

## Proof of Theorem 141

The theorem to be proved is

$$x \cdot z = y \cdot z \quad \& \quad z \neq 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad x = y$$

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

$$(H) \quad [[(x \cdot z) = (y \cdot z)] \quad \& \quad [\neg (z) = (0)] \quad \& \quad [\neg (x) = (y)]]$$

### Special cases of the hypothesis and previous results:

- 0:  $y \cdot z = x \cdot z$  from H; $x; z; y$
- 1:  $\neg 0 = z$  from H; $x; z; y$
- 2:  $\neg y = x$  from H; $x; z; y$
- 3:  $\neg y \cdot z = x \cdot z \vee \neg x < y \vee 0 = z \vee y = x$  from [141a](#); $x; z; y$
- 4:  $\neg y \cdot z = x \cdot z \vee \neg y < x \vee 0 = z \vee y = x$  from [141a](#); $y; z; x$
- 5:  $x < y \vee y = x \vee y < x$  from [77](#); $x; y$

### Inferences:

- 6:  $\neg x < y \vee 0 = z \vee y = x$  by
  - 0:  $y \cdot z = x \cdot z$
  - 3:  $\neg y \cdot z = x \cdot z \vee \neg x < y \vee 0 = z \vee y = x$
- 7:  $\neg y < x \vee 0 = z \vee y = x$  by
  - 0:  $y \cdot z = x \cdot z$
  - 4:  $\neg y \cdot z = x \cdot z \vee \neg y < x \vee 0 = z \vee y = x$
- 8:  $\neg x < y \vee y = x$  by
  - 1:  $\neg 0 = z$
  - 6:  $\neg x < y \vee 0 = z \vee y = x$
- 9:  $\neg y < x \vee y = x$  by
  - 1:  $\neg 0 = z$
  - 7:  $\neg y < x \vee 0 = z \vee y = x$
- 10:  $x < y \vee y < x$  by
  - 2:  $\neg y = x$
  - 5:  $x < y \vee y = x \vee y < x$

11:  $\neg x < y$  by  
2:  $\neg y = x$   
8:  $\neg x < y \vee y = x$

12:  $\neg y < x$  by  
2:  $\neg y = x$   
9:  $\neg y < x \vee y = x$

13:  $y < x$  by  
11:  $\neg x < y$   
10:  $x < y \vee y < x$

14: *QEA* by  
12:  $\neg y < x$   
13:  $y < x$