

ii) $F(7) = 7$ ✓ since 7 prime $\Rightarrow a \leq 7, \gcd(a, 7) = 1$ or 7
 $F(8) = 6$ ✓ since $\gcd(a, 8)$ not square free only for $a=4$
 $F(9) = 8$ ✓ since $\gcd(a, 9)$ not square free only for $a=9$
 $F(11) = 11$ ✓ since 11 prime $\Rightarrow a \leq 11, \gcd(a, 11) = 1$ or 11

iii) For any prime p , $F(p) = p$ ✓ since for $k \leq p$ $\gcd(a, p) = 1$ which is square free, or for $a = p$, $\gcd(a, p) = p$ which is a prime hence square free.

iv) $F(p^r)$. In the range $1 \leq a \leq p^r$ there are $r-1$ integers for which $\gcd(a, p^r)$ is divisible by p^2 :
 p square free since prime
 p^2 not square free
 p^3 not square free (divisible by p^2)
 \vdots
 p^r not square free (divisible by p^2)

what about
 $2p^2$
 $3p^2$
 $4p^2 \dots$

ie every power of p from p^2 on is divisible by p^2 , hence not square free. There are $r-1$ of these. $\therefore F(p^r) = p^r - (r-1) = p^r \left(1 - \frac{r-1}{p^r}\right)$

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$$\begin{aligned} v) F(500) &= F(2^2) F(5^3) \checkmark \\ &= (2^2 - (2-1))(5^3 - (3-1)) \times \\ &= (4-1)(125-2) \\ &= 3 \cdot 123 = 369 \end{aligned}$$

Correct method

$$\begin{aligned} F(540) &= F(2^2) F(3^3) F(5) \checkmark \\ &= (2^2 - (2-1))(3^3 - (3-1))(5) \\ &= (4-1)(27-2)(5) = 375 \times \end{aligned}$$