

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

1. 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.
2. 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

- [1] J. Locke. *An essay concerning human understanding*. English. Ed. by P. H. Nidditch. Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1975.