

# General Identification of the Argument in "On Methods of Inference"

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As a modern example-- I have a friend who goes to a nun who sexes ginkgo seedlings with a pendulum. If it swings one direction, it's male-- another, female. Apparently it's difficult to tell, and a lot of people want to avoid smelly fruit in their yards ☐☐.

My spontaneous question was "Interesting! What's her success rate?" We have studies showing these pendulum things are like a ouija board-- the pendulum swinger obviously causes the direction. I wondered if the nun was noticing something about the seeds with her "fast brain", her pattern recognition.

My friend looked at me with total confusion and then said "oh! I get it! You are doing science. This is not about that."

And I realized it was the experience she was going for, the sense of believing intuition was correct. She didn't want to submit it to experiment because no amount of data could override her sense of certainty.