

Proof of Theorem 20i

The theorem to be proved is

$$Sx - x = S0 \rightarrow SSx - Sx = S0$$

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

$$(H) \quad [((Sx) - x) = (S0)] \quad \& \quad [\neg ((S(Sx)) - (Sx)) = (S0)]$$

Special cases of the hypothesis and previous results:

- 0: $(Sx) - x = S0$ from $H:x$
- 1: $\neg (S(Sx)) - (Sx) = S0$ from $H:x$
- 2: $(S(Sx)) - (Sx) = (Sx) - x$ from [18](#); $Sx;x$

Equality substitutions:

$$3: \quad \neg (Sx) - x = S0 \quad \vee \quad \neg (S(Sx)) - (Sx) = (Sx) - x \quad \vee \quad (S(Sx)) - (Sx) = S0$$

Inferences:

- 4: $\neg (S(Sx)) - (Sx) = (Sx) - x \quad \vee \quad (S(Sx)) - (Sx) = S0$ by
 - 0: $(Sx) - x = S0$
 - 3: $\neg (Sx) - x = S0 \quad \vee \quad \neg (S(Sx)) - (Sx) = (Sx) - x \quad \vee \quad (S(Sx)) - (Sx) = S0$
- 5: $\neg (S(Sx)) - (Sx) = (Sx) - x$ by
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- 6: *QEA* by
 - 2: $(S(Sx)) - (Sx) = (Sx) - x$
 - 5: $\neg (S(Sx)) - (Sx) = (Sx) - x$