

## Quasivarieties of pseudocomplemented semilattices

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**Abstract.** Two properties of the lattice of quasivarieties of pseudocomplemented semilattices are established, namely, in the quasivariety generated by the 3-element chain, there is a sublattice freely generated by  $\omega$  elements and there are  $2^\omega$  quasivarieties.

**1. Introduction.** For background material on quasivarieties, the reader is referred to Burris and Sankappanavar [5] or Mal'cev [10]. The following definition of a quasivariety is but one of several equivalent formulations.

Given a class  $\mathbf{K}$  of similar algebras,  $\mathbf{I}(\mathbf{K})$  and  $\mathbf{H}(\mathbf{K})$  respectively denote the classes of all isomorphic and homomorphic images of algebras in  $\mathbf{K}$ ,  $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{K})$  denotes the class of all subalgebras of algebras in  $\mathbf{K}$ , and the classes  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{K})$  and  $\mathbf{P}_u(\mathbf{K})$  consist respectively of all direct products and all ultraproducts of members of  $\mathbf{K}$ . (The direct product of an empty set of algebras, the trivial algebra, is included in  $\mathbf{P}(\mathbf{K})$ .) If  $\mathbf{K} \supseteq \mathbf{I}(\mathbf{K}) \cup \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{K}) \cup \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{K}) \cup \mathbf{P}_u(\mathbf{K})$  then  $\mathbf{K}$  is said to be a *quasivariety*, while if  $\mathbf{K} \supseteq \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{K}) \cup \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{K}) \cup \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{K})$  then  $\mathbf{K}$  is a *variety*. (Every variety is a quasivariety.) The quasivariety generated by  $\mathbf{K}$  (the least quasivariety containing  $\mathbf{K}$ ) is denoted by  $Q(\mathbf{K})$ , and the variety generated by  $\mathbf{K}$  is denoted by  $V(\mathbf{K})$ . In general,  $Q(\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{ISP}(\mathbf{K})$  (and  $V(\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{HSP}(\mathbf{K})$ ), but when  $\mathbf{K}$  and its members are finite,  $Q(\mathbf{K}) = \mathbf{ISP}(\mathbf{K})$ . If  $\mathbf{K}$  is finite, say  $\mathbf{K} = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$ , then  $Q(\mathbf{K})$  will be denoted by  $Q(A_1, \dots, A_n)$ , and likewise for  $V(\mathbf{K})$ .

The quasivarieties contained in a given quasivariety constitute a lattice under the inclusion ordering: the meet of two such is their intersection, and the join is the quasivariety generated by their union. The cardinality of the lattice is at most  $2^\omega$  if the algebras are of finite type.

Interest in the investigation of lattices of quasivarieties is directly or indirectly devoted to a problem of Mal'cev [9], who asked for a description of all lattices that can be represented isomorphically as lattices of quasivarieties.

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The present paper provides an example of a lattice of quasivarieties with an intricate lattice structure demonstrating the complexity of Mal'cev's problem. Amongst those papers referenced here, other examples of this kind are given in [1], [3], [4], [6], [12], [16], and [17].

A *pseudocomplemented semilattice* is an algebra  $(S; \wedge, *, 0, 1)$  comprised of a semilattice  $(S; \wedge)$  with a least element 0, a greatest element 1, and a unary operation  $*$  such that, for all  $s, t \in S$ ,  $s \wedge t = 0$  if and only if  $t \leq s^*$ . Background material on pseudocomplemented semilattices and related topics is to be found in Grätzer [7] and the papers cited below.

The pseudocomplemented semilattice  $\widehat{B}$  obtained by adjoining a new greatest element to a Boolean algebra  $B$  is of interest because Jones [8] proved that those pseudocomplemented semilattices of the form  $\widehat{B}$  are precisely the subdirectly irreducible ones. Letting  $B_m$  ( $m < \omega$ ) denote the finite Boolean algebra with  $m$  atoms, we obtain a strictly increasing sequence  $(Q(\widehat{B}_m) : m < \omega)$  of quasivarieties investigated in [13]. The only non-trivial variety of pseudocomplemented semilattices is  $Q(\widehat{B}_0)$  (proved by Jones [8]), which is precisely the class of all Boolean algebras. Thus,  $m = 0$  is the only case in which  $Q(\widehat{B}_m) = V(\widehat{B}_m)$ . The gap between  $Q(\widehat{B}_1)$  and  $V(\widehat{B}_1)$  is particularly striking because  $V(\widehat{B}_1)$  is the entire class of pseudocomplemented semilattices (proved in Jones [8]; this and the aforementioned results of Jones are also proved in Sankappanavar [11]).

Our goal is to prove the following result.

**THEOREM 1.1.** *The lattice of all subquasivarieties of the quasivariety  $Q(\widehat{B}_1)$  generated by the 3-element pseudocomplemented semilattice  $\widehat{B}_1$  has a sublattice freely generated by  $\omega$  elements (hence, satisfies no non-trivial lattice identity) and is of cardinality  $2^\omega$ .*

To put this theorem in perspective, it should be noted that the lattice of quasivarieties of pseudocomplemented distributive lattices has a sublattice freely generated by  $\omega$  elements (Tropin [16]; see also [6]) and has cardinality  $2^\omega$  (independently proved in [1] and Wroński [17]). Moreover, the existence of  $2^\omega$  quasivarieties of pseudocomplemented semilattices was established in [4]; by applying a criterion of [13] it can be shown that the quasivarieties exhibited in [4] lie in  $Q(\widehat{B}_3)$ . Additional related results can be found in [13] and [14]. We remark that, from an abstract algebra point of view, it is of interest to observe that  $\widehat{B}_1$  is a 3-element algebra: Shafaat [15] showed that, for any 2-element algebra  $A$ ,  $Q(A)$  is a 2-element chain (for related results see [3]).

The above theorem will be obtained as a consequence of a result of [2] stating that if a quasivariety  $\mathbf{K}$  of algebras of finite type contains an infinite family of finite algebras indexed by the set of all finite subsets of  $\omega$

and satisfying certain postulates denoted (P1)–(P4), then the ideal lattice of a free lattice with  $\omega$  free generators is embeddable in the lattice of subquasivarieties of  $Q(\mathbf{K})$ . Not only is Theorem 1.1 a consequence, but it also follows that  $Q(\widehat{B}_1)$  is  $Q$ -universal. A quasivariety  $\mathbf{K}$  of algebras of finite type is  $Q$ -universal if, for every quasivariety  $\mathbf{L}$  of algebras of finite type, the lattice of subquasivarieties of  $\mathbf{L}$  is a homomorphic image of a sublattice of the lattice of subquasivarieties of  $\mathbf{K}$ . This notion was introduced by Sapir [12] where the first examples of  $Q$ -universal quasivarieties were given.

The postulates (P1)–(P4) will be stated in §2 and appropriate members of  $Q(\widehat{B}_1)$  will be constructed in §3. Basic properties of these algebras will be established in §4, enabling the proof in §5 that they satisfy (P1)–(P4).

**2. Preliminaries.** Let  $P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$  denote the set of all finite subsets of  $\omega$ . We shall need the following.

PROPOSITION 2.1 ([2]). *Let  $\mathbf{K}$  be a quasivariety of algebras of finite type that contains an infinite family  $(S_W : W \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega))$  of finite algebras satisfying the following postulates:*

- (P1)  $S_\emptyset$  is a trivial algebra;
- (P2) for  $X \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$ , if  $X = Y \cup Z$ , then  $S_X \in Q(S_Y, S_Z)$ ;
- (P3) for  $X, Y \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$ , if  $X \neq \emptyset$  and  $S_X \in Q(S_Y)$ , then  $X = Y$ ;
- (P4) for  $X \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$ , if  $S_X$  is a subalgebra of  $B \times C$  for finite  $B, C \in Q(\{S_W : W \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)\})$ , then there are  $Y, Z \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$  with  $S_Y \in Q(B)$ ,  $S_Z \in Q(C)$ , and  $X = Y \cup Z$ .

Then the ideal lattice of a free lattice with  $\omega$  generators is embeddable in the lattice of all subquasivarieties of  $\mathbf{K}$ . In particular, the lattice of all subquasivarieties of  $\mathbf{K}$  has a sublattice freely generated by  $\omega$  elements and is of cardinality  $2^\omega$ . ■

Before constructing a subfamily of  $Q(\widehat{B}_1)$  satisfying (P1)–(P4), we note the following terminology.

Let  $S$  be a pseudocomplemented semilattice. The *skeleton* of  $S$  is the set  $S^* = \{s^* : s \in S\}$ . Because  $s^{***} = s^*$  for all  $s \in S$ , the skeleton is the image of the *Glivenko endomorphism*  $\gamma : S \rightarrow S$  given by  $\gamma(s) = s^{**}$  for all  $s \in S$ . The kernel of  $\gamma$  is called the *Glivenko congruence*  $\Gamma$  of  $S$ , and hence for  $s \in S$  the set  $[s]\Gamma = \{t \in S : \gamma(t) = \gamma(s)\}$  is known as the *Glivenko class* of  $s$ . When  $[s]\Gamma$  is finite it has a least element, which we denote as  $\mu s$ . Because  $S^*$  is a Boolean algebra (with complementation given by  $*$  and join given by  $p \vee q = (p^* \wedge q^*)^*$  for all  $p, q \in S^*$ ), if  $\varphi : S \rightarrow T$  is a homomorphism (where  $T$  is a pseudocomplemented semilattice), then  $\varphi \upharpoonright S^* : S^* \rightarrow T^*$  is a Boolean homomorphism.

Finally, we mention some notations concerning a partially ordered set  $(S; \leq)$ . For  $s \in S$ , the set  $\{t \in S : t \leq s\}$  is denoted by  $(s]$ , and analogously

$\{t \in S : t \geq s\}$  is denoted by  $[s]$ . For  $s, t \in S$ , the notation  $s \succ t$  will signify that  $s$  covers  $t$  in the sense that  $s > t$  and there is no  $u \in S$  satisfying  $s > u > t$ .

**3. The construction.** In this section we will construct an infinite family  $(S_W : W \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega))$  of finite pseudocomplemented semilattices. We begin by defining a finite pseudocomplemented semilattice  $(S_m; \leq)$  for each  $m < \omega$ .

For  $m < \omega$ , distinguish three atoms of  $B_{m+4}$ , denoted by  $a, b$ , and  $c$ , and let  $d = a \vee b$  and  $e = a \vee c$ . (We will refer to the element  $a$  immediately and to the element  $b$  later in this section. However, we shall not refer to the elements  $c, d$ , and  $e$  until §4.) Let

$$S_m = (B_{m+4} \times \mathbf{3}) \setminus (\{(0, 1), (0, 2), (a, 2), (1, 0), (1, 1)\} \cup \{(p, 1) : p \neq a \text{ and } p \not\prec a\})$$

where  $\mathbf{3}$  denotes the 3-element chain  $\{0 < 1 < 2\}$ . It is to be shown that  $(S_m; \leq)$ , where  $\leq$  denotes the restriction of the usual ordering of  $B_{m+4} \times \mathbf{3}$  to  $S_m$ , is a pseudocomplemented semilattice. By way of example,  $(S_0; \leq)$  is

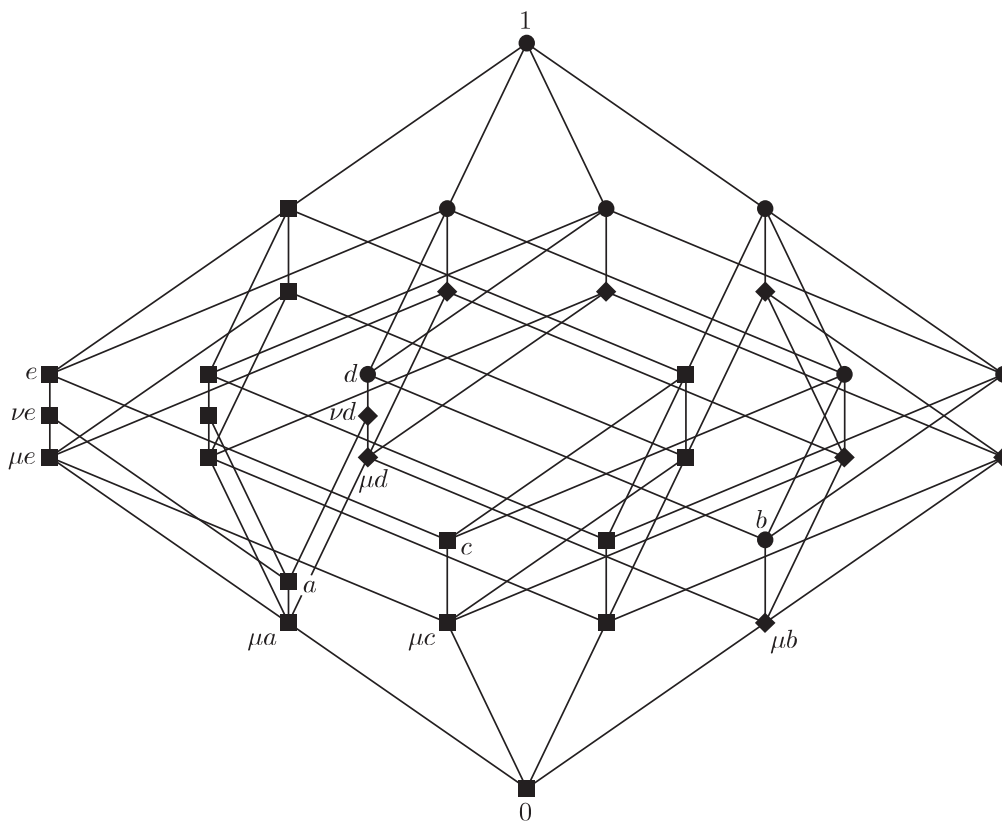


Fig. 1.  $S_0$  with distinguished elements

diagrammed in Figure 1; for an explanation of the notation, see the paragraph following Lemma 3.2, and for an explanation of the different shapes used to denote elements, see the first paragraph of §4.

LEMMA 3.1. *For  $m < \omega$ ,  $(S_m; \leq)$  is a semilattice such that, for  $(p, i), (q, j) \in S_m$ ,  $(p, i) \wedge (q, j) = (p \wedge q, k)$  where  $k = 0$  if  $p \wedge q = 0$ ,  $k = 1$  if  $p \wedge q = a$  and  $i = j = 2$ , and  $i \wedge j$  otherwise.*

PROOF. For  $(p, i), (q, j) \in S_m$ , consider  $(r, k) \in S_m$  such that  $(r, k) \leq (p, i)$  and  $(q, j)$ . Clearly,  $(r, k) \leq (p \wedge q, i \wedge j)$  and, in the event that  $(p \wedge q, i \wedge j) \in S_m$ ,  $(p, i) \wedge (q, j) = (p \wedge q, i \wedge j)$ . Suppose  $(p \wedge q, i \wedge j) \notin S_m$ .

By hypothesis,  $p \wedge q \neq 1$ .

If  $p \wedge q = 0$ , then  $r = 0$  and it follows that, as required,  $(r, k) = (0, 0)$ .

If  $p \wedge q = a$ , then  $i \wedge j = 2$  and, hence,  $i = j = 2$ . Consequently,  $(r, k) = (0, 0), (a, 0)$ , or  $(a, 1)$ , whereupon  $(p, i) \wedge (q, j) = (a, 1)$ .

It remains to consider  $p \wedge q \notin \{0, a, 1\}$ . To complete the proof it is sufficient to show that (under the hypothesis  $(p \wedge q, i \wedge j) \notin S_m$ ) this can never occur. Suppose  $p \wedge q \notin \{0, a, 1\}$ . Then, since  $(p \wedge q, i \wedge j) \notin S_m$ ,  $i \wedge j = 1$ . Without loss of generality, we may assume  $i = 1$ . Since  $(p, i) \in S_m$ , either  $p = a$  or  $p \succ a$ . Because  $j \geq i$ , it would follow that  $(p \wedge q, i \wedge j) = (p, i) \in S_m$  were  $q \geq p$ . Thus,  $q \not\geq p$  and, as a consequence,  $p \wedge q = a$  or  $0$ , which is absurd. ■

LEMMA 3.2. *For  $m < \omega$ ,  $(S_m; \leq)$  is a pseudocomplemented semilattice where  $(1, 2)^* = (0, 0)$ ,  $(a^*, 0)^* = (a^*, 2)^* = (a, 1)$ , and, for  $p \neq a^*$  or  $1$ ,  $(p, i)^* = (p^*, 2)$ .*

PROOF. By Lemma 3.1, for  $(p, i), (q, j) \in S_m$ ,  $(p, i) \wedge (q, j) = (0, 0)$  if and only if  $p \wedge q = 0$  and, in particular,  $q \leq p^*$ . Consequently,  $(p, i)^* = (p^*, 2), (0, 0)$ , or  $(a, 1)$  for  $p^* \neq 0$  or  $a$ ,  $p^* = 0$ , or  $p^* = a$ , respectively. ■

By Lemma 3.2, for  $m < \omega$ ,  $S_m^* = \{(0, 0), (a, 1)\} \cup \{(p, 2) : p \neq 0 \text{ or } a\}$ ,  $|(0, 0)]\Gamma| = |(1, 2)]\Gamma| = 1$ ,  $|(a, 1)]\Gamma| = 2$ ,  $|(p, 2)]\Gamma| = 3$  if  $p \succ a$ , and  $|(p, 2)]\Gamma| = 2$  otherwise. Rather than consider  $n$ -tuples of ordered pairs, we will now, in the forthcoming interests of clarity, identify  $(p, i) \in S_m^*$  with  $p$ . Thus,  $(0, 0), (a, 1)$ , and  $(p, 2)$  will be identified with  $0, a$ , and  $p$ , respectively. Further, the smallest element of  $[p]\Gamma$  will be denoted by  $\mu p$ . Thus,  $(1, 2)$  and  $(p, 0)$  for  $p \neq 1$  will be identified with  $\mu 1$  and  $\mu p$ , respectively. Finally, if  $p \in S_m^*$  and  $|[p]\Gamma| = 3$ , then the remaining element of  $[p]\Gamma$  will be denoted by  $\nu p$ . To summarize, for  $p \in S_m^*$ ,  $\mu p \leq p$  where the inequality is strict unless  $p = 0$  or  $1$ . Furthermore,  $|[p]\Gamma| > 2$  if and only if  $p \succ a$ , in which case  $[p]\Gamma = \{\mu p, \nu p, p\}$  where  $\mu p < \nu p < p$ .

We shall need the following result in order to show that, for  $m < \omega$ ,  $S_m \in Q(\widehat{B}_1)$ .

PROPOSITION 3.3 ([13]; cf. [14]). *For a finite pseudocomplemented semilattice  $(S; \wedge, *, 0, 1)$ ,  $s \in S$ , and  $\mu s$  the smallest element of  $[s]\Gamma$ , if  $\theta \subseteq S \times S$  is given by  $(t, r) \in \theta$  if and only if both  $t$  and  $r$  belong to  $[s]$ ,  $[\mu s] \setminus [s]$ , or  $S \setminus [\mu s]$  and, in addition,  $t^{**} \wedge s = r^{**} \wedge s$  also holds for the case  $t, r \in S \setminus [\mu s]$ , then  $\theta$  is a congruence. Furthermore,  $S/\theta \cong \widehat{B}_m$  for some  $m \geq 1$  if and only if  $s \neq \mu s$ . ■*

For  $m < \omega$  and an atom  $p$  of  $S_m^*$ , let  $\theta_p$  be the congruence given by Proposition 3.3 with  $s = p$ . Since  $p \neq \mu p$  and  $t^{**} \wedge p = 0$  for all  $t \in S \setminus [\mu p]$ , it follows that if  $p$  is an atom of  $S_m^*$ , then, for all  $t, r \in S_m$ ,  $(t, r) \in \theta_p$  if and only if both  $t$  and  $r$  belong to  $[p]$ ,  $[\mu p] \setminus [p]$ , or to  $S_m \setminus [\mu p]$ . In other words, the equivalence classes of  $\theta_p$  are  $[p]$ ,  $[\mu p] \setminus [p]$ , and  $S_m \setminus [\mu p]$  and, in particular,  $S_m/\theta_p \cong \widehat{B}_1$ .

LEMMA 3.4. *For  $m < \omega$ ,  $S_m \in Q(\widehat{B}_1)$ .*

PROOF. For  $q \in S_m^*$  distinct from 0 and 1, there exists an atom  $p$  of  $S_m^*$  such that  $p \leq q$ . In particular,  $\mu q \neq q$  ( $\theta_p$ ). Furthermore, if  $q \succ a$ , then  $p$  may be chosen so that  $q = a \vee p$ . It follows that  $\nu q \neq q$  ( $\theta_p$ ) and  $\mu q \neq \nu q$  ( $\theta_a$ ). Since  $S_m^*$  is a Boolean algebra and  $S_m^* \cong S_m/\Gamma$ , it follows that  $S_m$  is a subdirect product of suitably many copies of  $\widehat{B}_0$  and  $\widehat{B}_1$ . ■

We are now ready to define an infinite family  $(S_W : W \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega))$  of finite pseudocomplemented semilattices. Recall that, for  $m < \omega$ ,  $b$  is a distinguished atom of  $S_m^*$  distinct from  $a$ . For  $W \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$  where  $W = \{m_1, \dots, m_n\}$ , let  $S_W$  denote the subset of  $\prod(S_{m_i} : m_i \in W)$  whose elements are precisely those  $(s_1, \dots, s_n)$  for which  $s_i \in [b]$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , or  $s_i \in [\mu b] \setminus [b]$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , or  $s_i \in S_{m_i} \setminus [\mu b]$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . It is readily seen that  $S_W$  is a subalgebra of  $\prod(S_{m_i} : m_i \in W)$ . By Lemma 3.4, for every  $W \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$ ,  $S_W \in Q(\widehat{B}_1)$ .

**4. Homomorphisms of  $S_X$ .** Let  $X$  be a non-empty member of  $P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$ . For each  $i \in X$  the projection map  $\pi_i : S_X \rightarrow S_i$  sends each member of  $S_X$  to its  $i$ th component. Recalling the elements  $a, b, c, d, e, 0$  and 1 of each  $S_i$  we specify elements **a**, **b**, **c**, **d**, **e**, **0**, and **1** of  $S_X$  by stipulating that for each  $s \in \{a, b, c, d, e, 0, 1\}$  the corresponding  $\mathbf{s} \in S_X$  satisfies  $\pi_i(\mathbf{s}) = s$  for all  $i \in X$ . Since  $S_X$  is the subalgebra of  $\prod(S_i : i \in X)$  whose elements are those  $\mathbf{r} \in \prod(S_i : i \in X)$  for which  $\pi_i(\mathbf{r}) \in [b]$  for all  $i \in X$ , or  $\pi_i(\mathbf{r}) \in [\mu b] \setminus [b]$  for all  $i \in X$ , or  $\pi_i(\mathbf{r}) \in S_i \setminus [\mu b]$  for all  $i \in X$ , it is evident that, for  $s \in \{a, b, c, d, e, 0, 1\}$ ,  $\mathbf{s} \in S_X$ . Clearly, for  $\mathbf{r} \in S_X$ , the conditions  $\pi_i(\mathbf{r}) \in [b]$  for all  $i \in X$ , or  $\pi_i(\mathbf{r}) \in [\mu b] \setminus [b]$  for all  $i \in X$ , or  $\pi_i(\mathbf{r}) \in S_i \setminus [\mu b]$  for all  $i \in X$  determine a partition of  $S_X$ . The classes of this partition will be referred to as the **b-class**,  **$\mu\mathbf{b}$ -class**, and **0-class**, respectively. Evidently, **b** and **0** are the smallest members of their respective classes. Since  $S_X$  is

finite, for every  $\mathbf{r} \in S_X$ , the element  $\mu\mathbf{r}$  exists in  $S_X$ . One may also observe that, for any  $\mathbf{r} \in S_X$ , the element  $\mu\mathbf{r}$  satisfies  $\pi_i(\mu\mathbf{r}) = \mu\pi_i(\mathbf{r})$  for all  $i \in X$  unless  $\pi_i(\mathbf{r}) = 1$  for some  $i \in X$ , in which case  $\mu\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{r}$ . In particular,  $\mu\mathbf{b}$  is also the smallest member of its class. Note further that  $\nu\mathbf{d} \in S_X$  exists where  $\pi_i(\nu\mathbf{d}) = \nu d$  for all  $i \in X$ . (By way of example, observe that, of the remaining elements distinguished thus far,  $\mathbf{d}$  and  $\mathbf{1}$  belong to the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class,  $\nu\mathbf{d}$  belongs to the  $\mu\mathbf{b}$ -class, and  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{c}$ , and  $\mathbf{e}$  belong to the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class.) In  $S_m$ , the  $b$ -class,  $\mu b$ -class, and  $0$ -class are defined likewise. See Figure 1, where, for  $S_0$ , members of its  $b$ -class,  $\mu b$ -class, and  $0$ -class are indicated by circles, diamonds, and boxes, respectively.

Further, for  $\mathbf{r} \in S_X^*$  and  $j \in X$  the element  $\mu_j\mathbf{r} \in \prod(S_i : i \in X)$  is defined so that  $\pi_j(\mu_j\mathbf{r}) = \mu\pi_j(\mathbf{r})$  and  $\pi_i(\mu_j\mathbf{r}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{r})$  for  $i \in X \setminus \{j\}$ : since there exist  $\mathbf{r} \in S_X^*$  such that  $\mu_j(\mathbf{r}) \notin S_X$  (for example,  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{b}$ ), this notation will be used only when  $\mu_j\mathbf{r} \in S_X$ . For any Boolean algebra  $B$ , let  $\text{At}(B)$  denote the set of atoms of  $B$ . Then, for any  $j \in X$  and  $p \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{b\}$ ,  $\zeta_j\mathbf{p}$  denotes the element of  $S_X^*$  for which  $\pi_j(\zeta_j\mathbf{p}) = p$  and  $\pi_i(\zeta_j\mathbf{p}) = 0$  for  $i \in X \setminus \{j\}$ . Note that, for every  $j \in X$  and  $p \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{b\}$ ,  $\zeta_j\mathbf{p}$  exists in  $S_X$  and that the atoms of  $S_X^*$  are precisely all elements of this form together with  $\mathbf{b}$ .

Finally, for each  $i \in \omega$ , set  $C_i(a) = \{a \vee p : p \in \text{At}(S_i^*) \setminus \{a\}\}$ . If  $\mathbf{r} \in S_X^*$  satisfies  $\pi_j(\mathbf{r}) \in C_j(a) \setminus \{d\}$  for some  $j \in X$ , let  $\nu_j\mathbf{r}$  denote the element of  $S_X$  defined by  $\pi_j(\nu_j\mathbf{r}) = \nu\pi_j(\mathbf{r})$  and  $\pi_i(\nu_j\mathbf{r}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{r})$  for  $i \in X \setminus \{j\}$ ; since  $\pi_j(\mathbf{r}) \in C_j(a) \setminus \{d\}$  for some  $j \in X$ , it is always the case that  $\nu_j\mathbf{r}$  exists in  $S_X$ .

In this section we shall develop properties of homomorphisms defined on  $S_X$  that separate  $\mathbf{e}$  and  $\nu_j\mathbf{e}$ . The key properties are expressed in Propositions 4.3, 4.5, and 4.6.

The first lemma is a clear consequence of the construction of  $S_m$ .

LEMMA 4.1. *For  $m \in \omega$ ,  $r \in S_m^*$ , and  $s \in S_m \setminus S_m^*$ , the following hold:*

- (i) *if  $r \leq s$ , then  $r \in \{0, a\}$ ;*
- (ii) *if  $s \geq a$  and  $s \in [r]\Gamma$ , then  $r \in C_m(a)$ . ■*

LEMMA 4.2. *Let  $X \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$ ,  $j \in X$ , and  $m \in \omega$ . If  $\varphi : S_X \rightarrow S_m$  is a homomorphism such that  $\varphi(\mathbf{e}) \neq \varphi(\nu_j\mathbf{e})$ , then the following hold:*

- (i)  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) = a$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{e}) \in C_m(a)$ , and  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) \in \text{At}(S_m^*)$ ;
- (ii) *if  $\mathbf{r} \in S_X^*$  satisfies  $\pi_i(\mathbf{r}) \in C_i(a) \setminus \{d\}$  for all  $i \in X$ , then  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) \neq \varphi(\nu_j\mathbf{r})$  and  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) \in C_m(a)$ ;*
- (iii)  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}) \neq \varphi(\mu\mathbf{b})$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{d}) \neq \varphi(\nu\mathbf{d})$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}) \in \text{At}(S_m^*)$ , and  $\varphi(\mathbf{d}) \in C_m(a)$ ;
- (iv)  $\varphi(\mu\zeta_j\mathbf{p}) \neq \varphi(\zeta_j\mathbf{p}) \in \text{At}(S_m^*)$  for  $p \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{b\}$ ,  $\varphi(\zeta_i\mathbf{p}) = 0$  for  $i \in X \setminus \{j\}$  and  $p \in \text{At}(S_i^*) \setminus \{b\}$ , and, in particular,  $\varphi(\zeta_j\mathbf{a}) = a$ .

**Proof.** (i) Because  $\varphi(\mathbf{e})$  and  $\varphi(\nu_j\mathbf{e})$  are distinct and share a Glivenko class,  $\varphi(\nu_j\mathbf{e}) \in S_m \setminus S_m^*$ . Thus, since  $\mathbf{a} \leq \nu_j\mathbf{e}$ , Lemma 4.1(i) implies that  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) \in \{0, a\}$ . Suppose  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) = 0$ . Immediately  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}^*) = 1$ , whence the triviality of  $[1]\Gamma$  yields  $\varphi(\mu\mathbf{a}^*) = 1$ , and therefore  $\varphi(\mu\mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{a}^* \wedge \mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{a}^*) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\mathbf{c})$ , forcing  $\varphi(\mu_j\mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\mathbf{c})$ . Since  $\mu_j\mathbf{c} < \nu_j\mathbf{e}$ , it then follows that  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\mu_j\mathbf{c}) \leq \varphi(\nu_j\mathbf{e})$ , whence  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) \in \{0, a\}$  by Lemma 4.1(i). Inasmuch as the hypothesis entails  $0 < \varphi(\mathbf{e}) = \varphi(\mathbf{a}) \vee \varphi(\mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\mathbf{c})$ , it follows that  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) = a = \varphi(\mathbf{e})$ . Thus  $a = \varphi(\mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\mu_j\mathbf{c}) \leq \varphi(\nu_j\mathbf{e}) \leq \varphi(\mathbf{e}) = a$ , forcing  $\varphi(\nu_j\mathbf{e}) = \varphi(\mathbf{e})$ , contrary to hypothesis. Hence,  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) = a$ . Because  $\varphi(\mathbf{e})$  and  $\varphi(\nu_j\mathbf{e})$  are distinct and share a Glivenko class, and  $\varphi(\nu_j\mathbf{e}) \geq \varphi(\mathbf{a}) = a$ , Lemma 4.1(ii) now implies that  $\varphi(\mathbf{e}) \in C_m(a)$ . Since  $\varphi(\mathbf{e}) = \varphi(\mathbf{a}) \vee \varphi(\mathbf{c}) = a \vee \varphi(\mathbf{c})$  and  $0 = \varphi(\mathbf{0}) = \varphi(\mathbf{a}) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{c}) = a \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{c})$ , it follows that  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) \in \text{At}(S_m^*)$ .

(ii) For each  $i \in X$  choose  $q_i \in \text{At}(S_i^*) \setminus \{a\}$  such that  $\pi_i(\mathbf{r}) = a \vee q_i$ . Let  $\mathbf{q}$  denote the element of  $S_X$  satisfying  $\pi_i(\mathbf{q}) = q_i$  for all  $i \in X$ : notice that  $\mathbf{q}$  exists in  $S_X$ . If  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = \varphi(\nu_j\mathbf{r})$ , then  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}) = \varphi(\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{q}) = \varphi(\mathbf{r}) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{q}) = \varphi(\nu_j\mathbf{r}) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{q}) = \varphi(\nu_j\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{q}) = \varphi(\mu_j\mathbf{q})$ . Thus,  $\varphi(\mu_j\mathbf{b}^*) \geq \varphi(\mu_j\mathbf{q}) = \varphi(\mathbf{q})$ . Either  $\varphi(\mu_j\mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mathbf{b}^*)$  or, by Lemma 4.1(i),  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}) \in \{0, a\}$ . If  $\varphi(\mu_j\mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mathbf{b}^*)$ , then  $\varphi(\mathbf{e}) = \varphi(\mathbf{e} \wedge \mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mathbf{e}) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mathbf{e}) \wedge \varphi(\mu_j\mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mathbf{e} \wedge \mu_j\mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mu_j\mathbf{e})$  and, since  $\mu_j\mathbf{e} \leq \nu_j\mathbf{e} \leq \mathbf{e}$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{e}) = \varphi(\nu_j\mathbf{e})$ , contrary to hypothesis. If  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}) = a$ , then, by (i),  $0 = \varphi(\mathbf{0}) = \varphi(\mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{q}) = a \wedge a = a$ . Thus,  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}) = 0$ . In particular,  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}^*) = 1$ , whence the triviality of  $[1]\Gamma$  yields  $\varphi(\mu\mathbf{q}^*) = 1$ , and therefore  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{q}^*) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{q}^* \wedge \mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{q}^* \wedge \mu\mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{q}^*) \wedge \varphi(\mu\mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{b}^*)$ . Since  $\varphi(\mu\mathbf{b}^*) \leq \varphi(\mu_j\mathbf{b}^*) \leq \varphi(\mathbf{b}^*)$ ,  $\varphi(\mu_j\mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mathbf{b}^*)$ , which we have already seen to be impossible. Thus,  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) \neq \varphi(\nu_j\mathbf{r})$ , whereupon, as  $\varphi(\nu_j\mathbf{r}) \geq \varphi(\mathbf{a}) = a$ , Lemma 4.1(ii) implies that  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) \in C_m(a)$ .

(iii) For each  $i \in X$  choose  $q_i \in \text{At}(S_i^*) \setminus \{a, b, c\}$ . Let  $\mathbf{q}$  denote the element of  $S_X$  satisfying  $\pi_i(\mathbf{q}) = q_i$  for all  $i \in X$ . If  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}^*) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{q}^*)$ , then, as  $\mathbf{q}^* \geq \mathbf{e}$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{e}) = \varphi(\mathbf{q}^* \wedge \mathbf{e}) = \varphi(\mathbf{q}^*) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{e}) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{q}^*) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{e}) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{q}^* \wedge \mathbf{e}) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{e})$ , contradicting the hypothesis. Hence,  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}^*) \neq \varphi(\mu\mathbf{q}^*)$ . If  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{b})$ , then, as  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}^*) > \varphi(\mu\mathbf{q}^*) \geq \varphi(\mu\mathbf{b}) = \varphi(\mathbf{b})$ , Lemma 4.1(i) implies that  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}) \in \{0, a\}$ . Since  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) = a$  and  $\mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{0}$ , it follows that  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}) = 0$  and, hence,  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) = 1$ . By the triviality of  $[1]\Gamma$ ,  $\varphi(\mu\mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mathbf{b}^*)$  and, arguing as above,  $\varphi(\mathbf{e}) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{e})$ , in contradiction to the hypothesis. Thus,  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}) \neq \varphi(\mu\mathbf{b})$ .

If  $\varphi(\mathbf{d}) = \varphi(\nu\mathbf{d})$ , then  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}) = \varphi(\mathbf{b}) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{d}) = \varphi(\mathbf{b}) \wedge \varphi(\nu\mathbf{d}) = \varphi(\mathbf{b} \wedge \nu\mathbf{d}) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{b})$ , contradicting the above conclusion. Consequently,  $\varphi(\mathbf{d}) \neq \varphi(\nu\mathbf{d})$ . Since  $\varphi(\nu\mathbf{d}) \in S_m \setminus S_m^*$  and  $\varphi(\nu\mathbf{d}) \geq \varphi(\mathbf{a}) = a$ , Lemma 4.1(ii) implies that  $\varphi(\mathbf{d}) \in C_m(a)$ . Since  $\varphi(\mathbf{a} \vee \mathbf{b}) = \varphi(\mathbf{d})$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{b}) = 0$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) = a$ , and  $\varphi(\mathbf{d}) \in C_m(a)$ , it follows that  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}) \in \text{At}(S_m^*)$ .

(iv) Initially, suppose  $p \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{a, b\}$  and, for  $i \in X \setminus \{j\}$ , choose  $q_i \in \text{At}(S_i^*) \setminus \{a, b\}$  and let  $\mathbf{q}$  denote the element of  $S_X$  satisfying  $\pi_j(\mathbf{q}) = 0$



and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{q}) = q_i$  for all  $i \in X \setminus \{j\}$ . By (ii),  $\varphi(\mathbf{a} \vee (\zeta_j \mathbf{p} \vee \mathbf{q})) \in C_m(a)$ . Since  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) = a$  by (i) and  $\varphi(\mathbf{a} \wedge (\zeta_j \mathbf{p} \vee \mathbf{q})) = 0$ , it must be the case that  $\varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{p} \vee \mathbf{q}) \in \text{At}(S_m^*) \setminus \{a\}$ . Because  $\varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{p} \wedge \mathbf{q}) = 0$ , it follows that either  $\varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{p}) = 0$  and  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}) \in \text{At}(S_m^*) \setminus \{a\}$  or  $\varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{p}) \in \text{At}(S_m^*) \setminus \{a\}$  and  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}) = 0$ . Since  $\nu_j(\mathbf{a} \vee (\zeta_j \mathbf{p} \vee \mathbf{q})) \geq \mathbf{q}$  and  $\mathbf{q} = \bigvee \{\zeta_i \mathbf{q}_i : i \in X \setminus \{j\}\} \in S_X^*$ , (ii) and Lemma 4.1(i) imply  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}) \in \{0, a\}$ , which, in turn, since  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) = a$  (by (i)) and  $\mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$ , yields  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}) = 0$ . Hence, for  $p \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{a, b\}$ ,  $\varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{p}) \in \text{At}(S_m^*) \setminus \{a\}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{q} \in S_X$  be given by  $\pi_j(\mathbf{q}) = 0$  and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{q}) = a$  for all  $i \in X \setminus \{j\}$ . Since  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) = a$ ,  $\zeta_j \mathbf{a} \vee \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{a}$ , and  $\zeta_j \mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$ , we have either  $\varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{a}) = a$  and  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}) = 0$  or  $\varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{a}) = 0$  and  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}) = a$ . We wish to show that  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}) \neq a$ . Suppose not and that, to the contrary,  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}) = a$ . As argued in the proof of (ii),  $\varphi(\mu_j \mathbf{b}^*) \neq \varphi(\mathbf{b}^*)$ . However,  $\mu_j \mathbf{b}^* \geq \mathbf{q}$  and, hence,  $\varphi(\mu_j \mathbf{b}^*) \geq \varphi(\mathbf{q}) = a$ . By Lemma 4.1(ii),  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) \in C_m(a)$ . Since  $\mathbf{b} \vee \mathbf{b}^* = \mathbf{1}$  and  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}) \in \text{At}(S_m^*)$  (see (iii)), it follows that the unit in  $S_m^*$  is a join of 3 atoms, which is impossible by the definition of  $S_m$ . Hence,  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}) \neq a$  and, as required,  $\varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{a}) = a$ . Thus, for  $p \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{b\}$ ,  $\varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{p}) \in \text{At}(S_m^*)$ .

Let  $i \in X \setminus \{j\}$  and  $p \in \text{At}(S_i^*) \setminus \{b\}$ . If  $p \neq a$ , then choose  $p' \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{a, b\}$  and  $q_k \in \text{At}(S_k^*) \setminus \{a, b\}$  for  $k \in X \setminus \{i, j\}$ . Let  $\mathbf{q}$  be given by  $\pi_i(\mathbf{q}) = p$ ,  $\pi_j(\mathbf{q}) = 0$ , and  $\pi_k(\mathbf{q}) = q_k$  for  $k \in X \setminus \{i, j\}$ . Then, arguing as above,  $\varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{p}' \vee \mathbf{q}) \in \text{At}(S_m^*)$ , which in turn (see the above) implies  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}) = 0$ . Hence,  $\zeta_i \mathbf{p} \leq \mathbf{q}$  implies  $\varphi(\zeta_i \mathbf{p}) = 0$ . Were  $p = a$ , let  $\pi_j(\mathbf{q}) = 0$  and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{q}) = a$  for all  $i \in X \setminus \{j\}$ . Since  $\zeta_j \mathbf{a} \vee \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{a}$ ,  $\zeta_j \mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{0}$ , and  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) = \varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{a}) = a$ , we have  $\varphi(\mathbf{q}) = 0$ . Thus,  $\zeta_i \mathbf{a} \leq \mathbf{q}$  yields  $\varphi(\zeta_i \mathbf{a}) = 0$ . Hence, for  $i \in X \setminus \{j\}$  and  $p \in \text{At}(S_i^*) \setminus \{b\}$ ,  $\varphi(\zeta_i \mathbf{p}) = 0$ .

As already seen,  $\varphi(\mathbf{e}) \neq \varphi(\nu_j \mathbf{e})$  implies  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) \neq \varphi(\mu_j \mathbf{b}^*)$ . Since  $\mu \zeta_j \mathbf{p} \leq \mu_j \mathbf{b}^*$  for  $p \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{b\}$ , if  $\varphi(\mu \zeta_j \mathbf{p}) = \varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{p})$ , then  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) \in C_m(a)$  by Lemma 4.1(i), (ii). As argued above, this is impossible since the unit of  $S_m^*$  is not the join of 3 atoms. Thus, for  $p \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{b\}$ ,  $\varphi(\mu \zeta_j \mathbf{p}) \neq \varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{p})$ . ■

**PROPOSITION 4.3.** *Let  $X \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$ ,  $j \in X$ , and  $m \in \omega$ . If  $\varphi : S_X \rightarrow S_m$  is a homomorphism such that  $\varphi(\mathbf{e}) \neq \varphi(\nu_j \mathbf{e})$ , then  $j = m$  and there is an automorphism  $\eta$  of  $S_m$  such that  $\varphi = \eta \pi_m$ .*

**PROOF.** Because  $\text{At}(S_X^*) = \{\mathbf{b}\} \cup \{\zeta_i \mathbf{p} : p \in \text{At}(S_i^*) \setminus \{b\} \text{ and } i \in X\}$ ,  $\mathbf{1} = \varphi(\mathbf{1}) = \varphi(\bigvee \text{At}(S_X^*)) = \varphi(\mathbf{b}) \vee \bigvee \{\varphi(\zeta_i \mathbf{p}) : p \in \text{At}(S_i^*) \setminus \{b\} \text{ and } i \in X\}$ , which, by Lemma 4.2(iv), is  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}) \vee \bigvee \{\varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{p}) : p \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{b\}\}$ . Also by Lemma 4.2(iii), (iv), each of  $\varphi(\mathbf{b})$  and  $\varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{p})$  for  $p \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{b\}$  is a distinct element of  $\text{At}(S_m^*)$ . Thus, the unit element of  $S_m^*$  is a join of  $|\text{At}(S_j^*)|$  atoms, whence  $S_j^*$  and  $S_m^*$  have the same number of atoms, whereupon  $j = m$ .

We now show that, for  $\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s} \in S_X$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = \varphi(\mathbf{s})$  if and only if  $\pi_j \mathbf{r} = \pi_j \mathbf{s}$ .

If  $\mathbf{r} \in S_X^*$ , then  $\mathbf{r}$  is the join of all members of  $\text{At}(S_X^*)$  that lie below it. Let  $I = \{p \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{b\} : \zeta_j \mathbf{p} \leq \mathbf{r}\}$ . Then, as above, it follows from Lemma

4.2(iv) that  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = \varphi(\mathbf{b}) \vee \bigvee \{\varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{p}) : p \in I\}$  or  $\bigvee \{\varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{p}) : p \in I\}$  depending on whether  $\mathbf{r}$  is a member of the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class or not. Similarly, for  $\mathbf{s} \in S_X^*$ , if  $J = \{p \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{b\} : \zeta_j \mathbf{p} \leq \mathbf{s}\}$ , then  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}) = \varphi(\mathbf{b}) \vee \bigvee \{\varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{p}) : p \in J\}$  or  $\bigvee \{\varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{p}) : p \in J\}$  depending on whether  $\mathbf{s}$  is a member of the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class or not. In particular, it follows from Lemma 4.2(iii), (iv) that  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = \varphi(\mathbf{s})$  if and only if  $I = J$  and  $\mathbf{r} \geq \mathbf{b}$  is equivalent to  $\mathbf{s} \geq \mathbf{b}$ . Thus, for  $\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s} \in S_X^*$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = \varphi(\mathbf{s})$  if and only if  $\pi_j \mathbf{r} = \pi_j \mathbf{s}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s} \in S_X$ . If  $\pi_j(\mathbf{r}^{**}) \neq \pi_j(\mathbf{s}^{**})$ , then, by the above,  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}^{**}) \neq \varphi(\mathbf{s}^{**})$ , which implies that  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) \neq \varphi(\mathbf{s})$ . Assume  $\pi_j(\mathbf{r}^{**}) = \pi_j(\mathbf{s}^{**})$ . If  $\pi_j(\mathbf{r}) \neq \pi_j(\mathbf{s})$  and, say,  $\pi_j(\mathbf{r}) > \pi_j(\mathbf{s})$ , then either  $\mathbf{r} \geq \mathbf{b}$  and  $\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{b} = \mu \mathbf{b}$  or there exists  $p \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{b\}$  such that  $\mathbf{r} \geq \zeta_j \mathbf{p}$  and  $\mathbf{s} \wedge \zeta_j \mathbf{p} = \mu \zeta_j \mathbf{p}$ . By Lemma 4.2(iii) or (iv), respectively,  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) \neq \varphi(\mathbf{s})$ . It remains to show that  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = \varphi(\mathbf{s})$  whenever  $\pi_j(\mathbf{r}) = \pi_j(\mathbf{s})$ . Suppose  $\pi_j(\mathbf{r}) = \pi_j(\mathbf{s})$  and  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) \neq \varphi(\mathbf{s})$ . By the above,  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \varphi(\mathbf{s}) \pmod{\Gamma}$ . Say, with no loss in generality,  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) > \varphi(\mathbf{s})$ . Hence, there exists  $p \in \text{At}(S_m^*)$  such that  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) \geq p$  and  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}) \wedge p = \mu p$ . Since  $S_X / \text{Ker}(\pi_j) \cong S_j$  where  $\text{Ker}(\pi_j)$  denotes the congruence kernel of the homomorphism  $\pi_j$ ,  $j = m$ , and, as seen above,  $\text{Ker}(\varphi) \leq \text{Ker}(\pi_j)$  where  $\text{Ker}(\varphi)$  denotes the congruence kernel of the homomorphism  $\varphi$ , it follows that  $\varphi$  is onto. Thus,  $p = \varphi(\mathbf{t})$  for some  $\mathbf{t} \in S_X^*$ . Since  $p \in \text{At}(S_m^*)$  and  $\mathbf{t}$  is the join of all members of  $\text{At}(S_X^*)$  that lie below it,  $p = \varphi(\mathbf{u})$  for some  $\mathbf{u} \in \text{At}(S_X^*)$ . This, by Lemma 4.2(iii), (iv), implies that either  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}) = p$  or there exists  $q \in \text{At}(S_j^*)$  such that  $\varphi(\zeta_j \mathbf{q}) = p$ . Since  $\pi_j(\mathbf{r}) = \pi_j(\mathbf{s})$ , we have  $\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{b}$  or  $\mathbf{r} \wedge \zeta_j \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{s} \wedge \zeta_j \mathbf{q}$ , respectively. Thus,  $p = \varphi(\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{b}) = \varphi(\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{b}) = \mu p$  or  $p = \varphi(\mathbf{r} \wedge \zeta_j \mathbf{q}) = \varphi(\mathbf{s} \wedge \zeta_j \mathbf{q}) = \mu p$ , which is absurd.

Define  $\eta : S_m \rightarrow S_m$  by  $\eta(r) = \varphi(\mathbf{s})$ , where  $\mathbf{s}$  is any element of  $S_X$  with  $\pi_m(\mathbf{s}) = r$ . Since  $m = j$  and, for all  $\mathbf{r}$  and  $\mathbf{s} \in S_X$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = \varphi(\mathbf{s})$  if and only if  $\pi_j(\mathbf{r}) = \pi_j(\mathbf{s})$ ,  $\eta$  is well-defined and indeed is an automorphism. Clearly, as required,  $\varphi = \eta \pi_m$ . ■

In the following lemma the term *quasi-atom* refers to any  $\mathbf{r} \in S_X$  such that  $\pi_i(\mathbf{r}) \in \text{At}(S_i^*)$  for all  $i \in X$ .

LEMMA 4.4. *Let  $X, Y \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$ ,  $j \in X$ , and  $n \in Y$ . If  $\psi : S_X \rightarrow S_Y$  is a homomorphism such that  $\psi(\mathbf{e}) \neq \psi(\nu_j \mathbf{e})$ , then the following hold:*

- (i) *if  $\mathbf{r}$  is a quasi-atom of  $S_X$ , then  $\pi_n \psi(\mathbf{r}) \neq 0$  and either  $\pi_n \psi(\mathbf{r}^*) \neq \pi_n \psi(\mu \mathbf{r}^*)$  or  $\pi_n \psi(\mathbf{r}^*) \leq b^*$ ;*
- (ii) *there exists a quasi-atom  $\mathbf{p}$  of  $S_X$  such that  $\mathbf{p} \in (\mathbf{b}^*)$  and  $\pi_n \psi(\mathbf{p}^*) \neq \pi_n \psi(\mu \mathbf{p}^*)$ .*

Proof. (i) Because  $\psi(\mathbf{e}) \neq \psi(\nu_j \mathbf{e})$ , there exists  $m \in Y$  such that  $\pi_m \psi(\mathbf{e}) \neq \pi_m \psi(\nu_j \mathbf{e})$ . Proposition 4.3, when applied to the homomorphism  $\pi_m \psi : S_X \rightarrow S_m$ , implies that  $j = m$  and there is an automorphism  $\eta$  of  $S_m$

such that  $\pi_m\psi = \eta\pi_m$ . (The indicated projection maps have domains  $S_Y$  and  $S_X$ , respectively.) In particular,  $\pi_m\psi(\mu\mathbf{r}^*) = \eta\pi_m(\mu\mathbf{r}^*) \in S_m \setminus S_m^*$ .

If  $\pi_n\psi(\mathbf{r}) = 0$ , then  $\pi_n\psi(\mathbf{r}^*) = 1$ , whence  $\pi_n\psi(\mu\mathbf{r}^*) = 1$  by the triviality of  $[1]\Gamma$ . Thus,  $\psi(\mu\mathbf{r}^*)$  belongs to the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class of  $S_Y$ , whence  $\pi_m\psi(\mu\mathbf{r}^*)$  belongs to the  $b$ -class of  $S_m$ , which is a subset of  $S_m^*$ . Since this conclusion contradicts our finding that  $\pi_m\psi(\mu\mathbf{r}^*) \in S_m \setminus S_m^*$ , we have  $\pi_n\psi(\mathbf{r}) \neq 0$ .

If  $\pi_n\psi(\mathbf{r}^*) = \pi_n\psi(\mu\mathbf{r}^*)$ , then  $\pi_n\psi(\mu\mathbf{r}^*) \in S_n^*$ , and since  $\pi_m\psi(\mu\mathbf{r}^*) \in S_m \setminus S_m^*$ , it follows that  $\psi(\mu\mathbf{r}^*)$  belongs to the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class of  $S_Y$ . That is,  $\psi(\mu\mathbf{r}^*) \leq \mathbf{b}^*$ , and therefore  $\psi(\mathbf{r}^*) \leq \mathbf{b}^*$ . Thus  $\pi_n\psi(\mathbf{r}^*) \neq \pi_n\psi(\mu\mathbf{r}^*)$  or  $\pi_n\psi(\mathbf{r}^*) \leq b^*$ .

(ii) Because  $\text{At}(S_i^*) \setminus \{b\} \subseteq (b^*)$  for all  $i \in X$ , there exist in  $S_X$  quasi-atoms  $\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s} \in (\mathbf{b}^*)$  such that  $\mathbf{r}\wedge\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{0}$ . Since  $1 = \pi_n\psi(\mathbf{1}) = \pi_n\psi(\mathbf{r}^*) \vee \pi_n\psi(\mathbf{s}^*)$ , it is impossible to have both  $\pi_n\psi(\mathbf{r}^*) \leq b^*$  and  $\pi_n\psi(\mathbf{s}^*) \leq b^*$ , whereupon (i) yields  $\mathbf{p} \in \{\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s}\}$  such that  $\pi_n\psi(\mathbf{p}^*) \neq \pi_n\psi(\mu\mathbf{p}^*)$ . ■

PROPOSITION 4.5. *Let  $X, Y \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$  and  $j \in X$ . If there is a homomorphism  $\psi : S_X \rightarrow S_Y$  such that  $\psi(\mathbf{e}) \neq \psi(\nu_j\mathbf{e})$ , then  $j \in Y$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ .*

PROOF. If  $\psi(\mathbf{e}) \neq \psi(\nu_j\mathbf{e})$ , then there exists  $m \in Y$  such that  $\pi_m\psi(\mathbf{e}) \neq \pi_m\psi(\nu_j\mathbf{e})$ . Hence, for the homomorphism  $\pi_m\psi : S_X \rightarrow S_m$ , Proposition 4.3 implies that  $j = m$  and, in particular,  $j \in Y$ . Likewise, to obtain  $Y \subseteq X$  by means of Proposition 4.3 it suffices to prove that for every  $n \in Y$  there exists  $i \in X$  such that  $\pi_n\psi(\mathbf{e}) \neq \pi_n\psi(\nu_i\mathbf{e})$  and, so,  $i = n \in X$ .

Suppose, on the contrary, that there exists  $n \in Y$  such that  $\pi_n\psi(\mathbf{e}) = \pi_n\psi(\nu_i\mathbf{e})$  for all  $i \in X$ . For notational convenience set  $\varphi = \pi_n\psi$ .

For  $\nu\mathbf{e} = \bigwedge\{\nu_i\mathbf{e} : i \in X\}$ , we have  $\varphi(\mathbf{e}) = \varphi(\nu\mathbf{e})$ . It follows that  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) \leq \varphi(\mu\mathbf{b}^*)$  because  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\mathbf{e}) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\nu\mathbf{e}) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{c}) \leq \varphi(\mu\mathbf{b}^*)$ .

Next we show that  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{b}^*)$ . Supposing the contrary,  $\varphi(\mu\mathbf{b}^*) \in S_n \setminus S_n^*$ . Since  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) \leq \varphi(\mu\mathbf{b}^*)$  it now follows from Lemma 4.1(i) that  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) \in \{0, a\}$ , hence Lemma 4.4(i) yields  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) = a$ , whereupon, by Lemma 4.1(ii),  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) \in C_n(a)$  and, hence, there exists  $p \in \text{At}(S_n^*) \setminus \{a\}$  such that  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) = a \vee p$ . Since  $\mathbf{a} \leq \mathbf{b}^*$ , it follows that  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) \in \{0, a, p, a \vee p\}$ . Inasmuch as  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) \neq 0$  by Lemma 4.4(i), and  $0 = \varphi(\mathbf{a}) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\mathbf{a}) \wedge a$ , we conclude that  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) = p$ . Choose a quasi-atom  $\mathbf{r}$  of  $S_X$  such that, for all  $i \in X$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{r}) \notin \{a, b, c\}$ . It follows that  $\mathbf{r} \leq \mathbf{b}^*$  and, hence,  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) \leq \varphi(\mathbf{b}^*)$ . By Lemma 4.4(i),  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) \in \{a, p, a \vee p\}$ . Since  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) = p$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) = a$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{a}) = \varphi(\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{a}) = 0$ , and  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\mathbf{r} \wedge \mathbf{c}) = 0$ , this is absurd. Therefore  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{b}^*)$ .

For any  $\mathbf{s} \in S_X$  such that  $\mathbf{s} \leq \mathbf{b}^*$  we now have  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{s})$ . (Indeed,  $\varphi(\mu\mathbf{s}) = \varphi(\mathbf{s}) \wedge \varphi(\mu\mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mathbf{s}) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mathbf{s})$ .) In particular,  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{s})$  for  $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{p}$ , where  $\mathbf{p}$  is a quasi-atom obtained from Lemma 4.4(ii). This contradiction concludes the proof. ■

PROPOSITION 4.6. *Let  $X \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$  and  $m \in \omega$ . If  $\varphi : S_X \rightarrow S_m$  is a homomorphism such that  $\varphi(\mathbf{e}) = \varphi(\nu_i\mathbf{e})$  for all  $i \in X$ , then  $\Gamma_X \leq \text{Ker}(\varphi)$*

where  $\Gamma_X$  denotes the Glivenko congruence on  $S_X$  and  $\text{Ker}(\varphi)$  denotes the congruence kernel of the homomorphism  $\varphi$ .

*Proof.* Suppose  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) \neq \varphi(\mu\mathbf{b}^*)$ . Since  $\mu\mathbf{b}^* = \bigwedge\{\mu_i\mathbf{b}^* : i \in X\}$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) \neq \varphi(\mu_i\mathbf{b}^*)$  for some  $i \in X$ . By hypothesis  $\varphi(\mathbf{e}) = \varphi(\nu_i\mathbf{e})$  and, consequently,  $\nu_i\mathbf{e} \wedge \mathbf{c} = \mu_i\mathbf{c}$  implies  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\mathbf{e} \wedge \mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\mathbf{e}) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\nu_i\mathbf{e}) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\nu_i\mathbf{e} \wedge \mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\mu_i\mathbf{c})$ . Since  $\mu_i\mathbf{c} \leq \mu_i\mathbf{b}^*$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) = \varphi(\mu_i\mathbf{c}) \leq \varphi(\mu_i\mathbf{b}^*) \in S_m \setminus S_m^*$ . By Lemma 4.1(i),  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) = 0$  or  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) = a$ . Further, if  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) = a$ , then it follows from Lemma 4.1(ii) that  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) \in C_m(a)$  and, since  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) \leq \varphi(\mu_i\mathbf{b}^*)$ ,  $\varphi(\mu_i\mathbf{b}^*) = \nu\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*)$ .

We show that neither  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) = 0$  nor  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) = a$  may occur.

If  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) = 0$ , then  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}^*) = 1$ . The triviality of  $[1]\Gamma$  reveals that  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}^*) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{c}^*)$ . For every quasi-atom  $\mathbf{r}$  such that  $\pi_j(\mathbf{r}) \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{b, c\}$  for all  $j \in X$ ,  $\mathbf{r} \leq \mathbf{c}^*$  and  $\mathbf{r} \wedge \mu\mathbf{c}^* = \mu\mathbf{r}$ . Thus,  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{r})$  and, in particular,  $\varphi(\mu_i\mathbf{r}) = \varphi(\mathbf{r})$ . From  $\mathbf{b}^* \geq \mathbf{r}$  and  $\mu_i\mathbf{b}^* \geq \mu_i\mathbf{r}$  it follows, by Lemma 4.1(i), that  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = 0$  or  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = a$ . Further, in the event that  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = a$ , then, by Lemma 4.1(ii),  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) \in C_m(a)$ . Since  $\mathbf{b}^* = \mathbf{c} \vee \bigvee\{\mathbf{r} : \pi_j(\mathbf{r}) \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{b, c\} \text{ for all } j \in X\}$ , either  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) = 0$  or  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) = a$ . Because  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) \neq \varphi(\mu\mathbf{b}^*)$ , it follows that  $\varphi\mathbf{b}^* \neq 0$ . Thus,  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) = a$ . However, this is absurd since  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) = a$  only if  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = a$  for some suitable  $\mathbf{r}$ , which, in turn, implies  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) \in C_m(a)$ . Hence, contrary to the supposition,  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) \neq 0$ .

If  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) = a$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) \in C_m(a)$ , and  $\varphi(\mu_i\mathbf{b}^*) = \nu\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*)$ , then, for some  $p \in \text{At}(S_m^*)$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) = a \vee p$  and  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) \in \{0, a, p, a \vee p\}$ . Since  $\mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{0}$ , it follows that  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) \in \{0, p\}$ . If  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) = 0$ , then  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}^*) = 1$ . Arguing as above,  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}^*) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{a}^*)$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = \varphi(\mu_i\mathbf{r})$  for every quasi-atom  $\mathbf{r}$  such that  $\pi_j(\mathbf{r}) \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{a, b\}$ , and, hence,  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = 0$  or  $a$ . As before, it follows that  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) = a$ , which is absurd. Thus,  $\varphi(\mathbf{a}) = p$  and, as  $\mathbf{a} \wedge \mu_i\mathbf{b}^* = \mu_i\mathbf{a}$  and  $\varphi(\mu_i\mathbf{b}^*) = \nu\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*)$ ,  $\varphi(\mu_i\mathbf{a}) = \varphi(\mathbf{a}) \wedge \varphi(\mu_i\mathbf{b}^*) = p \wedge \nu\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) = \mu p$ . In particular,  $\varphi(\mu_i\mathbf{a}) \neq \varphi(\mathbf{a})$ . Choose a quasi-atom  $\mathbf{r}$  such that  $\pi_j(\mathbf{r}) \in \text{At}(S_j^*) \setminus \{a, b, c\}$ . Since  $\mathbf{r} \leq \mathbf{b}^*$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) \in \{0, a, p, a \vee p\}$  and, as  $\mathbf{a} \wedge \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{c} \wedge \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{0}$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = 0$ . Hence,  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}^*) = 1$ ,  $\varphi(\mu_i\mathbf{r}^*) = \varphi(\mathbf{r}^*)$  and, since  $\mathbf{r}^* \geq \mathbf{a}$ , it follows that  $\varphi(\mu_i\mathbf{a}) = \varphi(\mathbf{a})$ , which is absurd. Thus, contrary to hypothesis,  $\varphi(\mathbf{c}) \neq a$ .

We conclude that  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}^*) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{b}^*)$ .

Since  $\mathbf{r} \leq \mathbf{b}^*$  for every  $\mathbf{r}$  in the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class, it remains to show that, for  $\mathbf{r}$  in the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class,  $\varphi(\mathbf{r}) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{r})$ . Let  $\mathbf{r}$  in the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class be such that  $\mathbf{r} \neq \mu\mathbf{r}$ . Then, since  $\pi_i(\mathbf{r}) < 1$  for every  $i \in X$ , there exists a quasi-atom  $\mathbf{s}$  in the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class such that  $\mathbf{r} \leq \mathbf{s}^*$ . It is sufficient therefore to show that, for each quasi-atom  $\mathbf{s}$  in the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class,  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}^*) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{s}^*)$ . Suppose that for some such  $\mathbf{s}$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}^*) \neq \varphi(\mu\mathbf{s}^*)$ . For every quasi-atom  $\mathbf{t} \leq \mathbf{s}^*$  that belongs to the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class, we now know that  $\varphi(\mathbf{t}) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{t})$ . Hence, by Lemma 4.1, either  $\varphi(\mathbf{t}) = 0$  or else  $\varphi(\mathbf{t}) = a$  and  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}^*) \in C_m(a)$ . Since there are distinct such quasi-atoms which meet to  $\mathbf{0}$ , we may assume that  $\varphi(\mathbf{t}) = 0$  for some such  $\mathbf{t}$ . Thus,

$\varphi(\mathbf{t}^*) = 1$  and, so,  $\varphi(\mathbf{t}^*) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{t}^*)$ , which implies that  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}) = \varphi(\mu\mathbf{b})$ . By Lemma 4.1, either  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}) = 0$  or else  $\varphi(\mathbf{b}) = a$  and  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}^*) \in C_m(a)$ . However,  $\mathbf{s}^* = \mathbf{b} \vee \bigvee \{\mathbf{t} : \mathbf{t} \text{ is a quasi-atom in the } \mathbf{0}\text{-class and } \mathbf{t} \leq \mathbf{s}^*\}$ . Hence, either  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}^*) = 0$  or else  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}^*) = a$  and  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}^*) \in C_m(a)$ , each of which is absurd. ■

**5. Verification of (P1)–(P4).** We can now prove Theorem 1.1 by verifying that the family  $(S_W : W \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega))$  satisfies the postulates (P1)–(P4) of Proposition 2.1.

Since (P1) and (P2) clearly hold, we need only establish (P3) to conclude the following.

**PROPOSITION 5.1.** *The family  $(S_W : W \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega))$  of finite pseudocomplemented semilattices satisfies the postulates (P1)–(P3).*

**PROOF.** Let  $X, Y \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$  be such that  $X \neq \emptyset$  and  $S_X \in Q(S_Y)$ . There is an embedding  $\varphi : S_X \rightarrow (S_Y)^I$  for some finite set  $I$ . For each  $j \in X$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{e}) \neq \varphi(\nu_j\mathbf{e})$  and hence there exists  $i \in I$  such that the projection map  $\pi_i : (S_Y)^I \rightarrow S_Y$  satisfies  $\pi_i\varphi(\mathbf{e}) \neq \pi_i\varphi(\nu_j\mathbf{e})$ . Proposition 4.5 (applied to  $\pi_i\varphi : S_X \rightarrow S_Y$ ) yields  $j \in Y$  and  $Y \subseteq X$ . Since this holds for all  $j \in X$ , we have  $Y = X$ . ■

**LEMMA 5.2.** *If  $X \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$ ,  $\emptyset \neq Y \subseteq X$ , and  $\Theta$  is a congruence relation on  $S_X$  with  $\Gamma_X \leq \Theta$ , then  $S_Y$  is embeddable into  $S_X/(\Theta \wedge \text{Ker}(\pi_Y))$ , where  $\Gamma_X$  denotes the Glivenko congruence on  $S_X$ ,  $\pi_Y$  denotes the projection map from  $S_X$  onto  $S_Y$ , and  $\text{Ker}(\pi_Y)$  denotes the congruence kernel of the homomorphism  $\pi_Y$ .*

**PROOF.** Let  $\Psi$  denote the congruence relation on  $S_X$  where, for  $\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s} \in S_X$ ,  $\mathbf{r} \equiv \mathbf{s} (\Psi)$  if and only if  $\pi_Y(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \pi_Y(\mathbf{s}) (\Gamma_Y)$  where  $\Gamma_Y$  denotes the Glivenko congruence on  $S_Y$ . We shall need the following:

**LEMMA 5.3.**  $\Psi = \Gamma_X \circ \text{Ker}(\pi_Y)$ .

**PROOF.** Since  $\Gamma_X \leq \Psi$  and  $\text{Ker}(\pi_Y) \leq \Psi$ ,  $\Gamma_X \circ \text{Ker}(\pi_Y) \leq \Psi$ . To see that  $\Psi \leq \Gamma_X \circ \text{Ker}(\pi_Y)$ , suppose  $\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s} \in S_X$  and  $\mathbf{r} \equiv \mathbf{s} (\Psi)$ . It must be shown that there exists  $\mathbf{t} \in S_X$  such that  $\mathbf{r} \Gamma_X \mathbf{t}$  and  $\mathbf{t} \text{Ker}(\pi_Y) \mathbf{s}$ .

Clearly, for any such  $\mathbf{t}$ , it must be the case that  $\pi_j(\mathbf{t}) = \pi_j(\mathbf{s})$  for  $j \in Y$ . Thus, to determine a suitable  $\mathbf{t}$ , it is necessary to define  $\pi_i(\mathbf{t})$  for  $i \in X \setminus Y$ . There are several cases depending on whether  $\mathbf{r}$  and  $\mathbf{s}$  belong to the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class,  $\mu\mathbf{b}$ -class, or  $\mathbf{0}$ -class of  $S_X$ :

Let  $\mathbf{r}$  belong to the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class. If  $\mathbf{s}$  belongs to the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class, then set  $\pi_i(\mathbf{t}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{r})$ . When  $\mathbf{s}$  belongs to the  $\mu\mathbf{b}$ -class, then let  $\pi_i(\mathbf{t}) = \mu\pi_i(\mathbf{r})$ . For  $\mathbf{s}$  to belong to the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class is not possible as  $\pi_Y(\mathbf{r}) \equiv \pi_Y(\mathbf{s}) (\Gamma_Y)$ .

Let  $\mathbf{r}$  belong to the  $\mu\mathbf{b}$ -class. If  $\mathbf{s}$  belongs to the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class, then set  $\pi_i(\mathbf{t}) = (\pi_i(\mathbf{r}))^{**}$ . If  $\mathbf{s}$  belongs to the  $\mu\mathbf{b}$ -class, then let  $\pi_i(\mathbf{t}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{r})$ . As above, it is not possible for  $\mathbf{s}$  to belong to the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class.

Let  $\mathbf{r}$  belong to the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class. As above, the only possibility is that  $\mathbf{s}$  also belongs to the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class. In which case  $\pi_i(\mathbf{t}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{r})$  will suffice. ■

**Proof of Lemma 5.2 continued.** Clearly, the set

$$\{([\mathbf{r}]\Theta, [\mathbf{r}]\text{Ker}(\pi_Y)) : \mathbf{r} \in S_X\}$$

is a subalgebra of  $S_X/\Theta \times S_X/\text{Ker}(\pi_Y)$ . Denote this  $p$ -subsemilattice by  $S$ . Since  $S_X/(\Theta \wedge \text{Ker}(\pi_Y))$  is isomorphic to  $S$  via the isomorphism

$$[\mathbf{r}](\Theta \wedge \text{Ker}(\pi_Y)) \mapsto ([\mathbf{r}]\Theta, [\mathbf{r}]\text{Ker}(\pi_Y)),$$

to complete the proof of Lemma 5.2 it suffices to show that  $S_Y$  is embeddable into  $S$ .

Define  $\varphi : S_Y \rightarrow S$  where, for  $\mathbf{s} \in S_Y$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}) = ([\mathbf{r}]\Theta, [\mathbf{r}]\text{Ker}(\pi_Y))$  is such that  $\mathbf{x}\Gamma_X\mathbf{r}$  and  $\mathbf{r}\text{Ker}(\pi_Y)\mathbf{x}'$  for suitably defined  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}' \in S_X$ . The existence of such an  $\mathbf{r}$  is guaranteed by Lemma 5.3 providing  $\mathbf{x}\Psi\mathbf{x}'$ . The choice of  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{x}'$  depends on whether  $\mathbf{s}$  belongs to the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class,  $\mu\mathbf{b}$ -class, or  $\mathbf{0}$ -class of  $S_Y$ . There are three cases:

Let  $\mathbf{s}$  belong to the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class of  $S_Y$ . Then  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in S_X$ , where, for  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})^{**}$  and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})$  and, for  $i \in X \setminus Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = 1$  and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = 1$ .

Let  $\mathbf{s}$  belong to the  $\mu\mathbf{b}$ -class of  $S_Y$ . Since  $\mathbf{s}^{**}$  belongs to the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class,  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in S_X$  where, for  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})^{**}$  and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})$  and, for  $i \in X \setminus Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = 1$  and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = \mu b$ .

Let  $\mathbf{s}$  belong to the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class of  $S_Y$ . Since  $\mathbf{s}^{**}$  also belongs to the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class,  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}' \in S_X$  where, for  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})^{**}$  and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})$  and, for  $i \in X \setminus Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = 0$ .

In each case  $\mathbf{x}\Psi\mathbf{x}'$ . Thus, since  $\Gamma_X \leq \Theta$ ,  $\varphi$  is well-defined. It remains to show that  $\varphi$  is a one-to-one homomorphism.

To see that  $\varphi$  is one-to-one, suppose  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}) = \varphi(\mathbf{t})$  for some  $\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t} \in S_Y$ . Let  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}) = ([\mathbf{r}]\Theta, [\mathbf{r}]\text{Ker}(\pi_Y))$  and  $\varphi(\mathbf{t}) = ([\mathbf{u}]\Theta, [\mathbf{u}]\text{Ker}(\pi_Y))$ . Thus,  $[\mathbf{r}]\text{Ker}(\pi_Y) = [\mathbf{u}]\text{Ker}(\pi_Y)$ . In particular,  $\pi_Y(\mathbf{r}) = \pi_Y(\mathbf{u})$ . However, by the definition of  $\varphi$ ,  $\pi_Y(\mathbf{r}) = \pi_Y(\mathbf{s})$  and  $\pi_Y(\mathbf{u}) = \pi_Y(\mathbf{t})$ . Hence,  $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{t}$  as required.

To show that  $\varphi$  is  $\wedge$ -preserving, we must establish that, for  $\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{t} \in S_Y$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t}) = \varphi(\mathbf{s}) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{t})$ . Let  $\varphi(\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t}) = ([\mathbf{r}]\Theta, [\mathbf{r}]\text{Ker}(\pi_Y))$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}) = ([\mathbf{u}]\Theta, [\mathbf{u}]\text{Ker}(\pi_Y))$ , and  $\varphi(\mathbf{t}) = ([\mathbf{v}]\Theta, [\mathbf{v}]\text{Ker}(\pi_Y))$ , where  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}', \mathbf{z}, \mathbf{z}' \in S_X$  determine appropriate  $\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{v} \in S_X$ , respectively. Since  $\Gamma_X \leq \Theta$ , it is sufficient to show that  $\mathbf{r}\Gamma_X\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{r}\text{Ker}(\pi_Y)\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{v}$  in order to conclude that  $\varphi(\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t}) = \varphi(\mathbf{s}) \wedge \varphi(\mathbf{t})$ . There are several cases depending on whether  $\mathbf{s}$  and  $\mathbf{t}$  belong to the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class,  $\mu\mathbf{b}$ -class, or  $\mathbf{0}$ -class of  $S_Y$ .

Let  $\mathbf{s}$  belong to the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class of  $S_Y$ .

If  $\mathbf{t}$  belongs to the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class, then so does  $\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t}$ . Thus, for  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t})^{**}$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})^{**}$ , and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{z}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{t})^{**}$  and, for  $i \in X \setminus Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{z}) = 1$ . Since  $(\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t})^{**} = \mathbf{s}^{**} \wedge \mathbf{t}^{**}$ ,  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \wedge \mathbf{z}$ . Consequently, as

$\mathbf{x}\Gamma_X\mathbf{r}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}\Gamma_X\mathbf{u}$ , and  $\mathbf{z}\Gamma_X\mathbf{v}$ , it follows that  $\mathbf{r}\Gamma_X\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{v}$ . Similarly, since in this case  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}'$ ,  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}'$ , and  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z}'$ , we have  $\mathbf{r} \text{Ker}(\pi_Y)\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{v}$ .

If  $\mathbf{t}$  belongs to the  $\mu\mathbf{b}$ -class, then so does  $\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t}$ . Thus, for  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t})^{**}$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})^{**}$ , and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{z}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{t})^{**}$  and, for  $i \in X \setminus Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{z}) = 1$ . As before, it follows that  $\mathbf{r}\Gamma_X\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{v}$ . For  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t})$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})$ , and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{z}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{t})$  and, for  $i \in X \setminus Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = \mu b$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}') = 1$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{z}') = \mu b$ . In particular,  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{y}' \wedge \mathbf{z}'$  and, as  $\mathbf{x}' \text{Ker}(\pi_Y)\mathbf{r}$ ,  $\mathbf{y}' \text{Ker}(\pi_Y)\mathbf{u}$ , and  $\mathbf{z}' \text{Ker}(\pi_Y)\mathbf{v}$ , it follows that  $\mathbf{r} \text{Ker}(\pi_Y)\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{v}$ .

If  $\mathbf{t}$  belongs to the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class, then so does  $\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t}$ . Hence, for  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t})^{**}$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})^{**}$ , and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{z}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{t})^{**}$  and, for  $i \in X \setminus Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = 1$ , and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{z}) = 0$ . As above,  $\mathbf{r}\Gamma_X\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{v}$ . For  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t})$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})$ , and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{z}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{t})$  and, for  $i \in X \setminus Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = 0$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}') = 1$ , and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{z}') = 0$ . Once more,  $\mathbf{r} \text{Ker}(\pi_Y)\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{v}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{s}$  belong to the  $\mu\mathbf{b}$ -class of  $S_Y$ .

Since  $\wedge$  is commutative, it is now no longer necessary to consider  $\mathbf{t}$  a member of the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class.

If  $\mathbf{t}$  belongs to the  $\mu\mathbf{b}$ -class of  $S_Y$ , then so does  $\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t}$ . Consequently, for  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t})^{**}$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})^{**}$ , and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{z}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{t})^{**}$  and, for  $i \in X \setminus Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{z}) = 1$ . For  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t})$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})$ , and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{z}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{t})$  and, for  $i \in X \setminus Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{y}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{z}') = \mu b$ . In particular,  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \wedge \mathbf{z}$  and  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{y}' \wedge \mathbf{z}'$ . Hence  $\mathbf{r}\Gamma_X\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{r} \text{Ker}(\pi_Y)\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{v}$ .

If  $\mathbf{t}$  belongs to the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class, then so does  $\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t}$ . For  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t})^{**}$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})^{**}$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{z}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{t})^{**}$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t})$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})$ , and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{z}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{t})$  and, for  $i \in X \setminus Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = 1$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{z}) = 0$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = 0$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}') = \mu b$ , and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{z}') = 0$ . Clearly, once more  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \wedge \mathbf{z}$  and  $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{y}' \wedge \mathbf{z}'$ , as required.

Let  $\mathbf{s}$  belong to the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class of  $S_Y$ .

By the commutativity of  $\wedge$ , it only remains to consider  $\mathbf{t}$  a member of the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class. Obviously,  $\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t}$  is also a member of the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class. For  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t})^{**}$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})^{**}$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{z}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{t})^{**}$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s} \wedge \mathbf{t})$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})$ , and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{z}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{t})$  and, for  $i \in X \setminus Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{z}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{y}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{z}') = 0$ . Thus, in this case, as for every case,  $\mathbf{r}\Gamma_X\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{v}$  and  $\mathbf{r} \text{Ker}(\pi_Y)\mathbf{u} \wedge \mathbf{v}$ . In particular,  $\varphi$  is  $\wedge$ -preserving.

To see that  $\varphi$  is  $*$ -preserving, it is necessary to establish that, for  $\mathbf{s} \in S_Y$ ,  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}^*) = \varphi(\mathbf{s})^*$ . Let  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}^*) = ([\mathbf{r}]\Theta, [\mathbf{r}] \text{Ker}(\pi_Y))$  and  $\varphi(\mathbf{s}) = ([\mathbf{u}]\Theta, [\mathbf{u}] \text{Ker}(\pi_Y))$ , where  $\mathbf{r}$  and  $\mathbf{u}$  are determined by  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{y}' \in S_X$ . As above, it is sufficient to show that  $\mathbf{r}\Gamma_X\mathbf{u}^*$  and  $\mathbf{r} \text{Ker}(\pi_Y)\mathbf{u}^*$ .

If  $\mathbf{s}$  is in the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class, then  $\mathbf{s}^*$  is in the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class. Thus, for  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s}^*)^{**}$  and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})^{**}$  and, for  $i \in X \setminus Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = 1$ . Since  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}^*$ ,  $\mathbf{x}\Gamma_X\mathbf{r}$ , and  $\mathbf{y}\Gamma_X\mathbf{u}$ , it follows that  $\mathbf{r}\Gamma_X\mathbf{u}^*$ . For  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s}^*)$  and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})$ . Since  $\mathbf{x}' \text{Ker}(\pi_Y)\mathbf{y}'^*$ , we have  $\mathbf{r} \text{Ker}(\pi_Y)\mathbf{u}^*$ .

If  $\mathbf{s}$  is in the  $\mu\mathbf{b}$ -class, then  $\mathbf{s}^*$  is in the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class. Thus, for  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s}^*)^{**}$  and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})^{**}$  and, for  $i \in X \setminus Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = 0$  and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = 1$ . Since  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}^*$ , we have  $\mathbf{r}\Gamma_X\mathbf{u}^*$ . For  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s}^*)$  and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})$ . Since  $\mathbf{x}'\text{Ker}(\pi_Y)\mathbf{y}'^*$ , we obtain  $\mathbf{r}\text{Ker}(\pi_Y)\mathbf{u}^*$ .

If  $\mathbf{s}$  is in the  $\mathbf{0}$ -class, then  $\mathbf{s}^*$  is in the  $\mathbf{b}$ -class. Thus, for  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s}^*)^{**}$  and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})^{**}$  and, for  $i \in X \setminus Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}) = 1$  and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}) = 0$ . Hence,  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}^*$  and, so,  $\mathbf{r}\Gamma_X\mathbf{u}^*$ . For  $i \in Y$ ,  $\pi_i(\mathbf{x}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s}^*)$  and  $\pi_i(\mathbf{y}') = \pi_i(\mathbf{s})$ . Hence,  $\mathbf{x}'\text{Ker}(\pi_Y)\mathbf{y}'^*$  which implies  $\mathbf{r}\text{Ker}(\pi_Y)\mathbf{u}^*$ . Consequently,  $\varphi$  is  $*$ -preserving. ■

**PROPOSITION 5.4.** *The family  $(S_W : W \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega))$  of finite pseudocomplemented semilattices satisfies the postulate (P4).*

**PROOF.** Let  $X \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$  and  $B, C \in Q(\{S_W : W \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)\})$  be finite algebras such that  $S_X$  is a subalgebra of  $B \times C$ . We must exhibit  $Y, Z \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$  with  $S_Y \in Q(B)$ ,  $S_Z \in Q(C)$ , and  $X = Y \cup Z$ . Clearly, with no loss in generality, we may assume that either  $B$  or  $C$  is a non-trivial algebra.

Let  $\pi_B$  and  $\pi_C$  denote the projections of  $S_X$  into  $B$  and  $C$ , respectively. Define

$$Y = \{i \in X : \pi_B(\mathbf{e}) \neq \pi_B(\nu_i\mathbf{e})\}, \quad Z = \{i \in X : \pi_C(\mathbf{e}) \neq \pi_C(\nu_i\mathbf{e})\}.$$

Since  $S_X$  is a subalgebra of  $B \times C$ ,  $X = Y \cup Z$ . Observe, in passing, that  $\text{Ker}(\pi_B) \wedge \text{Ker}(\pi_C)$  is the identity on  $S_X$ . Further, as  $B \times C$  does not contain a trivial subalgebra, it follows that  $X \neq \emptyset$  and, hence, either  $Y \neq \emptyset$  or  $Z \neq \emptyset$ .

To begin with, suppose that either  $Y = \emptyset$  or  $Z = \emptyset$ , say  $Z = \emptyset$ , and so  $Y = X$ . Since  $S_\emptyset \in Q(C)$ , it is sufficient to show that  $S_X$  is embeddable in  $B$ , which implies  $S_Y = S_X \in Q(B)$ . Because  $B \in Q(\{S_W : W \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)\})$  and  $Q(\{S_W : W \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)\}) = Q(\{S_i : i \in \omega\})$ , there exists a set  $W \in P_{\text{fin}}(\omega)$  and an embedding  $\varphi$  of  $B$  in  $\prod(S_i : i \in W)$ . Thus,

$$S_X \xrightarrow{\pi_B} B \xrightarrow{\varphi} \prod(S_i : i \in W).$$

Since  $X = Y$ , Proposition 4.3 implies that  $X \subseteq W$  and, for each  $i \in X$ , the map  $\pi_i \circ \varphi \circ \pi_B : S_X \rightarrow S_i$  satisfies  $\text{Ker}(\pi_i \circ \varphi \circ \pi_B) = \text{Ker}(\pi'_i)$  where  $\pi_i$  refers to the projection from  $\prod(S_i : i \in W)$  into  $S_i$  and  $\pi'_i$  refers to the projection from  $S_X$  into  $S_i$ . Let  $\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s} \in S_X$  and  $\mathbf{r} \equiv \mathbf{s}$  ( $\text{Ker}(\pi_B)$ ). Thus,  $\pi_i \circ \varphi \circ \pi_B(\mathbf{r}) = \pi_i \circ \varphi \circ \pi_B(\mathbf{s})$  for all  $i \in X$ . Therefore  $\pi_i(\mathbf{s}) = \pi_i(\mathbf{r})$  for all  $i \in X$ , which means that  $\mathbf{r} = \mathbf{s}$ . It follows that  $\text{Ker}(\pi_B)$  is the identity on  $S_X$ , and so  $S_X$  is embeddable in  $B$ . In particular,  $S_X \in Q(B)$ .

Suppose that both  $Y \neq \emptyset$  and  $Z \neq \emptyset$ . As before, there exists a set  $W$  and an embedding  $\varphi$  of  $B$  in  $\prod(S_i : i \in W)$  and, likewise, there exists a set  $V$  and an embedding  $\psi$  of  $C$  in  $\prod(S_i : i \in V)$ . It is sufficient to show that  $S_Y$  embeds in  $S_X/\text{Ker}(\pi_B)$  and that  $S_Z$  embeds in  $S_X/\text{Ker}(\pi_C)$  since this implies that  $S_Y \in Q(B)$  and  $S_Z \in Q(C)$ . We only show that  $S_Y$  embeds



in  $S_X/\text{Ker}(\pi_B)$ ; the proof that  $S_Z$  embeds in  $S_X/\text{Ker}(\pi_C)$  is similar. By Proposition 4.3,  $Y \subseteq W$  and, for each  $i \in Y$ , the map  $\pi_i \circ \varphi \circ \pi_B : S_X \rightarrow S_i$  satisfies  $\text{Ker}(\pi_i \circ \varphi \circ \pi_B) = \text{Ker}(\pi'_i)$  where  $\pi_i$  and  $\pi'_i$  are as above. In particular,  $\bigwedge(\text{Ker}(\pi_i \circ \varphi \circ \pi_B) : i \in Y) = \text{Ker}(\pi_Y)$  where  $\pi_Y$  denotes the projection on  $S_X$ . Since  $\bigwedge(\text{Ker}(\pi_i \circ \varphi \circ \pi_B) : i \in W) = \text{Ker}(\pi_B)$ , it follows that

$$(\dagger) \quad \text{Ker}(\pi_B) = \bigwedge(\text{Ker}(\pi_i \circ \varphi \circ \pi_B) : i \in W \setminus Y) \wedge \text{Ker}(\pi_Y).$$

However, from Proposition 4.3 it follows that, for each  $i \in W \setminus Y$ ,  $\pi_i \circ \varphi \circ \pi_B(\mathbf{e}) = \pi_i \circ \varphi \circ \pi_B(\nu_j \mathbf{e})$  for all  $j \in X$ . Thus, by Proposition 4.6,  $\Gamma_X \leq \text{Ker}(\pi_i \circ \varphi \circ \pi_B)$  for each  $i \in W \setminus Y$ , and so  $\Gamma_X \leq \bigwedge(\text{Ker}(\pi_i \circ \varphi \circ \pi_B) : i \in W \setminus Y)$ . By Lemma 5.2,  $S_Y$  is embeddable in  $S_X / \bigwedge(\text{Ker}(\pi_i \circ \varphi \circ \pi_B) : i \in W \setminus Y) \wedge \text{Ker}(\pi_Y)$ , which, by  $(\dagger)$ , implies  $S_Y$  is embeddable in  $S_X / \text{Ker}(\pi_B)$ , as required. ■

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