

Re: Olcott is cured of CrackPottery! (Halting Problem)

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chvol@aol.com (Charlie-Boo) wrote in message
news:<3df1e59f.0409230521.8fcf09d@posting.google.com>...
> "Peter Olcott" <olcott@worldnet.att.net> wrote
> > *In retrospect it was apparently me that was wrong all along.*
> > *Alan Turing was right, and from this I will venture to make*
> > *an educated guess that Kurt Gödel was also right.*
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> *All of this discussion over Turing's proof that there are problems*
> *that can't be programmed only misses the real point. Any good*
> *programmer can tell you there are plenty of problems that can't be*
> *programmed, including many more than discovered by Turing. Such as:*
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> *1. Specifications that the user refuses to evaluate or approve.*
> *2. Users who keep changing their minds.*
> *3. Incomplete or inconsistent specs.*

> *4. Writing a program to compose a song*

Actually, this has been done. The results are probably less
repetitive than the repertoires of some successful pop music acts.

> *5. Writing a program that can love, hate or envy.*

Is this assertion falsifiable? How would one demonstrate that a
program did love, hate, or envy?