

Proof of Theorem 26

The theorem to be proved is

$$y - x \neq 0 \quad \& \quad y - Sx = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad y - x = S0$$

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

$$(H) \quad [[\neg(y - x) = (0)] \quad \& \quad [(y - (Sx)) = (0)] \quad \& \quad [\neg(y - x) = (S0)]]$$

Special cases of the hypothesis and previous results:

- 0: $\neg y - x = 0$ from H: $y:x$
- 1: $y - (Sx) = 0$ from H: $y:x$
- 2: $\neg y - x = S0$ from H: $y:x$
- 3: $P(y - x) = y - (Sx)$ from [17](#); $y;x$
- 4: $y - x = 0 \quad \vee \quad \neg P(y - x) = 0 \quad \vee \quad y - x = S0$ from [25](#); $y - x$

Equality substitutions:

$$5: \quad \neg y - (Sx) = 0 \quad \vee \quad \neg P(y - x) = y - (Sx) \quad \vee \quad P(y - x) = 0$$

Inferences:

- 6: $\neg P(y - x) = 0 \quad \vee \quad y - x = S0$ by
 - 0: $\neg y - x = 0$
 - 4: $y - x = 0 \quad \vee \quad \neg P(y - x) = 0 \quad \vee \quad y - x = S0$
- 7: $\neg P(y - x) = y - (Sx) \quad \vee \quad P(y - x) = 0$ by
 - 1: $y - (Sx) = 0$
 - 5: $\neg y - (Sx) = 0 \quad \vee \quad \neg P(y - x) = y - (Sx) \quad \vee \quad P(y - x) = 0$
- 8: $\neg P(y - x) = 0$ by
 - 2: $\neg y - x = S0$
 - 6: $\neg P(y - x) = 0 \quad \vee \quad y - x = S0$
- 9: $P(y - x) = 0$ by
 - 3: $P(y - x) = y - (Sx)$
 - 7: $\neg P(y - x) = y - (Sx) \quad \vee \quad P(y - x) = 0$
- 10: *QEA* by
 - 8: $\neg P(y - x) = 0$
 - 9: $P(y - x) = 0$