

Proof of Theorem 008

The theorem to be proved is

$$x \preceq \epsilon \rightarrow x = \epsilon$$

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

$$(H) \quad [[(x) \preceq (\epsilon)] \ \& \ [\neg(x) = (\epsilon)]]$$

Special cases of the hypothesis and previous results:

- 0: $x \preceq \epsilon$ from H: x
- 1: $\neg \epsilon = x$ from H: x
- 2: $\neg x \preceq \epsilon \vee \text{Length}x \leq \text{Length}\epsilon$ from [264](#)[>]; x ; ϵ
- 3: $\neg \text{Length}x \leq 0 \vee \text{Length}x = 0$ from [57](#); $\text{Length}x$
- 4: $\neg \text{Length}x = 0 \vee \epsilon = x$ from [001](#); x
- 5: $\text{Length}\epsilon = 0$ from [259](#)

Equality substitutions:

$$6: \quad \neg \text{Length}\epsilon = 0 \vee \neg \text{Length}x \leq \text{Length}\epsilon \vee \text{Length}x \leq 0$$

Inferences:

- 7: $\text{Length}x \leq \text{Length}\epsilon$ by
 - 0: $x \preceq \epsilon$
 - 2: $\neg x \preceq \epsilon \vee \text{Length}x \leq \text{Length}\epsilon$
- 8: $\neg \text{Length}x = 0$ by
 - 1: $\neg \epsilon = x$
 - 4: $\neg \text{Length}x = 0 \vee \epsilon = x$
- 9: $\neg \text{Length}x \leq \text{Length}\epsilon \vee \text{Length}x \leq 0$ by
 - 5: $\text{Length}\epsilon = 0$
 - 6: $\neg \text{Length}\epsilon = 0 \vee \neg \text{Length}x \leq \text{Length}\epsilon \vee \text{Length}x \leq 0$
- 10: $\text{Length}x \leq 0$ by
 - 7: $\text{Length}x \leq \text{Length}\epsilon$
 - 9: $\neg \text{Length}x \leq \text{Length}\epsilon \vee \text{Length}x \leq 0$

- 11: $\neg \text{Length}x \leq 0$ by
8: $\neg \text{Length}x = 0$
3: $\neg \text{Length}x \leq 0 \vee \text{Length}x = 0$
- 12: *QEA* by
10: $\text{Length}x \leq 0$
11: $\neg \text{Length}x \leq 0$