

that  $x' \not\equiv \pm x \pmod{n}$ , in which case you immediately obtain a non-trivial factor, i.e.,  $\text{g.c.d.}(x' + x, n)$ . By repeating the procedure  $T$  times, you have probability  $1 - 2^{-T}$  of factoring  $n$ .

6. Yes. Suppose that another person Pícaraz playing the role of Pícaraz intercepts the message  $(b^{y_1}, b^{y_2}, \alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  that Pícaraz sent to Vivales, and wants to fool Vivales into believing that she also knows the factorization of  $n$  (or the 3-coloring, or the discrete logarithm, etc.). Suppose also that Vivales will not accept from Pícaraz a repetition of the exact same four-tuple that Pícaraz sent. Without knowing Pícaraz's secret random integers  $y_1, y_2$  or her messages  $m_1, m_2$  or the discrete logarithm of either  $\beta_1$  or  $\beta_2$ , Pícaraz has no way to construct a different four-tuple that gives Vivales the impression that she knows the factorization.
7. Pícaraz randomly selects  $0 \leq x' < N$ , and sends Vivales  $y' = b^{x'}$ . Then the two messages for oblivious transfer are  $m_1 = x'$  and  $m_2 = x + x' \pmod{N}$ . Vivales verifies either  $b^{x'} = y'$  or else  $b^{x+x'} = yy'$ . If the procedure is repeated  $T$  times, then the odds against Pícaraz being lucky (i.e., being able to fool Vivales into thinking she knows the discrete log of  $y$ ) are  $2^T$  to 1.
8. Vivales can easily get Pícaraz to betray the factorization of  $n$ , as follows. He randomly chooses integers  $z$  until he finds a  $z$  whose Jacobi symbol modulo  $n$  is  $-1$ . He then sends Pícaraz  $y = z^2 \bmod n$ . Pícaraz replies with the value  $x^2$  of a square root of  $y \bmod n$  which is different from  $\pm z$ . Vivales can now find a nontrivial factor of  $n$ , namely,  $\text{g.c.d.}(x^2 + z, n)$ .
9. The proof of zero knowledge transmission using a simulator Clyde will not work. Another problem is that Pícaraz would have to be certain that every  $y_i$  had been produced by the trusted Center, and not by Vivales pretending to be the trusted Center.

### § V.1.

1. (a) 4, 11; (b) 8, 13; (c) see part (d); (d) Show that  $n - 1 \equiv p - 1 \bmod 2p - 2$ , so that  $b^{n-1} \equiv 1 \bmod p$ , and  $b^{n-1} \equiv b^{(2p-1-1)/2} \equiv (\frac{b}{2p-1}) \bmod 2p - 1$ . Then  $b^{n-1} \equiv 1 \bmod p(2p - 1)$  if and only if  $(\frac{b}{2p-1}) = 1$ .
2. (a) Use the fact that  $n = n'p = n'(p - 1 + 1) \equiv n' \bmod p - 1$ . (b) Use part (a) with  $n' = 3$  to conclude that  $p$  would have to be a divisor of  $2^2 - 1, 5^2 - 1, 7^2 - 1$ . (c)  $p$  would have to be a divisor of  $2^4 - 1, 3^4 - 1, 7^4 - 1$ . (d) Any smaller  $n$  would be the product of 2 primes greater than 5 (by part (c)). Then check 49 and 77.
3. Divide the congruence (1) with  $n = p^2$  by the congruence  $b^{p^2-p} \equiv 1 \bmod p^2$ , which always holds by Euler's theorem (Proposition I.3.5).
4. (a) 217; (b) 341.
5. (a) First suppose that  $n$  is a pseudoprime to the base  $b$ . Since  $n - 1 = pq - 1 \equiv q - 1 \bmod p - 1$ , you have  $b^{q-1} \equiv 1 \bmod p$ ; but since  $b^{p-1} \equiv 1 \bmod p$  always by Fermat's little theorem, and since  $d$  is an integer linear combination of  $p - 1$  and  $q - 1$ , it follows that  $b^d \equiv 1 \bmod p$ .