

Proof of Theorem 003b

The theorem to be proved is

ϵ begins with a_1 & ϵ begins with a_2 & $a_1 \preceq a_2 \rightarrow a_2$ begins with a_1

Suppose the theorem does not hold. Then, with the variables held fixed,

(H) $[[\epsilon \text{ begins with } (a_1)] \ \& \ [\epsilon \text{ begins with } (a_2)] \ \& \ [(a_1) \preceq (a_2)] \ \& \ [\neg (a_2) \text{ begins with } (a_1)]]$

Special cases of the hypothesis and previous results:

- 0: ϵ begins with a_1 from H: $a_1:a_2$
- 1: ϵ begins with a_2 from H: $a_1:a_2$
- 2: $\neg a_2$ begins with a_1 from H: $a_1:a_2$
- 3: $\neg \epsilon$ begins with $a_2 \vee \epsilon = a_2$ from [002](#); a_2

Equality substitutions:

- 4: $\neg \epsilon = a_2 \vee \neg \epsilon$ begins with $a_1 \vee a_2$ begins with a_1

Inferences:

- 5: $\neg \epsilon = a_2 \vee a_2$ begins with a_1 by
 - 0: ϵ begins with a_1
 - 4: $\neg \epsilon = a_2 \vee \neg \epsilon$ begins with $a_1 \vee a_2$ begins with a_1
- 6: $\epsilon = a_2$ by
 - 1: ϵ begins with a_2
 - 3: $\neg \epsilon$ begins with $a_2 \vee \epsilon = a_2$
- 7: $\neg \epsilon = a_2$ by
 - 2: $\neg a_2$ begins with a_1
 - 5: $\neg \epsilon = a_2 \vee a_2$ begins with a_1
- 8: *QEA* by
 - 6: $\epsilon = a_2$
 - 7: $\neg \epsilon = a_2$