



## Boolean Algebra of C-Algebras

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**Abstract.** A C- algebra is the algebraic form of the 3-valued conditional logic, which was introduced by F. Guzman and C.C. Squier in 1990. In this paper, some equivalent conditions for a C- algebra to become a boolean algebra in terms of congruences are given. It is proved that the set of all central elements  $B(A)$  is isomorphic to the Boolean algebra  $\mathfrak{B}_{S(A)}$  of all C-algebras  $S_a$ , where  $a \in B(A)$ . It is also proved that  $B(A)$  is isomorphic to the Boolean algebra  $\mathfrak{B}_{R(A)}$  of all C-algebras  $A_a$ , where  $a \in B(A)$ .

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### 1 Introduction

The concept of C-algebra was introduced by Guzman and Squier as the variety generated by the 3-element algebra  $C=\{T,F,U\}$ . They proved that the only subdirectly irreducible C-algebras are either C or the 2-element Boolean algebra  $B=\{T,F\}$  [1,2].

For any universal algebra A, the set of all congruences on A (denoted by  $Con A$ ) is a lattice with respect to set inclusion. We say that the congruences  $\theta, \phi$  are permutable if  $\theta \circ \phi = \phi \circ \theta$ . We say that  $Con A$  is permutable if  $\theta \circ \phi = \phi \circ \theta$  for all  $\theta, \phi \in Con A$ . It is known that  $Con A$  need not be permutable for any C-algebra A.

In this paper, we give sufficient conditions for congruences on a C-algebra A to be permutable. Also we derive necessary and sufficient conditions for a C-algebra A to become a Boolean algebra in terms of the congruences on A. We also prove that the three Boolean algebras  $B(A)$ , the set of C-algebras  $\mathfrak{B}_{S(A)}$  and the set of C-algebras  $\mathfrak{B}_{R(A)}$  are isomorphic to each other.

2 Preliminaries

In this section we recall the definition of a C-algebra and some results from [1,3,5] which will be required later.

**Definition 2.1.** By a C-algebra we mean an algebra  $\langle A, \wedge, \vee, ' \rangle$  of type (2,2,1) satisfying the following identities [1].

- (a)  $x'' = x$ ;
- (b)  $(x \wedge y)' = x' \vee y'$ ;
- (c)  $x \wedge (y \wedge z) = (x \wedge y) \wedge z$ ;
- (d)  $x \wedge (y \vee z) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z)$ ;
- (e)  $(x \vee y) \wedge z = (x \wedge z) \vee (x' \wedge y \wedge z)$ ;
- (f)  $x \vee (x \wedge y) = x$ ;
- (g)  $(x \wedge y) \vee (y \wedge x) = (y \wedge x) \vee (x \wedge y)$ .

**Example 2.2.** [1]:

The 3- element algebra  $C = \{T, F, U\}$  is a C-algebra with the operations  $\wedge, \vee$  and  $'$  defined as in the following tables.

$x$	$x'$
T	F
F	T
U	U

$\wedge$	T	F	U
T	T	F	U
F	F	F	F
U	U	U	U

$\vee$	T	F	U
T	T	T	T
F	T	F	U
U	U	U	U

Every Boolean algebra is a C-algebra.

**Lemma 2.3.** Every C-algebra satisfies the following laws [1,3,5].

- (a)  $x \wedge x = x$ ;
- (b)  $x \wedge y = x \wedge (x' \vee y) = (x' \vee y) \wedge x$ ;
- (c)  $x \vee (x' \wedge x) = x$ ;
- (d)  $(x \vee x') \wedge y = (x \wedge y) \vee (x' \wedge y)$ ;
- (e)  $(x \vee x') \wedge x = x$ ;
- (f)  $x \vee x' = x' \vee x$ ;
- (g)  $x \vee y \vee x = x \vee y$ ;
- (h)  $x \wedge x' \wedge y = x \wedge x'$ ;
- (i)  $x \wedge (y \vee x) = (x \wedge y) \vee x$ .

The duals of all above statements are also true.

**Definition 2.4.** If  $A$  has identity  $T$  for  $\wedge$  ( that is,  $x \wedge T = T \wedge x = x$  for all  $x \in A$ ), then it is unique and in this case, we say that  $A$  is a  $C$ -algebra with  $T$ . We denote  $T'$  by  $F$  and this  $F$  is the identity for  $\vee$  [1].

**Lemma 2.5** [1]: Let  $A$  be a  $C$ -algebra with  $T$  and  $x, y \in A$ . Then

- (i)  $x \vee y = F$  if and only if  $x = y = F$
- (ii) if  $x \vee y = T$  then  $x \vee x' = T$ .
- (iii)  $x \vee T = x \vee x'$
- (iv)  $x \wedge F = x \wedge x'$ .

**Theorem 2.6.** Let  $\langle A, \wedge, \vee, ' \rangle$  be a  $C$ -algebra. Then the following are equivalent [6]:

- (i)  $A$  is a Boolean algebra.
- (ii)  $x \vee (y \wedge x) = x$ , for all  $x, y \in A$ .
- (iii)  $x \wedge y = y \wedge x$ , for all  $x, y \in A$ .
- (iv)  $(x \vee y) \wedge y = y$ , for all  $x, y \in A$ .
- (v)  $x \vee x'$  is the identity for  $\wedge$ , for every  $x \in A$ .
- (vi)  $x \vee x' = y \vee y'$ , for all  $x, y \in A$ .
- (vii)  $A$  has a right zero for  $\wedge$ .
- (viii) for any  $x, y \in A$ , there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $x \vee a = y \vee a = a$ .
- (ix) for any  $x, y \in A$ , if  $x \vee y = y$ , then  $y \wedge x = x$ .

**Definition 2.7.** Let  $A$  be a  $C$ -algebra with  $T$ . An element  $x \in A$  is called a central element of  $A$  if  $x \vee x' = T$ . The set of all central elements of  $A$  is called the Centre of  $A$  and is denoted by  $B(A)$  [5].

**Theorem 2.8.** Let  $A$  be a  $C$ -algebra with  $T$ . Then  $\langle B(A), \wedge, \vee, ' \rangle$  is a Boolean Algebra [5].

### 3 Some Properties of a $C$ -algebra and Its Congruences

In this section we prove some important properties of a  $C$ -algebra and we give sufficient conditions for two congruences on a  $C$ -algebra  $A$  to be permutable. Also we derive necessary and sufficient conditions for a  $C$ -algebra  $A$  to become a Boolean algebra in terms of the congruences on  $A$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** Every  $C$ -algebra satisfies the following identities:

- (i)  $x \vee y = x \vee (y \wedge x')$ ;
- (ii)  $x \wedge y = x \wedge (y \vee x')$ .

**Proof.** Let A be a C-algebra and  $x, y \in A$ . Now,

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

**Lemma 3.2.** Let A be a C-algebra and  $x, y \in A$ . Then  $x \vee y \vee x' = x \vee y \vee y'$ .

**Proof.** Let A be a C-algebra and  $x, y \in A$ . By Lemma 2.3[b],[f] and Lemma 3.1, we have  $x \vee y \vee x' = x \vee ((y' \wedge x') \vee y) = [x \vee (y' \wedge x')] \vee y = (x \vee y') \vee y = x \vee y' \vee y = x \vee y \vee y'$ .

**Lemma 3.3.** Let A be a C-algebra with  $T, x, y \in A$  and  $x \wedge y = F$ . Then  $x \vee y = y \vee x$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that  $x \wedge y = F$ . Then  $F = x \wedge y = x \wedge (x' \vee y) = (x \wedge x') \vee (x \wedge y) = (x \wedge x') \vee F = x \wedge x'$ . now  $x \vee y = F \vee (x \vee y) = (x \wedge y) \vee (x \vee y) = (x \vee x \vee y) \wedge (x' \vee y \vee x \vee y)$  (By Def 2.1)  $= (x \vee y) \wedge (x' \vee y \vee x)$  (By 2.3[g])  $= (x \wedge x') \vee (y \vee x) = F \vee (y \vee x) = y \vee x$ .

In [6], it is proved that if A is a C-algebra with T then  $B(A) = \{a \in A \mid a \vee a' = T\}$  is a Boolean algebra under the same operations  $\wedge, \vee, '$  in the C-algebra A. Now we prove the following.

**Theorem 3.4.** Let A be a C-algebra with T and  $a, b \in A$  such that  $a \vee b \in B(A)$ . Then  $a \in B(A)$ .

**Proof.** Let A be a C-algebra with T and  $a, b \in A$  such that  $a \vee b \in B(A)$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} T &= (a \vee b) \vee (a \vee b)' = (a \vee b) \vee (a' \wedge b') \\ &= (a \vee b \vee a') \wedge (a \vee b \vee b') = (a \vee b \vee a') \wedge (a \vee b \vee a') \text{ (By Theorem 3.2)} \\ &= a \vee b \vee a'. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $T = a \vee b \vee a' \dots(I)$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Now, } a \vee a' &= (a \vee a') \wedge T \\
&= (a \vee a') \wedge (a \vee b \vee a') \quad (\text{by(I)}) \\
&= (a \wedge (a \vee b \vee a')) \vee (a' \wedge (a \vee b \vee a')) \\
&= a \vee (a' \wedge (a \vee b \vee a')) \\
&= a \vee (a \vee b \vee a') \quad (\text{By 2.3[b]}) \\
&= a \vee b \vee a' = T.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $a \in B(A)$ .

The converse of the above theorem need not be true. For example, in the C-algebra  $C$ ,  $F \in B(C)$  but  $F \vee U = U \notin B(C)$ . We have the following consequence of the above theorem.

**Corollary 3.5.** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra with T,  $a, b \in A$  and  $a \wedge b \in B(A)$ . Then  $a \in B(A)$ .

**Proof.** Let  $a \wedge b \in B(A)$ . Then we have,  $(a \wedge b)' \in B(A) \Rightarrow a' \vee b' \in B(A) \Rightarrow a' \in B(A) \Rightarrow a \in B(A)$ .

In [1], it is proved that if  $A$  is a C-algebra, then  $\theta_x = \{(p, q) \mid x \wedge p = x \wedge q\}$  is a congruence on  $A$  and  $\theta_x \cap \theta_{x'} = \theta_{x \vee x'}$ . In [6], if  $A$  is C-algebra with T then  $\theta_x$  is a factor congruence if and only if  $x \in B(A)$ . They also proved that  $\theta_x, \theta_y$  are permutable congruences whenever both  $x, y \in B(A)$ . Now we prove some important properties of these congruences.

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra with T and  $a, b \in A$ . Then we have the following (i)  $\theta_{a \wedge b} = \theta_{b \wedge a}$ ; (ii)  $\theta_a \circ \theta_b \subseteq \theta_{a \wedge b}$ .

**Proof.** (i)  $(x, y) \in \theta_{a \wedge b}$   
 $\Rightarrow a \wedge b \wedge x = a \wedge b \wedge y$   
 $\Rightarrow b \wedge a \wedge b \wedge x = b \wedge a \wedge b \wedge y$   
 $\Rightarrow b \wedge a \wedge x = b \wedge a \wedge y$   
 $\Rightarrow (x, y) \in \theta_{b \wedge a}$

Therefore  $\theta_{a \wedge b} \subseteq \theta_{b \wedge a}$ . Similarly,  $\theta_{b \wedge a} \subseteq \theta_{a \wedge b}$ . Hence  $\theta_{a \wedge b} = \theta_{b \wedge a}$ .

(ii) Let  $(x, y) \in \theta_a \circ \theta_b$ . Then there exists  $z \in A$  such that  $(x, z) \in \theta_b$  and  $(z, y) \in \theta_a$ . Thus  $b \wedge x = b \wedge z$  and  $a \wedge z = a \wedge y$ . Now,  $a \wedge b \wedge x = a \wedge b \wedge z = a \wedge b \wedge a \wedge z = a \wedge b \wedge a \wedge y = a \wedge b \wedge y$ . Therefore,  $(x, y) \in \theta_{a \wedge b}$ . Thus  $\theta_a \circ \theta_b \subseteq \theta_{a \wedge b}$ .

In the following we give an example of a C-algebra  $G$  without T in which the Con A is not permute.

**Example 3.7.** Consider the C-algebra  $G = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5\}$  where  $a_1 = (T, U)$ ,  $a_2 = (F, U)$ ,  $a_3 = (U, T)$ ,  $a_4 = (U, F)$ ,  $a_5 = (U, U)$  under pointwise operations in  $C$ .

$x$	$x'$
$a_1$	$a_2$
$a_2$	$a_1$
$a_3$	$a_4$
$a_4$	$a_3$
$a_5$	$a_5$

$\wedge$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_5$	$a_5$	$a_5$
$a_2$	$a_2$	$a_2$	$a_2$	$a_2$	$a_2$
$a_3$	$a_5$	$a_5$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$a_4$	$a_4$	$a_4$	$a_4$	$a_4$	$a_4$
$a_5$	$a_5$	$a_5$	$a_5$	$a_5$	$a_5$

$\vee$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$
$a_2$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_5$	$a_5$	$a_5$
$a_3$	$a_3$	$a_3$	$a_3$	$a_3$	$a_3$
$a_4$	$a_5$	$a_5$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$
$a_5$	$a_5$	$a_5$	$a_5$	$a_5$	$a_5$

This algebra  $(G, \vee, \wedge, ')$  is a C-algebra with out T.

Let  $\Delta =$  diagonal of A. Then we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta_{a_1} &= \{(x, y) \mid a_1 \wedge x = a_1 \wedge y\} \\ &= \Delta \cup \{(a_3, a_4), (a_4, a_5), (a_5, a_3), (a_4, a_3), (a_5, a_4), (a_3, a_5)\} \\ \theta_{a_3} &= \Delta \cup \{(a_1, a_2), (a_2, a_5), (a_5, a_1), (a_2, a_1), (a_5, a_2), (a_1, a_5)\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } \theta_{a_1} \circ \theta_{a_3} &= \Delta \cup \theta_{a_1} \cup \theta_{a_3} \cup \{(a_4, a_1), (a_4, a_2), (a_3, a_1), (a_3, a_2)\} \\ \theta_{a_3} \circ \theta_{a_1} &= \Delta \cup \theta_{a_1} \cup \theta_{a_3} \cup \{(a_2, a_4), (a_2, a_3), (a_1, a_3), (a_1, a_4)\}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $\theta_{a_1} \circ \theta_{a_3} \neq \theta_{a_3} \circ \theta_{a_1}$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $A$  a C-algebra with  $T$  and  $a \in B(A)$ . Then for any  $b \in A, \theta_a, \theta_b$  permute and  $\theta_a \circ \theta_b = \theta_{a \wedge b}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra with  $T$  and  $a \in B(A)$ . By Theorem 3.6,  $\theta_a \circ \theta_b \subseteq \theta_{a \wedge b}$ . Now let  $(p, q) \in \theta_{a \wedge b}$ . Then  $a \wedge b \wedge p = a \wedge b \wedge q \Rightarrow b \wedge a \wedge b \wedge p = b \wedge a \wedge b \wedge q \Rightarrow b \wedge a \wedge p = b \wedge a \wedge q$ . Consider,  $r = (a \wedge p) \vee (a' \wedge q)$ . Now  $a \wedge r = a \wedge [(a \wedge p) \vee (a' \wedge q)] = (a \wedge p) \vee (a \wedge a' \wedge q) = (a \wedge p) \vee (F \wedge q) = (a \wedge p) \vee F = a \wedge p$ . Therefore  $(r, p) \in \theta_a \Rightarrow (p, r) \in \theta_a$ . Now,  $b \wedge r = b \wedge [(a \wedge p) \vee (a' \wedge q)] = [b \wedge a \wedge p] \vee [b \wedge a' \wedge q] = (b \wedge a \wedge p) \vee (b \wedge a' \wedge q) = b \wedge ((a \wedge p) \vee (a' \wedge q)) = b \wedge ((a \vee a') \wedge q) = b \wedge (T \wedge q)$  (since  $a \in B(A)$ )  $= b \wedge q$ . Therefore  $(q, r) \in \theta_b \Rightarrow (r, q) \in \theta_b$ . Thus  $(p, q) \in \theta_b \circ \theta_a$ . Hence  $\theta_b \circ \theta_a = \theta_{a \wedge b}$ . Thus  $\theta_b \circ \theta_a$  is a congruence on  $A$  and hence  $\theta_a, \theta_b$  are permutable congruences and hence  $\theta_a \circ \theta_b = \theta_b \circ \theta_a = \theta_{a \wedge b}$ .

**Corollary 3.9.** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra with  $T$  and  $a, b \in A$ . Then i)  $a \vee b \in B(A) \Rightarrow \theta_a \circ \theta_b = \theta_{a \wedge b}$ ; ii)  $a \wedge b \in B(A) \Rightarrow \theta_a \circ \theta_b = \theta_{a \wedge b}$ .

**Proof.** i) We know that if  $a \vee b \in B(A)$  then  $a \in B(A)$  and hence by the above theorem  $\theta_a \circ \theta_b = \theta_b \circ \theta_a = \theta_{a \wedge b}$ . Similarly, we can prove ii).

Let  $A$  be a C-algebra. If  $\text{Con}(A)$  is permutable, then  $A$  need not be a Boolean algebra. For example, in the C-algebra  $C$ , the only congruences are  $\Delta, \nabla$  and they are permutable. But  $C$  is not a Boolean algebra. Now we give equivalent conditions for a C-algebra to become a Boolean algebra in terms of congruence relations.

**Theorem 3.10.** Let  $(A, \vee, \wedge, ')$  be a C-algebra with  $T$ . Then the following are equivalent. (i) Let  $(A, \vee, \wedge, ')$  be a Boolean algebra. (ii)  $\theta_x \cap \theta_x = \Delta$  for all  $x \in A$ . (iii)  $\theta_{x \vee x'} = \Delta$  for all  $x \in A$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2): Let  $A$  be a Boolean algebra and  $x \in A$ . Let  $(p, q) \in \theta_x \cap \theta_{x'}$ . Then  $x \wedge p = x \wedge q$  and  $x' \wedge p = x' \wedge q$ . Now,  $p = (x \vee x') \wedge p = (x \wedge p) \vee (x' \wedge q) = (x \wedge q) \vee (x' \wedge q) = (x \vee x') \wedge q = q$ . Thus  $\theta_x \cap \theta_{x'} \subseteq \Delta$ . Therefore  $\theta_x \cap \theta_{x'} = \Delta$ . Since  $\theta_x \cap \theta_{x'} = \theta_{x \vee x'}$ , we get (ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii). (iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i): Suppose  $\theta_{x \vee x'} = \Delta$  for all  $x \in A$ . We prove that  $\theta_{x'} \circ \theta_x = A \times A$ . Let  $(p, q) \in A \times A$ . Write  $t = (x \wedge p) \vee (x' \wedge q)$ . Now,  $x \wedge t = x \wedge ((x \wedge p) \vee (x' \wedge q)) = (x \wedge p) \vee (x \wedge x' \wedge q) = (x \wedge p) \vee (x \wedge x')$   $= x \wedge (p \vee x') = x \wedge p$ . Also,  $x' \wedge t = x' \wedge ((x \wedge p) \vee (x' \wedge q)) = (x' \wedge x \wedge p) \vee (x' \wedge x' \wedge q) = (x' \wedge x) \vee (x' \wedge q) = (x' \wedge (x \vee q)) = x' \wedge q$ . Therefore  $(p, t) \in \theta_x$  and  $(t, q) \in \theta_{x'}$ . Thus  $(p, q) \in \theta_{x'} \circ \theta_x$ . Hence we get  $\theta_{x'} \circ \theta_x = A \times A$ . Also  $\theta_x \cap \theta_{x'} = \theta_{x \vee x'} = \Delta$ . That is  $\theta_x$  and  $\theta_{x'}$  are permutable factor congruences. Therefore, by Theorem 2.6, we have  $x \in B(A)$ . Thus  $A = B(A)$  and hence  $A$  is a Boolean algebra.

#### 4 The C-algebra $S_x$

We prove that, for each  $x \in A$ ,  $S_x = \{x \vee t \mid t \in A\}$  is itself a C-algebra under induced operations  $\wedge, \vee$  and the unary operation is defines by  $(x \vee t)^* = x \wedge t'$ . We observe that  $S_x$  need not be a subalgebra of  $A$  because the unary operation in  $S_x$  is not the restriction of the unary operation on  $A$ . Also for each  $x \in A$ , the set  $A_x = \{x \wedge t \mid t \in A\}$  is a C-algebra in which the unary operation is given by  $(x \wedge t)^* = x \wedge t'$ . We prove that the  $B(A)$  is isomorphic to the Boolean algebra  $\mathfrak{B}_{S(A)}$  of all C-algebras  $S_a$  where  $a \in B(A)$ . Also, we prove that  $B(A)$  is isomorphic to the Boolean algebra  $\mathfrak{B}_{R(A)}$  of all C-algebras  $A_a, a \in B(A)$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** Let  $\langle A, \wedge, \vee, ' \rangle$  be a C-algebra,  $x \in A$  and  $S_x = \{x \vee t \mid t \in A\}$ . Then  $\langle S_x, \wedge, \vee, * \rangle$  is a C-algebra with  $x$  as the identity for  $\vee$ , where  $\wedge$  and  $\vee$  are the operations in  $A$  restricted to  $S_x$  and for any  $x \vee t \in S_x$ , here  $(x \vee t)^*$  is  $x \vee t'$ .

**Proof.** Let  $t, r, s \in A$ . Then  $(x \vee t) \vee (x \vee r) = x \vee (t \vee r) \in S_x$  and  $(x \vee t) \wedge (x \vee r) = x \wedge (t \vee r) \in S_x$ . Thus  $\vee, \wedge$  are closed in  $S_x$ . Also  $*$  is closed in  $S_x$ . Consider  $(x \vee t)^{**} = x \vee (x \vee t)'$   $= x \vee (x' \wedge t) = x \vee t$ . Now  $[(x \vee t) \wedge (x \vee r)]^*$



$= [x \vee (t \wedge r)]^* = x \vee (t' \vee r') = x \vee t' \vee x \vee r' = (x \vee t)^* \vee (x \vee r)^*$ . Now, consider  $(x \vee t) \vee (x \vee r) \wedge (x \vee s) = x \wedge [(t \wedge r) \wedge s] = x \vee (t \wedge s) \vee (t' \wedge r \wedge s)$   
 $= x \vee (t \wedge s) \vee x \vee (t' \wedge r \wedge s) = (x \vee t) \wedge (x \vee s) \vee (x \vee t') \wedge (x \vee r) \wedge (x \vee s) =$   
 $(x \vee t) \wedge (x \vee s) \vee (x \vee t') \wedge (x \vee r) \wedge (x \vee s)$ . The remaining identities of a C-algebra also hold in  $S_x$  because they hold in  $A$ . Hence,  $S_x$  is itself a C-algebra. Also  $x$  is the identity for  $\vee$  because  $x \vee x \vee t = x \vee t = x \vee t \vee x$ . Here  $x \vee x'$  is the identity for  $\wedge$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra. Then the following holds.

- (i)  $S_x = S_y$  if and only if  $x = y$ ;
- (ii)  $S_x \cap S_y \subseteq S_{x \vee y}$ ;
- (iii)  $S_x \cap S_{x'} = S_{x \vee x'}$ ;
- (iv)  $(S_x)_{x \vee y} = S_{x \vee y}$ .

**Proof.** (i) Suppose  $S_x = S_y$ . Since  $x = x \vee x \in S_x = S_y$  and  $y = y \vee y \in S_y = S_x$ . Therefore  $x = y \vee t$  and  $y = x \vee r$  for some  $t, r \in A$ . Now,  $x = y \vee t = (y \vee t \vee y) \wedge (y \vee y \vee t) = (x \vee y) \wedge (y \vee x) = (y \vee x) \wedge (x \vee y) = (x \vee r \vee x) \wedge (x \vee x \vee r) = x \vee r = y$ . The converse is trivial. (ii) Suppose  $t \in S_x \cap S_y$ . Then  $t = x \vee s = y \vee r$  for some  $s, r \in A$ . Now,  $t = x \vee x \vee s = x \vee t = x \vee y \vee r \in S_{x \vee y}$ . (iii)  $S_x \cap S_{x'} \subseteq S_{x \vee x'}$  by (ii). Since  $x \vee x' = x' \vee x$  we have  $S_{x \vee x'} \subseteq S_x \cap S_{x'}$ . Hence  $S_x \cap S_{x'} = S_{x \vee x'}$ . (iv)  $(S_x)_{x \vee y} = \{x \vee y \vee t \mid t \in S_x\} = \{x \vee y \vee x \vee r \mid r \in A\} = \{x \vee y \vee r \mid r \in A\} = S_{x \vee y}$ .

**Theorem 4.3.** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra with  $T$  and  $x \in A$ , then the mapping  $\alpha_x : A \rightarrow S_x$  defined by  $\alpha_x(t) = x \vee t$  for all  $t \in A$  is a homomorphism of  $A$  to  $S_x$  with kernel  $\theta_x$  and hence  $A/\theta_x \cong S_x$ .

**Proof.** Let  $t, r \in A$ . Then  $\alpha_x(t \vee r) = x \vee t \vee r = x \vee t \vee x \vee r = \alpha_x(t) \vee \alpha_x(r)$  and  $\alpha_x(t') = x \vee t' = (x \vee t)^* = (\alpha_x(t))^*$ . Clearly,  $\alpha_x(t \wedge r) = \alpha_x(t) \wedge \alpha_x(r)$ . Also  $\alpha_x(T) = x \vee T = x \vee x'$ , which is the identity for  $\wedge$  in  $S_x$ . Therefore  $\alpha_x$  is a homomorphism. Hence by the fundamental theorem of homomorphism  $A/\text{Ker}\alpha_x \cong S_x$  and  $\text{Ker}\alpha_x = \{(t, r) \in A \times A \mid \alpha_x(t) = \alpha_x(r)\} = \{(t, r) \in A \times A \mid$

$x \vee t = x \vee r\} = \{(t, r) \in A \times A \mid x' \wedge t = x' \wedge r\} \theta_{x'}$  (by Lemma 2.3 [b]) = and hence  $A/\theta_{x'} \cong S_{x'}$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra with  $T$  and  $a \in B(A)$ , then  $A \cong S_a \times S_{a'}$ .

**Proof.** Define  $\alpha: A \rightarrow S_a \times S_{a'}$  by  $\alpha(x) = (\alpha_a(x), \alpha_{a'}(x))$  for all  $x \in A$ . Then, by Theorem 4.3,  $\alpha$  is well-defined and  $\alpha$  is a homomorphism. Now, we prove that  $\alpha$  is one-one. Let  $x, y \in A$ . Then  $\alpha(x) = \alpha(y) \Rightarrow (\alpha_a(x), \alpha_{a'}(x)) = (\alpha_a(y), \alpha_{a'}(y)) \Rightarrow (a \vee x, a' \vee x) = (a \vee y, a' \vee y) \Rightarrow a \vee x = a \vee y$  and  $a' \vee x = a' \vee y$ . Now  $x = F \vee x = (a \wedge a') \vee x = (a \vee x) \wedge (a' \vee x) = (a \vee y) \wedge (a' \vee y) = y$ . Finally, we prove that  $\alpha$  is onto. Let  $(x, y) \in S_a \times S_{a'}$ . Then  $x = a \vee t$ , and  $y = a' \vee r$  for some  $t, r \in A$ . Therefore,  $a \vee x = x$ ,  $a \vee y = a \vee a' \vee y = T \vee y = T$  and  $a' \vee x = T, a' \vee y = y$ . Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(x \wedge y) &= (\alpha_a(x \wedge y), \alpha_{a'}(x \wedge y)) \\ &= (a \vee (x \wedge y), a' \vee (x \wedge y)) \\ &= ((a \vee x) \wedge (a \vee y), (a' \vee x) \wedge (a' \vee y)) \\ &= (x \wedge T, T \wedge y) \\ &= (x, y). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\alpha$  is onto and hence  $\alpha$  is an isomorphism. Therefore  $A \cong S_a \times S_{a'}$ .

**Lemma 4.5.** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra. Then for  $a, b \in A$ :

- (i)  $a \vee b = b \vee a$  if and only if  $S_{a \vee b} = S_a \cap S_b$
- (ii)  $S_{a \wedge b} = \text{Sup}\{S_a, S_b\}$  in the poset  $(\{S_x \mid x \in A\}, \subseteq)$ , then  $a \wedge b = b \wedge a$ .  
The converse is not true.

**Proof.** (i) Suppose that  $a \vee b = b \vee a$ . Then clearly  $S_{a \vee b} \subseteq S_a \cap S_b$ . By Theorem 4.2(ii)  $S_a \cap S_b \subseteq S_{a \vee b}$ . Hence  $S_{a \vee b} = S_a \cap S_b$ . Conversely assume that  $S_{a \vee b} = S_a \cap S_b$ . Clearly  $a \vee b \in S_{a \vee b} = S_a \cap S_b$ . Therefore  $a \vee b \in S_b \Rightarrow a \vee b = b \vee t$  for some  $t \in A$ . Now  $b \vee a = b \vee a \vee b = b \vee b \vee t = b \vee t = a \vee b$ . (ii) Assume that  $a, b \in A$  and  $S_{a \wedge b} = \text{Sup}\{S_a, S_b\}$ . Then  $S_{a \wedge b} = S_{b \wedge a}$  and hence  $a \wedge b \in S_{a \wedge b} = S_{b \wedge a}$ . Therefore  $a \wedge b = (b \wedge a) \vee t$  for some  $t \in A$ .

Now  $(b \wedge a) \vee (a \wedge b) = (b \wedge a) \vee ((b \wedge a) \vee t) = (b \wedge a) \vee t = a \wedge b$ . Similarly we can prove that  $(a \wedge b) \vee (b \wedge a) = b \wedge a$ . Hence  $a \wedge b = b \wedge a$ . The converse need not be true, for example for the C-algebra  $C$ ,  $S_U = \{U\}, S_T = \{T\}$  and  $U \wedge T = T \wedge U$ . But  $S_{U \wedge T} (= S_U)$  is not an upper bound of  $\{S_U, S_T\}$ .

Now we prove  $\mathfrak{B}_{S(A)} = \{S_a \mid a \in B(A)\}$  is a Boolean algebra under set inclusion.

**Theorem 4.6.** Let  $\langle A, \wedge, \vee, ' \rangle$  be a C-algebra with T. Then  $\mathfrak{B}_{S(A)} = \{S_a \mid a \in B(A)\}$  is a Boolean algebra under set inclusion.

**Proof.** Clearly  $(\mathfrak{B}_{S(A)}, \subseteq)$  is a partially ordered set under inclusion. First we show for  $a, b \in B(A)$ ,  $S_{a \vee b}$  is the infimum of  $\{S_a, S_b\}$  and  $S_{a \wedge b}$  is the supremum of  $\{S_a, S_b\}$  for all  $a, b \in B(A)$ . Let  $a, b \in B(A)$ . Then  $a \wedge b = b \wedge a$  and  $a \vee b = b \vee a$ . Hence by the above Lemma 4.5,  $S_{a \vee b}$  is the infimum of  $\{S_a, S_b\}$ . Let  $t \in S_a$ . Then  $t = a \vee x$  for some  $x \in A$ . Now  $t = a \vee x = (a \wedge (a \vee b)) \vee x = (a \wedge (b \vee a)) \vee x = (a \wedge b) \vee a \vee x \in S_{a \wedge b}$ . Similarly  $S_b \subseteq S_{b \wedge a} = S_{a \wedge b}$ . Therefore  $S_{a \wedge b}$  is an upper bound of  $S_a, S_b$ . Suppose  $S_c$  is an upper bound of  $S_a, S_b$ . Then  $t \in S_{a \wedge b}$ . Then  $t = (a \wedge b) \vee x$  for some  $x \in A$ . Now  $t = (a \wedge b) \vee x = (a \vee x) \wedge (a' \vee b \vee x) = (a \vee x) \wedge (b \vee a' \vee x) \in S_c$  (since  $a \vee x \in S_a \subseteq S_c$ ,  $b \vee a' \vee x \in S_b \subseteq S_c$  and  $S_c$  is closed under  $\wedge$ ). Therefore  $S_{a \wedge b}$  is the supremum of  $\{S_a, S_b\}$ . Denote the supremum of  $\{S_a, S_b\}$  by  $S_a \vee S_b$  and the infimum of  $\{S_a, S_b\}$  by  $S_a \wedge S_b$ . Now  $S_T \wedge S_a = S_{T \vee a} = S_T$  and  $S_F \vee S_a = S_{F \wedge a} = S_F$ . Therefore  $S_T$  is the least element and  $S_F$  is the greatest element of  $(\mathfrak{B}_{S(A)}, \subseteq)$ . Now for any  $a, b, c \in B(A)$ ,  $(S_a \vee S_b) \wedge S_c = S_{(a \wedge b) \vee c} = S_{(a \vee c) \wedge (b \vee c)} = S_{(a \vee c)} \vee S_{(b \vee c)} = (S_a \wedge S_c) \vee (S_b \wedge S_c)$ . Also,  $S_a \wedge S_{a'} = S_{a \vee a'} = S_T$  and  $S_a \vee S_{a'} = S_{a \wedge a'} = S_F$ . Therefore  $(\mathfrak{B}_{S(A)}, \subseteq)$  is a complimented distributive lattice and hence it is a Boolean algebra.

**Theorem 4.7.** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra with T. Define  $\phi : B(A) \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}_{S(A)}$  by  $\phi(a) = S_a$  for all  $a \in B(A)$ . Then  $\phi$  is an isomorphism.

**Proof.** Let  $a, b \in B(A)$ . Then  $\phi(a \wedge b) = S_{(a \wedge b)'} = S_{a'} \wedge S_{b'} = \phi(a) \wedge \phi(b)$ .  
 $\phi(a \vee b) = S_{(a \vee b)'} = S_{a'} \vee S_{b'} = \phi(a) \vee \phi(b)$ ,  $\phi(a') = S_{a'} = (S_a)' = (\phi(a))'$ .  
 Clearly  $\phi$  is both one-one and onto. Hence  $B(A) \cong \mathfrak{B}_{S(A)}$ .

In [3] we defined a partial ordering on a C-algebra by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $y \wedge x = x$  and we studied the properties of this partial ordering. We gave a number of equivalent conditions in terms of this partial ordering for a C-algebra to become a Boolean algebra. In [4] we proved that, for each  $x \in A$ ,  $A_x = \{s \in A \mid s \leq x\}$  is itself a C-algebra under induced operations  $\wedge, \vee$  and the unary operation is defined by  $s^* = x \wedge s'$  we also observed that  $A_x$  need not be an algebra of  $A$  because the unary operation in  $A_x$  is not the restriction of the unary operation. For each  $x \in A$ , we proved that  $A_x$  is isomorphic to the quotient algebra  $A/\theta_x$  where  $\theta_x = \{(p, q) \in A \times A \mid x \wedge p = x \wedge q\}$ . We can easily see that the C-algebras  $S_x, A_x$  are different in general where  $x \in A$ .

Now, we prove that the set of all  $A_a$ 's where  $a \in B(A)$  is a Boolean algebra under set inclusion. The following theorem can be proved analogous to Theorem 4.6.

**Theorem 4.8.** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra with T. Then  $\mathfrak{B}_{R(A)} := \{A_a \mid a \in B(A)\}$  is a Boolean Algebra under set inclusion in which the supremum of  $\{A_a, A_b\} = A_{a \vee b}$  and the infimum of  $\{A_a, A_b\} = A_{a \wedge b}$ .

The proof of the following theorem is analogous to that of Theorem 4.7.

**Theorem 4.9.** Let  $A$  be a C-algebra with T. Define  $f : B(A) \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}_{R(A)}$  by  $f(a) = A_a$  for all  $a \in B(A)$ . Then  $f$  is an isomorphism.

The following corollary can be proved directly from Theorems 4.7 and 4.9.

**Corollary 4.10.** Let  $A$  be a  $C$ -algebra with  $T$ . Then  $\mathfrak{B}_{R(A)}, B(A)$  and  $\mathfrak{B}_{S(A)}$  are isomorphic to each other.

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