

**4.14 Theorem.** Let  $p$  be a prime and let  $a$  be an integer not divisible by  $p$ ; that is,  $(a, p) = 1$ . Then

$$a \cdot 2a \cdot 3a \cdots (p-1)a \equiv 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots (p-1) \pmod{p}.$$

**Proof.** Let  $A = \{a, 2a, 3a, \dots, (p-1)a\}$  and  $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$ . By Theorem 4.13,  $ia \equiv j \pmod{p}$  where  $1 \leq i, j \leq p-1$ . Note that  $p \nmid pa$  is equivalent to  $pa \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . By Theorem 1.14, the product of  $A$  is congruent to the product of  $N$  modulo  $p$ . Thus,  $a \cdot 2a \cdot 3a \cdots (p-1)a \equiv 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots (p-1) \pmod{p}$ .  $\square$