

Proof of Theorem 140

The theorem to be proved is

$$x \neq 0 \rightarrow 2 \leq 2 \uparrow x$$

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

$$(H) \quad [[\neg(x) = (0)] \ \& \ \neg(2) \leq (2 \uparrow x)]]$$

Special cases of the hypothesis and previous results:

- 0: $\neg 0 = x$ from H: x
- 1: $\neg 2 \leq 2 \uparrow x$ from H: x
- 2: $S(S0) = 2$ from [116](#)
- 3: $S0 = 1$ from [115](#)
- 4: $x < 2 \uparrow x$ from [127](#); x
- 5: $\neg x < 2 \uparrow x \vee Sx \leq 2 \uparrow x$ from [114](#); x ; $2 \uparrow x$
- 6: $0 = x \vee 1 \leq x$ from [139](#); x
- 7: $\neg 1 \leq x \vee S1 \leq Sx$ from [112](#); 1 ; x
- 8: $\neg 2 \leq Sx \vee \neg Sx \leq 2 \uparrow x \vee 2 \leq 2 \uparrow x$ from [73](#); 2 ; Sx ; $2 \uparrow x$

Equality substitutions:

- 9: $\neg S0 = 1 \vee \neg S(S0) = 2 \vee S(1) = 2$
- 10: $\neg S1 = 2 \vee \neg S1 \leq Sx \vee 2 \leq Sx$

Inferences:

- 11: $1 \leq x$ by
 - 0: $\neg 0 = x$
 - 6: $0 = x \vee 1 \leq x$
- 12: $\neg 2 \leq Sx \vee \neg Sx \leq 2 \uparrow x$ by
 - 1: $\neg 2 \leq 2 \uparrow x$
 - 8: $\neg 2 \leq Sx \vee \neg Sx \leq 2 \uparrow x \vee 2 \leq 2 \uparrow x$

- 13: $\neg S0 = 1 \vee S1 = 2$ by
 2: $S(S0) = 2$
 9: $\neg S0 = 1 \vee \neg S(S0) = 2 \vee S1 = 2$
- 14: $S1 = 2$ by
 3: $S0 = 1$
 13: $\neg S0 = 1 \vee S1 = 2$
- 15: $Sx \leq 2 \uparrow x$ by
 4: $x < 2 \uparrow x$
 5: $\neg x < 2 \uparrow x \vee Sx \leq 2 \uparrow x$
- 16: $S1 \leq Sx$ by
 11: $1 \leq x$
 7: $\neg 1 \leq x \vee S1 \leq Sx$
- 17: $\neg S1 \leq Sx \vee 2 \leq Sx$ by
 14: $S1 = 2$
 10: $\neg S1 = 2 \vee \neg S1 \leq Sx \vee 2 \leq Sx$
- 18: $\neg 2 \leq Sx$ by
 15: $Sx \leq 2 \uparrow x$
 12: $\neg 2 \leq Sx \vee \neg Sx \leq 2 \uparrow x$
- 19: $2 \leq Sx$ by
 16: $S1 \leq Sx$
 17: $\neg S1 \leq Sx \vee 2 \leq Sx$
- 20: QEA by
 18: $\neg 2 \leq Sx$
 19: $2 \leq Sx$