

Proof of Theorem 72i

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: $S(x + (y + z)) = x + (S(y + z))$ from [12](#);x;y + z
- 4: $S((x + y) + z) = (x + y) + (Sz)$ from [12](#);x + y;z

Equality substitutions:

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

Inferences:

- 8: $\neg S(x + (y + z)) = x + (S(y + z)) \vee S((x + y) + z) = x + (S(y + z))$ by
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- 10: $\neg x + (S(y + z)) = (x + y) + (Sz)$ by
 2: $S(y + z) = y + (Sz)$
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- 11: $S((x + y) + z) = x + (S(y + z))$ by
 3: $S(x + (y + z)) = x + (S(y + z))$
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- 14: *QEA* by
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