

## 169. On the Permutability of Congruences on Algebraic Systems<sup>\*)</sup>

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K. Shoda discussed in his papers [8], [10], and his book [9] the structure of an algebraic system  $\mathfrak{A}$  under the following conditions:

- I.  $\mathfrak{A}$  has a zero-element, i. e.  $\mathfrak{A}$  has a one-element subsystem.
- II. Any subsystem of  $\mathfrak{A}$  generated by two normal subsystems of  $\mathfrak{A}$  is a normal subsystem of  $\mathfrak{A}$ .
- III. Any natural meromorphism between any two residue class systems of  $\mathfrak{A}$  is classable.

G. Birkhoff discussed in his book [1] the structure of an algebraic system  $\mathfrak{A}$  under the following conditions:

- I.  $\mathfrak{A}$  has a one-element subsystem.
- III\*. Any two congruences on  $\mathfrak{A}$  are permutable.

K. Shoda told the author that the conditions III and III\* are equivalent as stated in the introduction of the author's paper [2]. The conditions III and III\* played the important role in their structure theories of algebraic systems.

A. I. Mal'cev proved in his paper [7] the following

*Theorem. Let  $A$  be a set of composition-identities with respect to a system  $V$  of compositions. Then the following two conditions are equivalent:*

- (a) *Any two congruences on any  $A$ -algebraic system are permutable.*
- (b) *There exists a derived composition  $f(\xi, \eta, \zeta)$  of  $V$  such that*

$$f(\xi, \eta, \eta) \stackrel{A}{=} \xi^1 \text{ and } f(\xi, \xi, \eta) \stackrel{A}{=} \eta.$$

Moreover J. Lambek remarked in his paper [6] that each of the conditions (a) and (b) is equivalent to the following condition:

- (c) *Any meromorphism between any two  $A$ -algebraic systems is classable.*

A. W. Goldie and the author have discussed in the papers [2], [3], [4], and [5] the structure of algebraic systems. The weak permutability and the local permutability of congruences have played the leading role in the theories of A. W. Goldie and of the author.

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1)  $f(\xi, \eta, \eta) \stackrel{A}{=} \xi$  denotes the fact that  $f(x, y, y) = x$  holds for any elements  $x$  and  $y$  in any  $A$ -algebraic system, i. e.  $f(\xi, \eta, \eta) = \xi$  is derived from  $A$ .