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**Ralph Freese\*** ([ralph@math.hawaii.edu](mailto:ralph@math.hawaii.edu)). *Congruence semidistributivity and  $n$ -permutability.*

Given a set  $\Sigma$  of equations we investigate when the realization of  $\Sigma$  by a variety  $\mathcal{V}$  (that is  $\mathcal{V}$  satisfies the Maltsev condition for  $\Sigma$ ) implies that  $\mathcal{V}$  is congruence semidistributive or is congruence  $n$ -permutable. This follows the work of Dent, Kearnes and Szendrei who investigated  $\Sigma$  that imply congruence modularity and satisfying a nontrivial congruence identity. Decidability of this process is discussed. (Received November 07, 2011)