

Final draft of first paper

Due: discussion sections, Friday, September 19

In this paper, you must do three things:

1. In your own words, present what you think is the strongest version of one of Descartes' arguments for dualism in valid premise/conclusion form (i.e., with numbered premises and a conclusion).
2. In one paragraph, make what you think is the best objection to what you think is the weakest of the premises used in your version of the argument.
3. In a further paragraph, do your best to reply, on Descartes' behalf, to the objection you just raised. You may do this in one of two ways: (i) give a direct reply to the objection by saying why, despite the objection, the premise in question is plausible; (ii) reformulate Descartes' argument (again, in premise/conclusion form) in a way that avoids the objection.

You should hand in your first draft, with your TA's comments, with the paper.

This will be graded, and is worth 5% of your final grade.