

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

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mortality of men outside our experience, the latter by analogical inference from the properties of perceptible bodies to those of atoms. In either case the formula used in the similarity method is 'Since x is F , y is F ', the ground of implication being the resemblance of y to x . The Epicurean approach contains two main strands. They defend the similarity method against the charge that it lacks scientific rigour; and at the same time they try to show that the Stoic quest for a purely deductive scientific method is delusory since it cannot help relying on inductive premisses.

Despite the terminology difference I find this to be pretty similar to what Delacey is saying.