

## Reading Assignment 3:

Locke on abstract ideas and demonstration

**Required Readings:** Locke [1975]

- Book II, Chapters 11 and 12.
- Book IV Chapter 2: Sections 1-11.

**Questions:**

- Explain in your own words what Locke might mean by “compounding” and “abstraction.” Give your own examples of ideas that might be formed via compounding and abstraction.
- Explain in your own words what “intuitive” knowledge is. Give your own example. Explain why Locke thinks the proposition “The sum of the three interior angles of a triangle is equal to two right angles” is not an intuitive proposition.

## References

John Locke. *An essay concerning human understanding*. Clarendon Press, Oxford, 1975.