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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Note that } f_k(n) &:= \sum_{i=1}^n k^{\gcd(i,n)} = \sum_{d|n} \#\{1 \leq i \leq n \mid d = \gcd(i,n)\} k^d \\ &= \sum_{d|n} \varphi\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) k^d \left(= \sum_{d|n} \varphi(d) k^{\frac{n}{d}} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Let p be a prime divisor of n .Then $n = p^s \cdot m$ for some $s \geq 1$, m and p are coprime.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f_k(n) &= \sum_{d|n} \varphi(d) k^{\frac{n}{d}} \\ &= \sum_{e|m} \sum_{t=0}^s \varphi(p^t e) k^{p^{s-t} \frac{m}{e}} \\ &= \sum_{e|m} \varphi(e) \left[\sum_{t=0}^s \varphi(p^t) \left(k^{\frac{m}{e}}\right)^{p^{s-t}} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

To show $p^s \mid f_k(n)$, it is enough to show that

$$\forall k, \sum_{t=0}^s \varphi(p^t) k^{p^{s-t}}$$
 is divisible by p^s .

Lemma \forall prime $p \forall k, l \geq 1, k^{p^l} \equiv k^{p^{l-1}} \pmod{p^l}$.

pf) If $p \nmid k$, then $k^{\varphi(p^l)} = k^{p^l - p^{l-1}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^l}$.
(Euler's thm)

If $p \mid k$, then $p^{l-1} \geq 2^{l-1} \geq l$.

So, $p^l \mid p^{p^{l-1}} \mid k^{p^{l-1}} \Rightarrow k^{p^l} \equiv k^{p^{l-1}} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^l}$.

$\therefore k^{p^l} \equiv k^{p^{l-1}} \pmod{p^l}$ for all $k, l \geq 1$,
prime p .

Claim $p^s \mid \sum_{t=0}^s \varphi(p^t) k^{p^{s-t}} \quad \forall k, s \geq 1.$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pf)} \quad \sum_{t=0}^s \varphi(p^t) k^{p^{s-t}} &= k^{p^s} + \sum_{t=1}^{s-1} (p^t - p^{t-1}) k^{p^{s-t}} + (p^s - p^{s-1}) k \\ &\equiv (k^{p^s} - p^{s-1} k) + \sum_{t=1}^{s-1} (p^t k^{p^{s-t}} - p^{t-1} k^{p^{s-t}}) \pmod{p^s} \end{aligned}$$

By lemma, $\begin{cases} k^{p^s} \equiv k^{p^{s-1}} \pmod{p^s} \\ p^t k^{p^{s-t}} \equiv p^t k^{p^{s-t-1}} \pmod{p^s}. \end{cases}$ --- (*)

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (*) &\equiv (k^{p^{s-1}} - p^{s-1} k) + \sum_{t=1}^{s-1} (p^t k^{p^{s-t-1}} - p^{t-1} k^{p^{s-t}}) \pmod{p^s} \\ &= (k^{p^{s-1}} - p^{s-1} k) + \sum_{t=1}^{s-1} p^t k^{p^{s-t-1}} - \sum_{t=0}^{s-2} p^t k^{p^{s-t-1}} \\ &= (k^{p^{s-1}} - p^{s-1} k) + (p^{s-1} k - k^{p^{s-1}}) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{t=0}^s \varphi(p^t) k^{p^{s-t}} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^s} \quad \forall k, s \geq 1.$$

By the Claim, $p^s \mid f_k(n)$ for any $p^s \parallel n$.

$$\therefore n \mid f_k(n), \text{ i.e.,}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n k^{\gcd(i, n)} \text{ is divisible by } n.$$

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