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(A3) Let $S = 1! + 2! + 3! + \dots + 2014!$

Fact ① $\rightarrow S$ is odd.

Why? Consider its odd addends: $1! + 3! + 5! + \dots + 2013!$ \rightarrow odd number + ... + odd number \rightarrow odd number for S
 Consider its even addends: $2! + 4! + 6! + \dots + 2014!$ \rightarrow even number + ... + even number \rightarrow even number for S

We use $1 \equiv_5 1, 2 \equiv_5 2, 3 \equiv_5 -2, 4 \equiv_5 -1$ and $5 \equiv_5 0$, to get.

$$S \equiv_5 1! + 2! + (-2)^3 + (-1)^4 + 0^5 + \dots + (-1)^{2014!} \quad \textcircled{2}$$

Observe also that:
 Since $(-2)^4 \equiv_5 2^4 \equiv_5 16 \equiv_5 1$ $\xrightarrow{\text{Thus}} (-2)^{4k} \equiv_5 2^{4k} \equiv_5 1$ $\textcircled{3}$

And $4!, 5!, 6!, \dots, 2014!$ are all multiples of 4, $\textcircled{4}$
 Facts ③ and ④ imply in ② that: \downarrow note $1^{4k} \equiv_5 (-1)^{4k} \equiv_5 1$

$$S \equiv_5 1! + 2! + (-2)^3 + (-1)^4 + (1+1+1+1) \times (402)$$

sets of remainders modulo 5
 Counted for 6 to 2014

$$S \equiv_5 1 + 4 + 64 + 1 + (4 \times 402)$$

$$S \equiv_5 1678$$

$$S \equiv_5 3$$

\rightarrow means that S leaves a remainder of 3 when divided by 5
 \rightarrow Thus exists a positive integer h such that:

$$S = 5h + 3 \quad \textcircled{5}$$

Now fact ① together with fact ⑤ imply that:

For S to be odd, it must be that h is even.

This means that exists a positive integer l such that:

$$h = 2l \quad \textcircled{6}$$

Finally, put ⑥ into ⑤ to obtain: $\boxed{ }$
 $\rightarrow S = 5(2l) + 3$ \rightarrow we can conclude that $S \equiv_{10} 3$
 because $10l + 3 \equiv_{10} 3$

$$\text{or } S = 10l + 3$$

Answer: 3