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This project requires an understanding of the Euler Phi Function, also known as the Totient Function. $\phi(n)$. Euler's Totient function is defined as the number of positive integers $\leq n$ that are relatively prime to (i.e. do don't contain any factor in common with) n, where 1 is counted as being relatively prime to all numbers. The Euler phi function, starting with n at 1 goes like this 1, 1, 2, 2, 4, 2, 6, 4, 6, 4.

If a number is a prime, then the Euler phi function of a prime number is one less than that number. This is true because all the numbers less than a prime are relatively prime to that prime number.

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