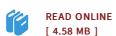




The Mind Doesn t Work That Way: The Scope and Limits of Computational Psychology (Paperback)

By Jerry A. Fodor

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