

Principles of Associationism

Basic principles of associationism are:¹⁾²⁾

- *Mental elements or ideas become associated with one another through experience*
- *Experience consists of such things as spatial and temporal contiguity and (dis)similarity of ideas*
- *Complex ideas are composed and can be reduced to a set of simple ideas*
- *Simple ideas are sensations*
- *Simple additive rules are sufficient to predict complex ideas*

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