

Minds and Machines

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Assignment 2: 3-5 pages

Due Wednesday, February 4, 2009

Remember:

- **You must do one of the first 3 assignments.**
- **No late papers**
- **Use your own words—no quotations or paraphrases**
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Answer **all** of the questions **in order**. Allocate space to your responses in proportion to what you find interesting, but you should have at least a page on question 4.

1. In one or two sentences, what is the blockhead? (This term is used in [David Braddon-Mitchell](#) and [Frank Jackson](#) “[Four Challenges to Functionalism](#)”, pages 107-128 of [Philosophy of Mind and Cognition, 2nd Edition](#), Blackwell, 2007
2. What is the point of the blockhead supposed to be?
3. Is the blockhead possible? If not, what is the relevance of its impossibility?
- 4.** What do you think the blockhead shows, if anything at all?
(Remember, Professor Block will not be grading these questions.)