

Indicative conditionals: algebraic considerations

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$$\text{Alg}^*(\vdash) \subsetneq \text{Alg}(\vdash) = \mathbf{CK},$$

where $\mathbf{CK}$ is the variety of centered Kleene lattices.

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