

Proof of Theorem 289

The theorem to be proved is

$a \oplus c$ ends with c

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

(H) $[[\neg (a \oplus c) \text{ ends with } (c)]]$

Special cases of the hypothesis and previous results:

0: $\neg a \oplus c$ ends with c from H: $a:c$

1: $a \preceq a \oplus c$ from [277](#); $a;c$

2: $a \oplus c$ ends with $c \vee \neg a \preceq a \oplus c \vee \neg a \oplus c = a \oplus c$ from [288](#)[<]; $a \oplus c;c;a$

3: $a \oplus c = a \oplus c$ from [5](#); $a \oplus c$

Inferences:

4: $\neg a \preceq a \oplus c \vee \neg a \oplus c = a \oplus c$ by

0: $\neg a \oplus c$ ends with c

2: $a \oplus c$ ends with $c \vee \neg a \preceq a \oplus c \vee \neg a \oplus c = a \oplus c$

5: $\neg a \oplus c = a \oplus c$ by

1: $a \preceq a \oplus c$

4: $\neg a \preceq a \oplus c \vee \neg a \oplus c = a \oplus c$

6: *QEA* by

3: $a \oplus c = a \oplus c$

5: $\neg a \oplus c = a \oplus c$