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For a class  $\mathbf{K}$  of algebras  $A(\mathbf{K})$  and  $E(\mathbf{K})$  denote its algebraically and existentially closed members. Besides (semantically) determining its members the question whether these classes can be finitely axiomatized is of interest.

In this talk we investigate  $\mathbf{PCS}$ , the class of pseudocomplemented semilattices (pcs), in this respect. We will first show how a finite axiomatization of  $A(\mathbf{PCS})$  can be obtained using the property: A pcs  $P$  is algebraically closed iff every finite subpcs of  $P$  can be extended within  $P$  to  $\underline{2}^r \times (\hat{A})^s$ ,  $\underline{2}$  being the two element Boolean algebra,  $\hat{A}$  the countable atomless Boolean algebra with a new top element. This extendability property is described with finitely many first-order sentences.

We will then narrow down existential closedness of a pcs  $P$  assuming  $P$  is already algebraically closed. A description of this characterization with finitely many formulas together with the above finite axiomatization of  $A(\mathbf{PCS})$  gives us the finite axiomatization of  $E(\mathbf{PCS})$ . (Received November 07, 2011)