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Algebras are finite and idempotent, and of one signature  $\sigma$ , which is fixed. A pseudo-variety is a class of these algebras closed under homomorphic images, subalgebras and finite products. A strong pseudo-variety is a pseudo-variety  $E$  such that  $E \circ E = E$  where “circle” denotes Maltsev product. The equation means that whenever  $A$  is an algebra of the signature  $\sigma$ , and  $A$  has a congruence  $\theta$  for which  $A/\theta \in E$  and every subalgebra of  $A$  constituting a  $\theta$ -equivalence class belongs to  $E$ , then  $A \in E$ . Day (the class of algebras with Day terms) and Jónsson are not pseudo-varieties, but Taylor and “few subpowers” and  $SD(\wedge)$  and  $SD(\vee)$  and the class of algebras belonging to an  $n$ -permutable variety for some  $n$ , are strong pseudo-varieties. We shall discuss some open problems arising from these observations. (Received December 10, 2011)