As of the current state of humanity and technology I do not believe that love can be virtual. On the most basic level, technology has not developed to a state of consciousness yet. Regardless of weather or not it does in the future; today technology is not even “alive”, which is a fundamental requirement to experience love. That being said, even if we were able to develop self-aware technology, that does not necessarily imply that the life we have created would be like us, or have similar experiences. Love is a very complicated human attribute that serves the purpose of spiritual fulfillment, peace and coexistence in society, and procreation. If technology were to cross a threshold of complexity that qualified it as sentient life, that does not intrinsically mean that it would need love for the same reasons that the human race does. Artificial intelligence may need a protocol for coexistence but such a procedure would probably lack both the complexity and the qualitative significance of human love. Furthermore, virtual love is impossible to define because actual love is nearly impossible to define beyond qualitative experience. If a machine were to experience love it would be hard if not impossible to recognize and qualify by any being other than the machine it’s self. As such, it comes as no surprise that there is currently no evidence that virtual love exists.