
Term: Induction

Quote: ... So that induction is the inference of the rule from the case and result. But this is not the only way of inverting a deductive syllogism so as to produce a synthetic inference. [—] We have, then—

DEDUCTION.

Rule. All the beans from this bag are white.
Case. These beans are from this bag.
∴ Result. These beans are white.

INDUCTION.

Case. These beans are from this bag.
Result. These beans are white.
∴ Rule. All the beans from this bag are white.

HYPOTHESIS.

Rule. All the beans from this bag are white.
Result. These beans are white.
∴ Case. These beans are from this bag.

We, accordingly, classify all inference as follows:

Inference.

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|Deductive or Analytic. | Synthetic. |
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|Induction. | Hypothesis. |

Induction is where we generalize from a number of cases of which something is true, and infer that the same thing is true of a whole class. Or, where we find a certain thing to be true of a certain proportion of cases and infer that it is true of the same proportion of the whole class.


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