Re: THIS STATEMENT HAS NO PROOF IN ANY SYSTEM = true or false?

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Torkel Franzen wrote:
> Ajoy K Thamattoor <ajoyk@cs.stanford.edu> writes:
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>>Yes, each computable function is computable with an
>>algorithm (in other words, recursive), but the set of computable
>>functions would be uncountably infinite.
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> There are only countably many algorithms.

You have ignored the second part − there is no requirement that a definition of a set provide an algorithm for determining membership in the set. The set of computable functions is one such set (ie., one with a valid definition but no algorithmic way to validate membership). If your argument is that a "definition" is meaningful only if it is represented by a sound algorithm, then, well, that is a matter of perspective (it would, of course, rule out a lot of interesting definitions, though).

Ajoy.