On the probability of robots becoming more creative than humans

Ted Kaczynski

Unknown

_____ naively assumes that computers can never exhibit qualities like ___ _ __ (Look, __ __ , page __ __). He is kidding himself. [crossed out: There is every reason to assume that computers will eventually possess creative capacities surpassing those of the greatest human geniuses.] Some mathematicians kid themselves too. Some claim to have proved that human mathematical researchers can never be replaced by computers. What they have actually proved is that there is no finite algorithm enabling a computer to solve every mathematical problem. But since there is no finite algorithm enabling a human to solve every mathematical problem either, this doesn't prove that the human mind is superior to every possible computer. [Crossed out: Some] [Crossed out: These mathemaatiicins] It is argued that because of the nonexistence of [crossed out: a decision procedure,] such an algorithm, it will be necessary to introduce new axioms in order to solve certain problems. Apparently they simply assume that a coomputer will never be successful at introducing new axioms because it has no "mathematical intuition." But mathematical intuition is arrived at through experience. Since computers can *learn* (that is the crucial point!) there is every reason to assume that the computers of the future will be able to develop mathematical intuition.

Those who claim computers can never be creative are ignoring the fact that the human brain itself is simply an electro-chemical computer. ...

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Handwritten letter from T. Kaczynski to a newspaper or magazine. Does not start on first page of letter. FBI labelled it T-134. For a 'Ted Kaczynski Document' that was acquired before searching Ted's cabin.

Ted discusses computers and the possibility of computers replacing human mathematical researchers, along w/other computer advances. Ted's solution is to stop all govt. research grants used for computer research and to forbid "...mammoth corporations financial... support computer research." Ted asks why "should the average person pay for research that will eventually make him into superfluous deadwood." He indicates mathematicians are wrong if they believe that computers cannot be creative.

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