

# Euler's totient and RSA

(exercises)

Application of discrete models

1. Calculate the elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_m^*$  for a given  $m \in \mathbb{N}^+$  modulus. Print them from  $m = 1$  to 20.
2. Write a function that calculates  $\varphi(n)$ 
  - a) using simple counting;
  - b) from the prime factorization of  $n$ .
3. Calculate manually:
  - a)  $\varphi(25)$ ;
  - b)  $\varphi(27)$ ;
  - c)  $\varphi(30)$ ;
  - d)  $\varphi(36)$ ;
  - e)  $\varphi(45)$ ;
  - f)  $\varphi(81)$ ;
  - g)  $\varphi(100)$ ;
  - h)  $\varphi(600)$ .
4. Write a function that calculates the modular power  $a^n \bmod m$  using Euler's totient theorem, where  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}^+$  and  $\gcd(a, m) = 1$ .
5.
  - a) Generate an RSA key pair. For simplicity, the following (insecure) setup can be used: prime numbers can be generated using `random_prime()` (e.g. `random_prime(1000)`), and the public exponent can be the first odd number which satisfies the criteria of RSA.
  - b) Encrypt a message  $m$  ( $0 \leq m < n$ ) using the public key.
  - c) Decrypt the ciphertext  $c$  using the private key, i.e. restore the original  $m$ .
6. Write a program that tries to break RSA using the `factor()` function, i.e. it tries to solve  $m^e \equiv c \pmod{n}$  for  $m$  using only the public key. Break the encrypted message from the previous exercise.
7. Speed up the implementation of RSA using the chinese remainder theorem.
8.
  - a) Write a function that checks whether a given  $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$  is a prime number using the Fermat primality test. (Use a single random base  $a$ .)
  - b) Find an  $n$  for which the test gives an incorrect result.
  - c) Improve the test by repeating it  $k$  times (using separate random  $a$ 's in each step), where  $k$  is also an input parameter.
9. Find all Fermat pseudoprimes to base  $a = 2$  between 1 and 10000.
10. Find all Carmichael numbers between 1 and 10000.
11. Implement the Miller–Rabin primality test.
12. Find all strong pseudoprimes to base  $a = 2$  between 1 and 10000.