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THE CONCEPT OF S-ALGEBRA AND ITS PROPERTIES

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Abstract. In this paper, a new type of algebra namely S-algebra is introduced. The partial ordering on S-algebra is introduced, some examples of S-algebras are given and some equivalent conditions for an S-algebra to become a distributive lattice are given by introducing a partial order S-algebra $x \leq y$, if $y \wedge x = x$. This partial ordering leads to some S-algebras. Congruences on S-algebra are introduced and some properties on congruences are proved. The concept of central element in an S-algebra is introduced. By using a central element a of S , S-algebra can be decomposed into two S-algebras and some important properties are emphasized.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Boolean logic has a wide applications in Computer science and Electronics. It is the main logic in Computer Languages . Lattice theory established to develop logic which is used in several sciences and technology. Distributive lattices are generalization of Boolean algebras. In this paper , a new concept namely S-algebra is introduced. It is neither a Distributive lattice

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nor a lattice but it satisfies some properties of these lattices. In fact its generalization of distributive lattices and also C-algebras. Some examples of S-algebras are given and some equivalent conditions for an S-algebra to become a distributive lattice are given by introducing a partial order S-algebra. By using this partial ordering, some S-algebras induced by the above partial ordering. Congruences on S-algebra are introduced and some properties on Congruences are proved. The concept of central element in an S-algebra is introduced. By using a central element a of S , S-algebra can be decomposed into two S-algebras and some important properties are emphasized.

2. PRELIMINARIES

Definition 2.1. Let A be an algebra and $\alpha, \beta \in \text{Con}(A)$. Then we have $\alpha\beta = \{(x, y) \in A \times A \mid (x, z) \in \beta \text{ and } (z, y) \in \alpha \text{ for some } z \in A\}$.

Definition 2.2. Let A be an algebra and $\alpha, \beta \in \text{Con}(A)$. Then α and β are said to be permutable if $\alpha\beta = \beta\alpha$.

The following is a well known result.

Definition 2.3. Let A be an algebra. Then a subset L of $\text{Con}(A)$ is called permutable if any two congruences in L are permutable.

If A is any algebra and $\theta \in \text{Con}(A)$, then $A/\theta := \{a/\theta \mid a \in A\}$ is the quotient algebra with respect to the operations defined in [6], by $a/\theta \wedge b/\theta = (a \wedge b)/\theta$ and $a/\theta \vee b/\theta = (a \vee b)/\theta$. We write $\theta(a)$ for the element a/θ of A/θ .

Definition 2.4. Let A be an algebra and $\theta \in \text{Con}(A)$. Then the map $a \mapsto \theta(a)$ is called the natural map of A onto A/θ .

“If A is any algebra, then the congruences $A \times A$ and $\{(x, x) \mid x \in A\}$ are denoted by ∇_A and Δ_A respectively. Sometimes we refer to Δ_A as zero congruence on A .”

Definition 2.5. Let A be an algebra and $\alpha \in \text{Con}(A)$. Then α is called a factor congruence or direct factor congruence if there exists $\beta \in \text{Con}(A)$ such that $\alpha \cap \beta = \Delta_A$ and $\alpha\beta = \nabla_A$.

Definition 2.6. An algebra A is called (directly) indecomposable if A is not isomorphic to a direct product of two nontrivial algebras.

The following is a well known result, which characterize indecomposable algebras in terms of their congruences.

3. THE CONCEPT OF S-ALGEBRA

The variety of S-algebras is a generalisation of C-algebras, that is every C-algebra is an S-algebra but the converse need not be true since S-algebra is an algebra of type $(2, 2)$ where as C-algebra is an algebra of type $(2, 2, 1)$. The unary operation in C-algebra is not there in S-algebra. According to our Knowledge the identities in S-algebra are independent .

Definition 3.1. An algebra (S, \vee, \wedge) of type $(2, 2)$ is called an S-algebra if it satisfies the following conditions;

- (i): $x \wedge x = x, x \vee x = x$
- (ii): $x \wedge (y \wedge z) = (x \wedge y) \wedge z, x \vee (y \vee z) = (x \vee y) \vee z$
- (iii): $(x \wedge y) \vee (y \wedge x) = (y \wedge x) \vee (x \wedge y), (x \vee y) \wedge (y \vee x) = (y \vee x) \wedge (x \vee y)$
- (iv): $x \wedge (x \vee y) = x, x \vee (x \wedge y) = x$
- (v): $x \wedge (y \vee z) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z), x \vee (y \wedge z) = (x \vee y) \wedge (x \vee z)$
- (vi): $x \wedge y \wedge x = x \wedge y, x \vee y \vee x = x \vee y$

for all $x, y, z \in S$.

Some examples of S-algebras are given in the following.

Example 3.2. Every Boolean algebra is an S-algebra.

Example 3.3. The three element set $S = \{r, s, t\}$ with operations \wedge, \vee given by;

\wedge	r	s	t
r	r	s	t
s	s	s	s
t	t	t	t

\vee	r	s	t
r	r	r	r
s	r	s	t
t	t	t	t

is an S-algebra.

In the following we introduced a partial ordering on S-algebra, this partial ordering leads to some S-algebras induced by this partial ordering. Given any two elements x, y in an S-algebra (S, \vee, \wedge) , we define \leq on S by “ $x \leq y$, if $y \wedge x = x$.” Through out this chapter, by S, we mean that it is an S-algebra (S, \vee, \wedge) unless otherwise mentioned.

Lemma 3.4. *Let S be an S-algebra. Then \leq is a partial ordering on S.*

Proof. It is easy to observe that \leq satisfies the reflexivity. Let $x, y \in S$ such that $x \leq y$ and $y \leq x$. Then, we have $y \wedge x = x$ and $x \wedge y = y$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} x &= y \wedge x \\ &= x \wedge y \wedge x \quad (\text{since } x \wedge y = y) \\ &= x \wedge y \quad (\text{by Def. } S\text{-algebra}) \\ &= y. \quad (\text{since } x \wedge y = y) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore \leq satisfies anti-symmetric. Let $x, y, z \in Z$ such that $x \leq y$ and $y \leq z$. Then $y \wedge x = x$ and $z \wedge y = y$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} z \wedge x &= z \wedge y \wedge x \quad (\text{since } y \wedge x = x) \\ &= y \wedge x \quad (\text{since } z \wedge y = y) \\ &= x \quad (\text{since } y \wedge x = x) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $x \leq z$ and hence \leq is a partial ordering on S. □

Lemma 3.5. *In a partial ordered set (S, \leq) , for any $x, y \in S$, we have the following;*

- (i) *If $x \leq y$, then $y \vee x = y$ and $x \wedge y \leq x$*
- (ii) *If $x \leq y$, for any $z \in S$, (a) $z \wedge x \leq z \wedge y$ (b) $z \vee x \leq z \vee y$.*

Proof. Let $x, y \in S$.

(i) If $x \leq y$, then $y \wedge x = x$. Now,

$$y \vee x = y \vee (y \wedge x) = y \text{ and}$$

$$x \wedge (x \wedge y) = (x \wedge x) \wedge y = x \wedge y$$

(ii) Suppose that $x \leq y$ and for any $z \in S$.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} (z \wedge y) \wedge (z \wedge x) &= (z \wedge y \wedge z) \wedge x \\ &= z \wedge y \wedge x \\ &= z \wedge x \quad (\text{since } y \wedge x = x) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $z \wedge x \leq z \wedge y$.

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} (z \vee y) \wedge (z \vee x) &= z \vee (y \wedge x) \\ &= z \vee x \quad (\text{since } y \wedge x = x) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $z \vee x \leq z \vee y$. □

Lemma 3.6. *In a partial ordered set (S, \leq) , for any $x, y, z \in S$; we have the following; $x \leq y \implies x \vee (y \wedge z) = y \wedge (x \vee z)$.*

Theorem 3.7. *In an S-algebra S , for any $x, y, z \in S$, the following identity holds;*

$$x \wedge (y \vee z) = x \wedge [y \wedge (x \vee z)] \vee z$$

Theorem 3.8. *In an S-algebra S ; for any $x, y, z \in S$, the following identity holds;*

$$x \vee (y \wedge z) = x \vee [y \vee (x \wedge z)] \wedge z$$

Lemma 3.9. *In an S-algebra S , for any $x, y \in S$, $x \wedge y = y \wedge x \implies y \leq y \vee x$.*

Theorem 3.10. *An S-algebra S is a distributive lattice “iff” $x \vee y$ is an upper bound of x, y , for all $x, y \in S$*

Proof. Let S be an S-algebra. It is observe that if S is a distributive lattice; then $x \vee y$ is an upper bound of x, y .

Conversely, suppose that $x \vee y$ is an upper bound of x, y , for all $x, y \in S$. Then $x \leq x \vee y$ and $y \leq x \vee y$. That is $(x \vee y) \wedge x = x$ and $(x \vee y) \wedge y = y$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} (x \vee y) \wedge (y \vee x) &= (x \vee y \vee x) \wedge (y \vee x) \\ &= [x \vee (y \vee x)] \wedge (y \vee x) \\ &= y \vee x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(y \vee x) \wedge (x \vee y) &= (y \vee x \vee y) \wedge (x \vee y) \\
&= [y \vee (x \vee y)] \wedge (x \vee y) \\
&= x \vee y.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore \vee is “commutative”.

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned}
(x \wedge y) \vee (y \wedge x) &= (x \wedge y) \vee (y \wedge x \wedge y) \\
&= (x \wedge y) \vee [y \wedge (x \wedge y)] \\
&= x \wedge y
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(y \wedge x) \vee (x \wedge y) &= (y \wedge x) \vee (x \wedge y \wedge x) \\
&= (y \wedge x) \vee [x \wedge (y \wedge x)] \\
&= y \wedge x.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore \wedge is commutative. Thus S is a distributive lattices. □

Theorem 3.11. *In an S -algebra S , if $x \vee y$ is an upper bound of x, y , for all $x, y \in S$, then $x \vee y$ is the supremum of x and y .*

Proof. Let $x, y \in S$ such that $x \vee y$ is an upper bound of x and y . That is $x \leq x \vee y$ and $y \leq x \vee y$.

Let t be an upper bound of x and y . Then $x \leq t$ and $y \leq t$. So that $t \wedge x = x$ and $t \wedge y = y$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
t \wedge (x \vee y) &= (t \wedge x) \vee (t \wedge y) \\
&= x \vee y. \quad (\text{since } t \wedge x = x \text{ and } t \wedge y = y)
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $t \wedge (x \vee y) = x \vee y$ and hence $x \vee y \leq t$.

Thus $x \vee y$ is the supremum of x and y . □

Theorem 3.12. *An S -algebra S is distributive lattice if and only if the following holds.*

(i) $x \wedge (y \vee x) = x$ for all $x, y \in S$

(ii) $x \wedge y \leq y$, for all $x, y \in S$.

Proof. If S is a distributive lattice, then it is easy to observe that the conditions (i) and (ii) are trivial. On the other hand, assume that the conditions (i) and (ii) holds in a S -algebra S . Let

$x, y \in S$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}(x \vee y) \wedge (y \vee x) &= (x \vee y) \wedge (y \vee x \vee y) \\ &= (x \vee y) \wedge [y \vee (x \vee y)] \\ &= x \vee y\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}(y \vee x) \wedge (x \vee y) &= (y \vee x) \wedge (x \vee y \vee x) \\ &= (y \vee x) \wedge [x \vee (y \vee x)] \\ &= y \vee x. \quad (\text{by our assumption (i)})\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $x \vee y \leq y \vee x$ and $y \vee x \leq x \vee y$. Hence $x \vee y = y \vee x$.

From (ii), we have $x \wedge y \leq y$. So that $y \wedge x \wedge y = x \wedge y$. Hence $y \wedge x = x \wedge y$. Thus S is a distributive lattice. \square

Lemma 3.13. *In an S-algebra S , if $x \wedge y$ is a lower bound of x and y , then $x \wedge y$ is the infimum of x and y , for all $x, y \in S$.*

Proof. Let $x, y \in S$ such that $x \wedge y$ is a lower bound of x and y . Then $x \wedge y \leq x$ and $x \wedge y \leq y$. Let t be a lower bound of x and y . Then $t \leq x, y$. That is $x \wedge t = y \wedge t = t$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned}(x \wedge y) \wedge t &= x \wedge (y \wedge t) \\ &= (x \wedge t) \quad (\text{since } y \wedge t = t) \\ &= t. \quad (\text{since } x \wedge t = t)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $t \leq x \wedge y$. Hence $x \wedge y$ is the infimum of x and y . \square

4. SOME PROPERTIES OF S-ALGEBRA AND ITS CONGRUENCES

In this section we introduce congruence on S-algebra and some properties of these congruences are proved.

Definition 4.1. Let S be an S-algebra and $a \in S$; χ_a is defined as $\chi_a = \{(x, y) \mid a \wedge x = a \wedge y\}$.

Lemma 4.2. *Let S be an S-algebra and $a \in S$. Then χ_a is a congruence relation on S .*

Proof. Clearly χ_a satisfies “reflexive and symmetric.” Let $(x, y) \in \chi_a$ and $(y, z) \in \chi_a$. Then $a \wedge x = a \wedge y$ and $a \wedge y = a \wedge z$. So that $a \wedge x = a \wedge z$. Therefore $(x, z) \in \chi_a$ and hence χ_a is an equivalence relation on S .

Let $(x, s), (y, t) \in \chi_a$. Then $a \wedge x = a \wedge s, a \wedge y = a \wedge t$. Now, $a \wedge (x \wedge y) = (a \wedge x) \wedge y = (a \wedge s) \wedge y = (a \wedge s \wedge a) \wedge y = (a \wedge s) \wedge (a \wedge y) = (a \wedge s) \wedge (a \wedge t) = (a \wedge s \wedge a) \wedge t = (a \wedge s) \wedge t = a \wedge (s \wedge t)$

Therefore $(x \wedge y, s \wedge t) \in \chi_a$. Now, $a \wedge (x \vee y) = (a \wedge x) \vee (a \wedge y) = (a \wedge s) \vee (a \wedge t)$ (since $a \wedge x = a \wedge s, a \wedge y = a \wedge t$) $= a \wedge (s \vee t)$

Therefore $(x \vee y, s \vee t) \in \chi_a$ hence χ_a is compatible with binary operation \vee, \wedge .

Thus χ_a is congruence on S . □

Theorem 4.3. *The following are hold for any elements a, b of an S -algebra.*

(i) $\chi_a \cap \chi_b \subseteq \chi_{a \wedge b}$

(ii) If $a \leq b$, then $a \wedge b = b \wedge a$

(iii) $\chi_{a \wedge b} = \chi_{b \wedge a}$

(iv) $\chi_a \circ \chi_b \subseteq \chi_{a \wedge b} = \chi_{b \wedge a}$

(v) If $a \leq b$; then $\chi_b \subseteq \chi_a$.

Proof. For any $a, b \in S$.

(i) Let $(x, y) \in \chi_a \cap \chi_b$, then $a \wedge x = a \wedge y$ and $b \wedge x = b \wedge y$.

Now,

$$(a \wedge b) \wedge x = a \wedge (b \wedge x) = a \wedge (b \wedge y) = (a \wedge b) \wedge y.$$

Therefore $(x, y) \in \chi_{a \wedge b}$ and hence $\chi_a \cap \chi_b \subseteq \chi_{a \wedge b}$.

(ii) If $a \leq b$, then we have $b \wedge a = a$.

Now, $a \wedge b = a \wedge b \wedge a = a \wedge a = a = b \wedge a$.

Therefore $a \wedge b = b \wedge a$

(iii) Let $(x, y) \in \chi_{a \wedge b}$, then $a \wedge b \wedge x = a \wedge b \wedge y$.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} (b \wedge a) \wedge x &= (b \wedge a \wedge b) \wedge x = b \wedge (a \wedge b \wedge x) = b \wedge (a \wedge b \wedge y) = (b \wedge a \wedge b) \wedge y \\ &= (b \wedge a) \wedge y. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $(x, y) \in \chi_{b \wedge a}$ and hence $\chi_{a \wedge b} \subseteq \chi_{b \wedge a}$

On the other side, let $(x, y) \in \chi_{b \wedge a}$;

Now,

$$(a \wedge b) \wedge x = (a \wedge b \wedge a) \wedge x = a \wedge (b \wedge a \wedge x) = a \wedge (b \wedge a \wedge y) = (a \wedge b \wedge a) \wedge y = (a \wedge b) \wedge y$$

Therefore $(x, y) \in \chi_{a \wedge b}$. So that $\chi_{b \wedge a} \subseteq \chi_{a \wedge b}$ and hence $\chi_{a \wedge b} = \chi_{b \wedge a}$ (by (iii))

(iv) Let $(x, y) \in \chi_a \circ \chi_b$. Then there exists $t \in S$ such that $(x, t) \in \chi_a$ and $(t, y) \in \chi_b$. That is $a \wedge x = a \wedge t$ and $b \wedge t = b \wedge y$.

Now,

$$(a \wedge b) \wedge x = (a \wedge b \wedge a) \wedge x = (a \wedge b) \wedge (a \wedge x) = (a \wedge b) \wedge (a \wedge t) \text{ (since } a \wedge x = a \wedge t) = (a \wedge b \wedge a) \wedge t = (a \wedge b) \wedge t = a \wedge (b \wedge t) = a \wedge (b \wedge y) \text{ (since } b \wedge t = b \wedge y) = (a \wedge b) \wedge y.$$

There fore $(x, y) \in \chi_{a \wedge b}$. So that $\chi_a \circ \chi_b \subseteq \chi_{a \wedge b}$ and hence $\chi_a \circ \chi_b \subseteq \chi_{a \wedge b} = \chi_{b \wedge a}$. (by (iii))

(v) If $a \leq b$ then $b \wedge a = a$.

Let $(x, y) \in \chi_b$. Then we have $b \wedge x = b \wedge y$.

Now,

$$a \wedge x = (b \wedge a) \wedge x \text{ (since } b \wedge a = a) = (a \wedge b) \wedge x = a \wedge (b \wedge x) = a \wedge (b \wedge y) \text{ (since } b \wedge x = b \wedge y) = (a \wedge b) \wedge y = (b \wedge a) \wedge y = a \wedge y. \text{ (since } b \wedge a = a)$$

Therefore $a \wedge x = a \wedge y$ and hence $(x, y) \in \chi_a$.

Thus $\chi_b \subseteq \chi_a$. □

5. DECOMPOSITION OF S ALGEBRA BY USING PARTIAL ORDERINGS

In this section ,for each $a \in S$, where S is an S-algebra , $S_a = \{a \wedge x / x \in S\}$ is a sub-algebra of S . The concept of Central element in S-algebra is introduced. By using this, if a is a central element of S then S is isomorphic to product of two sub-algebras.

For each element in an S-algebra S , we introduce a subalgebra of S .

Lemma 5.1. *Let S be an S-algebra and $a \in S$. Then $S_a = \{a \wedge x / x \in S\}$ is the subalgebra of S .*

Proof. Let S be an S-algebra and $x, y \in S$ such that

$$(a \wedge x) \wedge (a \wedge y) = (a \wedge x \wedge a) \wedge y = (a \wedge x) \wedge y = a \wedge (x \wedge y)$$

Therefore $(a \wedge x) \wedge (a \wedge y) \in S_a$. (since $x \wedge y \in S$)

Similarly, by Def of S , $(a \wedge x) \vee (a \wedge y) = a \wedge (x \vee y) \in S_a$. (since $x \vee y \in S$)

Hence S_a is a subalgebra of S . □

Theorem 5.2. For any $a \in S$, a mapping γ_a from S to S_a defined by $\gamma_a(x) = a \wedge x$, for all $x \in S$ is a homomorphism. Moreover $\frac{S}{Ker(\gamma_a)} \cong S_a$.

Proof. For any $a \in S$, define a map $\gamma_a : S \longrightarrow S_a$ by $\gamma_a(x) = a \wedge x$, for all $x \in S$. Now, for any $x, y \in S$,

$$\begin{aligned} x = y &\Rightarrow a \wedge x = a \wedge y \\ &\Rightarrow \gamma_a(x) = \gamma_a(y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore γ_a is well defined. Let $x, y \in S$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_a(x \wedge y) &= a \wedge (x \wedge y) \\ &= (a \wedge x) \wedge y \\ &= (a \wedge x \wedge a) \wedge y \\ &= (a \wedge x) \wedge (a \wedge y) \\ &= \gamma_a(x) \wedge \gamma_a(y). \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_a(x \vee y) &= a \wedge (x \vee y) \\ &= (a \wedge x) \vee (a \wedge y) \\ &= \gamma_a(x) \vee \gamma_a(y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore γ_a is homomorphism. Let $z \in S_a$. Then $z = a \wedge x$ for some $x \in S$. So that $\gamma_a(x) = a \wedge x = z$. Therefore γ_a is an onto homomorphism. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} Ker\gamma_a &= \{(x, y) \mid \gamma_a(x) = \gamma_a(y)\} \\ &= \{(x, y) \mid a \wedge x = a \wedge y\} \\ &= \chi_a. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $Ker(\gamma_a) = \chi_a$. Hence by the homomorphism theorem, we get $\frac{S}{Ker(\gamma_a)} \cong S_a$. \square

Definition 5.3. An S-algebra S is said to be S-algebra with T , if there exists $T \in S$ such that $T \wedge x = x \wedge T = x$, for all $x \in S$.

In this case, T is called meet identity.

Definition 5.4. An S-algebra S is said to be S-algebra with F , if there exists $F \in S$ such that $F \vee x = x \vee F = x$, for all $x \in S$.

In this case, F is called join identity.

Lemma 5.5. *If F is join identity in S -algebra, then $F \wedge x = F$.*

Proof. Let $x \in S$, and F is join identity. Then we have $F \vee x = x \vee F = x$.

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} F \wedge x &= F \wedge (F \vee x) \quad (\text{since } F \vee x = x) \\ &= F. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $F \wedge x = F$. □

Theorem 5.6. *Let S be an S -algebra with T, F . Then $\chi_T = \Delta$, $\chi_F = S \times S$.*

Proof. Let $x, y \in S$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_T &= \{(x, y) \mid T \wedge x = T \wedge y\} \\ &= \{(x, y) \mid x = y\} \\ &= \Delta. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_F &= \{(x, y) \mid F \wedge x = F \wedge y\} \\ &= \{(x, y) \mid F = F\} \\ &= S \times S. \end{aligned}$$

□

Definition 5.7. An element a of an S -algebra with T, F is said to be a central element of S , if it obeys the below conditions;

- (i) There exists $b \in S$ such that $a \wedge b = b \wedge a = F$ and $a \vee b = T$.
- (ii) If $a \wedge x = a \wedge y$ and $b \wedge x = b \wedge y$, then $x = y$.

Theorem 5.8. *For any central element a of S , there exists $b \in S$ such that $\chi_a \cap \chi_b = \Delta$ and $\chi_a \circ \chi_b = S \times S$.*

Proof. Let $(x, y) \in \chi_a \cap \chi_b$.

Then $a \wedge x = a \wedge y$ and $b \wedge x = b \wedge y$. So that $x = y$. (since a is central element)

Therefore $(x, y) \in \Delta$ hence we get $\chi_a \cap \chi_b \subseteq \Delta$. Clearly we have $\Delta \subseteq \chi_a \cap \chi_b$. Hence $\chi_a \cap \chi_b = \Delta$.

For, $x \neq y$, consider $z = (a \wedge x) \vee (b \wedge y)$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 a \wedge z &= a \wedge [(a \wedge x) \vee (b \wedge y)] \\
 &= (a \wedge a \wedge x) \vee (a \wedge b \wedge y) \\
 &= (a \wedge x) \vee (F \wedge y) \quad (\text{since } a \text{ is central element}) \\
 &= (a \wedge x) \vee F \\
 &= a \wedge x.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $(x, z) \in \chi_a$. Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
 b \wedge z &= b \wedge [(a \wedge x) \vee (b \wedge y)] \quad (\text{since } z = (a \wedge x) \vee (b \wedge y)) \\
 &= (b \wedge a \wedge x) \vee (b \wedge b \wedge y) \\
 &= (F \wedge x) \vee (b \wedge y) \quad (\text{since } a \text{ is central element}) \\
 &= F \vee (b \wedge y) \\
 &= b \wedge y.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $(z, y) \in \chi_b$. So that $(x, y) \in \chi_a \circ \chi_b$ and hence $\chi_a \circ \chi_b \supseteq S \times S$.

Clearly, we have that $\chi_a \circ \chi_b \subseteq S \times S$. So that $\chi_a \circ \chi_b = S \times S$.

Thus χ_a, χ_b are factor congruences on S . □

Theorem 5.9. *If a is central element of S , then there exists $b \in S$ such that*

$$S \cong S_a \times S_b.$$

Proof. Define a map $h : S \longrightarrow S_a \times S_b$ such that $h(x) = (\gamma_a(x), \gamma_b(x))$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 h[x \vee y] &= (\gamma_a[x \vee y], \gamma_b[x \vee y]) \\
 &= (a \wedge [x \vee y], b \wedge [x \vee y]) \quad (\text{since } \gamma_a(x) = a \wedge x) \\
 &= ((a \wedge x) \vee (a \wedge y), (b \wedge x) \vee (b \wedge y)) \\
 &= (\gamma_a(x) \vee \gamma_a(y), \gamma_b(x) \vee \gamma_b(y)) \\
 &= (\gamma_a(x), \gamma_b(x)) \vee (\gamma_a(y), \gamma_b(y)) \\
 &= h(x) \vee h(y).
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
h(x \wedge y) &= (\gamma_a(x \wedge y), \gamma_b(x \wedge y)) \\
&= (a \wedge (x \wedge y), b \wedge (x \wedge y)) && \text{(since } \gamma_a(x) = a \wedge x \text{)} \\
&= ((a \wedge x) \wedge y, (b \wedge x) \wedge y) \\
&= ((a \wedge x \wedge a) \wedge y, (b \wedge x \wedge b) \wedge y) \\
&= ((a \wedge x) \wedge (a \wedge y), (b \wedge x) \wedge (b \wedge y)) \\
&= (\gamma_a(x) \wedge \gamma_a(y), \gamma_b(x) \wedge \gamma_b(y)) \\
&= (\gamma_a(x), \gamma_b(x)) \wedge (\gamma_a(y), \gamma_b(y)) \\
&= h(x) \wedge h(y).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore h is a homomorphism.

Let $x, y \in S$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
h(x) &= h(y) \\
\Rightarrow ((\gamma_a(x), \gamma_b(x)) &= (\gamma_a(y), \gamma_b(y)) \\
\Rightarrow (a \wedge x, b \wedge x) &= (a \wedge y, b \wedge y) \\
\Rightarrow a \wedge x = a \wedge y &\text{ and } b \wedge x = b \wedge y
\end{aligned}$$

Then we have $a \wedge x = a \wedge y$ and $b \wedge x = b \wedge y$.

Therefore $x = y$ (since a is central element). Hence h is one-one.

Let $(x, y) \in S_a \times S_b$. Then $x = a \wedge t$ and $y = b \wedge s$, for some $s, t \in S$.

Therefore $a \wedge x = a \wedge a \wedge t = a \wedge t = x$ and $b \wedge y = b \wedge b \wedge s = b \wedge s = y$.

So that $a \wedge x = x$ and $b \wedge y = y$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
h(x \vee y) &= (\gamma_a(x \vee y), \gamma_b(x \vee y)) \\
&= (a \wedge (x \vee y), b \wedge (x \vee y)) \\
&= ((a \wedge x) \vee (a \wedge y), (b \wedge x) \vee (b \wedge y)) \\
&= (x \vee F, F \vee y) && \text{(since } a \wedge y = b \wedge y = F \text{)} \\
&= (x, y).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore $(x, y) \in S_a \times S_b$. Hence h is onto.

Thus $S \cong S_a \times S_b$. □

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