

Euler's Theorem

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For every positive integer 'a' & 'n', which are said to be relatively prime, then $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$.



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Example 1: Prove Euler's theorem hold true for $a=3$ and $n=10$.

Solution:

Given: $a=3$ and $n=10$.

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

$$3^{\Phi(10)} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

$$\Phi(10) = 4$$

$$3^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

$$81 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

Therefore, Euler's theorem holds true for $a=3$ and $n=10$.



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Example 2: Does Euler's theorem hold true for $a=2$ and $n=10$?

Solution:

Given: $a=2$ and $n=10$.

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

$$2^{\Phi(10)} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

$$\Phi(10) = 4$$

$$2^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

$$16 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

Therefore, Euler's theorem does not hold for $a=2$ and $n=10$.



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Example 3: Does Euler's theorem hold true for $a=10$ and $n=11$?

Solution:

Given: $a=10$ and $n=11$.

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

$$10^{\Phi(11)} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$\Phi(11) = 10$$

$$10^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$-1^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$1 \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

Therefore, Euler's theorem holds for $a=10$ and $n=11$.



Fermat's little theorem

Fermat's Little Theorem

If 'p' is a prime number and 'a' is a positive integer not divisible
by 'p' then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$



Fermat's Little Theorem

Example 1: Does Fermat's theorem hold true for $p=5$ and $a=2$?

Solution:

Given: $p=5$ and $a=2$.

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$2^{5-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$2^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$16 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

Therefore, Fermat's theorem holds true for $p=5$ and $a=2$.



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Example 2: Prove Fermat's theorem holds true for $p=13$ and $a=11$.

Solution:

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$11^{13-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$11^{12} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$-2^{12} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$-2^{4 \times 3} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$3^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$27 \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

Therefore, Fermat's theorem holds true for $p=13$ and $a=11$.



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Example 3: Prove Fermat's theorem does not hold for $p=6$ and $a=2$.

Solution:

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$2^{6-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$$

$$2^5 \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$$

$$32 \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$$

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Therefore, Fermat's theorem does not hold true for $p=6$ and $a=2$.



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Proof

• Fermat's Little Theorem -

if p is a prime
and $(a, p) = 1$ then $a^{p-1} - 1$ is divisible

by p ,
ie.

$$\underline{a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}.}$$

Proof.

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we have -

$$(x_1 + x_2)^p = \binom{p}{0} x_1^p x_2^0 + \binom{p}{1} x_1^{p-1} x_2^1 + \dots + x_2^p$$

$$a \cdot p = 1$$

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}.$$

we have -

$$(x_1 + x_2)^p = x_1^p + p C_1 x_1^{p-1} x_2 + \dots + p C_{p-1} x_1 x_2^{p-1} + x_2^p$$

$$= \cancel{x_1^p + x_2^p} + \text{terms divisible by } p$$

$$\equiv (x_1^p + x_2^p) \pmod{p}$$

$$(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n)^p \equiv (x_1^p + x_2^p + x_3^p + \dots + x_n^p) \pmod{p} \quad (1)$$

put $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = \dots = x_n = 1$

$$\Rightarrow a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$$

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$$\Rightarrow a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^p}{a} \equiv \frac{a}{a} \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$