

Exercise set 6 page 161 #117:

Let  $p$  be a prime and  $r$  a positive integer,  $\gcd(r, p-1) = 1$ .  
Let  $\beta: \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  $\beta([x]) = [x]^r$ .  
Then  $\beta$  is a bijection.

Proof: The Diophantine Equation

$$rx + (p-1)y = 1$$

has a solution, since  $\gcd(r, p-1) = 1$ .  
Hence, the congruence class of  $r$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$  is invertible,  $[r][s] = [1]$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{p-1}$ , for some integer  $s$  (which we can choose to be positive). Now  $(p-1) \mid (rs-1)$ , so  $rs = (p-1)q + 1$ ,  $q \geq 0$ .

Let  $g: \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p$  be given by  $\forall [x] \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ ,  
 $g([x]) = [x]^s$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } \beta(g([x])) &= g(\beta([x])) = [x]^{rs} = [x]^{(p-1)q+1} \\ &= [x] \cdot ([x]^{(p-1)q}) \end{aligned}$$

The last equality clearly holds for  $[x] = [0]$ .  
If  $[x] \neq [0]$ , then  $[x]^{p-1} = [1]$ , by Fermat's Little Theorem, and so the equality holds again.

Q.E.D