

The Fermat-Euler Theorem^a

Corollary 54 For all $a \in \Phi(n)$, $a^{\phi(n)} = 1 \pmod n$.

- The proof is similar to that of Lemma 53 (p. 360).
- Consider $a\Phi(n) = \{am \pmod n : m \in \Phi(n)\}$.
- $a\Phi(n) = \Phi(n)$.
 - $a\Phi(n) \subseteq \Phi(n)$ as a remainder must be between 0 and $n - 1$ and relatively prime to n .
 - Suppose $am = am' \pmod n$ for $m' < m < n$, where $m, m' \in \Phi(n)$.
 - That means $a(m - m') = 0 \pmod n$, and n divides a or $m - m'$, which is impossible.

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The Proof (concluded)

- Multiply all the numbers in $\Phi(n)$ to yield $\prod_{m \in \Phi(n)} m$.
- Multiply all the numbers in $a\Phi(n)$ to yield $a^{\Phi(n)} \prod_{m \in \Phi(n)} m$.
- As $a\Phi(n) = \Phi(n)$,

$$\prod_{m \in \Phi(n)} m = a^{\Phi(n)} \left(\prod_{m \in \Phi(n)} m \right) \pmod n.$$

- Finally, $a^{\Phi(n)} = 1 \pmod n$ because $n \nmid \prod_{m \in \Phi(n)} m$.