

169. On the Permutability of Congruences on Algebraic Systems^{*)}

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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 .