

1. To $\phi(15)$

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Total numbers less than 15 = 14 numbers

~~15 has the following factors: 1, 3, 5, 15, 6, 9, 10~~

15 has the following numbers that are ^{not} co-prime (below 15):

1, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10

= 6 numbers

$$\therefore \phi(15) = 14 - 6$$

$$= 8$$

Hence, proved

2. $\phi(p)$ where p is a prime number

By definition, if p is a prime number, then it will only have two factors: 1 and p

Hence, every number less than p will share a factor with p . As a result, every number less than p will be co-prime to p . We know that there are $p-1$ numbers before less positive integers less than p .

$$\therefore \phi(p) = p-1, \text{ where } p \text{ is a prime number}$$

Eg:

- $\phi(2) = 1$ (1) (positive integers less than 2 which are co-prime)
- $\phi(3) = 2$ (1, 2)
- $\phi(5) = 4$ (1, 2, 3, 4)
- $\phi(7) = 6$ (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6)
- $\phi(11) = 10$ (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)

3. $2^n = 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, \dots$ where $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$

2^n will only have powers of 2 as their factors. Since every 2^n will have 2 as a factor, all even numbers less than 2^n will not be co-prime to 2^n .

Let us investigate $\phi(2^n)$ for different values of 2^n

- $\phi(2^1) = 1$ (1)
- $\phi(2^2) = 2$ (1, 3)
- $\phi(2^3) = 4$ (1, 3, 5, 7)
- $\phi(2^4) = 8$ (1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15)

$$\text{From this, we can see } \phi(2^n) = 2^{n-1}, \text{ where } n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$$

Similar to 2^n , only powers of 3 will have be factors of 3^n . Since 3 will be a factor of every ~~3^n~~ 3^n , all multiples of 3 less than 3^n will not be co-prime to 3^n .

Hence, to find $\phi(3^n)$, we need to subtract the number of multiples of 3 from all numbers less than 3^n . This can be written as:

$$\phi(3^n) = (3^n - 1) - \left(\frac{3^n - 3}{3} \right)$$

$$= 3^n - 1 - \frac{3^n}{3} + \frac{3}{3}$$

$$= 3^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} \right) + -1 + 1$$

$$= 3^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{3} \right)$$

$$= 3^n \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)$$

$$\text{Hence, } \phi(3^n) = 3^n \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)$$

$\phi(p^n)$, where p is prime

$$\boxed{\text{If } p \neq 2, \text{ then } \phi(p^n) = p^n - 1}$$

If $p \neq 2$, then we have to subtract all multiples of p less than p^n from all numbers below p^n .
This can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(p^n) &= (p^n - 1) - \left(\frac{p^n}{p} - 1 \right) \\ &= p^n - 1 - \frac{p^n}{p} + 1 \\ &= p^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p} \right) \\ &= p^n \left(\frac{p-1}{p} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\phi(p^n) = p^{n-1}(p-1)}, \text{ if } p \text{ is prime and not equal to } 2$$