Philosophy of Mind
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Assignment 3: 3–5 pages
Due Thursday, September 24th
Remember:
• You must do one of the first three assignments. So if you did not do one of the first two, you must do this one.
• No late papers
• Use your own words—no quotations or paraphrases

This assignment is divided into two parts. Part 1 is concerned with making sure that you understand Searle’s “Chinese Room” argument. The answers should be short. Most of your paper should be devoted to Part 2.

Part 1.

a. Does Searle argue that no machine could think? (‘Yes’ or ‘No’ will suffice).

b. What does Searle mean by ‘Strong AI’?

c. What is the conclusion of Searle’s argument? That is, what does he take himself to have shown?

d. In 4 sentences or less, summarize Searle’s argument for the conclusion that you just described in c.

e. Does Searle’s viewpoint dictate that only biological systems can think?

Part 2.
What objection to Searle’s argument do you think is the most powerful and why?