

## Proof of Theorem 61

The theorem to be proved is

$$x \leq y \rightarrow x < y \vee x = y$$

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

$$(H) \quad [[(x) \leq (y)] \ \& \ [\neg (x) < (y)] \ \& \ [\neg (x) = (y)]]$$

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

- 0:  $x \leq y$  from  $H:x:y$
- 1:  $\neg x < y$  from  $H:x:y$
- 2:  $\neg y = x$  from  $H:x:y$
- 3:  $x < y \vee \neg x \leq y \vee y = x$  from [56](#)<sup><</sup>;  $x;y$

### Inferences:

- 4:  $x < y \vee y = x$  by
  - 0:  $x \leq y$
  - 3:  $x < y \vee \neg x \leq y \vee y = x$
- 5:  $y = x$  by
  - 1:  $\neg x < y$
  - 4:  $x < y \vee y = x$
- 6: *QEA* by
  - 2:  $\neg y = x$
  - 5:  $y = x$