

Re: Yet another Attempt at Disproving the Halting Problem

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"Eray Ozkural exa" <erayo@bilkent.edu.tr> wrote in message
news:fa69ae35.0408030811.ef493b0@posting.google.com...
> *Peter, you really should have a look at my post below. Do you know
> when argument from authority can be valid?*

Within deduction it is never valid.

Only deduction can guarantee that it always provides correct results. It is considered to be valid inductive inference, yet inductive inference can not guarantee correct results. Deduction can not err, induction can err.

> *Cheers,*

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> *erayo@bilkent.edu.tr (Eray Ozkural exa) wrote in message
news:<fa69ae35.0408020223.652f25be@posting.google.com>...*

> > <http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?AdVerecundiam>

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> > *Thanks for making my point.*

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> > *You didn't read that page, did you?*

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> > *The page says that argument from authority is:*

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> > *Sometimes correct, because:*

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> > ** 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.*

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

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> > *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.*

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> > *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)*

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

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> > *Cheers,*