Where am I

Suppose there is a perfect simulation world, I am in the Riverside in sim world, but actually my brain is in San Bernardino in the base world. Since I don't know I am in a sim world, I believe that I am in Riverside. The Skeptical hypotheses would say that my belief is not truth since the world is not made of the matter as I thought it was, whereas the Metaphysical hypotheses would say that my belief is true because I have learned that my sim world made of code is the real world.

Chalmers’s skeptical hypotheses states that if I am in the sim world, I am not in the real world because my world is not made of what I thought it was made from. The people hold the skeptical hypotheses would consider the situation that I don’t know I am in a sim world, and I believe I am in Riverside is false, I am actually in a vat in San Bernardino. The only way I could be in Riverside is my vat is also in Riverside. To fully interpret the skeptical hypotheses, one should comprehend the intuitive picture reality first. It is our intuitive perception or common sense of the nouminal world at the base level, the fundamental world that is not encapsulated in any other world. Therefore, the nouminal world is made of matter and energy and mind independent. Since the sim world is not made of matter and energy and my mind is not independent, I am not in the real world. But the reality is what I think it is. Chalmers states, “ To sum up the reasoning: I don’t know that I am not in a matrix. If I’m in a matrix, I’m probably not in Tucson. So if I don't know that I’m not in a matrix, then I don't know that I’m in Tucson. The same goes for almost everything else I think I know about the external (Chalmers 37).” Since Chalmers believes there is no way to make sure we are not in the sim world (we are in the real world), and we can’t make sure we are not in the situation of the brain in a vat (we are mind independent) (Chalmers 36). The sum up could be rearrange as I don't know that I am in a sim world. If I am in a real world I am probably not in Riverside. So if I don’t know that I am in a sim world, then I don't know that I’m in Riverside. And I don’t know anything about the external real world. Hence, the belief that I am in Riverside is not a truth.

Chalmer’s metaphysical hypothesis states that if I realize I am in a sim world I do not realize I am not in a real world, I just learn something new about reality: that reality is made of code. The people hold the skeptical hypotheses would consider the situation that I don’t know I am in a sim world, and I believe I am in Riverside is true. I am in Riverside is to be in a certain “position” in the Sim world. The Metaphysical Hypothesis is a combination of three hypothesizes: Creation Hypothesis, Computation hypothesis and the mind-body hypothesis. Since I am a brain-in- a-vat being, both computation hypothesis and the mind-body hypothesis must be true. Computation hypothesis says that the space time are constituted by computational processes, the world is made by code. The Mind-Body Hypothesis says “My mind is (and has always been) constituted by processes outside physical spacetime, and receives its perceptual inputs from and sends its outputs to processes in physical space-time (Chalmers, 41).” In the Metaphysical hypothesis, I am in Riverside is true, and it is the real world, however, the reality is not what I thought. To be better understand about metaphysical hypothesis, we should clarify the physical space time, it was created by being outside of physical space time, but as long as we experience something as physical space time, we can say it is physical space time, even if it is made of code. Therefore, I am in Riverside is in the real world. “The metaphysical Hypothesis is analogous to a physical hypothesis, such as one involving quantum mechanics. Both the physical hypothesis and Metaphysical Hypothesis tell us about the processes underlying chairs. They do not entail that there are no chairs. Rather, they tell us what chairs are really like (Chalmers 39).” As a result, even I realize that I am in the sim world later, I am still in the Riverside, I just know more about this Riverside that it is in the somewhere in the sim world.

From my personal perspective, the Skeptical hypothesis is more reasonable. I believe there is a significant distinguish between real and unreal or sim world. We know that real world is mind independent and made of matter and energy. In the movie “The Matrix”, the matrix world is fully depend on the things in the real world, the matrix will remain while the system is keep running, and keep remoting the human’s mind. In this case, the machine, the system, the signal and the brain are all real, they are remoting people’s mind, the mind is also real. But the digital entities and phenomena created by mind is not real. Since there is only one real world. If the sim world made of code is real world, what is the world who made the sim world? Moreover, Chalmers’s response to some objections about metaphysic hypothesis is too tricky. Chalmers believes that I am in Riverside while my brain in vat is in San Bernardino. He would claim that the concept of “Riverside” dose not refer to what we call Riverside. If such kind response is reliable, one could say the real world Chalmers talking in the Metaphysical Hypothesis is not refer to what we called real world, they are different conceptions. To sum up, I think the skeptical hypothesis is more reasonable.