

Exercise 9 from WF122

Now that I have my pen back, I would like to design a proof of:

$$(0) \quad [\mathbf{true} \Rightarrow X \equiv X] \quad ,$$

which shows the viability of proving X by strengthening it to \mathbf{true} , a la:

$$\begin{aligned} & X \\ \Leftarrow & \{ \dots \} \\ & \mathbf{true} \quad . \end{aligned}$$

As in the previous EX , we should strive to rewrite (0) to combine \mathbf{true} with \equiv , \wedge , or \vee , because we know properties relating \mathbf{true} to these.

Thus I calculate:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{true} \Rightarrow X \\ \equiv & \{ \Rightarrow \text{ into } \neg/\vee \} \\ & \neg \mathbf{true} \vee X \\ \equiv & \{ \text{predicate calculus} \} \\ & \mathbf{false} \vee X \\ \equiv & \{ \text{property of } \mathbf{false} \} \\ & X \end{aligned}$$

and:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{true} \Rightarrow X \\ \equiv & \{ \Rightarrow \text{ into } \equiv/\wedge \} \\ & \mathbf{true} \equiv \mathbf{true} \wedge X \\ \equiv & \{ \mathbf{true} \text{ is identity of } \equiv \text{ and } \wedge \} \\ & X \end{aligned}$$

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and:

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{true} \Rightarrow X \\ \equiv & \quad \{ \Rightarrow \text{ into } \equiv/\vee \} \\ & X \equiv X \vee \mathbf{true} \\ \equiv & \quad \{ X \vee \mathbf{true} \equiv \mathbf{true} \} \\ & X \equiv \mathbf{true} \\ \equiv & \quad \{ \text{predicate calculus} \} \\ & X \quad . \end{aligned}$$

What more is there to say?

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