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To any polynomial over a perfect field of positive characteristic (or more generally to any principal ideal in an  $F$ -finite ring), one may associate an invariant called the  $F$ -pure threshold. This invariant, defined using the Frobenius morphism on the ambient ring, can be thought of as a positive characteristic analog of the well-known log canonical threshold in characteristic zero. In this talk, we will present some formulas for  $F$ -pure thresholds, and discuss the relationship between  $F$ -pure thresholds and log canonical thresholds. We also point out how these results are related to the longstanding open problem regarding the equivalence of (dense)  $F$ -pure type and log canonical singularities for hypersurfaces in complex affine space. (Received August 31, 2010)