

A high-tech calculation

As a member of a High-Tech University, I sometimes feel obliged to exhibit fantastic calculations. Here is one.

When we have a tedious calculation of the form

$$\begin{aligned} & [x \equiv y] \\ \Rightarrow & \begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \text{---} \\ \vdots \end{array} \\ & [P.x.y] \end{aligned}$$

there is no need to redo all the work in order to strengthen the last line with conjunct $[P.y.x]$. Here we exploit symmetry, and simply continue our calculation with

$$= \{ \text{symmetry} \} \\ [P.x.y] \wedge [P.y.x].$$

The simplest application of the above principle is

$$\begin{aligned} & [x \equiv y] && (0) \\ \Rightarrow & \{ \text{pred. calc.} \} \\ & [x \Rightarrow y] && (1) \\ = & \{ \text{symmetry} \} \\ & [x \Rightarrow y] \wedge [y \Rightarrow x] \\ = & \{ \text{pred. calc.} \} \\ & [x \equiv y] && (2) \end{aligned}$$

Comparing lines (0), (1), and (2) we have shown

$$[x \equiv y] \equiv [x \Rightarrow y].$$

That's what we call High Technology.