

## Cyclotomic polynomials for primes

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Currently, I'm spending my time with cyclotomic polynomials. So, I don't want to miss the possibility also to mention a small note about the connection of this polynomials to the set of prime numbers.

At first, we have a cyclotomic polynomial in the following way

$$\phi_n(x) = \prod_{\substack{1 \leq g \leq n \\ ggT(g,n)=1}} \left( x - e^{\frac{2\pi ig}{n}} \right) \quad (1)$$

with  $n, g \in \mathbb{N}$ , respectively

$$\begin{aligned} x^n - 1 &= \prod_{1 \leq g \leq n} \left( x - e^{\frac{2\pi ig}{n}} \right) \\ &= \prod_{d|n} \prod_{\substack{1 \leq g \leq n \\ ggT(g,n)=d}} \left( x - e^{\frac{2\pi ig}{n}} \right) \\ &= \prod_{d|n} \phi_{n/d}(x) \\ &= \prod_{d|n} \phi_d(x) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

. In the case of prime numbers  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , we also have

$$\phi_p(x) = 1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{p-1} = \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} x^k \quad (3)$$

. From this follows the first rewriting

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi_p(x) &= \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} x^k \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{p-1} e^{k \ln(x)} \\
&= e^{0 \ln(x)} + \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} e^{k \ln(x)} \\
&= 1 + \frac{e^{\ln(x)} (e^{(p-1) \ln(x)} - 1)}{e^{\ln(x)} - 1}
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

, since

$$\sum_{k=1}^n e^{kA} = \frac{e^A (e^{An} - 1)}{e^A - 1}$$

. Now we will solve this equation for  $p$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi_p(x) &= 1 + \frac{e^{\ln(x)} (e^{(p-1) \ln(x)} - 1)}{e^{\ln(x)} - 1} \\
(\phi_p(x) - 1) (e^{\ln(x)} - 1) &= e^{\ln(x)} (e^{(p-1) \ln(x)} - 1) \\
\frac{(\phi_p(x) - 1) (e^{e^{\ln(x)}} - 1)}{e^{\ln(x)}} + 1 &= e^{(p-1) \ln(x)} \\
(p-1) \ln(x) &= \ln \left( \frac{(\phi_p(x) - 1) (e^{\ln(x)} - 1)}{e^{\ln(x)}} + 1 \right) \\
(p-1) \ln(x) &= \ln \left( \frac{(\phi_p(x) - 1) (x - 1) + x}{x} \right) \\
\ln(x) ((p-1) + 1) &= \ln ((\phi_p(x) - 1) (x - 1) + x) \\
p &= \ln \left( \frac{(\phi_p(x) - 1) (x - 1) + x}{x} \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Additionally, we have our second, very easy to see, connection for prime numbers

$$\begin{aligned}
\phi_p(x) &= x^p - 1 \\
&= \sum_{k'=0}^p x^{k'} - \sum_{k''=0}^{p-1} x^{k''} - 1 \\
&= \phi_{p+1}(x) - \phi_p(x) - 1
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

. I have no idea for which this can be useful, but I think it is nice to know :P.