

April Camp – Level 3,4.

Topic 10.

NUMBER THEORY 1

Phi-function $\varphi(n)$ = number of positive integers not bigger than n and coprime to n .

If $n = p$ is a prime then $\varphi(p^a) = p^a - p^{a-1}$ and $\varphi(mn) = \varphi(m)\varphi(n)$ for $\gcd(m, n) = 1$. So

$$\varphi(p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_k^{a_k}) = (p_1^{a_1} - p_1^{a_1-1}) \dots (p_k^{a_k} - p_k^{a_k-1}).$$

Euler theorem: $a^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ for integer $n > 1$ and $\gcd(a, n) = 1$.

Problem 1.

- a) Find all positive integers n such that $\varphi(n) = 2$.
- b) Find all positive integers n such that $\varphi(n) = 2p$ for odd prime $p > 3$.

Problem 2.

- a) Prove that the equation $\varphi(x) = 2 \cdot 3^{6k+1}$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ has exactly two solutions x .
- b) Prove that $\varphi(a^n + b^n)$ is divisible by $2n$ for any two coprime numbers $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

Problem 3.

For a, b are two coprime integers and $a > b > 1$, consider the sequence

$$u_n = \varphi(a^{2n-1} + b^{2n-1}) \text{ for } n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

- a) Prove that the number $u_1 u_2 \dots u_{1009}$ is divisible by $\frac{2018!}{1009!}$.
- b) Suppose that for some fix prime $p > 3$, the number $2p$ appears in this sequence. Find all possible values of the sum $a + b$.

Problem 4.

For positive integer $n > 1$, suppose that $\varphi(n) | n-1$ and n is composite. Prove that n is square-free number and it has at least 3 distinct prime divisor.

Problem 5.

Suppose that for some $n > 1$, the number $1^{\varphi(n)} + 2^{\varphi(n)} + \dots + n^{\varphi(n)}$ is divisible by n . Prove that n is square-free and find all such number n with no more than 3 prime divisors.

Problem 6.

Find all positive integers n such that $n^2 + 3$ is divisible by $\varphi(n)$.