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The purposes of this study are 1) to analyze the semantic components of Vietnamese final particles. 2) to verify the semantic components of Vietnamese final particles.

The data used in this study is collected by recording six-hour conversation in order to analyze the semantic components of final particles by the method of componential analysis and collecting questionnaires from 40 Vietnamese informants in order to verify the semantic components of Vietnamese final particles.

From the method of componential analysis, the result shows that there are fourteen Vietnamese final particles which are differentiated by eight dimensions of contrast: sentence types, gentleness, politeness, speaker's prediction, giving new information, negation, participation and duration of action.

From the method of using questionnaires, the result shows that the informants support the semantic components of six final particles: *đáy1*, *đáy2*, *đã*, *thôi*, *nhé*, and *à* while they do not support the semantic components of eight final particles: *à*, *hả*, *nhỉ*, *chứ*, *mà*, *cơ*, *đâu*, and *đi*.

Finally, the result of the two methods shows that there are fourteen final particles with their semantic components: *à* [+interrogative] [-new information], *à* [+polite], *chứ* [-imperative] [+prediction] [-new information], *cơ* [+affirmative] [-negative], *đã* [+imperative] [-negative] [+immediate], *đâu* [+affirmative] [+negative], *đáy1* [-imperative] [-prediction] [-new information], *đáy2* [+imperative] [+negative], *đi* [-imperative] [-negative], *hả* [+interrogative] [-politeness], *mà* [+affirmative] [+prediction], *nhé* [-interrogative] [+gentleness], *nhỉ* [+interrogative] [+participation], and *thôi* [+imperative] [-negative] [+participation]

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