

# Emaxx Algorithm and Data Structures

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## Book from e-maxx.ru

When I was training for ACM, I have learned a lot from the blog <http://e-maxx.ru/algo/>. This is a great site which explains a lot of basic and advanced algorithms and data structures.

Unfortunately, this book is in Russian. I think this great resource should be available to more people. I hope translating this blog to English will help more people to access easily to this resource. It's also a way for me to contribute to competitive programming community.

*By the way, English is my secondary language. So there will be definitely some spelling error in this book.*

# Euler's Totient function

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## Definition

Euler's Totient function  $\phi(n)$  (sometimes denoted  $\varphi(n)$  or  $\text{it phi}(n)$ ) is the number of numbers from 1 to  $n$ , coprime with  $n$ . In other words, this is the number of numbers in the interval  $[1; n]$ , the greatest common divisor of which with  $n$  equals one.

The [first few values](#) of the function:

$$\phi(1) = 1$$

$$\phi(2) = 1$$

$$\phi(3) = 2$$

$$\phi(4) = 2$$

$$\phi(5) = 4$$

## Properties

The following three simple properties of the Euler function are enough to learn how to calculate it for any number:

- If  $p$  is a prime number, then  $\phi(p) = p - 1$

(This is obvious, because any number except itself  $p$ , is coprime to it)

- If  $p$  is a positive integer,  $a$  is a natural number, then  $\phi(p^a) = p^a - p^{a-1}$

(Since the number of  $p^a$  are not only relatively prime number of the form  $pk$  ( $k \in \mathcal{N}$ ) which  $p^a/p = p^{a-1}$  numbers)

- If  $a$  and  $b$  are coprime, then  $\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$  (**multiplicativity** in Euler's function) (This fact follows from **the theorem of China**. Consider an arbitrary number  $z \leq ab$ . Let  $x$  and  $y$  be the remainders of the division  $z$  into  $a$  and  $b$  respectively. Then  $z$  is coprime to  $ab$  if and only if  $z$  is coprime to  $a$  and  $b$  individually, in other words,  $x$  coprime to  $a$  and  $y$  coprime to  $b$ )