

A NOTE ON R-MINGLE AND SOBOCIŃSKI'S THREE-VALUED LOGIC

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The system **R-Mingle (RM)** of Dunn [2] is the result of adding the axiom schema $A \rightarrow . A \rightarrow A$ to the system **R** of relevant implication—cf. Belnap [1]. Consider the matrices

\rightarrow	0	1	2	\sim	$\&$	0	1	2	\vee	0	1	2
0	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
*1	0	1	2	1	*1	0	1	1	*1	1	1	2
*2	0	0	2	0	*2	0	1	2	*2	2	2	2

The values 1 and 2 are designated. Since axioms of **RM** always take designated values and *modus ponens* and *adjunction* preserve this property, we have

Lemma 1. *Theorems of RM uniformly take designated values when evaluated by the above matrices.*

In [3], Sobociński proved that the system **S** based on the above matrices for \rightarrow and \sim is axiomatized by the following schemas together with *modus ponens*:

- S1. $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow . B \rightarrow C \rightarrow . A \rightarrow C$
- S2. $A \rightarrow . A \rightarrow B \rightarrow B$
- S3. $(A \rightarrow . A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow . A \rightarrow B$
- S4. $A \rightarrow . B \rightarrow . \sim B \rightarrow A$
- S5. $\sim A \rightarrow \sim B \rightarrow . B \rightarrow A$

Lemma 1, together with Sobociński's result, yields

Lemma 2. *If A is a theorem of the pure theory of implication and negation of the calculus RM, then A is a theorem of S.*

In as much as the axioms of **S** are theorems of **RM** (proofs are either routine or given in Dunn [2]) and *modus ponens* is a rule of **RM**, we have

Lemma 3. *If A is a theorem of S, then A is a theorem of RM.*

Lemmas 2 and 3 yield the following

Theorem. *A is a theorem of the pure theory of implication and negation of the calculus RM iff A is a theorem of S.*¹

It might be noted that Sobociński's axiom S4 is independent of Dunn's axioms for \rightarrow and \sim so that these do not capture the pure theory of implication and negation of RM. Consider the matrix

\rightarrow	0	1	2	3	\sim
0	3	3	3	3	3
*1	0	1	0	3	1
*2	0	0	2	3	2
*3	0	0	0	3	0

Dunn's axioms for \rightarrow and \sim uniformly take designated values and *modus ponens* preserves this property, but $A \rightarrow . B \rightarrow . \sim B \rightarrow A$ takes the value 0 when A takes the value 1 and B takes the value 2.

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1. This has been proved independently by Robert K. Meyer and communicated to A. R. Anderson. The result of the next paragraph is due to Meyer.