

3 Assessed Exercise I: Euler's totient function

Euler's totient function, written $\phi(n)$, denotes the number of integers $1, 2, \dots, n$ that are coprime to the positive integer n . So for example $\phi(1) = \phi(2) = 1$ and $\phi(3) = \phi(4) = 2$. The totient function is fundamental to number theory and this exercise establishes some of its elementary properties. See Baker, *A Concise Introduction to the Theory of Numbers* (Cambridge University Press, 1984), page 9. Other books on elementary number theory will also cover this function.

Task 1 Define the totient function φ of type $\text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{nat}$ as described above. Note that the cardinality of a finite set can be expressed using the built-in function `card`, and the two-argument predicate `coprime` is also available. Greek letters can be inserted using the Symbols palette, but you may give the function the name `phi` if you prefer.

Then prove the following two facts. [5 marks]

lemma *phi-1*: $\varphi\ 1 = 1$

lemma *phi-2*: $\varphi\ 2 = 1$

Task 2 The following exercise establishes an alternative characterisation of the totient function. [10 marks]

lemma *phi-altdef*: $\varphi(n) = \text{card}\ \{m. \text{coprime}\ m\ n \wedge m < n\}$

Task 3 Among the other straightforward properties of the totient function is that $\phi(p) = p - 1$ if p is prime. [10 marks]

lemma *phi-prime* [*simp*]:

assumes *prime* p **shows** $\varphi\ p = (p-1)$

Task 4 The result above can be generalised to $\phi(p^j) = p^j - p^{j-1}$, where p is prime and $j > 0$. [25 marks]

lemma *phi-prime-power* [*simp*]:

assumes *prime* $p\ j > 0$ **shows** $\varphi\ (p \wedge^j) = p \wedge^j - p \wedge^{(j-1)}$

Hint: none of these proofs require induction. Typically they involve manipulations of sets of positive integers, perhaps using equational reasoning.