

I'm trying to prove Lemma 2 from the previous problems with non-termination.

We are going to be working on a system with at least the following rule

$$\frac{e_1 : A \rightarrow B, e_2 : A}{e_1 e_2 : B}$$

Assume a consistent system, i.e: one in which there is no $x : \perp$.

theorem

$$(f : P \rightarrow \perp) \rightarrow (P \text{ is uninhabited})$$

proof by contradiction:

assume P is inhabited. this means that there is at least one $p : P$

we can now construct

$$\frac{f : P \rightarrow \perp, p : P}{f p : \perp}$$

we now have an element of \perp thus the system is inconsistent.

this is a contradiction with the assumption that we are working in a consistent system.

as we have reached a contradiction with the assumption that P is inhabited,

P must be uninhabited \square