

# "On Methods of Inference": Notes For Review And Discussion (Including David Sedley Article: "On Signs")

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This seems sort of clear. The Epicureans followed analogy and induction. (I remember DeWitt saying they use deduction too.)

The Stoics follow "elimination" method, which I presume is what is referred to in

It seems to be common ground to the Epicureans and their Stoic adversaries that there are only two possible kinds of sign-inference (cf. 8.7–10). One is *ho kath'homoiotēta tropos*, the similarity method, which roughly speaking covers analogy and induction. This is the principal Epicurean method, but the Stoics reject it as invalid and restrict sign-inference to *ho kat'anaskeuēn tropos*, the elimination method. It is with this latter that we start.