

### 13. On Axioms of Ontology

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It is well known that the following expression can act the only axiom of ontology [1], [2]:

$$(\alpha) \quad x \in X \equiv [\exists y] \{y \in x \wedge y \in X\} \wedge [\forall z] \{z \in x \wedge z \in X \rightarrow z \in y\}.$$

The proof of this based on the following axiom of ontology has been given in “S. Leśniewski’s Calculus of Names” by J. Slupecki [2]:  
**T1.1.**  $x \in X \equiv [\exists y]\{y \in x\} \wedge [y, z]\{y \in x \wedge z \in x \supset y \in z\} \wedge [y]\{y \in x \supset y \in X\}$ .

In this paper we shall give the proof of T1.1 based on  $(\alpha)$ .

The proofs of theorems will be given in the form of suppositional proofs used by J. Slupecki.

$$(I) \quad x \in X \wedge y \in x \supset x \in x.$$

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| <b>Proof.</b> | (1) $x \in X$  | } {premise} |
|               | (2) $y \in x$  |             |
|               | (3) $y \in x \wedge y \in x$                           |             |
|               | (4) $[\exists y]\{y \in x \wedge y \in x\}$            |             |
|               | (5) $[y, z]\{y \in x \wedge z \in x \supset y \in z\}$ |             |

(II)  $x \in X \wedge y \in x \supset x \in y$ .

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| <b>Proof.</b> | (1) $x \in X$   | } {premise} |
|               | (2) $y \in x$   |             |
|               | (3) $[y, z] \{y \in x \wedge z \in x \supset y \in z\}$ |             |
|               | (4) $x \in x \wedge y \in x \supset x \in y$            |             |
|               | (5) $x \in x$   |             |

(III)  $x \in X \wedge y \in x \setminus y \in X$

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| Proof. | (1) | $x \in X$   | } {premise}    |
|        | (2) | $y \in x$   |                |
|        | (3) | $[x, z] \{x \in y \wedge z \in y \supset x \in z\}$ |                |
|        | (4) | $x \in y$   |                |
|        | (5) | $x \in y \wedge x \in X$                            |                |
|        | (6) | $[\exists x] \{x \in y \wedge x \in X\}$            |                |
|        |     | $y \in x$   | {\alpha, 6, 3} |

(IV)  $x \in X \supset [y] \{y \in x \supset y \in X\}$ .

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| <b>Proof.</b> | (1) $x \in X$                         | {premise} |
|               | (2) $y \in x \supset y \in X$         | {III, 1}  |
|               | 「 $y$ 」 $\{y \in x \supset y \in X\}$ | {DII; 2}  |

(V)  $x \in X \supset [ \exists y ] \{ y \in x \}.$

**Proof.** (1)  $x \in X$  {premise}