

15. On the Structure of Algebraic Systems

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The structure of an algebraic system A has been discussed by K. Shoda²⁾³⁾⁴⁾ under the following conditions:

SI. A has a null-element.

SII. The subsystem generated by any two normal subsystems of A is normal in A .

SIII. The meromorphism of any two algebraic systems which are homomorphic to A is always class-meromorphism.

(SII and SIII are assumed for any subsystem of A .)

G. Birkhoff has introduced in his book¹⁾ the following condition which is equivalent to SIII: all congruences on A are permutable.

In the present paper we shall give a new definition of normal subsystems, and study on the normal subsystems and the congruences of an algebraic system A (§1). Moreover under weaker conditions than SII, SIII (§2), we shall discuss the Jordan-Hölder-Schreier theorem (§3) and the Remak-Schmidt-Ore theorem for A (§4).

§1. Normal Subsystems and Congruences. Throughout this paper we put the following conditions on the algebraic system A to keep out the complication.

0. All compositions are binary and single valued, moreover any two elements may be composable by any composition.

I. A has a null-element e ($ea = e$ for any composition a).

A subset B of A is called a *subsystem* if B is closed under any composition of A and contains e .

Let $f(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$ be a polynomial by compositions of A . In the following $f(X, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ denotes the set $\{f(x, x_2, \dots, x_n) : x \in X\}$, where $X \subset A$, $x_2, \dots, x_n \in A$. Then $f(X, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is of course a subset of A .

Definition 1. A subset C is called a *coset* if and only if the following condition holds for any polynomial $f(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n)$ and any elements $x_2, \dots, x_n \in A$,

$$f(C, x_2, \dots, x_n) \cap C \neq \emptyset \text{ implies } f(C, x_2, \dots, x_n) \subset C.$$

A coset C is called a *normal subsystem*, when C forms a subsystem of A .

Theorem 1. Any coset C is a residue class of a congruence and conversely.