## MATH 4282 – Cryptography Winter 2019

## Assignment #7

## Instructions

- Answer each question completely; justify your answers.
- 1. Suppose that Alice prepares to use RSA by selecting primes p and q and computing n = pq, etc. Without loss of generality, assume that q > p and let  $d = \frac{q-p}{2}$ .
  - (a) Prove that  $n + d^2$  is a perfect square.
  - (b) If given an integer n that is the product of two primes, and given a small positive integer d such that  $n + d^2$  is a perfect square, show how to use this information to factor n.
  - (c) Use your answer above to factor n = 2189284635403183.
- 2. Use the Pollard  $\rho$  algorithm to factor n:
  - (a) n = 3131
  - (b) n = 482431
  - (c) n = 1002468832301