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HW 16: 3.13-3.17

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**3.13 Theorem.** Suppose  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$  is a polynomial of degree  $n > 0$  with integer coefficients. Then  $f(x)$  is a composite number for infinitely many integers  $x$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$  is a polynomial of degree  $n > 0$  with integer coefficients and  $a_n > 0$ . We will show that  $f(x)$  is a composite number for infinitely many integers  $x$ . Let  $S$  be the set of integers  $x$  such that  $f(x)$  is composite. Assume by way of contradiction that  $S$  is finite. Let  $m$  be the largest element of  $S$ . By theorem 2.12, there exists an integer  $k$  such that for all integers  $j > k$ ,  $f(j) > f(m)$ . Now consider these two cases:  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_0 \neq 0$ . In the case that  $a_0 \neq 0$ , let  $y = (k+1)|a_0|$ . □

**3.14 Theorem.** Given any integer  $a$  and any natural number  $n$ , there exists a unique integer  $t$  in the set  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  such that  $a \equiv t \pmod{n}$ .

*Proof.* Type your proof here! □

**3.15 Exercise.** Find three complete residue systems modulo 4: the canonical complete residue system, one containing negative numbers, and one containing no two consecutive numbers.

*Solution.* Type your solution here! □

**3.16 Theorem.** Let  $n$  be a natural number. Every complete residue system modulo  $n$  contains  $n$  elements.

*Proof.* Type your proof here! □

**3.17 Theorem.** Let  $n$  be a natural number. Any set of  $n$  integers  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  for which no two are congruent modulo  $n$  is a complete residue system modulo  $n$ .

*Proof.* Type your proof here! □