

Mixed Algebras and their Logics

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The first and trivial attempt is to grammatically reduce the ‘sufficiency’ to ‘necessity’ saying that

“ x is sufficient for p ” iff “ p is necessary in x ”.

Evidently this will not enrich our knowledge.

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In 2000 Ivo Düntsch and Ewa Orłowska coming from information systems introduced and studied in Jónsson–Tarski style so-called *mixed algebras*, (MIA). Now we continue these studies.

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The structure (B, f, g) is called *PS-algebra* if B is a Boolean algebra, f and g are possibility and sufficiency operators respectively.

In every *PS-algebra* the mapping u defined by $u(a) = f^\partial(a) \wedge g^*(a)$ for all $a \in B$ is a necessity operator on B .

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In a previous paper Düntsch and Orłowska proved that the class of all MIA, **MIA**, is not first-order axiomatizable.

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Thus, each wMIA is a discriminator algebra
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