

Re: JSH: Newsgroups mistakes, updated explanation and proof

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In article <1176868989.148917.236850@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Rupert <rupertmccallum@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

The records of the past 10 years show that you have absolutely no capacity whatsoever for distinguish sound from unsound arguments, despite the patient efforts of many people to educate you.

Hmmm...

An argument is valid if the conclusion follows logically from the premises, invalid otherwise.

An argument is \rightarrow sound \leftarrow (in a given model) if and only if, in addition to being valid, the premises are true in the model.

I would say that James's record shows he has no capacity for distinguishing valid from invalid arguments. While he may also be incapable of distinguishing sound from unsound arguments, his record rests mostly on invalid arguments.

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"It's not denial. I'm just very selective about what I accept as reality." --- Calvin ("Calvin and Hobbes" by Bill Watterson)
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