

Proof of Theorem 72b

The theorem to be proved is

$$x + (y + 0) = (x + y) + 0$$

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

$$(H) \quad [[\neg (x + (y + 0)) = ((x + y) + 0)]]$$

Special cases of the hypothesis and previous results:

- 0: $\neg x + (y + 0) = (x + y) + 0$ from H: $x:y$
- 1: $y + 0 = y$ from [12](#); y
- 2: $(x + y) + 0 = x + y$ from [12](#); $x + y$

Equality substitutions:

$$3: \neg y + 0 = y \quad \vee \quad x + (y + 0) = (x + y) + 0 \quad \vee \quad \neg x + (y) = (x + y) + 0$$

Inferences:

- 4: $\neg y + 0 = y \quad \vee \quad \neg (x + y) + 0 = x + y$ by
 - 0: $\neg x + (y + 0) = (x + y) + 0$
 - 3: $\neg y + 0 = y \quad \vee \quad x + (y + 0) = (x + y) + 0 \quad \vee \quad \neg (x + y) + 0 = x + y$
- 5: $\neg (x + y) + 0 = x + y$ by
 - 1: $y + 0 = y$
 - 4: $\neg y + 0 = y \quad \vee \quad \neg (x + y) + 0 = x + y$
- 6: *QEA* by
 - 2: $(x + y) + 0 = x + y$
 - 5: $\neg (x + y) + 0 = x + y$