

# Euler's Theorem

1. Definition: The Euler  $\phi$  Function is defined for natural num.  $m$ :  $\phi(m)$  is equal to the number of integers in  $\{1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$  that R.P. to  $m$ .

e.g.  $\phi(16) = 8$ .  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 16\}$ ; 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15

2. Thm 7.2.14.: If  $p$  is prime.  $\phi(p) = p-1$ .

proof: Considering set  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$ .

Since  $p$  is prime, its only divisor are 1 and  $p$ .

$\forall n \in S$ .  $\gcd(p, n) = 1$ .  $\Rightarrow \phi(p) = p-1$ .

3. Thm 7.2.15.: If  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct primes. then  $\phi(pq) = (p-1)(q-1)$ .

proof: Assume  $p, q$  be prime numbers.

WLOG. Assume  $p < q$ .

Let  $N = p \cdot q$ .

WTS:  $\phi(N) = (p-1)(q-1)$ .

Consider  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, N-1\}$ .

$= \{1, 2, \dots, p, \dots, q, \dots, p \cdot q - 1\}$ .

Let  $x \in S$ .

Since  $p, q$  are prime.  $N = p \cdot q$  is the only factorization by FTA.

If  $\underbrace{\gcd(N, x) \neq 1}_{x \text{ must contain } p, q}$ . then  $\underbrace{\gcd(p, x) \neq 1}_{p \mid x}$  or  $\underbrace{\gcd(q, x) \neq 1}_{q \mid x}$  or both.

Since  $x < p \cdot q$ .

If  $p \mid x$  and  $q \mid x$ . then  $p \cdot q \mid x$ , which is impossible, gives  $p$  and  $q$  can't divide  $x$  at same time. as  $p \cdot q > x$  (we exclude the both cond.).

Thus.  $\phi(N) = |S| - \text{num of multiples of } p - \text{num of multiples of } q$ .

① # of  $p$ :  $p, 1 \cdot p, 2 \cdot p, \dots, (q-1) \cdot p \rightarrow q-1$

② # of  $q$ :  $q, 1 \cdot q, 2 \cdot q, \dots, (p-1) \cdot q \rightarrow p-1$ .

$$\therefore \phi(N) = p \cdot q - 1 - (p-1) - (q-1).$$

$$= p \cdot q - p - q + 1 = p(q-1) - (q-1) = (p-1)(q-1).$$

e.g. Let  $p$  be a prime number. Prove.  $\phi(p^2) = p^2 - p$ .

$$\text{WTS: } \phi(p^2) = p^2 - p.$$

pf: Considering set  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, p^2-1\}$ .

$$\forall s \in S, s < p^2.$$

Since  $p$  is a prime, if  $\gcd(p, s) \neq 1$ , then  $\gcd(p^2, s) \neq 1$  (as  $p|s$  when  $\gcd(p, s) \neq 1$ ).

Thus  $\phi(p^2) = |S| - \text{num of multiples of } p$ .  $\nearrow$  i.e.  $\gcd(p, s) \neq 1$   
 $= \gcd(p^2, s) \neq 1$ .

$$= p^2 - 1 - (p-1) = p^2 - p.$$

$$\hookrightarrow p, 2p, 3p, \dots, (p-1)p.$$

4. Cancellation Law: If  $a$  is R.P. to  $m$  and  $ax \equiv ay \pmod{m}$ , then  $x \equiv y \pmod{m}$ .

proof: Assume  $a$  is R.P. to  $m$  i.e.  $\gcd(a, m) = 1$ .

Assume  $ax \equiv ay \pmod{m}$ .

WTS:  $x \equiv y \pmod{m}$ .

Since  $ax \equiv ay \pmod{m}$ ,  $m | (ax - ay) \Rightarrow m | a(x - y)$ .

By Thm. 7.2.9, since  $a$  is R.P. to  $m$ , gives  $m | x - y$ , i.e.  $x \equiv y \pmod{m}$ .

5. Euler's Theorem: If  $m$  is a natural num. greater than 1 and  $a$  is a natural num R.P. to  $m$ , then  $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .

proof: Let  $a, m \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $m > 1$ .

Assume  $\gcd(a, m) = 1$ .

WTS:  $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .

Considering set  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$ .

Let  $S' = \{r_1, \dots, r_{\phi(m)}\}$  be the num in  $S$  that is R.P. to  $m$ .

Thus, we have:  $(ar_1) \cdots (ar_{\phi(m)}) \equiv r_1 \cdots r_{\phi(m)} \pmod{m}$ .

$$\Rightarrow a^{\phi(m)} \cdot r_1 \cdots r_{\phi(m)} \equiv r_1 \cdots r_{\phi(m)} \pmod{m}.$$

Since  $\gcd(r_i, m) = 1, \forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, \phi(m)\}$ , gives  $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  by Thm. 7.2.16.

1). FLT is its special form when  $p$  is prime p.t.a. i.e.  $\gcd(p, a) = 1$ .

Thus  $\phi(p) = p-1$ , gives  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .