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Introduction to Cryptography
Euclidean Algorithm Program

- (1) Write a function in Python which
 - (a) accepts as arguments two integers a and b ;
 - (b) returns a list whose first element is the $gcd(a, b)$, whose second element is the number of iterations needed in the Euclidean algorithm, and whose third element is the time taken to run the iterations.
- (2) Use your function to find the greatest common divisor of the pairs of numbers below. Record the computer run time and iteration count for each set.
 - (a) $a = 135301852344706746049, b = 947112966412947222343$
 - (b) $a = 354224848179261915075, b = 573147844013817084101$
 - (c) $a = 573147844013817084101, b = 927372692143078999176$
- (3) Write a function in Python which
 - (a) accepts a positive integer n as an argument;
 - (b) returns a list of all positive integers which are less than n and relatively prime to n .
- (4) Euler's totient function is the function $\phi(n)$ which gives the number of positive integers less than n which are relatively prime to n . Use your function in the previous problem to find the following values.
 - (a) $\phi(2)$
 - (b) $\phi(3)$
 - (c) $\phi(5)$
 - (d) $\phi(7)$
 - (e) $\phi(11)$
 - (f) $\phi(6)$
 - (g) $\phi(10)$
 - (h) $\phi(14)$
 - (i) $\phi(15)$
 - (j) $\phi(21)$
 - (k) $\phi(33)$
 - (l) $\phi(35)$
- (5) Conjecture a formula to compute $\phi(p)$ where p is a prime number.
- (6) Conjecture a formula to compute $\phi(pq)$ where p and q are distinct prime numbers.