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**In this paper a coordinatizing Baer semigroup is used to pick out an interesting sublattice of the lattice of congruence relations on a lattice with 0 and 1. These congruences are defined for any lattice with 0 and 1 and have many of the nice properties enjoyed by congruence relations on a relatively complemented lattice.**

These results generalize the work of S. Maeda on Rickart (Baer) rings and are related to G. Gratzner and E. T. Schmidt's work on standard ideals.

In [7] M. F. Janowitz shows that lattice theory can be approached by means of Baer semigroups. A *Baer semigroup* is a multiplicative semigroup  $S$  with 0 and 1 in which the left and right annihilators,  $L(x) = \{y \in S : yx = 0\}$  and  $R(x) = \{y \in S : xy = 0\}$ , of any  $x \in S$  are principal left and right ideals generated by idempotents. For any Baer semigroup  $S$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(S) = \{L(x) : x \in S\}$  and  $\mathcal{R}(S) = \{R(x) : x \in S\}$ , ordered by set inclusion, are dual isomorphic lattices with 0 and 1. The Baer semigroup  $S$  is said to *coordinatize* the lattice  $L$  if  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  is isomorphic to  $L$ . The basic point is Theorem 2.3, p. 1214 of [7], which states: a partially ordered set  $P$  with 0 and 1 is a lattice if and only if it can be coordinatized by a Baer semigroup.

It will be convenient to introduce the convention that  $S$  will always denote a Baer semigroup and that for any  $x \in S$ ,  $x'$  and  $x''$  will denote idempotent generators of  $L(x)$  and  $R(x)$  respectively. Also the letters  $e, f, g$ , and  $h$  shall always denote idempotents of  $S$ .

Some background material is presented in § 1. In § 2,  $A - P$  congruences are defined and it is shown that every  $A - P$  congruence  $\rho$  on  $S$  induces a lattice congruence  $\theta_\rho$  on  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  such that  $\mathcal{L}(S)/\theta_\rho \cong \mathcal{L}(S/\rho)$ . In § 3 congruences which arise in this manner are characterised as the set of all equivalence relations on  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  which are compatible with a certain set of maps on  $\mathcal{L}(S)$ . These congruences are called compatible with  $S$ . They are standard congruences and are thus determined by their kernels.

The ideals of  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  which are kernels of congruences compatible with  $S$  are characterised in § 4. In § 5 it is shown that a principal ideal,  $[(0), Se]$ , is the kernel of a congruence compatible with  $S$  if and only if  $e$  is central in  $S$ . In § 6 this is applied to complete Baer semigroups to show that, in this case, the congruence compatible with  $S$  form a Stone lattice.

1. **Preliminaries.** We shall let  $L(M) = \{y \in S : yx = 0 \text{ for all } x \in M\}$  and  $R(M) = \{y \in S : xy = 0 \text{ for all } x \in M\}$  for any set  $M \subseteq S$ . The following is a summary of results found on pp. 85–86 of [8].

LEMMA 1.1. *Let  $x, y \in S$ .*

- (i)  $xS \subseteq yS$  implies  $L(y) \subseteq L(x)$ ;  $Sx \subseteq Sy$  implies  $R(y) \subseteq R(x)$ .
- (ii)  $Sx \subseteq LR(x)$ ;  $xS \subseteq RL(x)$ .
- (iii)  $L(x) = LRL(x)$ ;  $R(x) = RLR(x)$ .
- (iv)  $Sx \in \mathcal{L}(S)$  if and only if  $Sx = LR(x)$ ;  $xS \in \mathcal{R}(S)$  if and only if  $xS = RL(x)$ .
- (v) The mappings  $eS \rightarrow L(eS)$  and  $Sf \rightarrow R(Sf)$  are mutually inverse dual isomorphisms between  $\mathcal{R}(S)$  and  $\mathcal{L}(S)$ .
- (vi) Let  $Se, Sf \in \mathcal{L}(S)$  and  $Sh = L(ef^r)$ . Then  $he = (he)^2$ ,  $Se \cap Sf = She \in \mathcal{L}(S)$ , and  $Se \vee Sf = L(e^rS \cap f^rS)$ .
- (vii) Let  $eS, fS \in \mathcal{R}(S)$  and  $gS = R(f^l e)$ . Then  $eg = (eg)^2$ ,  $eS \cap fS = egS \in \mathcal{R}(S)$ , and  $eS \vee fS = R(Se^l \cap Sf^l)$ .

Note that the meet operation in  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(S)$  is set intersection and that the trivial ideals,  $S$  and  $(0)$ , are the largest and smallest elements of both  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  and  $\mathcal{R}(S)$ .

We shall be interested in a class of isotone maps introduced by Croisot in [2].

DEFINITION 1.2. Let  $P$  be a partially ordered set. An isotone map  $\phi$  of  $P$  into itself is called *residuated* if there exists an isotone map  $\phi^+$  of  $P$  into  $P$  such that for any  $p \in P$ ,  $p\phi^+\phi \leq p \leq p\phi\phi^+$ . In this case  $\phi^+$  is called a *residual* map.

Clearly  $\phi^+$  is uniquely determined by  $\phi$  and conversely. The pair  $(\phi, \phi^+)$  sets up a Galois connection between  $P$  and its dual. Thus we can combine results from [2], [3], and [11] to get.

LEMMA 1.3. *Let  $P$  be a partially ordered set and  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  maps of  $P$  into itself.*

- (i) If  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are residuated then  $\phi\psi$  is residuated and  $(\phi\psi)^+ = \psi^+\phi^+$ .
- (ii) If  $\phi$  is residuated then  $\phi = \phi\phi^+\phi$  and  $\phi^+ = \phi^+\phi\phi^+$ .
- (iii) Let  $\phi$  be residuated and  $\{x_\alpha\}$  be any family of elements of  $P$ . If  $\bigvee_\alpha x_\alpha$  exists then  $\bigvee_\alpha (x_\alpha\phi)$  exists and  $\bigvee_\alpha (x_\alpha\phi) = (\bigvee_\alpha x_\alpha)\phi$ . Dually if  $\bigwedge_\alpha x_\alpha$  exists then  $\bigwedge_\alpha (x_\alpha\phi^+)$  exists and  $\bigwedge_\alpha (x_\alpha\phi^+) = (\bigwedge_\alpha x_\alpha)\phi^+$ .
- (iv) A necessary and sufficient condition that  $\phi$  be residuated is that for any  $x \in L$ ,  $\{z : z\phi \leq x\}$  has a largest element  $x^*$ . In this case  $\phi^+$  is given by  $x\phi^+ = x^*$ .

According to Lemma 1.3 (i) the set of residuated maps forms a semigroup for any partially ordered set  $P$ . We shall denote the semigroup of residuated maps on  $P$  by  $S(P)$ . In [7], Theorem 2.3, p. 1214, it is shown that  $P$  is a lattice if and only if  $S(P)$  is a Baer semigroup. In this case  $S(P)$  coordinatizes  $P$ .

In [8], pp. 93, 94, it is shown that any Baer semigroup  $S$  can be represented as a semigroup of residuated maps on  $\mathcal{L}(S)$ . We shall be interested in the maps introduced to achieve this.

LEMMA 1.4. *For any  $x \in S$  define  $\phi_x : \mathcal{L}(S) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(S)$  by  $Se\phi_x = LR(ex)$ .*

- (i)  $\phi_x$  is residuated with residual  $\phi_x^+$  given by  $Se\phi_x^+ = L(xe^r)$ .
- (ii) If  $LR(y) = Se$  then  $Se\phi_x = LR(yx)$ .
- (iii) Let  $S_0 = \{\phi_x : x \in S\}$ . Then  $S_0$  is a Baer semigroup which coordinatizes  $\mathcal{L}(S)$ .
- (iv) The map  $x \mapsto \phi_x$  is a homomorphism, with kernel  $\{0\}$ , of  $S$  into  $S_0$ .

We shall now develop an unpublished result due to D. J. Foulis and M. F. Janowitz.

DEFINITION 1.5. A semigroup  $S$  is a *complete Baer semigroup* if for any subset  $M$  of  $S$  there exist idempotents  $e, f$  such that  $L(M) = Se$  and  $R(M) = fS$ .

In proving Lemma 2.3 of [7] the crucial observation was [7] Lemma 2.1, p. 1213, where it is shown that for any lattice  $L$  and any  $a \in L$  there are idempotent residuated maps  $\theta_a$  and  $\psi_a$  given by :

$$x\theta_a = \begin{cases} x & x \leq a \\ a & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad x\psi_a = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq a \\ x \vee a & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

THEOREM 1.6. *Let  $P$  be a partially ordered set with 0 and 1. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (i)  $P$  is a complete lattice.
- (ii)  $S(P)$  is a complete Baer semigroup.
- (iii)  $P$  can be coordinatized by a complete Baer semigroup.

*Proof.* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Let  $P$  be a complete lattice and  $M \subseteq S(P)$  with  $m = \bigvee \{1\phi : \phi \in M\}$  and  $n = \bigwedge \{0\phi^+ : \phi \in M\}$ . It is easily verified that  $L(M) = S(P)\theta_n$  and  $R(M) = \psi_m S(P)$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) follows from [7], Theorem 2.3.

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) Let  $S$  be a complete Baer semigroup coordinatizing  $P$  and  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  the complete lattice of all subsets of  $S$ . Define  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

mapping  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  into  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  by  $M\alpha = L(M)$  and  $M\beta = R(M)$ . Clearly  $(\alpha, \beta)$  sets up a Galois connection of  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  with itself. Since  $S$  is a complete Baer semigroup  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  is the set of Galois closed objects of  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . Thus  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  is a complete lattice.

We conclude this section with some relatively well known facts about lattice congruences. An equivalence relation  $\theta$  on a lattice is a *lattice congruence* if  $a\theta b$  and  $c\theta d$  imply  $(a \vee c)\theta(b \vee d)$  and  $(a \wedge c)\theta(b \wedge d)$ . We shall sometimes write  $a \equiv b(\theta)$  in place of  $a\theta b$ . With respect to the order  $\theta \leq \theta'$  if and only if  $a\theta b$  implies  $a\theta' b$ , the set of all lattice congruences on a lattice  $L$  is a complete lattice, denoted by  $\Theta(L)$ , with meet and join given as follows:

**THEOREM 1.7.** *Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $\Gamma$  a subset of  $\Theta(L)$ .*

(i)  $a \equiv b(\bigwedge \Gamma)$  if and only if  $a\gamma b$  for all  $\gamma \in \Gamma$ .

(ii)  $a \equiv b(\bigvee \Gamma)$  if and only if there exist finite sequences  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  of elements of  $L$  and  $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n$  of elements of  $\Gamma$ , such that  $a = a_0$ ,  $a_n = b$ , and  $a_{i-1} \gamma_i a_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

The largest element  $\iota$  of  $\Theta(L)$  is given by  $a\iota b$  for all  $a, b \in L$  and the smallest element  $\omega$  is given by  $a\omega b$  if and only if  $a = b$ .

In [4] it is shown that  $\Theta(L)$  is distributive. In fact we have:

**THEOREM 1.8.** *Let  $L$  be a lattice. The  $\Theta(L)$  is a distributive lattice such that for any family  $\{\theta_\alpha\} \subseteq \Theta(L)$*

$$(\bigvee_\alpha \theta_\alpha) \wedge \psi = \bigvee_\alpha (\theta_\alpha \wedge \psi)$$

for any  $\psi \in \Theta(L)$ .

Thus by Theorem 15, p. 147, of [1] we have:

**THEOREM 1.9.** *For any lattice  $L$ ,  $\Theta(L)$  is pseudo-complemented.*

Finally we mention that if  $\theta \in \Theta(L)$  then  $a\theta b$  if and only if  $x\theta y$  for all  $x, y \in [a \wedge b, a \vee b]$ .

**2. A - P congruences.** In [10] S. Maeda defines annihilator preserving homomorphisms for rings. We shall take the same definition for semigroups with 0.

**DEFINITION 2.1.** A homomorphism  $\phi$  of a semigroup  $S$  with 0 is called an *annihilator preserving (A - P) homomorphism* if for any  $x \in S$ ,  $R(x)\phi = R(x\phi) \cap S\phi$  and  $L(x)\phi = L(x\phi) \cap S\phi$ . A congruence relation  $\rho$  on a semigroup  $S$  is called an *A - P congruence* if the natural

homomorphism induced by  $\rho$  is an  $A - P$  homomorphism.

For any congruence  $\rho$  on a semigroup  $S$  and any  $x \in S$  let  $x/\rho$  denote the equivalence class of  $S/\rho$  containing  $x$ . Similarly for any set  $A \subseteq S$ , let  $A/\rho = \{x/\rho \in S/\rho : x \in A\}$ . If  $S$  has a 0 then  $R(x)/\rho \subseteq R(x/\rho)$  and  $L(x)/\rho \subseteq L(x/\rho)$ . Thus a congruence  $\rho$  is an  $A - P$  congruence if and only if  $R(x/\rho) \subseteq R(x)/\rho$  and  $L(x/\rho) \subseteq L(x)/\rho$ . Note that we are using  $L$  and  $R$  to denote the left and right annihilators both in  $S$  and in  $S/\rho$ .

**THEOREM 2.2.** *Let  $\rho$  be an  $A - P$  congruence on a semigroup  $S$ . If  $e$  and  $f$  are idempotents of  $S$  such that  $Se = L(x)$  and  $fS = R(y)$  for some  $x, y \in S$ , then  $(S/\rho)(e/\rho) = L(x/\rho)$  and  $(f/\rho)(S/\rho) = R(y/\rho)$ . Thus if  $S$  is a Baer semigroup so is  $S/\rho$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\rho$  is an  $A - P$  congruence  $L(x/\rho) = L(x)/\rho$ . Thus  $L(x) = Se$  gives  $L(x/\rho) = L(x)/\rho = (Se)/\rho = (S/\rho)(e/\rho)$ . Similarly  $R(x) = fS$  gives  $R(x/\rho) = (f/\rho)(S/\rho)$ .

We now use an  $A - P$  congruence  $\rho$  on  $S$  to induce a homomorphism of  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  onto  $\mathcal{L}(S/\rho)$ .

**THEOREM 2.3.** *Let  $\rho$  be an  $A - P$  congruence on  $S$ . Then  $\theta_\rho : \mathcal{L}(S) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(S/\rho)$  by  $L(x)\theta_\rho = L(x/\rho)$  is a lattice homomorphism of  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  onto  $\mathcal{L}(S/\rho)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $Se, Sf \in \mathcal{L}(S)$  and note that, by Theorem 2.2,

$$Se\theta_\rho = (S/\rho)(e/\rho) \quad \text{and} \quad Sf\theta_\rho = (S/\rho)(f/\rho).$$

Clearly  $\theta_\rho$  is well defined since if  $L(x) = L(y)$  then

$$L(x/\rho) = L(x)/\rho = L(y)/\rho = L(y/\rho).$$

By Lemma 1.1 (vi),  $She = Se \cap Sf$  where  $Sh = L(ef^r)$ . Applying Theorem 2.2 gives  $(f^r/\rho)(S/\rho) = R(f/\rho)$  and  $(S/\rho)(h/\rho) = L((e/\rho)(f^r/\rho))$ . Thus applying Lemma 1.1 (vi) to  $S/\rho$  yields

$$(S/\rho)(e/\rho) \cap (S/\rho)(f/\rho) = (S/\rho)(h/\rho)(e/\rho) = (S/\rho)(he/\rho).$$

Therefore,  $Se\theta_\rho \cap Sf\theta_\rho = (Se \cap Sf)\theta_\rho$ . By a dual argument  $\theta_\rho^* : \mathcal{R}(S) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(S/\rho)$  by  $R(x)\theta_\rho^* = R(x/\rho)$  is also a meet homomorphism.

By Lemma 1.1 (vi)  $Se \vee Sf = L(R(e) \cap R(f))$ . Let  $gS = R(e) \cap R(f)$  so that  $Se \vee Sf = Sg^l$ . Since  $\theta_\rho^*$  is a meet homomorphism,

$$R(e/\rho) \cap R(f/\rho) = (g/\rho)(S/\rho).$$

Noting that  $L(g/\rho) = (S/\rho)(g'/\rho)$  and applying Lemma 1.1 (vi) to  $S/\rho$  gives

$$(S/\rho)(e/\rho) \vee (S/\rho)(f/\rho) = (S/\rho)(g'/\rho).$$

Thus  $Se\theta_\rho \vee Sf\theta_\rho = (Se \vee Sf)\theta_\rho$  and  $\theta_\rho$  is a lattice homomorphism. Clearly  $\theta_\rho$  is onto.

For any  $A - P$  congruence  $\rho$  on  $S$  let  $\theta_\rho$  denote the lattice congruence  $\theta_\rho \circ \theta_\rho^{-1}$  induced on  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  by  $\theta_\rho$ .

COROLLARY 2.4.  $\mathcal{L}(S)/\theta_\rho \cong \mathcal{L}(S/\rho)$ .

**3. Compatible congruences.** In this section we shall characterise lattice congruence which are induced by an  $A - P$  congruence on a coordinatizing Baer semigroup in the manner given in Theorem 2.3. Since  $L \cong \mathcal{L}(S)$  for any Baer semigroup  $S$  coordinatizing  $L$ , we shall lose no generality by considering only lattices of the form  $\mathcal{L}(S)$ .

The residuated maps  $\phi_x, x \in S$ , defined in Lemma 1.4, play a central role in the theory of Baer semigroups. We shall be interested in equivalence relations on  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  which are compatible with  $\phi_x$  and  $\phi_x^+$ , considered as unary operations on  $\mathcal{L}(S)$ .

DEFINITION 3.1. An equivalence relation  $E$  on  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  is called *compatible with  $S$*  if for any  $x \in S$ ,

$$SeESf \Rightarrow (Se\phi_x)E(Sf\phi_x) \quad \text{and} \quad (Se\phi_x^+)E(Sf\phi_x^+).$$

By [7] Lemma 3.1 and 3.2, pp. 1214–1215,  $Se \cap Sf = Se \cap S\phi_f = Se\phi_f^+\phi_f$ . Dually  $Se \vee Sf = Se\phi_{fr}^+\phi_{fr}$ . Thus we have:

LEMMA 3.3. *Any equivalence relation compatible with  $S$  is a lattice congruence.*

We now consider an  $A - P$  congruence  $\rho$  on  $S$  and  $\theta_\rho$ , the lattice congruence induced on  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  by  $\rho$  as in Theorem 2.3.

THEOREM 3.4. *Let  $\rho$  be an  $A - P$  congruence on  $S$ . Then  $\theta_\rho$  is compatible with  $S$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $Se\theta_\rho Sf$  if and only if  $(S/\rho)(e/\rho) = (S/\rho)(f/\rho)$ ,  $Se\theta_\rho Sf$  implies  $(e/\rho) = (e/\rho)(f/\rho)$  and  $(f/\rho) = (f/\rho)(e/\rho)$ . Note that for any  $y \in S$ ,  $LR(y)\theta_\rho = LR(y/\rho)$ . If  $Se\theta_\rho Sf$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}(Se\phi_x)\theta_\rho &= LR((ex)/\rho) = LR((e/\rho)(x/\rho)) \\ &= LR((e/\rho)(f/\rho)(x/\rho)) \subseteq LR((f/\rho)(x/\rho)) = (Sf\phi_x)\theta_\rho.\end{aligned}$$

By symmetry  $(Sf\phi_x)\theta_\rho = (Se\phi_x)\theta_\rho$  ie.  $Se\phi_x\theta_\rho Sf\phi_x$ .

Now  $R(e/\rho) = R((e/\rho)(f/\rho)) \supseteq R(f/\rho) = R((f/\rho)(e/\rho)) \supseteq R(e/\rho)$ . Thus  $(e^r/\rho)(S/\rho) = (f^r/\rho)(S/\rho)$ . But

$$(Se\phi_x^+)\theta_\rho = L(xe^r)\theta_\rho = L((xe^r)/\rho) = L((x/\rho)(e^r/\rho))$$

and similarly  $(Sf\phi_x^+)\theta_\rho = L((x/\rho)(f^r/\rho))$ . Clearly  $y/\rho \in L((x/\rho)(e^r/\rho))$  if and only if  $(y/\rho)(x/\rho) \in L((e^r/\rho)(S/\rho)) = L((f^r/\rho)(S/\rho))$ . Thus we have  $(Se\phi_x^+)\theta_\rho = (Sf\phi_x^+)\theta_\rho$ . Therefore,  $Se\phi_x^+\theta_\rho Sf\phi_x^+$  and  $\theta_\rho$  is compatible with  $S$ .

By the following theorem every congruence compatible with  $S$  is determined by its kernel in a very nice way.

**THEOREM 3.5.** *Let  $\theta$  be a congruence compatible with  $S$ . Then the following are equivalent.*

- (i)  $Se\theta Sf$ .
- (ii)  $Se\phi_{fr} \vee Sf\phi_{er} \in \ker \theta$ .
- (iii) *There is an  $Sg \in \ker \theta$  such that  $Se \vee Sf = Se \vee Sg = Sf \vee Sg$ .*

*Proof* (i)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) Since  $\theta$  is compatible with  $S$ ,  $Se\theta Sf$  gives  $Se\phi_{fr}\theta Sf\phi_{er} = (0)$ , i.e.,  $Se\phi_{fr} \in \ker \theta$ . By symmetry  $Sf\phi_{er} \in \ker \theta$  so we have (ii).

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (iii) Let  $Sg = Se\phi_{fr} \vee Sf\phi_{er} \in \ker \theta$  and claim  $Se \vee Sg = Sf \vee Sg$ , i.e.,

$$LR(e) \vee LR(ef^r) \vee LR(fe^r) = LR(f) \vee LR(ef^r) \vee LR(fe^r).$$

By Lemma 1.1 (v) this is equivalent to

$$R(e) \cap R(ef^r) \cap R(fe^r) = R(f) \cap R(ef^r) \cap R(fe^r).$$

Let  $x \in R(e) \cap R(ef^r) \cap R(fe^r)$ . Then  $x = e^rx$  and  $fx = fe^rx = 0$  so  $x \in R(f) \cap R(ef^r) \cap R(fe^r)$ . By symmetry

$$R(e) \cap R(ef^r) \cap R(fe^r) = R(f) \cap R(ef^r) \cap R(fe^r)$$

so we have  $Se \vee Sg = Sf \vee Sg$ . To show that  $Se \vee Sf = Se \vee Sg = Sf \vee Sg$  we need only show that  $Sg \subseteq Se \vee Sf$ . This is equivalent to  $R(e) \cap R(f) \subseteq R(ef^r) \cap R(fe^r)$ . But if  $x \in R(e) \cap R(f)$  then  $x = e^rx = f^rx$ , so  $ef^rx = ex = 0$  and  $fe^rx = fx = 0$ , i.e.,  $x \in R(ef^r) \cap R(fe^r)$ .

(iii)  $\Rightarrow$  (i) If  $Se \vee Sg = Sf \vee Sg$  and  $Sg\theta(0)$  then  $Se\theta Se \vee Sg = Sf \vee Sg\theta Sf$ .



A congruence  $\theta$  on a lattice is called *standard* if there is an ideal  $S$  such that  $a\theta b$  if and only if  $a \vee b = (a \wedge b) \vee s$  for some  $s \in S$ .

**COROLLARY 3.6.** *Any congruence  $\theta$  compatible with  $S$  is a standard congruence.*

*Proof.* Since  $\theta$  is a lattice congruence  $Se\theta Sf$  if and only if  $(Se \vee Sf)\theta(Se \cap Sf)$ . By Theorem 3.5 this is equivalent to

$$(Se \vee Sf) \vee (Se \cap Sf) = Se \vee Sf = (Se \cap Sf) \vee Sg$$

for some  $Sg \in \ker \theta$ .

Thus by Lemma 7, p. 36, of [5] we have :

**COROLLARY 3.7.** *Compatible congruences are permutable.*

By Theorem 3.5 every congruence compatible with  $S$  is determined by its kernel. Since, by Theorem 3.4,  $\theta_\rho$  is compatible with  $S$  for any  $A - P$  congruence  $\rho$  on  $S$  we know that  $\theta_\rho$  is determined by its kernel. By the following lemma,  $\theta_\rho$  is also uniquely determined by  $\ker \rho$ .

**LEMMA 3.8.** *Let  $\rho$  be an  $A - P$  congruence on  $S$ . Then  $x \in \ker \rho$  if and only if  $LR(x) \in \ker \theta_\rho$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in \ker \rho$ . Then  $x\rho 0 \Rightarrow x y \rho 0$  for any  $y \in S$ . Thus  $R(x/\rho) = S/\rho$  so that  $LR(x/\rho) = L(S/\rho) = (0/\rho)$ , i.e.,  $LR(x) \in \ker \theta_\rho$ . If we let  $LR(x) \in \ker \theta_\rho$  then  $LR(x/\rho) = (0/\rho)$ . Thus  $R(x/\rho) = RLR(x/\rho) = R(0/\rho) = S/\rho$  which gives  $x/\rho = 0/\rho$  and we have  $x \in \ker \rho$ .

That  $\theta$  should be determined completely by  $\ker \rho$  is unexpected since an  $A - P$  congruence need not be determined by its kernel. For clearly the congruence  $\omega$  given by  $x\omega y$  if and only if  $x = y$  is an  $A - P$  congruence with kernel  $\{0\}$  as is the congruence  $\rho_0$  given by  $x\rho_0 y$  if and only if  $\phi_x = \phi_y$ . Clearly  $\rho_0$  is not generally equal to  $\omega$ . It turns out that  $\rho_0$  is the largest  $A - P$  congruence with kernel  $\{0\}$ . Our next project shall be to start with a congruence  $\theta$  compatible with  $S$  and determine the existence of an  $A - P$  congruence  $\lambda$  on  $S$ , such that  $\theta = \theta_\lambda$ . By lemma 3.8 we shall have to construct  $\lambda$  so that  $\ker \lambda = \{x \in S : LR(x) \in \ker \theta\}$ .

For any congruence  $\theta$  on  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  let  $Se/\theta$  denote the equivalence class of  $\mathcal{L}(S)/\theta$  containing  $Se$ .

LEMMA 3.9. *Let  $\theta$  be a congruence compatible with  $S$ . For each  $x \in S$  define  $\Phi_x$ ;  $\mathcal{L}(S)/\theta \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(S)/\theta$  by  $(Se/\theta)\Phi_x = (Se\phi_x)/\theta$ . Then  $\Phi_x$  is residuated with residual  $\Phi_x^+$  given by  $(Se/\theta)\Phi_x^+ = (Se\phi_x^+)/\theta$ .*

*Proof.* Clearly  $\Phi_x$  and  $\Phi_x^+$  are well defined since  $\theta$  is compatible with  $S$ . We shall use Lemma 1.3 (iv), i.e., we shall show that the inverse image of a principal ideal is principal. Let  $Sf/\theta \in [(0)/\theta, Se/\theta]\Phi_x^{-1}$ . Then  $(Sf/\theta)\Phi_x = (Sf\phi_x)/\theta = (Sf\phi_x)/\theta \cap Se/\theta = (Sf\phi_x \cap Se)/\theta$ . This gives  $Sf\phi_x\theta(Sf\phi_x \cap Se)$  so by compatibility with  $S$ ,

$$Sf \subseteq Sf\phi_x\phi_x^+\theta(Sf\phi_x \cap Se)\phi_x^+ \subseteq Se\phi_x^+.$$

Thus in  $\mathcal{L}(S)/\theta$ ,  $Sf/\theta \subseteq (Sf\phi_x\phi_x^+)/\theta = (Sf\phi_x \cap Se)\phi_x^+/\theta \subseteq (Se/\theta)\Phi_x^+$ , i.e.,  $[(0)/\theta, Se/\theta]\Phi_x^{-1} \subseteq [(0)/\theta, (Se/\theta)\Phi_x^+]$ . Now let  $Sf/\theta \subseteq (Se/\theta)\Phi_x^+$ . Then

$$Sf/\theta = Sf/\theta \cap [(Se/\theta)\Phi_x^+] = Sf/\theta \cap (Se\phi_x^+)/\theta = (Sf \cap Se\phi_x^+)/\theta$$

i.e.,  $Sf\theta(Sf \cap Se\phi_x^+)$ . By compatibility with  $S$

$$Sf\phi_x\theta[(Sf \cap Se\phi_x^+)\phi_x] \subseteq Se\phi_x^+\phi_x \subseteq Se.$$

Hence  $(Sf/\theta)\Phi_x = (Sf\phi_x)/\theta = (Sf \cap Se\phi_x^+)\phi_x/\theta \subseteq Se/\theta$ . Therefore,

$$[(0)/\theta, Se/\theta]\Phi_x^{-1} = [(0)/\theta, (Sf/\theta)\Phi_x^+]$$

and by Lemma 1.3 (iv),  $\Phi_x$  is residuated with residual  $\Phi_x^+$ .

For any equivalence relation  $E$  on  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  we can define a left congruence  $\lambda_E$  on  $S$  by taking  $x\lambda_E y$  if and only if  $(Se\phi_x)E(Se\phi_y)$  for all  $Se \in \mathcal{L}(S)$ . Similarly,  $x\rho_E y$  if and only if  $(Se\phi_x^+)E(Se\phi_y^+)$  for all  $Se \in \mathcal{L}(S)$ , defines a right congruence on  $S$ .

LEMMA 3.10. *If  $\theta$  is a congruence compatible with  $S$  then  $\lambda_\theta = \rho_\theta$ . Thus  $\lambda_\theta$  is a congruence on  $S$ .*

*Proof.* By definition  $x\lambda_\theta y$  if and only if  $\Phi_x = \Phi_y$ . But  $\Phi_x = \Phi_y$  if and only if  $\Phi_x^+ = \Phi_y^+$  which is equivalent to  $x\rho_\theta y$ .

THEOREM 3.11. *Let  $\theta$  be a congruence compatible with  $S$ . Then  $\lambda_\theta$  is an  $A - P$  congruence on  $S$ .*

*Proof.* We know that  $\lambda_\theta$  is an  $A - P$  congruence if and only if  $L(y/\lambda_\theta) \subseteq L(y)/\lambda_\theta$  and  $R(y/\lambda_\theta) \subseteq R(y)/\lambda_\theta$  for all  $y \in S$ . We shall start with  $x/\lambda_\theta \in L(y/\lambda_\theta)$  and show that  $x/\lambda_\theta = xe/\lambda_\theta$  where  $Se = L(y)$ . This, of course, is equivalent to  $\Phi_x = \Phi_{xe}$ .

Let  $x/\lambda_\theta \in L(y/\lambda_\theta)$  so that  $xy \in \ker \lambda_\theta$ . Thus  $Sf\phi_{xy}\theta Sf\phi_0 = (0)$  for all  $Sf \in \mathcal{L}(S)$ . In particular,  $S\phi_{xy}\theta(0)$  so for any  $Sf \in \mathcal{L}(S)$ ,

$$Sf\phi_x \subseteq S\phi_x \subseteq S\phi_x\phi_y\phi_y^+ = (S\phi_{xy}\phi_y^+)\mathcal{E}(0)\phi_y^+ = L(y) = Se.$$

Thus  $Sf\phi_x = (Sf\phi_x \cap S\phi_{xy}\phi_x^+)\theta(Se \cap Sf\phi_x)$ . Now if  $Sg \subseteq Se$  then  $g = ge$  so  $Sg\phi_e = LR(ge) = LR(g) = Sg$ . Thus applying  $\phi_e$  to both sides of the above gives  $Sf\phi_{xe} = Sf\phi_x\phi_e\theta(Se \cap Sf\phi_x)\phi_e = Se \cap Sf\phi_x$ . By transitivity  $Sf\phi_{xe}\theta Sf\phi_x$  and so  $xe\lambda_\theta x$ . Since  $xe \in L(y)$  this gives  $x/\lambda_\theta \in L(y)/\lambda_\theta$ .

The argument to show  $R(y/\lambda_\theta) = R(y)/\lambda_\theta$  is exactly dual to the above but will be included. We have  $x/\lambda_\theta \in R(y/\lambda_\theta)$  if and only if  $yx \in \ker \lambda_\theta$ . By Lemma 3.10 and the definition of  $\rho_\theta$  this is equivalent to  $Sf\phi_{yx}^+\theta Sf\phi_0^+ = L(0) = S$  for all  $Sf \in \mathcal{L}(S)$ . In particular  $(0)\phi_{yx}^+\theta S$ . By Lemma 1.3 (i)  $\phi_{yx}^+ = \phi_x^+\phi_y^+$  so for any  $Sf \in \mathcal{L}(S)$  we have

$$Sf\phi_x^+ \supseteq (0)\phi_x^+ \supseteq (0)\phi_x^+\phi_y^+\phi_y^+ = (0)\phi_{yx}^+\phi_y\theta S\phi_y.$$

Thus  $Sf\phi_x^+ = (Sf\phi_x^+ \vee (0)\phi_{yx}^+\phi_y)\theta(S\phi_y \vee Sf\phi_x^+)$ . Let  $eS = R(y)$  and note that  $S\phi_y = LR(y) = L(e)$ . Now  $L(e) \subseteq Sg$  implies  $eS = RL(e) \supseteq R(g) = g^rS$  so  $g^r = eg^r$ . Thus  $Sg\phi_e^+ = L(eg^r) = L(g^r) = LR(g) = Sg$ . Since  $L(e) = S\phi_y \subseteq S\phi_y \vee Sf\phi_x^+$ , applying  $\phi_e^+$  to both sides of the above gives;  $Sf\phi_{ex}^+ = Sf\phi_x^+\phi_e^+\theta(S\phi_y \vee Sf\phi_x^+)\phi_e^+ = S\phi_y \vee Sf\phi_x^+$ . By transitivity  $Sf\phi_x^+\theta Sf\phi_{ex}^+$  so by Lemma 3.10  $x\lambda_\theta ex$ . Since  $ex \in R(y)$  this gives  $x/\lambda_\theta \in R(y)/\lambda_\theta$ . Thus  $\lambda_\theta$  is an  $A - P$  congruence.

By Theorem 3.11 every congruence  $\theta$  compatible with  $S$  gives rise to an  $A - P$  congruence  $\lambda_\theta$  on  $S$ .

LEMMA 3.12. *Let  $\theta$  be a congruence compatible with  $S$ . Then  $x \in \ker \lambda_\theta$  if and only if  $LR(x) \in \ker \theta$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in \ker \lambda_\theta$ , i.e.,  $Se\phi_x\theta Se\phi_0 = (0)$  for all  $Se \in \mathcal{L}(S)$ . Taking  $Se = S$  gives  $LR(x) \in \ker \theta$ . Let  $LR(x) \in \ker \theta$ . Then for any  $Se \in \mathcal{L}(S)$   $Se\phi_x \subseteq S\phi_x = LR(x)\theta(0) = Se\phi_0$  so  $x \in \ker \lambda_\theta$ .

THEOREM 3.13. *Let  $\theta$  be a congruence compatible with  $S$  and  $\rho = \lambda_\theta$ . Then  $\theta_\rho = \theta$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 3.11  $\rho$  is an  $A - P$  congruence so by Theorem 3.4  $\theta_\rho$  is compatible with  $S$ . By Lemma 3.8 and 3.12  $\ker \theta_\rho = \ker \theta$ . Thus by Theorem 3.5  $\theta_\rho = \theta$ .

We now show that  $\lambda_\theta$  is the largest  $A - P$  congruence which induces  $\theta$ .

COROLLARY 3.14. *Let  $\theta$  be a congruence compatible with  $S$ . If  $\rho$  is an  $A - P$  congruence on  $S$  such that  $\ker \rho = \ker \lambda_\theta$ , then  $\rho \leq \lambda_\theta$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x\theta y$ . Then for any  $Se \in \mathcal{L}(S)$ ,  $ex\theta ey$  so

$$(Se\phi_x)\theta_\rho = LR((ex)/\rho) = LR((ey)/\rho) = (Se\phi_y)\theta_\rho.$$

Thus  $Se\phi_x\theta_\rho Se\phi_y$  and since  $\theta_\rho = \theta$  this gives  $x\lambda_\theta y$ .

**4. Compatible ideals.** In this section ideals which are kernels of congruences compatible with  $S$  are characterised. Clearly if  $\theta$  is a congruence compatible with  $S$  and  $J = \ker \theta$  then  $J\phi_x \subseteq J$  for all  $x \in S$ . Since  $\phi_x$  preserves join (Lemma 1.3 (iii)) the following is clear.

**LEMMA 4.1.** *Let  $J$  be an ideal of  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  such that  $J\phi_x \subseteq J$  for all  $x \in S$ . Define a relation  $R$  on  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  by  $Se R Sf$  if and only if there is an  $Sg \in J$  such that  $Se \vee Sg = Sf \vee Sg$ . Then  $R$  is an equivalence relation and  $Se R Sf \Rightarrow (Se\phi_x) R (Sf\phi_x)$  for all  $x \in S$ .*

In order to find an additional condition on  $J$  which will assure that the relation  $R$  defined in Lemma 4.1 is compatible with  $S$ , it will be valuable to look at certain residuated maps on the lattice  $I(\mathcal{L}(S))$  of all ideals of  $\mathcal{L}(S)$ .

**LEMMA 4.2.** *For each  $x \in S$  let  $\hat{\phi}_x : I(\mathcal{L}(S)) \rightarrow I(\mathcal{L}(S))$  be given by  $I\hat{\phi}_x = \{Se \in \mathcal{L}(S) : Se \subseteq Sf\phi_x \text{ for some } Sf \in I\}$ . Then  $\hat{\phi}_x$  is residuated with residual  $\hat{\phi}_x^+$  given by  $I\hat{\phi}_x^+ = \{Se \in \mathcal{L}(S) : Se \subseteq Sf\phi_x^+ \text{ for some } Sf \in I\}$ .*

*Proof.* Clearly  $I\hat{\phi}_x$  and  $I\hat{\phi}_x^+$  are ideals. Also  $\hat{\phi}_x$  and  $\hat{\phi}_x^+$  are clearly isotone. Now since  $Sf \subseteq Sf\phi_x\phi_x^+$ ,  $Sf \in I$  implies  $Sf \in I\hat{\phi}_x\hat{\phi}_x^+$ . Thus  $I \subseteq I\hat{\phi}_x\hat{\phi}_x^+$ . Similarly  $Sf \in I\hat{\phi}_x^+\hat{\phi}_x$  implies  $Sf \subseteq Sg\phi_x^+\phi_x$  for some  $Sg \in I$ . Thus  $Sf \subseteq Sg\phi_x^+\phi_x \subseteq Sg \in I$  so we have  $I\hat{\phi}_x^+\hat{\phi}_x \subseteq I$ .

We will make use of the residuated maps  $\hat{\phi}_x$  to characterise ideals which are kernels of congruences compatible with  $S$ .

**LEMMA 4.3.** *Let  $J$  be an ideal of  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  such that  $J\phi_x \subseteq J$ . Then for any  $I \in I(\mathcal{L}(S))$ ,  $I\hat{\phi}_x^+ \vee J \subseteq (I \vee J)\hat{\phi}_x^+$ .*

*Proof.* Recall that by Lemma 1.3 (iv), for any residuated map  $\phi$  on a lattice  $L$  and any  $a, b \in L$ ,  $a\phi \leq b$  if and only if  $a \leq b\phi^+$ . Now  $(I\hat{\phi}_x^+ \vee J)\hat{\phi}_x = I\hat{\phi}_x^+\hat{\phi}_x \vee J\hat{\phi}_x \subseteq I \vee J$  since  $I\hat{\phi}_x^+\hat{\phi}_x \subseteq I$  and  $J\hat{\phi}_x \subseteq J$ . Thus  $I\hat{\phi}_x^+ \vee J \subseteq (I \vee J)\hat{\phi}_x^+$ .

**COROLLARY 4.4.** *Let  $J$  be an ideal of  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  such that  $J\phi_x \subseteq J$ . Then  $J \subseteq J\phi_x^+$  and for any  $I \in I(\mathcal{L}(S))$  we have*

$$I\hat{\phi}_x^+ \vee J \subseteq I\hat{\phi}_x^+ \vee J\hat{\phi}_x^+ \subseteq (I \vee J)\hat{\phi}_x^+.$$

The next theorem indicates what all of this has to do with congruences compatible with  $S$ .

LEMMA 4.5. *Let  $\theta$  be a congruence compatible with  $S$  and  $J = \ker \theta$ . Then for any  $I \in I(\mathcal{L}(S))$ , and any  $x \in S$ ,*

$$I\phi_x^+ \vee J = I\phi_x^+ \vee J\phi_x^+ = (I \vee J)\phi_x^+.$$

*Proof.* By Corollary 4.4 we need only show that  $(I \vee J)\phi_x^+ \subseteq I\hat{\phi}_x^+ \vee J$ . Thus let  $Se \in I \vee J$ . Then there is an  $Sf \in I$  and an  $Sg \in J$  such that  $Se \subseteq Sf \vee Sg$ . Since  $Sg\theta(0)$  we have  $Sf \vee Sg\theta Sf$ . Thus, by compatibility with  $S$ ,  $Se\phi_x^+ \subseteq (Sf \vee Sg)\phi_x^+ \theta Sf\phi_x^+$ . By Theorem 3.5 there is an  $Sh \in J$  such that  $(Sf \vee Sg)\phi_x^+ \vee Sh = Sf\phi_x^+ \vee Sh$ . This gives  $Se\phi_x^+ \subseteq (Sf \vee Sg)\phi_x^+ \vee Sh = Sf\phi_x^+ \vee Sh$  so that  $Se\phi_x^+ \in I\hat{\phi}_x^+ \vee J$ . Thus  $(I \vee J)\hat{\phi}_x^+ \subseteq I\hat{\phi}_x^+ \vee J$ .

Without further justification we make the following definition.

DEFINITION 4.6. An ideal  $J$  of  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  is called *compatible with  $S$*  if for all  $x \in S$ ,  $J\phi_x \subseteq J$  and, for all  $I \in I(\mathcal{L}(S))$ ,  $I\hat{\phi}_x^+ \vee J = (I \vee J)\hat{\phi}_x^+$ .

THEOREM 4.7. *An ideal  $J$  of  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  is compatible with  $S$  if and only if it is the kernel of a congruence compatible with  $S$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 4.5 the kernel of a congruence compatible with  $S$  is an ideal compatible with  $S$ . Conversely let  $J$  be an ideal compatible with  $S$  and define  $\theta$  by  $Se\theta Sf$  if and only if there is an  $Sg \in J$  such that  $Se \vee Sg = Sf \vee Sg$ . By Lemma 4.1  $\theta$  is an equivalence relation such that  $Se\theta Sf$  implies  $Se\phi_x\theta Sf\phi_x$  for all  $x \in S$ . Let  $Se \vee Sg = Sf \vee Sg$ ,  $Sg \in J$ , i.e., let  $Se\theta Sf$ . Note that

$$(Sf \vee Sg)\phi_x^+ \in [(0), Sf] \vee J\hat{\phi}_x^+ = [(0), Sf\phi_x^+] \vee J$$

and  $(Se \vee Sg)\phi_x^+ \in [(0), Se] \vee J\hat{\phi}_x^+ = [(0), Se\phi_x^+] \vee J$ . Thus there are  $Sh, Sh' \in J$  such that

$$Se\phi_x^+ \subseteq (Se \vee Sg)\phi_x^+ \subseteq Se\phi_x^+ \vee Sh$$

and

$$Sf\phi_x^+ \subseteq (Sf \vee Sg)\phi_x^+ \subseteq Sf\phi_x^+ \vee Sh'.$$

Thus  $Se\phi_x^+ \vee Sh = (Se \vee Sg)\phi_x^+ \vee Sh$  and  $Sh' \vee (Sf \vee Sg)\phi_x^+ = Sf\phi_x^+ \vee Sh'$ . It follows that  $Sf\phi_x^+ \vee (Sh \vee Sh') = Se\phi_x^+ \vee (Sh \vee Sh')$  and since  $Sh \vee Sh' \in J$  we have  $Se\phi_x^+\theta Sf\phi_x^+$ . Thus by Lemma 3.3  $\theta$  is a con-

gruence compatible with  $S$ .

Note that in the proof of Theorem 4.7 the only use made of the hypothesis  $(I \vee J)\hat{\phi}_x^+ = I\hat{\phi}_x^+ \vee J$  was for  $I$  a principal ideal. This observation together with Lemma 4.5 gives.

**COROLLARY 4.8.** *Let  $J$  be an ideal such that  $J\phi_x \subseteq J$  for all  $x \in S$ . Then  $J$  is compatible with  $S$  if and only if for any principal ideal  $I \in I(\mathcal{L}(S))$   $(I \vee J)\hat{\phi}_x^+ = I\hat{\phi}_x^+ \vee J$  for all  $x \in S$ .*

By Corollary 4.8 the situation with ideals compatible with  $S$  is analogous to that with standard ideals. An ideal  $J$  of a lattice  $L$  is *standard* if  $(I \vee J) \wedge K = (I \wedge K) \vee (J \wedge K)$  for all  $I, K \in I(L)$ . By Theorem 2, p. 30, of [5] an ideal is standard if and only if the above holds for all principal ideals  $I, K \in I(L)$ . This similarity is not surprising since by Corollary 3.6, Theorem 4.7, and Theorem 2 of [5] any ideal compatible with  $S$  is a standard ideal. In fact the definition of ideal compatible with  $S$  is closely related to the definition of standard ideal. To see this we need the following:

**LEMMA 4.9.** *For any  $I \in I(\mathcal{L}(S))$  and any  $Se \in \mathcal{L}(S)$ ,*

$$I \cap [(0), Se] = I\hat{\phi}_e^+ \hat{\phi}_e.$$

*Proof.* Clearly  $I \cap [(0), Se] = \{Sf \in \mathcal{L}(S) : Sf \subseteq Sg \cap Se, \text{ for some } Sg \in I\}$ . But  $Sg \cap Se = Sg\hat{\phi}_e^+ \hat{\phi}_e$  so  $I \cap [(0), Se] = I\hat{\phi}_e^+ \hat{\phi}_e$ .

For any ideal for which  $J\phi_x \subseteq J$  Corollary 4.4 gives

$$I\hat{\phi}_x^+ \vee J \subseteq I\hat{\phi}_x^+ \vee J\hat{\phi}_x^+ \subseteq (I \vee J)\hat{\phi}_x^+$$

for all  $I \in I(L)$ . Now  $I\hat{\phi}_x^+ \vee J\hat{\phi}_x^+ = (I \vee J)\hat{\phi}_x^+$  implies

$$(I\hat{\phi}_x^+ \vee J\hat{\phi}_x^+)\phi_x = I\hat{\phi}_x^+ \hat{\phi}_x \vee J\hat{\phi}_x^+ \hat{\phi}_x = (I \vee J)\hat{\phi}_x^+ \hat{\phi}_x.$$

Taking  $x = e$  with  $Se \in \mathcal{L}(S)$  and applying Lemma 4.9 this becomes

$$(I \cap [(0), Se]) \vee (J \cap [(0), Se]) = (I \vee J) \cap [(0), Se].$$

Thus if we had required only  $I\hat{\phi}_e^+ \vee J\hat{\phi}_e^+ = (I \vee J)\hat{\phi}_e^+$  for all  $e$  such that  $Se \in \mathcal{L}(S)$  we would have  $J$  a standard ideal. However, to define an ideal compatible with  $S$  we require the stronger condition that  $I\hat{\phi}_x^+ \vee J = (I \vee J)\hat{\phi}_x^+$  and not only for all idempotents  $x$  such that  $Sx \in \mathcal{L}(S)$  but for all  $x \in S$ .

**5. Compatible elements.** An element  $a$  of a lattice  $L$  is called *standard* if  $x \wedge (a \vee y) = (x \wedge a) \vee (x \wedge y)$  for all  $x, y \in L$ . By Lemma 4, p. 32 of [5] an element is standard if and only if the principal

ideal it generates is a standard ideal.

DEFINITION 5.1. An element  $Se$  of  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  is compatible with  $S$  if  $[(0), Se]$  is an ideal compatible with  $S$ . Let  $\theta_{Se}$  denote the congruence compatible with  $S$  having  $[(0), Se]$  as kernel.

Note that by Corollary 3.6 every element compatible with  $S$  is a standard element of  $\mathcal{L}(S)$ .

It will be convenient to look at co-kernels of congruences compatible with  $S$ .

LEMMA 5.2. Let  $\theta$  be a congruence compatible with  $S$ . Then  $LR(x) \in \ker \theta$  if and only if  $L(x) \in \text{co-ker } \theta$ .

*Proof.* Let  $Sf = LR(x) \in \ker \theta$ . Then  $Sf\phi_x^+\theta(0)\phi_x^+ = L(x)$ . But  $Sf\phi_x^+ = L(xf^r)$  and since  $f^rS = R(f) = R(Sf) = RLR(x) = R(x)$  we have  $Sf\phi_x^+ = L(0) = S$ . Thus  $L(x) \in \text{co-ker } \theta$ . Conversely let  $L(x)\theta S$  and note that  $L(x)\phi_x = LRL(x)\phi_x = LR(x^l)\phi_x = LR(x^lx) = (0)$ . Thus

$$(0) = L(x)\phi_x\theta S\phi_x = LR(x), \quad \text{i.e., } LR(x) \in \ker \theta.$$

LEMMA 5.3. Let  $Se$  be compatible with  $S$ . Then  $Se^l$  is a complement of  $Se$  and  $[Se^l, S] = \text{co-ker } \theta_{Se}$ .

*Proof.* Clearly  $Se \cap Se^l = (0)$ . By Lemma 5.2,  $Se^l\theta_{Se}S$  so, by Theorem 3.5,  $Se^l \vee Se = S$ . Thus we clearly have  $[Se^l, S] \subseteq \text{co-ker } \theta_{Se}$ . Let  $Sf \in \text{co-ker } \theta_{Se}$ . Then  $Sf \vee Se = S$  and since  $Se$  is standard we have  $Se^l = Se^l \cap (Sf \vee Se) = (Se^l \cap Sf) \vee (Se^l \cap Se) = Se^l \cap Sf$ . Thus  $Se^l \subseteq Sf$ , i.e.,  $\text{co-ker } \theta_{Se} = [Se^l, S]$ .

We now wish to characterise elements compatible with  $S$ .

LEMMA 5.4. Let  $Se$  be compatible with  $S$ . Then  $e$  is central in  $S$  and  $eS = RL(e)$ .

*Proof.* By Lemma 5.2,  $Se^l \in \text{co-ker } \theta_{Se}$ . Since  $Se^l = LR(e^l) = L(e^{lr})$  applying Lemma 5.2 again gives  $LR(e^{lr}) \in \ker \theta_{Se}$ , i.e.,  $LR(e^{lr}) \subseteq Se$ . Thus  $e^{lr} = e^{lr}e$ . But  $e^le = 0$  implies  $e \in R(e^l)$  so  $e = e^{lr}e$ . Thus  $e = e^{lr}$  so  $eS = R(e^l) = RL(e)$ . By Lemma 5.3,  $Se^l\phi_x^+ \subseteq Se^l$  and  $Se^l\phi_x^+ = L(xe^{lr}) = L(xe)$ . Thus  $RL(xe) \subseteq R(e^l) = RL(e) = eS$  so  $xe = exe$ . But  $Se\phi_x \subseteq Se$  so  $ex = exe = xe$ , i.e.,  $e$  is central in  $S$ .

We can use any central idempotent of  $S$  to induce an  $A - P$  congruence on  $S$  as follows:

LEMMA 5.5. Let  $e$  be central in  $S$  and define a relation  $\rho$  on  $S$

by  $x\rho y$  if and only if  $xe = ye$ . Then  $\rho$  is an  $A - P$  congruence on  $S$  and  $\ker \rho = Se^l$ .

*Proof.* Clearly  $\rho$  is a congruence on  $S$ . Let  $y/\rho \in L(x/\rho)$ . Then  $0/\rho = (y/\rho)(x/\rho) = (yx)/\rho$  so  $yxe = 0$ . But  $yxe = (ye)x$  so  $ye \in L(x)$ . Thus  $ye = (ye)e$  gives  $y/\rho = (ye)/\rho \in L(x)/\rho$ . Similarly  $R(x/\rho) \subseteq R(x)/\rho$ . Clearly  $x/\rho = 0/\rho$  if and only if  $x \in L(e) = Se^l$ .

LEMMA 5.6. *If  $e$  is central in  $S$  then  $Se^l$  is compatible with  $S$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $e$  is central  $x\rho y$  if and only if  $xe = ye$  is an  $A - P$  congruence with kernel  $Se^l$ . By Lemma 3.8,  $LR(x) \in \ker \theta_\rho$  if and only if  $x \in Se^l$ . But  $x \in Se^l$  if and only if  $x = xe^l$  if and only if  $LR(x) \subseteq Se^l$ . Thus  $\ker \theta_\rho = [(0), Se^l]$  so that  $Se^l$  is compatible with  $S$ .

We can now characterise elements compatible with  $S$  as follows :

THEOREM 5.7. *Let  $Se \in \mathcal{L}(S)$ . Then  $Se$  is compatible with  $S$  if and only if  $e$  is central in  $S$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $e$  be central in  $S$ . By Lemma 5.6,  $Se^l$  is compatible with  $S$ . Now  $L(e) = R(e)$  so  $Se^l = e^r S$ . Thus  $e^l = e^r e^l = e^r$ . By Lemma 5.6,  $Se^l = Se^r$  compatible with  $S$  gives  $Se^{rl}$  compatible with  $S$ . But  $Se^{rl} = LR(e^{rl}) = LR(e) = Se$ . Thus  $Se$  is compatible with  $S$ . The converse is Lemma 5.4.

Note that  $Se$  is compatible with  $S$  if and only if  $Se^l$  is compatible with  $S$ . Thus, by Lemma 5.3, if either  $Se$  or  $Se^l$  is compatible with  $S$  then  $Se$  and  $Se^l$  are standard elements of  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  which are complements. Thus by Theorem 7.3, p. 300, of [6] we have.

THEOREM 5.8. *If either  $Se$  or  $Se^l$  is compatible with  $S$  then :*

- (i) *Both  $Se$  and  $Se^l$  are compatible with  $S$ .*
- (ii) *Both  $Se$  and  $Se^l$  are central in  $\mathcal{L}(S)$ .*
- (iii)  *$\theta_{Se}$  and  $\theta_{Se^l}$  are complements in  $\theta(\mathcal{L}(S))$ .*

COROLLARY 5.9. *Let  $Se \in \mathcal{L}(S)$ . Then if  $e$  is central in  $S$ ,  $Se$  is central in  $\mathcal{L}(S)$ .*

5. The lattice of compatible congruences. From the formula for meet and join in  $\theta(L)$  (see Theorem 1.7) it is clear that both the meet and the join of any family of congruences compatible with  $S$  are congruences compatible with  $S$ . Thus, applying Theorem 1.8, we have.



**THEOREM 6.1.** *The lattice  $\theta_s(\mathcal{L}(S))$  of all congruence compatible with  $S$  is a subcomplete sublattice of  $\theta(\mathcal{L}(S))$ . Thus  $\theta_s(\mathcal{L}(S))$  is an uppercontinuous distributive lattice.*

It follows from [1], Theorem 15, p. 147, that  $\theta_s(\mathcal{L}(S))$  is pseudo-complemented. If  $\theta \in \theta_s(\mathcal{L}(S))$  we shall use  $\theta^*$  to denote the pseudo-complement of  $\theta$  in  $\theta(\mathcal{L}(S))$  and  $\theta'$  to denote the pseudo-complement of  $\theta$  in  $\theta_s(\mathcal{L}(S))$ .

In [9], Theorem 4.17 (iii), it is shown that for a complete relatively complemented lattice  $L$ ,  $\theta(L)$  is a *Stone lattice* in the sense that every pseudo-complement has a complement. The remainder of this section is devoted to showing that for suitable choice of  $S$ ,  $\theta_s(\mathcal{L}(S))$  is a Stone lattice.

We first look at the left and right annihilators of the kernel of an  $A - P$  congruence.

**LEMMA 6.2.** *Let  $\rho$  be an  $A - P$  congruence on  $S$  and  $J = \ker \rho$ . Then  $L(J) = R(J)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $x \in J$  and  $y \in L(J)$ . If  $z \in J$  then  $xyz = 0$ . Thus  $J \subseteq R(xy)$  so that  $L(J) \supseteq LR(xy)$ . Let  $LR(xy) = Sf$  and note that  $f \in L(J)$ . Since  $J$  is an ideal,  $xy \in J$ , i.e.,  $xy/\rho = 0/\rho$ . Thus

$$f/\rho \in LR(xy)/\rho = LR(xy/\rho) = LR(0/\rho) = (0/\rho)$$

so  $f \in J$ . But then we have  $f \in J \cap L(J)$  so  $f = f^2 = 0$ . This gives  $LR(xy) = (0)$  which implies  $xy = 0$ . Thus  $L(J) \subseteq R(J)$ . By symmetry  $R(J) \subseteq L(J)$  so  $R(J) = L(J)$ .

Recall that a semigroup  $S$  is a complete Baer semigroup if the left and right annihilators of an arbitrary subset of  $S$  are principal left and right ideals generated by idempotents. Also (Theorem 1.6) as  $S$  ranges over all complete Baer semigroups  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  ranges over all complete lattices.

**LEMMA 6.3.** *Let  $S$  be a complete Baer semigroup,  $\theta$  a congruence compatible with  $S$ , and  $Se = \cap \text{co-ker } \theta$ . Then  $Se$  is compatible with  $S$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $J = \ker \lambda_\theta$ . By Lemmas 5.2 and 3.12,  $x \in J$  if and only if  $L(x) \in \text{co-ker } \theta$ . Thus  $L(J) \subseteq Se$  since  $L(J) \subseteq L(x)$  for all  $x \in J$ . But  $Se \subseteq L(x)$  for all  $x \in J$  gives  $Se \subseteq L(J)$ . Thus  $Se = L(J)$ . Now by Lemma 6.2,  $L(J) = R(J)$  and since  $S$  is a complete Baer semigroup there is an idempotent  $f \in S$  such that  $fS = R(J)$ . Then

$fS = Se$  so  $e = fe = f$ . Since  $Se = eS$  is an ideal we have  $ex = exe = xe$  for all  $x \in S$ . Thus  $e$  is central in  $S$  so by Theorem 5.7,  $Se$  is compatible with  $S$ .

We can now characterise the kernel of the pseudo-complement of a congruence compatible with a complete Baer semigroup.

**THEOREM 6.4.** *Let  $S$  be a complete Baer semigroup and  $\theta$  a congruence compatible with  $S$ . Then  $\ker \theta^*$  is a principal ideal generated by an element of  $\mathcal{L}(S)$  which is compatible with  $S$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $Se = \cap \text{co-ker } \theta$  and  $J = \ker \lambda_\theta$ . By Lemma 6.3,  $Se$  is compatible with  $S$ . But  $Se = L(J) = R(J)$  and  $x \in J$  if and only if  $LR(x) \in \ker \theta$  gives  $Se \cap Sf = (0)$  for all  $Sf \in \ker \theta$ . Thus  $\ker \theta_{Se} \cap \ker \theta = (0)$  so by Theorem 3.5,  $\theta_{Se} \wedge \theta = \omega$ . By definition of pseudo-complement we have  $\theta_{Se} \leq \theta^*$  so  $[(0), Se] = \ker \theta_{Se} \subseteq \ker \theta^*$ . Now let  $Sg \in \text{co-ker } \theta$  and  $Sf \in \ker \theta^*$ . Then  $(Sf \cap Sg)\theta(Sf \cap S) = Sf$  and  $(Sf \cap Sg)\theta^*(0)$ . Since  $(0)\theta^*Sf$  we have  $(Sf \cap Sg) \equiv Sf(\theta \wedge \theta^*)$ . This gives  $Sf \cap Sg = Sf$  so  $Sf \subseteq Sg$ . Thus  $Sf \subseteq Se$  and  $\ker \theta^* \subseteq [(0), Se]$ . We, therefore, have  $\ker \theta^* = [(0), Se]$  and since  $Se$  is compatible with  $S$  this completes the proof.

We clearly have  $\theta' \subseteq \theta^*$ . Since  $\ker \theta^*$  is a principal ideal generated by an element  $Se$  compatible with  $S$ , it is clear that  $\theta' = \theta_{Se}$ . By Theorem 5.8,  $Se'$  is compatible with  $S$  and  $\theta_{Se'}$  is a complement of  $\theta_{Se}$  in  $\theta_S(\mathcal{L}(S))$ .

**THEOREM 6.5.** *Let  $S$  be a complete Baer semigroup. Then  $\theta_S(\mathcal{L}(S))$  is a Stone lattice.*

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