

# Euler's Totient Function $\phi(n)$

◇  $\phi(n)$ : the number of integers  $1 \leq a < n$  s.t.  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$

- \* ex.  $n=10$ ,  $\phi(n)=4$  the set is  $\{1, 3, 7, 9\}$

◇ properties of  $\phi(\bullet)$

- \*  $\phi(p) = p-1$ , if  $p$  is prime

- \*  $\phi(p^r) = p^r - p^{r-1} = p^r \cdot (1-1/p)$ , if  $p$  is prime

- \*  $\phi(n \cdot m) = \phi(n) \cdot \phi(m)$  if  $\gcd(n, m) = 1$  multiplicative property

- \*  $\phi(n \cdot m) = \phi((d_1/d_2/d_3)^2) \cdot \phi(d_2^3) \cdot \phi(d_3^3) \cdot \phi(n/d_1/d_2) \cdot \phi(m/d_1/d_3)$

if  $\gcd(n, m) = d_1$ ,  $\gcd(n/d_1, d_1) = d_2$ ,  $\gcd(m/d_1, d_1) = d_3$

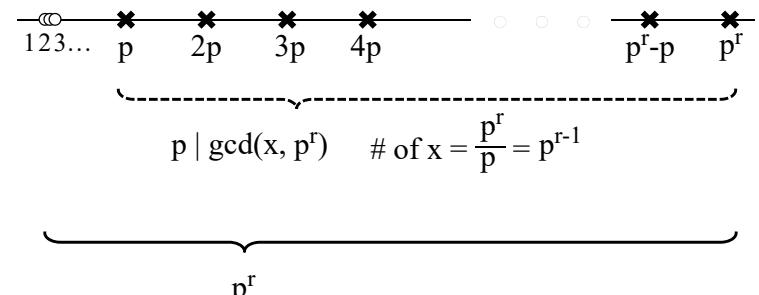
- \*  $\phi(n) = n \prod_{\forall p|n} (1-1/p)$

◇ ex.  $\phi(10) = (2-1) \cdot (5-1) = 4$     $\phi(120) = 120(1-1/2)(1-1/3)(1-1/5) = 32$

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$$\forall \text{prime } p, \phi(p^r) = p^r - p^{r-1} = p^r \cdot (1-1/p)$$

◇  $\phi(p^r)$ : the number of integers  $1 \leq x < p^r$  s.t.  $\gcd(x, p^r) = 1$



$$\phi(p^r) = p^r - p^{r-1} = p^r \cdot (1-1/p)$$

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$$\phi(n \cdot m) = \phi(n) \cdot \phi(m) \text{ if } \gcd(n, m) = 1$$

$$\gcd(n, m) = 1$$

$$Z_{nm}^* = \{x \equiv n^{-1}m a + m^{-1}n b \pmod{nm}, a \in Z_n^*, b \in Z_m^*\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(n) a &\quad \phi(m) b \\ \gcd(a, n) = 1, \gcd(b, m) = 1, \gcd(x, nm) = 1 \\ n n^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}, \quad m m^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{injective mappings} \Leftrightarrow \gcd(n, m) = 1 \\ x_n \not\equiv m a \pmod{n} \quad \text{there are } \phi(n) x_n \\ x_m \equiv n b \pmod{m} \quad \text{there are } \phi(m) x_m \end{aligned}$$

$$x \equiv n^{-1}m a + m^{-1}n b \equiv n^{-1}x_m + m^{-1}x_n \pmod{nm}$$

$$x \equiv x_n \pmod{n} \equiv x_m \pmod{m}$$

Through CRT, each one of  $\phi(n)\phi(m)$  pairs, i.e.  $(x_n, x_m)$ , uniquely maps to an  $x$  in  $Z_{nm}$  which is relatively prime to  $nm$

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$$\phi(n) = n \prod_{\forall p|n} (1-1/p)$$

from Unique Prime Factorization Theorem:  $n = p_1^{c_1} p_2^{c_2} \cdots p_k^{c_k}$

from Euler totion function's multiplicative property:

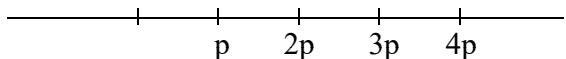
$$\phi(nm) = \phi(n) \cdot \phi(m)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(n) &= \phi(p_1^{c_1} p_2^{c_2} \cdots p_k^{c_k}) = \phi(p_1^{c_1}) \cdot \phi(p_2^{c_2} \cdots p_k^{c_k}) \\ &= (p_1^{c_1} - p_1^{c_1-1}) \cdot \phi(p_2^{c_2} \cdots p_k^{c_k}) \\ &= p_1^{c_1} (1-1/p_1) \cdot \phi(p_2^{c_2} \cdots p_k^{c_k}) \\ &= p_1^{c_1} (1-1/p_1) \cdot p_2^{c_2} (1-1/p_2) \cdot \phi(p_3^{c_3} \cdots p_k^{c_k}) \\ &= \dots \\ &= n \prod_{\forall p|n} (1-1/p) \end{aligned}$$

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## How large is $\phi(n)$ ?

- ◊  $\phi(n) \approx n \cdot 6/\pi^2$  as  $n$  goes large
- ◊ Probability that a prime number  $p$  is a factor of a random number  $r$  is  $1/p$



- ◊ Probability that two independent random numbers  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  both have a given prime number  $p$  as a factor is  $1/p^2$
- ◊ The probability that they do not have  $p$  as a common factor is thus  $1 - 1/p^2$
- ◊ The probability that two numbers  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  have no common prime factor is  $P = (1-1/2^2)(1-1/3^2)(1-1/5^2)(1-1/7^2)\dots$

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## $\Pr\{ r_1 \text{ and } r_2 \text{ relatively prime } \}$

- ◊ Equalities:

$$\frac{1}{1-x} = 1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots$$

$$1 + 1/2^2 + 1/3^2 + 1/4^2 + 1/5^2 + 1/6^2 + \dots = \pi^2/6$$

$$\diamond P = (1-1/2^2)(1-1/3^2)(1-1/5^2)(1-1/7^2) \cdots$$

$$= ((1+1/2^2+1/2^4+\dots)(1+1/3^2+1/3^4+\dots)\cdots)^{-1}$$

$$= (1+1/2^2+1/3^2+1/4^2+1/5^2+1/6^2+\dots)^{-1}$$

$$= 6/\pi^2$$

$$\approx 0.61$$

each positive number has a unique prime number factorization  
ex.  $45^2 = 3^4 \cdot 5^2$

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## How large is $\phi(n)$ ?

- ◊  $\phi(n)$  is the number of integers less than  $n$  that are relative prime to  $n$
- ◊  $\phi(n)/n$  is the probability that a randomly chosen integer is relatively prime to  $n$
- ◊ Therefore,  $\phi(n) \approx n \cdot 6/\pi^2$
- ◊  $P_n = \Pr\{ n \text{ random numbers have no common factor} \}$ 
  - \*  $n$  independent random numbers all have a given prime  $p$  as a factor is  $1/p^n$
  - \* They do not all have  $p$  as a common factor  $1 - 1/p^n$
  - \*  $P_n = (1+1/2^n+1/3^n+1/4^n+1/5^n+1/6^n+\dots)^{-1}$  is the Riemann zeta function  $\zeta(n)$  <http://mathworld.wolfram.com/RiemannZetaFunction.html>
  - \* Ex.  $n=4$ ,  $\zeta(4) = \pi^4/90 \approx 0.92$

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## # of ord- $k$ elements in $Z_p^*$

Lemma. There are **at most**  $\phi(k)$  ord- $k$  elements in  $Z_p^*$ ,  $k \mid p-1$

- pf.
- ◊ If  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  then  $a^{\ell} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  if and only if  $\ell \mid p-1$
  - ◊ Special case:  $\phi(p-1)$   $x$ 's in  $Z_p^*$  with  $\text{ord}_p(x)=p-1$ , i.e.  $\phi(p-1)$  generators in  $Z_p^*$
  - ◊ Those  $a$  with  $\text{ord}_p(a)=p-1$  have order  $p-1$
  - ◊ Only the order of those  $a^\ell$  with  $\gcd(\ell, k) = 1$  might be  $k$
  - ◊ Hence, there are at most  $\phi(k)$  order  $k$  elements

e.g.  $p = 13$        $\{2, 4, 8, 3, 6, 12, 11, 9, 5, 10, 7, 1\}$

$2$  is a generator in  $Z_{13}^* = \{2^1, 2^2, 2^3, 2^4, 2^5, 2^6, 2^7, 2^8, 2^9, 2^{10}, 2^{11}, 2^{12}\}$

$k=12$ ,  $\{2, 4, 8, 3, 6, 12, 11, 9, 5, 10, 7, 1\}$ ,  $\phi(12)$

$k=6$ ,  $\{2, 4, 8, 3, 6, 12\}$ ,  $\phi(6)$

$k=4$ ,  $\{2, 4, 8, 3, 6, 12\}$ ,  $\phi(4)$

$k=2$ ,  $\{2, 4, 8, 3, 6, 12\}$ ,  $\phi(2)$

$k=1$ ,  $\{1\}$ ,  $\phi(1)$

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## $\sum_{k|p-1} \phi(k) = p-1$

**Lemma.**  $\sum_{k|p-1} \phi(k) = p-1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pf. } p-1 &= \sum_{k|p-1} (\# a \text{ in } Z_p^* \text{ s.t. } \gcd(a, p-1) = k) \\ &= \sum_{k|p-1} (\# b \text{ in } \{1, \dots, (p-1)/k\} \text{ s.t. } \gcd(b, (p-1)/k) = 1) \\ &= \sum_{k|p-1} \phi((p-1)/k) \\ &= \sum_{k|p-1} \phi(k) \end{aligned}$$

$$\gcd(a, 12) = k = 2$$

$$\{a\} = \cancel{1}, 2, \cancel{3}, 4, \cancel{5}, 6, \cancel{7}, 8, \cancel{9}, 10, \cancel{11}, 12$$

$$\{b\} = \{1, \cancel{2}, \cancel{3}, \cancel{4}, 5, \cancel{6}\} \quad \phi(12/2)$$

$$\phi(1) + \phi(12) + \phi(2) + \phi(6) +$$

$$\phi(3) + \phi(4)$$

let  $\phi(1) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } p = 13, a \in Z_p^* \\ \gcd(a, p-1) = k, \text{ i.e. } k \mid p-1 \\ k=1, \{1, 5, 7, 11\}, \phi(12/1) \\ k=2, \{2, 10\}, \phi(12/2) \\ k=3, \{3, 9\}, \phi(12/3) \\ k=4, \{4, 8\}, \phi(12/4) \\ k=6, \{6\}, \phi(12/6) \\ k=12, \{12\}, \phi(12/12) \end{aligned}$$

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## $Z_p^*$ is a cyclic group

**Theorem:**  $Z_p^*$  is a cyclic group for a prime number  $p$

- pf.
- ① # of ord- $k$  elements in  $Z_p^*$   $\leq \phi(k)$ , where  $k \mid p-1$
  - ②  $\sum_{k|p-1} \phi(k) = p-1$
  - The order  $k$  of every element in  $Z_p^*$  divides  $p-1$ 
 $\Rightarrow \sum_{k|p-1} (\# \text{ of ord-}k \text{ elements in } Z_p^*) = |Z_p^*| = p-1$
  - ①  $\Rightarrow \sum_{k|p-1} (\# \text{ of ord-}k \text{ elements in } Z_p^*) \leq \sum_{k|p-1} \phi(k)$ , combined with ②, # of ord- $k$  elements in  $Z_p^* = \phi(k)$
  - # of ord- $(p-1)$  elements in  $Z_p^* = \phi(p-1) > 1$
  - There is at least one generator in  $Z_p^*$ , i.e.  $Z_p^*$  is cyclic
- Ex.  $p=13, p-1 = |\{2, 6, 11, 7\}| + |\{4, 10\}| + |\{8, 5\}| + |\{3, 9\}| + |\{12\}| + |\{1\}|$
- |        |       |       |       |       |       |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| $k=12$ | $k=6$ | $k=4$ | $k=3$ | $k=2$ | $k=1$ |
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## $Z_{p^s}^*$ is cyclic

- ◊  $Z_{p^s}^* = \{1, 2, \dots, p-1, p+1, \dots, 2p-1, \dots, p^{s-1}p+1, \dots, p^s-1\}$
- ◊ group operator: multiplication mod  $p^s$
- ◊  $|Z_{p^s}^*| = \phi(p^s) = p^{s-1}(p-1)$

**pf.** ①  $Z_p^*$  is cyclic mathematical induction

② assume  $Z_{p^2}^*, Z_{p^3}^*, \dots, Z_{p^{s-1}}^*$  are cyclic

③  $\exists g \in Z_{p^{s-1}}^*, \langle g \rangle_{p^{s-1}} = Z_{p^{s-1}}^*, \text{ord}_{p^{s-1}}(g) = p^{s-2}(p-1), g^{p^{s-2}(p-1)} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^{s-1}}$

④ consider the same  $g$  in ③,  $\langle g \rangle_{p^s} = Z_{p^s}^*, i=1, 2, \dots, s-2$

pf. (by contradiction, for each  $i=s-2, s-3, \dots, 1$ )

if  $g^k \equiv 1 \pmod{p^{s-2}}$ , where  $k < p^{s-3}(p-1)$  and  $k \mid p^{s-3}(p-1)$ , then  $\exists \lambda, g^k = 1 + \lambda p^{s-2}$

$(g^k)^p \equiv (1 + \lambda p^{s-2})^p \equiv 1 \pmod{p^{s-1}}$ , where  $kp < p^{s-2}(p-1)$

i.e.  $g$  is not a generator in  $Z_{p^{s-1}}^*$ , contradiction with ③

## $Z_{p^s}^*$ is cyclic (cont'd)

⑤ let  $n = \text{ord}_{p^s}(g)$ , Euler's Thm  $g^{p^{s-1}(p-1)} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^s} \Rightarrow n \mid p^{s-1}(p-1)$

⑥  $g^n \equiv 1 \pmod{p^s} \Rightarrow g^n \equiv 1 \pmod{p^{s-1}} \Rightarrow \text{ord}_{p^{s-1}}(g) = p^{s-2}(p-1) \mid n$

⑤, ⑥  $\Rightarrow n \neq p^{s-2}(p-1)$  or  $n = p^{s-1}(p-1)$

⑦  $\text{ord}_{p^{s-2}}(g) = p^{s-3}(p-1) \Rightarrow \exists \lambda, g^{p^{s-3}(p-1)} = 1 + \lambda p^{s-2}$   
 $\text{ord}_{p^{s-1}}(g) = p^{s-2}(p-1) \Rightarrow g^{p^{s-3}(p-1)} \neq 1 \pmod{p^{s-1}}$

$$\begin{aligned} (g^{p^{s-3}(p-1)})^p &\equiv (1 + \lambda p^{s-2})^p \equiv 1 + p\lambda p^{s-2} + C_2^p \lambda^2 (p^{s-2})^2 + \dots \\ &\equiv 1 + \lambda p^{s-1} \pmod{p^s} \end{aligned}$$

$p \nmid \lambda \Rightarrow g^{p^{s-2}(p-1)} \neq 1 \pmod{p^s}$  i.e.  $n \neq p^{s-2}(p-1)$

⑧  $n = \text{ord}_{p^s}(g) = p^{s-1}(p-1) = |Z_{p^s}^*|$ , hence  $\langle g \rangle_{p^s} = Z_{p^s}^*$  is cyclic  $\square$

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## Quadratic Residue modulo $p^s$

- \* For each  $x \in \mathbf{Z}_{p^s}^*$ ,  $p^s \cdot x \not\equiv x \pmod{p^s}$  (since if  $x$  is odd,  $p^s \cdot x$  is even), it's clear that  $x$  and  $p^s \cdot x$  are both square roots of a certain  $y \in \mathbf{Z}_{p^s}^*$
- \* Because there are only  $p^{s-1}(p-1)$  elements in  $\mathbf{Z}_{p^s}^*$ , we know that number of quadratic residues  $|\text{QR}_{p^s}| \leq p^{s-1}(p-1)/2$
- \* Because  $\mathbf{Z}_{p^s}^*$  is cyclic,  $|\{g^2, g^4, \dots, g^{p^{s-1}(p-1)}\}| = p^{s-1}(p-1)/2$ , there can be no more quadratic residues outside this set. Therefore, the set  $\{g, g^3, \dots, g^{p^{s-1}(p-1)-1}\}$  contains only quadratic non-residues

$$|\text{QR}_{p^s}| = p^{s-1}(p-1)/2$$

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## Square root mod prime power $p^s$

➤ Lemma:  $y \equiv z \pmod{p} \Rightarrow y^{p^{s-1}} \equiv z^{p^{s-1}} \pmod{p^s}$

pf.  $y \equiv z \pmod{p} \Rightarrow y = z + \lambda_1 p$   
 $\Rightarrow y^{p^{s-1}} \equiv (z + \lambda_1 p)^{p^{s-1}} \equiv z^{p^{s-1}} + p^{s-1} \lambda_1 p + \dots \pmod{p^s}$   
 $\Rightarrow y^{p^{s-1}} \equiv z^{p^{s-1}} \pmod{p^s} \quad \square$

➤ let  $b$  be a quadratic residue mod  $p$  and mod  $p^s$  not necessary

i.e.  $b^{(p-1)/2} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  and  $b^{p^{s-1}(p-1)/2} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^s}$

➤ Solve  $z^2 \equiv b \pmod{p^s}$   $\phi(q) = \phi(p^s) = p^{s-1}(p-1)$

let  $q = p^s$ ,  $r = p^{s-1}$ ,  $e = (q-2r+1)/2 = (p^s - 2p^{s-1} + 1)/2$

➤ If  $x$  satisfies  $x^2 \equiv b \pmod{p}$ , then  $z \equiv \pm x^r b^e \pmod{p^s}$  Tonelli's 1891 note

pf.  $z^2 \equiv (x^r b^e)^2 \equiv b^{p^{s-1}} \cdot b^{p^{s-1}-2p^{s-1}+1} \equiv b^{p^{s-1}(p-1)} \cdot b \equiv b \pmod{p^s} \quad \square$

$\nwarrow \quad x^2 \equiv b \pmod{p} \Rightarrow (x^2)^r \equiv b^r \pmod{p^s}$

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## Square root mod $n$

- Solve  $z^2 \equiv b \pmod{n}$
- from Unique Prime Factorization Theorem:  $n = p_1^{c_1} p_2^{c_2} \cdots p_k^{c_k}$ 
  - ◊ check if  $b$  is a quadratic residue modulo  $p_i$
  - ◊ find the two square roots modulo each prime power  $p_i^{c_i}$
- combine the results using Chinese Remainder Theorem
  - ◊ there are  $2^k$  square roots

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