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A k -term arithmetic progression in \mathbb{Z}_n is a set of distinct elements of the form

$$a \pmod n, a + d \pmod n, a + 2d \pmod n, \dots, a + (k - 1)d \pmod n$$

where $d \geq 1$ and $k \geq 2$. An r -coloring of \mathbb{Z}_n is a function $c : \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow [r]$ where $[r] = \{1, 2, \dots, r\}$. We say such a coloring is exact if c is surjective and an arithmetic progression is rainbow if the image of the progression is injective. The anti-van der Waerden number, $\text{aw}(\mathbb{Z}_n, k)$, denotes the smallest number of colors with which elements of the cyclic group of order n can be colored and still guarantee there is a rainbow arithmetic progression of length k . In this setting, arithmetic progressions can “wrap around.” We will concentrate on results with $k = 3$. (Received July 29, 2014)