

## ON QUASI-P-ALMOST DISTRIBUTIVE LATTICES

RAVI KUMAR BANDARU<sup>1</sup>

*Department of Mathematics*  
*GITAM (Deemed to be University)*  
*Hyderabad Campus, Telangana, India-502 329*

**e-mail:** ravimaths83@gmail.com

AND

G.C. RAO

*Department of Mathematics*  
*Andhra University*  
*Andhra Pradesh, India-530 003*

**e-mail:** gcraomaths@yahoo.co.in

### Abstract

In this paper, the concept of quasi pseudo-complementation on an Almost Distributive Lattice (ADL) as a generalization of pseudo-complementation on an ADL is introduced and its properties are studied. Necessary and sufficient conditions for a quasi pseudo-complemented ADL( $q$ -p-ADL) to be a pseudo-complemented ADL( $p$ -ADL) and Stone ADL are derived and the set  $S(L) = \{a^* \mid a \in L\}$  is proved to be a Boolean algebra. Also, the notions of  $*$ -congruence and kernel ideals are introduced in a quasi-p-ADL and characterized kernel ideals. Finally, some equivalent conditions are given for every ideal of a quasi-p-ADL to be a kernel ideal.

**Keywords:** pseudo-complementation, quasi pseudo-complementation, Almost Distributive Lattice (ADL),  $p$ -ADL, quasi-p-ADL.

**2010 Mathematics Subject Classification:** 06D99, 06D15.

---

<sup>1</sup>Corresponding author.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

A pseudo-complemented lattice is a lattice  $L$  with  $0$  such that to each  $a \in L$ , the largest annihilating element of  $a$  exists in  $L$ . That is, there exists  $a^* \in L$  such that, for all  $x \in L$ ,  $a \wedge x = 0$  if and only if  $x \leq a^*$ . Here  $a^*$  is called the pseudo-complement of  $a$ . For each element  $a$  of a pseudo-complemented lattice  $L$ ,  $a^*$  is uniquely determined by  $a$ , so that  $*$  can be regarded as a unary operation on  $L$ . Moreover, each pseudo-complemented lattice contains the unit element namely  $0^*$ . It follows that every pseudo-complemented lattice  $L$  can be regarded as an algebra  $(L, \vee, \wedge, *, 0, 1)$  of type  $(2, 2, 1, 0, 0)$ . The fact that the class of pseudo-complemented distributive lattices is equationally definable was first observed by Ribenboim in 1949. Also, in [5], it was proved that the class of pseudo-complemented distributive lattices is generated by its finite members and a complete description of the lattice of equational classes of pseudo-complemented distributive lattices is given. In [8], Sankappanavar introduced a new class of algebras, called semi-De Morgan algebras, as a common abstraction of De Morgan algebras and distributive pseudocomplemented lattices and studied its properties. Also, he studied several important subvarieties of semi-De Morgan algebras, such as demi-p-lattices, weak Stone algebras and almost p-lattices. In [3], Frink studied about the pseudo-complemented semilattice  $L$  and proved that the set  $L^* = \{a^* \mid a \in L\}$ , where  $*$  is a pseudo-complementation on  $L$ , becomes a Boolean algebra. In [1], Cornish considered the kernels of  $*$ -congruences on distributive pseudo-complemented lattices and studied its important properties. Later these concepts were extended to the case of semi lattices by Blyth in [2] and to the case of ADLs by Rao in [7].

The concept of pseudo-complementation in an ADL and the concept of Stone ADL was given by Swamy, Rao and Nanaji Rao [9, 10]. They have proved that there is a one-to-one correspondence between the pseudo-complementations on an ADL  $L$  with  $0$  and the set of all maximal elements of  $L$ . Also, they proved that if  $*$  is a pseudo-complementation on an ADL  $L$ , then the set  $L^* = \{a^* \mid a \in L\}$  is a Boolean algebra and the pseudo-complementation  $*$  on  $L$  is equationally definable. In [6] Rao *et al.* studied the properties of minimal prime ideals in an ADL.

In this paper, we introduce the concept of quasi pseudo-complementation on an ADL as a generalization of pseudo-complementation on an ADL like the concept of almost p-lattice as a generalization of pseudo-complemented distributive lattice. Here we extend the concept of almost p-lattice to the case of almost distributive lattices and name it quasi-p-ADL. We give necessary and sufficient conditions for a quasi-p-ADL to be a p-ADL and we prove that if  $*$  is a quasi pseudo-complementation on an ADL  $L$  then the set  $S(L) = \{a^* \mid a \in L\}$  becomes a Boolean algebra. It is observed that there exists an induced surjective

correspondence between the set of maximal elements and the set of quasi pseudo-complementations on  $L$ , provided there is a quasi pseudo-complementation on  $L$ . We introduce the concept of  $*$ -congruence, kernel ideals on a quasi-p-ADL and give equivalent conditions under which every ideal of  $L$  is a kernel ideal.

## 2. PRELIMINARIES

In this section, we give the definition and some elementary properties of a pseudo-complemented ADL and Stone ADL [9, 10]. For the concept of ADL refer to [11] and for the concept of minimal prime ideals in an ADL refer to [6].

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $(L, \vee, \wedge)$  be an ADL with 0. Then a unary operation  $a \mapsto a^*$  on  $L$  is called a pseudo-complementation on  $L$  if, for any  $a, b \in L$  it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $a \wedge b = 0 \Rightarrow a^* \wedge b = b$ ,
- (2)  $a \wedge a^* = 0$ ,
- (3)  $(a \vee b)^* = a^* \wedge b^*$ .

$L$  is called a Stone ADL if, for any  $x \in L$ ,  $x^* \vee x^{**} = 0^*$ .

If  $(L, \vee, \wedge)$  is an ADL with 0 and  $*$  is a pseudo-complementation on  $L$ , then we say that  $(L, \vee, \wedge, *, 0)$  is a pseudo-complemented ADL (p-ADL, for brevity).

In the following, we give an example of an ADL with a pseudo-complementation which is not a Lattice.

**Example 2.2.** Let  $(X, \vee, \wedge, 0)$  be a discrete ADL. Fix  $x_0 \neq 0$  in  $X$  and define  $*$  on  $X$  as follows

$$a^* = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } a \neq 0; \\ x_0, & \text{if } a = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then  $*$  is a pseudo-complementation on  $X$ .

Now we give some elementary properties of pseudo-complementation.

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $L$  be an ADL with 0 and  $*$  a pseudo-complementation on  $L$  and  $a, b \in L$ . Then we have the following:

- (1)  $0^*$  is maximal element,
- (2)  $0^{**} = 0$ ,
- (3)  $a^{**} \wedge a = a$ ,
- (4)  $a^{***} = a^*$ ,
- (5)  $a^* \wedge b^* = b^* \wedge a^*$ ,
- (6)  $a \leq b \Rightarrow b^* \leq a^*$ ,

- (7)  $a^* \leq (a \wedge b)^*$  and  $b^* \leq (a \wedge b)^*$ ,
- (8)  $a \wedge b = 0 \Leftrightarrow a^{**} \wedge b = 0$ ,
- (9)  $(a \wedge b)^{**} = a^{**} \wedge b^{**}$ .

**Definition 2.4.** For any non-empty subset  $A$  of an ADL  $L$  with 0, define

$$A^* = \{x \in L \mid x \wedge a = 0, \text{ for all } a \in A\}.$$

This  $A^*$  is an ideal of  $L$  and is called the annihilator ideal of  $A$ .

For any  $a \in L$ , we write  $[a]^*$  for  $\{a\}^*$  and is called annulet of  $L$ .

It can be easily observed that, for any subset  $A$  of  $L$ ,  $A \cap A^* = \{0\}$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $L$  be an ADL with 0 and  $a \in L$ . Then  $[a] = L$  if and only if  $a$  is a maximal element.*

**Theorem 2.6.** *Let  $L$  be an ADL with 0. Then for any  $a \in L$ , the annulet  $[a]^*$  is a principal ideal if and only if  $L$  has a pseudocomplementation.*

**Theorem 2.7.** *Let  $L$  be an ADL with 0 and  $*$  a pseudo-complementation on  $L$ . For any  $a^*, b^* \in L^*$ , define  $a^* \leq b^*$  if and only if  $a^* \wedge b^* = a^*$ . Then  $(L^*, \leq)$  is a Boolean algebra.*

**Corollary 2.8.** *Let  $L$  be an ADL with 0 and  $*$  a pseudo-complementation on  $L$ . Then the map  $f : L \mapsto L^*$  defined by  $f(a) = a^{**}$  is an epimorphism.*

**Theorem 2.9.** *Let  $I$  be an ideal of  $L$  and  $F$  a filter of  $L$  such that  $I \cap F = \emptyset$ . Then there exists a prime ideal (filter)  $P$  of  $L$  such that  $I \subseteq P$  and  $P \cap F = \emptyset$  ( $F \subseteq P$  and  $P \cap I = \emptyset$ ).*

### 3. QUASI PSEUDO-COMPLEMENTATION ON AN ADL

In this section, we give the definition of a quasi pseudo-complementation on an ADL with 0 and study some elementary properties of quasi pseudo-complementation.

**Definition 3.1.** Let  $(L, \vee, \wedge)$  be an ADL with 0. Then a unary operation  $a \mapsto a^*$  on  $L$  is called a quasi pseudo-complementation on  $L$  if, for any  $a, b \in L$ , the following are satisfied

- (1)  $0^*$  is a maximal element,
- (2)  $(a \vee b)^* = a^* \wedge b^*$ ,
- (3)  $(a \wedge b)^{**} = a^{**} \wedge b^{**}$ ,
- (4)  $a^{***} = a^*$ ,
- (5)  $a \wedge a^* = 0$ .

If  $(L, \vee, \wedge)$  is an ADL with 0 and  $*$  a quasi pseudo-complementation on  $L$  then we say that  $(L, \vee, \wedge, *, 0)$  is a quasi pseudo-complemented ADL. For brevity, we will call quasi pseudo-complemented ADL as q-p-ADL.

Note that every p-ADL is a q-p-ADL but converse need not be true which we show in the following example.

**Example 3.2.** (i) Let  $L = \{0, a, b, c\}$ . Define two binary operations  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$  on  $L$  as follows:

$\vee$	0	a	b	c
0	0	a	b	c
a	a	a	a	a
b	b	a	b	a
c	c	a	a	c

$\wedge$	0	a	b	c
0	0	0	0	0
a	0	a	b	c
b	0	b	b	0
c	0	c	0	c

and define  $x^* = 0$  for all  $x \neq 0$  and  $0^* = a$ . Then  $(L, \vee, \wedge, 0)$  is a distributive lattice and hence an ADL and  $*$  is a quasi pseudo-complementation on  $L$  but not a pseudo-complementation on  $L$ . We can observe that  $b \wedge c = 0$  but  $b^* \wedge c = 0 \wedge c = 0 \neq c$ .

(ii) Let  $D = \{0', a', b'\}$  be a discrete ADL and  $L = \{0, a, b, c\}$  a distributive lattice given in Example 3.2(i). Then

$$R = D \times L = \{(0', 0), (0', a), (0', b), (0', c), (a', 0), (a', a), (a', b), (a', c), (b', 0), (b', a), (b', b), (b', c)\}$$

and hence  $(R, \vee, \wedge, 0^\diamond)$  is an ADL which is not a lattice, where  $0^\diamond = (0', 0)$ , under point-wise operation. Define  $(x, y)^* = (0', 0)$  for all  $(x, y) \neq (0', 0)$  and  $(0', 0)^* = (a', a)$ . Then  $*$  is a quasi pseudo-complementation on  $R$ . But it is not a pseudo-complementation on  $R$  because  $(0', b) \wedge (0', c) = (0', b \wedge c) = (0', 0)$  implies that  $(0', b)^* \wedge (0', c) = (0', 0) \wedge (0', c) = (0', 0) \neq (0', c)$ .

**Example 3.3.** Let  $(L, +, \cdot, 0)$  be a commutative regular ring. To each  $a \in L$ , let  $a^\circ$  be the unique idempotent element in  $L$  such that  $aL = a^\circ L$ . Define, for any  $a, b \in L$ ,

- (i)  $a \wedge b = a^\circ b$ ,
- (ii)  $a \vee b = a + (1 - a^\circ)b$ ,
- (iii)  $a^* = 1 - a^\circ$ ,

then  $(L, \vee, \wedge, 0)$  is an almost distributive lattice with 0 and  $*$  is a quasi pseudo-complementation on  $L$ .

Now we give some elementary properties of a quasi pseudo-complementation.

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $L$  be an ADL with 0 and  $*$  a quasi pseudo-complementation on  $L$ . Then, for  $a, b \in L$ , we have the following:

- (1)  $a^* \wedge a = 0$ ,
- (2)  $0^{**} = 0$ ,
- (3)  $a^* \wedge b^* = b^* \wedge a^*$ ,
- (4)  $a^* \wedge a^{**} = 0$ ,
- (5)  $a \leq b \Rightarrow b^* \leq a^*$ ,
- (6)  $a \wedge b^* \leq a \wedge (a \wedge b)^*$ ,
- (7)  $(a \vee b)^* = (b \vee a)^*$ ,
- (8)  $(a \wedge b)^* = (b \wedge a)^*$ ,
- (9)  $a^* \wedge (a^* \wedge b)^* = a^* \wedge b^*$ ,
- (10)  $a \wedge b^* = 0 \Rightarrow a^* \wedge b^* = b^*$  and  $a^{**} \wedge b^{**} = a^{**}$ .

**Proof.** (1)  $a^* \wedge a = a \wedge a^* \wedge a = 0 \wedge a = 0$ .

- (2) Since  $0^*$  is a maximal element, we have  $0^* \vee 0 = 0^*$ . So that  $0^{**} = (0^* \vee 0)^* = 0^{**} \wedge 0^* = 0$ .
- (3) We know that for any  $a, b \in L$ ,  $a \vee 0 = a$  and  $b \vee 0 = b$ . Therefore  $a^* \wedge 0^* = a^*$  and  $b^* \wedge 0^* = b^*$ . Then  $a^* \leq 0^*$  and  $b^* \leq 0^*$  and hence  $a^* \wedge b^* = b^* \wedge a^*$ .
- (4) Since  $a \wedge a^* = 0$ , we have  $(a \wedge a^*)^{**} = 0^{**} = 0$ . Hence, by Definition 3.1(3, 4),  $a^{**} \wedge a^* = 0$ . Thus  $a^* \wedge a^{**} = a^{**} \wedge a^* \wedge a^{**} = 0$ .
- (5) Suppose  $a \leq b$ . Then  $a \vee b = b$ . So that  $b^* = (a \vee b)^* = a^* \wedge b^* = b^* \wedge a^*$  by (3). Hence  $b^* \leq a^*$ .
- (6) Since  $a \wedge b \leq b$ , by (4), we get  $b^* \leq (a \wedge b)^*$  and hence  $a \wedge b^* \leq a \wedge (a \wedge b)^*$ .
- (7)  $(a \vee b)^* = a^* \wedge b^* = b^* \wedge a^* = (b \vee a)^*$ .
- (8)  $(a \wedge b)^* = (a \wedge b)^{***} = (a^{**} \wedge b^{**})^* = (b^{**} \wedge a^{**})^* = (b \wedge a)^{***} = (b \wedge a)^*$ .
- (9)  $a^* \wedge (a^* \wedge b)^* = [a \vee (a^* \wedge b)]^* = [(a \vee a^*) \wedge (a \vee b)]^{***} = [(a \vee a^*)^{**} \wedge (a \vee b)^{**}]^* = [0^* \wedge (a \vee b)^{**}]^* = (a \vee b)^{***} = (a \vee b)^* = a^* \wedge b^*$ .
- (10) Suppose  $a \wedge b^* = 0$ . Then  $b^* = 0^* \wedge b^* = (a \wedge b^*)^* \wedge b^* = b^* \wedge (b^* \wedge a)^* = b^* \wedge a^*$ . So that  $b^* \leq a^*$  and hence  $a^{**} \leq b^{**}$ . Therefore  $a^{**} \wedge b^{**} = a^{**}$ . ■

Now we prove that quasi-pseudo-complementation on an ADL is equationally definable.

**Theorem 3.5.** *Let  $L$  be an ADL with  $0$ . Then  $*$  is a quasi pseudo-complementation on  $L$  if and only if*

- (1)  $(a \wedge b)^* = (a \wedge b^{**})^*$
- (2)  $0^*$  is a maximal element
- (3)  $(a \vee b)^* = a^* \wedge b^*$
- (4)  $(a \wedge b)^* = (b \wedge a)^*$
- (5)  $a \wedge a^* = 0$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $*$  is a quasi pseudo-complementation on  $L$  and  $a, b \in L$ . Then (2), (3), (4) and (5) follow from Definition 3.1 and Lemma 3.4. Now

$$\begin{aligned} (a \wedge b)^* &= (a \wedge b)^{***} \\ &= (a^{**} \wedge b^{**})^* \\ &= (a^{**} \wedge b^{****})^* \\ &= (a \wedge b^{**})^{***} \\ &= (a \wedge b^{**})^*. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, assume that the conditions hold. Let  $a, b \in L$ . Then

$$a^* = (0^* \wedge a)^* = (0^* \wedge a^{**})^* = a^{***}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (a \wedge b)^{**} &= ((a \wedge b)^*)^* \\ &= ((a \wedge b^{**})^*)^* \\ &= ((a^{**} \wedge b^{**})^*)^* \\ &= (a^* \vee b^*)^{***} \\ &= (a^* \vee b^*)^* \\ &= a^{**} \wedge b^{**}. \end{aligned} \quad \blacksquare$$

Now we give necessary and sufficient conditions for a q-p-ADL to be a p-ADL.

**Theorem 3.6.** *Let  $L$  be an ADL with  $0$  and  $*$  is a quasi pseudo-complementation on  $L$ . Then, for  $a, b \in L$ , the following are equivalent*

- (1)  $*$  is a pseudo-complementation on  $L$
- (2)  $a^{**} \wedge a = a$
- (3)  $a^* \wedge b = (a \wedge b)^* \wedge b$
- (4)  $[a]^* \subseteq (a^*)$ .

**Proof.** (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) is clear.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Assume (2). Let  $a, b \in L$  and  $a \wedge b = 0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} b &= b^{**} \wedge b \quad (\text{by (2)}) \\ &= 0^* \wedge b^{**} \wedge b \\ &= (a^* \wedge a^{**})^* \wedge b^{**} \wedge b \\ &= (a \vee a^*)^{**} \wedge b^{**} \wedge b \\ &= b^{**} \wedge (a \vee a^*)^{**} \wedge b \\ &= (b \wedge (a \vee a^*))^{**} \wedge b \\ &= [(b \wedge a) \vee (b \wedge a^*)]^{**} \wedge b \\ &= [0 \vee (b \wedge a^*)]^{**} \wedge b \\ &= (b \wedge a^*)^{**} \wedge b \\ &= b^{**} \wedge a^{***} \wedge b \\ &= a^{***} \wedge b^{**} \wedge b \\ &= a^* \wedge b. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $*$  is a pseudo-complementation on  $L$ . Similarly, we can prove (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (3) and (1)  $\Leftrightarrow$  (4).  $\blacksquare$

Now, we prove that if  $*$  is a quasi pseudo-complementation on an ADL  $L$ , the set  $S(L) = \{a^* \mid a \in L\} = \{a \in L \mid a = a^{**}\}$  becomes a Boolean algebra.

**Theorem 3.7.** *Let  $L$  be an ADL with  $0$  and  $*$  a quasi pseudo-complementation on  $L$ . For any  $a^*, b^* \in S(L)$ , define  $a^* \leq b^*$  if and only if  $a^* \wedge b^* = a^*$ . Then  $(S(L), \leq)$  is a Boolean algebra.*

**Proof.** Clearly  $\leq$  is a partial ordering on  $S(L)$ . Let  $a^*, b^* \in S(L)$ . Since  $(a \vee b)^* = a^* \wedge b^*$ , we have  $a^* \wedge b^* \in S(L)$  and  $a^* \wedge b^* = b^* \wedge a^*$ . So that  $a^* \wedge b^*$  is the greatest lower bound of  $\{a^*, b^*\}$  in  $S(L)$ . Now we prove that  $(a^{**} \wedge b^{**})^*$  is the lub of  $a^*, b^*$  in the poset  $(S(L), \leq)$ . We have  $a^{**} \wedge b^{**} \leq b^{**}$  and hence  $b^* = b^{***} \leq (a^{**} \wedge b^{**})^*$ . Similarly, we get that  $a^* \leq (a^{**} \wedge b^{**})^*$ . Therefore  $(a^{**} \wedge b^{**})^*$  is an upper bound of  $\{a^*, b^*\}$  in  $S(L)$ . Let  $c^* \in S(L)$  and  $a^* \leq c^*, b^* \leq c^*$ . Then  $c^{**} \leq a^{**}$  and  $c^{**} \leq b^{**}$ . Hence  $c^{**} \leq a^{**} \wedge b^{**}$ . Therefore  $(a^{**} \wedge b^{**})^* \leq c^{***} = c^*$ . Thus  $(a^{**} \wedge b^{**})^*$  is the least upper bound of  $\{a^*, b^*\}$  in  $S(L)$  and we denote this by  $a^* \underline{\vee} b^*$ . Hence  $(S(L), \leq)$  is a lattice.

It can be easily seen that  $(S(L), \leq)$  is a bounded lattice in which  $0^*$  is the greatest element and  $0$  is the least element. Let  $a^* \in S(L)$ . Then  $a^{**} \in S(L)$ ,  $a^* \underline{\vee} a^{**} = (a^{**} \wedge a^{***})^* = 0^*$  and  $a^* \wedge a^{**} = 0$ . Hence  $a^{**}$  is the complement of  $a^*$  in  $S(L)$ . Finally we prove that  $S(L)$  is distributive. Let  $a^*, b^*$  and  $c^* \in S(L)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} a^* \underline{\vee} (b^* \wedge c^*) &= [a^{**} \wedge (b^* \wedge c^*)^*]^* \\ &= [a^{****} \wedge (b^{**} \vee c^{**})^{**}]^* \text{ by definition 3.1} \\ &= [a^{**} \wedge (b^{**} \vee c^{**})]^{***} \text{ by definition 3.1} \\ &= [a^{**} \wedge (b^{**} \vee c^{**})]^* \text{ by definition 3.1} \\ &= [(a^{**} \wedge b^{**}) \vee (a^{**} \wedge c^{**})]^* \\ &= (a^{**} \wedge b^{**})^* \vee (a^{**} \wedge c^{**})^* \\ &= (a^* \underline{\vee} b^*) \wedge (a^* \underline{\vee} c^*). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $a^* \underline{\vee} (b^* \wedge c^*) = (a^* \underline{\vee} b^*) \wedge (a^* \underline{\vee} c^*)$ . Thus  $(S(L), \leq)$  is a Boolean algebra.  $\blacksquare$

**Corollary 3.8.** *Let  $L$  be an ADL with  $0$  and  $*$  a quasi pseudo-complementation on  $L$ . Then the map  $f : L \mapsto S(L)$  defined by  $f(a) = a^{**}$  is an epimorphism.*

**Definition 3.9.** Two quasi pseudo-complementations  $*$  and  $\perp$  on an ADL  $L$  are said to be equivalent, denoted by  $* \approx \perp$ , if  $0^* = 0^\perp$ . Then clearly  $\approx$  is an equivalence relation on the set  $\mathcal{QPC}(L)$ , of all quasi pseudo-complementations on  $L$ .



**Theorem 3.10.** *Let  $(L, \vee, \wedge, 0)$  be an ADL with a quasi pseudo-complementation  $*$  and  $M$  the set of all maximal elements in  $L$ . Then, for any  $m \in M$ ,  $*_m : L \times L \rightarrow L$  defined by  $a^{*m} = a^* \wedge m$  for all  $a \in L$  is again a quasi pseudo-complementation on  $L$  and the correspondence  $m \mapsto *_m$  induces a bijection of  $M$  onto  $\mathcal{QPC}(L)/\approx$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $a, b \in L$  and  $m \in M$ . Then we can easily show that  $*_m$  is a quasi pseudo-complementation on  $L$ . Let  $m, n \in M$  such that  $*_m \approx *_n$ . Then  $0^{*m} = 0^{*n}$  which implies that  $0^* \wedge m = 0^* \wedge n$  and hence  $m = n$  since  $0^*$  is maximal in  $L$ . Now, let  $\perp \in \mathcal{QPC}(L)$ . Then  $m = 0^\perp \in M$  and  $0^\perp = 0^* \wedge 0^\perp = 0^* \wedge m = 0^{*m}$  and hence  $*_m \approx \perp$ . Thus  $m \mapsto *_m$  is a bijection of  $M$  onto  $\mathcal{QPC}(L)/\approx$ . ■

Now we give some equivalent conditions for a q-p-ADL to be a Stone ADL.

**Theorem 3.11.** *Let  $L$  be a q-p-ADL. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (i)  $L$  is a Stone ADL.
- (ii)  $a^* \vee a^{**} = 0^*$  for all  $a \in L$ .

**Proof.** (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) is clear. Assume (ii). Let  $a \in L$ . Then  $a^* \vee a^{**} = 0^*$  implies that  $(a^* \vee a^{**}) \wedge a = 0^* \wedge a$  which gives  $a^{**} \wedge a = a$ . Hence, by Theorem 3.6,  $L$  is pseudo-complemented and hence  $L$  is a Stone ADL. ■

**Theorem 3.12.** *Let  $L$  be a q-p-ADL. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (i)  $L$  is a Stone ADL.
- (ii) For any  $a, b \in L$ ,  $(a \wedge b)^* = a^* \vee b^*$ .

**Proof.** Assume (i). Suppose  $a, b \in L$  and  $x = (a \wedge b)^*$ . Then  $a \wedge b \wedge x = 0$  implies that  $a^* \wedge b \wedge x = b \wedge x$  which gives  $a^{**} \wedge b \wedge x = 0$ . So that  $b^* \wedge a^{**} \wedge x = a^{**} \wedge x$  and hence  $b^* \vee (a^{**} \wedge x) = b^*$ . Now,  $a^* \vee b^* = a^* \vee [b^* \vee (a^{**} \wedge x)] = a^* \vee (b^* \vee x)$ . Thus  $(a^* \vee b^*) \wedge x = [a^* \vee (b^* \vee x)] \wedge x = x$ . Now  $(a \wedge b)^* = (a^* \vee b^*) \wedge (a \wedge b)^* = [a^* \wedge (a \wedge b)^*] \vee [b^* \wedge (a \wedge b)^*] = a^* \vee b^*$ . Conversely, assume (ii). Let  $a \in L$ . Then  $a^* \vee a^{**} = (a \wedge a^*)^* = 0^*$ . Hence, by Theorem 3.11, (i) follows. ■

There are no hidden difficulties to prove the following theorem. Hence we omit its proof.

**Theorem 3.13.** *Let  $L$  be a q-p-ADL. Then the following are equivalent.*

- (i)  $L$  is a Stone ADL,
- (ii)  $S(L)$  is a sublattice of  $L$ ,
- (iii)  $(a \vee b)^{**} = a^{**} \vee b^{**}$  for all  $a, b \in L$ ,
- (iv)  $a \wedge b = 0$  implies  $a^* \vee b^* = 0^*$  for all  $a, b \in L$ .

**Definition 3.14.** Let  $L$  be an ADL with  $0$ . An element  $b$  in  $L$  is said to be a semi-complement of the element  $a$  in  $L$  if  $a \wedge b = 0$ . We denote the set of all semi-complements of  $a$  by  $S(a)$ .

**Lemma 3.15.** Let  $L$  be an ADL with  $a \in L$ . Then  $S(a)$  is an ideal of  $L$ .

**Lemma 3.16.** Let  $L$  be a  $q$ - $p$ -ADL. Then the following are equivalent.

- (i)  $L$  is a  $p$ -ADL.
- (ii)  $S(a) = (a^*]$  for all  $a \in L$ .

**Definition 3.17.** An ideal  $I$  of an ADL  $L$  is called a direct factor if there exists an ideal  $J$  of  $L$  such that  $I \cap J = \{0\}$  and  $I \vee J = L$ .

Now we prove the following.

**Theorem 3.18.** Let  $L$  be a  $q$ - $p$ -ADL. Then  $L$  is a Stone ADL if and only if, for any  $a \in L$ , the ideal  $S(a) = (a^*]$  is a direct factor of  $L$ .

**Proof.** Suppose  $L$  is a Stone ADL and  $a \in L$ . Then  $a^* \vee a^{**} = 0^*$  and  $S(a) = (a^*]$ . Now  $a^* \wedge a^{**} = 0$  and  $a^* \vee a^{**} = 0^*$  implies that  $(a^*] \wedge (a^{**}] = \{0\}$  and  $(a^*] \vee (a^{**}] = L$ . Hence  $(a^*]$  is a direct factor of  $L$ . Conversely, assume that  $S(a) = (a^*]$  is a direct factor of  $L$ , for all  $a \in L$ . Then there exists an ideal  $J$  in  $L$  such that  $(a^*] \cap J = \{0\}$  and  $(a^*] \vee J = L$ . Write  $0^* = b \vee (a^* \wedge x)$  for some  $x \in L, b \in J$ . Also  $a^* \wedge b \in (a^*] \wedge J$  which implies that  $a^{**} \wedge b = b$  and  $a^{**} \vee b = b$ . Now,  $0^* = (a^{**} \wedge 0^*) \vee 0^* = (a^{**} \wedge 0^*) \vee ((a^* \vee b) \wedge 0^*) = (a^{**} \vee a^* \vee b) \wedge 0^* = (a^* \vee a^{**}) \wedge 0^*$ . Hence  $0^* = (a^* \wedge 0^*) \vee (a^{**} \wedge 0^*) = (a \vee 0)^* \vee (a^* \vee 0)^* = a^* \vee a^{**}$ . Thus  $L$  is a Stone ADL. ■

#### 4. KERNEL IDEALS IN Q-P-ADLS

In this section, we introduce the notions of  $*$ -congruences and kernel ideals on a  $q$ - $p$ -ADL  $L$ . We give a necessary and sufficient condition for a congruence on  $L$  to be a  $*$ -congruence and we characterize kernel ideals. Finally we give equivalent conditions for every ideal of  $L$  to become a kernel ideal. We can recall that a congruence relation on an ADL  $(L, \vee, \wedge, 0)$  is an equivalence relation  $\theta$ , compatible with the operations  $\vee$  and  $\wedge$ . Throughout this section,  $L$  stands for a  $q$ - $p$ -ADL  $(L, \vee, \wedge, 0)$  with quasi pseudo-complementation  $*$ , otherwise we specify.

**Definition 4.1.** A congruence relation  $\theta$  on a  $q$ - $p$ -ADL  $L$  is called a  $*$ -congruence if it satisfies the following condition:

$$(a, b) \in \theta \text{ implies that } (a^*, b^*) \in \theta \text{ for all } a, b \in L.$$

The following example shows that every congruence on a q-p-ADL need not be a  $*$ -congruence.

**Example 4.2.** Let  $R = D \times L = \{(0', 0), (0', a), (0', b), (0', c), (a', 0), (a', a), (a', b), (a', c), (b', 0), (b', a), (b', b), (b', c)\}$  be a q-p-ADL as in Example 3.2(ii). Now consider two congruence relations  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  on  $R = D \times L$  whose partitions  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are respectively given by

$$A_1 = \left\{ \{(0', 0), (0', a), (0', b), (0', c), (a', a)\}, \{(a', 0), (a', b), (a', c)\}, \{(b', 0), (b', a), (b', b), (b', c)\} \right\}$$

and

$$A_2 = \left\{ \{(0', 0), (0', a), (0', b), (0', c)\}, \{(a', 0), (a', a), (a', b), (a', c)\}, \{(b', 0), (b', a), (b', b), (b', c)\} \right\}.$$

Then clearly  $\theta_1$  is a  $*$ -congruence on  $R = D \times L$ . But  $\theta_2$  is not a  $*$ -congruence on  $R = D \times L$ , because  $((0', b), (0', 0)) \in \theta_2$  and  $((0', b)^*, (0', 0)^*) = ((0', 0), (a', a)) \notin \theta_2$ .

Now we give an equivalent condition for a congruence relation on q-p-ADL  $L$  to be  $*$ -congruence.

**Theorem 4.3.** *A congruence relation  $\theta$  on  $L$  is a  $*$ -congruence if and only if  $(a, 0) \in \theta$  implies that  $(a^*, 0^*) \in \theta$  for any  $a \in L$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\theta$  be a  $*$ -congruence on  $L$  and  $a \in L$ . Then  $(a, 0) \in \theta$  implies  $(a^*, 0^*) \in \theta$ . Conversely, assume that the condition holds and  $(a, b) \in \theta$ . Then  $(b, a) \in \theta$  which implies that  $(b \wedge a^*, 0) \in \theta$  and hence  $((b \wedge a^*)^*, 0^*) \in \theta$ . Therefore  $(a^* \wedge b^*, a^*) = (a^* \wedge (a^* \wedge b)^*, a^* \wedge 0^*) \in \theta$ . Similarly, we can obtain that  $(a^* \wedge b^*, b^*) \in \theta$ . Hence  $(a^*, b^*) \in \theta$ . Thus  $\theta$  is a  $*$ -congruence on  $L$ . ■

We proved that  $S(L) = \{x \in L \mid x^{**} = x\}$  is a Boolean algebra in which for any  $a, b \in S(L)$ ,  $a \vee b = (a^* \wedge b^*)^*$ . In a pseudo-complemented distributive lattice, the relation  $\theta$  defined by  $(x, y) \in \theta$  if and only if  $x^* = y^*$  is a congruence called the Glivenko congruence. Now, we prove that the same  $\theta$  is a  $*$ -congruence relation on a q-p-ADL  $L$  and we show that  $L/\theta$  is a Boolean algebra under this  $*$ -congruence  $\theta$  on  $L$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** *Let  $L$  be a q-p-ADL. Then  $L/\theta$  is a Boolean algebra under the  $*$ -congruence relation  $\theta$  on  $L$  defined by  $(x, y) \in \theta$  if and only if  $x^* = y^*$ .*

**Proof.** Clearly  $\theta$  is an equivalence relation on  $L$ . Suppose  $(a, b) \in \theta$  and  $c \in L$ . Then  $a^* = b^*$  and hence  $(a \vee c)^* = a^* \wedge c^* = b^* \wedge c^* = (b \vee c)^*$ . Again  $(a \wedge c)^* = (a^{**} \wedge c^{**})^* = (b^{**} \wedge c^{**})^* = (b \wedge c)^*$ . Hence  $(a \vee c, b \vee c) \in \theta$  and  $(a \wedge c, b \wedge c) \in \theta$ . Then  $\theta$  is a congruence relation on  $L$ . Clearly  $\theta$  is a  $*$ -congruence. Now define  $\lambda : L/\theta \rightarrow S(L)$  by  $\lambda([a]_\theta) = a^{**}$  for all  $[a]_\theta \in L/\theta$ . Clearly  $\lambda$  is well-defined, one-one and onto. Let  $[a]_\theta, [b]_\theta \in L/\theta$ . Now  $\lambda([a]_\theta \wedge [b]_\theta) = \lambda([a \wedge b]_\theta) = (x \wedge y)^{**} = x^{**} \wedge y^{**} = \lambda([a]_\theta) \wedge \lambda([b]_\theta)$ . Again,  $\lambda([a]_\theta \vee [b]_\theta) = \lambda([a \vee b]_\theta) = (a \vee b)^{**} = (a^* \wedge b^*)^* = a^{**} \vee b^{**} = \lambda([a]_\theta) \vee \lambda([b]_\theta)$ . Therefore  $\lambda$  is an isomorphism. Hence  $L/\theta$  is a Boolean algebra. ■

For any ideal  $I$  of  $L$ , we introduce a  $*$ -congruence  $\psi(I)$  on  $L$  corresponding to  $I$ .

**Theorem 4.5.** *Let  $L$  be a  $q$ - $p$ -ADL and  $I$  an ideal of  $L$ . Define a binary relation  $\psi(I)$  on  $L$  by*

$$(a, b) \in \psi(I) \text{ if and only if } a \wedge i^* = b \wedge i^* \text{ for some } i \in I.$$

*Then  $\psi(I)$  is a  $*$ -congruence relation on  $L$ .*

**Proof.** Since  $(i \vee j)^* = i^* \wedge j^*$  for any  $i, j \in L$  and the fact that  $I$  is an ideal of  $L$ , clearly  $\psi(I)$  is an equivalence relation on  $L$ . Let  $(a, b) \in \psi(I)$  and  $(c, d) \in \psi(I)$ . Then  $a \wedge i^* = b \wedge i^*$  for some  $i \in I$  and  $c \wedge j^* = d \wedge j^*$  for some  $j \in I$ . Hence  $(a \vee c) \wedge (i \vee j)^* = (a \vee c) \wedge i^* \wedge j^* = (a \wedge i^* \wedge j^*) \vee (b \wedge i^* \wedge j^*) = (c \wedge i^* \wedge j^*) \vee (d \wedge i^* \wedge j^*)$ . Therefore  $(a \vee c, b \vee d) \in \psi(I)$ . Now  $(a \wedge c) \wedge (i \vee j)^* = a \wedge c \wedge i^* \wedge j^* = a \wedge i^* \wedge c \wedge j^* = b \wedge i^* \wedge d \wedge j^*$ . Hence  $(a \wedge c, b \wedge d) \in \psi(I)$ . Thus  $\psi(I)$  is a congruence on  $L$ . Suppose  $(a, 0) \in \psi(I)$ . Then  $a \wedge i^* = 0$  for some  $i \in I$ . Then  $0^* \wedge i^* = (a \wedge i^*)^* \wedge i^* = a^* \wedge i^*$  (by Lemma 3.4(9)). Therefore  $(a^*, 0^*) \in \psi(I)$ . Thus  $\psi(I)$  is a  $*$ -congruence relation on  $L$ . ■

**Definition 4.6.** An ideal  $I$  of an  $q$ - $p$ -ADL is called a kernel ideal if there exists a  $*$ -congruence  $\mu$  on  $L$  such that  $I = \text{Ker} \mu = \{a \in L : (a, 0) \in \mu\}$ .

**Theorem 4.7.** *If  $I$  is a kernel ideal of  $L$  then the following conditions hold.*

- (i)  $a, b \in I$  implies  $(a^* \wedge b^*)^* \in I$ .
- (ii)  $a, b \in I$  implies that there exists  $k \in I$  such that  $a^* \wedge b^* = k^*$ .

**Proof.** Let  $I$  be kernel ideal of  $L$  and  $a, b \in I$ . Then  $I = \text{ker} \theta$  for some  $*$ -congruence  $\theta$  on  $L$ . Then  $(a, 0) \in \theta$  and  $(b, 0) \in \theta$ . Hence  $(a^*, 0^*) \in \theta$  and  $(b^*, 0^*) \in \theta$ . So that  $(a^* \wedge b^*, 0^*) \in \theta$  and hence  $((a^* \wedge b^*)^*, 0) \in \theta$ . Thus  $(a^* \wedge b^*)^* \in \text{ker} \theta = I$ . Hence (i) follows. Put  $k = (a^* \wedge b^*)^*$ . Then, by (i),  $k \in I$  and  $k^* = (a^* \wedge b^*)^{**} = a^* \wedge b^*$ . Hence (ii) follows. ■

Now we give necessary and sufficient conditions for an ideal to become a kernel ideal.

**Theorem 4.8.** *For any ideal  $I$  of  $L$ , the following are equivalent.*

- (i)  $I$  is a kernel ideal.
- (ii) For  $a, b \in L$ ,  $a^* = b^*$  and  $a \in I$  imply  $b \in I$ .
- (iii)  $a \in I$  if and only if  $a^{**} \in I$ .

**Proof.** (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii): Assume (i). Then there exists a  $*$ -congruence  $\theta$  on  $L$  such that  $\ker\theta = I$ . Chose  $x, y \in L$  such that  $x^* = y^*$  and  $x \in I$ . Then  $(x, 0) \in \theta$  and hence  $(y^*, 0^*) = (x^*, 0^*) \in \theta$ . Therefore  $(0, y) = (y^* \wedge y, 0^* \wedge y) \in \theta$ . Thus  $y \in \ker\theta = I$ . Since  $x^* = x^{***}$  for all  $x \in L$ , (ii) $\Rightarrow$ (iii) follows. Now, assume (iii). We know that  $\psi(I)$  is a  $*$ -congruence relation on  $L$  by Theorem 4.5. If  $x \in \ker\psi(I)$ . Then  $(x, 0) \in \psi(I)$  and hence  $x \wedge i^* = 0$  for some  $i \in I$ . Therefore, by Theorem 3.4(10),  $x^{**} = x^{**} \wedge i^{**} \in I$  and hence  $x \in I$ . Thus  $I$  is a kernel ideal. ■

An element  $a \in L$  is called a dense element if  $a^* = 0$ . The set  $D(L)$  of all dense elements of  $L$  forms a filter of  $L$ . The following theorem can be proved easily.

**Theorem 4.9.** *In  $L$ , the following conditions hold.*

- (i)  $x \vee x^* \in D(L)$  for all  $x \in L$ .
- (ii)  $D(L)$  is a filter of  $L$ .
- (iii) For any ideal  $I$  with  $I \cap D(L) = \emptyset$ , there exists a minimal prime ideal  $P$  such that  $I \subseteq P$  and  $P \cap D(L) = \emptyset$ .
- (iv) Every proper kernel ideal is contained in a minimal prime ideal.

**Theorem 4.10.** *If  $(x] = (x^{**}]$  for all  $x \in L$ , then  $(x]$  is a kernel ideal.*

In [11], it is observed that the set  $\mathcal{PI}(L)$  of all principal ideals of an ADL  $L$  is a distributive lattice with least element  $(0]$ . Now, we give sufficient condition for  $\mathcal{PI}(L)$  to become Boolean algebra.

**Theorem 4.11.** *If  $(x] = (y]$  for all  $x, y \in D(L)$  then  $\mathcal{PI}(L)$  is a Boolean algebra.*

**Proof.** Let  $(x] = (y]$  for all  $x, y \in D(L)$ . Then  $\{(x] \mid x \in D(L)\} = \{(d]\}$  for some  $x \in L$ . Clearly  $x \vee x^* \in D(L)$ . Hence  $(x \vee x^*] = (d]$ . For any  $(x] \in \mathcal{PI}(L)$ ,  $(x] \subseteq (x \vee x^*] = (d]$ . Therefore  $(d]$  is the greatest element of  $\mathcal{PI}(L)$ . Also  $(x] \cap (x^*] = (0]$  and  $(x] \vee (x^*] = (d]$ . Hence  $\mathcal{PI}(L)$  is a bounded distributive lattice in which every element is complemented. Thus  $\mathcal{PI}(L)$  is a Boolean algebra. ■

Now, we give equivalent conditions for every ideal of  $L$  to become a kernel ideal.

**Theorem 4.12.** *Let  $L$  be a  $q$ - $p$ -ADL. Then the following conditions are equivalent.*

- (i) *Every ideal is a kernel ideal.*
- (ii) *Every prime ideal is a kernel ideal.*
- (iii) *For any  $a, b \in L$ ,  $a^* = b^*$  implies  $(a) = (b)$ .*
- (iv) *Every principal ideal is a kernel ideal.*

**Proof.** (i) $\Rightarrow$ (ii) is clear. Assume (ii) and  $a, b \in L$  such that  $a^* = b^*$ . Suppose  $(a) \neq (b)$ . Without loss of generality, assume that  $(a) \not\subseteq (b)$ . Take  $\mathfrak{F} = \{J \in \mathcal{I}(L) \mid b \in J \text{ and } a \notin J\}$ . Then, by Zorn's lemma,  $\mathfrak{F}$  has a maximal element, say  $P$ . Chose  $r, s \in L$  such that  $r \notin P$  and  $s \notin P$ . Then  $P \subset P \vee (r)$  and  $P \subset P \vee (s)$ . By the maximality of  $P$ , we can get  $a \in \{P \vee (r)\} \cap \{P \vee (s)\} = P \vee (r \wedge s)$ . If  $r \wedge s \in P$ , then  $a \in P$  which is a contradiction. Hence  $P$  is prime which is kernel ideal. Now  $a^* = b^*$  and  $b \in P$  implies that  $a \in P$ , which is a contradiction. Therefore  $(a) = (b)$ . Hence (iii) follows. Now, assume (iii) and  $I$  is a principal ideal of  $L$ . Then  $I = (a)$  for some  $a \in L$ . Let  $r, s \in L$  such that  $r^* = s^*$  and  $r \in (a)$ . Then  $(r) = (s)$  and  $s \in (r) \subseteq (a)$ . Hence (iv) follows. Finally, assume (iv) and  $I$  is an ideal of  $L$ . Let  $a \in I$ . Then  $(a) \subseteq I$  and hence  $a^{**} \in I$  since  $(a)$  is a kernel ideal. Conversely assume  $a^{**} \in I$ . Then  $(a^{**}) \subseteq I$  and hence  $a \in (a^{**}) \subseteq I$  since  $(a^{**})$  is a kernel ideal. Hence  $I$  is a kernel ideal of  $L$ . ■

#### CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In this paper, we have introduced the concept of quasi-pseudo-complementation on an ADL as a generalization of pseudo-complementation on an ADL and studied its properties. We have given necessary and sufficient conditions for a q-p-ADL to be a p-ADL and a stone ADL. We proved that if  $*$  is a quasi pseudo-complementation on an ADL  $L$  then the set  $S(L) = \{a^* \mid a \in L\}$  becomes a Boolean algebra. Also, it is observed that, there exists an induced surjective correspondence between the set of maximal elements and the set of quasi pseudo-complementations on  $L$ , provided there is a quasi pseudo-complementation. Also, the concept of  $*$ -congruence, kernel ideals on a q-p-ADL is introduced and given equivalent conditions for every ideal of  $L$  to become a kernel ideal.

In our future work, we will introduce the concepts of demi-pseudo-complementation on an ADL (for brevity, demi-p-ADL), Weak-Stone ADL and study their properties.

#### REFERENCES

- [1] W.H. Cornish, *Congruences on distributive pseudo-complemented lattices*, Bull. Aust. Math. Soc. **8** (1973) 161–179.  
doi:10.1017/S0004972700042404

- [2] T.S. Blyth, *Ideals and filters of Pseudo-complemented semilattices*, Proc. Edinburgh Math. Soc. **23** (1980) 301–316.  
doi:10.1017/S0013091500003850
- [3] O. Frink, *Pseudo-complements in semilattices*, Duke Math. J. **29** (1962) 505–514.  
doi:10.1215/S0012-7094-62-02951-4
- [4] G. Gratzer, *General Lattice Theory* (Academic Press, New York, 1978).
- [5] K.B. Lee, *Equational class of distributive pseudo-complemented lattices*, Canad. J. Math. **22** (1970) 881–891.  
doi:10.4153/CJM-1970-101-4
- [6] G.C. Rao and S. Ravikumar, *Minimal prime ideals in almost distributive lattices*, Int. J. Contemp. Math. Sci. **4** (10) (2009) 475–484.  
<http://m-hikari.com/ijcms-password2009/9-12-2009/raoIJCMS9-12-2009-3.pdf>
- [7] M.S. Rao, *Kernel ideals in Almost Distributive Lattices*, Asian-European J. Math. **5** (2) (2012), 1250024(11 pages).  
doi:10.1142/S1793557112500246
- [8] H.P. Sankappanavar, *Semi-de Morgan algebras*, J. Symbolic Logic **52** (3) (1987) 712–724.  
doi:10.2307/2274359
- [9] U.M. Swamy, G.C. Rao and G. Nanaji Rao, *Pseudo-complementation on Almost Distributive Lattices*, South. Asian Bull. Math. **24** (2000) 95–104.  
doi:10.1007/s10012-000-0095-5
- [10] U.M. Swamy, G.C. Rao and G. Nanaji Rao, *Stone Almost Distributive Lattices*, South. Asian Bull. Math. **27** (3) (2003) 115–119.  
<http://www.seams-bull-math.ynu.edu.cn/archive.jsp>
- [11] U.M. Swamy and G.C. Rao, *Almost Distributive Lattices*, J. Australian. Math. Soc. Ser. A **31** (1981) 77–91.  
doi:10.1017/S1446788700018498

Received 10 September 2018

Revised 3 September 2019

Accepted 12 January 2020