\alpha_{p_1}} \times p_2^{\alpha_{p_2}} \times \dots \times p_t^{\alpha_{p_t}}$ and $a = q_1^{\alpha_{q_1}} \times q_2^{\alpha_{q_2}} \times \dots \times q_t^{\alpha_{q_t}}$ that means $p_i^{\alpha_{p_i}} | a$ hence it exist j for which mean $p_i^{\alpha_{p_i}} | q_j^{\alpha_{q_j}}$ so that implies $\alpha_{p_i} \leq \alpha_{q_j}$, because q_j and q_i are primes and unique in a , it means that $p_i = q_j$, this statement can be shown first if $p_i | a$ it must exist q_j that equal p_i because we know that we can construct a from q_j 's wich will make p_i doesnt divid a wich contradict the fact $p_i | a$, and for the α_{p_i} if we have that q_j and $\alpha_{p_i} > \alpha_{q_i}$ we will get that $p_i^{\alpha_{p_i}}$ contradict the fact that $p_i^{\alpha_{p_i}} | a$, we have $q_j^{\alpha_{q_j}} | a$ means that it must divid $p_i^{\alpha_{p_i}}$ so $\alpha_{q_j} \leq \alpha_{p_i}$ which implies $\alpha_{p_i} = \alpha_{q_j}$, beacuse we chose i and j to be arbitrery, hence a can be written in unique form $a = p_1^{\alpha_{p_1}} \times p_2^{\alpha_{p_2}} \times \dots \times p_t^{\alpha_{p_t}}$ with $p_t < \dots < p_1$

Theorem :

Fermat's Theorem states that, for p a prime number, any integer a relatively prime to p verify :
 $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

Proof :

for p a prime number, and a an integer relatively prime to p , lets consider the set
 $X = \{a \pmod{p}, 2a \pmod{p}, \dots, (p-1)a \pmod{p}\}$, first we observe that all the element inside X are nonzero, because a is relatively prime to p and all the multiplicative k are in the set $\{1, \dots, p-1\}$ so ak is always relatively prime to p , hence there is no zero element inside X , second we see that all element are unique, let assume that it exist $1 \leq k < j < p$, for which $ak \equiv aj \pmod{p}$, because a is relatively prime to p , a has an inverse so we can remove a from both side, will give us $k \equiv j \pmod{p}$ which is imposible since k and j are strictly difrent and the both in the set $\{1, \dots, X\}$ hence each element in X is unique, we can now say safely that X is the set $\{1, \dots, p-1\}$ where element have diffrnt order, because we have all X element is $ak \pmod{p}$ and ak is relatively prime to p , and each element is unique and we have $p-1$ element so its cover the full set $\{1, \dots, p-1\}$, so we can have the next equality

$$(a \bmod p \times 2a \bmod p \times \dots \times (p-1)a \bmod p) \equiv (1 \times \dots \times p-1) \bmod p$$

we will use mod arithmetics the result will be

$a^{p-1}(p-1)! \equiv (p-1)! \bmod p$, and because $(p-1)!$ is relatively prime to p we can remove it from both side and obtain $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \bmod p$ which is the ferma theorem

Function :

Euler's Totient Function $\phi(n)$ defined as the number of positive integers less than n and relatively prime to n . By convention, $\phi(1) = 1$

Property :

if p is a prime number, $\phi(p) = p - 1$

Proof :

if p is a prime number, any integer $0 < k < p$ is relatively prime with p so

Property

if p and q are two prime number, then $\phi(p \times q) = \phi(p) \times \phi(q)$

Proof :

for p and q two prime number, we take the set of all integer verify $0 < k < pq$ as

$S = \{1, \dots, pq - 1\}$, we notice that two major set that there element can devide pq , the first one

$X = \{p, 2p, \dots, (q-1)p\}$ and second $Y = \{q, 2q, \dots, (p-1)q\}$, thoes two set represent all the integer that can devide pq because p and q are prime so p is divisble only by p and q only by q , the size of X is $q - 1$ and the size of Y is $p - 1$, where S is $pq - 1$ so we substruct the sets that divise pq we will get all the number that relatively prime to pq so :

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

Property :

Any ingeter a relatively prime to n then $a \bmod n$ is relatively prime to n

Proof :

for integer a relatively prime to n , by the euclidian division, it exist positive integer q for which $a = qn + a \bmod n$ with $0 \leq a \bmod n < n$, let $d = \gcd(a, n)$ and $e = \gcd(n, a \bmod n)$, then $d|a$ and $d|n$ then $d|a - qn = a \bmod n$ meaning that $d \leq e$, $e|n$ and $e|a \bmod n$ then $e|qn + a \bmod n = a$, mean $e \leq d$, hence $\gcd(a, n) = \gcd(n, a \bmod n) = 1$

Theorem :

Euler's theorem states that for every a and n that are relatively prime : $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \bmod n$

Proof :

for any integer a relatively prime to n , we know that Euler's Totient Function $\phi(n)$ give the number of positive integers less than n and relatively prime to n , so we take the set of those integers as $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_{\phi(n)}\}$, all are relatively prime to n , then we multiply x_i by a and take $\text{mod } n$ of the result we defined the set, $S = \{ax_1 \text{ mod } n, \dots, ax_{\phi(n)} \text{ mod } n\}$ we notice two things, first there are no zero elements, because a and x_i are both relatively prime to n so $\text{gcd}(ax_i, n) = 1$, and second all the element are distinct, suppose that it exist, $1 \leq i < j < \phi(n)$ for which $ax_i \text{ mod } n = ax_j \text{ mod } n$, because $\text{gcd}(a, n) = 1$ we can remove a from both side, that give us $x_i \equiv x_j \text{ mod } n$ which is impossible because x_i and x_j are less than n and relatively prime with n , contradiction, meaning all the element are distinct inside S , we resume two thing S have no zero element, and all element are distinct prime to n and because S has $\phi(n)$ element that are distinct we can safely say that S is a permutation of X , so we can have the following

$$(ax_1 \text{ mod } n \times \dots \times ax_{\phi(n)} \text{ mod } n) \equiv (x_1 \times \dots \times x_{\phi(n)}) \text{ mod } n$$

$$a^{\phi(n)} \times \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} x_i \right) \equiv \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} x_i \right) \text{ mod } n, \text{ the number } \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} x_i \right) \text{ is relatively prime to } n, \text{ because all } x_i$$

are relatively prime to n , $\text{gcd}\left(\left(\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} x_i\right), n\right) = 1$ so we can eliminate it from both sides, hence

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \text{ mod } n$$

1) for p a prime number, any integer a verify $a^p \equiv a \text{ mod } p$

Proof :

we state first the case where $a = kp$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and this is always true, now for the case where $a \neq kp$, it means a is relatively prime to p so we can apply the Fermat theorem $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \text{ mod } p$, we multiply both side with $a \text{ mod } p$, we obtain $a^{p-1} \times a \equiv (1 \times a) \text{ mod } p$, hence $a^p \equiv a \text{ mod } p$

2) for every a and n that are relatively prime : $a^{\phi(n)+1} \equiv a \text{ mod } n$

Proof :

we state first the case where $a = kn$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and this is always true, now for the case where $a \neq kn$, it means a is relatively prime to n so we can apply the Euler theorem $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \text{ mod } n$, we multiply both side with $a \text{ mod } n$, we obtain $a^{\phi(n)} \times a \equiv (1 \times a) \text{ mod } n$, hence $a^{\phi(n)+1} \equiv a \text{ mod } n$