

the FREUDIAN ROBOT

: an introduction to the modern thinker

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FREUDIAN ROBOTS

so... what are they?

According to the author, a freudian robot is “any networked being that embodies the feedback loop of human-machine simulacra and cannot free her/him/itself from the cybernetic unconscious” but what does that really mean? What IS a freudian robot? can humans be considered freudian robots?

what, if anything, IS a Freudian robot?

To be honest it felt like the author was saying just about anyone and anything can be a Freudian robot, but any thoughts? Probably won't linger too much on this because yeah, very vague

MACHINES // SLAVES

the instrumental view, robots as tools.

There seem to be two main views towards the development of robots and machines in general. The first is that robots will be something of a prosthetic, an extension of what we are capable of. In other words, having robots be slaves of a sort, as the laborers that take the brunt of computation off from our shoulders.

I think?? That this view says that machines are nothing more than tools, but this is in a way flawed, because these machines can work independently to a great extent, and with the development of technology and AI, yknow big tech stuff, these machines become less dependent on human input and while they will still serve as a tool, we wont have as much control over them. TO cLarify. When i think of a “tool” i think somewhere like a hammer for example, the difference between a hammer and a machine is that the hammer wont respond to my actions, i have full control over the hammer, but not the same thing with a machine if that makes any sense ((feedback loop feedback loop))

*how have machines today become instrumental
into our society today?*

Can we even function without machines anymore? Which leads to the next Q :))

MACHINES // MASTERS

when robots become something more..?

On the other hand, there's the view that robots may become something that we depend on too much to the point that we end up becoming their slaves. As we continuously rely on machines and they become integral in our lives, some might say that we may reach a point where that dependency becomes pseudo-worship.

Our daily interaction with these machines and our dependencies on them changes the way we perceive the world and ((according to the reading)) we start thinking and becoming more like a machine to the point where the machine becomes the master and we become its slave. ((-----> should this go in the feedback loop instead?)) ← at this point everything is interconnected haha

*why do we want to make something human, yet are
simultaneously adverse to the idea?*

Kind of a leading question, but here it is anyway lol

Also ask about how our dependency on machines might go overboard?
How might they become our “masters”?

FEEDBACK LOOP

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From my understanding, the feedback loop is what differentiates a freudian robot from other tools. Its the ability to respond to its surroundings that makes it a freudian robot. Which is also why i think we as humans can be classified as freudian robots

*how do machines imitate us, and how do we imitate our machines?
how have they affected our perception of the world around us?*

THE CONCLUSION..?

the divide, growing smaller and smaller.

As technology advances, the gap between humans and machines may close. And if the human brain can indeed be reverse-engineered— and as a result we begin to digitize and mechanize ourselves, who is the machine? Who is the human?

