

**Basis:**

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| $x \preceq y \equiv \exists z(x \oplus z = y)$  | Definition 3 ( $\preceq$ ) |
| $x \oplus y = y \oplus x$                       | Axiom 1 (Commutativity)    |
| $x \oplus x = x$                                | Axiom 2 (Idempotence)      |
| $x \oplus (y \oplus z) = (x \oplus y) \oplus z$ | (Axiom 3) (Associativity)  |

**Theorems Provable from Laws of Identity Alone**

1.  $x = y \rightarrow y = x$
2.  $x \neq y \rightarrow y \neq x$
3.  $[x = y \ \& \ y = z] \rightarrow x = z$   
Corollary:  $[x = y \ \& \ y = z \ \& \ z = w] \rightarrow x = w$
4.  $x = y \ \& \ y \neq z \rightarrow x \neq z$
5.  $[x \preceq y \ \& \ x = z] \rightarrow z \preceq y$
6.  $[x \preceq y \ \& \ z = y] \rightarrow x \preceq z$
9.  $x = y \rightarrow [x \oplus z = y \oplus z]$
10.  $[x = z \ \& \ y = w] \rightarrow x \oplus y = z \oplus w$
11.  $[x = u \ \& \ y = v \ \& \ z = w] \rightarrow x \oplus y \oplus z = u \oplus v \oplus w$

**Interesting Theorems:**

7.  $x \preceq x$
8.  $x = y \rightarrow x \preceq y$
12.  $y \preceq z \rightarrow [x \oplus y \preceq x \oplus z]$
13.  $x \oplus y = x \rightarrow y \preceq x$
14.  $y \preceq x \rightarrow x \oplus y = x$
15.  $[x \preceq y \ \& \ y \preceq z] \rightarrow x \preceq z$   
Corollary:  $[x \oplus z \preceq y] \rightarrow z \preceq y$
16.  $[x \preceq y \ \& \ y \preceq z \ \& \ z \preceq w] \rightarrow x \preceq w$
17.  $[x \preceq y \ \& \ y \preceq x] \rightarrow x = y$
18.  $[x \preceq z \ \& \ y \preceq z] \rightarrow x \oplus y \preceq z$
19.  $[x \preceq z \ \& \ y \preceq z \ \& \ w \preceq z] \rightarrow x \oplus y \oplus w \preceq z$
20.  $[x \preceq z \ \& \ y \preceq w] \rightarrow x \oplus y \preceq z \oplus w$
21.  $[x \preceq u \ \& \ y \preceq v \ \& \ z \preceq w] \rightarrow x \oplus y \oplus z \preceq u \oplus v \oplus w$
22.  $[x \not\preceq y \ \& \ y \not\preceq x] \rightarrow$   
 $\exists z(z \neq x \ \& \ z \neq y \ \& \ (x \oplus z \preceq y \oplus z \vee y \oplus z \preceq x \oplus z))$
23.  $(x \not\preceq y \ \& \ y \not\preceq x) \rightarrow \exists z(z \neq x \ \& \ z \neq y \ \& \ x \oplus y = x \oplus z)$
24. Exercise.