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# ON ONTOLOGICAL FUNCTORS OF LEŚNIEWSKI'S ELEMENTARY ONTOLOGY

A b s t r a c t. We present an algorithm which allows to define any possible sentence-formative functor of Leśniewski's Elementary Ontology (LEO), arguments of which belong to the category of names. Other results are: a recursive method of listing possible functors, a method of indicating the number of possible n-place ontological functors, and a sketch of a proof that LEO is functionally complete with respect to  $\{\wedge, \neg, \forall, \varepsilon\}$ .

# 1. Introduction

By *Elementary Ontology* (LEO) we mean this part of Leśniewski's Ontology, in which the only variables are name-variables (and hence, quantifiers quantify only name-variables).

A system is functionally complete if and only if all its possible functors may be defined with the use of 1-, and 2- place its functors as the only functors. By 'System S is functionally complete with respect to the set

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of logical constants  $\{f_1, \ldots, f_k\}$ .' we mean that all its possible functors may be defined with the use of  $\{f_1, \ldots, f_k\}$  as the only logical constants. By 'System S is *F*-functionally complete with respect to the set of logical constants  $\{f_1, \ldots, f_k\}$ ' we mean that all the system's functors from the set of functors F may be defined with the use of elements of  $\{f_1, \ldots, f_k\}$  as the only logical constants.

The purpose of this paper is to provide an effective method of defining any ontological functor (This notion will be explicated later on. Tentatively - those are the functors specific to LEO.) of LEO with the use of  $\{\land, \neg, \forall, \varepsilon\}$  only, and thus to sketch a proof for the thesis that LEO is functionally OF-complete with respect to  $\{\land, \neg, \forall, \varepsilon\}$  (where OF denotes here the set of ontological functors).

### 2. Basic Notions

We omit definitions of  $\exists$ ,  $\lor$ ,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\equiv$  by means of  $\{\land, \neg, \forall\}$  as obvious.

Let  $\{a,b,a_1,\ldots,a_nb_1,\ldots,b_n\}$  be a set of name variables of Ontology. Next, we apply the following convention for variables in meta-language:  $\varphi,\psi,\varphi_1,\psi_1,\ldots,\varphi_n,\psi_n$  represent sentences;  $\chi,\chi_1,\ldots,\chi_n$  represent sentential-expressions (including sentences and sentential formulas);  $\tau,\tau_1,\ldots\tau_n$  represent sentential formulas;  $\mu,\nu,\mu_1,\nu_1,\ldots,\mu_n,\nu_n$  represent name-variables;  $\pi,\pi_1,\ldots\pi_n$  represent names;  $\alpha,\alpha_1,\ldots,\alpha_n$  represent name-expressions (including names and name-formulas). Let  $\sigma^1,\ldots,\sigma^n$  be variables each of which can be substituted only by a name of a Semantic Status (the notion will be defined later on). Let also  $\delta,\delta^1,\ldots,\delta^n$  represent functors of category  $\frac{s}{n_1,\ldots,n_k}$ . Let  $L,L_1,\ldots,L_n$  represent languages. The variables  $f,f_1,\ldots,f_n$  represent functions.

We distinguish: *Unshared* names, each of which names exactly one object (e.g. 'Socrates'). According to the long-lasting tradition, we accept the view that names signify without time. It means that if a name names an

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>In the case of this variables they are differentiated by upper case numbers, since the lower case number informs us about the number of names the Semantic Status of which we are talking.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>We also use the symbols of the same shape as logical constants of Ontology in metalanguage for naming these constants.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>This variables are differentiated by upper case numbers, since the lower case number informs us about the number of arguments of these functors.

object which does not actually exist, but either existed or is going to exist, the name is not empty. However, this assumption is not an essential one. We could have assumed the opposite, without any loss of accuracy. Shared names, each of which names more than one object (e.g. 'egg'). Fictitious names, i.e. expressions which regards their syntax behave like shared or unshared names, but which do not name anything (e.g. 'Gandalf', 'Unicorn').<sup>4</sup>

## 2.1. LEO-Languages

We start with syntactical definitions of languages for which LEO-systems can be built. We shall start from the languages without variables, which are the simplest cases of LEO-languages. For convenience, we shall not distinguish between languages and its algebras of expressions. We introduce the notion of LEO-language without variables (CLEO): <sup>5</sup>

## 2.1.1. CLEO-Languages

**Definition 2.1.** 
$$L \in CLEO \equiv L = \langle S_C^L, N_C^L, \varepsilon, \wedge, \neg \rangle$$

where  $N_C^L$  is the set of name constants (it does not matter: shared, unshared, or fictitious)<sup>6</sup>,  $\varepsilon$  is a primitive functor of the category  $\frac{s}{n_1,n_2}$ ,  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$  are classical extensional functors of Sentential Calculus, here treated as primitive ones.  $S_C^L$  is the set of well built sentences, being the least set which fulfills the following conditions:<sup>7</sup>

1. 
$$\lceil \pi_1 \rceil, \lceil \pi_2 \rceil \in N_C^L \to \lceil \varepsilon \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle \rceil \in S_C^L$$

$$2. \ \left\lceil \varphi \right\rceil, \left\lceil \psi \right\rceil \in S_C^L \to \left\lceil \neg \varphi \right\rceil, \left\lceil \varphi \wedge \psi \right\rceil \in S_C^L$$

We introduce the notion of a model for *CLEO*-languages.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The conduct of this distinction is due to [2].

 $<sup>^5</sup>$  'C' in 'CLEO' coming from 'Constants'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>As the elements of  $N_C$  (and later on, of  $N_{CV}$ , to be defined) in a language we will use  $\{c,d,c_1,d_1,\ldots,c_n,d_n\}$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>We use quasi-quotation marks, i.e. the expression:  $\lceil \varphi \rceil$  is the name of the sentence  $\phi$ .

**Definition 2.2.**  $\mathcal{M}$  is a model for  $L \in CLEO \equiv \mathcal{M} = OBJ$  where OBJ is a set of objects.

We introduce the function of extension of names, from  $N_C^L$  into  $2^{OBJ}$ . The set of such a functions is  $EXT_L^{OBJ}$ . In our further deliberations we will often assume that the model and language are settled, and denote the extension of  $\pi$  simply as ' $Ext(\pi)$ '. We will also use variables representing extension functions of L in  $\mathcal{M}$ , denoted by  $f_L^{\mathcal{M}}$ , or  $f_L^{OBJ}$ .

**Definition 2.3.**  $\mathcal{I}$  is an interpretation of  $L \in CLEO \equiv \mathcal{I} = \langle \mathcal{M}, f_L^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle$ .

The Valuation function –  $Val_L^{\mathcal{I}}$  – of a CLEO language, say L, in an interpretation  $\mathcal{I}$  is a function that maps  $S_C^L$  onto<sup>8</sup>  $\{0,1\}$  in the way defined below (Let  $\mathcal{I}$  be  $\langle OBJ, f_L^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle$ ):

**Definition 2.4.**  $Val_L^{\mathcal{I}}$  is the function from  $S_C^L$  onto  $\{0,1\}$ , satisfying the conditions:

1. 
$$Val_L^{\mathcal{I}}(\lceil \varepsilon \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle \rceil) = 1 \equiv \exists ! x \in f_L^{\mathcal{M}}(\pi_1) \wedge f_L^{\mathcal{M}}(\pi_1) \subset f_L^{\mathcal{M}}(\pi_2)$$

$$2. \ [\varphi] \in S_C^L \to [Val_L^{\mathcal{I}}(\lceil \neg \varphi \rceil) = 1 \equiv Val_L^{\mathcal{I}}(\lceil \varphi \rceil) = 0]$$

$$3. \ \lceil \varphi \rceil, \lceil \psi \rceil \in S_C^L \to [Val_L^{\mathcal{I}}(\lceil \varphi \wedge \psi \rceil) = 1 \equiv Val_L^{\mathcal{I}}(\lceil \varphi \rceil) = 1 \wedge Val_L^{\mathcal{I}}(\lceil \psi \rceil) = 1]$$

Now, obtaining the definition of truth in a given interpretation  $(T_{\mathcal{I}})$  is trivial:

**Definition 2.5.** 
$$T_{\mathcal{I}}(\lceil \varphi \rceil) \equiv Val_L^{\mathcal{I}}(\lceil \varphi \rceil) = 1$$

# 2.1.2. CAVELEO-Languages

Now we extend our languages, allowing it to contain name constants and variables. We define the set of CAVELEO-languages.

**Definition 2.6.**  $L \in CAVELEO \equiv L = \langle FS_{CV}^L, NV_{CV}^L, \varepsilon, \wedge, \neg, \forall \rangle$  where  $NV_{CV}^L$  is the union of  $N_{CV}$  (which is the set of name constants of L) and  $V_{CV}$  (which is the set of name variables of L).<sup>10</sup> The functor

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>We could as well have said: 'into'. Since we have closed the set  $S_C^L$  under the operation of classical negation, it makes no difference, the result is the same.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>'CAVE' in 'CAVELEO' coming from 'Constants And VariablEs'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>As elements of  $V_{CV}$  (and later on, of  $V_V$ , to be defined) in a language we will use  $\{a, b, a_1, b_1, \ldots, a_n, b_n\}$ .

 $\varepsilon$  is a primitive functor of category  $\frac{s}{n_1,n_2}$ ,  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$  are classical extensional functors of Sentential Calculus, here treated as primitive ones,  $\forall$  is simply the universal quantifier (it did not occur in *CLEO*-languages, since there were no variables to quantify over).

 $FS_{CV}^L$  is the union of  $S_{CV}^L$  (which is the set of sentences of L), and  $F_{CV}^L$  (which is the set of propositional formulas of L). It means that  $FS_{CV}^L$  is the least set satisfying the following conditions:

1. 
$$\lceil \alpha_1 \rceil, \lceil \alpha_2 \rceil \in NV_{CV}^L \to \lceil \varepsilon \langle \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \rangle \rceil \in FS_{CV}^L$$

2. 
$$\lceil \chi_1 \rceil, \lceil \chi_2 \rceil \in FS_{CV}^L \to \lceil \neg \chi_1 \rceil, \lceil \chi_1 \wedge \chi_2 \rceil \in FS_{CV}^L$$

3. 
$$\lceil \mu \rceil \in V_{CV}^L \wedge \lceil \chi \rceil \in FS_{CV}^L \rightarrow \lceil \forall_{\mu} \chi \rceil \in FS_{CV}^L$$

The definition of model for  $L \in CAVELEO$  is the same, as before (definition 2.2 on page 18). Similar situation occurs with respect to the extension function. It maps  $N_{CV}^L$  into  $2^{OBJ}$ . The interpretation of a CAVELEO-language consists also in giving the model and extension function.

Some difficulties arise, when we want to consider the valuation of variables, and the truth of expressions containing variables. For we can either emphasize that they are NAME variables, or that they are name VARIABLES. The question is: should we valuate a name variable *via* names, or not?

If we choose the first option, consequently, we can allow only these valuations which can be 'obtained' by means of substitution of name variables by names as well. Namely, we must agree that (the extension function  $f_L^{\mathcal{M}}$  is given), when we understand a valuation of name variables  $V_{CV}^L$  as a sequence  $\langle A_1, \ldots, A_n \rangle = A^u$  of n elements of  $2^{OBJ}$ , we have to exclude from possible valuations such tuples  $A^u$  for which  $\exists_{A_i} \neg \exists_{\pi \in N_{CV}^L} [A_i = f_L^{\mathcal{M}}(\pi)]^{11}$ . On the other hand, if we choose the second option, we put no restriction on  $A^u$ , but accordingly concede that there are such valuations of name variables for which there are no corresponding names. We could avoid this difficulty by the simple assumption that  $\forall_{L \in CAVELEO} \forall_{A_i \in 2^{OBJ}} \exists_{\pi \in N_{CV}^L} [A_i = f_L^{\mathcal{M}}(\mu)]$ . Unfortunately, languages which do not fulfill this condition seem to be quite legitimate objects of investigation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup>We have loosely said, that a set  $A_i$  belongs to  $A^u$ ; we meant that it is an element of the sequence, obviously.

For convenience, we have decided to define the valuation of variables for CAVELEO-languages in accordance to the first option, and to leave the most general concept of valuation for VALEO-languages (to be defined), which do not contain name constants. The interesting result is that some sentences built by preceding a sentential formula by a universal quantification can be true in a CAVELEO-language L just because of the nature of the set of names of L.<sup>12</sup>

To any name we can attribute a set that is its extension (i.e. denotation). In this way, every tautology (or valid expression) in the wider sense of valuation is a tautology (valid formula) in the narrower sense of valuation.

The question is, as we have said, whether the implication in the other direction is true. The answer would be simple, if we assumed the mentioned additional condition. Practically, it seems, however, that we are lacking names. As Ajdukiewicz argues [1, p. 138]:

Names of each language divide into simple and composed. There is always a finite number of the simple ones, the composite names are always finite combinations of simple names, hence there are  $\aleph_0$  names.

If we simply take a universe containing the set of natural numbers (or any other universe of the power  $\aleph_0$ ), according to Cantor's theorem, the number of subsets of the universe will be greater than  $\aleph_0$ .

Nevertheless, we can claim the following:

**Theorem 2.7.** If language L fulfills the following requirement:

For any formula of elementary theory of numbers, if this formula contains exactly one free variable, there is in L a general name, extension of which is identical with the set of numbers satisfying this formula.<sup>13</sup>

then it is true, that any formula of L valid in the lexical sense, is valid in the semantic sense.

<sup>12</sup> For instance, if we have  $OBJ = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $N_{CV}^L = \{c, d\}$ ,  $f_L^{\mathcal{M}}(c) = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $f_L^{\mathcal{M}}(d) = \{3\}$ , it is true in this interpretation that  $\forall_{a,b}(\neg(\varepsilon\langle a,b\rangle \wedge \varepsilon\langle b,a\rangle) \to \neg\varepsilon\langle a,b\rangle)$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>Elementary theory of numbers is what we can say about natural numbers in terms of addition, multiplication, identity, sentence connectors, variables representing natural numbers, and quantifiers binding them, without introducing the notion of set.

The full proof is to be found in [3].

We define the notion of valuation of name variables in CAVELEOlanguages.

**Definition 2.8.** The valuation of  $V_{CV}^L = \{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k\}$  is a sequence:  $\langle A_1, \dots, A_k \rangle = A^u$  of elements of  $2^{OBJ}$  such that  $\forall_{A_i} \exists_{\pi \in N_{CV}^L} [A_i = f_L^{\mathcal{M}}(\pi)].$ 

The value of  $\mu_i$  in an interpretation  $A^u$  will be denoted as  $A^u(\mu_i)$ , or simply  $A_i$ .

We define the notion of Satisfaction:

**Definition 2.9.** We assume, that the sequences: of names and name variables are fixed.

- 1. Sentence  $\lceil \varepsilon \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle \rceil$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{I} = \langle \mathcal{M}, f_L^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle$  by a valuation  $A^u$  if and only if  $\exists !_x x \in f_L^{\mathcal{M}}(\pi_1) \wedge f_L^{\mathcal{M}}(\pi_1) \subset f_L^{\mathcal{M}}(\pi_2)$ . It is obvious, that, since  $\lceil \varepsilon \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle \rceil$  does not contain variables (or, in other words, ' $A^u$ ' does not occur in definiente), if there is at least one  $A^u$  satisfying the given sentence in  $\mathcal{I}$ , this sentence is satisfied by any valuation in  $\mathcal{I}$ .
- 2. Let us consider such an expression  $\lceil \varepsilon \langle \alpha_i, \alpha_j \rangle \rceil$ , in which there is at least one name variable. Obviously, there are three cases:
  - (a)  $\lceil \varepsilon \langle \pi_i, \mu_k \rangle \rceil$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{I} = \langle \mathcal{M}, f_L^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle$  by a valuation  $A^u$  if and only if  $\exists !_x x \in f_L^{\mathcal{M}}(\pi_i) \wedge f_L^{\mathcal{M}}(\pi_i) \subset A_k$ .
  - (b)  $\lceil \varepsilon \langle \mu_k, \pi_i \rangle \rceil$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{I} = \langle \mathcal{M}, f_L^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle$  by a valuation  $A^u$  if and only if  $\exists !_x x \in A_k \wedge A_k \subset f_L^{\mathcal{M}}(\pi_i)$ .
  - (c)  $\lceil \varepsilon \langle \mu_k, \mu_i \rangle \rceil$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{I} = \langle \mathcal{M}, f_L^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle$  by a valuation  $A^u$  if and only if  $\exists !_x x \in A_k \wedge A_k \subset A_i$ .
- 3.  $\lceil \neg \chi \rceil$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{I} = \langle \mathcal{M}, f_L^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle$  by a valuation  $A^u$  if and only if  $\lceil \chi \rceil$  is not satisfied in  $\mathcal{I} = \langle \mathcal{M}, f_L^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle$  by a valuation  $A^u$ .
- 4.  $\lceil \chi_i \wedge_j \rceil$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{I} = \langle \mathcal{M}, f_L^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle$  by a valuation  $A^u$  if and only if  $\lceil \chi_i \rceil$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{I} = \langle \mathcal{M}, f_L^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle$  by a valuation  $A^u$  and  $\lceil \chi_j \rceil$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{I} = \langle \mathcal{M}, f_L^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle$  by a valuation  $A^u$ .

5.  $\lceil \forall_{\mu_k} \chi \rceil$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{I} = \langle \mathcal{M}, f_L^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle$  by a valuation  $A^u$  if and only if  $\lceil \chi \rceil$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{I} = \langle \mathcal{M}, f_L^{\mathcal{M}} \rangle$  by any possible valuation  $A^d$  which differs from  $A^u$  at most on k - th place.

We define the notion of truth in an interpretation  $(T_{\mathcal{I}})$ :

**Definition 2.10.** 
$$T_{\mathcal{I}}([\chi]) \equiv \forall_u [\chi \text{ is satisfied by } A^u \text{ in } I]$$

Given sentential expression is true in an interpretation, if it is satisfied by every possible in this interpretation valuation of (its) name variables.

Obviously, we can define validity as being true in any interpretation.

# 2.1.3. VALEO-Languages

We introduce languages without name constants, but containing name variables. We define the set of VALEO-languages. <sup>14</sup>

**Definition 2.11.**  $L \in VALEO \equiv L = \langle FS_V^L, V_V^L, \varepsilon, \wedge, \neg, \forall \rangle$ 

whereas  $V_V^L$  is the set of name variables of L,  $\varepsilon$  is a primitive functor of category  $\frac{s}{n_1,n_2}$ ;  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$  are classical extensional functors of Sentential Calculus, here treated as primitive ones,  $\forall$  is simply the universal quantifier.

 $FS_V^L$  is the union of  $S_V^L$  (which is the set of sentences of  $L^{15}$ ), and  $F_V^L$  (which is the set of propositional formulas of L). It means that  $FS_V^L$  is the least set satisfying the following conditions:

1. 
$$\lceil \mu_1 \rceil, \lceil \mu_2 \rceil \in V_V^L \to \lceil \varepsilon \langle \mu_1, \mu_2 \rangle \rceil \in FS_{CV}^L$$

2. 
$$\lceil \chi_1 \rceil, \lceil \chi_2 \rceil \in FS_V^L \to \lceil \neg \chi_1 \rceil, \lceil \chi_1 \wedge \chi_2 \rceil \in FS_V^L$$

3. 
$$\lceil \mu \rceil \in V_V^L \wedge \lceil \chi \rceil \in FS_V^L \rightarrow \lceil \forall_{\mu} \chi \rceil \in FS_V^L$$

The definition of model is the same, as definition 2.2 on page 18:

**Definition 2.12.**  $\mathcal{M}$  is a model for  $L \in VALEO \equiv \mathcal{M} = OBJ$  where OBJ is a set of objects.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup>'VA' in 'VALEO' coming from 'VAriables'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>Nota bene, though there are no names, it is possible to obtain sentences from formulas by use of quantifier.

Since we use no names, we shall not need the notion of extension of a name. The interpretation of a VALEO-language consists only in giving a model. Therefore, we shall not define interpretation (model will suffice). We define the notion of valuation of name variables in VALEO-languages.

**Definition 2.13.** The valuation of  $V_V^L = \{\mu_1, \dots, \mu_k\}$  is a sequence:

$$\langle A_1, \ldots, A_k \rangle = A^u$$
 of elements of  $2^{OBJ}$ 

The value of  $\mu_i$  in an interpretation  $A^u$  will be denoted as  $A^u(\mu_i)$ , or simply  $A_i$ .

We define the notion of *Satisfaction*:

**Definition 2.14.** We assume, that the sequence of variables is fixed.

- 1.  $\lceil \varepsilon \langle \mu_k, \mu_i \rangle \rceil$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{M}$  by a valuation  $A^u$  if and only if  $\exists !_x x \in A_k \wedge A_k \subset A_i$ .
- 2.  $\lceil \neg \chi \rceil$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{M}$  by a valuation  $A^u$  if and only if  $\lceil \chi \rceil$  is not satisfied in  $\mathcal{M}$  by a valuation  $A^u$ .
- 3.  $\lceil \chi_i \wedge \chi_j \rceil$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{M}$  by a valuation  $A^u$  if and only if  $\lceil \chi_i \rceil$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{M}$  by a valuation  $A^u$  and  $\lceil \chi_j \rceil$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{M}$  by a valuation  $A^u$ .
- 4.  $\lceil \forall \mu_k \chi \rceil$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{M}$  by a valuation  $A^u$  if and only if  $\lceil \chi \rceil$  is satisfied in  $\mathcal{M}$  by any valuation  $A^d$  which differs from  $A^u$  at most on k-th place.

We define the notion of truth in model  $(T_{\mathcal{M}})$ :

**Definition 2.15.** 
$$T_{\mathcal{M}}(\lceil \chi \rceil) \equiv \forall_u [\chi \text{ is satisfied in } \mathcal{M} \text{ by } A^u]$$

Given sentence expression is true in an interpretation, if it is satisfied by every possible in this model valuation of name variables. Validity is defined as truth in any model.

### 2.2. The so-called Nominalism of LEO-systems

Leśniewski, in fact, was a nominalist. Hence, sometimes, his systems (systems formulated in LEO-languages, a fortiori) are believed to be nominalistic. However, the deliberations hitherto led show us only that what suffices as a model of given LEO-language, is a set of objects.

This statement obliges use neither to accept, nor to refute nominalism. We have decided neither what kind of objects can belong to the set OBJ, nor what object must belong to this set.

Moreover, it is far from being clear, that belonging to a model is to be interpreted as real existence. Thus, even, if we had decided, that a model  $\mathcal{M}$  of an LEO-language L can contain only objects of a particular sort, still it would not force us to accept any claim either about real existence of anything, or about the lack of it.

# 3. Notion of Semantic Status (SeS)

#### 3.1. Intuitions

There are some specific functors which we will be considering in this paper. Those are *Ontological Functors* (OF). They are those specific functors which distinguish *Elementary Ontology* from *Prototetics*. As it is obvious, these functors are of syntactical category  $\frac{s}{n_1,...,n_c}$ .

However, this information does not suffice for distinguishing OF-s from other functors of the same syntactical categories. For example, we would consider the expression 'is' in: 'Socrates is mortal.' an OF. This functor is of the syntactical category  $\frac{s}{n,n}$ ; but we can as well find a functor of the same syntactical category, which surely is not an OF, e.g. the expression 'loves' in 'John loves Mary.'.

Hence we need some other condition (or a set of conditions), which would not only be necessary, but also sufficient for a functor to be an OF. In what follows, we shall fulfill this requirement.

The state of affairs affirmed by propositions built from an OF and its name arguments is called the (possible) semantic status (SeS) of this arguments.

### 3.2. 1-place SeS-es

**Definition 3.1.** Semantic Status of a given name  $\pi$  is I.i.  $(1 \ge i \ge 3)$ , whereas i is equal (respectively) to:

$$\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } f \\ 2 & \text{if } f \end{cases} & \exists !x[x \in Ext(\pi)] \\ 3 & \text{if } f \end{cases}$$
 
$$\exists x[x \in Ext(\pi)] \land \neg \exists !x[x \in Ext(\pi)]$$
 
$$\neg \exists x[x \in Ext(\pi)]$$

Instead of saying: 'an SeS which is k-place' we will use lower case numbers: ' $SeS_k$ ' is a name (shared) with  $Ext(SeS_k)$  identical with the set of all k-place SeS-es. <sup>16</sup>

**Example 3.2.** The 
$$SeS_1$$
 of the name *Socrates* is I.1..  $\triangle^{17}$ 

Instead of saying 'the  $SeS_k$  of k names (in given order)  $\langle \pi_1, \ldots, \pi_k \rangle$ ' we will simply write: ' $SeS_k \langle \pi_1, \ldots, \pi_k \rangle$ '. We also, where there will be no danger of ambiguity, will use the notation of  $SeS_k$  as a function of k arguments  $\langle \pi_1, \ldots, \pi_k \rangle$  with the Semantic Status of  $\langle \pi_1, \ldots, \pi_k \rangle$  as value.

### 3.3. 2-place SeS

Now we proceed to defining all possible 2-place SeS-es.

From now on, if we are talking about a semantic status of k names, it is to be assumed, that we consider the order of these names important. We sometimes write instead of 'a SeS of k names (in order)' simply 'SeS of k names', just for convenience.

**Definition 3.3.** Semantic Status of two names (in order)  $\langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle$  is  $II.i \ (1 \ge i \ge 16)$ , where i is equal (respectively) to:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>For clarity of presentation, we will sometimes use the abbreviations introduced for the terms defined, just as if they were nouns. We will also use their singular and plural forms. The singular forms are identical with abbreviations themselves; The plural ones are constructed by adding the endings: -s, or -es. Strictly speaking, our definitions of SeS-es are definitions of functions. However, when we use our symbols otherwise, it is made for the sake of presentation, and, we believe, there is no danger od ambiguity.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>We will use the symbol ' $\triangle$ ' as indicating the end of an example.

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 \begin{cases} 1 \text{ iff } SeS_1\langle\pi_1\rangle = SeS_1\langle\pi_2\rangle = I.1. \land Ext(\pi_1) = Ext(\pi_2) \\ 2 \text{ iff } SeS_1\langle\pi_1\rangle = SeS_1\langle\pi_2\rangle = I.1. \land Ext(\pi_1) \neq Ext(\pi_2) \\ 3 \text{ iff } SeS_1\langle\pi_1\rangle = I.1. \land SeS_1\langle\pi_2\rangle = I.2. \land Ext(\pi_1) \subset Ext(\pi_2) \\ 4 \text{ iff } SeS_2\langle\pi_2,\pi_1\rangle = II.3. \\ 5 \text{ iff } SeS_1\langle\pi_1\rangle = I.1. \land SeS_1\langle\pi_2\rangle = I.2. \land Ext(\pi_1) \not\subset Ext(\pi_2) \\ 6 \text{ iff } SeS_2\langle\pi_2,\pi_1\rangle = II.5. \\ 7 \text{ iff } SeS_1\langle\pi_1\rangle = I.1. \land SeS_1\langle\pi_2\rangle = I.3. \\ 8 \text{ iff } SeS_2\langle\pi_2,\pi_1\rangle = II.7. \\ 9 \text{ iff } SeS_1\langle\pi_1\rangle = SeS_1\langle\pi_2\rangle = I.2. \land Ext(\pi_1) = Ext(\pi_2) \\ 10 \text{ iff } SeS_1\langle\pi_1\rangle = SeS_1\langle\pi_2\rangle = I.2. \land Ext(\pi_1) \subset Ext(\pi_2) \land Ext(\pi_1) \neq Ext(\pi_2) \\ 11 \text{ iff } SeS_2\langle\pi_2,\pi_1\rangle = II.10. \\ 12 \text{ iff } SeS_1\langle\pi_1\rangle = SeS_1\langle\pi_2\rangle = I.2. \land \exists x[x \in Ext(\pi_1) \land \land x \not\in Ext(\pi_2)] \land \exists x[x \in Ext(\pi_2) \land x \not\in Ext(\pi_1)] \land \land \exists x[x \in Ext(\pi_1) \land x \in Ext(\pi_2)] \\ 13 \text{ iff } SeS_1\langle\pi_1\rangle = SeS_1\langle\pi_2\rangle = I.2. \land \neg \exists x[x \in Ext(\pi_1) \land \land x \in Ext(\pi_2)] \\ 14 \text{ iff } SeS_1\langle\pi_1\rangle = I.2. \land \land SeS_1\langle\pi_2\rangle = I.3. \\ 15 \text{ iff } SeS_2\langle\pi_2,\pi_1\rangle = II.14. \\ 16 \text{ iff } SeS_1\langle\pi_1\rangle = SeS_1\langle\pi_2\rangle = I.3. \end{cases}
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## 3.4. Ontological Table

The  $SeS_1-es$  and  $SeS_2$ -es hitherto defined can, perhaps, be better grasped, if we apply the graphical method of representing them. The method itself was used in [2, p. 128]. Lejewski however, has not defined the notion of *Semantic Status* and has finished his semantic considerations on presenting the Ontological Table, which, for us, is just a point of departure for further investigations. Nevertheless, we present the Table, just as it occurs in [2], for convenience of the reader. By a shaded circle we represent the only object named by an unshared name. By an unshaded circle we represent the many objects each of which is named by a shared name. No circle will be used in case of fictitious name.

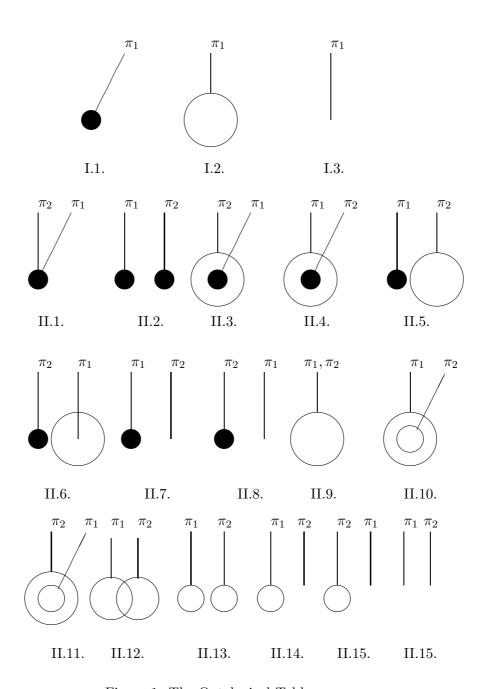


Figure 1: The Ontological Table

## 3.5. Identity, Union and Intersection of SeS-es

We define the relation of identity in the set of SeS-es. Two SeS-es, say  $\sigma_k^1, \sigma_m^2$ , can remain in this relation only if k = m:

**Definition 3.4.** 
$$\sigma_k^1 = \sigma_m^2 \equiv m = k \land \\ \land \forall_{\pi_1^1, \dots, \pi_k^1} [SeS_k \langle \pi_1^1, \dots, \pi_k^1 \rangle = \\ = \sigma_k^1 \langle \pi_1^1, \dots, \pi_k^1 \rangle \equiv \\ \equiv SeS_k \langle \pi_1^1, \dots, \pi_k^1 \rangle = \sigma_m^2 \langle \pi_1^1, \dots, \pi_k^1 \rangle]$$

Now we define the notion of union of SeS-es. Let us consider two sequences of names:  $\pi_1^1,\dots,\pi_k^1$  and  $\pi_1^2,\dots,\pi_m^2$ . Let  $\pi_1^{1,2},\dots,\pi_c^{1,2}$  be all different name variables among  $\pi_1^1,\dots,\pi_k^1$  and  $\pi_1^2,\dots,\pi_m^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{Definition 3.5.} & SeS_c\langle \pi_1^{1,2}, \dots, \pi_c^{1,2} \rangle = [\sigma_k^1 \langle \pi_1^1, \dots, \pi_k^1 \rangle] \cup \\ & \cup [\sigma_m^2 \langle \pi_1^2, \dots, \pi_m^2 \rangle] \equiv SeS_k \langle \pi_1^1, \dots, \pi_k^1 \rangle = \\ & = \sigma_k^1 \langle \pi_1^1, \dots, \pi_k^1 \rangle \vee [SeS_m \langle \pi_1^2, \dots, \pi_m^2 \rangle = \\ & = \sigma_m^2 \langle \pi_1^2, \dots, \pi_m^2 \rangle] \end{aligned}$$

We define the notion of intersection of SeS-es:

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{Definition 3.6.} & SeS_{k+m}\langle \pi_1^{1,2}, \dots, \pi_c^{1,2} \rangle = [\sigma_k^1 \langle \pi_1^1, \dots, \pi_k^1 \rangle] \cap \\ & \cap [\sigma_m^2 \langle \pi_1^2, \dots, \pi_m^2 \rangle] \equiv SeS_k \langle \pi_1^1, \dots, \pi_k^1 \rangle = \\ & = \sigma_k^1 \langle \pi_1^1, \dots, \pi_k^1 \rangle \wedge [SeS_m \langle \pi_1^2, \dots, \pi_m^2 \rangle = \\ & = \sigma_m^2 \langle \pi_1^2, \dots, \pi_m^2 \rangle] \end{aligned}$$

## 3.6. $(n \ge 3)$ -place SeS

We are going to introduce the notion of SeS of  $n \geq 3$  names. We precede the formal definition by some intuitive deliberations. The  $SeS_1$ -es and  $SeS_2$ -es are states of affairs which concern names and pairs of names. Knowing the  $SeS_1$  of a name, we know, whether there are no objects named by this name, or there is exactly one such an object, or there are more than one such objects. Knowing the  $SeS_2$  of any given pair of names, we not only know, what the  $SeS_1$  of each of these names is, but also, in what relation to each other remain the sets of their designates.

It is however quite natural, that the number of names which may be taken under consideration with respect to their SeS should not come to

an end with 2. We can ask, in what 3-place semantic (to say it loosely) relation given three names remain.

Intuitively, we would allow all n-place (where  $n \in \mathcal{N}$ ) relations between names to be n-place SeS-es, as far, as they would be representable by means of diagrams similar to these used in the Ontological Table in the Figure 1.

Quite helpful in defining  $SeS_{n\geq 3}$ , say  $\sigma^1$ , seems to be the fact, that if we have  $\sigma^1_{n\geq 3}\langle \pi_1,\ldots,\pi_{n\geq 3}\rangle$ , we know all  $SeS_2$  of all pairs from  $\{\pi_1,\ldots,\pi_{n\geq 3}\}\times \{\pi_1,\ldots,\pi_{n\geq 3}\}$ , i.e. from  $\{\pi_1,\ldots,\pi_{n\geq 3}\}^2$ . Also, it seems to work in the other direction: if we know all  $SeS_2$  of all pairs from  $\{\pi_1,\ldots,\pi_{n\geq 3}\}^2$ , we know what the  $\sigma^1_{n\geq 3}\langle \pi_1,\ldots,\pi_{n\geq 3}\rangle$  is. Hence, (according to our intuitive deliberations and the definition 3.4 of identity) we define:

**Definition 3.7.** 
$$\sigma^1 = SeS_{k \geq 3} \langle \pi_1, \dots, \pi_{k \geq 3} \rangle \equiv \\ \equiv \sigma^1 = \bigcap \left\{ \sigma_2^2 \langle \pi_i, \pi_j \rangle : \langle \pi_i, \pi_j \rangle \in \{\pi_1, \dots, \pi_{k \geq 3}\}^2 \right\}$$

In other words, a SeS is a SeS of more than two names if and only if it is identical with intersection of  $SeS_2$ -es of all pairs of names which were taken under consideration.

**Definition 3.8.**  $\sigma$  is a SeS if and only if it is a  $SeS_k$ , for some  $k \in \mathcal{N}$ 

## 3.7. Theorems on SeS-es

Corollary 3.9. 
$$\forall \pi [SeS_1(\pi) = I.1. \lor SeS_1(\pi) = I.2. \lor SeS_1(\pi) = I.3.]$$

Corollary 3.9 claims that for every name  $\pi$ , there is among I.1., I.2., I.3. at least one Semantic State of  $\pi$ .

**Proof.** Let B be a set-variable. It is true that:

$$\forall B[\exists! x[x \in B] \lor \exists x[x \in B] \land \neg \exists! x[x \in B] \lor \neg \exists x[x \in B]]$$

Since the Ext function takes sets as values, it is also the case that for all  $\pi$ :

$$\exists ! x [x \in Ext(\pi)] \lor \exists x [x \in Ext(\pi)] \land \neg \exists ! x [x \in Ext(\pi)] \lor \neg \exists x [x \in Ext(\pi)]$$

If  $\exists !x[x \in Ext(\pi)]$ , then, according to the definition given,  $SeS_1(\pi) = I.1.$ . If  $\exists x[x \in Ext(\pi)] \land \neg \exists !x[x \in Ext(\pi)]$ , and being so, according to the definition given,  $SeS_1(\pi) = I.2.$ . If  $\neg \exists x[x \in Ext(\pi)]$ , according to the

definition given, then  $SeS_1(\pi) = I.3.$ . The formula:  $(p \lor q \lor r) \to [(p \to s) \land (q \to t) \land (r \to u) \to (s \lor t \lor u)]$  is a tautology of Sentential Calculus. By a proper substitution, *modo ponendo ponente* we obtain the demanded corollary.

In the similar manner, using set theory and the introduced semantics, we can easily prove the following few claims:

Corollary 3.10. 
$$\forall \pi \neg \exists_{i \neq j} [SeS_1 \langle \pi \rangle = I.i. \land SeS_1 \langle \pi \rangle = I.j.]$$

Lemma 3.11. 
$$\forall \pi \exists !_i [SeS_1 \langle \pi \rangle = I.i.]$$

Corollary 3.12. 
$$\forall \pi_1, \pi_2 \exists_{1 \le i \le 16} [SeS_2 \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle = II.i.]$$

Corollary 3.13. 
$$\forall \pi_1, \pi_2 \forall_{1 \leq i, j \leq 16} [SeS_2 \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle = II.i. \land \\ \land SeS_2 \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle = II.i. \rightarrow i = j]$$

**Lemma 3.14.** 
$$\forall \pi_1, \pi_2 \exists !_{1 \leq i \leq 16} [SeS_2 \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle = II.i.]$$

Corollary 3.10 tells us that for every name  $\pi$  there is among I.1., I.2., I.3. at most one Semantic Status of  $\pi$ . Lemma 3.11 informs that each name has exactly one one-place Semantic Status. Corollary 3.12 says that for each two names (in order, obviously) their  $SeS_2$  is identical with at least one of the  $SeS_2 - es$  already defined. Corollary 3.13 claims that for every pair of names there is at most one  $SeS_2$  such that it is the SeS of these names. Lemma 3.14 says, that for every two names there is exactly one  $SeS_2$  among I.1. - 1.16. which is the  $SeS_2$  of these names.

# 4. Ontological Functors (OF)

## **4.1.** 1-Place Ontological Functors $(OF_1 - s)$

**Definition 4.1.** Functor  $\delta_1$  is a  $SOF_1$  if and only if

$$\forall \pi \exists !_{1 \leq i \leq 3} [\delta_1 \langle \pi \rangle \equiv SeS_1 \langle \pi \rangle = I.i.]$$

By writing  $i \neq j \neq k$  etc. we mean that i, j, k are distinct from each other.

**Definition 4.2.** Functor  $\delta_1$  is a  $POF_1$  if and only if

$$\exists_{1 \leq i \neq j \neq \dots \leq 3} [\delta_1 \langle \pi \rangle \equiv \underbrace{SeS_1 \langle \pi \rangle = I.i. \vee \dots \vee SeS_1 \langle \pi \rangle = I.j.}_{\text{the number of disjuncts is 2 or 3}}]$$

There is also one specific 2-place functor, neither  $SOF_2$ , nor  $POF_2$ , namely  $Falsum - F_2$ . With its name arguments it gives a false sentence.<sup>18</sup>

**Definition 4.3.** A functor  $\delta$  is an  $OF_1$  if and only if

it is either a 
$$SOF_1$$
, or a  $POF_1$ , or  $F_1$ 

# **4.2.** 2-Place Ontological Functors $(OF_2 - s)$

**Definition 4.4.** Functor  $\delta_2$  is a  $SOF_2$  if and only if

$$\forall_{\pi_1,\pi_2} \exists !_{1 \leq i \leq 16} [\delta_1 \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle \equiv SeS_2 \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle = II.i.]$$

**Definition 4.5.** Functor  $\delta_2$  is a  $POF_2$  if and only if

$$\exists_{1 \leq i \neq j \neq \dots \leq 16} [\delta_1 \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle \equiv SeS_2 \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle = II.i. \vee \\ \vee \dots \vee SeS_2 \langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle = II.j.]$$

There is also one specific 2-place functor, neither  $SOF_2$ , nor  $POF_2$ , namely  $Falsum - F_2$ . With its name arguments it gives a false sentence.

**Definition 4.6.** Functor  $\delta_2$  is an  $OF_2$  if and only if  $\delta_2$  is either a  $SOF_2$ , or a  $POF_2$ , or  $F_2$ .

## **4.3.** $k \ge 3$ -place Ontological Functors

**Definition 4.7.** Functor  $\delta_{k>3}$  is a  $SOF_{k>3}$  if and only if

$$\forall_{\pi_1,\dots,\pi_k} \exists !_{\sigma_{k\geq 3}} [SeS_{k\geq 3} \langle \pi_1,\dots,\pi_k \rangle = \sigma_{k\geq 3} \equiv \delta_{k\geq 3} \langle \pi_1,\dots,\pi_k \rangle]$$

**Definition 4.8.**  $\delta_{k>3}$  is a  $POF_{k>3}$  if and only if

$$\exists_{\sigma_k^1 \neq \dots \neq \sigma_k^u} \forall_{\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k} [\delta_{k \geq 3} \langle \pi_1, \dots, \pi_k \rangle \equiv 
\equiv \sigma_k^1 = SeS_k \langle \pi_1, \dots, \pi_k \rangle \vee \dots \vee \sigma_k^u = SeS_k \langle \pi_1, \dots, \pi_k \rangle]$$

**Definition 4.9.** Functor  $\delta_{k\geq 3}$  is  $F_{k\geq 3}$  (i.e. falsum functor) if and only if with its k name arguments, it always gives a false sentence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>Clearly, it does not fit into definitions of SOF-s or POF-s.

**Definition 4.10.** Functor  $\delta_{k\geq 3}$  is an  $OF_{k\geq 3}$  if and only if it is either a  $SOF_{k\geq 3}$ , or a  $POF_{k\geq 3}$ , or  $F_{k\geq 3}$ .

Obviously, a given functor  $\delta_k$  is an OF if and only if it is either an  $OF_1$ , or an  $OF_2$ , or an  $OF_{k>3}$ .

Two k-place OF-s, say  $\delta_k^1$ ,  $\delta_k^2$  are identical if and only if the truth conditions of sentences obtained by them and their arguments are the same:

**Definition 4.11.** 
$$\delta_k^1 = \delta_k^2 \equiv \forall_{\pi_1,\dots,\pi_k} [\delta_k^1 \langle \pi_1,\dots,\pi_k \rangle \equiv \delta_k^2 \langle \pi_1,\dots,\pi_k \rangle]$$

## 5. Defining Ontological Functors

Lemma 5.1. 
$$\overline{\overline{SeS_k}} = \overline{\overline{SOF_k}}$$

**Proof.** There is a function from the set  $SOF_k$  onto the set  $SeS_k$ . What remains to be shown, is that this function is 1-1. While defining, we are distinguishing subsets of the set of all functors of  $\frac{s}{n_1,\dots,n_k}$ . Now, for any given  $SeS_k$ , say  $\sigma_k$ , among all possible k-place functors of category  $\frac{s}{n_1,\dots,n_k}$ , there is at least one functor, say  $\delta^1$ , satisfying the conditions given in the definition of  $SOF_k$ , simply because the conditions given are not contradictory. Now, we show that it is unique. Do notice, that if there was any functor with the same truth-conditions, according to the definition 4.11 on p. 32, it would be identical with our  $\delta^1$ . Next, if it had different truth conditions, it either would not be a  $SoF_K$ , or it would be a  $SoF_K$  corresponding to an another  $SeS_1$ . Hence, for every  $SeS_k$  there is exactly one  $SOF_k$  corresponding to it.

In our metalanguage we will use variables already introduced. However, definitions which we will give according to the procedures (these procedures will be described below), will be introduced in an exemplary system of VALEO language, in which name variables are  $a, b, a_1, b_1, \ldots, a_n, b_n$ . The definitions of OF-s from now on called: 'OF-Definitions' will be equivalences (following the style of Leśniewski<sup>19</sup>). For the purpose of our paper, the form of definition makes no difference.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>With the difference, that our definitions will not be preceded by universal quantifier(s). Of course, such an addition, for our purpose would not be essential.

### 5.1. $OF_1$ -s

As it is discernible, there are exactly three  $SOF_1-s$ . In order to systematize them, and to give some hints which allow to understand intuitively the method of defining OF-s further developed, let us construct following table:

$SOF_1 - s$ TABLE										
I.1.	I.2.	I.3.	Functor							
1	0	0	ob							
0	1	0	s (from 'shared')							
0	0	1	fi (from 'fictitious')							

To each of first three columns of this table there is a corresponding  $SeS_1$ . Each line of this table corresponds to an  $SOF_1$ . We put '1' in a column of a  $SeS_1$ , say  $\sigma$ , in the line of a  $SOF_1$ , say  $\delta$ , to denote that the occurrence of  $\sigma$  of given name, say  $\pi$ , is a sufficient condition of the truth of  $\delta\langle\pi\rangle$ . We put '0' in the column of  $\delta$  in the column of  $\sigma$  to denote that the non-occurrence of  $\sigma$  of  $\pi$  is a necessary condition of the truth of  $\delta\langle\pi\rangle$ .

Hence, we may introduce a convenient general method of referring to k-place functors:

Instruction 1. After construction of an m+1-column table, where m is the number of possible different  $SeS_k$ , and each column i-th from the left of this table corresponds to the i-th of  $SeS_k-es$  (their order to be fixed), and the column m+1 is left for placing functor-symbols, every  $OF_k$ , say  $\delta$ , may be represented by a sequence consisting of m elements, each of which is 0 or 1. The i-th element of the sequence is 1 if and only if in the i-th column, in the line of  $\delta$  there is 1. Otherwise, it is 0. Obviously, there are exactly  $2^m$  such sequences.

Thus, the table just given may be extended to include all possible three place sequences of elements of  $\{0,1\}$ :<sup>20</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>Where the names of functors have been already introduced in the history of Ontology, we simply use them. Where there are no such names, we introduce them.

$OF_1 - s$ TABLE										
I.1.	I.2.	I.3.	Functor							
1	0	0	ob							
0	1	0	s (from 'shared')							
0	0	1	fi (from 'fictitious')							
0	0	0	$F_1$ (from 'falsum')							
1	1	0	ex							
1	0	1	sol							
1	1	1	$V_1$ (from 'verum')							
0	1	1	nob (from 'non-object')							

Now we define  $SOF_1$  with the use of  $\{\land, \neg, \forall, \varepsilon\}$  only.

**OF-Definition 1.** 
$$ob\langle a\rangle \equiv \exists b[\varepsilon\langle a,b\rangle]^{21}$$

**OF-Definition 2.** 
$$s\langle a\rangle \equiv \exists b[\varepsilon\langle b,a\rangle] \land \neg \exists b[\varepsilon\langle a,b\rangle]$$

**OF-Definition 3.** 
$$f\langle a \rangle \equiv \forall b, c[\varepsilon\langle b, a \rangle \land \varepsilon\langle c, a \rangle \rightarrow \varepsilon\langle b, c \rangle \land \varepsilon\langle c, b \rangle] \land \neg \exists b \ [\varepsilon\langle b, a \rangle]$$

Thus we obviously have:

**Lemma 5.2.** All  $SOF_1$ -s are definable by means of  $\{\land, \neg, \forall, \varepsilon\}$  as the only logical constants.

Here is the method of constructing a definition of any  $OF_1$  which is not a  $SOF_1$  by means of  $SOF_1$ -s:

**Instruction 2.** 1. Represent the functor to be defined  $\delta_1\langle a\rangle$  by a 3-place sequence according to the INSTRUCTION 1 on page 33.

- 2. For every place of the sequence here is exactly one formula corresponding to it; namely: ' $ob\langle a\rangle$ ' to the first, ' $s\langle a\rangle$ ' to the second, and 'fi(a)' to the third.
- 3. Construct the conjunction of negations of all these three formulas *if* and only *if* no element of the sequence is 1.

 $<sup>^{21}</sup>$ It is important, that (especially particular) quantifiers in our meta-language are interpreted differently from quantifiers in LEO. The first are understood existentially, the second are not.

- 4. If and only if more than one element of the sequence is 1, construct the disjunction of formulas corresponding to these elements. (The case when exactly one element of the sequence is excluded, since this procedure is a procedure of defining  $OF_1$ -s which are not  $SOF_1 s$ .)
- 5. As a result of those steps, a formula is obtained. Let it be  $\tau$ . The formula  $\tau$  is the right side of the definition. The left side is  $\delta_1\langle a\rangle$ . Construct the formula  $\delta_1\langle a\rangle \equiv \tau$ . this is the definition of  $\delta_1$ .

To make clear the proper understanding of this procedure, we will lead it for one functor:

**Example 5.3.** Let us consider the functor 'ex'. It is represented by  $\langle 1, 1, 0 \rangle$  More than one element of this sequence is 1. Hence, we go to the step 4 and obtain  $ob\langle a \rangle \vee s\langle a \rangle$ . We obtain the definition:

**OF-Definition 4.** 
$$ex\langle a\rangle \equiv ob\langle a\rangle \vee s\langle a\rangle$$

According to the procedure just characterized, we can proceed with the remaining definitions of  $OF_1$ -s. Therefore:

**Lemma 5.4.** All  $OF_1$ -s are definable with the use of ' $\varepsilon$ ' as the only OF.

**Proof.** According to lemma 5.2 on p. 34 ' $\varepsilon$ ' suffices as the only OF for defining all  $SOF_1$ -s. As we have seen, all  $OF_1$  not being  $SOF_1$ -s are definable by means of  $SOF_1$ -s.<sup>22</sup> All  $SOF_1$  have been defined by means of ' $\varepsilon$ '. Therefore, we can any given expression (also any definition) containing any  $OF_1$  other than replace by an equivalent formula with ' $\varepsilon$ ' as the only OF. We can do it also in definitions of  $OF_1$ -s, in which we have used  $SOF_1$  in definientibus, thus obtaining definitiones in quarum definientibus ' $\varepsilon$ ' is the only OF.

#### 5.2. $OF_2$ -s

We consider  $SOF_2$ -s. As it may be seen from the Ontological Table, there are 16 exactly different  $SeS_2$ . Therefore, we can obtain the number of possible  $OF_2$ -s. It is equal to the number of  $SOF_2$ -s.

 $<sup>^{22}</sup>$ Since the usage of non-ontological functors in definitions is obvious, and we are mainly concerned with ontological functors, we omit the phrase: 'as the only OF' where it is obvious from the context.

For convenience, functors for which symbols have not been hitherto introduced in those part of the history of Leśniewski's Ontology which is known to the author of this text, will be symbolized by those sequences of elements of  $\{0,1\}$ , which correspond to those functors similarly to the convention introduced for referring to  $OF_1$ -s. However, this convention requires an extension. First, we construct a similar table. The understanding of the last column of the table, will be explained in a moment.

	$SOF_2 - s$ TABLE															
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.	14	15	16.	OF
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	=
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	{2}
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	{3}
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	$\{4\}$
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	{5}
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	{6}
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	{7}
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	{8}
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	{9}
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	{10}
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	{11}
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	{12}
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	{13}
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	{14}
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	{15}
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	{16}

Instruction 3. It will be convenient to represent  $OF_2$ -s, excluding  $F_2$  and  $V_2$  (which will be simply denoted by symbols ' $F_2$ ' and ' $V_2$ '), in some other way than by 16-place sequences (as the instruction 1 on page 33 would suggest). First we construct the table being an extension of the  $SOF_2$ -s TABLE to  $OF_2$ -s TABLE. The extension consists in adding all possible sequences of 0, 1 as lines of the table. An  $OF_2$ , say  $\delta_2$ , is represented by a set  $\{k_1, \ldots, k_m\}$ ,  $16 \geq k_1, k_m \geq 1$ , where m is the number of occurrences of symbol '1' in the line of the  $OF_2$ - TABLE, which corresponds to this  $\delta_2$ , and are numbers of columns in which '1' occurs, counting from left, and  $\forall_{i,j}[k_i \neq k_j]$ .

Clearly, all  $SOF_2$ -s are definable by means of  $\varepsilon$  as the only OF.<sup>23</sup>

**OF-Definition 5.**  $=\langle a,b\rangle \equiv \varepsilon \langle a,b\rangle \wedge \varepsilon \langle b,a\rangle$ 

**OF-Definition 6.**  $\{2\}\langle a,b\rangle \equiv ob\langle a\rangle \wedge ob\langle b\rangle \wedge \neg \varepsilon\langle a,b\rangle$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup>I cannot prove it in general, so I simply show it, giving the required definitions below. To grasp the sense of those definitions it suffices to consider definitions hitherto given and The Ontological Table.

**Example 5.5.** The sentence formed from  $\{2\}$  (corresponding to the second line of  $SOF_2$ -s TABLE) and its name arguments  $\pi_1, \pi_2$  has exactly one sufficient truth-condition among SeS-es. Namely, the occurrence of the semantic status II.2. of  $\langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle$ . Therefore we write ' $\{2\}$ '. The number of elements of this sequence 'tells us' that there is only one  $SeS_2$ , occurrence of which is the sufficient condition of the true of the sentence under consideration. The number '2' inside the brackets tells us which of all  $SeS_2$ -es it is.

**Lemma 5.6.** All  $SOF_2$ -s are definable by means of ' $\varepsilon$ ' as the only OF.

All  $POF_2$ -s can be exhaustively listed out by listing all possible 16-place

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OF-Definition 7. \{3\}\langle a,b\rangle \equiv ob\langle a\rangle \wedge s\langle b\rangle \wedge \varepsilon\langle a,b\rangle
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**OF-Definition 8.** 
$$\{4\} \langle a, b \rangle \equiv s \langle a \rangle \wedge ob \langle b \rangle \wedge \varepsilon \langle b, a \rangle$$

**OF-Definition 9.** 
$$\{5\}\langle a,b\rangle \equiv ob\langle a\rangle \wedge s\langle b\rangle \wedge \neg \varepsilon\langle a,b\rangle$$

**OF-Definition 10.** 
$$\{6\} \langle a, b \rangle \equiv s \langle a \rangle \wedge ob \langle b \rangle \wedge \neg \varepsilon \langle b, a \rangle$$

**OF-Definition 11.** 
$$\{7\}\langle a,b\rangle\equiv ob\langle a\rangle\wedge fi\langle b\rangle$$

**OF-Definition 12.** 
$$\{8\} \langle a, b \rangle \equiv fi \langle a \rangle \wedge ob \langle b \rangle$$

**OF-Definition 13.** 
$$\{9\}\langle a,b\rangle \equiv s\langle a\rangle \wedge s\langle b\rangle \wedge \forall_c [\varepsilon\langle c,a\rangle \equiv \varepsilon\langle c,b\rangle]$$

**OF-Definition 14.** 
$$\{10\}$$
  $\langle a,b\rangle \equiv s\langle a\rangle \land s\langle b\rangle \land \forall_c [\varepsilon\langle c,a\rangle \to \varepsilon\langle c,b\rangle] \land \neg \forall_c [\varepsilon\langle c,b\rangle \equiv \varepsilon\langle c,a\rangle]$ 

**OF-Definition 15.** 
$$\{11\} \langle a, b \rangle \equiv s \langle a \rangle \land s \langle b \rangle \land \neg \forall_c [\varepsilon \langle c, a \rangle \to \varepsilon \langle c, b \rangle] \land \land \forall_c [\varepsilon \langle c, b \rangle \to \varepsilon \langle c, a \rangle]$$

**OF-Definition 16.** {12} 
$$\langle a, b \rangle \equiv s \langle a \rangle \land s \langle b \rangle \land \exists_{c_1} [\varepsilon \langle c_1, a \rangle \land \neg \varepsilon \langle c_1, b \rangle] \land \land \exists_{c_2} [\varepsilon \langle c_2, a \rangle \land \varepsilon \langle c, b \rangle] \land \exists_{c_3} [\varepsilon \langle c_3, b \rangle \land \neg \varepsilon \langle c, a \rangle]$$

**OF-Definition 17.** 
$$\{13\}\langle a,b\rangle \equiv s\langle a\rangle \wedge s\langle b\rangle \wedge \neg \exists_c [\varepsilon\langle c,a\rangle \wedge \varepsilon\langle c,b\rangle]$$

**OF-Definition 18.** 
$$\{14\} \langle a, b \rangle \equiv s \langle a \rangle \wedge fi \langle b \rangle$$

**OF-Definition 19.** 
$$\{15\} \langle a, b \rangle \equiv fi \langle a \rangle \wedge s \langle b \rangle$$

**OF-Definition 20.** 
$$\{16\} \langle a, b \rangle \equiv fi \langle a \rangle \wedge fi \langle b \rangle$$

We define the falsum 2-place functor  $F_2$ :

**OF-Definition 21.** 
$$F_2\langle a,b\rangle \equiv ob\langle a\rangle \wedge \neg ob\langle b\rangle$$

It is so called, because with its two name arguments it always yields a false proposition.

sequences of elements of  $\{0,1\}$  such that more than one element of sequence is 1. According to instruction 3 on p. 36, it can be represented by a set of a specific kind (already described). We can now use our notation for introducing a general scheme od defining  $POF_2$ -s:

## **Instruction 4.** Follow the steps:

- 1. Represent the functor to be defined, say  $\delta_2$ , by a set according to instruction 3.
- 2. For every number  $16 \geq i \geq 1$  which may occur in the set such obtained, there is a formula corresponding to it. It is the formula built from  $SOF_2$ : ' $\{i\}$ ' and its arguments  $\langle ab \rangle$ .
- 3. Any  $POF_2$  is represented by a set  $\{k_1, \ldots, k_m\}$ , where  $16 \geq m \geq 2$ . Construct the disjunction of formulas corresponding to numbers occurring in this set.
- 4. As a result of those steps, a formula is obtained. Let it be  $\tau$ . This  $\tau$  is the right side of the definition. The left side is  $\delta_2\langle a,b\rangle$ . Construct the equivalence :  $\delta_2\langle a,b\rangle\equiv\tau$ . This will be the definition looked after.

**Example 5.7.** We proceed to obtain a definition of the functor of strong inclusion which were listed among 14 OF-s by Lejewski in [2, p. 129-130]. This functor usually it is noted by '<'. However, to avoid ambiguity of notation, we shall use '<'. This functor occurs in expressions of the type  $<\langle \alpha_1, \alpha_2 \rangle$ . A sentence built from '<' and its two name arguments is true if and only if exactly one of  $SeS_2$ -es occurs: II.1, II.3., II.9., II.10. Therefore, we can represent this functor by: ' $\{1,3,9,10\}$ '.Consequently, we define it as follows (according to instruction 3):

**OF-Definition 22.** 
$$\langle a, b \rangle \equiv = \langle a, b \rangle \vee \{3\} \langle a, b \rangle \vee \{9\} \langle a, b \rangle \vee \{10\} \langle a, b \rangle$$

Hence:

**Lemma 5.8.** All  $OF_2$ -s are definable by means of ' $\varepsilon$ ' as the only OF.

**Proof.** The set  $OF_2$  is the union of  $SOF_2$ ,  $POF_2$ , and  $\{F_2\}$ . All  $SOF_2$ -s are definable by means of ' $\varepsilon$ ' as the only OF (lemma 5.6). Functor ' $F_2$ '

is definable by means of ' $\varepsilon$ ' as the only OF. All  $POF_2$ -s are definable by means of  $SOF_2$  as the only OF-s (instruction 4). By the transitivity of definability, we obtain the demanded result.

# **5.3.** $OF_{k>3}$ -s

As we have said (definition 3.7) any  $m \geq 3$ -place  $SeS_m$ , say  $\sigma_m$ , of m different names, say  $\langle \pi_1, \ldots, \pi_m \rangle$ , is identical with the intersection of all  $SeS_2$ -es of all pairs being elements of  $\{\pi_1, \ldots, \pi_m\} \times \{\pi_1, \ldots, \pi_m\}$ . The deliberations hitherto led, suggest us that it is possible to define each m-place OF  $(m \geq 3)$  by means of  $OF_k$ -s  $(2 \geq k)$  as the only OF-s. How to execute such an operation?

If the number of  $SeS_m$ -es is settled, let it be k, the number of  $SOF_m$  is settled (since it is equal to the number of  $SeS_m$ -es -lemma 5.1 on p. 32) - it is k. If the number of  $SOF_m$ -s is settled, it is easy to determine the number of  $OF_m$ -s. It is the number of possible  $\{0,1\}$  variations of k-place sequence:  $2^k$ . Hence:

Corollary 5.9. 
$$\overline{\overline{OF_{m\geq 3}}} = 2^{\overline{\overline{SeS_{m\geq 3}}}}$$

We could describe any  $SeS_{m\geq 3}$  by describing all  $SeS_2$ -es of all ordered pairs being elements of  $\{\pi_1, \ldots, \pi_m\} \times \{\pi_1, \ldots, \pi_m\}$ . However, such a description would also contain some redundant information.

If we know the  $SeS_2$  of  $\pi_1, \pi_2$ , we do not have to add any information regarding  $\pi_1, \pi_1$ , or  $\pi_2, \pi_2$ . The  $SeS_2$  of  $\pi_i, \pi_i$  would inform us which of the states: II.1., II.9., or II.16. takes place between this name and itself. It is always some kind of identity. II.1., II.9 and II.16 differ only as to the question, whether I.1., I.2., or I.3. occurs. But such an information we have already got since we know the  $SeS_2$  of  $\pi_1, \pi_2$ , which determines not only the relation between  $\pi_1, \pi_2$ , but also  $SeS_1$ -es of  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$ . (do compare this statement with e.g. The Ontological Table). Next, if we know the  $SeS_2$  of  $\pi_1, \pi_2$ , any additional information about the  $SeS_2$  of  $\pi_2, \pi_1$  is redundant.

Generally, for an m-place  $(m \geq 3)$  sequence of names  $\langle \pi_1, \ldots, \pi_m \rangle$  to determine their  $SeS_m$  is equivalent to determining the  $SeS_2$ -es of pairs:  $\langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle, \langle \pi_1, \pi_3 \rangle, \ldots, \langle \pi_1, \pi_m \rangle, \langle \pi_2, \pi_3 \rangle, \ldots, \langle \pi_2, \pi_m \rangle, \ldots, \langle \pi_{m-1}, \pi_m \rangle$ .

There are  $\frac{m^2-m}{2}$  such pairs. For each pair there are 16 possible  $SeS_2$  that may take place for this pair. Therefore:

Corollary 5.10. There are  $16^{\frac{m^2-m}{2}}$  possible  $SeS_{m\geq 3}$ -es.

Corollary 5.11. There are  $2^{16^{\frac{m^2-m}{2}}}$  possible  $OF_{m\geq 3}$ -s.

**Instruction 5.** Let  $m \geq 3$ . We want to construct an expression univocally denoting an m-place  $SOF_m$ , say  $\delta_m$ .

- 1. If  $\delta_m$  is a  $SOF_m$ , than there is only one  $SeS_m$  of the sequence  $\langle \pi_1, \ldots, \pi_m \rangle$ , (let it be  $\sigma_m$ ), such that  $\delta_m \langle \pi_1, \ldots, \pi_m \rangle$  is true if and only if  $\sigma_m$  of  $\langle \pi_1, \ldots, \pi_m \rangle$  takes place.
- 2. We reduce  $\sigma_m$  of  $\langle \pi_1, \dots, \pi_m \rangle$  to the intersection of  $SeS_2$ -es:  $\langle \sigma_2^1, \dots, \sigma_2^{\frac{m^2-m}{2}} \rangle$  of (respectively)  $\langle \pi_1, \pi_2 \rangle, \langle \pi_1, \pi_3 \rangle, \dots, \langle \pi_1, \pi_m \rangle, \langle \pi_2, \pi_3 \rangle, \dots, \langle \pi_2, \pi_m \rangle, \dots, \langle \pi_{m-1}, \pi_m \rangle$ . Therefore we obtain the following sequence:  $\langle \sigma_2^1, \dots, \sigma_2^{\frac{m^2-m}{2}} \rangle$
- 3. Each  $\sigma_2^i$  is one of 16  $SeS_2$ -es. We construct k-place sequence  $\langle s_1, \ldots, s_k \rangle$  such that:
  - (a)  $16 \ge s_i \ge 1$
  - (b)  $s_i = j \equiv \sigma_2^i = II.j.$
- 4. To every number  $16 \geq s_i \geq 1$  which may occur in the sequence such obtained, there is a formula corresponding to it. It is the formula built from  $SOF_2$ : ' $\{s_i\}$ ' and its arguments  $\langle a_x, b_y \rangle$ , where x, y are the same indices which occur under the names in the pair corresponding to  $s_i$ .
- 5. Obtain the conjunction of all formulas  $\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_k$  corresponding to elements of  $\langle s_1, \ldots, s_k \rangle$ . tel this conjunction be  $\tau$ .
- 6. Construct the formula:  $\delta_m \langle a_1, \dots, a_m \rangle$ .
- 7. Construct the equivalence:  $\delta_m \langle a_1, \dots, a_m \rangle \equiv \tau$ . This is the definition looked after.

Hence, we have:

**Lemma 5.12.** All  $SOF_{m\geq 3}$ -s are definable by means of ' $\varepsilon$ ' as the only OF.

**Proof.** We can define them by means of  $SOF_2$ -s, which are themselves definable by means of ' $\varepsilon$ '.

Now, we proceed to the last phase of our deliberations. It remains to give the procedure of representing and defining all  $OF_{m\geq 3}$ -s not being  $SOF_{m\geq 3}$ -s. The definitions of falsum functors are trivial, so we omit them. What remains to be given, is a general instruction for referring to  $POF_{m>3}$ -s, and an instruction for defining them.

**Instruction 6.** In order to represent any  $POF_{m\geq 3}$ , say  $\delta_{m\geq 3}$ , we have to:

- 1. Settle associated formulas (i.e. formulas being the result of applying a functor to its arguments, e.g. for  $\delta_m$  it is  $\delta_m \langle a_m, \dots, a_m \rangle$  ) of all  $SOF_m$ -s in a sequence  $\langle \tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_k \rangle$  (Let k be the number of possible  $SOF_m$ -s ). The order is non-essential (as far as we keep to the order once fixed).
- 2. When this order is fixed, for each  $POF_m$   $\delta_m$  there is exactly one sequence  $\langle s_1, \ldots, s_k \rangle$  by which this  $POF_m$  may be represented, where each  $s_i$   $(k \geq i \geq 1)$  is either 0, or 1, and  $s_i = 1$  if and only if  $\tau_i$  having value 1 is sufficient condition of  $\delta_m \langle a_1, \ldots, a_m \rangle$  having value 1; otherwise it is 0. We can represent therefore any  $\delta_m$  by such kind of a sequence.
- 3. It is possible to list exhaustively all  $POF_m$ -s by writing out all possible variations of k-place sequence of elements belonging to  $\{0,1\}$ .
- 4. Such a notation may be farther abbreviated for practical purposes. Namely, instead of writing  $\langle s_1, \ldots, s_k \rangle$ , we can write  $\langle s'_1, \ldots, s'_c \rangle_m$ , where for every  $i, k \geq s'_i \geq 1$ , c is the number of all elements of  $\langle s_1, \ldots, s_k \rangle$  being equal to 1, and for any  $s_u$ , u occurs in  $\langle s'_1, \ldots, s'_c \rangle_m$  if and only if  $s_u = 1$ . The number m is equal to the number of arguments of the functor represented. However such a notation makes an exhaustive listing of possible functors and the description of defining procedure more complicated. Therefore, for purely theoretical purposes we still will use sequences of the kind:  $\langle s_1, \ldots, s_k \rangle$ .
- 5. This notation still can be abbreviated. The problem is, that if we stay on the level of what has been said in this instruction, all *verum*

functors will remain unabbreviated, and all functors represented by sequences in which almost all elements are 1 will not lose much of the longitude of the sequences representing them. That is why we can, for practical purposes, complicate our instruction. Namely, instead of writing  $\langle s_1, \ldots, s_k \rangle$ , we can write:

- (a) If the number of elements of  $\langle s_1, \ldots, s_k \rangle$  being equal to 1 is not bigger than  $\frac{k}{2}$ :
  - $\langle s'_1, \ldots, s'_c \rangle_m^1$ , where c is the number of all elements of  $\langle s_1, \ldots, s_k \rangle$  being equal to 1, and for any  $s_u$ , u occurs in  $\langle s'_1, \ldots, s'_c \rangle$  if and only if  $s_u = 1$ . The number m is equal to the number of arguments of the functor represented.
- (b) If the number of elements of  $\langle s_1, \ldots, s_k \rangle$  being equal to 1 is bigger than  $\frac{k}{2}$ :  $\langle s'_1, \ldots, s'_c \rangle_m^0$ , where c is the number of all elements of  $\langle s'_1, \ldots, s'_c \rangle$  being equal to 0, and for any  $s_u$ , u occurs in  $\langle s'_1, \ldots, s'_c \rangle$  if and only if  $s_u = 0$ . The number m is equal to the number of

We give a schema for defining  $POF_m$ -s:

arguments of the functor represented.

**Instruction 7.** Assuming that we want to define an  $POF_m$ , let it be  $\delta_m$ .

- 1. We have settled the sequence of associated formulas (i.e. formulas being the result of applying a functor to its arguments, e.g. for  $\delta_m$  it is  $\delta_m\langle a_m,\ldots,a_m\rangle$  ) of all  $SOF_m$  -s in a sequence  $\langle \tau_1,\tau_2,\ldots,\tau_k\rangle$  (Let k be the number of possible  $SOF_m$ -s ). We represented our  $\delta_m$  by a sequence  $\langle s_1,\ldots,s_k\rangle$ , whereas each  $s_i$   $(k\geq i\geq 1)$  is either 0, or 1, and  $s_i=1$  if and only if  $\tau_i$  having value 1 is sufficient condition of  $\delta_m\langle a_1,\ldots,a_m\rangle$  having value 1; otherwise it is 0.
- 2. To any  $s_i$  there is a corresponding formula, namely  $\tau_i$ . Form a disjunction of all formulas corresponding to those elements of the sequence  $\langle s_1, \ldots, s_k \rangle$ , which are equal to 1. Let the formula obtained be  $\tau$ .
- 3. Form an associated formula of  $\delta_m$  i.e.  $\delta_m \langle a_1, \dots, a_m \rangle$ . Obtain the equivalence:  $\delta_m \langle a_1, \dots, a_m \rangle \equiv \tau$ . This is the definition looked after.

**Lemma 5.13.** All  $OF_{m\geq 3}$ -s are definable by means of ' $\varepsilon$ ' as the only ontological functor.

**Proof.** All  $SOF_{m\geq 3}$ -s are definable by means of ' $\varepsilon$ ' as the only OF. All  $POF_{m\geq 3}$ -s are definable by means of  $SOF_{m\geq 3}$ -s, according to the procedure given above. Therefore, by extensionality for equivalence, and the fact, that definitions are equivalences, all  $POF_{m\geq 3}$ -s are definable by means of ' $\varepsilon$ ' as the only OF.  $^{24}$ 

Next, we have:

**Theorem 5.14.** All OF-s are definable by means of ' $\varepsilon$ ' as the only OF.

**Proof.** All  $OF_1$ -s, all  $OF_2$ -s, and all  $OF_{m\geq 3}$ -s are definable by means of ' $\varepsilon$ ' as the only OF. Therefore, all OF-s are definable by means of ' $\varepsilon$ ' as the only OF.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup>Obviously, we might have as well treated definitions as formulated in meta-language; the consequence would still hold, by definitional extensionality.