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> The coupled syllogism has four figures (الأشكال الأربعة)

First figure: Ausat (أُوسَط) is the attribute in the minor premise and the subject in the major.

- A. This is a human.
- B. And every human is a material.
- Then, this is a material.

Second figure: Ausat is the attribute in both premises.

- A. Every human is an animal.
- B. And no stone is an animal.

Then, no human is stone.

Third figure: Ausat is the subject in both premises.

- A. Every human is an animal.
- B. And every human is rational.

Then, some animals are rational.

Fourth figure: Ausat is the subject in the minor premise and the attribute in the major.

- A. Every human is an animal.
- B. And every rational is a human.

Then, some animals are rational.

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Conditions of the first figure

✓ Every one of the four figures has some conditions to be true in the result.

Conditions of the first figure

- 1. The minor premise must be positive
- 2. The major premise must be a universal concept

Therefore the proper types are four. (Refer to the book)