# The Nature of The $\Phi(m)$ Function

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#### Abstract

In number theory, for the continuous product formula  $\Pi(1-\frac{2}{p})$ , the meaning is unclear. This

paper gives the definition and nature of  $\Phi(m)$  function, as well as the relationship between  $\Phi(m)$  and Euler's totient function  $\phi(m)$ . In number theory, Euler function  $\phi(m)$  is widely used,  $\Phi(m)$  function if there are other applications, Some attempts are made in this paper. **Key words:**  $\Phi(m)$  function;Euler function  $\phi(m)$ ;co-prime **MSC:** 11A41;11R04

## Notation

P: a prime number.
m: a positive integer,
φ(m): Euler's totient function.
Φ(m): Φ function.
(a,b)=1: a and b are co-prime.
Π:the sign of the continued product.
~: denotes equivalence relation.

## **Definitions and Natures**

Euler function  $\phi(m)$ 

In number theory, for the positive integer m, Euler function is the number of the positive integer q less than m and (q,m)=1.

 $\phi(m) = m\Pi(1 - \frac{1}{p})$  (p is a prime factor of m)

Φ(m) function [1] [2] [3]

1. In number theory, for an even number m (m $\geq$ 6), Function  $\Phi$ (m) is the number of the positive odd q less than m, (q,m)=1 and (q-2k,m)=1 or (q+2k,m)=1 (k $\geq$ 1). Obviously, q < m, q-2k is not necessarily a positive integer or q+2k is not necessarily less than m.

If k=2<sup>n</sup>,  $\Phi(m) = \frac{m}{2} \Pi(1 - \frac{2}{p})$  (p is the odd factor of m)

If the odd factor of k is different from that of m, $\Phi(m) = \frac{m}{2} \Pi(1 - \frac{2}{p})$  (p is the odd factor of m)

If k shares an odd factor p with m,  $\Phi(m) = \frac{m}{2} \prod (1 - \frac{2}{p}) \prod \frac{(p-1)}{(p-2)}$ 

 $(\Pi(1-\frac{2}{p}),p \text{ is the odd factor of } m,\Pi\frac{(p-1)}{(p-2)},P \text{ is the common odd factor of } k \text{ and } m.)$ 

If k is the same as the odd factor of m, $\Phi(m) = \phi(m)$ For different 2k, if the difference of 2k is a multiple of m,  $\Phi(m)$  is equal, q is the same. In particular, if  $m = 2^n$ ,  $\Phi(m) = \phi(m) = \frac{m}{2}$ 

2. If m is odd (m $\geq$ 3), Function  $\Phi(m)$  is the number of the positive integer q less than m, (q,m)=1 and (q-k,m)=1 or (q+k,m)=1 ( $k\geq$ 1).

Obviously, q < m, q-k is not necessarily a positive integer or q+k is not necessarily less than m.

If  $k=2^n$ ,  $\Phi(m)=m\Pi(1-\frac{2}{p})$  (p is the odd factor of m)

If the odd factor of k is different from that of m, $\Phi(m)=m\Pi(1-\frac{2}{p})$  (p is the odd factor of m)

If k shares an odd factor p with m,  $\Phi(m) = m\Pi(1-\frac{2}{p})\Pi\frac{(p-1)}{(p-2)}$ 

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3. In number theory, for an even number m (m $\geq$ 6), Function  $\Phi$  (m) is the number of the positive odd q less than m, (q,m)=1 and (m+2k-q,m)=1(k $\geq$ 1).

If k=2<sup>n</sup>,  $\Phi(m) = \frac{m}{2} \Pi(1 - \frac{2}{p})$  (p is the odd factor of m)

If the odd factor of k is different from that of m, $\Phi(m) = \frac{m}{2} \Pi(1 - \frac{2}{p})$  (p is the odd factor of m)

If k shares an odd factor p with m, $\Phi(m) = \frac{m}{2} \prod (1 - \frac{2}{p}) \prod \frac{(p-1)}{(p-2)}$ 

 $(\Pi(1-\frac{2}{p}),p \text{ is the odd factor of } m,\Pi_{(p-2)}^{(p-1)},p \text{ is the common odd factor of } k \text{ and } m.)$ 

If k is the same as the odd factor of  $m, \Phi(m) = \phi(m)$ 

For different 2k, if the difference of 2k is a multiple of m,  $\Phi(m)$  is equal, q is the same.

## The proof of $\Phi(m)$ Function

The proof of  $\Phi(m)$  function is similar to euler function  $\Phi(m)$ , slightly.

#### For example

1: m=30,2k=2 or 2k=4 or 2k=8 or 2k=16 or 2k=32 or 2k=2<sup>n</sup>, $\Phi(m) = \frac{m}{2}\Pi(1-\frac{2}{p}) = 3$ , q is not more than 30, (q,30)=1 and (q - 2k,30)=1(k≥1),

The number of odd pairs (q-2,q) is 3, (q-2,q):(-1 1),(11 13),(17 19).

The number of odd pairs (q-4,q) is 3, (q-4,q):(7 11),(13 17),(19 23).

The number of odd pairs (q-8,q) is 3, (q-8,q):(-7 1),(-1 7),(11 19).

The number of odd pairs (q-16,q) is 3, (q-16,q):(1 17),(7 23),(13 29).

The number of odd pairs (q-32,q) is 3, (q-32,q):(-31 1),(-19 13),(-13 19).

The number of odd pairs (q-64,q) is 3, (q-64,q):(53 11),(-47 17),(-41 23).

2k=2 and 2k=32, the difference between 2k is 30,q is the same, q: 1,13,19.

2k=4 and 2k=64, the difference between 2k is 60, q is the same, q: 11, 17, 23.

2: m=30,2k=6 or 2k=12 or 2k=24 or 2k=48 or 2k=3<sup>N</sup>×2<sup>n</sup>,  $\Phi(m) = \frac{m}{2} \Pi(1 - \frac{2}{p}) \Pi_{(p-2)}^{(p-1)} = 6$ , q is not more than 30, (q,30)=1 and (q - 2k,30)=1(k≥1),

The number of odd pairs (q-6,q) is 6, (q-6,q):(1 7),(7 13),(13 19),(11 17),(17 23),(23 29).

The number of odd pairs (q-12,q) is 6, (q-12,q):(-11 1),(1 13),(7 19),(17 29),(-1 11),(11 23).

The number of odd pairs (q-24,q) is 6, (q-24,q):(-23 1),(-17 7),(-13 11),(-11 13),(-7 17),(-1 23).

The number of odd pairs (q-48,q) is 6, (q-48,q):(-47 1),(-41 7),(-37 11),(-31 17),(-29 19),(-19 29).

3: m=30,2k=30 or 2k=60 or 2k is a multiple of 30, $\Phi(m) = \frac{m}{2} \prod (1 - \frac{2}{n}) \prod \frac{(p-1)}{(n-2)} = \frac{m}{2} \prod (1 - \frac{2}{n}) \prod (1$ 

 $\frac{1}{n}$ )= $\phi(m)=8$ ,

q is not more than 30, (q,30)=1 and  $(q - 2k,30)=1(k \ge 1)$ ,

The number of odd pairs (q-30,q) is 8, (q-30,q):(-29 1),(-23 7),(-19 11),(-17 13),(-13 17),(-11 19),(-7 23),(-1 29).

The number of odd pairs (q-60,q) is 8, (q-60,q):(-59 1),(-53 7),(-49 11),(-47 13),(-43 17),(-41 19),(-37 23),(-31 29).

4: m=30,2k=14 or 2k=28 or 2k=56 or 2k=7<sup>N</sup>×2<sup>n</sup>, $\Phi(m) = \frac{m}{2}\Pi(1-\frac{2}{n}) = 3$ ,

q is not more than 30, (q,30)=1 and  $(q - 2k,30)=1(k\geq 1)$ ,

The number of odd pairs (q-14,q) is 3, (q-14,q): (-13 1),(-7 7),(-1 13).

The number of odd pairs (q-28,q) is 3, (q-28,q) :(1 29),(-11 17),(-17 11).

The number of odd pairs (q-56,q) is 3, (q-56,q): (-49 7),(-43 13),(-37 19).

5: m=30,2k=2 or 2k=4 or 2k=8 or 2k=16 or 2k=32 or 2k=2<sup>n</sup>, $\Phi(m) = \frac{m}{2}\Pi(1-\frac{2}{n}) = 3$ ,

q is not more than 30, (q,30)=1 and  $(30+2k-q,30)=1(k\geq 1)$ ,

(q,30)=1 and (30+2-q,30) =1, the number of q is 3,q: 1,13,19.

(q,30)=1 and (30+4-q,30) =1, the number of q is 3,q: 11 ,17 ,23.

(q,30)=1 and (30+8-q,30)=1, the number of q is 3,q: 1, 7, 19.

(q,30)=1 and (30+16-q,30) =1, the number of q is 3,q: 17,19,23.

(q,30)=1 and (30+32-q,30)=1, the number of q is 3,q: 1,13,19.

(q,30)=1 and (30+64-q,30) =1, the number of q is 3,q: 11,17,23.

2k=2 and 2k=32, the difference between 2k is 30, q is the same, q: 1, 13, 19.

2k=4 and 2k=64, the difference between 2k is 60,q is the same, q: 11, 17, 23.

6: m=30,2k=6 or 2k=12 or 2k=24 or 2k=48 or 2k=3<sup>N</sup>×2<sup>n</sup>, $\Phi(m) = \frac{m}{2}\Pi(1-\frac{2}{p})\Pi\frac{(p-1)}{(p-2)} = 6$ , q is not more than 30, (q,30)=1 and (30+2k-q,30)=1(k≥1),

(q,30)=1 and (30+6-q,30) =1, the number of q is 6,q: 7,13,17,19,23,29.

(q,30)=1 and (30+12-q,30) =1, the number of q is 6,q: 1 ,11 ,13 ,19 ,23 ,29.

(q,30)=1 and (30+24-q,30) =1, the number of q is 6,q: 1 ,7 ,11 ,13 ,17 ,23.

(q,30)=1 and (30+48-q,30) =1, the number of q is 6,q: 1,7,11,17,19,29.

7: m=30,2k=30 or 2k=60 or 2k is a multiple of 30,  $\Phi(m) = \frac{m}{2} \Pi(1-\frac{2}{p}) \Pi_{(p-2)}^{(p-1)} = \frac{m}{2} \Pi(1-\frac{2}{p}) \Pi(1-\frac{2}{p}) \Pi_{(p-2)}^{(p-1)} = \frac{m}{2$ 

$$\frac{1}{p}) = \phi(m) = 8,$$

q is not more than 30, (q,30)=1 and  $(30+2k-q,30)=1(k\geq 1)$ ,

(q,30)=1 and (30+30-q,30) =1, the number of q is 8,q: 1,7,11,13,17,19,23,29.

(q,30)=1 and (30+60-q,30) =1, the number of q is 8,q: 1,7,11,13,17,19,23,29.

8: m=30,2k=14 or 2k=28 or 2k=56 or 2k=7<sup>N</sup>×2<sup>n</sup>,  $\Phi(m) = \frac{m}{2}\Pi(1-\frac{2}{p}) = 3$ ,

q is not more than 30, (q,30)=1 and  $(30+2k-q,30)=1(k\geq 1)$ ,

(q,30)=1 and (30+14-q,30) =1, the number of q is 3,q: 1,7,13.

(q,30)=1 and (30+28-q,30) =1, the number of q is 3,q: 11,17,29.

(q,30)=1 and (30+56-q,30) =1, the number of q is 3,q: 7,13,19.

#### Application of $\Phi(m)$ function: The generalized Goldbach's conjecture

The Goldbach's conjecture is that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \exists p, q \in P$ , such that 2n=p+q.

The generalized Goldbach's conjecture<sup>[4]</sup>:

Given m,a  $\in$  N,(a,m)=1,for every  $\frac{x}{2}$ =a (mod m) large enough (x is even integer),  $\exists$  p,q  $\in$ 

P, such that x = p+q and  $p \equiv q \equiv a \pmod{m}$ .

Let G(a, m, x) is the number of representatives a large even integer x as a sum of two primes p and q, Among them (a,m)=1,  $p\equiv q\equiv a \pmod{m}$ .

Let G(x) is the number of representatives a large even integer x as a sum of two primes.  $\Phi(m)$  is the number of categories of G(x) for mod m.

- 1. If m=2<sup>n</sup>, G(a, m, x)  $\sim \frac{1}{\Phi(m)}$ G(x)  $\sim \frac{1}{\phi(m)}$ G(x)
- 2. If m is even, G(a, m, x)  $\sim \frac{1}{\Phi(m)} G(x)$ ,  $\Phi(m) = \frac{m}{2} \Pi(1 \frac{2}{p})$  (p is the odd factor of m)
- 3. If m is odd, G(a, m, x)  $\sim \frac{1}{\Phi(m)}$ G(x),  $\Phi(m) = m\Pi(1 \frac{2}{p})$  (p is the odd factor of m)

Where G(x)  $\sim 2C \cdot \prod_{(p-2)}^{(p-1)} \cdot \frac{x}{\ln^2 x}$  (p is the odd factor of x. C =  $\prod(1 - \frac{1}{(p-1)^2})$ , p is an odd prime

number.)

It can be seen, while m=2;m=3 or m=6 aiternative,

 $G(x)=G(x, a, m) \sim G(x)$ 

this formula prompts the expression of Goldbach conjecture.

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