

1. (i) If  $u, v$  are positive integers,  $\text{hcf}(u, v) = 1$ , and  $uv$  is a perfect square, show that  $u$  and  $v$  are both perfect squares.

(ii) Let  $x, y, z$  be positive integers with no common divisors such that

$$x^2 + y^2 = z^2.$$

Show that either  $x$  or  $y$  is even. Assume now that  $x$  is even. Prove that there exist positive integers  $u, v$  with  $\text{hcf}(u, v) = 1$  and such that  $z - y = 2u^2$ ,  $z + y = 2v^2$ . Hence, show that  $x = 2uv$ ,  $y = v^2 - u^2$  and  $z = v^2 + u^2$ . Conversely, if  $u, v$  are given, show that the numbers  $x, y$  and  $z$  given by these formulas satisfy  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ .

2. In this question, you may use without proof the following facts: There are constants  $\gamma > 0$  and  $A > 0$  such that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} = \log x + \gamma + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), \text{ and}$$

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\log n}{n} = \frac{1}{2} \log^2 x + A + O\left(\frac{\log x}{x}\right).$$

For  $n \geq 1$  integer, denote by  $d(n) = \sum_{d|n} 1$  the number of divisors of  $n$ . Prove that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{d(n)}{n} = \frac{1}{2} \log^2 x + 2\gamma \log x + O(1).$$

3. In this question, you may assume without proof any properties of the Legendre symbol, as long as you state them correctly. State and prove a condition characterising those primes  $p$  which can be expressed in the form

$$p = x^2 + 2y^2$$

with  $x, y$  integers.

4. In the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  of Gaussian integers, we say  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  if  $m$  divides  $a - b$ .

(i) Find a Gaussian integer  $x$  such that

$$(1 + 2i)x \equiv 1 \pmod{3 + 3i}$$

In what sense is your solution unique? (Justify your answer.)

(ii) Find a Gaussian integer  $x$  such that

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{1 + 2i}$$

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{3 + 3i}.$$

In what sense is your solution unique? (Justify your answer.)

5. Let  $\alpha = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$ . In this question, you may assume that

$$f(x) = x^4 - 10x^2 + 1$$

is a rational polynomial of minimal degree such that  $f(\alpha) = 0$ .

(i) Find a polynomial  $g(x)$  such that  $f(x) = (x - \alpha)g(x)$ .

(ii) Find an explicit constant  $K$  such that if  $p/q$  is any rational number with  $|(p/q) - \alpha| \leq 1$ , then

$$\left|g\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)\right| \leq K.$$

(iii) Find an explicit constant  $C$  such that for all rational numbers  $p/q$

$$\left|\frac{p}{q} - \alpha\right| > \frac{C}{q^4}.$$

(Justify your answer.)