

## Proof of Theorem 146

The theorem to be proved is

$$x \leq y \rightarrow 2 \uparrow x \leq 2 \uparrow y$$

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

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

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

- 0:  $x \leq y$  from H: $x:y$
- 1:  $\neg 2 \uparrow x \leq 2 \uparrow y$  from H: $x:y$
- 2:  $\neg x \leq y \vee x < y \vee y = x$  from [61](#); $x;y$
- 3:  $\neg x < y \vee 2 \uparrow x < 2 \uparrow y$  from [145](#); $x;y$
- 4:  $\neg 2 \uparrow x < 2 \uparrow y \vee 2 \uparrow x \leq 2 \uparrow y$  from [56](#) $\Rightarrow$ ; $2 \uparrow x;2 \uparrow y$
- 5:  $2 \uparrow x \leq 2 \uparrow x$  from [60](#); $2 \uparrow x$

### Equality substitutions:

$$6: \quad \neg y = x \vee 2 \uparrow x \leq 2 \uparrow y \vee \neg 2 \uparrow x \leq 2 \uparrow x$$

### Inferences:

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

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

12:  $x < y$  by  
10:  $\neg y = x$   
7:  $x < y \vee y = x$

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