

# Bonus Lecture 2: Euler's Totient Theorem

Primes Are Overrated Anyways

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- ▶ Multiply to get  $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

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