

6 Discrete Mathematics (mpf23)

For a natural number  $n$ , define the following sets:

$$[n] = \{i \in \mathbb{N} : 0 \leq i < n\} \quad , \quad [n]^+ = \{j \in [n] : j \neq 0\}$$

$$C(n) = \{k \in [n]^+ : \gcd(k, n) = 1\} \quad , \quad I(m, n) = \{\iota \in ([m] \Rightarrow [n]) : \iota \text{ is injective}\}$$

- (a) Describe the sets  $[3] \times [3]^+$ ,  $C(3^2)$ , and  $I(2, 3)$  by enumerating their elements. [3 marks]
- (b) For a prime number  $p$ ,
- (i) give a mapping  $f_p$  from  $C(p^2)$  to  $[p] \times [p]^+$  and prove that it defines a function  $f_p : C(p^2) \rightarrow [p] \times [p]^+$ ; [4 marks]
  - (ii) give a mapping  $g_p$  from  $[p] \times [p]^+$  to  $C(p^2)$  and prove that it defines a function  $g_p : [p] \times [p]^+ \rightarrow C(p^2)$ ; [4 marks]
  - (iii) prove that  $g_p \circ f_p = \text{id}_{C(p^2)}$  and that  $f_p \circ g_p = \text{id}_{[p] \times [p]^+}$ . [2 marks]
- (c) For a prime number  $p$ , define a function  $u_p : C(p^2) \rightarrow I(2, p)$  and a function  $v_p : I(2, p) \rightarrow C(p^2)$  and prove that they determine bijections between  $C(p^2)$  and  $I(2, p)$ . [5 marks]
- (d) For a prime number  $p$ , determine the cardinality of  $C(p^2)$ . [2 marks]