

## Proof of Theorem 77

The theorem to be proved is

$$x < y \vee x = y \vee y < x$$

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

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

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

- 0:  $\neg x < y$  from  $H:x:y$
- 1:  $\neg y = x$  from  $H:x:y$
- 2:  $\neg y < x$  from  $H:x:y$
- 3:  $x - y = 0 \vee y < x$  from [75](#);x;y
- 4:  $y - x = 0 \vee x < y$  from [75](#);y;x
- 5:  $\neg x - y = 0 \vee \neg y - x = 0 \vee y = x$  from [30](#);x;y

### Inferences:

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