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Let  $f(x)$  be a  $\{0, 1\}$ -polynomial, let  $k \geq 1$  be an integer and let  $p$  be a prime. Define a sequence of  $\{0, 1\}$ -polynomials by:  $f_1 := f(x)$  and, for  $i \geq 2$ ,  $f_i := f_{i-1} + x^{kn}$ , if  $kn$  is the smallest multiple of  $k$  larger than  $d_{i-1}$ , the degree of  $f_{i-1}$ , such that  $f_{i-1} + x^{kn}$  is reducible modulo  $p$ . Let  $D = \{d_i \mid i = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  and let  $M = \{d_1 + 1, d_1 + 2, \dots\} - D$ . We investigate conditions on  $(f, k, p)$  which determine whether  $M$  is empty, finite or infinite. In addition, we investigate conditions on  $(f, k, p)$  which guarantee, in the situation when  $M$  is finite, that  $f_i$  has a zero mod  $p$  for all  $i$  with  $d_i > m$ , where  $m$  is the largest element of  $M$ . (Received September 30, 2004)