# Intro Philosophy

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* Functionalism
* How detailed a match do two systems need to have to ensure they’re mentally alike?
  + Behaviorism answer – Requires only that inputs and outputs match.
    - An actor can match your behaviors without matching your mind. So we should demand a more detailed match.
  + Identity Theory – Demands that the two systems be made out of same kinds of physical ingredients, which requires their functioning match down to the finest details.
    - Animals and aliens can feel pain, even if not made of the same stuff as us. So we shouldn’t demand as much detail.
  + Functionalists says the two systems, behaviorism and identity, must follow the same internal flowchart but allow that hardware details can be different.
* The Chinese Room
  + When is a simulation as good as the real thing?
    - A computer simulation of a rainstorm is not a rainstorm
    - A computer simulation of a calculator *is* a calculator.
    - Are minds more like storms or like calculators?
  + Something the chinese room has done that’s analogous to what we’ve done is crucial for a Russell style argument.