

Reductio5

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Axiom 1.

$$(x = y \text{ and } y = z) \implies x = z \quad (1)$$

Axiom 2.

$$1 = a \quad (2)$$

Axiom 3.

$$\neg(1 = 2) \quad (3)$$

Theorem 1.

$$\neg a = 2 \quad (4)$$

Proof. We will assume the contrary:

$$a = 2 \quad (5)$$

Next, we use the transitivity of equality.

$$\forall y : (\forall z : (1 = y \text{ and } y = z \implies 1 = z)) \quad (6)$$

$$\forall z : (1 = a \text{ and } a = z \implies 1 = z) \quad (7)$$

$$1 = a \text{ and } a = 2 \implies 1 = 2 \quad (8)$$

Using the axiom $a = 1$ as well as our initial assumption, this reduces to:

$$1 = 2 \quad (9)$$

Obvoiously, a statement and its negation cannot both hold true.

$$1 = 2 \text{ and } \neg 1 = 2 \implies \text{False} \quad (10)$$

However, we just deduced the former equality, and we presupposed the latter. This leads to a contradiction.

$$\text{False} \quad (11)$$

This means our assumption must have been wrong.

$$\neg a = 2$$

(12)

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