

Re: Yet another Attempt at Disproving the Halting Problem

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"Peter Olcott" <olcott@worldnet.att.net> wrote in message
news:<5i9Pc.366871\$Gx4.34391@bgtmsc04-news.ops.worldnet.att.net>...
> "Eray Ozkural exa" <erayo@bilkent.edu.tr> wrote in message
news:fa69ae35.0408010802.4ad5b27b@posting.google.com...
> > "Peter Olcott" <olcott@att.net> wrote in message
news:<AuZOc.363583\$Gx4.224797@bgtmsc04-news.ops.worldnet.att.net>...
>
> > > Ah so pointing out any errors that I have made in an objective
> > > way, without resorting to disdain is not reasonable? So far it
> > > seems I am mostly only getting disdain. I am not getting any
> > > valid refutations.
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> > To prove my point, I'll answer you.
> >
> > What is the probability that all of the computer scientists who
> > responded to you have a poorer understanding of the problem than
> > yourself? (Hint: assume that there are 10 people who responded to you
> > independently)
>
> I will answer that question with another question.
> What is the probability that the ad verecundiam fallacy is not an error of reasoning?
> <http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?AdVerecundiam>

Thanks for making my point.

You didn't read that page, did you?

The page says that argument from authority is:

Sometimes correct, because:

* X may be in fact proven; or sufficiently well-demonstrated that it is near-universally regarded as fact. (Then you point to the study)

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* Expert community may in fact agree that X is true.

Note that this is exactly the case with your argument here, and the responses that have been given to you.

BTW, my question does not really use argument from authority (in an unreliable way). It uses an argument of knowledge coupled with a community argument.

I'll make it easier for you. What is the probability that one of the computer scientists who responded to you have a poorer understanding of the halting problem than your royal self? %100 %90? %80? %70? %60? %50? Pick one. (All of these choices are optimistic for you)

After your potential reply or your silent approval, it will be established that there is no need to respond to you any further.

Cheers,

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