

CONGRUENCE RELATION ON A*-ALGEBRAS

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Abstract: This paper presents theorems on congruence relation on A-algebras.*

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Definition 1: An algebra $(A, \wedge, *, (-)^\sim, (-)_\pi, 1)$ is an A*-algebra if it satisfies:

$$\begin{aligned} a_\pi \vee (a_\pi)^\sim &= 1, (a_\pi)_\pi = a_\pi \text{ where } a \vee b = (a^\sim \wedge b^\sim)^\sim \\ a_\pi \vee b_\pi &= b_\pi \vee a_\pi \\ (a_\pi \vee b_\pi) \vee c_\pi &= a_\pi \vee (b_\pi \vee c_\pi) \\ (a_\pi \wedge b_\pi) \vee (a_\pi \wedge (b_\pi)^\sim) &= a_\pi \\ (a \wedge b)_\pi &= a_\pi \wedge b_\pi, (a \wedge b)^\# = a^\# \vee b^\# \text{ where} \\ a^\# &= (a_\pi \vee a^\sim_\pi)^\sim \\ a^\sim_\pi &= (a_\pi \vee a^\#)^\sim, a^\sim^\# = a^\# \\ (a * b)_\pi &= a_\pi, (a * b)^\# = (a_\pi)^\sim \wedge (b^\sim_\pi)^\sim \\ a = b &\text{ if and only if } a_\pi = b_\pi, a^\# = b^\#. \end{aligned}$$

We write 0 for 1^\sim , 2 for $0 * 1$.

Remark: The motivation for the operation $*$ is the “disjointification” of the familiar rectangular bands of semigroup theory which provide an equational way of the composing a set into a Cartesian product with two factors.

Example: $3 = \{0, 1, 2\}$ with the operations defined below is an A*- algebra.

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|----------|---|---|---|--|--------|---|---|---|
| \wedge | 0 | 1 | 2 | | \vee | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

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|-----|---|---|---|--|----------|---|---|---|
| $*$ | 0 | 1 | 2 | | x | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | | x^\sim | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | x_π | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | | $x^\#$ | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Note: From Definition 1 (i) through (iv) and Huntington’s Theorem $B(A) = \{a_\pi \mid a \in A\}$ is a Boolean algebra with $\wedge, \vee, (-)^\sim, 0$ and a $\bar{} B(A) \Rightarrow a_\pi = a$. Since $1, 0, (a_\pi)^\sim \in B(A)$, we have $1_\pi = 1, 0_\pi = 0, (a_\pi)^\sim_\pi = (a_\pi)^\sim$ and $a_\pi \wedge a^\# = 0, a * 0 = a_\pi$.

Lemma 1: For any x, y, z in an A*- algebra

$$x^{\sim\sim} = x$$

$$\begin{aligned} (x \wedge y)^\sim_\pi &= (x^\sim \wedge y)_\pi \vee (x \wedge y^\sim)_\pi \vee (x^\sim \wedge y^\sim)_\pi \\ (x \vee y)_\pi &= (x^\sim \wedge y)_\pi \vee (x \wedge y^\sim)_\pi \vee (x \wedge y)_\pi \\ x \wedge (y \vee z) &= (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2: For any x, y in A

$$\begin{aligned} (x * y)^\sim_\pi &= (x_\pi)^\sim \wedge (y^\sim)_\pi \\ x &= x_\pi * (x^\sim)_\pi^\sim = (x_\pi) * x^\# \end{aligned}$$

If $x = e * f$, where $e, f \in B(A)$, $e \wedge f = 0$, then $x_\pi = e$, $x^\# = f$.

Theorem 1: Every A^* -algebra $(A, \wedge, *, (-)^\sim_\pi, (-)^\sim, 1)$ satisfies the following conditions:

For x, y, z in A

$$\begin{aligned} x \wedge (y \wedge z) &= (x \wedge y) \wedge z \\ x \wedge y &= y \wedge x \\ x \wedge x &= x \\ 1 \wedge x &= x \\ x^\sim^\sim &= x \\ x \wedge (y \vee z) &= (x \wedge y) \vee (x \wedge z) \text{ where } x \vee y = (x^\sim \wedge y^\sim)^\sim \\ 1_\pi &= 1 \\ [(x_\pi)^\sim]_\pi &= (x_\pi)^\sim \\ (x \wedge y)_\pi &= x_\pi \wedge y_\pi \\ (x \wedge x^\sim)_\pi &= 0 \text{ where } 1^\sim = 0 \\ x_\pi \wedge (x_\pi \vee y_\pi) &= x_\pi \\ (x \wedge y)^\sim_\pi &= (x \wedge y^\sim)_\pi \vee (x^\sim \wedge y)_\pi \vee (x^\sim \wedge y^\sim)_\pi \\ (x_\pi)_\pi &= x_\pi \\ (x * y)_\pi &= x_\pi \\ (x * y)^\sim_\pi &= (x_\pi)^\sim \wedge (y^\sim)_\pi \\ x &= x_\pi * (x^\sim)_\pi^\sim \end{aligned}$$

E.G. Manes around 1989, in a rough draft of his paper entitled “The Equational Theory of Disjoint Alternatives”, the algebra $(A, \wedge, *, (-)^\sim_\pi, (-)^\sim, 1)$ satisfying Th.1(i) through (xvi) called as an ada, which however differs from the definition of an ada.

Theorem 2: An algebra $(A, \wedge, *, (-)^\sim, (-)^\sim_\pi, 1)$ satisfying axioms of the above theorem is an A^* -algebra.

Definition 2: Let $(A, \wedge, *, (-)^\sim, (-)^\sim_\pi, 1)$ be an A^* -algebra and $A_1 \subseteq A$, A_1 is called a sub A^* -algebra of A if A_1 is closed under $\wedge, *, (-)^\sim, (-)^\sim_\pi, 0, 1$.

Definition 3: Let $(A_1, \wedge, \vee, (-)^\sim, (-)^\sim_\pi, *, 1)$ and $(A_2, \wedge, \vee, (-)^\sim, (-)^\sim_\pi, *, 1)$ be A^* -algebras. A mapping $f : A_1 \rightarrow A_2$ is called an A^* -homomorphism if

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(i)} \quad f(a \wedge b) &= f(a) \wedge f(b) & \text{(ii)} \quad f(a * b) &= f(a) * f(b) \\ \text{(iii)} \quad f(a_\pi) &= (f(a))_\pi & \text{(iv)} \quad f(a^\sim) &= (f(a))^\sim \end{aligned}$$

- (v) $f(1) = 1$ (vi) $f(0) = 0$.

If in addition f is bijective, then f is called an A*-isomorphism, and A_1, A_2 are said to be isomorphic, denote in symbols $A_1 \cong A_2$.

Definition 4: A congruence relation \emptyset on an A*-algebra is an equivalence relation on A satisfying

- (i) $a \emptyset b \Rightarrow a_\pi \emptyset b_\pi, a^\# \emptyset b^\#, a^\sim \emptyset b^\sim$
 (ii) $a \emptyset b, c \emptyset d \Rightarrow (a * c) \emptyset (b * d), (a \wedge c) \emptyset (b \wedge d)$.

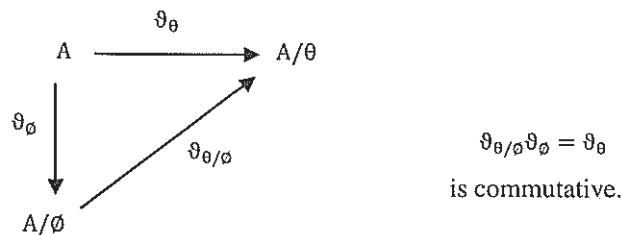
Note: Definition 4 is equivalent to

- (i) $a \emptyset b \Rightarrow a^\sim \emptyset b^\sim$
 (ii) $a \emptyset b, c \emptyset d \Rightarrow (a \wedge c) \emptyset (b \wedge d)$
 (iii) $a \emptyset b, c \emptyset d \Rightarrow (a * c) \emptyset (b * d)$.

Theorem 3: Let \emptyset be a congruence relation on an A*-algebra A. Then $A/\emptyset = \{\emptyset(a) \mid a \in A\}$ is an A*- algebra where operations are defined as follows:

- (i) $\emptyset(a) \wedge \emptyset(b) = \emptyset(a \wedge b)$
 (ii) $\emptyset(a)^\sim = \emptyset(a^\sim)$
 (iii) $\emptyset(a)_\pi = \emptyset(a_\pi)$
 (iv) $\emptyset(a) * \emptyset(b) = \emptyset(a * b)$.

Theorem 4: Suppose A is an A*-algebra and \emptyset is a congruence relation on A. Suppose θ is another congruence on A. Define $\vartheta_{\emptyset/\theta} : A/\emptyset \rightarrow A/\theta$ as $\bar{a}_\emptyset \mapsto \bar{a}_\theta$. Then $\vartheta_{\emptyset/\theta}$ is a map if and only if $\emptyset \subseteq \theta$. So, in this case $\vartheta_{\emptyset/\theta} : \bar{a}_\emptyset \mapsto \bar{a}_\theta$ is a unique map such that



Proof: Claim: $\vartheta_{\emptyset/\theta}$ is a map $\Leftrightarrow \emptyset \subseteq \theta$.

Suppose $\vartheta_{\emptyset/\theta} : A/\emptyset \rightarrow A/\theta$ by $\bar{a}_\emptyset \mapsto \bar{a}_\theta$ is a map.

$$(a, b) \in \emptyset \Rightarrow \bar{a}_\emptyset = \bar{b}_\emptyset \Rightarrow \bar{a}_\theta = \bar{b}_\theta \text{ (since } \vartheta_{\emptyset/\theta} \text{ is a map)} \\ \Rightarrow (a, b) \in \theta.$$

Therefore $\emptyset \subset \theta$.

Conversely suppose that $\emptyset \subset \theta$.

Claim: $\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset} : A/\emptyset \rightarrow A/\theta$ by $\bar{a}_{\emptyset} \mapsto \bar{a}_{\theta}$ is a map.

Suppose $\bar{a}_{\emptyset} = \bar{b}_{\emptyset} \Rightarrow (a, b) \in \emptyset \Rightarrow (a, b) \in \theta (\because \emptyset \subset \theta) \Rightarrow \bar{a}_{\theta} = \bar{b}_{\theta}$.

Therefore $\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}$ is well defined. Therefore $\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}$ is a map.

The diagram is commutative:

Let $a \in A$.

$$(\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset} \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset})(a) = \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(a)) = \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\bar{a}_{\emptyset}) = \bar{a}_{\theta} = \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(a)$$

Therefore $\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset} \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset} = \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}$.

$\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}$ is unique:

Let $\vartheta : A/\emptyset \rightarrow A/\theta$ be a map such that $\vartheta \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset} = \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}$. Let $\bar{a}_{\emptyset} \in A/\emptyset$.

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\bar{a}_{\emptyset}) &= \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(a)) = (\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset} \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset})(a) = \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(a) = (\vartheta \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset})(a) \\ &= \vartheta(\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(a)) = \vartheta(\bar{a}_{\emptyset}). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset} = \vartheta$.

Therefore $\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}$ is unique.

Claim: $\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}$ is a homomorphism.

Let $\bar{a}_{\emptyset}, \bar{b}_{\emptyset} \in A/\emptyset$.

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\bar{a}_{\emptyset} \wedge \bar{b}_{\emptyset}) &= \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\overline{(a \wedge b)}_{\emptyset}) = \overline{(a \wedge b)}_{\theta} = \bar{a}_{\theta} \wedge \bar{b}_{\theta} \\ &= \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(a) \wedge \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(b) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\bar{a}_{\emptyset} * \bar{b}_{\emptyset}) &= \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\overline{(a * b)}_{\emptyset}) = \overline{(a * b)}_{\theta} = \bar{a}_{\theta} * \bar{b}_{\theta} \\ &= \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(a) * \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(b) \end{aligned}$$

$$\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\bar{a}_{\emptyset} \pi) = \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\bar{a}_{\emptyset} \pi_{\emptyset}) = \bar{a}_{\emptyset} \pi_{\theta} = \bar{a}_{\emptyset} \pi_{\theta} = \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\bar{a}_{\emptyset}) \pi$$

$$\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\bar{a}_{\emptyset} \sim) = \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\bar{a}_{\emptyset} \sim_{\emptyset}) = \bar{a}_{\emptyset} \sim_{\theta} = \bar{a}_{\emptyset} \sim_{\theta} = \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\bar{a}_{\emptyset}) \sim$$

$$\text{and } \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\bar{0}_{\emptyset}) = \bar{0}_{\theta}, \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\bar{1}_{\emptyset}) = \bar{1}_{\theta}, \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\bar{2}_{\emptyset}) = \bar{2}_{\theta}.$$

Therefore $\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}$ is a homomorphism.

Clearly $\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}$ is surjective.

Claim: $\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}$ is injective $\Leftrightarrow \theta = \emptyset$.

Suppose $\vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}$ is an injective.

Claim: $\theta = \emptyset$.

Clearly $\emptyset \subset \theta$.

$$\begin{aligned} (a, b) \in \theta &\Rightarrow \bar{a}_{\emptyset} = \bar{b}_{\emptyset} \Rightarrow \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\bar{a}_{\emptyset}) = \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset}(\bar{b}_{\emptyset}) \\ &\Rightarrow \bar{a}_{\theta} = \bar{b}_{\theta} \text{ (since } \vartheta_{\emptyset/\emptyset} \text{ is an injective)} \\ &\Rightarrow (a, b) \in \emptyset. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\theta \subset \emptyset$.

Therefore $\theta = \emptyset$.

Conversely suppose $\theta = \emptyset$.

Claim: $\vartheta_{\theta/\emptyset}$ is an injective.

Suppose $\vartheta_{\theta/\emptyset}(\bar{a}_\emptyset) = \vartheta_{\theta/\emptyset}(\bar{b}_\emptyset) \Rightarrow \bar{a}_\emptyset = \bar{b}_\emptyset \Rightarrow (a, b) \in \theta$
 $\Rightarrow (a, b) \in \emptyset$ (since $\theta = \emptyset$)
 $\Rightarrow \bar{a}_\emptyset = \bar{b}_\emptyset$.

Therefore $\vartheta_{\theta/\emptyset}$ is injective.

Note: $\theta/\emptyset = \{ \bar{a}_\emptyset \in A/\emptyset \mid \bar{a}_\emptyset = \bar{0}_\emptyset \}$. This is also called kernel of $\vartheta_{\theta/\emptyset}$.

Note: Define $\theta/\emptyset = \{ (\bar{a}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset) \mid \bar{a}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset \in A/\emptyset \text{ and } \bar{a}_\emptyset = \bar{b}_\emptyset \}$. θ/\emptyset is also called kernel of $\vartheta_{\theta/\emptyset}$.

Theorem 5: θ/\emptyset is a congruence relation on A/\emptyset .

Proof: $(\bar{a}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset) \in \theta/\emptyset \Leftrightarrow \bar{a}_\emptyset = \bar{b}_\emptyset$.

Clearly θ/\emptyset is an equivalence relation.

Suppose $(\bar{a}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset) \in \theta/\emptyset, (\bar{c}_\emptyset, \bar{d}_\emptyset) \in \theta/\emptyset$.

$\Rightarrow \bar{a}_\emptyset = \bar{b}_\emptyset, \bar{c}_\emptyset = \bar{d}_\emptyset$
 $\Rightarrow a \theta b, c \theta d$
 $\Rightarrow (a \wedge c) \theta (b \wedge d)$
 $\Rightarrow (\overline{a \wedge c})_\emptyset = (\overline{b \wedge d})_\emptyset$
 $\Rightarrow ((\bar{a} \wedge \bar{c})_\emptyset, (\bar{b} \wedge \bar{d})_\emptyset) \in \theta/\emptyset$
 $\Rightarrow (\bar{a}_\emptyset \wedge \bar{c}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset \wedge \bar{d}_\emptyset) \in \theta/\emptyset$.

Suppose $(\bar{a}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset) \in \theta/\emptyset, (\bar{c}_\emptyset, \bar{d}_\emptyset) \in \theta/\emptyset$.

$\Rightarrow \bar{a}_\emptyset = \bar{b}_\emptyset, \bar{c}_\emptyset = \bar{d}_\emptyset \Rightarrow a \theta b, c \theta d$
 $\Rightarrow (a * c) \theta (b * d) \Rightarrow (\overline{a * c})_\emptyset = (\overline{b * d})_\emptyset$
 $\Rightarrow ((\bar{a} * \bar{c})_\emptyset, (\bar{b} * \bar{d})_\emptyset) \in \theta/\emptyset$
 $\Rightarrow (\bar{a}_\emptyset * \bar{c}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset * \bar{d}_\emptyset) \in \theta/\emptyset$.

Suppose $(\bar{a}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset) \in \theta/\emptyset \Rightarrow \bar{a}_\emptyset = \bar{b}_\emptyset \Rightarrow \bar{a}_\emptyset \sim = \bar{b}_\emptyset \sim, \bar{a}_{\emptyset\pi} = \bar{b}_{\emptyset\pi}$

$\Rightarrow \bar{a}^\sim_\emptyset = \bar{b}^\sim_\emptyset, \bar{a}_{\pi\emptyset} = \bar{b}_{\pi\emptyset}$
 $\Rightarrow (\bar{a}^\sim_\emptyset, \bar{b}^\sim_\emptyset), (\bar{a}_{\pi\emptyset}, \bar{b}_{\pi\emptyset}) \in \theta/\emptyset$
 $\Rightarrow (\bar{a}_\emptyset \sim, \bar{b}_\emptyset \sim), (\bar{a}_{\emptyset\pi}, \bar{b}_{\emptyset\pi}) \in \theta/\emptyset$.

Therefore θ/\emptyset is a congruence relation on A/\emptyset .

Theorem 6: Suppose θ_1, θ_2 are two congruences on an A*-algebra A such that $\theta_1 \supset \emptyset, \theta_2 \supset \emptyset$. Then $\theta_1 \supset \theta_2$ if and only if $\theta_1/\emptyset \supset \theta_2/\emptyset$. In particular, $\theta_1/\emptyset =$

θ_2/\emptyset implies $\theta_1 = \theta_2$.

Proof: Suppose $\theta_1 \supset \theta_2$.

Claim: $\theta_1/\emptyset \supset \theta_2/\emptyset$.

Suppose $(\bar{a}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset) \in \theta_2/\emptyset \Rightarrow \bar{a}_{\theta_2} = \bar{b}_{\theta_2} \Rightarrow (a, b) \in \theta_2$
 $\Rightarrow (a, b) \in \theta_1$ (since $\theta_1 \supset \theta_2$)
 $\Rightarrow \bar{a}_{\theta_1} = \bar{b}_{\theta_1} \Rightarrow (\bar{a}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset) \in \theta_1/\emptyset$.

Therefore $\theta_1/\emptyset \supset \theta_2/\emptyset$.

Conversely suppose $\theta_1/\emptyset \supset \theta_2/\emptyset$.

Claim: $\theta_1 \supset \theta_2$.

$(a, b) \in \theta_2 \Rightarrow \bar{a}_{\theta_2} = \bar{b}_{\theta_2} \Rightarrow \bar{a}_{\theta_1} = \bar{b}_{\theta_1}$ (since $\theta_1/\emptyset \supset \theta_2/\emptyset$)
 $\Rightarrow (a, b) \in \theta_1$.

Therefore $\theta_1 \supset \theta_2$.

Therefore $\theta_1 \supset \theta_2 \Leftrightarrow \theta_1/\emptyset \supset \theta_2/\emptyset$.

Clearly, $\theta_1/\emptyset = \theta_2/\emptyset \Leftrightarrow \theta_1 = \theta_2$.

Theorem 7: Any congruence $\bar{\theta}$ on A/\emptyset has the form θ/\emptyset , where θ is a congruence relation on the A^* -algebra A such that $\theta \supset \emptyset$.

Proof: Suppose $\bar{\theta}$ is a congruence on A/\emptyset .

Define $\theta = \{(a, b) \mid a, b \in A, (\bar{a}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset) \in \bar{\theta}\}$.

Claim: θ is a congruence on A .

Clearly θ is an equivalence relation.

Suppose $(a, b), (c, d) \in \theta \Rightarrow (\bar{a}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset), (\bar{c}_\emptyset, \bar{d}_\emptyset) \in \bar{\theta}$
 $\Rightarrow (\bar{a}_\emptyset \wedge \bar{c}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset \wedge \bar{d}_\emptyset) \in \bar{\theta}$ ($\because \bar{\theta}$ is a congruence)
 $\Rightarrow ((a \wedge c)_\emptyset, (b \wedge d)_\emptyset) \in \bar{\theta}$
 $\Rightarrow (a \wedge c, b \wedge d) \in \theta$.

Suppose $(a, b), (c, d) \in \theta \Rightarrow (\bar{a}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset), (\bar{c}_\emptyset, \bar{d}_\emptyset) \in \bar{\theta}$
 $\Rightarrow (\bar{a}_\emptyset * \bar{c}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset * \bar{d}_\emptyset) \in \bar{\theta}$ ($\because \bar{\theta}$ is congruence)
 $\Rightarrow ((a * c)_\emptyset, (b * d)_\emptyset) \in \bar{\theta}$
 $\Rightarrow (a * c, b * d) \in \theta$.

Suppose $(a, b) \in \theta \Rightarrow (\bar{a}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset) \in \bar{\theta}$
 $\Rightarrow (\bar{a}_\emptyset^\sim, \bar{b}_\emptyset^\sim) \in \bar{\theta}$ ($\because \bar{\theta}$ is a congruence)
 $\Rightarrow (\bar{a}^\sim_\emptyset, \bar{b}^\sim_\emptyset) \in \bar{\theta}$
 $\Rightarrow (a^\sim, b^\sim) \in \theta$.

Suppose $(a, b) \in \theta \Rightarrow (\bar{a}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset) \in \bar{\theta}$
 $\Rightarrow (\bar{a}_{\emptyset\pi}, \bar{b}_{\emptyset\pi}) \in \bar{\theta}$ (since $\bar{\theta}$ is a congruence)
 $\Rightarrow (\bar{a}_{\pi\emptyset}, \bar{b}_{\pi\emptyset}) \in \bar{\theta}$
 $\Rightarrow (a_{\pi\emptyset}, b_{\pi\emptyset}) \in \theta$.

Therefore θ is a congruence relation on the A*-algebra A.

Claim: $\bar{\theta} = \theta/\emptyset$.

$(\bar{a}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset) \in \bar{\theta} \Leftrightarrow (a, b) \in \theta \Leftrightarrow \bar{a}_\theta = \bar{b}_\theta \Leftrightarrow (\bar{a}_\emptyset, \bar{b}_\emptyset) \in \theta/\emptyset$.

Therefore $\bar{\theta} = \theta/\emptyset$.

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