

1. What is the extended mind hypothesis?
2. What conditions does someone have to meet in order to have an extended mind?
3. Why isn't Wikipedia contained in my mind, according to Clark and Chalmers' account?

1. Give an example of a mental state or process that meets Clark & Chalmers' criteria for being extended.
2. What does Mary come to know after leaving the black and white room?
3. Why does Mary's new knowledge pose a problem for physicalism?

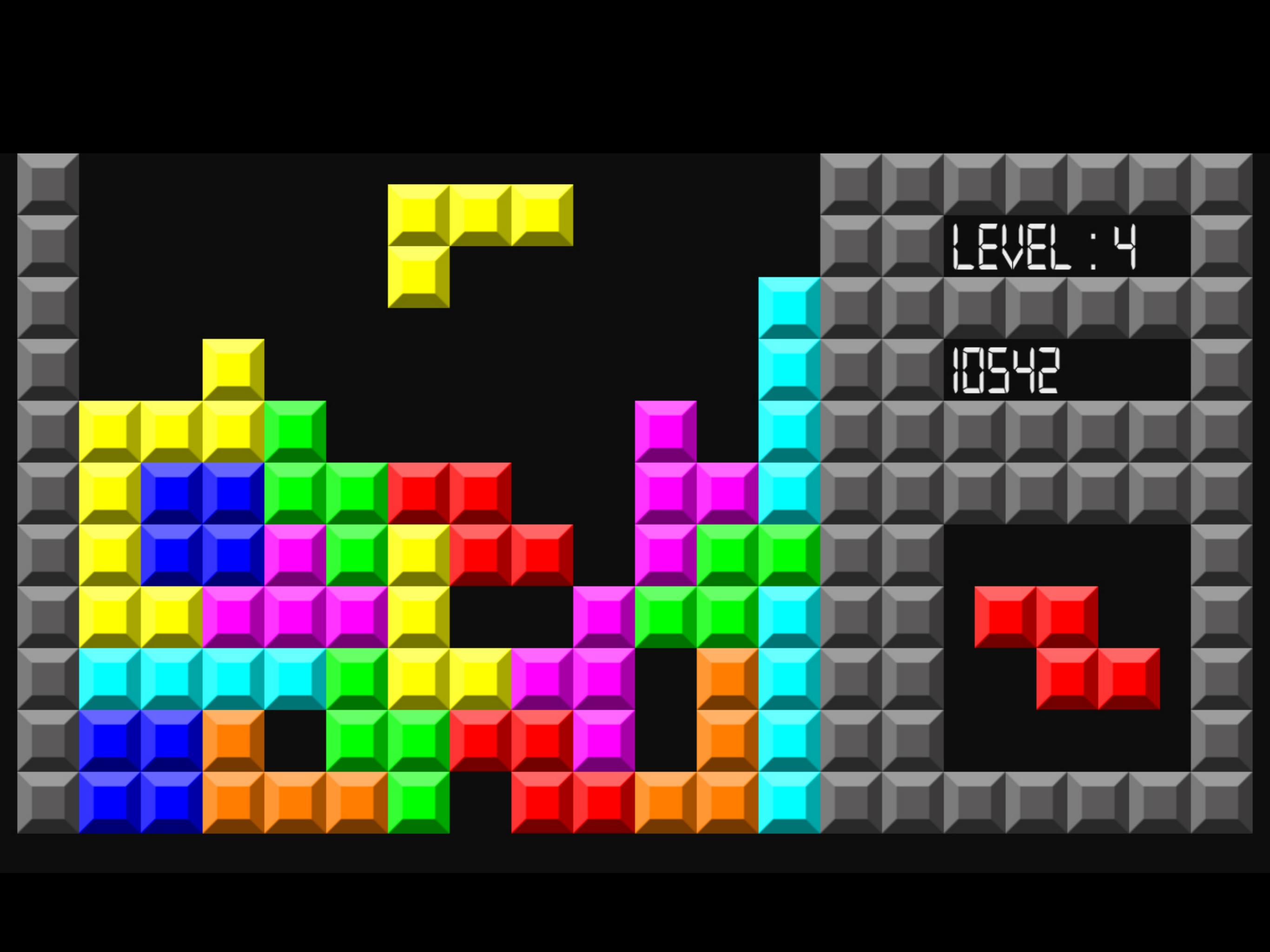


The Extended Mind

Andy Clark and Dave Chalmers

“If, as we confront some task, a part of the world functions as a process which, *were it done in the head*, we would have no hesitation in recognizing as part of the cognitive process, then that part of the world is (so we claim) part of the cognitive process. Cognitive processes ain't (all) in the head!”

“The moral is that when it comes to belief, there is nothing sacred about skull and skin. What makes some information count as a belief is the role it plays, and there is no reason why the relevant role can be played only from inside the body.”



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Inga



Otto

Functionalism

Each kind of mental state is defined in terms of the role it plays in producing behavior, causing other mental states, and being caused by certain perceptual inputs.

- How would a functionalist define the belief that MoMA is on 53rd Street?

“The differences between Otto’s case and Inga’s are striking, but they are superficial. By using the “belief” notion in a wider way, it picks out something more akin to a natural kind. The notion becomes deeper and more unified, and is more useful in explanation.”

Questions:

- Where are the limits?
- Could the internet be part of my mind?
- What about other people's thoughts?

Four criteria that Otto's notebook meets:

- First, the notebook is a constant in Otto's life - in cases where the information in the notebook would be relevant, he will rarely take action without consulting it.
- Second, the information in the notebook is directly available without difficulty.
- Third, upon retrieving information from the notebook he automatically endorses it.
- Fourth, the information in the notebook has been consciously endorsed at some point in the past, and indeed is there as a consequence of this endorsement.

“The Internet is likely to fail on multiple counts, unless I am unusually computer-reliant, facile with the technology, and trusting, but information in certain files on my computer may qualify.”

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