

Euler's Theorem

- **Euler's Theorem** is a key concept in number theory, named after the Swiss mathematician **Leonhard Euler**.
- It states that if **a** is any integer that is **coprime** with a positive integer **n**, then:

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

- This means that raising **a** to the power of $\phi(n)$ (Euler's Totient Function) will always leave a remainder of 1 when divided by **n**.
- This is generalized version of **Fermat's Little Theorem**.
- Interestingly, **Fermat's Little Theorem** is just a special case of Euler's Theorem. When **n** is a **prime number p**, $\phi(p) = p - 1$, so Euler's Theorem becomes Fermat's Theorem.

Example:

Let's say $a = 2$ and $n = 5$.

1. Calculate $\phi(5)$:

Euler's totient function, $\phi(n)$, counts the number of positive integers less than or equal to **n** that are relatively prime to **n**. Since 5 is a prime number, all integers from 1 to 4 are relatively prime to it. Therefore, $\phi(5) = 4$.

2. Apply Euler's Theorem:

According to Euler's theorem, $2^{\phi(5)} \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$. Substituting $\phi(5) = 4$, we get $2^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$.

3. Verify the result:

$2^4 = 16$. When 16 is divided by 5, the remainder is 1. So, $16 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ is true, which confirms Euler's theorem.

Fermat's Theorem

- It is the specific version of Euler's Theorem, i.e., if one number among the 2 coprime numbers is prime, then this Theorem is applied.
- Fermat's theorem is also called a Fermat's little theorem defines that if P is prime and ' a ' is a positive integer not divisible by P then –
 - $a^{P-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{P}$
- Another form is $a^P \equiv a \pmod{P}$.

Example $a=3$, $p=5$

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 $a=2$.

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

Solution:

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

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

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

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

$$32 \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$$

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

Primality Testing

- Primality testing is the problem of determining whether a given positive integer is a prime number (divisible only by 1 and itself) or a composite number (having more than two divisors). This field is crucial in modern cryptography, particularly for generating keys in systems like RSA, which rely on large prime numbers.
- **Basic Methods of Primality Testing**
 1. Trial Division (Basic and Deterministic)
 2. Fermat Primality Test
 3. Miller-Rabin Primality Test
 4. AKS Primality Test (Agrawal–Kayal–Saxena)

Fermat Primality Test

- The Fermat Primality Test is a probabilistic method for determining whether a given number is prime.
- It's based on Fermat's Little Theorem, a fundamental result in number theory.
- **As we know Fermat's Little Theorem**

- ✓ Fermat's Little Theorem states that if p is a prime number, then for any integer a not divisible by p (i.e., $\gcd(a, p) = 1$), the following congruence holds:

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

- ✓ This means that if you raise a to the power of $p-1$ and then divide by p , the remainder will be 1.

How the Fermat Primality Test Works

- **Choose a number to test:** Let n be the odd integer you want to test for primality.
- **Choose a random base:** Select a random integer a such that $1 < a < n-1$.

Is ' p ' prime?

Test:

$a^p - a \rightarrow$ ' p ' is prime if this is a multiple of ' p ' for all $1 \leq a < p$.

Example

Question 1: Is 5 prime?

Solution:

$a^p - a \rightarrow$ ' p ' is prime if this is a multiple of ' p ' for all $1 \leq a < p$.

$$1^5 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

$$2^5 - 2 = 32 - 2 = 30$$

$$3^5 - 3 = 243 - 3 = 240$$

$$4^5 - 4 = 1024 - 4 = 1020$$

$\therefore 5$ is prime

Example

Question 2: Is 3753 prime?

Solution:

$a^p - a \rightarrow 'p'$ is prime if this is a multiple of 'p' for all $1 \leq a < p$

$$1^{3753} - 1$$

$$2^{3753} - 2$$

$$3^{3753} - 3$$

$$4^{3753} - 4$$

...

$$3752^{3753} - 3752$$



Miller-Rabin Primality Test

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- ❖ Miller-Rabin primality test or Rabin-Miller primality test.
- ❖ Probabilistic primality test.
- ❖ Similar to Fermat primality test and the Solovay-Strassen primality test.
- ❖ Checks whether a specific property, which is known to hold for prime values, holds for the number under testing.

Algorithm

Step 1: Find $n-1 = 2^k \times m$

Step 2: Choose 'a' such that $1 < a < n-1$

Step 3: Compute $b_0 = a^m \pmod{n}$, ... , $b_i = b_{i-1}^2 \pmod{n}$

+1 \rightarrow Composite

-1 \rightarrow Probably Prime

Example

Question: Is 561 prime?

Solution:

Given $n = 561$.

Step 1:

$$n-1 = 2^k \times m$$

$$560 = 2^4 \times 35$$

So $k = 4$, and $m = 35$

$$\frac{560}{2^1} = 280 \quad \left| \quad \frac{560}{2^2} = 140 \quad \left| \quad \frac{560}{2^3} = 70 \quad \left| \quad \frac{560}{2^4} = 35 \quad \left| \quad \frac{560}{2^5} = 17.5 \right.$$

Example

Question: Is 561 prime?

Solution:

Given $n = 561$.

Step 2:

Choosing $a = 2$; $1 < 2 < 560$

Example

Question: Is 561 prime?

Solution:

Given $n = 561$.

Step 3:

Compute $b_0 = a^m \pmod{n}$

$$b_0 = a^m \pmod{n}$$

$$b_0 = 2^{35} \pmod{561} = 263$$

Is $b_0 = \pm 1 \pmod{561}$? **NO**

So calculate b_1

$$b_1 = b_0^2 \pmod{n}$$

$$b_1 = 263^2 \pmod{561}$$

$$b_1 = 166$$

Is $b_1 = \pm 1 \pmod{561}$? **NO**

$$b_2 = b_1^2 \pmod{n}$$

$$b_2 = 166^2 \pmod{561}$$

$$b_2 = 67$$

Is $b_2 = \pm 1 \pmod{561}$? **NO**

$$b_3 = b_2^2 \pmod{n}$$

$$b_3 = 67^2 \pmod{561}$$

$$b_3 = 1 \rightarrow \text{Composite}$$

$\therefore 561$ is composite.

❖ Assignment Modular Exponentiation