

Proof of Theorem 69i

The theorem to be proved is

$$[x - (y + z) = (x - y) - z] \rightarrow [x - (y + Sz) = (x - y) - Sz]$$

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

$$(H) \quad [[(x - (y + z)) = ((x - y) - z)] \ \& \ [\neg (x - (y + (Sz))) = ((x - y) - (Sz))]]$$

Special cases of the hypothesis and previous results:

- 0: $x - (y + z) = (x - y) - z$ from H: $x:y:z$
- 1: $\neg x - (y + (Sz)) = (x - y) - (Sz)$ from H: $x:y:z$
- 2: $S(y + z) = y + (Sz)$ from [12](#); $y;z$
- 3: $P(x - (y + z)) = x - (S(y + z))$ from [17](#); $x;y + z$
- 4: $P((x - y) - z) = (x - y) - (Sz)$ from [17](#); $x - y;z$

Equality substitutions:

- 5: $\neg x - (y + z) = (x - y) - z \ \vee \ \neg P(x - (y + z)) = x - (S(y + z)) \ \vee \ P((x - y) - z) = x - (S(y + z))$
- 6: $\neg S(y + z) = y + (Sz) \ \vee \ \neg x - (S(y + z)) = (x - y) - (Sz) \ \vee \ x - (y + (Sz)) = (x - y) - (Sz)$
- 7: $\neg P((x - y) - z) = (x - y) - (Sz) \ \vee \ \neg P((x - y) - z) = x - (S(y + z))$
 $\vee \ (x - y) - (Sz) = x - (S(y + z))$

Inferences:

- 8: $\neg P(x - (y + z)) = x - (S(y + z)) \ \vee \ P((x - y) - z) = x - (S(y + z))$ by
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- 14: *QEA* by
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