2005 Paper 1 Question 7

Discrete Mathematics

- (a) State and prove the Chinese Remainder Theorem concerning the simultaneous solution of a pair of congruences to co-prime moduli, and the uniqueness of that solution. [10 marks]
- (b) Define U_n (the set of units modulo n) and $\varphi(n)$ (Euler's totient function). [2 marks]
- (c) Given natural numbers m and n with no common factors, define $f: U_{mn} \longrightarrow U_m \times U_n$ by $f(u) = (u \mod m, u \mod n)$. Prove carefully that f is a bijective function. [6 marks]
- (d) Deduce that φ is multiplicative, and calculate $\varphi(175)$. [2 marks]