

1 The problem

This is a problem 72 from Project Euler.

2 Straight solution

```
import Control.Monad (guard)
import Math.Sieve.Factor
import qualified Math.Sieve.Phi as Phi
```

Let's start with naive approach:

```
max_d = 800

fraction_list_naive :: [(Int, Int)]
fraction_list_naive = do d <- [1..max_d]
  n <- [1..d-1]
  guard (gcd n d == 1)
  return (n, d)
```

It takes too long to compute even with $max_d = 10000$.

3 Generalizing *fraction_list*

Let's generalize *fraction_list* by allowing to supply our own function which's going to return $\forall x : x : GCD(x, n) = 1, x < n$:

```
fraction_list :: (a → Int → [Int]) → a → [(Int, Int)]
fraction_list genr c = do d <- [1..max_d]
  n <- genr c d
  return (n, d)
```

What's the best approach to *genr* function? Naive one is simple:

```
genr_naive :: () → Int → [Int]
genr_naive () n = filter ((≡ 1) ∘ gcd n) [1..n-1]
```

Another approach is to factorize n :

```
divides :: Int → Int → Bool
divides a b = a `mod` b == 0

genr_factor :: FactorSieve → Int → [Int]
genr_factor si n = if length factors == 0
  then [1..n-1]
```

```

else filter (\d → ¬ $ any (d `divides` ) factors) [1..n-1]
where factors = map fst $ factor si n

```

```
fr_list = fraction_list genr_factor (sieve max_d)
```

The new approach becoming faster with large n 's ($n = 800$ shows better results). But 11 seconds are way too long!

We can try to optimize *genr_factor* further by constructing a sieve, but I have a nicer idea.

4 Euler's Function

What we need is a count of pairs (n, d) , where $y \leq d, x < y, \gcd(x, y) = 1$. We have a nice $\varphi(d)$ function, which is basically what we need but for some concrete d . Let's combine results of $\varphi(d)$.

Let's define $P(d)$ as a set of all pairs (d, x) , where x is a coprime to d , lower than d :

$$P(d) = (n, d) : n \leq d, \gcd(n, d) = 1$$

If we have d_1 and d_2 ($d_1 \neq d_2$), then $P(d_1) \cap P(d_2) = \emptyset$, because in every pair the greater number is second and it's different for both sets. That means that we can just add $\varphi(d_1)$ to $\varphi(d_2)$, or:

$$|P(1) \cup P(2) \cup \dots \cup P(n)| = \varphi(1) + \dots + \varphi(n)$$

Let's write it down in Haskell:

```

coprimes_total n = sum $ map (Phi.phi si) [2..n]
where si = Phi.sieve n

```

That simple? I ought to be missing something! But the answer seems correct, cool