

Reading Quiz Section 3.1

1. Which of the following connectives makes the following true for any integers a, b and $n > 0$?

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n} \quad \text{_____} \quad a = b$$

- (a) \implies
 - (b) \longleftarrow
 - (c) \iff
 - (d) \wedge
2. Let $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ where $n > 0$. Is it possible that there are multiple pairs of integers q and r such that $m = qn + r$ and $0 \leq r < n$?
- (a) It is never possible.
 - (b) It is sometimes possible, depending on what m and n are.
 - (c) It is always possible.
3. Which of the following are true statements for all integers a, b and $n > 0$? Select all that apply.
- (a) a is congruent to exactly one of $0, 1, \dots, n - 1$ modulo n .
 - (b) a can be congruent to more than one of $0, 1, \dots, n - 1$ modulo n .
 - (c) a is divisible by n if and only if $a \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$.
 - (d) $n \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$.

Practice Problems Section 3.1

1. Use the Division algorithm to show that any prime number $p \geq 5$ must have remainder 1 or 5 on division by 6. Use this to show that $p^2 + 2$ is composite for all such primes p .

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2. Find the remainder of $57^{33} + 42^{100}$ upon division by 6.

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3. Prove that $n^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ or $n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

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