
Subject: Re: Is SkyNet Possible?

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Skynet was just the example but there have been countless other movies of machines destroying mankind. Maybe they are just doing what they're programmed to do. So what if the machine evolves to starting thinking on its own?

Take for example the following article. Imagine this same type of coding in say a police robot. What if it determines your worth killing and not saving. They still may not be self-aware but in the end you're still dead.

http://www.danshope.com/news/showarticle.php?article_id=90

from the article

Quote:

A new robot, dubbed "Starfish" because of its size and shape, has the unusual ability -- in the mechanical world, that is -- of fixing itself. The Starfish is programmed to recognize its parts, but not how they're arranged or meant to be used. It figures that out for itself, using trial and error

Just imagine similar programming put into humanoid robots. Given any situation it figures out the best outcome.

nopol10 wrote on Fri, 17 July 2009 06:44jnz is right. The insertion of "sentience inhibitors" to prevent self-awareness makes the assumption that the program can even be self-aware (which isn't possible) and this makes the whole idea silly. But science fiction has silly but wonderful ideas, which makes it enjoyable.

We wrote about going in space before it was ever conceived as possible. There are lots of sci-fi stories like this example of something thought up before it was ever become reality. Not all sci-fi is silly ideas
