

Problem 3

$$\phi(n) = |\{i: 1 \leq i \leq n, \gcd(n, i) = 1\}|$$

For m, n such that $\gcd(m, n) = 1$, $\phi(mn) = \phi(m) \cdot \phi(n)$

1. Let p be a prime number.

$$\phi(p) = |\{i: 1 \leq i \leq p, \gcd(p, i) = 1\}|$$

Since all integers less than p are coprime with p , and there are $p-1$ numbers less than p and greater than or equal to 1,

$$\boxed{\phi(p) = p-1}$$

3. Let p be a prime number and $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $a < p$.

What is $a^{\phi(p)} \mod p$? From part 1, $\phi(p) = p-1$

$$a^{\phi(p)} \mod p = a^{p-1} \mod p = \boxed{1 \mod p}$$

2. Let p be prime and k be a positive integer.

What is $\phi(p^k)$?

This is just all the numbers up to p^k minus all the multiples of p . For p^k , there are p^{k-1} multiples of p less than p^k .

$$\text{So } \boxed{\phi(p^k) = p^k - p^{k-1}}$$

4. b with prime factors $p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_k$. $b = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdot p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_k^{\alpha_k}$

$\gcd(a, b) = 1$ given, show $a^{\phi(b)} \equiv 1 \mod p_i$.

Since a is coprime with b , it is also coprime with all factors of b , and all $p_i^{\alpha_i}$ are coprime with $p_j^{\alpha_j}$ for $j \neq i$. Using the theorem mentioned earlier:

$$\begin{aligned} a^{\phi(p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdot p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_k^{\alpha_k})} &= a^{\phi(p_1^{\alpha_1}) \phi(p_2^{\alpha_2}) \dots \phi(p_k^{\alpha_k})} \\ &= a^{(p_1^{\alpha_1} - p_1^{\alpha_1-1})(p_2^{\alpha_2} - p_2^{\alpha_2-1}) \dots (p_k^{\alpha_k} - p_k^{\alpha_k-1})} \\ &= a^{(p_1^{\alpha_1-1})(p_1 - 1) \dots (p_k^{\alpha_k-1})(p_k - 1)} \\ &= a^{k(p_i - 1)} \end{aligned}$$

For any i , this can be rewritten $a^{k(p_i - 1)}$ For $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$a^{k(p_i - 1)} = (a^{p_i - 1})^k \equiv 1^k \mod p_i = \boxed{1 \mod p_i} \text{ using FLT}$$