## Proof of Theorem 261b

The theorem to be proved is

$$Q\epsilon = 2 \uparrow (\text{Length }\epsilon)$$

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

(H) 
$$[[\neg (Q\epsilon) = (2 \uparrow (Length\epsilon))]]$$

## Special cases of the hypothesis and previous results:

0: 
$$\neg 2 \uparrow (\text{Length}\epsilon) = Q\epsilon$$
 from H

1: Length
$$\epsilon = 0$$
 from 259

2: 
$$2 \uparrow 0 = 1$$
 from 126;2

3: 
$$Q\epsilon = 1$$
 from 189

## Equality substitutions:

4: 
$$\neg \text{Length}\epsilon = 0 \quad \lor \quad 2 \uparrow (\text{Length}\epsilon) = Q\epsilon \quad \lor \quad \neg 2 \uparrow (0) = Q\epsilon$$

5: 
$$\neg 2 \uparrow 0 = 1 \lor 2 \uparrow 0 = Q \epsilon \lor \neg 1 = Q \epsilon$$

## **Inferences:**

6: 
$$\neg \text{Length} \epsilon = 0 \quad \lor \quad \neg \ 2 \uparrow 0 = Q \epsilon \quad \text{by}$$

0: 
$$\neg 2 \uparrow (\text{Length}\epsilon) = Q\epsilon$$

4: 
$$\neg \text{Length}\epsilon = 0 \quad \lor \quad 2 \uparrow (\text{Length}\epsilon) = Q\epsilon \quad \lor \quad \neg 2 \uparrow 0 = Q\epsilon$$

7: 
$$\neg 2 \uparrow 0 = Q\epsilon$$
 by

1: Length
$$\epsilon = 0$$

6: 
$$\neg \text{Length} \epsilon = 0 \quad \lor \quad \neg \ 2 \uparrow 0 = Q \epsilon$$

8: 
$$2 \uparrow 0 = Q\epsilon \quad \lor \quad \neg Q\epsilon = 1$$
 by

$$2: 2 \uparrow 0 = 1$$

5: 
$$\neg 2 \uparrow 0 = 1 \quad \lor \quad 2 \uparrow 0 = Q \epsilon \quad \lor \quad \neg Q \epsilon = 1$$

9: 
$$2 \uparrow 0 = Q\epsilon$$
 by

3: 
$$Q\epsilon = 1$$

8: 
$$2 \uparrow 0 = Q\epsilon \quad \lor \quad \neg Q\epsilon = 1$$

10: 
$$QEA$$
 by

7: 
$$\neg 2 \uparrow 0 = Q\epsilon$$

9: 
$$2 \uparrow 0 = Q\epsilon$$