

## 24.119 Minds and Machines

*First paper topics. Assigned in class #14. Due in recitation class #18.*

NB: *no* quotations, *no* paraphrases; answer in your own words. Answer one question in **three** pages.

1. Can Commander Data feel pain? (Assume that he behaves as if he is in pain, on occasion.) Choose three from (a) the dualist, (b) the behaviorist, (c) the identity theorist, and (d) the functionalist. Explain how your chosen three would each answer this question. Defend your own answer.
  2. Why, according to Kripke, is it "plainly inadmissible" to accept "the Cartesian premise while denying the Cartesian conclusion"? (Be sure to explain the Cartesian premise and conclusion.) Carefully explain and evaluate Kripke's argument against "the identification of pain with the stimulation of C-fibers".
  3. Adapt Searle's Chinese room argument into an argument against functionalism. Compare and contrast this adapted argument with Block's homunculus argument against functionalism. Is either argument successful?
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