

On congruence lattices on $QRAT$ -rpp semigroups

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Abstract The $*$ -congruences on $QRAT$ -rpp semigroups are given by the $*$ -congruence pairs abstractly which consists of congruences on the structure component parts T and Λ . The congruence lattices of these semigroups are also considered.

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1 Introduction and preliminaries

Let S be a semigroup. By $a\mathcal{R}^*b$ we mean that $xa = ya$ if and only if $xb = yb$ for all $x, y \in S^1$. The relation \mathcal{L}^* is defined dually. It is obvious that \mathcal{R}^* is a left congruence and \mathcal{L}^* is a right congruence. It is easy to show that if a and b are regular elements of S , then $a\mathcal{R}^*b$ if and only if $a\mathcal{R}b$. Call a semigroup S *right principal projective semigroup*, in short, *rpp semigroup* if and only if each \mathcal{L}^* -class of S contains an idempotent. Dually, we can define left principal projective (in short, lpp) semigroup. Following FOUNTAIN [4], a rpp semigroup S is called *right adequate* if $E(S)$ (the set of idempotents of S) is a semilattice. A semigroup S is called *abundant* if each \mathcal{R}^* -class and each \mathcal{L}^* -class contains an idempotent. Obviously, an abundant semigroup is just a semigroup which is both lpp and rpp. Moreover, an abundant semigroup in which idempotents commute is called *adequate*. It is clear that regular semigroups are abundant and that inverse semigroups are adequate.

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The multiplicative inverse transversals of regular semigroups were first introduced by BLYTH and MCFADDEN in 1982 (see [1]). As an analogue of an inverse transversal, an adequate transversal, was introduced by EL-QALLALI in [3]. Afterwards, CHEN and GUO studied the subclass of abundant semigroups with adequate transversals in [4] and [5-7], respectively. Recently, GUO and HU studied rpp semigroups having a quasi-ideal right adequate transversal (in short, *QRAT-rpp semigroup*) and gave the structure theory on this kind of semigroups in [6]. The congruences on regular semigroups with inverse transversals were studied by WANG and TANG in [10]. In this paper, we shall give $*$ -congruences on *QRAT-rpp* semigroups by the $*$ -congruence pairs and show that the set of all $*$ -congruences on this kind of semigroups is a complete lattice.

Lemma 1.1 ([5]) *Let S be a semigroup and $a, b \in S$. Then the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) $a\mathcal{L}^*b$;
- (2) for all $x, y \in S$, $ax = ay$ if and only if $bx = by$.

Lemma 1.2 ([5]) *Let $e \in E(S)$ and $a \in S$. Then $e\mathcal{L}^*a$ if and only if $a = ae$ and for all $x, y \in S^1$, $ax = ay$ implies $ex = ey$.*

Let S be rpp. For any $a \in S$, we denote a typical idempotent \mathcal{L}^* -related to a by a^* . It is easy to show that if S is right adequate and $a, b \in S$ then $a\mathcal{L}^*b$ if and only if $a^* = b^*$.

Lemma 1.3 ([4]) *If S is a right adequate semigroup, then for all $a, b \in S$, $(ab)^* = (a^*b)^*$.*

It is obvious that an adequate semigroup must be right adequate. But a right adequate semigroup need not be adequate as the following example demonstrates.

Example 1.1 Let $T = \{\alpha, \beta, 0, a, b, c\}$ with the following multiplication table

	α	β	0	a	b	c
α	α	0	0	c	0	c
β	0	β	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
a	0	a	0	0	0	0
b	0	b	0	0	0	0
c	0	c	0	0	0	0

From the above table, the associativity may be checked directly and $E = \{\alpha, \beta, 0\}$ is a semilattice. Also it is easy to see that $\{\beta, a, b, c\}$, $\{\alpha\}$, $\{0\}$ are the \mathcal{L}^* -classes of S and $\{a\}$, $\{b\}$, $\{\alpha, c\}$, $\{\beta\}$, $\{0\}$ are the \mathcal{R}^* -classes of S . Hence T is right adequate and not adequate.

Let S be an rpp semigroup and let U be an rpp subsemigroup of S . We say that U is a $*$ -subsemigroup of S if

$$\mathcal{L}^*(U) = \mathcal{L}^*(S) \cap (U \times U).$$

It can be shown that U is a $*$ -subsemigroup of S if and only if for all $a \in U$ there exist $e \in E(U)$ such that $e \in L_a^*(S)$.

Suppose that S° is a right adequate $*$ -subsemigroup of an *rpp* semigroup S . S° is called a *right adequate transversal* of S if for any element $x \in S$, there exists a unique element $x^\circ \in S^\circ$ and idempotent $f \in E$, such that $x = x^\circ f$, where $f \mathcal{R}^* x^{\circ*}$ for some $x^{\circ*} \in E^\circ$. It is straightforward to show [6], that such f is uniquely determined by x . After here we denote the f by f_x . We say that the right adequate transversal S° is *quasi-ideal* if for each $x \in S$ and $a \in S^\circ$, $f_x a \in S^\circ$.

As in [9], we call a nonempty set M a *partial groupoid* if there is a partial operation on M . A groupoid (M, \circ) is said to be a *partial semigroup* if, for all $x, y, z \in M$, if xy, yz and one of $(xy)z$ and $x(yz)$ are defined, then the other one of $(xy)z$ and $x(yz)$ are defined and $(xy)z = x(yz)$. If, in addition, there exists a unipotent S (that is, a semigroup in which each \mathcal{L} -class and each \mathcal{R} -class contains at most one idempotent) such that $E(S) = M$, then M is called a *partial semilattice*. A partial semigroup M is called a *left (right) regular partial band* if M is the disjoint union of left (right) zero semigroups M_α with $\alpha \in Y$, where Y is a partial semilattice, satisfying the following conditions:

(PB1) for all $\alpha, \beta \in Y$ and $x \in M_\alpha, y \in M_\beta$, if $\alpha \preceq \beta$, then xy and yx are defined for all $x \in M_\alpha, y \in M_\beta$;

(PB2) for all $x \in M$ and $y \in M_\alpha$, if xy and yx are defined and such that $xy = x$ and $yx = y$ ($xy = y$ and $yx = x$), then $x \in M_\alpha$.

In this case, we call Y the *structure partial semilattice* of the left (right) regular partial band M . Moreover, a subset N of the left (right) regular partial band $(M, \circ) = \bigcup_{\alpha \in Y} M_\alpha$ with structure partial semilattice Y is called a *skeleton* if (N, \circ) is a partial semilattice isomorphic to Y and $|N \cap M_\alpha| = 1$ for all Y . In what follows, by a left (right) regular partial band M with semilattice skeleton Y , we mean that M is a left (right) regular partial band in which Y is a skeleton of M and Y is a semilattice.

By the following example, we can see that right partial bands with semilattice skeleton are not right regular bands.

Example 1.2 Let $A = \{\alpha, \beta, x, 0\}$. Define a partial multiplication by

	α	β	x	0
α	α	0	0	0
β	0	β	x	0
x	$-$	β	x	0
0	0	0	0	0

It is clear that A is a partial semigroup. If we let $Y = \{\alpha, \beta, 0\}$, then Y is a semilattice. Obviously, $A_\alpha = \{\alpha\}$, $A_\beta = \{\beta\}$, $A_0 = \{0\}$, $A_x = \{\beta, x\}$ are all right zero rectangular bands in the partial semigroup A . By routine computing, A is a right regular partial band with semilattice skeleton Y .

Let T be a right adequate semigroup with semilattice Y and $A = \bigcup_{\alpha \in Y} A_\alpha$ a right regular partial band with semilattice skeleton Y . Define a mapping by $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : A \times T \rightarrow T$, $(x, t) \rightarrow \langle x, t \rangle$ and put $Q = Q(T, A, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle) = \{(a, x) \in T \times A : x \in A_{a^*}\}$. The above triple $(T, A, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle)$ is called a *Q-system* provided

- (Q1) for any $x \in \Lambda, y \in Y$ and $s, t \in T$, if yx is defined in Λ , then $\langle yx, st \rangle = y\langle x, s \rangle t$.
(Q2) for any $x \in \Lambda_\alpha, u \in T$, $\langle x, u \rangle = \alpha u$.
(Q3) for any $(s, y) \in Q$, $\langle y, s^* \rangle = s^*$.
Given a Q-system $(T, \Lambda, \langle, \rangle)$. Define a multiplication on Q by

$$(s, x) \circ (t, y) = (s\langle x, t \rangle, (s\langle x, t \rangle)^* y).$$

Lemma 1.4 ([6]) *Let $Q = Q(T, \Lambda; \langle, \rangle)$ be a Q-system. Then Q is a QRAT-rpp semigroup and it has a quasi-ideal right adequate transversal $Q^\circ = \{(t, t^*) \in Q : t \in T\}$ is isomorphic to T .*

Conversely, every QRAT-rpp semigroup can be constructed in the above manner.

It is easy to see, if $Q = Q(T, \Lambda; \langle, \rangle)$ is a Q-system, then for any $(s, y) \in Q$, (s^*, y) is an idempotent.

Lemma 1.5 ([6]) *Let $Q = Q(T, \Lambda; \langle, \rangle)$ be a Q-system and $(s, y) \in Q$. Then:*

- (1) $(s, y) \in E(Q)$ if and only if $s\langle y, s \rangle = s$;
- (2) $(s, y)\mathcal{L}^*(s^*, y)$.

2 *-congruences on QRAT-rpp semigroups

In this section, we consider the *-congruences on QRAT-rpp semigroups.

Definition 2.1 *An equivalence ρ on a partial semigroup S is called normal, if, for all $a, b, c, d \in S$, if $a \rho b$, $c \rho d$ and ac, bd are defined, then $ac \rho bd$.*

Definition 2.2 *A congruence ρ on a right adequate semigroup S is a *-congruence, if for all $a, b \in S$, apb implies $a^* \rho b^*$.*

At first, we present certain examples of *-congruences on rpp semigroups.

Example 2.1 ([4], Proposition 2.3) Let S be a right adequate semigroup with semi-lattice Y . For each $a \in S$, define $\alpha_a : Y^1 \rightarrow Y^1$ by $x\alpha_a = (xa)^*$. Put $\mu_L = \{(a, b) \in S \times S : \alpha_a = \alpha_b\} = \{(a, b) \in S \times S : (xa)^* = (xb)^* \text{ for all } x \in Y^1\}$.

Then μ_L is the largest congruence contained in \mathcal{L}^* . It is easy to check that μ_L is a *-congruence on S .

Example 2.2 Let S be a right adequate semigroup as in Example 1.1. Then, by a routine verification, the equivalences $\alpha, 1_S$ on S with classes as follows $\alpha : \{\alpha\}, \{\beta\}, \{0\}, \{b\}, \{a, c\}$, $1_S : \{\alpha\}, \{\beta\}, \{0\}, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}$ are *-congruences.

Now, we establish the *-congruence on QRAT-rpp semigroups by the Q-systems.

Let $Q = Q(T, \Lambda; \langle, \rangle)$ be a Q-system. Suppose ρ^T is a *-congruence on T and ρ^A is a normal equivalence on Λ . Then (ρ^T, ρ^A) is called a *-congruence pair on Q if the following conditions hold:

- (C.1) $\rho^T|_Y = \rho^A|_Y$;
- (C.2) $(\forall z \in \Lambda)(\forall s, t \in T) s \rho^T t \Rightarrow \langle z, s \rangle \rho^T \langle z, t \rangle$;
- (C.3) $(\forall x, y \in \Lambda)(\forall l \in T) x \rho^A y \Rightarrow \langle x, l \rangle \rho^T \langle y, l \rangle$.

Define $\rho^{(\rho^T, \rho^A)}$ on Q by

$$(s, x) \rho^{(\rho^T, \rho^A)} (t, y) \Leftrightarrow s \rho^T t, x \rho^A y.$$

Lemma 2.3 Let ρ be a $*$ -congruence on Q . We define the following equivalences on T and Λ , respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} (\forall s, t \in T) \quad s \rho_T t &\Leftrightarrow (s, s^*) \rho (t, t^*); \\ (\forall x \in \Lambda_{s^*}, y \in \Lambda_{t^*}) \quad x \rho_\Lambda y &\Leftrightarrow (s^*, x) \rho (t^*, y). \end{aligned}$$

Then ρ_T is a $*$ -congruence on T and ρ_Λ is normal on Λ .

Proof. Since ρ is a $*$ -congruence on Q , we have that ρ_Λ is an equivalence on Λ and that ρ_T is a $*$ -congruence on T .

Let $(s, x), (t, y), (s_1, x_1), (t_1, y_1) \in Q$. If $x \rho_\Lambda y$ and $x_1 \rho_\Lambda y_1$, then

$$(s^*, x) \rho (t^*, y) \text{ and } (s_1^*, x_1) \rho (t_1^*, y_1).$$

Now we immediately get $(s^*, x)(s_1^*, x_1) \rho (t^*, y)(t_1^*, y_1)$. It follows that

$$(s^* \langle x, s_1^* \rangle, (s^* \langle x, s_1^* \rangle)^* x_1) \rho (t^* \langle y, t_1^* \rangle, (t^* \langle y, t_1^* \rangle)^* y_1).$$

Thus, by (Q2), $(s^* s_1^*, x x_1) \rho (t^* t_1^*, y y_1)$. Therefore $x x_1 \rho_\Lambda y y_1$ and ρ_Λ is normal. \square

Now we can prove our main theorem.

Theorem 2.4 Let Q be a QRAT-rpp semigroup as in Lemma 1.4, and (ρ^T, ρ^A) be a $*$ -congruence pair on Q . Then $\rho^{(\rho^T, \rho^A)}$ is a $*$ -congruence on Q .

Conversely, every $*$ -congruence on Q can be constructed in the above manner.

Proof. Let (ρ^T, ρ^A) be a $*$ -congruence pair on Q . Obviously, $\rho^{(\rho^T, \rho^A)}$ is an equivalence on Q . Now assume $(s, x), (t, y), (l, z) \in Q$, and $(s, x) \rho^{(\rho^T, \rho^A)} (t, y)$. Then $s \rho^T t$, $x \rho^A y$. From C.2, we have $\langle z, s \rangle \rho^T \langle z, t \rangle$ and so $l \langle z, s \rangle \rho^T l \langle z, t \rangle$. Since ρ^T is a $*$ -congruence, we have $(l \langle z, s \rangle)^* \rho^T (l \langle z, t \rangle)^*$. Together with the fact $\rho^T|_Y = \rho^A|_Y$, we have $(l \langle z, s \rangle)^* \rho^A (l \langle z, t \rangle)^*$. By (Q1), we have $\langle z, s \rangle s^* = \langle z, s \rangle$ and so $l \langle z, s \rangle s^* = l \langle z, s \rangle$. It follows that $(l \langle z, s \rangle)^* s^* = (l \langle z, s \rangle)^*$ and $(l \langle z, s \rangle)^* \omega s^*$. So, $(l \langle z, s \rangle)^* x$ is defined and $(l \langle z, s \rangle)^* x \in \Lambda_{(l \langle z, s \rangle)^*}$.

Similarly, $(l \langle z, t \rangle)^* y \in \Lambda_{(l \langle z, t \rangle)^*}$. Thus $(l \langle z, s \rangle)^* x \rho^A (l \langle z, t \rangle)^* y$ and so

$$(l \langle z, s \rangle, (l \langle z, s \rangle)^* x) \rho^{(\rho^T, \rho^A)} (l \langle z, t \rangle, (l \langle z, t \rangle)^* y).$$

That is, $(l, z)(s, x) \rho^{(\rho^T, \rho^A)} (l, z)(t, y)$. Similarly, $(s, x)(l, z) \rho^{(\rho^T, \rho^A)} (t, y)(l, z)$. So we have proved that $\rho^{(\rho^T, \rho^A)}$ is a congruence.

If $(s, x) \rho^{(\rho^T, \rho^A)} (t, y)$, then $s \rho^T t$, $x \rho^A y$. Since ρ^T is a $*$ -congruence, we have $s^* \rho^T t^*$. Hence, together with $x \rho^A y$, $(s^*, x) \rho^{(\rho^T, \rho^A)} (t^*, y)$. Thus, by Lemma 1.5, $\rho^{(\rho^T, \rho^A)}$ is a $*$ -congruence.

Conversely, assume that ρ is a $*$ -congruence on Q . We define the following equivalences on T and Λ , respectively,

$$\begin{aligned} (\forall s, t \in T) \quad s \rho_T t &\Leftrightarrow (s, s^*) \rho (t, t^*); \\ (\forall x \in \Lambda_{s^*}, y \in \Lambda_{t^*}) \quad x \rho_\Lambda y &\Leftrightarrow (s^*, x) \rho (t^*, y). \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 2.3, we have ρ_T is a $*$ -congruence and ρ_Λ is normal. And we have the following cases:

- (1) $\rho_T|_Y = \rho_\Lambda|_Y$ is obvious. So (C.1) holds.
- (2) Let $s, t \in T$ be such that $s \rho_T t$ and $(l^*, z) \in Q$. Then

$$(s, s^*) \rho (t, t^*) \text{ and so } (l^*, z)(s, s^*) \rho (l^*, z)(t, t^*).$$

That is, $(l^*\langle z, s \rangle, (l^*\langle z, s \rangle)^*s^*) \rho (l^*\langle z, t \rangle, (l^*\langle z, t \rangle)^*t^*)$. From Lemma 1.3, we have $(l^*\langle z, s \rangle)^* = (l^*\langle z, s \rangle s^*)^* = ((l^*\langle z, s \rangle)^*s^*)^* = (l^*\langle z, s \rangle)^*s^*$. Similarly, $(l^*\langle z, t \rangle)^* = (l^*\langle z, t \rangle)^*t^*$. Thus $l^*\langle z, s \rangle \rho_T l^*\langle z, t \rangle$. By (Q1), we have $l^*\langle z, s \rangle = \langle z, s \rangle$ and $l^*\langle z, t \rangle = \langle z, t \rangle$. Thus $\langle z, s \rangle \rho_T \langle z, t \rangle$. Thus (C.2) holds.

(3) Similarly, we can show that (C.3) also holds.

Now from the above proof, (ρ_T, ρ_A) is a $*$ -congruence pair on Q .

By the direct part, $\rho^{(\rho_T, \rho_A)}$ is a $*$ -congruence. If $(s, x) \rho^{(\rho_T, \rho_A)} (t, y)$, then $s \rho_T t, x \rho_A y$. Thus $(s, s^*) \rho (t, t^*), (s^*, x) \rho (t^*, y)$. It follows that $(s, s^*)(s^*, x) \rho (t, t^*)(t^*, y)$. That is, $(s, x) \rho (t, y)$. Thus, $\rho^{(\rho_T, \rho_A)} \subseteq \rho$. Since $\rho \subseteq \rho^{(\rho_T, \rho_A)}$ is obvious, $\rho^{(\rho_T, \rho_A)} = \rho$. \square

We close this section with the following example.

Example 2.3 Let $S = \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h, i, j\}$ be a set with the following multiplication table

	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j
a	i	i	i	i	i	i	a	b	i	i
b	i	i	i	i	i	i	a	b	i	i
c	i	i	i	i	i	i	c	d	i	i
d	i	i	i	i	i	i	c	d	i	i
e	i	i	i	i	i	i	e	f	i	i
f	i	i	i	i	i	i	e	f	i	i
g	i	i	i	i	i	i	g	h	i	i
h	i	i	i	i	i	i	g	h	i	i
i	i	i	i	i	i	i	i	i	i	i
j	e	f	i	i	e	f	i	i	i	j

By a routine verification, we have S is an rpp semigroup with a right adequate transversal S° , where $S^\circ = \{a, c, e, g, i, j\}$. The equivalences $\alpha, 1_S$ on S with classes as follows:

$$\alpha : \{i\}, \{j\}, \{g\}, \{h\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{a, e\}, \{b, f\},$$

$$1_S : \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{d\}, \{e\}, \{f\}, \{g\}, \{h\}, \{i\}, \{j\}$$

are $*$ -congruences.

3 $*$ -congruence lattices

We denote the set of all $*$ -congruences on Q and the set of all $*$ -congruence pairs on Q constructed as in Theorem 2.4 by $C^*(Q)$ and $CP^*(Q)$, respectively.

Lemma 3.1 *If $(\rho_1^T, \rho_1^A), (\rho_2^T, \rho_2^A) \in CP^*(Q)$, then*

$$\rho^{(\rho_1^T, \rho_1^A)} \subseteq \rho^{(\rho_2^T, \rho_2^A)} \Leftrightarrow \rho_1^T \subseteq \rho_2^T, \rho_1^A \subseteq \rho_2^A.$$

Proof. Suppose $\rho^{(\rho_1^T, \rho_1^A)} \subseteq \rho^{(\rho_2^T, \rho_2^A)}$. Let $s \rho_1^T t$. By the proof of Theorem 2.4, $((s, s^*), (t, t^*)) \in \rho^{(\rho_1^T, \rho_1^A)} \subseteq \rho^{(\rho_2^T, \rho_2^A)}$. Hence $s \rho_2^T t$, and immediately we get $\rho_1^T \subseteq \rho_2^T$. Similarly, we have $\rho_1^A \subseteq \rho_2^A$.

The reverse implication is obvious. \square

Define \leq on $CP^*(Q)$ by $(\rho_1^T, \rho_1^A) \leq (\rho_2^T, \rho_2^A) \Leftrightarrow \rho_1^T \subseteq \rho_2^T, \rho_1^A \subseteq \rho_2^A$. Then $CP^*(Q)$ is a partial ordered set with respect to \leq . By Theorem 2.4 and Lemma 3.1, we can easily see that $C^*(Q)$ and $CP^*(Q)$ are isomorphic as partial ordered sets.

Proposition 3.2 *Let $\Omega \subseteq C^*(Q)$ and $T_\rho = (\rho^T, \rho^A)$ where $\rho \in \Omega$. Then*

$$T_{(\bigcap_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho)} = (\bigcap_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho^T, \bigcap_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho^A)$$

and

$$T_{(\bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho)} = (\bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho^T, \bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho^A).$$

Proof. The first equality is obvious, we only need to prove the second equality. Let $x \in \Lambda_{s^*}$ and $y \in \Lambda_{t^*}$ be such that $x (\bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho)^A y$. Then

$$i = (s^*, x) \bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho (t^*, y) = j.$$

Hence, there exist $\rho_i \in \Omega$ and $a_i = (s_i, x_i) \in Q$ such that $i \rho_1 a_1 \rho_2 a_2 \cdots a_{n-1} \rho_n j$. This implies that $i^* \rho_1 a_1^* \rho_2 a_2^* \cdots a_{n-1}^* \rho_n j^*$. And then $x \rho_1^A x_1 \rho_2^A x_2 \cdots x_{n-1} \rho_n^A y$. We have proved that

$$(\bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho)^A \subseteq \bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho^A.$$

The converse is obvious.

Next, we assume that

$$s (\bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho)^T t.$$

Then

$$s = (s, s^*) \bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho (t, t^*) = t.$$

Hence, there exist $s_i = (s_i, s_i^*) \in Q$, and $\rho_i \in \Omega$ such that $s \rho_1 s_1 \rho_2 s_2 \cdots \rho_{n-1} s_{n-1} \rho_n t$. Moreover, $s \rho_1^T s_1 \rho_2^T s_2 \cdots \rho_{n-1}^T s_{n-1} \rho_n^T t$. Therefore,

$$(\bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho)^T \subseteq \bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho^T.$$

$\bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho^T \subseteq (\bigvee_{\rho \in \Omega} \rho)^T$ is clear. \square

Now, by summing up the above results, we obtain the following theorem.

Theorem 3.3 *Let Q be constructed in Lemma 1.4. Then $CP^*(Q)$ forms a complete lattice with respect to \leq and $C^*(Q)$ is isomorphic to $CP^*(Q)$ as complete lattices.*

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