The fourth grade of modal involvement

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I provide an account of de re necessity conceived as a predicate applying to
formulae and variable assignments. I demonstrate that operator and alternative
predicate approaches fall short of capturing the full expressive power of de re
necessity. A possible worlds semantics will be given for the necessity predicate
building on previous work by [Halbach, Leitgeb and Welch] (2003). I will then
look at themes from modal metaphysics such as necessitism vs contingentism
and ante rem versus in rebus conceptions of universals, recanting some claims

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