Setting the Stage II; Main Claim Revisited

Are Humans Rational?

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Let’s review those seats Dan set up …
Humans, at least neurobiologically normal ones, are fundamentally rational, where rationality is constituted by certain logico-mathematically based reasoning and decision-making in response to real-world stimuli, including stimuli given in the form of focused tests; but mere animals are not fundamentally rational, since, *contra* Darwin, their minds are fundamentally qualitatively inferior to the human mind. As to whether computing machines/robots are fundamentally rational, the answer is “No.” For starters, if $x$ can’t read, write, and create, $x$ can’t be rational; computing machines/robots can neither read nor write nor create; ergo, they aren’t fundamentally rational.
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