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**How do RP and IP compare?**



- Real or personal property
- Tangible
  - Rivalrous
  - Excludable



- Ideas and expressions
- Intangible (may be embodied in things)
  - Non-rivalrous
  - Non-excludable

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**Economists' View**

	Rival	Non-Rival
Excludable	"private goods"	
Non-Excludable		"public goods"

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**A pure public good**



	Rival	Non-Rival
Excludable	private goods automobiles pork bellies	natural monopoly roads
Non-Excludable	common pool fisheries common grazing	public goods national defense lighthouse

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  - 2) Derivative works
  - 3) Distribution of copies
  - 4) Public performance  
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  - 5) Public display  
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- Digital performance of sound recordings

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