

## Boolean Centre of a C-algebra

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### Abstract

There is a precise characterisation of factor congruences on a C-algebra with meet identity  $T$ . The characterisation of such congruences on a C-algebra with out  $T$  is a difficult task. In this paper, we make such an attempt and we characterise the factor congruences on a C-algebra  $A$  and identify these with certain elements or sets of elements of  $A$ .

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## Introduction

In [2] Guzman and Squier introduced the variety of C-algebras as the variety generated by the three element algebra  $C = \{T, F, U\}$ , which is the algebraic form of the three valued conditional logic. They proved that  $C$  and the two element Boolean algebra  $B = \{T, F\}$  are the only subdirectly irreducible C-algebras and that the variety of C-algebras is a minimal cover of the variety of Boolean algebras. Later in [3] G.C.Rao and P.Sundarayya defined different partial orders on a C-algebra and studied their properties and gave a number of equivalent conditions in terms of this partial ordering for a C-algebra to become a Boolean Algebra. In [6], Swamy and Murthy have proved that the set of all balanced factor congruences whose direct complements are also balanced, forms a Boolean permutable sublattice

of the lattice  $\text{Con}(A)$  of congruences on  $A$ , called Boolean centre and is denoted by  $\mathcal{B}(A)$ . In [7] U.M.Swamy et.al.,introduced the concept of the Centre, denoted by  $\mathbb{B}(A)$  of a C-algebra  $A$  with  $T$ . If  $A$  is a C-algebra with  $T$ , then they proved that every factor congruence on  $A$  is of the form  $\theta_a$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{B}(A)$  also, proved that  $a \mapsto \theta_a$  is an isomorphism of  $\mathbb{B}(A)$  on to  $\mathcal{B}(A)$  of [6] and thus the precise characterization of factor congruences on a C-algebra with  $T$ . The characterisation of such congruences on a C-algebra with out  $T$  is a difficult task. In this paper, we make such an attempt and we characterise the factor congruences on a C-algebra  $A$  and identify these with certain elements or sets of elements of  $A$ . Finally we proved that the Boolean algebras  $\mathfrak{B} = \{s \in \prod_{a \in A} \mathbb{B}(A_a) \mid \alpha_{a,b}(s_b) = s_a, \text{ whenever } a \leq_* b\}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}(A)$  and  $\mathbb{B}(A)$  are all isomorphic to each other.

## 1 C-algebra

In this section we recall the definition of a C-algebra and some results from [2],[3],[4] and [7]. Let us start with the definition of a C-algebra.

**Definition 1.1:**[2] By a C-algebra we mean an algebra of type  $(2, 2, 1)$  with binary operations  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  and unary operation  $'$  satisfying the following identities.

- (1)  $x'' = x$
- (2)  $(x \wedge y)' = x' \vee y'$
- (3)  $(x \wedge y) \wedge z = x \wedge (y \wedge z)$
- (4)  $x \wedge (y \vee z) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z)$
- (5)  $(x \vee y) \wedge z = (x \wedge z) \vee (y \wedge z)$
- (6)  $x \vee (x \wedge y) = x$
- (7)  $(x \wedge y) \vee (y \wedge x) = (y \wedge x) \vee (x \wedge y)$ .

**Example 1.2:**[2] The three element algebra  $C = \{T, F, U\}$  with the operations given by the following tables is a C-algebra

$\wedge$	T	F	U	$\vee$	T	F	U	$x$	$x'$
T	T	F	U	T	T	T	T	T	F
F	F	F	F	F	T	F	U	F	T
U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U

**Note 1.3:**[2] The identities 1.1(1), 1.1(2) imply that the variety of C-algebras satisfies all the dual statements of 1.1(3) to 1.1(7).  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  are not commutative in  $C$ . The ordinary distributive law of  $\wedge$  over  $\vee$  fails in  $C$ . Every Boolean algebra is a C-algebra.

Note that  $C$  always denote the three element C-algebra  $\{T, F, U\}$  and  $B$  always denote the two element Boolean algebra  $\{T, F\}$ .  $B$  is the only C-algebra of order two. There can be at most one element  $x$  satisfying  $x' = x$ . This element, if it exists, is denoted by U.If a C-algebra  $(A, \wedge, \vee, ')$  has an identity for  $\wedge$ , then it is unique and is denoted by  $T$ . In this case we say that  $A$  is a C-algebra with  $T$ . We denote  $T'$  by  $F$ .

Now we give some results on C-algebra collected from [2],[3],[4] and [7].

**Lemma 1.4:** Every C-algebra satisfies the following identities:

- (1)  $x \wedge x = x$
- (2)  $x \wedge x' = x' \wedge x$
- (3)  $x \wedge y \wedge x = x \wedge y$
- (4)  $x \wedge x' \wedge y = x \wedge x'$
- (5)  $x \wedge y = (x' \vee y) \wedge x$
- (6)  $x \wedge y = x \wedge (y \vee x')$
- (7)  $x \wedge y = x \wedge (x' \vee y)$
- (8)  $x \wedge y \wedge x' = x \wedge y \wedge y'$
- (9)  $(x \vee y) \wedge x = x \vee (y \wedge x)$
- (10)  $x \wedge (x' \vee x) = (x' \vee x) \wedge x = (x \vee x') \wedge x = x$ .

We recollect the fundamental congruence corresponding to an element in a C-algebra, defined in [2].

**Definition 1.5:**[2] For any element  $x$  of a C-algebra  $A$ ,  $\theta_x = \{(a, b) \in A \times A \mid x \wedge a = x \wedge b\}$  is a congruence on  $A$ .

**Lemma 1.6:** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra and  $x, y \in A$ . Then the following hold.

- (1)  $(x \wedge y, y) \in \theta_x$
- (2)  $(y \wedge x, y) \in \theta_x$
- (3)  $(x \wedge y, y \wedge x) \in \theta_x$ .
- (4)  $\theta_x \cap \theta_y \subseteq \theta_{x \vee y} \subseteq \theta_x$
- (5)  $\theta_{x \wedge y} = \theta_{y \wedge x}$
- (6)  $\theta_{x \wedge y} = \theta_x \vee \theta_y = \theta_y \circ \theta_x \circ \theta_y = \theta_x \circ \theta_y \circ \theta_x$ .

## 2 Factor Congruences

In this section we shall discuss various properties of factor congruences on a C-algebra and identify certain elements or set of elements of the C-algebra with the factor congruences. First we recall the following.

**Definition 2.1:** A congruence  $\theta$  on a C-algebra is called a factor congruence if there exist a congruence  $\phi$  on  $A$  such that  $\theta \cap \phi = \Delta_A$  and  $\theta \circ \phi = A \times A$ ; in this case  $\phi$  is called a direct complement of  $\theta$ .

In [7], they specialized factor congruences on a C-algebra with  $T$ , where  $T$  is the identity for the operation  $\wedge$  in  $A$ . We begin with the following which are taken from [7].

**Theorem 2.2:**[7] Let  $A$  be a C-algebra with  $T$  and define

$\mathbb{B}(A) = \{a \in A \mid a \vee a' = T\}$ . Then  $\mathbb{B}(A)$  is a Boolean algebra under the operations induced by those on  $A$ , in which  $T$  and  $F$  are largest and least elements respectively.

**Definition 2.3:**[7] For any C-algebra  $A$  with  $T$ ,  $\mathbb{B}(A)$  is called the centre of  $A$ .

**Theorem 2.4:**[7] Let  $A$  be a C-algebra with  $T$ , and  $\theta$  is a congruence on  $A$ . Then  $\theta$  is a factor congruence on  $A$  if and only if  $\theta = \theta_a$  for some  $a \in \mathbb{B}(A)$ .

**Theorem 2.5:**[7] Let  $A$  be a C-algebra with  $T$ . For any  $a, b \in \mathbb{B}(A)$ , the following hold.

- (1)  $\theta_a \cap \theta_b = \theta_{a \vee b}$
- (2)  $\theta_a \circ \theta_b = \theta_{a \wedge b} = \theta_a \vee \theta_b$

$$(3) \theta_T = \Delta_A \qquad (4) \theta_F = A \times A.$$

A congruence  $\theta$  on an (universal) algebra  $A$  is called balanced if  $(\theta \vee \phi) \cap (\theta \vee \phi') = \theta$  for any direct factor congruences  $\phi$  and any of its direct complements  $\phi'$  on  $A$ . In [7] it is proved that if  $A$  is a C-algebra with  $T$  then the set of all factor congruences on  $A$  is a Boolean algebra and is isomorphic with Boolean algebra  $\mathbb{B}(A)$ . Further,  $\theta \circ \phi = \phi \circ \theta$  for all factor congruences  $\theta$  and  $\phi$  on  $A$  also proved that every factor congruence on  $A$  is balanced.

Next let us recall the following from [4].

**Theorem 2.6:**[4] Let  $A$  be a C-algebra and  $a \in A$ . Let

$A_a = \{x \in A \mid a \wedge x = x\} = \{a \wedge y \mid y \in A\}$ . Then  $A_a$  is closed under the operations  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$ . Also, for any  $x \in A_a$  define  $x^a = a \wedge x'$ . Then  $(A_a, \wedge, \vee, {}^a)$  is a C-algebra with  $T$  (here,  $a$  itself is the identity for  $\wedge$  in  $A_a$ ; that is  $T$  in  $A_a$ ).

**Lemma 2.7:** Let  $\theta$  be a congruence on  $A$ . Then  $\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a)$  is a congruence on  $A_a$ , for each  $a \in A$ .

**Proof:** Fix  $a \in A$ . Since  $\theta$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$ ,  $\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a)$  is an equivalence relation on  $A_a$ . Let  $(x, y), (z, t) \in \theta \cap (A_a \times A_a)$ .

Since  $x, y, z, t \in A_a, x \wedge z, y \wedge t \in A_a$  and hence  $(x \wedge z, y \wedge t) \in \theta \cap (A_a \times A_a)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } (x, y) \in \theta &\Rightarrow (x', y') \in \theta \\ &\Rightarrow (a \wedge x', a \wedge y') \in \theta \text{ and } (a \wedge x', a \wedge y') \in A_a \times A_a \\ &\Rightarrow (a \wedge x', a \wedge y') \in \theta \cap (A_a \times A_a) \\ &\Rightarrow (x^a, y^a) \in \theta \cap (A_a \times A_a) \text{ (since } x^a = a \wedge x' \text{ in } A_a) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a)$  is compatible with the binary operation  $\wedge$  and the unary operation  ${}^a$  on  $A_a$ . By the De Morgan laws and the property that  $(x^a)^a = x$  for all  $x \in A_a$ , it follows that  $\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a)$  is compatible with  $\vee$  also. Thus  $\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a)$  is a congruence on  $A_a$ .

**Lemma 2.8:** Let  $\theta$  be a factor congruence on a C-algebra  $A$ . Then  $\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a)$  is a factor congruences on  $A_a$ .

**Proof:** Since  $\theta$  is a factor congruence on  $A$ , there is a congruence  $\theta'$  on  $A$  such that  $\theta \cap \theta' = \Delta_A$  and  $\theta \circ \theta' = A \times A (= \theta' \circ \theta)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Consider, } [\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a)] \cap [\theta' \cap (A_a \times A_a)] &= (\theta \cap \theta') \cap (A_a \times A_a) \\ &= \Delta \cap (A_a \times A_a) \\ &= \Delta_{A_a}, \text{ the diagonal on } A_a. \end{aligned}$$

Observe that every element in  $A_a$  is in the form  $a \wedge x$  for some  $x \in A$

Now, let  $(a \wedge x, a \wedge y) \in A_a \times A_a$ . Then  $(a \wedge x, a \wedge y) \in A \times A = \theta' \circ \theta$  which implies that there exists a  $z \in A$  such that  $(a \wedge x, z) \in \theta$  and  $(z, a \wedge y) \in \theta'$ .

Now,  $(a \wedge x, a \wedge z) \in \theta$  and  $(a \wedge z, a \wedge y) \in \theta'$  and  $a \wedge z \in A_a$ . and hence  $(a \wedge x, a \wedge y) \in$

$[\theta' \cap (A_a \times A_a)] \circ [\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a)]$ . Therefore  $[\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a)] \circ [\theta' \cap (A_a \times A_a)] = A_a \times A_a$ . Thus  $\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a)$  is a factor congruence on  $A_a$  and  $\theta' \cap (A_a \times A_a)$  is a direct complement of  $\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a)$ .

Since  $A_a$  is a C-algebra with  $T$  every factor congruence is balanced [7]. Hence we have the following.

**Theorem 2.9:** If  $\theta$  is a factor congruence on  $A$ , then  $\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a)$  is a balanced factor congruence on  $A_a$  for each  $a \in A$  and there exists unique  $s_a \in \mathbb{B}(A_a)$  such that  $\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a) = \theta_{s_a} := \{(x, y) \in A_a \times A_a \mid s_a \wedge x = s_a \wedge y\}$ .

Let us recall from [8] that the operation  $*$  defined on a C-algebra  $A$  by  $a * b = (a \wedge b) \vee (b \wedge a)$  is associative, commutative and idempotent on  $A$  thus  $(A, *)$  is a semilattice.  $\leq_*$  is an induced partial order of the semilattice  $(A, *)$  (that is  $x \leq_* y$  if and only if  $x * y = x$ ).

**Lemma 2.10:** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be elements in a C-algebra  $A$  such that  $a \leq_* b$ . Then the following hold.

- (1)  $a \wedge b = a$
- (2) The map  $\alpha_{a,b} : A_b \rightarrow A_a$  defined by  $\alpha_{a,b}(x) = a \wedge x$  for all  $x \in A_b$ , is a homomorphism of C-algebras.
- (3)  $\alpha_{a,b}(\mathbb{B}(A_b)) \subseteq \mathbb{B}(A_a)$
- (4) If  $a \leq_* b \leq_* c$  then  $\alpha_{a,b} \circ \alpha_{b,c} = \alpha_{a,c}$
- (5)  $\alpha_{a,a}$  is the identity map on  $A_a$ .

**Proof:** We have  $a \leq_* b$ ; that is,  $a = a * b = (a \wedge b) \vee (b \wedge a)$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 a \wedge b &= (a * b) \wedge b \\
 &= [(a \wedge b) \vee (b \wedge a)] \wedge b \\
 &= (a \wedge b \wedge b) \vee [(a \wedge b)' \wedge (b \wedge a) \wedge b] \\
 &= (a \wedge b) \vee [(a \wedge b)' \wedge (b \wedge a)] \\
 &= (a \wedge b) \vee (b \wedge a) \\
 &= a * b = a.
 \end{aligned}$$

(2) Let  $x, y \in A_b$ . Then

$$\alpha_{a,b}(x \wedge y) = a \wedge (x \wedge y) = (a \wedge x) \wedge (a \wedge y) = \alpha_{a,b}(x) \wedge \alpha_{a,b}(y).$$

$$\text{and } \alpha_{a,b}(x \vee y) = a \wedge (x \vee y) = (a \wedge x) \vee (a \wedge y) = \alpha_{a,b}(x) \vee \alpha_{a,b}(y).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Also, } \alpha_{a,b}(x^b) &= a \wedge x^b \\
 &= a \wedge b \wedge x' \\
 &= a \wedge x' && \text{(by (1), } a \wedge b = a) \\
 &= a \wedge (a' \vee x') && \text{(by lemma 1.4(7))} \\
 &= a \wedge (a \wedge x)' \\
 &= (a \wedge x)^a \\
 &= (\alpha_{a,b}(x))^a
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\alpha_{a,b}$  is a homomorphism of C-algebras.

(3) Let  $x \in \mathbb{B}(A_b)$ . Then  $x \vee x^b = b$  and therefore  $b = x \vee (b \wedge x')$

Now,  $b = b \wedge b = b \wedge (x \vee (b \vee x')) = (b \wedge x) \vee (b \wedge x') = b \wedge (x \vee x') \rightarrow (1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \alpha_{a,b}(x) \vee (\alpha_{a,b}(x))^a &= (a \wedge x) \vee (a \wedge x)^a \\ &= (a \wedge x) \vee (a \wedge x') \\ &= a \wedge (x \vee x') \\ &= (a \wedge b) \wedge (x \vee x') \\ &= a \wedge [b \wedge (x \vee x')] \\ &= a \wedge b \quad (\text{since by (1)}) \\ &= a, \text{ which is the } T \text{ in } A_a. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\alpha_{a,b}(x) \in \mathbb{B}(A_a)$ . Thus  $\alpha_{a,b}(\mathbb{B}(A_b)) \subseteq \mathbb{B}(A_a)$ .

(4)  $[\alpha_{a,b} \circ \alpha_{b,c}](x) = \alpha_{a,b}(\alpha_{b,c}(x)) = \alpha_{a,b}(b \wedge x) = a \wedge b \wedge x = a \wedge x = \alpha_{a,c}(x)$ .

Therefore  $a \leq_* b \leq_* c \Rightarrow \alpha_{a,b} \circ \alpha_{b,c} = \alpha_{a,c}$ .

(5)  $\alpha_{a,a}(x) = a \wedge x = x$  for all  $x \in A_a$ .

**Theorem 2.11:** Let  $\theta$  be a factor congruence on a C-algebra  $A$  and  $a, b \in A$  such that  $a \leq_* b$ . Let  $\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a) = \theta_{s_a}$ ,  $s_a \in \mathbb{B}(A_a)$  and  $\theta \cap (A_b \times A_b) = \theta_{s_b}$ ,  $s_b \in \mathbb{B}(A_b)$ . Then the homomorphism  $\alpha_{a,b} : A_b \rightarrow A_a$  carries  $s_b$  to  $s_a$ ; that is,  $a \wedge s_b = s_a$ .

**Proof:** Since  $\alpha_{a,b}(\mathbb{B}(A_b)) \subseteq \mathbb{B}(A_a)$ , it follows that  $a \wedge s_b \in \mathbb{B}(A_a)$ . By the uniqueness of  $s_a$  (theorem 2.9), it is enough if we prove the equality  $\theta_{a \wedge s_b} = \theta_{s_a}$  on  $A_a$ . First, we have that  $(b, s_b) \in \theta_{s_b}$  (since  $b$  is the identity for  $\wedge$  on  $A_b$ ) and hence  $(b, s_b) \in \theta_{s_b} = \theta \cap (A_b \times A_b) \subseteq \theta$  and therefore  $(b, s_b) \in \theta$ . This implies that  $(b \wedge x, s_b \wedge x) \in \theta$  for all  $x \in A$ . Now, for any  $x \in A_a$ , we have  $(x, a \wedge s_b \wedge x) = (a \wedge b \wedge x, a \wedge s_b \wedge x) \in \theta \rightarrow (1)$

Therefore, if  $(x, y) \in \theta_{a \wedge s_b}$ , then  $a \wedge s_b \wedge x = a \wedge s_b \wedge y$  and hence  $(x, y) \in \theta$  (from (1)). Thus  $\theta_{a \wedge s_b} \subseteq \theta \cap (A_a \times A_a) = \theta_{s_a}$ . On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} (x, y) \in \theta_{s_a} &\Rightarrow (x, y) \in \theta \cap (A_a \times A_a) \\ &\Rightarrow (b \wedge x, b \wedge y) \in \theta \cap (A_b \times A_b) = \theta_{s_b} \\ &\Rightarrow s_b \wedge b \wedge x = s_b \wedge b \wedge y \\ &\Rightarrow s_b \wedge x = s_b \wedge y \\ &\Rightarrow a \wedge s_b \wedge x = a \wedge s_b \wedge y \\ &\Rightarrow (x, y) \in \theta_{a \wedge s_b} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\theta_{s_a} \subseteq \theta_{a \wedge s_b}$ . Thus  $\theta_{s_a} = \theta_{a \wedge s_b}$  and hence  $s_a = a \wedge s_b$  that is,  $s_a = \alpha_{a,b}(s_b)$ .

For each element  $a$  in a C-algebra, we know that  $A_a$  is a C-algebra with  $T$  and  $\mathbb{B}(A_a)$  is a Boolean algebra under the operations induced by those in  $A_a$ , where  $\mathbb{B}(A_a) = \{x \in A_a \mid x \vee x^a = a\}$ . Therefore the direct product  $\prod_{a \in A} \mathbb{B}(A_a)$  is also a Boolean algebra under the pointwise operations. In the following, we identify a subalgebra of this product.

**Theorem 2.12:** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra and

$\mathfrak{B} = \{s \in \prod_{a \in A} \mathbb{B}(A_a) \mid \alpha_{a,b}(s_b) = s_a, \text{ whenever } a \leq_* b\}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a Boolean algebra under

the pointwise operations.

**Proof:** We have to simply prove that  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a subalgebra of the product  $\prod_{a \in A} \mathbb{B}(A_a)$  of Boolean algebras. Recall that  $a$  is the largest element (identity for  $\wedge$ ) in  $\mathbb{B}(A_a)$  and hence the identity map  $i$ , defined by  $i_a = a$  for any  $a \in A$ , is the largest element in the product  $\prod_{a \in A} \mathbb{B}(A_a)$ . Also,  $i \in \mathfrak{B}$ ; for, if  $a \leq_* b$  in  $A$ , then  $a \wedge b = a$  and hence  $\alpha_{a,b}(i_b) = \alpha_{a,b}(b) = a \wedge b = a$ . Further the complement  $a^a$  of  $a$  in  $A_a$  is  $a^a = a \wedge a'$ . Therefore  $a \wedge a'$  is the smallest element in  $\mathbb{B}(A_a)$ . If  $0 \in \prod_{a \in A} \mathbb{B}(A_a)$  is defined by  $0_a = a \wedge a'$ , for all  $a \in A$ , then  $0$  is the smallest element in  $\prod_{a \in A} \mathbb{B}(A_a)$ . Also, whenever  $a \leq_* b$ ,  $\alpha_{a,b}(0_b) = \alpha_{a,b}(b \wedge b') = a \wedge b \wedge b' = a \wedge b \wedge a'$  by lemma 1.4(8)  $= a \wedge a' = 0_a$ .

Therefore  $0 \in \mathfrak{B}$ . Now, since  $\alpha_{a,b} : A_b \rightarrow A_a$  is a homomorphism of C-algebras, its restriction to  $\mathbb{B}(A_b)$  is a homomorphism of (Boolean algebras)  $\mathbb{B}(A_b)$  into  $\mathbb{B}(A_a)$ . From this it follows that  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a subalgebra of  $\prod_{a \in A} \mathbb{B}(A_a)$ . Thus  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a Boolean algebra under the pointwise operations.

It is known from [6], that  $\mathcal{B}(A)$  is a Boolean algebra under the usual operations on the lattice  $\text{Con}(A)$  of congruences on  $A$ . Infact,  $\mathcal{B}(A)$  is a bounded distributive and permutable sublattice of  $\text{Con}(A)$  and is closed under complements. Now we prove the following.

**Theorem 2.13:** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra and  $\mathcal{B}(A)$  be the Boolean algebra of all balanced factor congruences which admit balanced direct complements. Let  $\mathfrak{B}$  be the Boolean algebra described in theorem 2.12. Then  $\mathcal{B}(A)$  can be embedded in the Boolean algebra  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $\theta$  be a factor congruence on  $A$ . Then, by theorem 2.9, for each  $a \in A$ , there exists unique  $s_a \in \mathbb{B}(A_a)$  such that

$\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a) = \theta_{s_a} = \{(x, y) \in A_a \times A_a \mid s_a \wedge x = s_a \wedge y\}$ . Now, define  $f : \mathcal{B}(A) \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$  by  $f(\theta) = s'$ , where  $s \in \prod_{a \in A} \mathbb{B}(A_a)$  is given by the relation  $\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a) = \theta_{s_a}$  for each  $a \in A$ .

We shall verify that  $f$  is an embedding of Boolean algebras. Recall that  $a \wedge a'$  and  $a$  are respectively the least and greatest elements in  $\mathbb{B}(A_a)$ , for each  $a \in A$ . Also,  $\Delta_A$  and  $A \times A$  are respectively the least and greatest elements in  $\mathcal{B}(A)$ .

Further, for any  $a \in A$ ,  $\theta_{a \wedge a'} = A_a \times A_a$  (since  $a \wedge a' \wedge x = a \wedge a'$ , for all  $x \in A_a$ ) and  $\theta_a = \Delta_{A_a}$  (since  $a \wedge x = x$ , for all  $x \in A_a$ ). All these imply that the least (greatest) element of  $\mathcal{B}(A)$  carried to that of  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Next, let  $\theta, \phi \in \mathbb{B}(A_a)$  and  $f(\theta) = s'$  and  $f(\phi) = t'$ . Then  $\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a) = \theta_{s_a}$  and  $\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a) = \theta_{t_a}$ .

Now,  $(\theta \cap \phi) \cap (A_a \times A_a) = \theta_{s_a} \cap \theta_{t_a} = \theta_{s_a \vee t_a} = \theta_{(s'_a \wedge t'_a)^a} = \theta_{(s' \wedge t')^a}$  and hence  $f(\theta \cap \phi) = s' \wedge t' = f(\theta) \cap f(\phi)$ . Similarly, we can prove that  $f(\theta \vee \phi) = f(\theta) \vee f(\phi)$ . Thus,  $f$  is a homomorphism of Boolean algebras. Further, let  $\theta, \phi \in \mathcal{B}(A)$  be as above such that  $f(\theta) = f(\phi)$ . Then  $s' = t'$  and hence  $s = t$  so that  $s_a = t_a$  and  $\theta \cap (A_a \times A_a) = \phi \cap (A_a \times A_a)$  for all  $a \in A$ . Now, we shall prove that  $\theta = \phi$ . Let  $(x, y) \in \theta$ . Then, for any  $a \in A$

$(a \wedge x, a \wedge y) \in \theta \cap (A_a \times A_a) = \phi \cap (A_a \times A_a) \subseteq \phi$ . Therefore  $(a \wedge x, a \wedge y) \in \phi$  for all  $a \in A$ . In particular,  $(x, x \wedge y)$  and  $(y, y \wedge x) \in \phi \rightarrow (1)$  and hence  $(x \vee y, (x \wedge y) \vee (y \wedge x)) \in \phi$ . By symmetry,  $(y \vee x, (y \wedge x) \vee (x \wedge y)) \in \phi$ . Since  $(x \wedge y) \vee (y \wedge x) = (y \wedge x) \vee (x \wedge y)$ , it follows that  $(x \vee y, y \vee x) \in \phi \rightarrow (2)$  Also, since  $(x', y') \in \theta$ , we get that  $((x \wedge y)', (y \wedge x')) = (y' \vee x', x' \vee y') \in \phi$  (by (2)) and hence  $(x \wedge y, y \wedge x) \in \phi$ . This and (1) gives that  $(x, y) \in \phi$ . Thus  $\theta \subseteq \phi$ . Similarly  $\phi \subseteq \theta$ . Thus  $\theta = \phi$ . Therefore  $f$  is an injection too and hence  $f$  is an embedding of  $\mathcal{B}(A)$  into  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{B}(A)$  is embedded in  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

**Corollary 2.14:** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra with  $T$ . Then  $\mathcal{B}(A)$ ,  $\mathfrak{B}$  and  $\mathbb{B}(A)$  are all isomorphic to each other.

**Proof:** In [7] it is proved that  $\mathcal{B}(A)$  and  $\mathbb{B}(A)$  are isomorphic to each other. We shall prove that the embedding  $f : \mathcal{B}(A) \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$ , given in the proof of the above theorem, is a surjection too. Let  $s \in \mathfrak{B}$ . Then  $s' \in \mathfrak{B}$  and  $s'_a \in \mathbb{B}(A_a)$  for all  $a \in A$  and  $a \wedge s'_b = s'_a$  whenever  $a \leq_* b$ . In particular, since  $a \leq_* T$ , we have  $a \wedge s'_T = s'_a$  for any  $a \in A$ . Now,  $s'_T \in \mathbb{B}(A_T) = \mathbb{B}(A)$  (since  $A_T = A$ ) and the congruence defined by  $\theta = \theta_{s'_T}$  is a factor congruence on  $A$  and  $f(\theta) = s$ ; for, if  $f(\theta) = t \in \mathfrak{B}$ , then  $\theta_{t'_a} = \theta \cap (A_a \times A_a) = \theta_{s'_T} \cap (A_a \times A_a) = \theta_{a \wedge s'_T} = \theta_{s'_a}$  and hence  $t'_a = s'_a$  for all  $a \in A$ , so that  $t = s$ . Thus  $f(\theta) = s$ . Therefore  $f$  is an isomorphism of  $\mathcal{B}(A)$  onto  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

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