
**Term:** Analogy

**Quote:**

The formula of analogy is as follows:-

S', S", and S"" are taken at random from such a class that their characters at random are such as P', P", P"".

t is P', P", and P"".

S', S", and S"" are q;

∴ t is q.

Such an argument is double. It combines the two following:-

1

S', S", S"" are taken as being P', P", P"".

S', S", S"" are q.

∴ (By induction) P', P", P"" is q.

∴ (Deductively) t is q.

2

S', S", S"" are, for instance, P', P", P"".

∴ (By hypothesis) t has the common characters of S', S", S"".

S', S", S"" are q.

∴ (Deductively) t is q.

Owing to its double character, analogy is very strong with only a moderate number of instances.


**References:** W 2:46-47; CP 2.513

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