

## Proof of Theorem 258

The theorem to be proved is

$$x \neq \epsilon \rightarrow \text{Chop } x < x$$

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

$$(H) \quad [[\neg(x) = (\epsilon)] \quad \& \quad [\neg(\text{Chop } x) < (x)]]$$

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

- 0:  $\neg \epsilon = x$       from H: $x$
- 1:  $\neg \text{Chop } x < x$       from H: $x$
- 2:  $\epsilon = x \vee (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{0} = x \vee (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1} = x$       from [253](#); $x$
- 3:  $\text{Chop } x < (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{0}$       from [255](#); $\text{Chop } x$
- 4:  $\text{Chop } x < (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1}$       from [257](#); $\text{Chop } x$

### Equality substitutions:

- 5:  $\neg(\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{0} = x \vee \neg \text{Chop } x < (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{0} \vee \text{Chop } x < x$
- 6:  $\neg(\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1} = x \vee \neg \text{Chop } x < (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1} \vee \text{Chop } x < x$

### Inferences:

- 7:  $(\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{0} = x \vee (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1} = x$       by
  - 0:  $\neg \epsilon = x$
  - 2:  $\epsilon = x \vee (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{0} = x \vee (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1} = x$
- 8:  $\neg(\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{0} = x \vee \neg \text{Chop } x < (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{0}$       by
  - 1:  $\neg \text{Chop } x < x$
  - 5:  $\neg(\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{0} = x \vee \neg \text{Chop } x < (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{0} \vee \text{Chop } x < x$
- 9:  $\neg(\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1} = x \vee \neg \text{Chop } x < (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1}$       by
  - 1:  $\neg \text{Chop } x < x$
  - 6:  $\neg(\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1} = x \vee \neg \text{Chop } x < (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1} \vee \text{Chop } x < x$
- 10:  $\neg(\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{0} = x$       by
  - 3:  $\text{Chop } x < (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{0}$
  - 8:  $\neg(\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{0} = x \vee \neg \text{Chop } x < (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{0}$

- 11:  $\neg(\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1} = x$  by  
 4:  $\text{Chop } x < (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1}$   
 9:  $\neg(\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1} = x \quad \vee \quad \neg \text{Chop } x < (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1}$
- 12:  $(\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1} = x$  by  
 10:  $\neg(\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{0} = x$   
 7:  $(\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{0} = x \quad \vee \quad (\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1} = x$
- 13: *QEA* by  
 11:  $\neg(\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1} = x$   
 12:  $(\text{Chop } x) \oplus \underline{1} = x$