

# 1 Functions in number theory

## 1.1 Rules

### 1. Fermat's little theorem.

For prime  $p$  and integer  $a$

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

### 2. Wilson's theorem.

$$(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

if and only if when  $p$  is prime number.

### 3. Number of factors

The number of positive factors of  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$

$$d(n) = (\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1) \dots (\alpha_k + 1)$$

### 4. Sum of factors

The sum of positive factors of  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$

$$\sigma(n) = \frac{p_1^{\alpha_1+1} - 1}{p_1 - 1} \dots \frac{p_k^{\alpha_k+1} - 1}{p_k - 1}$$

### 5. Euler's function

Euler's function or totient function  $\varphi(n)$  is defined for  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$  as the number of positive integers less than  $n$  and coprime to  $n$ . Then

$$\varphi(n) = n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_k}\right)$$

### 6. Euler's theorem (Generalisation of Fermat's theorem)

Let  $n$  be a natural number and  $a$  an integer such that  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ . Then

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

## 1.2 Problems

1. Find all primes  $p$ , for which the sum of all positive factors of  $p^4$  is a perfect square.

2. Prove that for positive integer  $n$

$$\sum_{d|n} \varphi(d) = n$$

3. Prove that for positive integers  $a$  and  $b$

$$\varphi(ab) = \varphi(a)\varphi(b) \frac{\gcd(a, b)}{\varphi(\gcd(a, b))}$$

4. One of Euler's conjectures was disproved in the 1960s by three American mathematicians when they showed there was a positive integer such that  $133^5 + 110^5 + 84^5 + 27^5 = n^5$ . Find the value of  $n$ .
5. How many prime numbers  $p$  are there, such that  $29^p + 1$  is a multiple of  $p$ ?
6. Prove that if  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ , then

$$a^b \equiv a^{b \bmod \varphi(n)} \pmod{n}$$

7. Find the last three digits of  $2008^{2007^{2006 \cdots 2^1}}$ .
8. Prove that there exists no positive integer for which  $n! + 19^{93}$  is a perfect square.
9. Find all pairs of positive prime numbers  $(p_1, p_2)$  for which the equation

$$\phi(n^2) = n + p_1 p_2$$

has a solution for  $n$  in positive integers.

10. Let  $p$  be a prime number and let  $n$  be a positive integer. Let  $q$  be a positive divisor of  $(n+1)^p - n^p$ . Show that  $q-1$  is divisible by  $p$ .