

Problem Description

People who got injured in road accidents are taken to hospital unless the injuries are not serious. A hospital provides adequate treatment for injured people only if they have proper health insurance. However, people who work at the hospital do not take health insurance. The cost of treatment is higher for those who do not work in the hospital. John Murphy involved in a car accident and had serious injuries. He was given adequate treatment in a hospital and his cost of treatment was lower. Derive a contradiction from the given facts.

Rewrite them in formal statements:

$$\forall p : Person \bullet seriouslyInjured(p) \Rightarrow takenToHospital(p) \quad (1)$$

$$\forall p : Person \bullet provideTreatment(p) \wedge takenToHospital(p) \Rightarrow hasHealthInsurance(p) \quad (2)$$

$$\forall p : Person \bullet workInHospital(p) \Rightarrow \neg hasHealthInsurance(p) \quad (3)$$

$$\forall p : Person \bullet \neg workInHospital(p) \Rightarrow costOfTreatmentHigher(p) \quad (4)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \exists p : Person \bullet p = JohnMurphy \wedge seriouslyInjured(p) \wedge provideTreatment(p) \wedge \\ \neg costOfTreatmentHigher(p) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Applying One-point-rule to (5), derive

$$\begin{aligned} seriouslyInjured(JohnMurphy) \wedge providedTreatment(JohnMurphy) \wedge \\ \neg costOfTreatmentHigher(JohnMurphy) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Using Conjunctive simplification on 6, derive

$$seriouslyInjured(JohnMurphy) \quad (7)$$

$$providedTreatment(JohnMurphy) \quad (8)$$

$$\neg costOfTreatmentHigher(JohnMurphy) \quad (9)$$

Using (1), (7) and Modus Ponens, derive

$$takenToHospital(JohnMurphy) \quad (10)$$

Using (8), (10) and Conjunctive addition, derive

$$takenToHospital(JohnMurphy) \wedge providedTreatment(JohnMurphy) \quad (11)$$

Using (11), (2) and Modus Ponens, derive

$$hasHealthInsurance(JohnMurphy) \quad (12)$$

Using (9), (4) and Modus Tollens, derive

$$\neg (\neg workInHospital(JohnMurphy)) \quad (13)$$

Using (13) and Double Negation, derive

$$workInHospital(JohnMurphy) \quad (14)$$

Using (14), (3) and Modus Ponens, derive

$$\neg hasHealthInsurance(JohnMurphy) \quad (15)$$

(12) and (15) are contradictory to each other because (12) indicates John Murphy has health insurance but (15) indicates he does not have health insurance.